

'AIRCRAFT LOST'

'LOP OR NISHAN-E-PAKISTAN?': BJP JIBES RAHUL GANDHI OVER 'AIRCRAFT LOST' REMARK

Diary Times Desk : Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday slammed Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over his social media post questioning how many Indian Air Force jets were lost during Operation Sindoor, accusing him of making "careless" statements that could compromise national security.

At a press briefing, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia alleged that Gandhi's comments were being used by Pakistan to target India and demoralise the armed forces.

He questioned whether the Congress leader stood with India or with its adversaries, asking if Rahul Gandhi was acting as the Leader of Opposition or "Pakistan's Nishan-e-Pakistan." "Today, the nation is asking Rahul Gandhi. It is acceptable to have differences of opinion with the Prime Minister; that is part of a democracy," said BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia.

However, he added, "The kind of language you (Rahul Gandhi) are using against the Prime Minister is deeply troubling. Your statements are now being discussed in Pakistan's parliament. Pakistan is using the words of Congress leaders to target India, and yet, you have remained silent. That is worrisome." "Rahul Gandhi, you must decide whose side you are on," Bhatia said, adding, "Are you India's Leader of Opposition, or Pakistan's Nishan-e-Pakistan? The country is watching. It is for you to decide." Gaurav Bhatia cited Air Marshal Sandeep Singh Bharti's earlier remark that disclosing details about fighter jets is not prudent during an active combat scenario.



NORTHEAST NEWS

ADANI GROUP TO INVEST RS 1 LAKH CRORE IN NORTHEAST OVER 10 YEARS



Diary Times Desk : The Adani Group has announced a significant additional investment of Rs 50,000 crore - taking the total to Rs 1 Lakh crore - across the Northeast over the next 10 years, spanning across many sectors including green energy, roads and highways, and digital infrastructure. The announcement was made by Gautam Adani, the Chairman of the Adani Group at the 'Rising Northeast Summit' on Friday.

"Over the past decade, in the hills and valleys of the Northeast, a new chapter in India's growth story is unfolding. A story rooted in diversity, resilience, and untapped potential. This region is now a source of our cultural pride, economic promise, and strategic direction. I announce that Adani Group will invest an additional 50,000 crore across the Northeast over the next 10 years," Mr Adani said.

He added, "Our focus will span green energy - including smart-meters, hydro, pumped storage, power transmission, roads and highways, digital infrastructure, logistics, as well as capacity-building through skilling and vocational training centres. But more than infrastructure, we will invest in people. Every initiative will prioritise local jobs, local entrepreneurship, and community engagement." Highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's role in fostering growth in the Northeast, Mr Adani said, "Hon'ble Prime Minister, when you said 'Act East, Act Fast, Act First', you gave the Northeast its wake-up call. 65 personal visits, 6.2 lakh crore of investments since 2014, doubling the road network to 16,000 km, doubling the number of airports to 18 - this is not just a policy. It is your hallmark of big thinking, your belief systems, your convictions in a 'Sabka Saath, Saka Vikas'."

INDIA HOPEFUL OF PAKISTAN'S RETURN TO FATF 'GREY LIST'
SOON

Diary Times Desk : Top Indian officials on Friday said apart from the Indian dossier on Pakistan sponsored terrorism to back Pakistan's grey listing, the FATF's own review is also bound to find merit in the case. Pakistan was removed from the FATF grey list in 2022 subject to promises and assurances that it would enact a law to counter financial crimes and plug laundering of money for a range or illegal purposes. "That law has not come through. So there will be a list or omissions on the part of Pakistan and there will also be a list of commissions. The FATF is itself likely to find a case for Pakistan's return to the grey list on grounds that the assured law has not come. This will be apart from the Indian dossier. We will of course make a strong case that Pakistan be grey listed. The India position at the FATF would be in continuation of its engagement of multi lateral agencies in the wake of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 Indians. At the IMF also India engaged all members to discourage listing of a Pakistan project agenda given the timing of the review post the Pahalgam attack. The IMF members, however, went ahead and sanctioned the loan which India "did its best to question." "We are not against development assistance to any country but the timing of the IMF meeting to review Pakistan loan was questionable.



180 KM INTO PAKISTAN: INDIGO
FLIGHT'S REQUEST TO SKIRT STORM
DENIED

Diary Times Desk : On May 21, passengers on board the Delhi-Srinagar Indigo airlines flight encountered a grave threat to their lives due to a series of miscalculations, including the decision to fly into a hailstorm en route to Srinagar. The beleaguered flight, with several of its flight-aiding instruments malfunctioning, landed at Srinagar with the assistance of Indian Air Force (IAF) controllers on the ground, who advised the pilots on the plane's altitude and speed using data from IAF's radars designed to track planes and aerial threats. The incident began when Indigo flight 6E-2142 was flying just north of Pathankot in Punjab. The pilots contacted the IAF's Northern Area Control at Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir, requesting permission to divert approximately 180 km west into Pakistan to skirt around the approaching storm. However, the IAF team at Udhampur refused permission, citing that the authority to approve a route change lay with the air traffic.

SUPREME COURT QUESTIONS RAJASTHAN
GOVERNMENT OVER RISE IN STUDENT SUICIDES IN KOTA



Diary Times Desk : Noting that 14 students have committed suicide in Kota – a coaching hub for students aspiring to join engineering and medical courses -- this year so far, the Supreme Court on Friday questioned the Rajasthan government over rising student suicides. "What are you doing as a state? Why are these children dying by suicide and only in Kota? Have you not given it a thought as a state?" A Bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice R Mahadevan asked the state government. During hearing on a case relating to a NEET aspirant girl who was found hanging in her room in Kota where she lived with her parents, the Bench termed the situation as "serious". "Don't take these things lightly. These are very serious things," the Bench said. The Rajasthan government counsel said a special investigation team (SIT) has been set up by the state to look into suicide cases. "How many young students have died so far in Kota?" the Bench asked the counsel, who said "14". "Why are these students dying?" the Bench sought to know.

