

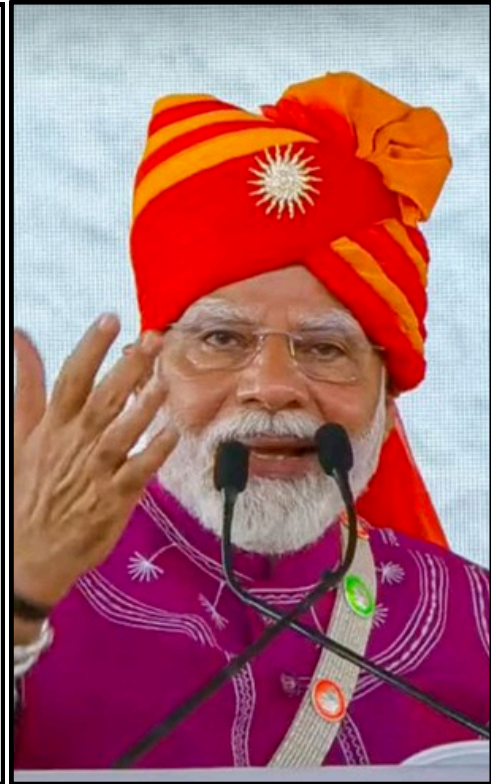
## OPERATION SINDOOR

## END IS NEAR FOR THOSE DARING TO WIPE OFF SINDOOR OF OUR SISTERS, SAYS PM AT RALLY IN GUJARAT

**Diary Times Desk :** Addressing a rally in Dahod in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed Operation Sindoor and said those daring to wipe off the sindoor of our sisters must know their end is near. Referring to the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, the PM — in his first address in his home state Gujarat — made it clear that terrorism in India will be dealt with an iron fist. "Those who try to erase the sindoor of women will be wiped out," he said.

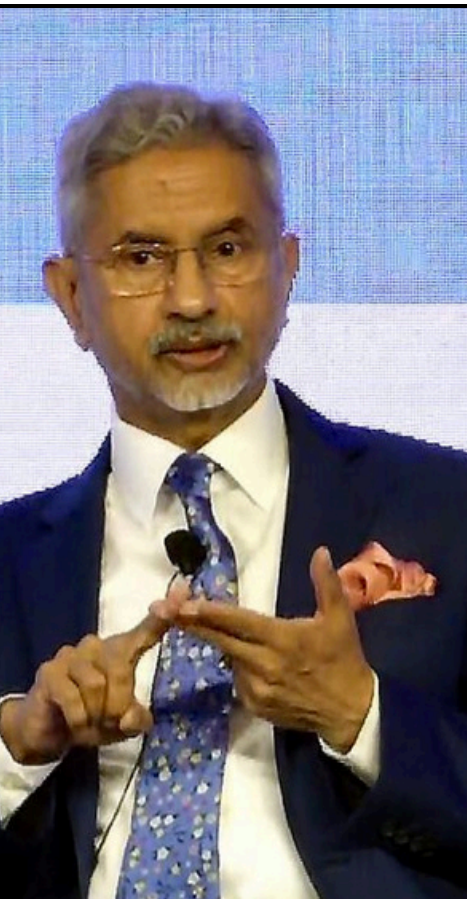
Calling it a reflection of India's core values and collective anger, Modi declared, "Operation Sindoor was not just a military response — it was a message from Indians that this nation will not remain silent in the face of terror." Describing the attack as one of the most heart-wrenching in recent memory, he recalled the moment the terrorists gunned down several people in front of their children. "That image is seared into the national conscience. It ignited not just grief, but an uncontrollable resolve," Modi said, asserting that the terrorists grossly underestimated the strength of India's response.

According to the Prime Minister, India's armed forces, given full operational autonomy, acted with unmatched precision. In just 22 minutes, they neutralised nine high-value terror hubs across Pakistan. "Pakistan attempted retaliation, but their response was met with overwhelming force," Modi stated. Without revealing operational specifics, he confirmed that the mission was executed in "a manner not seen in decades," both in scale and efficiency. He praised the armed forces for their discipline and valour, saying, "From the sacred land of Dahod, I bow to the bravery of our soldiers." Modi framed the operation as part of a broader philosophy.



## OPERATION SINDOOR

## TERRORISM AN 'OPEN BUSINESS' IN PAKISTAN, SAYS JAISHANKAR; RUBBISHES NUKE WAR CLAIMS



**Diary Times Desk :** Refuting the widespread claims that India and Pakistan were at the edge of using nuclear weapons during the recent skirmish, Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar has said at "no point was a nuclear level reached".

Jaishankar, in an interview to 'Faz', a German newspaper, answered the question if India and Pakistan were close to using the nuclear option during the skirmish (May 7- 10) saying, "We were very, very far from using the nuclear option."

"At no point was a nuclear level reached. There is a narrative as if everything that happens in our part of the world leads directly to a nuclear problem," said the minister. He added, "This disturbs me a lot because it encourages activities like terrorism" His refuted the claim of US President Donald Trump, who said he had 'averted' a nuclear-armed clash between the two neighbours.

