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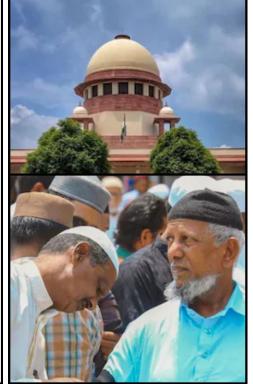
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And Justice Augustine George Masih, the second judge on the bench, referred to a similar provision in Christianity, and said, "We are all trying to get into 'heaven'." At the end of the petitioners' arguments – on this, the hearing's third day – the Chief Justice BR Gavai-led bench reserved its order on a plea for an interim halt of the contentious legislation.

Jostling over the positioning of waqfs - charitable donation or religious activity - has been seen as critical in the larger context of the court either disallowing law or allowing it to stand.



S. JAISHANKAR

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"US WAS IN UNITED STATES": S JAISHANKAR ON TRUMP'S INDIA-PAK MEDIATION CLAIM

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Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated following a terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, which claimed 26 lives. India responded with Operation Sindoor, targeting nine terrorrelated sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The Indian response resulted in the deaths of over 100 terrorists associated with groups including Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Hizbul Mujahideen.

Mr Jaishankar said that the continuation of Operation Sindoor served a strategic purpose. "The operation continues because there is a clear message in that operation - if there are acts of the kind we saw on April 22nd, there will be a response. We will hit the terrorists. If the terrorists are in Pakistan, we will hit them where they are," he said. He clarified that while the operation remained active in principle, it did not mean continued military engagement. "Continuing the operation is not the same as fighting with each other. Right now, there is an agreed cessation of fighting and military action. So the operation is dormant," he said. According to Mr Jaishankar, the ceasefire agreement was initiated.



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SUPREME COURT RESERVES INTERIM ORDERS ON PETITIONS CHALLENGING WAQF (AMENDMENT) ACT

Diary Times Desk : After hearing marathon arguments for three days, the Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its interim orders on petitions challenging the validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, which has done away with the concept of 'waqf by user'. 'Waqf by user' was a practice where a property was recognised as a Muslim endowment (waqf) based on its long-term, uninterrupted use for such purposes, even if there wasn't a formal, written declaration of waqf by the owner. A Bench of CJI BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih reiterated that there's a presumption of constitutionality in favour of a law passed by Parliament. "I have already said that there is a presumption of constitutionality," the CJI said. "There is a presumption of constitutionality in favour of every statute. For interim relief, you have to make out a very strong and glaring case. Otherwise, presumption of constitutionality will be there... we don't need to say more," the Bench had said on May 20. The Bench reserved its interim orders after hearing senior counsel Kapil Sibal, AM Singhvi, Rajeev Dhavan and Huzefa Ahmadi for the petitioners, and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta for the Centre. Senior advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Ranjit Kumar who represented governments of Rajasthan and Haryana, respectively, supported the Centre.



various issues, including cleaning of the Yamuna. A Bench of justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh directed listing the application

filed by the Rekha Gupta government for hearing on Friday after Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati said the new government wanted to withdraw seven cases pending in the top court. These cases - filed during the Arvind Kejriwal government -challenged the authority of the Lt Governor in several committees, including solid waste management, Yamuna cleaning, and against the validity of Acts and Ordinances. "These matters should not trouble this court anymore," Bhati told the Bench.

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DELHI GOVT MOVES SC TO

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Diary Times Desk: The BJP Government in Delhi

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challenging the authority of the Lt Governor on

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UAE, JAPAN EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH INDIA IN WAR AGAINST TERROR AS MULTI-PARTY DELEGATIONS REACH OUT



Diary Times Desk : The United Arab Emirates and Japan on Thursday expressed solidarity with India in the war against terrorism as multi-party delegations started reaching out to world capitals to sensitise global leadership about terror emanating from Pakistan, a month after the Pahalgam attack. A delegation led by Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde held talks with the UAE Minister of Tolerance Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Defence Committee Ali Al Nuaimi and other prominent leaders in Abu Dhabi, while the group of parliamentarians, led by JD(U) member Sanjay Jha, interacted with Japan's Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya and other leaders in Tokyo. "Terrorism is a threat not just to a single nation or region, but it is a global threat. We believe that we, as an international community, should come together, especially the Members of Parliament, to work on putting plans and strategies and engage in creating a better future for all humanity," Al Nuaimi told reporters in Abu Dhabi. A statement issued by the Indian Embassy in Japan quoted Iwaya telling the multi-party delegation led by Jha that terrorism cannot be justified in any form and expressed solidarity with India and with the world in the fight against terrorism.

PRESIDENT MURMU CONFERS 6 KIRTI CHAKRAS, **33 SHAURYA CHAKRAS**

Diary Times Desk : President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday conferred six Kirti Chakras, including four posthumously, to personnel of the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police for displaying indomitable courage and extraordinary valour in the line of duty. Kirti Chakra - which is India's second-highest peacetime gallantry award - was posthumously awarded to Rifleman Ravi Kumar, the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry, 63 Rashtriya Rifles; Colonel Manpreet Singh, of the Sikh Light Infantry, 19 Rashtriya Rifles; Naik Dilwar Khan, the Regiment of Artillery, 28 Rashtriya Rifles; and Deputy Superintendent of Police Himayun Muzzammil Bhat of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, according to the list shared by the government. Maj Malla Rama Gopal Naidu of the Maratha Light Infantry, 56 Rashtriya Rifles, and Major Manjit of the Punjab Regiment, 22 Rashtriya Rifles, also received the Kirti Chakra. President Murmu, who is the Supreme Commander of the armed forces, also presented 33 Shaurya Chakras, including seven posthumously, to the personnel of the armed forces.