INDIA VALUES GERMANY'S SUPPORT IN 'FIGHT AGAINST
TERRORISM': JAISHANKAR

Diary Times Desk : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar here on Friday said India has zero-tolerance for terrorism and New Delhi will "never give in to nuclear blackmail," referring to the cross-border links to the Pahalgam massacre. In his remarks at a joint press conference with his German counterpart Johann Wadephul after holding talks with him, the external affairs minister said, "India will deal with Pakistan purely bilaterally" and there should be "no confusion in any quarter" in that regard. The Union minister is currently in Germany as part of his three-nation Europe visit. "I came to Berlin in the immediate aftermath of India responding to the Pahalgam terror attack. Let me share with you what I conveyed to Mr Wadephul in that context. India has zero-tolerance for terrorism. India will never give in to nuclear blackmail," he said. "And, India will deal with Pakistan purely bilaterally. There should be no confusion in any quarter in that regard," Jaishankar said.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HIMACHAL NEWS: DILAWAR KHAN HAD KILLED TWO TERRORISTS, HIS MOTHER BECAME EMOTIONAL AFTER RECEIVING THE KIRTI CHAKRA

Diary Times Desk : Una's brave son Dilwar Khan, who sacrificed his life while fighting terrorists in Kupwara, Jammu, was posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra. Mother Bhola Bibi and wife Jamila received the honor from the hands of President Draupadi Murmu. Everyone got emotional seeing tears in the eyes of Naik Dilwar Khan's mother while receiving the honor. Naik Dilwar Khan, posted in the Artillery Regiment of the 28th Battalion of the National Rifles, made the supreme sacrifice while fighting the enemies of the country at the age of just 28. Late night on 23 July 2024, the army received input that terrorists were hiding in the Lolab Valley of Kupwara district. The responsibility of the operation was given to the 28th Battalion of the National Rifles. A team was sent towards the Lolab Valley. Naik Dilwar Khan was also included in it. At around 12:00 in the night, Dilwar's eyes fell on two terrorists. Dilwar stopped his comrades by signaling. Meanwhile, a terrorist saw the army contingent. He alerted the other terrorists by making noise. The terrorists started firing at the army personnel.



HIMACHAL: NOW HELI TAXI CAN BE BOOKED FROM HOME FOR MANIMAHESH YATRA, DECISION TAKEN IN THE TRUST MEETING

Diary Times Desk : There is big news for the devotees going on the Manimahesh Yatra. Now the devotees will not need to go to Bharmour to book a heli taxi. The Manimahesh Trust has made the booking of the heli taxi service completely online. Now devotees can book tickets for heli taxis online from home through the Manimahesh Temple Trust portal. Earlier, devotees had to reach Bharmour to book tickets and had to stand in queue for hours, but now this hassle is over. This decision has been taken in the meeting of the Manimahesh Trust. Not only this, now the agreement of the heli taxi service provider company will be done for three years directly instead of one year. There is also a possibility of reduction in fare due to this. Till now devotees have to spend about Rs 4,000. The cost is also expected to be reduced with a long-term agreement. The Manimahesh Trust is making efforts to make the Manimahesh Yatra better and better. Closing of offline booking and starting online booking for Heli Taxi service will help pilgrims in booking.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: CHANCES OF RAIN FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN MANY PARTS OF HIMACHAL, THUNDERSTORM AND HAILSTORM ALERT ON MAY 24

Diary Times Desk : There is a forecast of continuous rain in many parts of Himachal Pradesh for a week. On the other hand, an orange alert has been issued for thunderstorm and hailstorm for seven districts on May 24. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, light rain is likely at some places in the central mountainous and lower-plain areas of the state during May 23, 25 and 26. While light to moderate rain is expected at many places during May 24, 27 to 29. There is a yellow alert for thunderstorm in many parts during May 23 to 27. There is an alert of thunderstorm and hailstorm in Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmour districts on May 24. During this period, winds are likely to blow at a speed of 50 to 60 kilometers per hour. During the next 24 hours, the maximum temperature is likely to increase by 2-3 degrees Celsius in many parts of the state. Thereafter, a gradual fall of 3-4 degrees Celsius is likely during the next 3-4 days. There is no possibility of any significant change in the minimum temperature in many parts of the state during the next 3-4 days. The minimum temperature was recorded at 15.2 degrees Celsius in Shimla, 20.6 in Sundernagar, 17.4 in Bhuntar, 11.8 in Kalpa, 19.6 in Dharamsala, 20.5 in Una, 19.9 in Nahan, 8.7 in Keylong.

HPBOSE TET REGISTRATION: 1807 APPLICATIONS FOR HIMACHAL TET JUNE CANCELLED, BOARD GIVES LAST CHANCE FOR CORRECTION TILL 26 MAY

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBOSE) has released the list of 1,807 candidates whose Himachal TET June 2025 applications have not been accepted. These applications have been rejected due to incomplete information or other errors. The board has given these candidates a last chance to correct their application and resubmit it by 26 May 2025. No change in the form will be accepted after the due date and the application will be considered cancelled. According to the official notice, about 36,405 applications have been received for HP TET, out of which 34,598 have been received with form fee. The board started the online application process for Teacher Eligibility Test from April 10 to May 3, 2025 with late fee, while the last date for application for Special Education TET was 9 May 2025. It is worth noting that 1,807 candidates filled incomplete forms without paying the application fee, due to which their applications have been cancelled. Now these candidates have been given another chance to complete the application till 26th May.