The Ministry of External Affairs shared the English transcript of Jaishankar's interview on Monday. He said, "India targeted only terrorist camps. Those were very measured, carefully considered and non-escalating steps. After that, the Pakistani military opened fire on us. We were able to show them that we could disable their air defence systems. Then the firing stopped at their request."

The minister blamed Pakistan for abetting terrorism. "In Pakistan, terrorism is a very open business. A business that is supported, financed, organised and used by the state. And by their military."

AT BARMER RALLY, CONGRESS QUESTIONS PM’S SILENCE ON TRUMP’S CEASEFIRE CLAIMS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Congress on Monday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s silence on US President Donald Trump’s repeated claims about settling the India-Pakistan conflict through trade. Hitting out at Modi who said “Sindoor runs through my veins” at a recent rally in Bikaner, All-India Congress Committee general secretary Randeep Surjewala asked, “If sindoor runs through his veins, then how could the decision be made on the grounds of trade?” Surjewala was speaking at Jai Hindi Sabha, a rally organised in Barmer in honour of the Indian defence forces that carried out Operation Sindoor earlier this month. In the rally, Congress leaders raised concerns over the Modi government’s handling of national security, Army recruitment and foreign policy. Surjewala claimed that while India’s defence forces were making significant progress during Operation Sindoor and Pakistan’s morale was broken, the US intervened and brokered a ceasefire. This was detrimental to India’s interests, he said. “Why hasn’t the Prime Minister spoken against the US or clarified its role in the situation?” he asked. Stating that Indira Gandhi had shown the strength to confront US President Richard Nixon during the 1971 war, Surjewala asked why Modi has not done the same against Trump.



COP SHOT DEAD DURING RAID BY CRIMINAL’S ASSOCIATES IN UP’S GHAZIABAD

**Diary Times Desk :** A 28-year-old constable, a part of Noida Police team out to catch a wanted criminal in Ghaziabad, was shot dead by his associates, police said on Monday. The incident took place in Masuri area’s Nahal village late on Sunday night, when the team raided a location looking for Qadir, wanted in a case of robbery registered in Noida’s Phase-III police station. When the team was taking Qadir away, his associates hiding near a panchayat bhavan fired gunshots, pelted them with stones and launched an attack on them with deadly weapons, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Rural, Surendra Nath Tiwari. Constable Saurabh Kumar Deshwal received a gunshot in the head in the attack. He was rushed to Yashoda Hospital, where doctors declared him dead, the DCP said. The 2016-batch policeman, a native of Shamli, was posted at Phase-III Police Station. “His death has caused a huge loss to the police department,” said.

SC COLLEGIUM RECOMMENDS CJS OF KARNATAKA AND GAUHATI HCS, BOMBAY HC JUDGE FOR ELEVATION TO TOP COURT



**Diary Times Desk :** The Supreme Court Collegium on Monday recommended the names of Karnataka High Court Chief Justice NV Anjaria, Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Vijay Bishnoi and Justice Atul S Chandurkar of the Bombay High Court to be appointed as judges of the top court. The decision was taken in a meeting of the five-member Supreme Collegium led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai. Other members of the Collegium are Justice Surya Kant, Justice Vikram Nath, Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice BV Nagarathna. Once the recommendations are processed and the appointment of the three judges are notified, the working strength of the Supreme Court will reach 34. Currently, the top court is functioning with only 31 judges against its sanctioned strength of 34, including the CJI. The three vacancies in the top court were created by the retirement of CJI Sanjiv Khanna, Hrishikesh Roy and Justice Abhay S Oka. Justice Bela M Trivedi is due to retire on June 9, 2025.

NSA DOVAL WON’T ATTEND RUSSIAN SECURITY MEET STARTING TODAY

**Diary Times Desk :** National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will not travel to Russia for the scheduled security meeting convened at Moscow. The NSA of Pakistan Lt Gen Asim Malik is also expected to be in Moscow for the meeting and that has led to speculation if the two could meet on the sidelines of the event. Sources said Doval was scheduled to attend the 13th International Meeting of High Representatives for Security Issues to be held in Moscow, Russia, from 27 to 29 May. “He is unable to participate in the meeting due to indisposition caused by seasonal flu,” sources said, adding that Doval looks forward to advancing bilateral engagement with Russia on strategic and security matters at an early date. The meeting is hosted by major security Russia’s Security Council chaired Sergei Shoigu. Like India, Pakistan is also a member of the SCO, and its NSA Lt Gen Asim Malik is also expected to be in Moscow for the meeting. There are speculations that in the wake of Operation Sindoor, the two key Indian and Pakistani NSAs will be in Moscow and the Russian side may facilitate their face-to-face meeting.



### 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.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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



## HIMACHAL NEWS: ABVP SURROUNDED THE EDUCATION BOARD OFFICE, FORCIBLY ENTERED INSIDE, JOSTLED WITH THE EMPLOYEES AT THE GATE

**Diary Times Desk :** On Monday, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) protested outside the Himachal Pradesh School Education Board Dharamshala headquarters against the irregularities in the 12th class examination results. During this, there was also a scuffle between ABVP workers and the board's security personnel. The workers of the Vidyarthi Parishad kept raising slogans for about 10 to 15 minutes. After this, the secretary was asked to open the main gate to submit the memorandum, but citing security, the workers refused to open the gate. After this, the protesters forcibly opened the gate and reached the board secretary's chamber and raised slogans. Here they also raised slogans of Murdabad. ABVP demanded fair investigation of the examination results, reduction in re-evaluation fees and reduction in the high fees being charged from SOS students. Also, they started asking the reason for closing the gate of the board office premises. ABVP's state co-secretary Abhinav Chaudhary said that the gate was already closed. The board secretary was already informed about submitting the memorandum. The staff deployed at the gate misbehaved with the workers, due to which the gate had to be forcibly opened.