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Today, you will meet old friends, which Today you will get success as your long will refresh old memories. Emplo people may be fired from the job du 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.

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.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will 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.

Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 work face k due rtn in the workplace. People doing business increased difficulties ue to arguments business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.

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.

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.

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 face difficulties in repaying ess loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

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





HIMACHAL PRADESH: PRINCIPAL OF HYDRO ENGINEERING COLLEGE ACCUSED OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, STUDENTS SIT ON STRIKE

Diary Times Desk : The Director cum Principal of Government Hydro Engineering College Bandla (Bilaspur) has been accused of sexually harassing girl students. After getting information about the complaint lodged by a former student, the students started a sitin and raised slogans against the Principal at the college gate at around 6 pm on Thursday evening. On the other hand, Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani has sought a report from the Director of Technical Education Department in two days on the entire matter. A former student of Sundarnagar Engineering College had lodged a complaint against the accused on the Samagra e-Samadhaan portal on April 8. It was alleged that when the accused was working as a faculty member in Sundarnagar College, he used to behave inappropriately with the girl students. At that time a written complaint was given to the then Principal. Statements of the girl students were also recorded, but no action was taken..



D.EL.ED ENTRANCE EXAM ON 29TH, 1732 APPLICATIONS CANCELLED, 15,609 CANDIDATES WILL APPEAR FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh School Education Board will conduct Common Entrance Test-2025 (D.El.Ed.-CET-2024) for two-year Diploma in Elementary Education in the morning session on 29 May. The Education Board has completed preparations for this examination. 87 examination centers have been set up across the state for the examination. Candidates will appear for the examination here. Himachal Pradesh School Education Board had invited online applications from 4 to 29 April for two-year Diploma in Elementary Education session 2025-27. The examination will be conducted on 29 May at the examination centers established in the state. 15,609 applications were received for this examination. Out of 1,732 candidates, some filled incomplete forms and some did not deposit the fees. Due to this these applications have been canceled. The information about the canceled forms has been uploaded by the board management on the website. In this regard, Dr. Major Vishal Sharma, Secretary.

HIMACHAL NEWS: THREE ACCUSED ARRESTED FROM NALAGARH IN CYBER FRAUD WORTH CRORES, PEOPLE FROM 13 STATES HAD COMPLAINED

Diary Times Desk : Baddi police has arrested three accused from Nalagarh in cyber fraud worth crores. The three accused had opened a total of 21 bank accounts in Nalagarh and a total transaction of Rs 4.68 crore was done in these. Police has frozen these suspicious bank accounts. Also, five mobile numbers and three emails have been blocked. According to the police, many more accused may be involved in this. According to the police, a total fraud of Rs 6.67 crore has been done in the case. In this, money was transacted from banks established in Baddi and Nalagarh. This transaction was done through cheque, ATM, internet banking and bank voucher. A case was registered in Nalagarh on 15 April. Police arrested Amrit Pal, Firoz Khan, Jaspreet Singh. Accused Amrit Pal is a resident of Ratyod in Nalagarh. A total of 9 bank accounts of his were found in various banks in Nalagarh. Transactions of about Rs 40 lakh were done from these bank accounts. Similarly, Firoz Khan is a resident of Navangram in Nalagarh and transactions worth about Rs 4 crore have taken place in his eight different bank accounts. The third accused Jaspreet Singh, a resident of Ratyod in Nalagarh, has transactions worth about Rs 28 lakh in a total of four bank accounts.

HIMACHAL: CM SUKHU MET UNION WATER POWER AND HEALTH MINISTER IN NEW DELHI, RAISED THESE ISSUES OF THE STATE

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil and Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda in New Delhi on Thursday. During the meeting, the issue of financing of Kishau Dam was discussed. The Chief Minister emphasized on keeping in mind the rights and interests of the state in the Kishau Hydroelectric Project. He said that the Government of India or the main beneficiary states of the Kishau Project, Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, should bear the entire cost of this project. The Chief Minister emphasized that the matters of Local Area Development Fund and Free Electricity Component should be considered in the Renuka Dam Project. Outlining the importance of the projects, he said that hydroelectric projects play an important role in nation building. The state should be given proper compensation keeping in mind the environmental and social values of the projects. The Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to release the pending amount under Jal Jeevan Mission soon. CR Patil assured to provide all possible assistance to the state. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh, Residential Commissioner Meera Mohanty and Secretary to the Chief Minister Rakesh Kanwar were also present on the occasion.



HIMACHAL WEATHER: RAIN WILL CONTINUE IN MANY PARTS OF HIMACHAL FOR SO MANY DAYS, HAILSTORM AND THUNDERSTORM ALERT IN SIX DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : Rainfall is forecast to continue for a week in areas of Himachal. many According to Meteorological Centre Shimla, rain is forecast to continue in many parts of the state till 28 May. There is an orange alert for hailstorm and thunderstorm at some places in Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur districts on 23 and 24 May. A yellow alert for thunderstorm has been issued from 22, 25 to 28 May. During this period, the speed of winds is expected to be 40 to 60 kilometres per hour. Today, the weather remains clear in the capital Shimla and surrounding areas. During 22-23 and 26-27 May, light to moderate rain is expected at some places in the central mountainous and lower-plain areas of the state, and at many places on 24-25 and 28 May. At the same time, light rain is expected at some places in the high hilly areas of the state during 22-23 and 26-27 May. Light rain may occur at some places during 24-25 May and 28 May. During the last 24 hours, Olinda 41.0, BBMB 36.0, Slappar 33.5, Raipur Maidan 29.0, Nangal Dam 26.4, Palampur 24.4, Solan 21.8, Sujanpur Tihra: 19.6 and Mahere Barsar 18.0 mm of rain was recorded

