

'OPERATION SINDOOR'

INDIA STANDS ALONE UNDER PM MODI'S FOREIGN POLICY: CONGRESS PRESIDENT KHARGE

Diary Times Desk : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday claimed the country stands alone under Prime Minister Narendra Modi government's foreign policy.

The Opposition, including Congress had stood behind the government in taking action against Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. However, in the last few days after the flare-up ended with Pakistan, the Congress has started posing questions before the government.

In the latest, Congress chief Kharge said, "Prime Minister Modi has made 151 foreign trips and visited 72 countries in years. Out of these, he has visited the US 10 times. But when India needed international support to expose Pakistan, no other country came forward to support us. Our country stands alone under the Modi government's foreign policy.

Is it the Prime Minister's job to visit foreign countries and only pose for photos?" he added.

"The IMF has provided a bailout loan of \$1.4 billion to Pakistan. But nobody supported India's stance," he said. He also questioned the government over the US-brokered ceasefire with Pakistan. "A ceasefire was suddenly declared while our armed forces were conducting operations against terrorists. The US President has insulted our country by repeatedly saying, "I brokered" the ceasefire. The entire country was united in the tough action against terrorists, but Modi ji is trying to cover up the issue by not providing clarity to the people of the country regarding Trump's statements, so far," he said.



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NO AIR DEFENCE GUNS DEPLOYED IN GOLDEN TEMPLE DURING OP SINDOOR, SAYS ARMY



Diary Times Desk : The Indian Army denied media reports about deploying air defence guns within the Golden Temple premises. "No air defence guns or resources were deployed within the Golden Temple premises," the Army clarified.

This statement came hours after SGPC denied claims attributed to Army Lieutenant General Sumer Ivan D'Cunha, stating that air defence guns were deployed at Golden Temple amid recent India-Pakistan tensions. SGPC posted on X, with Giani Amarjeet Singh, Additional Head Granthi, calling the Army official's statement "shockingly untrue" and outrightly rejecting it.

The post said, "No such permission was ever granted, nor was any such deployment allowed at this sacred site." It expressed surprise and concern over the Army officer's statement, asserting that no permission for installing guns was ever given.

SGPC mentioned that the exterior and upper lights of the complex were switched off within the specified timeframe for the blackout. However, lights at locations observing the religious code of conduct (maryada) were kept on, maintaining the sanctity of the religious place.

SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhani also addressed the Army officer's statement, noting that the administration only contacted them about switching off lights during the blackout and that the sanctity was maintained. Dhani acknowledged the commendable role played by the Army and the country during the tense circumstances.

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR WAQF ACT CHALLENGE; CENTRE'S PLEA FOR LIMITED FOCUS

Diary Times Desk : The Centre on Tuesday urged the Supreme Court to confine the hearing on pleas challenging the validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act for passing interim orders to three issues, including the power to denotify properties declared as "waqf by courts, waqf-by-user or waqf by deed". A Bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih was asked by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, to confine the proceedings identified by the earlier Bench. "The court had earmarked three issues. We had filed our response to these three issues. However, the written submissions of the petitioners now exceed several other issues. I have filed my affidavit in response to these three issues. My request is to confine it to the three issues only," the law officer. The submission was opposed by senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for those challenging the provisions of the 2025 law, that there cannot be any piecemeal hearing. One of the issues is the power to denotify properties declared as waqf by courts, waqf-by-user or waqf by deed. The second issue raised by the petitioners relates to the composition of state waqf boards and the Central Waqf Council, where they contend only Muslims should operate except ex-officio members.



3-YEAR PRACTICE AS LAWYER MUST TO ENTER JUDICIAL SERVICE, RULES SUPREME COURT



Diary Times Desk : Noting that the appointment of fresh law graduates as judges has led to many problems, the Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that a candidate must have at least three years of practice as a lawyer to appear for an examination to enter judicial service. Restoring the requirement of three-year minimum law practice to appear for the Civil Judges (Junior Division) Examination, a Bench led by CJI BR Gavai emphasised that experience as a lawyer was essential to enable the Judge to discharge his/her duties and functions efficiently and with confidence. "All the High Courts and the State Governments in the country shall amend the relevant service rules to the effect that candidates desirous of appearing in the examination for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) must have practised for a minimum period of three years to be eligible for the said examination," said the Bench which also included Justice AG Masih and Justice K Vinod Chandran.

AMBANI COUPLE, PREMJI AMONG TIME'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN PHILANTHROPY

Diary Times Desk : Billionaire industrialist Mukesh Ambani and Nita Ambani, former Wipro chairman Azim Premji and Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath have been named by Time magazine in its inaugural list of the 100 most influential people in philanthropy. The TIME100 Most Influential People in Philanthropy 2025 list "tells the stories of how generous donors and leaders of foundations and non-profits are directing funding into the communities that need it most," according to the publication. The list includes Mukesh and Nita Ambani who, Time said, gifted Rs 407 crore (about \$48 million) in 2024, "placing them among the country's biggest donors." Noting that both are "empowering millions", the Time profile said the billionaire philanthropist couple's "charitable initiatives are as varied and wide-ranging as the business empire that earned them an estimated \$110 billion fortune." It listed the initiatives taken by Mukesh and Nita Ambani and added that Nita Ambani, founder and chair of the Reliance Foundation and a businesswoman in her own right.