## HIMACHAL NEWS: MINISTER RAJESH DHARMANI SAID- REGIONAL PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT WILL BE MADE FOR SHIMLA, KULLU, KANGRA

**Diary Times Desk :** A regional plan for development will be made for the three districts of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, Kullu and Kangra. While on getting the budget, a development plan will also be made for the entire state. Town and Country Planning Minister Rajesh Dharmani gave this information during a press conference at the Secretariat on Monday. He said that by building as per the rules of TCP, the damage caused by disasters including earthquake, landslide, fire can be reduced. Dharmani said that a development plan has been made for the Taradevi Ji area adjoining the capital Shimla so that not only the greenery remains on the hills here but it also increases further, a concrete jungle should not be built here. Tourists also come here to enjoy nature. For this, the government has decided in the cabinet meeting not to allow any new construction here. However, repair of old houses and small construction along with the house will be allowed. Dharmani said that more construction has been done in Mandali than the capacity.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: COMPANIES WHOSE DRUG SAMPLES FAIL WILL BE THROWN OUT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, NOTICES SENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Now the health department is preparing to expel the companies from the state due to the drug samples continuously failing. The department has sent the third notice to some companies. In ten days, drug industries and laboratories will be inspected. During this time, companies will be instructed to maintain the quality of medicines. During a surprise inspection at Solan Hospital, in an informal conversation with journalists, Health Minister Colonel Dr. Dhaniram Shandil said that many companies established in the state are not taking care of quality. Due to this, samples are continuously failing. Samples of many companies have failed more than three times. If any deficiency is found during inspection, then instructions will be given to correct it immediately. He said that the situation in the state is such that samples of important medicines like heart, diabetes, kidney, antibiotics are failing. This is raising questions on the companies. He said that the companies playing with the health of the people should leave the state on their own. The Health Minister is also not happy with the working of Krasna. Hence, a notice has been issued to the company. It will be known in the coming days whether the tender of the company will be cancelled or not. The Health Minister said that now staff will be prepared in the hospitals of the state. Staff will be recruited and deployed in the lab.

## HP POLITICS: JAIRAM THAKUR SAID- STATE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT TAKING VIMAL NEGI DEATH CASE SERIOUSLY

**Diary Times Desk :** The government was not taking the investigation of the mysterious death of Chief Engineer Vimal Negi seriously, while the BJP was demanding a CBI inquiry from the very beginning. After the Supreme Court's direction, now the investigation of this case is being handed over to the CBI, which makes it clear that the government's intention was suspicious from the very beginning. Former CM Jairam Thakur, who arrived to participate in the Janm Trishatabdi Smriti Varsh Abhiyan program to commemorate the 300th birth anniversary of Ahilyabai Holkar in Ghumarvi, Bilaspur, said this. He said that the roots of this case are linked to corrupt officials and leaders sitting close to power. He said that erasing data from the recovered pen drive and the disappearance of the mobile from the deceased's pocket raises many serious questions. Demanding a fair investigation, he talked about giving strict punishment to the culprits and providing justice to the victim's family. The BJP organized a district level workshop in Ghumarvi under the Janm Trishatabdi Smriti Varsh Abhiyan to commemorate the 300th birth anniversary of Ahilyabai Holkar. Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur attended the program as the keynote speaker. During the workshop, Jairam Thakur spoke in detail about the life of Ahilyabai Holkar and her social contribution.



## SANJAULI MOSQUE CASE: SANJAULI MOSQUE WILL NOT BE DEMOLISHED! SESSION COURT STAYS THE DECISION

**Diary Times Desk :** The Sessions Court has put an interim stay on the orders of the Municipal Corporation Commissioner to demolish the controversial Sanjauli Mosque of Himachal Pradesh. The Waqf Board had challenged the decision of the Municipal Corporation Commissioner Court to demolish the mosque on May 3. This petition was heard in the District Court Chakkar Court on Monday. After hearing the arguments of both the parties, the court of Additional District Judge Yajuvendra Singh accepted the appeal of the Waqf Board and put a stay on the orders of the Municipal Commissioner. Now this matter will be heard again on May 29. Also, in the next hearing, the Municipal Corporation Shimla has to file a reply. At the same time, the Devbhoomi Sangharsh Samiti has withdrawn the caveat filed in the court. Now everyone's eyes are fixed on the next hearing. On behalf of the Himachal Pradesh Waqf Board, a demand has been made to issue a stay order in the District Court to stay the decision of the Commissioner Court on May 17. After this, in the hearing of the case on May 19, the court had issued a summons to the head of the Sanjauli Mosque Committee to appear in the court.