HP HIGH COURT: 'HIGH COURTS HAVE POWER TO QUASH PROCEEDINGS IN NON-BAILABLE CASES'

Diary Times Desk : The High Court has given an important order regarding the quashing of FIR filed under Section 326 of the IPC on the basis of compromise. It states that the High Courts have the power to quash the proceedings of a non-bailable case. A division bench of Justices Tarlok Singh Chauhan and Sushil Kukreja, citing the decisions passed by the Supreme Court, said that the High Courts have the power to quash such proceedings, even if the crime is non-bailable. The bench cited the decisions of the apex court in particular Gyan Singh vs State of Punjab 2012 and Narendra Singh vs State of Punjab 2014. The bench said that when an official decision of the Supreme Court comes on this subject, it is binding on all courts. In such a situation, the opposite view given by a single judge in Kishore Kumar vs Himachal Pradesh 2013 case is no longer valid. This decision ensures stability and equality in the judiciary.

HIMACHAL: CENTRE GIVES IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL TO HAND OVER FOUR POWER PROJECTS OF SJVN AND NHPC TO HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : The central government has given in-principle approval to hand over four power projects of SJVN and NHPC to Himachal. Along with NHPC's Dugar project, SJVN's Luhri, Sunni and Dhaulasidh power projects will soon come under the Himachal government. The cost of these projects is being evaluated. During a meeting with Union Energy Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in New Delhi on Thursday, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu expressed gratitude for giving in-principle approval to give four projects of central undertakings to Himachal. The Chief Minister met Union Minister Khattar and raised many important issues related to the interests of Himachal. He urged to increase the state's share in free power in hydropower projects operated by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). Especially in those projects where the cost has already been recovered. He emphasized that Himachal Pradesh is making a significant contribution to national development, but its legitimate rights should also be protected. He said that though the public sector and central public sector undertakings have expanded.

"MAA, I DIDN'T STEAL CHIPS": 12-YEAR-OLD'S SUICIDE NOTE AFTER PUBLIC SCOLDING

Diary Times Desk : A 12-year-old boy died by allegedly consuming pesticide after he was accused of theft and asked to do sit-ups by a shopkeeper for "stealing" a packet of chips at Panskura in Paschim Medinipur district, a police officer said Friday. Krishendu Das, a class 7 student, allegedly lifted a packet of chips from a shop at Gosaiber bazar in the Panskura area on Thursday evening after he failed to find the shopkeeper Subhankar Dikshit. He had called out "uncle I will buy chips" repeatedly without any response and finally left the shop allegedly with one packet of chips, the officer said quoting his grief-stricken mother. He was allegedly chased by Dikshit who came back to the shop soon afterwards, slapped and asked to do sit-ups in full public view, the officer said quoting a complaint by the family. The officer said a probe is underway Das' mother was summoned to the spot and she also scolded him and slapped him while the boy claimed he picked up the junk food packet lying in a heap before the shop and would have come to pay later.

MAN WHO UPLOADED PHOTOS OF WOMEN IN BENGALURU METRO ON INSTAGRAM ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : A 27-year-old man who was allegedly behind the Instagram handle which shared photographs and videos of women commuters on the Bengaluru Metro network has been arrested. A first information report (FIR) was registered on Wednesday and, sources said, the man behind the account Bangalore Metro Clicks (@metro_chicks) was arrested on Friday and is being questioned. He has been identified as Diganth - from Hassan in Karnataka - and was living in the Thigalarapalya area of Bengaluru. Lokesh B Jagalasar, deputy commissioner of police (South), said, "The preliminary information we have is that he is 27 years old and works in the accounts department of a private company in the Murugeshpalya area. He was clicking the photos and filming videos while he was on his way to and from work." Officials said Diganth is being asked which platforms he was uploading the photos and videos on and whether he was getting paid for them. The police are also trying to establish whether he was acting alone or was part of a team. The Instagram account had several photos and videos of women Metro commuters in Bengaluru - both in trains and on platforms - and was followed by over 5,000 people. A user on X had flagged the account and tagged the Bengaluru Police.

"EVERY RIGHT TO...": GERMANY'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR INDIA AFTER OP SINDOOR



Diary Times Desk : Expressing strong support for India after the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor, Germany has said that the country has every right to defend itself against terrorism. Addressing a joint press conference with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul said, "We were all appalled by the brutal terrorist attack on India on April 22. We condemn this attack on civilians in the strongest terms. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all victims and their families." "After military attacks on both sides... and India, of course, has every right to defend itself against terrorism... the fact that a truce is in place is something we appreciate very much," he added. Underlining another key point from the Indian perspective, following offers of mediation from the US and President Donald Trump, the minister continued, "What is important now is that this truce remains stable, that dialogue can happen to find bilateral solutions." The fact that India will deal with Pakistan only bilaterally has been stressed by India repeatedly.

SC PULLS UP POLICE FOR NOT FILING FIR IN KOTA STUDENT'S SUICIDE CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Friday pulled up the Kota Police for not registering a first information report (FIR) in the suicide case of a National Entrance Eligibility Test (NEET) last month, said officials, while directing the police to take up the matter with top level administrator. The additional advocate general of Rajasthan government, Shiv Mangal Sharma, said, "The apex court on Friday summoned the concerned police officials and questioned them over not following the necessary directive of filing an FIR in the suicide cases. The court expressed also expressed a deep concern over the rising number of suicide cases of the coaching students in Kota." "Hence, the Supreme Court has come down heavily on the Kota Police for its failure to register an FIR in the recent suicide of a NEET aspirant in Rajasthan's coaching hub and registering only the inquest against the dictum of Supreme Court in Amir Kumar Case Judgment," he added. Appearing on behalf of Rajasthan, AAG Sharma, meanwhile, assured the Court that the Kota police has already registered the Inquest.