FOREIGN SECRETARY MISRI BRIEFS PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS AHEAD OF THEIR VISITS ABROAD

Diary Times Desk : Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Tuesday briefed three of the seven multi-party delegations on Pakistan's long sponsorship of terrorism in India and how the country is determined to respond strongly to any terror incidents on its soil. "Our message to world leaders will be that enough is enough and that Pakistan has acted like a thief asked to probe his own crime whenever India has in the past trusted its words on acting against terrorism," JD(U) leader Sanjay Jha said. Jha is leading a delegation to Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia. Shiv Sena leader Shrikant Shinde, who is leading a delegation to the UAE and some African countries, said they will highlight Pakistan's links to terror incidents in India. Misri, sources said, briefed MPs and other members of the delegations that Indian action was targeted against terror sites in Pakistan and Pak-occupied Kashmir, and not against military installations and civilians.



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.



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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.



HIMACHAL WEATHER: HEAVY RAIN AND HAILSTORM IN PALAMPUR, THUNDERSTORM IN SHIMLA, MERCURY NEAR 40 DEGREES IN UNA

Diary Times Desk : The capital Shimla remained cloudy throughout the day and there was a storm in the evening. Hailstorms along with rain also occurred in some areas of Hamirpur. This brought some relief from the heat. The maximum temperature in Una was recorded at 39.6 degrees Celsius. Heavy rain and hailstorm occurred in the surrounding areas including Palampur of Kangra district on Tuesday afternoon. The roads of the area turned white due to hailstorm. Heavy rain and hailstorm occurred in Palampur on Tuesday evening. This has damaged the vegetable plants of the farmers, while many vehicles have also been damaged. Electricity supply was also disrupted due to rain. On Tuesday evening, rain and hailstorm occurred at almost all places in sub-division Palampur. People may have got relief from the heat, but many vegetables including ladyfinger, French bean, bottle gourd, capsicum, green chillies of the farmers have been damaged. People's vehicles have also been damaged at many places. Due to heavy rain and hailstorm, electricity supply also remained stalled for a long time. At the same time, former Palampur MLA Praveen Kumar has demanded the local administration to assess the huge crop damage.



HIMACHAL POLICE : WRITTEN EXAM FOR POLICE CONSTABLE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 15, 16,000 YOUTH WILL APPEAR FOR THE EXAM

Diary Times Desk : There will be a written exam on June 15 for Himachal Pradesh Police Constable Recruitment. Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission has released the tentative schedule of the written exam. 16,000 youth who pass the ground exam will give the written exam. About 1.29 lakh youth had applied for the police constable recruitment, out of which about 90,000 applications came from men and 39,000 applications came from women. A total of 1,088 constables are being recruited. Of these, 708 male and 380 female constables are to be recruited. Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission can set up examination centers in Shimla, Mandi and Kangra for the written exam. However, due to the large number of candidates, the option of setting up additional examination centers is also open. In the written exam for constable recruitment, candidates will be asked objective type multiple choice questions. The written exam will be of two hours and 90 questions will have to be answered in the 90 marks paper. Each question will have 5 options A, B, C, D, E.

HIMACHAL TOURISM: NOW SEE THE SNOWY VALLEYS OF ROHTANG FOR RS 500, HRTC STARTS ELECTRIC BUS SERVICE

Diary Times Desk : There is good news for tourists who want to see the 13,050 feet high Rohtang Pass covered in snow even in May. HRTC has started electric bus service from Manali to Rohtang. Tourists will be able to enjoy the snow-covered valleys for just Rs 500. Initially, the corporation is sending three buses to Rohtang. The number of buses will be increased if needed. Last year also, the corporation had run more than 15 electric buses for the convenience of tourists from Manali to Rohtang Pass. To prevent increasing pollution, NGT has ordered to send 1,200 vehicles to Rohtang Pass for a decade. This includes 800 petrol engine vehicles and 400 diesel vehicles. Due to online facility, the permit slot is getting booked quickly. Tourists are booking slots in advance to go to Rohtang. Thousands of tourists visit Manali every day. Many reach Manali by taxi and some by Volvo bus. More than half of the tourists come in their private vehicles and everyone wants to go to Rohtang Pass. The timing of the corporation's electric buses to Rohtang from Manali bus stand is 9:00 am to 9:30 am. When the demand of passengers is high, the buses will operate between 5:00 am to 6:00 am. Tourists are given two to three hours to roam in Rohtang. Electric buses are being sent from Manali to Rohtang Pass from May 18. Till now buses are being sent only till Rohtang. With the opening of Rohtang Pass from Koksar side of Lahaul.

HIMACHAL NEWS: MP BHARDWAJ MET SHAH IN DELHI, RAISED DEMAND FOR PARAMILITARY FORCE TRAINING CENTER

Diary Times Desk : BJP MP Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj met Union Minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Tuesday. They discussed several issues of Himachal Pradesh. He said that Chamba district is a sensitive area adjacent to Jammu and Kashmir. A training center of any paramilitary force should be opened here permanently. Bhardwaj said that this meeting with the Union Minister was important regarding the security borders of Himachal Pradesh. SPOs are providing services in the areas bordering Dalhousie and Churah of Chamba district. The honorarium of SPOs is very low. This issue was raised prominently before the Union Minister. Bhardwaj said that Shah said that the central government will consider this issue sympathetically.



HIMACHAL: BORDER TOURISM ACTIVITIES WILL START FROM SHIPKI LA ON JUNE 10, CM SUKHWINDER SUKHU WILL INAUGURATE IT

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will inaugurate border tourism activities from Shipki La in Kinnaur district on June 10. The Chief Minister will flag off the Sadbhavana Cycle Rally on this occasion. The state government had requested the Ministry of Defense to allow tourism activities in the state's border areas Lepcha, Shipki La, Giu and Rani Kanda and approval has been received from the Ministry of Defense in this regard. It will be mandatory for tourists coming to these areas to show Aadhaar card to the officials. After this, they will be able to admire the natural beauty of these areas. This initiative of the government will prove effective in promoting tourism activities in the border areas, which will strengthen the economy of the local people. In this context, a meeting was held with senior army officials on April 19 this year. The Chief Minister chaired a high-level meeting with Army officials and BRO here on Tuesday. He reviewed various border development projects with the officials and directed them to expedite these projects so that the people living in the border areas and the armed forces can get the best benefit. He directed the officials of the Public Works Department and Border Roads Organisation to establish coordination for the speedy implementation of developmental projects.