DIALYSIS FACILITY: DIALYSIS FACILITY WILL BE STARTED IN 49 MORE HOSPITALS OF HIMACHAL, 45 CRORES WILL BE SPENT

Diary Times Desk : Dialysis unit facility is going to be started in 49 health institutions more of Himachal Pradesh. A meeting of health department officials has been held on this in the state secretariat Shimla. In this, it has been asked to provide space to start dialysis medical facility. Currently, this facility is available in 20 health institutions of Himachal. Now dialysis units are to be established in 49 more hospitals at a cost of Rs 45 crore. The health secretary has directed the concerned hospital administration to provide space. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has announced this in the budget speech. Many people in Himachal are suffering from kidney disease. In such a situation, the health department has started working to make this facility available to people in nearby hospitals. Dialysis is an artificial process to remove waste products and excess fluid from the body. It is needed when the kidney does not function.

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SUPREME COURT'S 'CHANCE VS MERIT' ORDER AGAINST NEET-PG SEAT-BLOCKING

Diary Times Desk : Blocking of seats during counselling for postgraduate medical courses disadvantages higher-ranked candidates and undermines merit-based selection, the Supreme Court said today, issuing several directions to prevent this practice during admissions after NEET-PG, the all-India exam for admission to postgraduate courses. Seat-blocking is a common practice across competitive exams Candidates take admission to courses at multiple institutions as part of a contingency plan. Later, they choose the most preferred option and vacate the other seats. These seats are then up for grabs, but by then most candidates have taken alreadv admission somewhere. So, candidates much lower on the merit list get a shot at these seats. The bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice R Mahadevan said seat-blocking is not merely an isolated wrongdoing, but reflects deeper systemic flaws. "This malpractice distorts the actual availability of seats, fosters inequity among aspirants, and often reduces the process to one governed more by chance than merit," the court said in its order. It said systemic flaws rooted in "fragmented governance, lack of transparency, and weak policy enforcement" were responsible for this.

SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION DURING ENCOUNTER WITH TERRORISTS IN JAMMU KASHMIR'S KISHTWAR

Diary Times Desk : A soldier was killed in action during an encounter with terrorists amid a cordon-andsearch operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Thursday, the Indian Army said. The exchange of fire occurred in the Shingpora area of Chhatru after security forces launched the following credible operation intelligence about terrorist presence in the region. "During the ongoing operation, fierce gunfight is continuing. One of our #Bravehearts sustained grievous injuries in the exchange of fire and has succumbed despite best medical efforts. Operation is in progress," the Indian Army's White Knight Corps said in a post on X. The Indian Army also said that additional troops have been deployed, and operations are ongoing to neutralise the terrorists. The encounter began after Indian Army troops, along with personnel from the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, launched a search operation in the area between Shari and Mandral Dhok, near Singhpora village in Chhatroo.

"RAHIM YAR KHAN AIRBASE IS IN ICU": PM MODI TAKES DIG AT PAKISTAN



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday highlighted the destruction that happened to Pakistan's Rahim Yar Khan airbase due to India's strikes during Operation Sindoor and said that the airbase is in "ICU". Addressing his first public rally after Operation Sindoor in Rajasthan's Bikaner, PM Modi said, "When I came from Delhi to here, I landed in Bikaner's Nal Airport. Pakistan has also tried to make this a target but they failed to damage this airbase. There is a Rahim Yar Khan airbase situated on the other side of the border. It is in ICU. Don't know when it will open? India's forces have destroyed this air base." PM Modi also recalled his statement in Churu, reaffirming his commitment to the nation: "Swear by this soil, I will not let the country fall, I will not let the country bow." He declared from Rajasthan that those who attempted to erase the sacred sindoor have been reduced to dust, and those who spilled India's blood have now paid the price in full. The Prime Minister stated that those who assumed India would remain silent are now in hiding.

"CROSSING ALL LIMITS": SUPREME COURT RAPS ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE OVER TAMIL NADU RAIDS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Thursday rebuked the Enforcement Directorate for "crossing all limits" and violating the concept of federal governance, referring to raids - on March 14 and May 16 - of state-run liquor shops in Tamil Nadu. An irked court directed the federal agency to stand down for now. The ED's raids were over allegations of corruption in the transport of liquor, grant of bar licences, and unaccounted cash generated by siphoning funds in collusion with bottle-making firms and distilleries. A bench led by Chief Justice BR Gavai told the ED, "You may register cases against individuals... but corporations? Your ED is passing all limits! Issue notice, returnable after vacation." "Meanwhile, stay granted of further proceedings..." the Chief Justice said. The court's direction has been welcomed by the ruling DMK; ex-Rajya Sabha MP RS Bharathi told news agency PTI the order was a 'blow to the BJP's efforts to malign the state government'. "BJP can't diaest DMK's consistent electoral victories.