COURT GRANTS ANDHRA POLICE CUSTODY OF TWO TERROR SUSPECTS; NIA, ATS JOIN PROBE

Diary Times Desk : A local court in Andhra Pradesh's Vizianagaram has granted the police the custody of two terror suspects - Siraj-ur-Rehman (29) and Syed Sameer (28) - who were arrested last week in connection with an alleged plan to carry out bomb blasts in different parts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, people familiar with the development said. A first-class magistrate-I court in Vizianagaram late on Thursday night granted the week-long custody for interrogation in connection with their alleged terror plot. The police had originally requested a 10-day custody period, but after two days of legal arguments, the court granted seven-day custody, with strict conditions. The court instructed that third-degree methods must not be used during questioning and mandated that the accused be produced in court after the interrogation, undergo medical examinations, and be returned to jail thereafter.



"IMMEDIATELY ASSISTED...": WHAT AIR FORCE SAID ON INDIGO'S MID-AIR SCARE

Diary Times Desk : The IndiGo plane that encountered a violent hailstorm and severe turbulence en route from Delhi to Srinagar - leading to a terrifying 8,500-feet-per-minute descent, when the normal is no more than 3,000 - had been advised by the Air Force that Pakistan airspace was off limits. The advisory came after the pilots of 6E-2142 made emergency contact with the IAF's Northern Command, asking for permission for a flight path deviation to avoid the storm and turbulence. This would have taken the plane briefly into Pak airspace, which has been shut to all air traffic since May 11 and amid military tension over the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. In a statement issued Friday evening, the Air Force said the NOTAM, or Notice to Airmen, issued by Pak's civil aviation authority "was in vogue up to midnight on May 23" and that it specified that Pakistani airspace was "not available to Indian-registered aircraft and aircraft operated/owned/leased by Indian.

"LINGUISTIC MISTAKE": MADHYA PRADESH MINISTER'S FRESH APOLOGY OVER COLONEL REMARK

Diary Times Desk : Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah on Friday issued a fresh apology for his objectionable remarks on Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, calling it a "linguistic mistake", and said he did not intend to offend any religious community. In a video message, the minister, who is already facing a probe for his contentious comments, "sincerely apologised to the entire Indian Army, sister Colonel Sophia and all the countrymen". "I am deeply saddened and disturbed by the heinous massacre that took place in Pahalgam a few days ago. I have always had immense love for my nation and respect for the Indian Army," Mr Shah, who is the state's minister for tribal affairs, said in the 44-second video. "My words have hurt the community, religion and countrymen. It was my linguistic mistake. I didn't mean to hurt or offend any religion, caste or community. I sincerely apologise to the entire Indian Army, sister Colonel Sophia and all the countrymen for the words I said by mistake and I once again apologise with folded hands," he added.

LOOKED DISTRESSED, WITNESSES MISTAKENLY HELPED MAN WHO KILLED ISRAELI STAFF

Diary Times Desk : After the street outside the Capital Jewish Museum in DC echoed with sounds of gunshots, witnesses offered water and help to a man they thought was a traumatised bystander. Minutes later, they learnt he was the man who allegedly shot dead the two Israeli diplomats. Elias Rodriguez, 30, appeared visibly distressed and disoriented when he entered the museum after Wednesday night's shooting. Witnesses rushed to help him, unaware he had just gunned down Yaron Lischinsky, 28, and Sarah Milgrim, 26, outside the American Jewish Committee's ACCESS Young Diplomats Reception. "He was soaking wet, in a state of shock," Yoni Kalin, who was inside the event, told The NY Post. "We just thought he was a bystander." Sara Marinuzzi, another witness, said Rodriguez entered the museum shortly after the shooting. "We all figured he was a witness [because] he was so shaken up," she said. He stayed with the group for 10-15 minutes as they believed they were sheltering alongside a fellow survivor. Witnesses said they acted on instinct. "When a man comes running in distress, the immediate instinct is to help," said Ms Marinuzzi. "And that's what we did."

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ACCUSED OF CHINA, IRAN 'LINKS', PROBED BY US HOUSE PANEL

Diary Times Desk : As the US government continues its crackdown on Harvard University, allegations of links to China and Iran have led to a probe by a joint House committee. The premier university is being investigated by the House Select Committee on China as well as the House Committee on Education and Workforce for its alleged links to groups affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party and research groups being aided by Iran. Harvard University has been accused of partnering with foreign adversaries and collaborating with entities implicated in human rights abuses. A letter by has been sent by the House committees to Harvard University and its President Alan Garber seeking transparency and accountability over its "partnerships and activities that raise serious national security and ethical concerns". In the letter to Harvard President, House Select Committee on China Chairman John Moolenaar wrote.

DRONE ATTACK IN RUSSIA DELAYS KANIMOZHI-LED OP SINDOOR DELEGATION'S FLIGHT

Diary Times Desk : Several flights were halted at Moscow airport following a drone attack, including the flight carrying DMK's Kanimozhi-led all-party delegation. Russia and Ukraine have deployed drones against one another regularly since Russia launched its military offensive on Ukraine over three years ago, but Moscow has rarely been targeted. Drone attacks have intensified in recent days. Russia's defence ministry said that it intercepted and destroyed 112 Ukrainian drones in a third night of attacks. Since Thursday evening, "air defence systems destroyed and intercepted 112 Ukrainian drones", including 24 that were headed toward the capital, the ministry said. Flight services in Moscow and several other regions were disrupted for more than three hours at night. The flight carrying DMK's Kanimozhi and five other ministers, an all-party delegation, taking India's message on Operation Sindoor and anti-terrorism to the world, was also delayed for a brief period.