## HIMACHAL: IQ LEVEL OF CHILDREN FROM CLASS 6TH TO 12TH WILL BE TESTED, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL START LEP

**Diary Times Desk :** The reading and writing ability of students from class 6th to 12th in government schools across Himachal Pradesh will be excellent. The education department is starting the Learning Enhancement Program (LEP) in all schools across the state. To test the IQ level of the students, tests will be conducted on OCR sheets across the state on 28th, 30th and 31st May. For this, the overall education department has completed all the preparations. The work of sending question papers and OCR (optical character recognition) sheets to the schools is being done. District coordinator of the program Babita Thakur said that the Learning Enhancement Program has been started in schools to improve the poor examination results in government schools. On 28th May, there will be a mathematics test for students from class 6th to 10th. For this, they will be given 90 minutes. Apart from this, there will be an English subject test for class 11th and 2nd.

"6 GUNMEN SURROUNDING HER": WHEN SCOTTISH YOUTUBER MET JYOTI MALHOTRA IN PAK

**Diary Times Desk :** Haryana YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra, arrested on charges of spying for Pakistan, was guarded by at least six men armed with AK-47 rifles as she roamed around at Anarkali Bazar in Pakistan's Lahore. The sight shocked a Scottish YouTuber, also travelling in Pakistan, who wondered why she needed such security. Callum Mill, whose YouTube channel is called Callum Abroad, visited Pakistan in March. A video he shot during a visit to Lahore's Anarkali Bazar shows several people armed with guns and wearing jackets with "No Fear" written on them. Then Jyoti Malhotra, also recording the video, appears. Callum introduces himself as a Scottish YouTuber. Jyoti asks him if it was his first visit to Pakistan. To this, Callum replies, "No, five times." She also asks him if he has been to India and introduces herself as India. When Callum asks what she thinks about Pakistan's hospitality, Jyoti replies, "It's great". As Jyoti walks on, Callum realises the armed men are with her. "She's the one with the guys, with all the security. I don't know why, what's the reason for all the guns? Look at all the guns she has got surrounding her. There are six gunmen surrounding her," he says. Some other people, also looking like tourists, are seen with Jyoti Malhotra in the Scottish YouTuber's video.

"PAK WAS INFORMED 30 MINUTES LATER": S JAISHANKAR'S OP SINDOOR TIMELINE

**Diary Times Desk :** Foreign Minister S Jaishankar today set the record straight about when information on 'Operation Sindoor' reached Pakistan. He said Islamabad was informed thirty minutes after the Armed Forces struck terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in the early hours of May 7. "Pakistan was informed 30 minutes after terror hubs were struck," he clarified during a Consultative Committee Meeting (CCM) of the Ministry of External Affairs in Delhi this morning. The Union Minister, through the statement, has rebutted Congress's charge that Pakistan was tipped off before the operation. "This is a dishonest misrepresentation of facts," he said. He stressed that Pakistan was relayed the message after a release by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on the operation. "The Foreign Secretary was briefed on the 1.30 am operation, which was followed by a PIB statement. Thereafter, the (DGMO) told his counterpart.

MUMBAI'S BRAND-NEW UNDERGROUND METRO STATION FLOODED IN HEAVY RAIN



**Diary Times Desk :** The newly inaugurated Acharya Atre Chowk underground metro station on Aqua Line 3 was submerged following heavy overnight rainfall in Mumbai that lasted for nearly 13 hours. Notably, the rainfall in the month of May has broken the city's record of 107 years. Operational since May 10, 2025, the Acharya Atre Chowk underground metro station links key business districts Bandra-Kurla Complex and Worli. The official handle of Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) issued a public notice stating, "Mumbai Metro Line 3 Service Update- Due to an unforeseen technical issue, train services on Metro Line-3 are temporarily curtailed and will operate only up to Worli Station instead of Acharya Atre Chowk." MMRC, in a press release, said that due to the sudden and heavy rainfall on Monday, water seepage was reported at the under-construction entry/exit structure of Acharya Atre Chowk station. It added that the incident occurred when the RCC water-retaining wall at the entry/exit collapsed due to the sudden influx of water from an adjoining utility.

"TIME FOR A NEW NORMAL AGAINST TERRORISM": SHASHI THAROOR ON OP SINDOOR

**Diary Times Desk :** The all-party delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor arrived in Georgetown, Guyana, where it was received with great fervour and enthusiasm by the members of the Indian diaspora. Upon arrival, Tharoor congratulated the people of Guyana in advance for their Independence day celebrations, and shared the purpose of the visit of the all-party delegation. Addressing the diaspora, Mr Tharoor said that the delegation was in transit in New York City where it paid tributes to the 9/11 Memorial. He underlined that the visit to the Memorial showed India's solidarity with victims of terrorism in that city. "I think this is something that unites many of us from around the world. Speaking about the interactions which will take place in Guyana, Mr Tharoor mentioned, "We are having meetings with the Prime Minister, the Vice President, other ministers, Foreign Minister. We're also hoping to see some MPs". Mr Tharoor highlighted in his remarks, "Our message is very clear. We have to stand against terrorism wherever it comes. We have to not only bring the evil killers to justice.