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UTTAR PRADESH ATS ARRESTS VARANASI RESIDENT FOR ALLEGEDLY SPYING FOR PAKISTAN

Diary Times Desk : The Uttar Pradesh Police's Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) has arrested a man named Tufail from Varanasi on charges of spying for Pakistan. He is accused of sharing sensitive information about India's internal security with Pakistani contacts. Tufail allegedly shared videos of Maulana Shah Rizvi, leader of the banned Pakistani terrorist group Tehreek-e-Labbaik, in WhatsApp groups, along with messages calling for 'Ghazwa-e-Hind,' revenge for the Babri Masjid demolition, and the implementation of Sharia law in India, UP ATS said in a statement. Officials said that during the investigation, it was found that Tufail was allegedly sharing photographs of sensitive locations including Rajghat, Namo Ghat, Gyanvapi, the railway station, and the Red Fort with contacts in Pakistan. The statement also added that the accused is believed to have distributed WhatsApp group links in Varanasi that facilitated communication between local individuals and Pakistani networks.



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NO BLOODY CORRIDOR: BANGLADESH ARMY CHIEF'S WARNING MAKES YUNUS GOVT BLINK

Diary Times Desk : Bangladesh's interim government of Muhammad Yunus has made a sharp U-turn on its proposal for a "humanitarian" corridor to Myanmar's Rakhine State after a stern warning from Army Chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman. The Bangladesh Army chief called it a "bloody corridor", and pushed back after Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain unilaterally announced that the interim government had agreed to the UNproposed Rakhine corridor. There is a growing concern in Bangladesh that the corridor would impede upon its sovereignty and is being pushed by the US for geostrategic gains. Despite the concerns over the Rakhine corridor, Bangladesh observers suggest that Yunus and his loyalists are giving in to the US demand to stay on in power without elections. "The Bangladesh Army will never be involved in any activity that is harmful to sovereignty. Nor will anyone be allowed to do so," Waker-Uz-Zaman said in his warning to the Yunus-led interim government on Wednesday.

PAKISTAN RECOMMITS TO CHINA BOND AMID TRUMP SHADOW OVER INDIA CEASEFIRE

Diary Times Desk : As Pakistan sought to defend itself against Indian missiles and drones launched at its military bases and cities in early May, it relied on an unlikely combination of assets: Chinese missiles and air defence; Chinese and United States fighter jets; and US diplomacy. The missiles, air defence and jets helped Pakistan thwart any devastating hits on its airbases and claim it had brought down multiple Indian fighter planes - an assertion that India has neither confirmed nor denied. The diplomacy sealed a ceasefire that Pakistan has publicly welcomed and thanked the Donald Trump administration for. Yet, as the US has in recent years increasingly picked India over Pakistan as its principal South Asian partner, Pakistan this week worked to reassure China that Beijing remained its most coveted ally. Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, who also serves as foreign minister, visited Beijing earlier this week, meeting his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on May 20 in the first high-profile overseas visit by a Pakistani leader since the ceasefire.

ISRAEL EMBASSY SHOOTING SUSPECT CHANTS "FREE PALESTINE" AFTER ATTACK



Diary Times Desk : The suspect behind the killing of two staff members of the Israeli embassy in Washington shouted "Free, free Palestine", as he was being taken into police custody after the crime that has sent shockwaves across the world. The single shooter, identified as 30-year-old Elias Rodriguez of Chicago, carried out the killings outside the Capital Jewish Museum. The victims were identified as Sarah Lynn Milgrim and her partner Yaron Lischinsky, who both worked at the Israeli embassy in Washington. As Rodriguez discarded his weapon after being caught by the cops, he chanted: "Free, free Palestine". Washington Police Chief Pamela Smith said that prior to the shooting, the man was observed pacing back and forth outside of the museum. He approached a group of four people, produced a handgun and opened fire. "After the shooting the suspect then entered the museum and was detained by event security," Mr Smith said.

"WISH HAD A PLANE TO GIVE YOU": SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT'S 'QATAR GIFT' JAB AT TRUMP

Diary Times Desk: Turn the lights down," President Donald Trump said. It was showtime in the Oval Office. Sitting next to him was South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, who was visiting in hopes of reaching new agreements on trade. But Trump wanted to talk about baseless allegations that white farmers in his country were being systematically singled out for persecution and murder. He directed everyone's attention to a television that had been wheeled into the room, and a video began to play. Even for a president who has transformed the Oval Office from a diplomatic venue into a gladiatorial arena, it was an extraordinary scene. Trump stared at the screen while Ramaphosa looked away. For roughly four minutes, the video showed Black politicians - none part of Ramaphosa's government or political party - using anti-apartheid chants about attacking white South Africans. The politicians have said their comments aren't meant to be taken literally

TRUMP PRIVATELY TOLD EUROPEAN LEADERS THAT PUTIN WON'T END UKRAINE WAR: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has reportedly told European leaders during a private phone call that Russian President Vladimir Putin is unwilling to end the war in Ukraine because he believes currently winning. he's The acknowledgement from Trump came during a Monday call with European leaders, including Ukrainian President Volodvmvr Zelensky, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, according to a report by The Washington Post. Although Trump appeared to have come around to the idea that Putin isn't ready for peace, until now, he has publicly maintained that Putin wants peace. The acknowledgement also did not make him do what the Europeans and Zelensky want-double down on the fight against Russia. In an earlier call with European leaders on Sunday, Trump hinted he might consider sanctions on Russia if Putin refused a ceasefire. However, by the next day, the American Leader reversed course and was not ready to use any such coercion tactic against Russia, sources told the Post.