HARVARD SUES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FOR BARRING ENROLMENT OF FOREIGN STUDENTS



Diary Times Desk : Harvard University on Friday sued the US administration against its decision to revoke its eligibility to enrol international students, in an escalation of the fight between President Donald Trump and the prestigious university. In a statement, Harvard President Dr Alan M Garber condemned the "unlawful and unwarranted action", and said the Ivy League university has filed a legal petition for a restraint order on the revocation. "We condemn this unlawful and unwarranted action. It imperils the futures of thousands of students and scholars across Harvard and serves as a warning to countless others at colleges and universities throughout the country who have come to America to pursue their education and fulfill their dreams," Mr Garber said. "We have just filed a complaint, and a motion for a temporary restraining order will follow. As we pursue legal remedies, we will do everything in our power to support our students and scholars. The Harvard International Office will provide periodic updates as new information becomes available," he added.

US, IRAN RESUME NUCLEAR TALKS IN ROME AMID CLASHING DEMANDS

Diary Times Desk : Iranian and US negotiators resumed talks on Friday in Rome to resolve a decades-long dispute over Iran's nuclear ambitions, Iranian media reported, despite Tehran warning that clinching a new deal might be insurmountable amid mutually exclusive demands. The stakes are high for both sides. President Donald Trump wants to curtail Tehran's potential to produce a nuclear weapon that could trigger a regional nuclear arms race and perhaps threaten Israel. The Islamic Republic, for its part, wants to be rid of devastating sanctions on its oil-based economy. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi and Trump's Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff were expected to lead a fifth round of talks, through Omani mediators. Both Washington and Tehran have taken a tough stance in public over Iran's intensifying uranium enrichment programme, which could potentially give it scope to build a nuclear warhead, even though Tehran says it has no such ambitions.



UK MIGRATION DROPS SHARPLY AS THOUSANDS OF INDIAN STUDENTS AND WORKERS EXIT

Diary Times Desk : The UK's latest migration statistics reveal a sharp impact of stricter visa and immigration policies, with Indian students and workers among the largest groups to leave the country in the past year. According to 2024 data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), approximately 37,000 Indians who came to the UK for education, 18,000 for work, and another 3,000 for other reasons emigrated over the past year. This places Indian nationals at the top of the list of people leaving the UK. They were followed by Chinese nationals, with 45,000 departing for similar reasons. Other significant emigration figures include Nigerians (16,000), Pakistanis (12,000), and Americans (8,000). As a result, net migration to the UK fell by 431,000 in 2024 — nearly half of the total recorded the previous year. "Among people emigrating, Indian was the most common nationality," the ONS report noted, drawing from UK Home Office data. "Study-related emigration was the most common reason for the five most frequent non-EU (European Union) nationalities to emigrate in YE (year-ending) December 2024.

JAPAN FACES A 'RICE CRISIS' AS PRICE NEARLY DOUBLES FOR FOOD STAPLE

Diary Times Desk : Japan is facing a "rice crisis" as the price of its favourite staple food has nearly doubled over the past year amid rising inflation and supply shortages. Government data released on Friday shows the price of rice rose 98.4 percent year-on-year in April, following a rise of 92.5 percent year-on-year in March. The surge is straining the wallets of Japanese consumers and further dampening the popularity of Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and his ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Emergency measures such as tapping into government rice reserves have failed to make a dent in prices, which climbed to 5,000 yen (about \$35) this month for 5kg (11 pounds) of the popular Koshihikari brand of rice. Other varieties hit 4,200 yen (about \$29) earlier this month, according to Japanese media. "We don't know why we haven't been able to push prices lower," Ishiba told Japan's parliament this week during a question session. "We first will figure out exactly how much rice there is and where it is," he said. Tim Harcourt, chief economist at the Institute for Public Policy and Governance at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), told Al Jazeera several factors continue to put an upwards pressure.

SGPC PUTS ON HOLD PLAN TO INSTALL DR MANMOHAN SINGH'S PORTRAIT IN GOLDEN TEMPLE MUSEUM

Diary Times Desk : The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has decided to defer its plan to install a portrait of former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh in Central Sikh Museum within the Golden Temple complex. However, SGPC's decision to set up Dr Singh's portrait alongside other Sikh personalities during its May 13 executive body meeting was met with disapproval from radical groups. Balwant Singh Rajoana, currently imprisoned in the Patiala jail for the assassination of former chief minister Beant Singh, expressed his dissent with SGPC's decision. In a strongly worded letter to SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami, Rajoana referred to Dr Manmohan Singh as the 'puppet' Prime Minister of the Congress, which had launched an attack on Golden Temple and Akal Takht, and was guilty of the Sikh genocide and safeguarding the culprits of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. Rajoana asked SGPC to review its decision to install Dr Singh's portrait in the museum. Similarly, the radical Sikh organisation Dal Khalsa opposed the decision. Dal Khalsa acting president Paramjit Singh Mand stated that despite Dr Singh's decade-long tenure in top positions in the Indian government, he had done little of significance for the welfare of Sikhs.