HIMACHAL NEWS: MLA BIKRAM THAKUR LASHED OUT AT THE GOVERNMENT, SAID- INCREASE IN WATER BILLS AND RENT IS A ROBBERY ON PEOPLE'S POCKET

Diary Times Desk : Former Industry Minister and MLA Bikram Thakur, while attacking the Congress government during a press conference in Shimla, said that the present government of Himachal is working against every section which needs social security and constitutional rights the most. Be it BPL survey, autonomy of panchayats, employee welfare, women's respect or public facilities, the government has taken anti-people decisions on every front. Bikram Thakur said that the government has fixed the annual income to be ₹ 50,000 for inclusion in the BPL list, but this standard is being applied only to the families already registered in the list. The actual income of the poor families applying for new applications is deliberately being shown.

YUSUF PATHAN OUT,
ABHISHEK BANERJEE IN:
TRINAMOOl SWITCH IN INDIA
OUTREACH

Diary Times Desk : Trinamool MP Abhishek Banerjee will be part of the parliamentary delegation that will carry India's anti-terror message to the world, the party said after a row over the central government picking MPs for the outreach initiative without consulting the party's leadership. As part of the global outreach programme, seven MPs from across parties will lead a delegation each to countries across the globe, weeks after India responded firmly to the Pahalgam attack with Operation Sindoor. "At a time when the world must unite to confront the growing threat of terrorism, Abhishek Banerjee's inclusion brings both conviction and clarity to the table. His presence will not only reflect Bengal's firm stand against terror but also strengthen India's collective voice on the global stage," the party said. Mr Banerjee is the nephew of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, which makes him the de facto second-in-command in the Trinamool Congress, which has been in power in West Bengal since 2011. He will likely replace former cricketer Yusuf Pathan, an MP from the party who was made part of the delegation to be led by the JDU's Sanjay Kumar Jha. Sources suggest Mr Pathan had opted out of the delegation, though he made no public remark.

TELANGANA GOVT FORMS
COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO
HYDERABAD BUILDING FIRE
ACCIDENT

Diary Times Desk : The Telangana government has constituted a six-member committee of senior officials to carry out a comprehensive investigation into the devastating fire in a building here that killed 17 people and submit a detailed report, state minister Ponnampallabharathi said on Tuesday. A blaze in the residential cum jewellery shops complex building in Gulzar Houz near the iconic Charminar here on May 18 killed 17 people, including eight children, belonging to an extended family of a jeweller. The committee will comprise Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner R V Karnan, Hyderabad District Collector Anudeep Durishetty, City Police Commissioner C V Anand, Disaster Response and Fire Services Director General Y Nagi Reddy, Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency Commissioner A V Ranganath and Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited Chairman & Managing Director Musharraf Ali.

HEAD GRANTHI DENIES ARMY STATEMENT ON AIR
DEFENCE GUNS AT GOLDEN TEMPLE



Diary Times Desk : Golden Temple head granthi (priest) Giani Raghubir Singh on Tuesday refuted the statement of Lieutenant General Sumer Ivan D'Cunha, the army's in-charge of air defence, that he had permitted the deployment of air defence guns in the shrine complex to counter potential drone and missile threats from Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. In an exclusive interview with ANI on Monday, Lieutenant General D'Cunha had said, "It was very nice that the head granthi of the Golden Temple allowed us to deploy our guns." He said the unprecedented cooperation from the Golden Temple authorities came after they were briefed on the gravity of the threat, following which Indian Army guns were deployed. Prior to him, Major General Kartik C Seshadri, the general officer commanding (GOC), 15 Infantry Division, said that Golden Temple was targeted by Pakistan forces with missiles and drones and India's air defence system had successfully intercepted and destroyed them to protect the shrine.

"NO CLUE HOW TO BUILD A DRAINAGE
SYSTEM": ZERODHA-BACKED INVESTOR
SLAMS BENGALURU'S INFRASTRUCTURE

Diary Times Desk : Bengaluru is grappling with severe disruptions due to heavy rainfall, causing widespread waterlogging and traffic chaos across the city. Key areas like Sai Layout in Horamavu, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, and the Outer Ring Road have been heavily impacted, with roads submerged under knee-deep water, leading to traffic crawling at speeds below 20 km/h or coming to a complete standstill. Several social media posts on X highlight the severity, with visuals of flooded roads and stranded vehicles, and residents expressing frustration over the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) inadequate drainage systems and monsoon preparedness. Dilip Kumar, a Zerodha-backed investor, took to social media to express his concerns, questioning how a city known for its thriving startup ecosystem has failed to develop a decent drainage system. Mr Kumar contrasted the city's capabilities, noting that Indians have developed AI to detect cancer and drones.

WILL MADHYA PRADESH MINISTER QUIT
FOR CRASS REMARKS? WHAT BJP
SOURCES SAY

Diary Times Desk : While the opposition in Madhya Pradesh questions why Vijay Shah has not been removed as minister following his crass remarks against Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, sources in the ruling BJP indicate that any decision on the tribal leader's political future will be taken only after May 28. On May 28, a three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the matter will submit a report to the Supreme Court. Mr Shah's communal remarks, which have made national headlines and drawn tough criticism from the top court, have prompted the opposition Congress to seek his removal. As the Mohan Yadav government celebrated the 300th birth anniversary of Malwa queen Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, Congress leader Bhupendra Gupta took a swipe. "CM saab, during Devi Ahilya's reign, women were empowered. In the special cabinet meeting held to mark her 300th birth anniversary, the least you can do is keep away that minister who insulted a female military officer and disrespected the Army," he said.