NORTH KOREA'S KIM RAPS OFFICIALS OVER 'SERIOUS ACCIDENT' AT WARSHIP LAUNCH

Diary Times Desk : North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has reprimanded officials over a "serious accident and criminal act" that resulted in damage to a newly built warship, state media has reported. The 5,000-tonne destroyer suffered damage to its hull when a transport cradle detached prematurely during launch ceremony in the a northeastern city of Chongjin, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported on Thursday, blaming the incident on "inexperienced and command operational carelessness". After witnessing the incident, Kim made the "stern assessment" that the accident was caused by "absolute carelessness, irresponsibility and unscientific empiricism," which "could not be tolerated", the KCNA said. Kim "warned solemnly" that officials responsible for the botched launch "would have to be dealt with" at the next meeting of the central committee of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea, and "censured them for the fault", according to the KCNA. Kim ordered the warship to be fixed in time for a plenary meeting of the party's central committee in June.

EARTHQUAKE OF MAGNITUDE 6.1 HITS GREECE, FIRE SERVICES ON HIGH ALERT

Diary Times Desk : Emergency services were on high alert in Crete on Thursday after a 6.1 magnitude quake hit off the Greek island, causing tremors felt across Turkey and Israel. The fire brigade said it has not received any calls for assistance so far nor reports of any serious property damage. The tremor, which hit 79 km (49 miles) off the city of Heraklion at 6:19 a.m. (0319 GMT) on Thursday, jolted locals and tourists holidaying on the island at the start of the summer season, according to reports on X. CCTV video posted on Facebook showed plant pots on a balcony shaking for seconds. Greece is one of Europe's most earthquakeprone countries and an unprecedented level of seismic activity shook the popular tourist island of Santorini for weeks earlier this year, prompting thousands to evacuate and shutting schools. The fire brigade said it has not received any calls for assistance so far nor reports of any serious property damage.



NEWS

PUNJAB CM MANN OPPOSES CENTRE'S MOVE TO DEPLOY CISF MEN AT NANGAL DAM

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday condemned the Centre's move to deploy a contingent of 296 CISF personnel to secure the Nangal dam. Questioning the Union Government's move, Mann asked what was the need to deploy CISF personnel when the Punjab Police were already providing security to the dam. The Chief Minister also said that he would raise the issue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Niti Aayog meeting scheduled for Saturday. The Centre has sanctioned a contingent of 296 CISF personnel to provide a counter-terrorist security cover to the Nangal dam amid the standoff between Punjab and Haryana over sharing of water from the dam. The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has been asked to make a security deposit of Rs 8,58,69,600 in favour of the CISF for the 296 personnel. Addressing the media in Sangrur on Thursday, Mann said the deployment of CISF personnel will cost Rs 8.58 crore per annum, showing a copy of the Centre's letter in this regard. "They say either the BBMB or Punjab will pay this money. What was the need for this when Punjab Police was already providing security to the dam for free? Why should we give money?" Mann asked.



8 VILLAGES TRANSFERRED FROM PATIALA TO MOHALI IN BID TO BOOST LAND PRICES

Diary Times Desk : Cashing in on the booming real estate prices in Mohali and surrounding towns, the state government has officially transferred eight villages from Rajpura sub-division of Patiala district to Banur Sub-Tehsil in SAS Nagar (Mohali) district, as per a notification issued by the Department of Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management on May 20. A notification issued by Anurag Verma, Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner Revenue, Department of Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management, states that the transfer has been executed under the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887, and Section 5 of the Registration Act. 1908, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf. The Governor of Punjab is pleased to transfer the villages.

HIGH COURT ORDERS RS 15 LAKH RELIEF FOR 'DEATH SENTENCE WITHOUT DUE PROCESS

Diary Times Desk : Nearly 12 years after a 22-year-old man was shot by a Punjab Police official, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has awarded Rs 15 lakh compensation to his mother after holding that "allowing the act of the erring cop to go unchecked would amount to validating a death sentence, passed not in line with the due process of law, but by the law enforcement agency donning the role of the judge, jury and executioner". The direction came as Justice Harpreet Singh Brar admonished the conduct of the police for not just resorting to excessive force, but also attempting to shield the erring officials. The Bench noted that Arvinder Pal Singh alias Lovely, a proclaimed offender in two of the nine criminal cases registered against him, was shot from a "very small, perhaps point-blank distance" by a police official. "That being the case, the narrative put forth by the respondents head constables seems rather untenable," Justice Brar added. The Bench further took note of the fact that the fatal bullet pierced through the deceased's arm.

NIA ARRESTS KEY ASSOCIATE OF KLF TERROR OPERATIVES IN AMRITSAR TEMPLE GRENADE ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a key associate of the two Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF)-linked terror operatives who carried out a grenade attack on a temple in Amritsar district in March this year. Bhagwant Singh alias Manna Bhatti, who was absconding, was apprehended on Wednesday from Akalgarh village in Amritsar, bringing the total number of arrests in the case to four. According to the NIA investigation, the attack was carried out by Gursidak Singh and Vishal alias Chuchi, who threw a hand grenade at Thakur Dwara Sanatan Mandir in Amritsar. The proscribed terror organisation KLF claimed responsibility for the attack. Gursidak Singh was killed in a police shootout after the temple attack, while Vishal was arrested. Two other men, identified as Diwan Singh alias Sunny and Sahib Singh alias Saba, were also arrested in the case. According to the NIA investigation, Bhagwant, who had been absconding since the incident, knowingly provided shelter to Gursidak and Vishal. The duo stayed with Bhagwant during the planning of the terror attack and also thereafter.