3 YEARS ON, NANGAL BRIDGE REMAINS INACCESSIBLE, DESPITE COMPLETION

Diary Times Desk : A bridge near Barari village in Nangal, made at a cost of about Rs 5 cores by the PWD, still remains inaccessible to the public despite being completed three years ago. What was meant to be a lifeline has now become a symbol of stalled governance, concrete structure standing idle, awaiting inauguration. The sources here said that the bridge was launched with promises of convenience and connectivity of many villages of Nangal region to main national highway leading from Nangal to Ropar but the project has raised serious questions about administrative foresight. Now the questions are being raised of how was construction allowed to begin without obtaining all necessary approvals from various government department. When it was already known that the bridge needed to be connected to a main road, why were clearances not secured beforehand by concerned officials and who was responsible for waste of public funds.

PUNJAB AAP MLA RAMAN ARORA ARRESTED IN CORRUPTION CASE

Diary Times Desk : Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Raman Arora has reportedly been arrested by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) while visiting a temple. Sources claim the arrest is linked to a corruption case involving former Assistant Town Planner (ATP) of the Municipal Corporation, Sukhdev Vashisht, who was arrested last week. Arora allegedly used Vashisht to issue bogus notices and extort money from targeted individuals. A VB raid was also conducted at Arora's residence following his arrest. Arora's security was withdrawn 10 days ago. He had 14 security personnel, all of whom had been taken back on the government order. Action against him was expected since then. More details are awaited. The arrest is linked to a corruption case involving former Assistant Town Planner (ATP) of the Municipal Corporation, Sukhdev Vashisht, who was arrested last week.

PUNJAB CABINET'S DECISION AIMS TO STREAMLINE PAYMENT PROCESS FOR PROPERTIES SOLD BY ULBS

Diary Times Desk : In a decision aimed at streamlining and expediting the payment process for properties sold by urban local bodies (ULBs), the Punjab Cabinet on Friday approved an amendment to the Punjab Management and Transfer of Municipal Properties Rules, 2021. A decision to this effect was taken by the Council of Ministers in a meeting held here under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, said an official statement. "As per the amendment, the Cabinet has decided to reduce the time period to six months for depositing the sale price by allottees for properties sold by the Urban Local Bodies. "So, the allottees will now be required to deposit the full sale price within 180 days from the date of allotment, replacing the earlier provision of six half-yearly instalments. The decision aims at the faster realisation of revenue by urban local bodies, strengthening of municipal finances and facilitation of the common man by a reduction in legal disputes related to delayed payments," the statement said. With the objective to further tap Punjab's growth potential by developing a vibrant environment for entrepreneurship, the cabinet also gave the nod to allot Rs 5 crore to Punjab Innovation Mission to help meet its objectives.

WINDFALL FOR RESIDENTS AS 8 PATIALA VILLAGES GET MOHALI TAG, LAND RATES DOUBLE TO RS 4 CR PER ACRE

Diary Times Desk : Aiming to capitalise on the real estate boom in Mohali and fulfil a long-pending demand of residents, the Punjab Government has transferred eight villages from the Rajpura sub-division in Patiala district to the Banur sub-tehsil of Mohali. A notification regarding the transfer was issued by the Punjab Department of Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management on May 20. The villages include Manakpur, Khera Gajju, Urna, Changera, Ucha Khera, Gurditpura, Hadayatpura and Lehlan. Land prices in these villages have surged sharply. Until recently, an acre of land (on the main road) was fetching around Rs 2 crore. However, the speculation of the transfer from Patiala to Mohali pushed the prices to Rs 3 crore per acre. "After the official notification, the rates have soared to around Rs 4 crore," said Rajinder Sood, a resident of Khera Gajju. Apart from financial gains, the residents would also be spared the tedious travel to Patiala--50 to 60 km away--for revenue and litigation-related works, said Sood. The notification, issued by Anurag Verma, Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner (Revenue), states that the transfer had been executed in accordance with powers conferred under Section 5.

JAGDISH JHINDA ELECTED CHIEF OF HARYANA SIKH GURDWARA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Diary Times Desk : Jagdish Singh Jhinda was on Friday elected the president of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (HSGMC) here. The elected and co-opted members assembled at Gurdwara Chhevin Patshahi to elect the president and office-bearers of the committee. Of the 49 members, 48 participated in the election. While Akal Panthak Morcha leaders and Sikh Samaj Sanstha president Didar Nalvi demanded election through voting, backed by the Baljit Daduwal group, Jhinda, who claimed to have the support of 30 members, was elected by a show of hands. After finding their requests being turned down, the opposition group staged a walkout and criticised the election process. Later, Jhinda announced the committee's 11-member executive body -- five office-bearers and six executive body members. Gurmeet Singh was elected senior vice president, Gurbir Singh vice president, Angrej Singh general secretary and Balvinder Singh joint secretary.

HC STRIKES DOWN HARYANA'S BONUS MARKS POLICY AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has quashed and set aside the state of Haryana's June 2019 notification awarding up to 10 bonus marks for "socio-economic criteria and experience" in recruitments after holding it to be in violation of Articles of 14, 15 and 16 of the Constitution. "The same is accordingly declared ultra vires," the bench asserted. The court held that the state breached the 50 per cent ceiling on total reservations laid down in Indira Sawhney by layering bonus marks atop the existing EWS and backward-class reservations. "Once reservations have already been provided statutorily under the EWS category, as well as on account of social backwardness by providing reservation for backward class, further granting benefit under socio economic criteria would lead to breach of 50 per cent ceiling limit as laid down in Indira Sawhney versus the Union of India and others, and recognised by the Constitution framers while making amendment to Article 16 (4) (b). This court finds that what cannot be done directly cannot be done indirectly," the bench of Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma and Justice Meenakshi I Mehta asserted. The court also ruled that the notification of granting the bonus marks for socio-economic.