PAKISTAN BEHIND 40 YEARS OF TERROR: INDIA FIRMS UP MESSAGE FOR
OPERATION SINDOOR GLOBAL OUTREACH

Diary Times Desk : Appearing before the Parliamentary Standing Committee for the second day, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, provided a comprehensive briefing on India's Operation Sindoor. The delegation is expected to carry nation-specific dossiers and provide crucial evidence that establishes Pakistan's role in the horrific terror attack that claimed 26 innocent lives on April 22 in South Kashmir's Pahalgam, reported CNN News-18 citing official sources. New Delhi is also expected to communicate that all terror links, both direct and indirect, can be traced back to Pakistan and that India has suffered the consequences of cross-border terrorism for over 40 years, according to News 18. The parliamentary committee headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor will also interact with foreign press, parliamentarians, prominent think-tanks and the diaspora populations, mentioned the same broadcaster. Foreign Secretary Misri provided an update on a range of issues, including the current state of diplomatic engagement with Islamabad, cross-border security challenges, and the broader implications for regional stability.



**FRENCH RESTAURATEUR 'BOILED BODY
IN NEPAL-INSPIRED RITUAL' AFTER
KILLING NEIGHBOUR IN ROBBERY GONE
WRONG**

Diary Times Desk : A French restaurant owner confessed to killing a reclusive man during a botched robbery and attempting to conceal the crime by cooking parts of the victim's dismembered body in a pot of vegetables, a court has heard. Philippe Schneider, 69, a former butcher and pizza chef, is on trial alongside his partner Nathalie Caboubassy, 45, for the murder of 60-year-old Georges Meichler, who vanished in 2023. The pair are accused of carrying out a fatal break-in at Meichler's isolated home in the forested commune of Brasc, southern France. According to The Telegraph, Schneider told investigators: "What I'm going to tell you is horrific," before admitting that he and Caboubassy had tied up and gagged Meichler during a robbery, only to find him dead of suffocation when they returned. He allegedly confessed to dismembering Meichler's body after discovering he had died, burning the victim's head, hands and feet, and scattering body parts around the forest and in Meichler's van, which they later fled in.

**FRENCH CHEF KILLS MAN, THEN
CHOPS AND COOKS DISMEMBERED
BODY IN POT OF VEGETABLES**

Diary Times Desk : A 69-year-old French restaurant owner has confessed to killing a man, chopping up his body and cooking parts of it in a pot of vegetables to try to cover up his tracks. According to the New York Post, Philippe Schneider, 69, and his wife, Nathalie Caboubassy, 45, are on trial for the 2023 murder of 60-year-old Georges Meichler. Schneider made the "horrific confession" to police after being tracked down following a missing persons report filed by the victim's daughter. He allegedly told the cops that he and Caboubassy killed Mr Meichler during a botched break-in at the victim's home. Caboubassy has since denied involvement in the murder. According to the Post, before sharing the details of the gruesome murder, the 69-year-old warned investigators that "what I'm going to tell you is horrific". He told the officers that the pair accidentally killed Mr Meichler when their attempt to burgle his home went awry. He said that they had tied the 60-year-old and gagged him.

**HOW TRUMP AND PUTIN'S ASSESSMENT OF
TWO-HOUR CALL ON UKRAINE DIFFERED**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, had a two-hour-long call on Monday, which the American leader claimed "went very well" and said that Moscow has agreed to "immediately start negotiations toward a Ceasefire" with Ukraine. However, the Kremlin asserted that during the call, the two leaders had not discussed a timeline for a ceasefire, but that Trump had stressed his interest in reaching agreements quickly. For President Trump, Monday's call seemed like a major occasion, meant to ascertain Putin's willingness to end the conflict in Ukraine. He previewed the call in all capital letters on social media, raising hopes for peace in Ukraine. For Putin, however, it seemed like a regular state affair for which he did not even clear his schedule. He squeezed in the call from a school for gifted children in Sochi. After the call, the Russian leader said that Russia would work with Ukraine on a memorandum about a future peace accord, opposed to Trump, who said Russia and Ukraine would "immediately start negotiations" toward a ceasefire.

**ALL MAJOR MOBILE, INTERNET NETWORKS
DOWN IN SPAIN WEEKS AFTER POWER
BLACKOUT**

Diary Times Desk : All major mobile networks went down in Spain on Tuesday, just weeks after the European country was hit by a national power outage. The affected networks included Movistar, Orange, Vodafone, Digimobil, and O2. The outages hit all services contracted by companies. Complaints soared as landline, internet, and emergency contact services were knocked offline early Tuesday morning. The affected areas spanned all across Spain, from Madrid, Andalucia, Galicia, the Basque Country, Aragon, Navarra, Extremadura, and the Valencian Community. According to reports in Spanish media, networks contracted with Telefonica appeared to have been hit, and the outages do not appear to be affecting individuals' network access. Telefonica said that 'network upgrade work' has been carried out, affecting 'specific services' across the country.

**NO BOOZE, NO CIGARETTES:
CHINA ORDERS OFFICIALS TO
CUT COSTS AMID ECONOMIC
STRAIN**

Diary Times Desk : In an effort to cut government spending, China has asked its officials to reduce their spending on travel, food and office space. The effort is being seen as a measure by Xi Jinping and the Communist party to improve the economic conditions and reduce stress on the government's ailing finances. The notice issued to officials by the government and the ruling Communist Party covers spending on receptions, alcohol and cigarettes, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. The Communist government in China has called for strict diligence and thrift, asking officials to be careful while spending government resources and directing officials to reduce extravagance, calling 'waste' a shameful act and the economy 'glorious'. China has, in recent times, faced a drop in revenue from land sales and local governments reportedly face a huge debt burden.