S JAISHANKAR ASKED IF US MUST BE THANKED FOR INDIA-PAK CEASEFIRE. HIS REPLY

**Diary Times Desk :** Asked if the world has to thank the US for the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has said he would thank the Indian forces because they made Pakistan reach out and say "we are ready to stop". Dr Jaishankar made the remarks during an interview with German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. Asked if the world has America to thank for the ceasefire, the External Affairs Minister replied, "The cessation of firing was agreed between the military commanders of both sides through direct contact. The morning before, we effectively hit and incapacitated Pakistan's main airbases and air defence system. So, who should I thank for the cessation of hostilities? I thank the Indian military because it was the Indian military action that made Pakistan say: We are ready to stop."



COLONEL SOFIYA QURESHI'S FAMILY JOINS MODI'S ROADSHOW IN GUJARAT'S VADODARA

**Diary Times Desk :** The family of Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, one of the two women military officers who held briefings on India's cross-border strikes on terror infrastructure under Operation Sindoor, joined Prime Minister Narendra Modi's roadshow in Gujarat's Vadodara on Monday. Colonel Qureshi's parents, Taj Mohammad and Halima Qureshi, welcomed Modi as people lined the streets for the roadshow that started at Vadodara's Harni Airport and featured cultural performances. Colonel Qureshi's twin, Shyna Sunsara, called the meeting with Modi a great honour and the roadshow a moment of pride. "He [Modi] has done a lot for women's empowerment. Colonel Qureshi is my twin sister. When your sister does something for the country, it inspires me and others as well." Sunsara said Colonel Qureshi is no longer just her sister but that of the country. She referred to Colonel Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh's Operation Sindoor briefings.

CAB PRESIDENT SNEHASHISH GANGULY SAFE AFTER BOAT ACCIDENT IN PURI

**Diary Times Desk :** Snehashish Ganguly, a former Bengal cricketer and current president of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), had a providential escape in the Puri Beach a couple of days ago. He and his wife Arpita had to be rescued by local divers and lifeguards after their boat capsized on Saturday. Both Snehashish and his wife are back in Kolkata now and safe. "I thank Lord Jagannath. This is sort of a second life for us," Ganguly (56) told Cricbuzz on Monday (May 26). "It was a life-threatening accident. Our boat capsized inside the sea and we were saved by the local people and lifeguards." Snehashish is the brother of Sourav Ganguly, former India captain and former president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Recalling his near-death experience, Snehashish narrated the dramatic turn of events on Puri Beach. I visit Puri every year - it has been a tradition for the past 31 years. I perform puja at the Jagannath Temple annually. On Saturday, we suddenly decided to go into the sea. I don't know why I chose to do it - it was a last-minute decision." It was a day of high tide, and local witnesses told this website.

**GAZA DOCTOR COUPLE'S 9 OF 10  
CHILDREN KILLED IN ISRAELI  
AIRSTRIKES**

**Diary Times Desk :** The father of nine children killed in an Israeli military strike in Gaza over the weekend remains in intensive care, said a doctor on Sunday at the hospital treating him. Hamdi Al-Najjar, himself a doctor, was at home in Khan Younis with his 10 children when an Israeli air strike occurred, killing all but one of them. He was rushed to the nearby Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza where he is being treated for his injuries. Abdul Aziz Al-Farra, a thoracic surgeon, said Najjar had undergone two operations to stop bleeding in his abdomen and chest and that he sustained other wounds including to his head. "May God heal him and help him," Farra said, speaking by the bedside of an intubated and heavily bandaged Najjar. The Israeli military has confirmed it conducted an air strike on Khan Younis on Friday but said it was targeting suspects in a structure that was close to Israeli soldiers. The military is looking into claims that "uninvolved civilians" were killed, it said, adding that the military had evacuated civilians from the area before the operation began. According to medical officials in Gaza, the nine children were aged between one and 12 years old. The child that survived, a boy, is in a serious but stable condition, the hospital has said.

**PUTIN 'HAS GONE ABSOLUTELY  
CRAZY': TRUMP WEIGHS SANCTIONS,  
WARNS OF RUSSIA'S DOWNFALL IF...**

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump said on Monday that Russian President Vladimir Putin "has gone absolutely CRAZY!" as the latter launched massive airstrikes and 'biggest ever' drone attacks in Ukraine amid the ongoing war. Trump posted on Truth social media, "I've always had a very good relationship with Vladimir Putin of Russia, but something has happened to him. He has gone absolutely CRAZY!" The US President said missiles and drones are being shot into cities in Ukraine, "for no reason whatsoever." Trump added, "He is needlessly killing a lot of people, and I'm not just talking about soldiers. Missiles and drones are being shot into Cities in Ukraine, for no reason whatsoever." Trump, who has expressed admiration for Putin in the past, has in recent weeks shown growing frustration with Moscow's position in truce negotiations with Kyiv, which are deadlocked.