BBMB ROW: PUNJAB TERMS CONCEALMENT OF 'FACTS' BY CENTRE, HARYANA AS 'INSTITUTIONAL BULLYING'

Diary Times Desk : Alleging deliberate concealment of "material facts" both by Centre and Haryana, Punjab on Thursday said the Punjab and Haryana High Court was never informed of a statutory reference made by the Bhakra Beas Management Board chairman to the Central Government regarding the dispute over release of additional water. Appearing before the Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel, senior advocate Gurminder Singh submitted on Punjab's behalf that the reference was made to the Centre by the BBMB chairman at Haryana's behest on April 29 following a difference of opinion between it and Punjab on the release of additional water. He submitted that the BBMB after the making of reference to the Centre became "functus officio" -- a Latin term meaning "having performed his office". Gurminder Singh argued it was then for the Centre to decide the issue in accordance with the provisions of Rule 7 of the BBMB Rules, 1974. The Rule makes it clear that any disagreement involving policy or inter-state rights must be referred to the Centre for a binding decision. He added that the BBMB chairman, despite making the reference to the Centre, presided over a meeting the next day on April 30 and "chose to conceal and remain silent".

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR ARREST: HARYANA FORMS SIT HEADED BY SONEPAT POLICE CHIEF

Diary Times Desk : Acting on the Supreme Court's direction, Harvana's Director General of Police Shatrujeet Kapur on Thursday constituted an SIT to conduct investigations in the two FIRs against Ashoka University associate professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad. Headed bv Additional Director General of Police (Crime) Mamta Singh, the SIT will include Superintendent of Police (Karnal) Ganga Ram Punia and Superintendent of Police (STF, Gurugram) Vikrant Bhushan as members. Singh is also the commissioner of the Sonepat Police. The Haryana Police arrested Mahmudabad, head of Ashoka political University's science department, on May 18 for his social media posts on Operation Sindoor. The Supreme Court on Wednesday bail aranted interim to Mahmudabad but refused to stay the investigation.

ESPIONAGE CASE: YOUTUBER JYOTI MALHOTRA'S POLICE REMAND EXTENDED BY 4 DAYS

Diary Times Desk : A Hisar court on Thursday extended the police custody of YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra, who is facing charges of espionage for Pakistan, by four days. She was produced in the court today on completion of her initial five-day custody. The police brought Jyoti to the court of Sunil Kumar, Civil Judge (Junior Division), amid tight security. She was produced in Court Number 20 around 9.30 am and remained there until nearly 11 am. The courtroom door was closed and no one was allowed to go inside, with three police personnel stationed outside. Earlier, she arrived at the court in a white Scorpio car with black-tinted windows and entered the complex through the judges' entry gate. She was escorted by female police officers in plain clothes and male police personnel. Dressed in a light sky-blue shirt and jeans, she appeared relaxed as she exited the police vehicle. The vehicle dropped her at the court's entrance, just a few steps away from the courtroom. After the hearing, she got into the waiting vehicle and left via the same judges' entry route. During her appearance, police and security agencies in both uniform and civilian dress maintained a presence across the court complex. The movement of lawyers and visitors was also briefly affected due to the high security. Later, SP Shashank Kumar Sawan informed.

STATE

SUPPORT OF SOCIETY NEEDED TO FIGHT DRUG MENACE, SAYS HIMACHAL GOVERNOR

Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla today flagged off a Drug-Free Mandi campaign from Janjehli in Mandi district. A large number of schoolchildren and mahila mandal members took part in the campaign. Shukla flagged off the campaign from Government Central Primary School, Janjehli. Former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur was also present on the occasion. Shukla appreciated the support extended by the state government to his campaign. He also acknowledged the unanimous support of all members of the Vidhan Sabha for framing an anti-drug legislation. The Governor highlighted the critical role played by schoolchildren, panchayati raj institutions, mahila mandals and the media in the fight against drugs. At the same time, he pointed out that many families attempted to hide drug addiction issues due to social stigma. "To eliminate any social evil, success can only be achieved when the entire society comes together. Attempts must not be made to drug addiction bv hide considering it to be a social stigma as this will cause more harm," he said.

2 HARYANA MEN ARRESTED WITH 58 GRAMS OF HEROIN IN MANALI

Diary Times Desk : Police have arrested two persons, both natives of Haryana, and seized 58 grams of heroin from their possession on the Kullu-Manali National Highway in the Manali subdivision, officials said on Thursday. Kullu SP Kathikeyan Gokulachandran state that the SIT had intercepted a car during a routine inspection. Upon conducting a thorough search, officers found a substantial quantity of heroin hidden inside the car, leading to the immediate arrest of the two suspects. The accused identified as Gurdeep Kumar (28) from Laha village and Happy (35) from Lakhnoura village, both residents of Narayangarh in Haryana, have been booked under relevant sections of the NDPS Act. Police said an extensive investigation has been launched to trace the network behind the acquisition and distribution of these illicit substances.

2 SWEPT AWAY NEAR KASOL IN KULLU AS WATER LEVEL OF PARVATI RIVER RISES

Diary Times Desk : Two people were swept away in the Parvati river near Kasol in Himachal's Kullu district on Thursday, officials said. According to the information, the incident took place in Manikaran Valley when the flow of the river suddenly increased in the afternoon. The locals who saw two people being swept away in the river informed the administration and the police. The rescue and search teams have recovered the body of one person, who was described to be in his early thirties and reportedly from Uttar Pradesh. However, officials said he was yet to be identified. "Search operations are on to find the other body," said Kullu Additional District Magistrate Ashwani Kumar. The incident reportedly happened after the Parbati-II hydroelectric project began releasing water from its reservoir in the morning. However, whether the two incidents are linked can only be ascertained after the inquiry's conclusion. A magisterial inquiry has been ordered to find out if the protocol of warning and alert was followed, and the Kullu SDM would submit the report within a week, Kumar said.