**UK, FRANCE, CANADA
THREATEN ACTION IF
ISRAEL CONTINUES
OFFENSIVE IN GAZA**

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged that Israel will achieve "total victory" in Gaza, as its three key allies-- Canada, France and the United Kingdom-- attacked his "egregious actions" and blockade on humanitarian aid in the Palestinian territory. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, in a joint statement, slammed Israel's expansion of its war and called conditions in Gaza "intolerable", as they threatened a "concrete" response if Israel's campaign continues. "We will not stand by while the Netanyahu government pursues these egregious actions. If Israel does not cease the renewed military offensive and lift its restrictions on humanitarian aid, we will take further concrete actions in response," the three allied governments said in a statement on Monday. The three countries did not specify what action could be taken against Israel, but added, "We are committed to recognising a Palestinian state as a contribution to achieving a two-state solution and are prepared to work with others to this end." The statement coincided with a joint demand by 22 countries -- including Britain, France and Canada -- for Israel to immediately "allow a full resumption of aid into Gaza", noting that the territory's population "faces starvation".

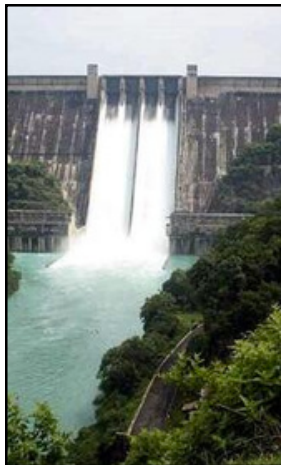
**INDIA SAW 164 COVID CASES SINCE MAY 12; CENTRE ON ALERT AMID
FRESH WAVE IN ASIA**

Diary Times Desk : The surging number of Covid-19 cases in southeast Asian countries like Singapore and Hong Kong raised alarms in India, with health authorities conducting a review meeting and asserting that the situation in the nation was 'under control'. Experts from the National Centre for Disease Control, Emergency Medical Relief division, Disaster Management Cell, Indian Council of Medical Research and central government hospitals, held a review meeting on Monday under the chairpersonship of the director general of health services. An official source, as cited by news agency PTI, said, "The meeting concluded that the current Covid-19 situation in India remains under control. As of May 19, 2025, the number of active COVID-19 cases in India stands at 257, a very low figure considering the country's large population. Almost all of these cases are mild, with no hospitalisation required." However, the Union health ministry continues to proactively monitor the situation closely and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to safeguard public health.



BHAKRA WATER DISPUTE: CENTRE, HARYANA OPPOSE PUNJAB'S PLEA IN HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Centre, Haryana and Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) today opposed Punjab's plea for recalling the Punjab and Haryana High Court's May 6 order in the Bhakra water dispute. Haryana, among other things, described Punjab's actions as unlawful, misleading, and in breach of judicial orders. Punjab had prayed for recalling or modifying the order, saying that the court, on May 6, was given the impression that a meeting was held on May 2 on the issue of extra water release, but there was no specific agenda. The high court had then directed the state to abide by the May 2 meeting decision. Punjab said direction, however, was passed as a result of completely erroneous, factually incorrect and legally unsustainable submissions by the Union of India, BBMB, and Haryana. Responding to Punjab's application, Haryana said water released by BBMB was "the lifeline of the farmers of Haryana and the livelihood of the farmers depends on the water". It submitted that deploying the police force at the Bhakra-Nangal dam and forcibly taking over the operation and regulation, despite the clear order passed by this court on May 6 showed the "defiant and obstructive attitude of the state of Punjab...", it added.



'HE DIED FOR THE COUNTRY': MOTHER REFUSES TO IMMERSE ASHES UNTIL AGNIVEER DECLARED MARTYR

Diary Times Desk : The mother of Agniveer Akashdeep Singh, a young soldier who died in Jammu and Kashmir last week, has refused to perform his final rites until the government declares him a martyr. Akashdeep, a resident of Kothe Chahal village in Faridkot district, was killed by a bullet while on duty under the Agnipath military recruitment scheme. His mother, Karamjit Kaur, said she fainted when her son's body arrived home and later found out that he was not given martyr status. "He gave his life for the country, but the government is not giving him the respect he deserves," she said. "Until they declare him a martyr, I will not immerse his ashes." She also demanded the government cancel the Agnipath scheme, which she believes puts the lives of young soldiers at risk. The scheme allows youth to serve in the military for only four years, and critics say it does not offer the same benefits or recognition as regular Army service. The family's protest has drawn attention and support from many in the community, with calls growing for the government to recognise Akashdeep Singh as a martyr.

AAP TO END DHARNA AT NANGAL DAM WITH RALLY ON WEDNESDAY

Diary Times Desk : The protest by AAP workers at the Nangal dam against the BBMB's decision to release extra water from the Punjab share to Haryana continued today. Sources said that the party has decided to conclude the dharna tomorrow after organising a political rally in Nangal. The dharna started on May 1, when the Punjab CM first visited Nangal dam and stopped the authorities from releasing extra water to Haryana. The rally will be addressed by the Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann; and AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal is also expected to address the rally, sources told. According to sources, the BBMB will release extra water from Nangal dam at midnight today as per the share decided by the technical committee of the board last week. The extra water from Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan would be released from Bhakra.