**DONALD TRUMP DEFENDS HIS TARIFF POLICY: 'WANT TO MAKE TANKS, NOT T-SHIRTS'**

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump said that his trade policies are not aimed at promoting sneakers and T-shirts but domestic manufacturing of tanks and technology products reports Reuters. "I'm not looking to make T-shirts, to be honest. I'm not looking to make socks. We can do that very well in other locations. We are looking to do chips and computers and lots of other things, and tanks and ships," Trump said. Speaking to reporters in New Jersey before boarding Air Force One, Trump echoed Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's earlier statement, saying the U.S. doesn't require a thriving textile industry, according to Reuters. On April 29, Bessent stated that the U.S. doesn't necessarily require a "booming textile industry"—remarks that sparked backlash from textile companies and were strongly criticized by the National Council of Textile Organizations.

**FRENCH PRESIDENT MACRON'S DRAMATIC  
VIDEO SHOWS "SQUABBLE" WITH WIFE**

**Diary Times Desk :** The French presidency found itself in the midst of some social media turbulence after a video showed the President's face being shoved away in an abrupt gesture by his wife as the two of them landed in Vietnam to begin their official visit to Southeast Asia. The footage showed President Emmanuel Macron standing in the vestibule adjoining the boarding gate, speaking with his wife, Brigitte, who was still inside the cabin as security officials opened the gate. Suddenly her arm emerges from the doorway and shoves his face aside in what appears to be an aggressive gesture. A crew member, who was about to step on to the aircraft sees this and steps back immediately. President Macron appears startled but quickly recovers from it as he realises that the boarding gate has opened and there is a camera pointed right at him. He smiles and raises his right arm to quickly wave at the camera while his other hand clutches on to a handle beside the gateway.

**HAMAS AGREES TO US PROPOSAL ON GAZA  
CEASEFIRE: PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL**

**Diary Times Desk :** Hamas has agreed to a proposal by US special envoy Steve Witkoff for a Gaza ceasefire, a Palestinian official close to the group told Reuters on Monday, paving the way for a possible end to the war with Israel. The new proposal, which sees the release of ten hostages and 70 days of truce, was received by Hamas through mediators. "The proposal includes the release of ten living Israeli hostages held by Hamas in two groups in return for a 70-day ceasefire and a partial withdrawal from the Gaza Strip," the source said. The proposal also sees the release of a number of Palestinian prisoners by Israel, including hundreds serving lengthy prison terms. There was no immediate comment from Israel. On March 18, Israel effectively ended a January ceasefire agreement with Hamas and renewed its military campaign in Gaza. Hamas and allied factions began firing rockets and attacks two days later. Hamas has said it is willing to free all remaining hostages seized by its gunmen in attacks on communities in southern Israel on October 7, 2023.

**STUDENT SEEKS MENSTRUAL  
LEAVE, CHINESE UNIVERSITY  
ASKS FOR PROOF**

**Diary Times Desk :** A woman, seeking menstrual leave at a Chinese university, was asked to pull down her pants and verify she was indeed on her period. The Gengdan Institute of Beijing University of Technology has come under massive criticism after the woman, who complained of menstruation discomfort and sought sick leave, was forced to "prove her condition." In a video posted online on May 15, the student claimed the campus clinic required her to strip to confirm she was having her period, the South China Morning Post (SCMP) reported. In the video, the woman asked a staff member if these examinations were performed on all female students experiencing menstrual pain. The employee reportedly claimed it was a school policy, but she did not offer any written proof to back her statement. "It is not my personal rule, it is a regulation," the female staff responded. Before sending the student to a hospital for verification, the staff said she couldn't issue the leave letter without it.

**IRAN RULES OUT ENRICHMENT  
BREAK AS BAIT FOR US  
NUCLEAR DEAL**

**Diary Times Desk :** Iran will not suspend its enrichment of uranium to secure a deal on its nuclear programme with the United States, officials say. Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Esmail Baghaei reiterated Tehran's tough public stance on Monday, branding reports that Iran could offer to freeze enrichment for three years as talks with the US proceed as "totally false". The denial came three days after negotiators for Tehran and Washington met for a fifth round of Oman-mediated talks in Rome. The US has said it cannot accept any Iranian enrichment. Iran has rejected any such "red line". "Iran will never accept" the suspension of its enrichment programme, Baghaei told reporters, adding that Tehran is awaiting details from Oman regarding a sixth round of negotiations looking at how the country might adjust its nuclear programme in exchange for eased US sanctions. Mindful of domestic politics, Tehran has been careful to maintain a tough line around the talks. President Masoud Pezeshkian on Monday sought to double down on assertions that Iran is ready to walk away without a deal if necessary, regardless of the cost. "It's not like we will die of hunger if they refuse to negotiate with us or impose sanctions. We will find a way to survive," said Pezeshkian, who was quoted by the state news agency IRNA.

## CENTRE URGES HUMANITARIAN APPROACH IN BBMB ROW, CITES BHAI GHANAIIYA'S SELFLESS SERVICE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Centre today invoked the legendary story of Bhai Ghanaiya to refer to the need for adopting a humanitarian approach on sharing of water during the hearing of the ongoing Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) water dispute case. Appearing before the bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel, Additional Solicitor-General of India Satya Pal Jain indicated before the Punjab and Haryana High Court that the dispute was not merely about water allocation but also upholding the values of compassion and service to all. Quoting the example of Bhai Ghanaiya, Jain submitted that he served water indiscriminately to wounded soldiers from both the Sikh and Mughal armies during the Battle of Anandpur Sahib, despite opposition. Bhai Ghanaiya expressed his inability to discriminate between the wounded, following which Guru Gobind Singh, blessed Bhai Ghanaiya's actions based on the spirit of universal compassion. Guru Gobind Singh asked him to apply balm in addition to serving water to the injured indicating the principle of selfless service beyond sectarian divides.