PUNJAB APPROVED CISF DEPLOYMENT AT BHAKRA DAM IN 2021 BOARD MEETING

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Government approved the deployment of CISF at the Bhakra Dam project in a 2021 board meeting. The decision was taken during a full board meeting, attended by junior-level officers from Punjab. Sources stated that the initial plan was to deploy 400 CISF personnel. However, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh objected to the retrenchment of their security staff from BBMB. As a result, BBMB opted for a hybrid security model for Bhakra Dam, involving CISF and police personnel from Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Consequently, the CISF contingent was reduced from 400 to 296 personnel. However, Punjab has now opposed the deployment of CISF in BBMB projects. Sources indicated that the decision to deploy CISF at Bhakra Dam will not affect the Punjab Police personnel deployed in BBMB. However, it will affect the Himachal Police personnel deployed in BBMB. Tources stated that the Punjab Government has only 15 police personnel deployed in BBMB. These police personnel are stationed in the Nangal township area and Nangal Dam. The security of Bhakra Dam and other BBMB dams, including Pong Dam, was the responsibility of the Himachal Police. Currently, over 200 Himachal Police personnel are deployed in BBMB for dam security. The security of BBMB dams fell under the jurisdiction of the Himachal Police.



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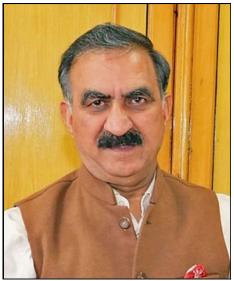
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55 DRUGS MANUFACTURED IN HIMACHAL FOUND NOT OF STANDARD QUALITY

Diary Times Desk : Eight batches of a commonly used saline injections used to treat dehydration were found substandard along with 54 other drug samples manufactured by firms in Himachal in the monthly drug alert issued by the central drugs regulator last evening. These 55 drugs were manufactured by 38 drug firms and they figure among 146 drug samples declared not of standard quality from various states. Reflecting lack of adherence to key quality parameters, the injections were found contaminated with having endotoxins and also microbial contamination. Manufactured by a Baddi based firm, they have put a question mark on the manufacturing operations of the firm as eight different batches have failed key quality parameters like sterility and endotoxins testing. Three batches of Carboxymethyl Cellulose Sodium eye drops also figure in the list as it failed various quality parameters. Several other injection samples like Cefritz S 1.5 injection used to treat bacterial infection, Rabeprazole Sodium used for Gastroesophageal reflux and Ampivee -500 Injection used for typhoid fever and meningitis have also been found not adhering to the requisite norms.

GOVERNMENT WORKING ON RAJIV GANDHI'S VISION OF UPLIFTING POOR, SAYS HIMACHAL CM

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that the state government was committed to realising the vision of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of uplifting the weaker and marginal sections of society. The Chief Minister along with Cabinet ministers, MLAs and party workers paid rich tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary. He garlanded a statue of Rajiv Gandhi at the Sadbhawana Chowk at Chhota Shimla. Sukhu, while interacting with mediapersons, said that Rajiv Gandhi had laid down his life for the unity and integrity of the country. "It was Rajiv who had laid the foundation for several transforming initiatives, especially in the information technology sector, the positive outcomes of which the present generation is enjoying," he added. Sukhu said that Rajiv Gandhi had made a provision of providing 33 per cent reservation to women in panchayati raj institutions by amending the Constitution. "The state government has introduced the Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding School Yojana to improve the standards of education. One such school will be set in each Assembly constituency. These schools will have modern facilities and other infrastructure to benefit students residing in the rural areas of the state," he added.



SPORTS

INDIA TEST SQUAD FOR ENGLAND TOUR TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MAY 24: AJIT AGARKAR, GAUTAM GAMBHIR WILL NAME NEW CAPTAIN IN PC

Diary Times Desk : The much-awaited India Test squad for the England tour is set to be announced on May 24 (Saturday), sources confirmed to Hindustan Times on Thursday. Head coach Gautam Gambhir and chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar are likely to hold a joint press conference on Saturday afternoon to announce India's squad for the five-match Test series starting June 20. "The squad is ready. The head coach and chief selector will announce it on Saturday," said a BCCI official. The exact time of the press conference will be announced by BCCI soon. The selectors face crucial decisions, none more prominent than the captaincy. With Rohit Sharma's retirement from Test cricket and Virat Kohli's departure from the format, the leadership mantle has shifted. The spotlight firmly rests on two dynamic leaders: the elegant top-order batter Shubman Gill and the fiery pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, both vying for the coveted leadership role. Shubman Gill, having showcased maturity beyond his years with the bat, has also emerged as a potential long-term captaincy candidate. His calm demeanour and tactical nous, observed in recent domestic and in IPL for the Gujarat Titans, present a compelling case.