HC PANEL TO SCRUTINISE NDPS ACT CASES INVOLVING JAIL SMUGGLING ACROSS PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk : Hours after the Punjab and Haryana High Court asked the Director-General of Police to depute a "very senior officer" for examining all NDPS Act cases involving allegations of smuggling from jails, the Bench was informed that committees at the range and commissionerate levels have been constituted to scrutinise such cases. A copy of the DGP's order dated May 16, placed on record before Justice NS Shekhawat's Bench, said range-level committees would be headed by the range ADGP/IGP/DIG, while commissionerate-level panels would be led by the commissioner of police. IPS officer and Additional Director-General of Police, ANTF, Nilabh Kishore, had also been directed to supervise the scrutiny of panel files in all such cases. Justice Shekhawat had earlier rapped the Amritsar (Rural) SSP for adopting "a very casual approach" in interrogating jail officials allegedly promoting smuggling from Amritsar Central Jail. The SSP was directed to appear in court with the complete investigation record. The censure came during hearings in three connected petitions, wherein the accused were allegedly involved in smuggling operations while confined in Central Jail.

PUNJAB IN HANDS OF DELHI TRIO, CM MANN NOWHERE: SUKHBIR BADAL ATTACKS AAP

Diary Times Desk : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Badal, while attacking the ruling party, commented, "Punjab is in the hands of a trio from Delhi who know they have only one and a half years left to rule the state, so they have increased the pace of looting it. In fact, Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, and Satyendar Jain are ruling the state, and CM Bhagwant Mann is nowhere to be seen, reduced to being a puppet in the hands of Delhi leaders." Sukhbir questioned under what capacity Jain and Sisodia were holding meetings with Punjab bureaucrats. "I am proud of the Indian Army for the way it protected Punjab and the country as a whole during the recent war between India and Pakistan," Sukhbir Badal said while addressing a press conference in Ludhiana. "Punjab is the one state in the country that faced 60 per cent more attacks than other states, but the armed forces and their advanced air defence system saved it." Badal also thanked the Prime Minister of India. Regarding the Army's statement that Golden Temple was among the prime targets set by the Pakistan army and that the air defence system installed there prevented the attack, Sukhbir Badal replied that he was abroad and unaware of the SGPC's statement. However, he knew that the Indian Army had bravely prevented the attack.

CM SAINI UNVEILS PLANS TO MAKE HARYANA A HUB OF FILM INDUSTRY; GIVES INCENTIVES TO 6 MOVIE- MAKERS

Diary Times Desk : To promote film production in the state and preserve folk culture, the Haryana Government on Monday night provided incentives to six film-makers under the Haryana Film Policy. During a ceremony, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini gave a draft of Rs 2 crore each to four films selected by the governing council established to oversee the implementation of the Haryana Film and Entertainment Policy. These films include 'Chhalaang', 'Tera Kya Hoga Lovely', 'Teri Meri Gal Ban Gayi' and 'Fuffad Ji'. Besides this, the film 'Dada Lakhmi Chand' received an incentive of Rs 1 crore, and the movie '1600 Meter' was given Rs 50.70 lakh as incentive. Actress Mita Vashisht, actors Yashpal Sharma, Ammy Virk, Nushratt Bharuccha, Preeti Sapru, Sumitra Hooda, Usha Sharma, and many other artistes, filmmakers and various other people associated with the film industry graced the event. The Chief Minister said that many films had already been produced in Haryana and had been well-appreciated by the public. This prompted the government to launch a clear and visionary film policy for the first time, he said. The aim was to preserve the state's rich folk culture and promote it through the medium of cinema.

HARYANA NEWS: DECKS CLEARED FOR APPOINTMENT OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS

Diary Times Desk : The long-pending appointments to the State Information Commission may finally see movement, with the Selection Committee, headed by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, scheduled to meet here tomorrow to recommend names for the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) and seven Information Commissioners. Acting on a formal request from the BJP-led Haryana Government, the Congress has nominated former Chief Minister and ex-Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Bhupinder Singh Hooda to participate in the meeting. The committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the Governor for final approval. A Search Committee, chaired by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi and comprising Additional Chief Secretaries Sudhir Rajpal and Sumita Misra, has already shortlisted three candidates each for the post of CIC and seven Information Commissioners. Applications were invited on March 4, 2025. It may be recalled that the Congress's delay of over seven-and-a-half months in finalising a new LoP had stalled.

WARNING ISSUED AS LARJI DAM TO RELEASE 50 CUMECs OF WATER INTO BEAS RIVER IN MANDI

Diary Times Desk : The authorities have issued a public advisory over the planned release of approximately 50 cumecs (cubic meters per second) of water from the Larji Hydroelectric Project (126 MW) in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. The increased discharge is due to the rising water levels in the Beas river and its tributaries, triggered by snowmelt in higher reaches. The dam management has cautioned the general public and tourists to stay away from riverbanks, particularly in downstream areas where water levels are expected to rise rapidly. The local administration and disaster management teams have been alerted to monitor the situation closely and ensure public safety. Residents living near the river and visitors to popular spots along the Beas are advised to exercise extreme caution and avoid any activities near the water, including fishing, bathing or riverbank picnics.

SIRMAUR: NO MATH, SCIENCE TEACHERS, ALL STUDENTS FAIL IN CLASS X EXAM

Diary Times Desk : Not a single student has passed the Class X exam at Government Senior Secondary School, Charna, in Sirmaur district. Out of the total 21 students, who appeared for the exam, 17 failed in multiple subjects while four in one subject. Bhupinder Verma, chairman of the School Management Committee, blamed the abysmal result on the lack of staff. "For the last three years, we do not have a science teacher. And for the last two years, there's no maths teacher. All students have failed in mathematics and many in science," said Verma. Incidentally, it's not the only school where the entire class has failed to clear the exam. At Government Senior Secondary School, Salgran, in the Lahaul and Spiti district, there were three students in Plus II and all three have failed despite four teachers in the school. Besides, all six students in GSSS, Dhar Pouta, which falls in the gram panchayat of Education Minister Rohit Thakur, have failed in Class X. A maths teacher from this school is on study leave for over one year. While admitting that such dismal results.