SUKHU URGES FM TO HIKE TURKEY APPLE IMPORT DUTY, SEEKS HIGHER BORROWING LIMIT FOR HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and raised the issue of apple imports from Turkey, which is harming the interests of apple growers in the state. He urged the Finance Minister to implement a universal hike in import duty on apples in order to protect the interests of apple growers of the country, including Himachal Pradesh. The Chief Minister also held discussions on various budgetary and financial issues concerning the state, which require the attention of the Union Government. He requested the Finance Minister to raise the borrowing limit of Himachal and other special category states by at least two per cent. He also briefed the Finance Minister on various initiatives taken by the state government to improve fiscal management and the steps taken to augment financial resources despite several financial constraints.

HP COLLEGE SCANDAL: PRINCIPAL ARRESTED FOR 'SEXUAL HARASSMENT' IN BILASPUR

Diary Times Desk : The police have arrested the director-cum-principal of Bandla Hydro Engineering College in Himachal Pradesh's Bilaspur following complaints of sexual harassment by girl students, officials said on Friday. On Thursday, the students held a protest demanding his immediate arrest after a video went viral that purportedly showed the accused trying to inappropriately touch a hospitalised girl student under the blanket. The incident allegedly took place in March 2024, police said. Bilaspur SP Sandeep Dhawal said they had arrested the accused who has been booked on charges of sexual harassment. Given the seriousness of the matter, a district-level investigation committee was formed, which submitted its report to the technical education department. Vibha Sharma, the chairperson of the probe panel, said, "The committee prepared a report after recording the statements of all parties, which has been submitted to the department concerned."

HIMACHAL CHIEF ENGINEER VIMAL NEGI DEATH CASE HANDED OVER TO CBI

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh High Court today ordered that the case of Chief Engineer Vimal Negi's death be handed over to the CBI. Posted as Chief engineer in Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd (HPPCL), Negi had gone missing on March 10 and later his body was found in Gobindsagar dam in Bilaspur on March 18. His family had moved court seeking the handing over of the case to the CBI for an "impartial" probe into the circumstances leading to his death. They alleged that he was being harassed at work place. They had levelled allegations against HPPCL Managing Director Harikesh Meena, Director Personnel Shivam Pratap and Director Desh Raj. The court has directed the CBI to hold an independent inquiry into the case. The detailed order is still awaited. Sharing details of the court directives, RK Bawa, lawyer of the Negi family, said the possibility of foul play could not be ruled out. "The ACS report has mentioned that the matter is not being probed in a fair manner and the officers against whom the family had levelled allegations of harassment in office have been indicted," said Bawa.



NEGI DEATH CASE: ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY DECLINED TO REVIEW FINAL INQUIRY REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Additional Chief Secretary Onkar Sharma, who conducted a fact-finding inquiry into the death of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd (HPPCL) Chief Engineer Vimal Negi, had rejected the request of the Power Department to review the final report to include rebuttal of three officers facing allegations. It is through a letter dated May 14, 2025, that Secretary (Power) Rakesh Kanwar had sought inclusion of the statements of the three officers against whom allegations have been levelled by Negi's family. The 66-page fact-finding inquiry report was submitted by Sharma to the Department of Power on April 8, 2025, in a sealed cover, which has been submitted in court. "It would not be justifiable to delete, add or review the fact finding-inquiry report in the ends of law and justice. Therefore, the inquiry report is not altered or reviewed and in original along with the record is returned," Sharma, ACS (Home and Revenue), wrote back to Kanwar through a letter dated May 15, 2025. Three officers Harikesh Meena, MD (HPPCL), Shivam Pratap, Director (Personnel), and Desh Raj, Director, had appeared and deposed before Sharma. "The inquiry report has made some observations against delinquent officers, without giving them an opportunity of rebuttal, which is an essential requirement of the principle of natural justice," wrote Kanwar.

HIMACHAL CM SUKHU SEEKS NADDA'S SUPPORT FOR UPGRADE OF HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda to seek the support of the Central Government for strengthening health infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh. He apprised the Union Minister about the state's requirements for the implementation of schemes such as Ayushman Bharat and the National Health Mission. He added that there was need for strengthening health facilities in the state. Sukhu specifically requested Nadda for the establishment of a dedicated cancer care centre in the state and the introduction of advanced medical technologies and modern equipment in government hospitals to ensure better healthcare for patients. He also urged Nadda for relaxation in the eligibility criteria for various central schemes and sought the early release of pending funds. Nadda assured the Chief Minister that the interests of Himachal Pradesh would be fully safeguarded and the Central Government would cooperate would the state government. The Chief Minister also met Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil and discussed key water resource projects of Himachal Pradesh. He sought the assistance of the Central Government for protecting the rights of the state in the Kishau hydroelectric power project.

CENTRE RELEASES RS 245 CRORE FOR RURAL JOB SCHEME WAGES

Diary Times Desk : The Central Government has released Rs 245 crore to the state under the wages component of the MGNREGA scheme. The payment was pending since December last year. According to a senior official, around Rs 52 crore under the material component and around Rs 8 crore or Rs 9 crore under the administrative component of the scheme is still pending with the Central Government. Due to the pendency of the payment under the wages component, gram panchayats were not able to make the payment of wages to MGNREGA workers. "People who are entirely dependent on MGNREGA for their livelihood were hit hard. The payment of wages often gets delayed towards the end of the financial year but this time, the delay was quite long," said a gram panchayat pradhan. The released wages payment is for the period from December, 2024, to March, 2025. He said that the payment of wages for the works carried out in the new financial year was being made on time. "We have already received payments for the work that were completed in April," he added.