## PUNJAB POLICE NAB CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF GANGSTER-TURNED-TERRORIST ARSH DALLA FROM GUJARAT

**Diary Times Desk :** A close associate of gangster-turned-terrorist Arsh Dalla was arrested from Gujarat, a top Punjab Police officer said on Monday. Lavish Kumar was nabbed from Ahmedabad with the support of Gujarat Police, Punjab Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said. "He is a close associate of foreign-based Arsh Dalla and Jindi Mehandipuria (brother of slain terrorist Teja Mehandipuria)," Yadav said in a post on X. "Preliminary investigations revealed that Lavish was acting under the direct instructions of Arsh Dalla, engaging in extortion, including firing at targets to intimidate victims," he said. Multiple cases of murder, attempted extortion through gunfire, and other serious offences are registered against him, the DGP said. "Lavish had conducted reconnaissance of a liquor contractor and targeted for a Rs 50 lakh extortion demand. He remained in constant communication with foreign-based handlers and was preparing to execute a sensational crime in Punjab," Yadav said.

## NO ROOM FOR PUBLIC-SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS IN COURTROOMS, ONLY ADVOCATES CAN REPRESENT LITIGANTS: HC

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab and Haryana High Court has held that private individuals cannot represent parties in court without the court's prior approval. The ruling draws a sharp line between trained legal professionals and public-spirited individuals seeking to argue matters in the court. Warning against the dangers of allowing untrained persons to handle complex legal proceedings, Justice Harpreet Singh Brar ruled that only advocates were authorised to appear before courts and practice law. Exception existed under Section 32 of the Advocates Act, which provided for private citizens to appear before the court, but "the same was qualified by a prior permission from the court". Justice Brar ruled that any decision to permit a private individual to represent a party must be preceded.

## POLICE FREEZE DISMISSED CONSTABLE AMANDEEP KAUR'S ASSETS

**Diary Times Desk :** The police have frozen the properties of dismissed constable Amandeep Kaur, who was arrested after drugs were seized from her car in Bathinda. In an order, it is stated that the properties which have been frozen and cannot be transferred or sold are a Mahindra Thar valued at Rs 14 lakh, Royal Enfield motorcycle valued at Rs 1.70 lakh. Further, a residential building at Virat Greens Colony valued at Rs 99 lakh, a plot at Dream City colony valued at Rs 18.12 lakh, two iPhones, a Rolex watch valued at Rs 1 lakh and Rs 1.01 lakh cash in her bank account have also been frozen. The order states that it is observed on the basis of financial probe that the above-mentioned properties have been acquired by the accused person in her name out of illegal income earned through drug trafficking. Later, it was stated that the car has not been frozen as the accused had sold it to Gaganpreet Singh Mann a few months before the case was registered and the transfer of RC was under process. Amandeep was out on bail, but was arrested again today by Bathinda Range Vigilance in a case pertaining to amassing assets disproportionate to her known sources of income.

## ZERO FIR AGAINST NAGPUR WOMAN WHO WAS REPATRIATED FROM PAKISTAN THROUGH ATTARI LAND ROUTE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab Police on Monday registered a zero FIR against Nagpur woman Sunita Bholeshwar Jamgade who was repatriated by Pakistan through the Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post (JCP) on Saturday. SSP Maninder Singh confirmed that the FIR was registered under the Official Secrets Act on Monday. She would be handed over to the Maharashtra police after preliminary investigations, he added. On May 14, the mother of a teenager had entered Pakistan through Kargil border in Ladakh, alerting defence and intelligence sleuths. A multi-agency probe was initiated into the "disappearance" of the woman near the Line of Control (LoC) in Kargil along the Pakistan Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK). The woman is suspected to have crossed Suru river from Hunderman village, reportedly to meet individuals she was in contact over social media in the Gilgit-Baltistan region. The Kargil police launched a massive search operation near the Suru after Jamgade went missing on May 14. Her 15-year-old son alerted locals about her disappearance. Initially, the local police and the Army were leading the investigation, but later other intelligence agencies also joined the probe. Sources said drones and sniffer dogs were deployed to trace her in case she did not manage to cross the river. Her belongings from the hotel were used to aid.

## STUDENT KILLED, MANY INJURED AS HARYANA ROADWAYS BUS OVERTURNS IN HISAR VILLAGE

**Diary Times Desk :** A student was killed and a few others were injured as a Haryana Roadways bus overturned after its driver lost control over the vehicle while trying to avoid a fallen tree near Rajli village on the Hisar-Rajli road in Hisar district on Monday. The incident occurred in the morning when the overcrowded bus carrying around 65 passengers was on its way to Hisar with many students among the passengers. The driver spotted a fallen tree on the road and in an attempt to navigate around it, he steered the vehicle onto the muddy roadside where it overturned. Villagers from nearby areas rushed to the site and helped in pulling people out of the bus. Twenty-year-old Khushi Mohammad, a resident of Rajli village, died on the spot. Four girl students suffered serious injuries and were rushed to the local hospital.