LIGHT RAIN IN PARTS OF HIMACHAL, THUNDERSTORM LIKELY IN COMING DAYS

Diary Times Desk : Light rain was witnessed in parts of Himachal Pradesh, the local Meteorological office said on Tuesday as it issued a "yellow" alert for thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds in eight districts on Thursday and Friday. Rain and hail was reported in Kangra's Palampur and light showers in Shimla, it said. In Kinnaur district, Nichar received 12 mm of rain, Sangla 11.4 mm, Kalpa 6 mm and Reckong Peo 3 mm. In Lahaul and Spiti district, Kukumsari received 9.6 mm of rain and Keylong 1.5 mm while Naina Devi in Bilaspur recorded 2 mm of rainfall, the MeT office said. Meanwhile, thunderstorms were witnessed in Kalpa, Jubbarhatti (Shimla) and Sundernagar (Mandi) and gusty winds in Kufri and Kotkhai. There was no significant change in the minimum and maximum temperatures. Tabo in Lahaul and Spiti was coldest at night, recording a low of 4.3 degree Celsius while Una was hottest during the day with a high of 39.6 degree Celsius. Thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds are likely at isolated places in Hamirpur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur districts on Thursday and Friday. Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti will witness gusty winds during the same period, the MeT said.



CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS ON VALLEY SIDE IN SHIMLA MC AREA TO BE RESTRICTED

Diary Times Desk : The state government today approved amendments to the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules, 2014, to restrict the construction of buildings on the valley side of the Shimla Municipal Corporation area. As per the new provision, such constructions must be at least one metre below the road level, so as to preserve the valley's aesthetic appeal for visitors. It also decided to bring the adjoining forest areas of Mata Tara Devi Temple in Shimla district under the green area of the Shimla Development Plan to ensure sustainable development in the region. The Cabinet took the decisions at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here. The Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of 1,000 multi-task workers in the Animal Husbandry Department. It also approved the Pashu Mitra Policy, 2025. The 1,000 appointments would be made under the Pashu Mitra Policy, 2025. The Cabinet also decided to fill 100 posts of Junior Office Assistant in the Education Department to ensure smooth functioning of school libraries. It approved an increase in the monthly honorarium of Operating Theatre Assistants from Rs 17,820 to Rs 25,000 and of Radiographers and X-Ray Technicians from Rs 13,100 to Rs 25,000.

HIMACHAL CONGRESS PRESIDENT SHOULD BE MASS LEADER, NOT RUBBER STAMP: VIKRAMADITYA

Diary Times Desk : Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Vikramaditya Singh today said that the president of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) should not be a rubber stamp but a strong mass leader. "It is the prerogative of the Congress high command to name the HPCC president. However, the person chosen for this responsibility should be a mass leader, having personal influence in at least two or three districts. It will be detrimental to the interests of the party if a rubber stamp is given the responsibility," he added. Incidentally, his mother Pratibha Singh has completed her term as HPCC president and there's no clarity yet whether she will be given another term. Vikramaditya reiterated that whether to retain Pratibha or appoint a new HPCC president was the prerogative of the party high command. He said that Pratibha had never demanded the post of HPCC president. "She was made the HPCC president after she won the Mandi parliamentary seat for the party under adverse circumstances. Thereafter, the then HPCC president, Leader of the Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri and then campaign committee chairman Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu contributed.

WILL URGE PRIME MINISTER FOR DOUBLE TARIFF ON APPLE IMPORT FROM TURKEY: HIMACHAL CM SUKHVINDER SUKHU

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that he would have a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi May 24 and request him to impose double tariff on the import of apple from Turkey and other countries. Sukhu, while talking to mediapersons here, said that he would raise the issue of the apple growers of Himachal with the Prime Minister during the scheduled meeting of Chief Ministers with him. "I will also write to the Prime Minister for double tariff on apple import as the growers of Himachal and Jammu & Kashmir suffer losses due to the import of cheap fruit from abroad," he added. Sukhu said that it was in the domain of the Central Government to act against any country with whom a trade agreement had been signed. "The import of apple from Turkey and the USA results in a steep fall in the prices of apple grown in Himachal. The state growers work hard to grow and cultivate quality apple but are hit hard by the import of fruit," he added. The demand for a ban on apple import from Turkey after that country sided with Pakistan in the recent conflict is gaining momentum in the state. Both Congress and BJP leaders have raised this demand. Besides, hoteliers and residents of Kullu-Manali have also demanded the removal of a Turkish firm which has been tasked with undertaking a survey for the strategic Bilaspur-Manali-Leh railway line.



RAIN THREAT HANGS OVER CRUCIAL MI-DC GAME IN MUMBAI

Diary Times Desk : The IPL 2025 match between Mumbai Indians (MI) and Delhi Capitals (DC) could be hit by rain after the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a yellow alert for Mumbai on Tuesday evening for the next four days. As per the IMD, the city is expected to receive thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and heavy rainfall. There was rain forecast for Tuesday, too, but it did not arrive until about 8pm IST. By then MI had completed their practice but KL Rahul's batting session in the DC nets was cut short by rain. For most of the evening, dark clouds hovered over the Wankhede Stadium before it became windy and was followed by a downpour. The suburbs of the city experienced heavy rainfall and thunderstorm on Tuesday evening. If the MI-DC contest gets washed out, the teams will split points. And a lot would hinge on each of the sides' last league game - against Punjab Kings (PBKS). MI's last game at the Wankhede - against Gujarat Titans on May 6 - was also a rain-affected game. There were multiple short stoppages, with MI eventually losing by DLS method. The drainage system at the Wankhede Stadium prevents waterlogging on the field. But the outfield is sand-based, because of which the outfield often remain soggy even if without puddles. Covers are used only for the pitches and the square around that at the venue.