"PROSPECT OF INDIA, PAKISTAN NOT PLAYING ... ": BCCI SOURCE'S BIG **REVELATION AHEAD OF ICC MEET**

Diary Times Desk : The future of Indo-Pak cricket at ICC events is set to be discussed at the annual conference of the sport's governing body, scheduled in Singapore from July 17-20. Both countries only play each other at multi team events but the recent military conflict has fuelled speculation over the future of the blockbuster clash in ICC competitions starting with next year's T20 World Cup to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka. "The issue is bound to come up for discussion at the annual conference. While prospect of India and Pakistan not playing in ICC knockouts is unlikely, not drawing them in the same group, which has been the norm at ICC events, is a possibility," a BCCI source told PTI. India and Pakistan drawn in the same group of ICC events had become a given over the past decade but in the wake of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22 and subsequent showdown between the two armed forces, that could change. It is no secret that the BCCI holds the maximum clout in world cricket and even the ICC is headed by an Indian, Jay Shah. Shah would be attending the annual conference for the first time as ICC chair, having taken charge in December. Ahead of the Champions Trophy won by India earlier this year.

BIWI NE BOLA: SURYAKUMAR FULFILS WIFE'S IPL 2025 WISH, SHARES **HEARTWARMING VIDEO**

Diary Times Desk : India's T201 captain, Suryakumar Yadav, made sure to fulfil a special promise to his wife by winning the Player of the Match award in a crucial IPL 2025 fixture between Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals. The MI star later presented the award to his wife in their hotel room, sharing a heartwarming video with a lighthearted caption on Instagram on Thursday, 22 May. Suryakumar, known for his flair both on and off the field, ensured his biggest fan was all smiles as he posed proudly with both the Player of the Match award and his wife. "Biwi ne bola karneka matlab karneka" (Wife said to do it so it has to be done), he wrote in the caption of the cheerful video. In the clip, he fondly recalled how his wife had reminded him that he hadn't yet won a Player of the Match award in the 2025 season. Determined to make it happen, Suryakumar kept his word. In the video, he is seen handing over the trophy to his wife and striking a joyful pose for the camera, clearly savouring the moment. The sweet gesture didn't go unnoticed. Among those charmed by the post was MS Dhoni's wife, Sakshi Singh, who commented, "So sweet." Survakumar starred for Mumbai Indians in their must-win game against Delhi Capitals, smashing 73 runs off 43 balls

MHATRE, SURYAVANSHI HEADLINE INDIA U-19 SQUAD FOR TOUR OF ENGLAND

Diary Times Desk : Ayush Mhatre, the 17-year-old teenager who had a sparkling first-class debut with Mumbai and with Chennai Super Kings in the IPL, will captain the India Under-19 team that will travel to England for a multi-format tour in June-July 2025. Vaibhav Suryavanshi, the 14-year-old from Bihar and Rajasthan Royals opener, is also part of the 16-member squad. The tour will see India Under-19 play England Under-19 in a 50-over warm-up match, a five-match Youth one-day series and two multi-day matches. Wicketkeeper Abhigyan Kundu, from Mumbai, will be the vice-captain. Vihaan Malhotra from Punjab, who has opened the batting with Suryavanshi in the past, is also part of the squad. Others to represent India U-19 previously are wicketkeeper-batter Harvansh Pangalia of Saurashtra, Bengal seamer Yudhajit Guha, Kerala legspinner Mohamed Enaan and Punjab offspinner Anmoljeet Singh. Enaan was the highest wicket-taker (16) in the two Youth Tests against Australia U19 while Anmoljeet (nine) was second. Pangalia struck a century - 117 - in that series too.



BETHELL TO LEAVE FOR NATIONAL DUTY; RCB ROPE IN SEIFERT AS REPLACEMENT

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Diary Times Desk: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) have signed New Zealand's Tim Seifert as Jacob Bethell's replacement. Bethell will leave for national duties following RCB's penultimate league game of the season against Sunrisers Hyderabad on May 24, to be part of England's white-ball squad against West Indies. Consequently, the replacement will be effective from the same date. Seifert, 30, last played in the IPL for the Delhi Capitals in the 2022 season after making his league debut for the Kolkata Knight Riders the previous year. A wicketkeeperbat, Seifert comes with a tally of 5862 runs in 262 T20s at a strike-rate of 133.07. He will be available for RCB's last league game - against Lucknow Super Giants on May 27 - as well as the playoffs. Seifert has joined RCB for INR 2 crore.

FRENCH OPEN INCREASES PURSE TO RECORD \$63.7 MILLION

Diary Times Desk : The French Open is elevating its total purse at Roland Garros to about \$63.7 million, an increase of 5.21 percent compared to last year. The prize for the men's and women's singles winners is \$2.9 million, up almost \$170.000 compared to last year. The event starts Sunday in Paris. The French Open, annually the second Grand Slam on the tennis calendar, has increased its prize money four straight years after a 2021 decline caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The total purse was \$38.9 million that year, and it has seen more than a 60 percent increase since. Among the Grand Slam events, the French Open typically checks in at No. 3 in terms of purse sizes. In 2024, the U.S. Open had the most purse money, followed by Wimbledon . In January, the Australian Open had a total purse value of around \$60 million. The French Open serves as the first Grand Slam for men's world No. 1 Jannik Sinner since he was banned for three months for testing positive for the drug clostebol last year. The 23-year-old made his return for the Italian Open, his home tournament, earlier this month. Sinner reached the final before losing in straight sets to Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz. With the win, Alcaraz, 22, elevated to world No. Meanwhile, Novak Djokovic 2 represents the old guard. He turns 38 on Thursday and will be playing for his 25th Grand Slam title, which would give him the most in tennis history, male or female. On the women's side, top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus will look for her fourth career Grand Slam title in Paris. She lost the Australian Open final this year to Madison Keys.