ON VIRAT KOHLI, ROHIT SHARMA'S RETIREMENT FROM TESTS, GAUTAM GAMBHIR FINALLY BREAKS SILENCE

Diary Times Desk : Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir looks set to be joined by a batch of youngsters as the senior national team prepares for the 5-match Test series in England. With veteran stalwarts like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and Ravichandran Ashwin no longer a part of the team in the longest format, the situation gives some youngsters an opportunity to put their hand up and take up the challenge. While Gambhir admitted that replacing Rohit and Kohli is a tough task, he is confident of the next generation stepping up. "And yes, we've got to be without two senior players. And sometimes I believe that it's the opportunity for some other people to put their hand up and say, Okay, I'm ready for it. So yes, it will be tough, but then there'll be people putting their hand up for sure because this question was asked to me before," said Gambhir while speaking to Cricket Next. Gambhir cited the example of India's successful ICC Champions Trophy outing where the team lifted the title despite missing Jasprit Bumrah, unarguably the finest pacer in world cricket at the moment. "Champions Trophy as well. When Jasprit Bumrah wasn't there, I said exactly the same thing: someone missing out might give another person an opportunity to do something special for the country.



PBKS CLASH WITH DC AS BATTLE FOR TOP-TWO FINISH HEATS UP

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SHAMI UNLIKELY TO MAKE INDIA'S TEST SQUAD FOR ENGLAND TOUR

Diary Times Desk : Fast bowler Mohammed Shami is unlikely to be picked in India's squad for the five-Test tour of England starting on June 20. While Shami is fit to bowl for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the ongoing IPL, ESPNcricinfo has learned he has not built up the necessary workload for Test cricket. He has not played a Test match since the World Test Championship final against Australia in June 2023. It is understood that a member of the BCCI medical staff travelled to Lucknow this week to assess Shami ahead of SRH's game against Royal Challengers Bengaluru on May 23. The selectors had wanted to include Shami as part of the India A squad. However, with no certainty on his fitness to bowl long spells, that option was struck off. While it could not be confirmed whether the selectors have made up their mind regarding the Test selection, it is likely they might play safe and not pick him unless there is a favourable report from the medical staff. Shami, 34, had recovered successfully from the ankle surgery he had in February 2024 but started to experience pain in his right knee, for which he has been seeking treatment. It hasn't prevented him from bowling, but it has hindered his plan to gradually increase his workloads toward Test-match levels, raising concerns in India's selection panel about the viability.

JASPRIT BUMRAH DELIVERS BAD NEWS TO BCCI AHEAD OF ENGLAND TESTS SQUAD SELECTION: 'BODY CAN'T...' - REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Star India pacer Jasprit Bumrah is unlikely to be available for the entirety of the upcoming England tour, according to a report. India will play a five-match Test series against England, starting June 20, and the BCCI is likely to announce the squad on Saturday, May 24. Following the retirements of stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, majority of players who were part of the Australia tour are set to retain their spots. However, a couple of new faces will be travelling to England as part of the senior squad. According to a report in The Indian Express, Bumrah is unlikely to play all five matches as he has informed the BCCI that his body can't take the toll of more than 3 Test matches. "With Jasprit Bumrah already informing the board that his body can't take the toll of more than three Tests matches, the selection committee were known to be in a dilemma on whether to fly out with a similarly iffy bowler," the report said. Bumrah had played all five Tests against Australia, before suffering a back injury during the fifth and final game as India lost the series 1-3. He was leading the team in the match after Rohit decided to opt out of the game owing to poor form.



ANGELO MATHEWS TO RETIRE FROM TEST CRICKET

Diary Times Desk : Veteran Sri Lanka all-rounder Angelo Mathews will retire from Test cricket after the first Test against Bangladesh in Galle, starting June 17. Mathews, who turns 38 just before the match, will bring the curtains down on a decorated Test career that began at the very same venue in July 2009. While this marks the end of his red-ball journey, he has made himself available for white-ball selection "if and when my country needs me." "It is time for me to say goodbye to the most cherished format of the game, international Test Cricket! I have given everything to cricket and cricket has given me everything in return and made me the person I am today," Mathews wrote in a social media post. The Galle Test will be Mathews' 119th in the format, 34 of which he played as captain. He is set to finish as Sri Lanka's third-highest run-scorer in Tests, behind only Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene. Heading into his final match, he has amassed 8,167 runs at an average of 44.62, with 16 centuries and a highest score of 200*. He also chipped in with 33 wickets.

WEST BENGAL SPORTS MINISTER ALLEGES POLITICS BEHIND IPL MATCH SHIFT TO GUJARAT

Diary Times Desk : West Bengal Sports Minister Aroop Biswas has strongly alleged that there is a political conspiracy behind the decision to shift the Indian Premiere League (IPL) playoffs and finals from Kolkata's Eden Gardens to Gujarat. He said that the weather is just an excuse. "Rain is an excuse, but it is a conspiracy. The BCCI and IPL Governing Council have blamed the weather but we have received the weather report. CAB had written a letter earlier to know what kind of weather there would be. The Meteorological Department had already written to CAB with the weather forecast between May 20 and May 30. The rest forecast will be published and will be analysed after May 26 said by Meteorological department. There is no forecast before this. We don't know when the IPL Governing Council became meteorologists," Biswas said. Claiming a political motive behind the shift, he said, "We were supposed to have the IPL play-offs and finals at Eden Gardens. It is definitely being moved for political reasons. Why did you deprive the cricket lovers of Bengal of my words?" He refuted claims that law and order issues prompted the shift. "The state BJP president and central minister wrote, the match has been moved.