LSG'S RATHI SUSPENDED FOR ONE GAME AFTER ABHISHEK INCIDENT

Diary Times Desk : Digvesh Rath, the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) spinner, has breached the IPL's Code of Conduct for a third time this season, leaving him suspended for one game alongside a 50% fine of his match fee. Rath picked up the infraction in LSG's home game against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), following his dismissal of Abhishek Sharma. The incident happened in the eighth over of the chase after Rath dismissed Abhishek. He gave the batter a send-off with a wave and an entry in his "notebook" which was followed by an exchange of words with the batter, needing the intervention of umpire Michael Gough. Rath has now accumulated five demerit points for the season, due to which the suspension has kicked in. He will miss LSG's next game against Gujarat Titans (GT) on Thursday. Rath's five demerit points this season are all under Article 2.5 of the IPL Code of Conduct. According to the code, four demerit points add up to one suspension point, meaning players are forced to sit out one match when that mark is reached. Since the demerit points remain on an individual's record for a period of 36 months, Rath will have to be careful even in the upcoming seasons, since eight demerit points would result in a two-game suspension and 11 demerit points would result in a three-game suspension. Rath had earlier picked up one demerit point for his celebration and charge towards Punjab Kings'.

ROHIT SHARMA, VIRAT KOHLI SHOULD RECONSIDER RETIREMENT TO SAVE INDIAN CRICKET, SAYS YOGRAJ SINGH

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Test team recently lost two of its batting greats after Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli announced their retirement from the longest format of the game. Sharma, 38, was the team's captain at the time of his announcement. He represented India in 67 Tests, scoring 4,301 runs. Meanwhile, 36-year-old Kohli called time on his illustrious red-ball career after 123 Tests, in which he amassed 9,230 runs. The duo's decision shocked the cricketing world, as many believe they still have enough cricket left in them. Sharma and Kohli's retirements have created a huge leadership vacuum at a critical time as India prepares to embark on a five-match Test series in England starting on 20 June. Former India cricketer Yograj Singh shared the cricketing world's shock at their retirements, and he wants both Sharma and Kohli to reconsider their decision. "Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli must return from retirement to save Indian Test cricket. This is not the time to think about themselves - it's about the nation, the fans, and the deep emotions people have for the gam. "Virat still has at least ten years of cricket left in him. As for Rohit, if he comes to me, I will make sure he gets back in peak fitness," Yograj told news agency IANS on Tuesday, 20 May.

BCCI REVEALS OFFICIAL REASON FOR SHIFTING IPL FINAL FROM KOLKATA TO AHMEDABAD, QUALIFIER 1 AND ELIMINATOR TO MULLANPUR

Diary Times Desk : The Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad will host the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 final on June 3 as the Board of Control for Cricket in India announced the venues for the playoffs of the ongoing 18th edition of the tournament on Tuesday. The venue will also host Qualifier 2 on Sunday, June 1. The Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium in Mullanpur will host Qualifier 1 and Eliminator on May 29 and 30, respectively. The IPL 2025 season resumed on May 17 after a one-week suspension owing to the rising tensions between India and Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. After both countries declared a ceasefire, the BCCI announced a revised schedule. However, the Indian Cricket Board did not confirm the venues for the playoffs. Earlier, the IPL 2025 final was supposed to be played at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata. The venue was also slated to host Qualifier 2. On the other hand, Qualifier 1 and Eliminator were supposed to go ahead at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad. "The new venues for the Playoffs were decided by the IPL Governing Council keeping in mind the weather conditions and other parameters," an official BCCI release stated.



INDIA'S STAR JAVELIN THROWER AT TOKYO OLYMPICS FAILS DOPE TEST, STARES AT 8-YEAR BAN

Diary Times Desk : Olympian javelin thrower Shivpal Singh has failed a dope test for the second time in his career, a development which may see him being banned for a maximum period of eight years if found guilty. The 29-year-old, who competed at the Tokyo Olympics, is learnt to have returned positive for a banned substance when his urine sample taken out of competition earlier this year was tested. He was training at the NIS Patiala then. He has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA). "Yes, he has tested positive for a banned substance. It's his second dope offence," a source privy to the development told PTI on conditions of anonymity. If proven guilty and handed a lengthy ban, Shivpal's career will be as good as over. Under the NADA and WADA rules, an athlete can be banned for a maximum eight years for a second doping offence. Shivpal's best achievement in his career is the silver medal he had won at the 2019 Asian Championships in Doha, where he had thrown his personal best of 86.23m.

CSK VS RR: MS DHONI SAYS THE CHENNAI REBUILD PROCESS IS ALREADY UNDERWAY

Diary Times Desk : MS Dhoni has said that CSK have already started their rebuilding process for next season before the clash against RR in Delhi on Tuesday, May 20. Chennai endured one of their worst campaigns in IPL history as they were the first team to be knocked out from the tournament and have got only six points from 12 matches. However, in the win over KKR, CSK went away from their usual calm and composed approach and started to express themselves more with the bat. Dhoni pointed this out during the toss and said that will be the plan moving ahead. The CSK stand-in skipper said that the main thing for them after being knocked out was to search for answers and get their combination right and for the players to seal their spot moving ahead. "I think we have already started that process. When it comes to our batting department, we want to express ourselves. That's what we did in the last few games. We want to move ahead with it. Bowling, we have gone for some runs. Maybe we need one extra bowler who can bowl after the powerplay. We have done well in the last couple of games and we want to continue in the same way. "One of the main things when we were out of the tournament was get answers.