## COURT ACCEPTS POLICE CLOSURE REPORT TO CANCEL SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE AGAINST EX-WFI CHIEF BRIJ BHUSHAN

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**PEKHUBELA SOLAR POWER PROJECT MAY HOLD KEY TO DEATH: UNA MLA**

**Diary Times Desk :** Una MLA Satpal Singh Satti today said that the death of Vimal Negi, Chief Engineer of the Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation, under mysterious circumstances could be linked to the 32 Mega Watt solar power plant installed in Pekhubela village of Una Assembly segment during the present Congress regime. Addressing mediapersons, Satti said the solar plant in Una was installed at a cost of Rs 240 crore, while a 35 Mega Watt solar plant, installed in Kachchh district of Gujarat during the same period was set up at a cost of only Rs 140 crore. He said the BJP had charged that there was misappropriation of Rs 100 crore in the Pekhubela project, adding that Negi was reportedly under pressure to sign files related to the project. The BJP leader said his party has been repeatedly demanding handing over the case of Vimal Negi's death to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), but the Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues had been evading the BJP's demands. Now that the case has been handed over to the CBI, the BJP hopes that some big names would be exposed.

**HIMACHAL WEATHER NEWS: WET SPELL LIKELY TO CONTINUE TILL MAY 31**

**Diary Times Desk :** Light to moderate rain was recorded across most parts of the state, with heavy rain at isolated places during the past 24 hours. Thunderstorm was also recorded at many places in district Shimla, Mandi, Kullu and Kangra. Gusty winds reaching speeds of up to 70 kmph were recorded at some places. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), light to moderate rain is likely at many places across the state till May 31. An orange alert has been issued for hailstorm and thunderstorms on May 27 and 28. Maximum temperatures are likely to fall by 3-4°C over many parts of the states during the next 24 hours. Thereafter, maximum temperatures are likely to rise gradually by 3-5°C during the subsequent next 2-3 days. Minimum temperatures are expected to remain largely unchanged over the next 24 hours but will likely rise gradually by 2-4°C over many parts of the states during next 2-3 days. Light to moderate rain was recorded across most parts of the state, with heavy rain at isolated places during the past 24 hours.

**THAKUR DEMANDS SUKHU'S RESIGNATION, ACCUSES HIMACHAL GOVT OF SHIELDING OFFICIALS**

**Diary Times Desk :** Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur today demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu over the death of Vimal Negi, Chief Engineer of the Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation, and the subsequent "collapse of Constitutional systems" in the state. "The government has lost the moral right to continue in view of what is happening in the Vimal Negi death case. There's no semblance of governance left in the state. The BJP has decided to seek the CM's resignation," said Thakur while addressing a press conference here today. Thakur further alleged that instead of ensuring justice to the family of the deceased, the government had been protecting the officials accused of harassing Negi and stalling the demand for handing over the case to the CBI. "Now that the High Court has handed over the case to the CBI, the government and the officials concerned are worried as a lot of things will come out," he said. He also claimed that the government was mulling action against the DGP and the Additional Chief Secretary as they did not succumb to government pressure.

**STATE WON'T APPEAL AGAINST CBI PROBE IN VIMAL NEGI'S DEATH: CM SUKHU**

**Diary Times Desk :** While accusing BJP of politicising the death of Chief Engineer Vimal Negi, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said today that the state government will not appeal against the high court order handing over the case to CBI. Addressing a press conference, Sukhu said Negi's family had never approached him for a CBI inquiry, which he would have ordered if they had come to him. "The state government will fully cooperate with CBI and provide them with every possible help to ensure that the family gets justice," he said. Sukhu admitted that internal squabbling among top police officers was a factor, saying that the high court was informed about the developments in the case. "I want to make it amply clear that any act of indiscipline by officers will not be tolerated, and after reviewing the situation, action will be taken against erring officers," he said. "Negi was posted in HP Power Corporation Ltd on June 15, 2024, so I don't know what pressure he suffered within nine months. But I want to reiterate that our government wants the family to get justice," he added. Sukhu said BJP, including Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, was not concerned about the circumstances that led to Negi's death, as they were only interested in politicising the issue for mileage. "It's natural for Negi's family to doubt investigations when three reports from three officers stated different facts.

**EXPERIMENTS TO CULTIVATE HEENG IN INDIA BEAR FRUIT, PLANTS FLOWER FOR THE FIRST TIME**

**Diary Times Desk :** Experiments by the Council for Industrial and Scientific Research (CSIR) to cultivate asafoetida, known locally as heeng, have borne fruit, with the plant flowering in India for the first time. The project was launched in the remote Lahaul and Spiti region of Himachal Pradesh by CSIR's Palampur-based Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), in 2020, and a Heeng Seed Production Centre had been established in February. The plant requires cold and dry conditions for its growth and it takes approximately five years for the production of oleo-gum resin in its roots, from which edible heeng, widely used in cuisines and also for medicinal purposes, is extracted. "Ongoing research and development aims to establish a sustainable seed cycle and ensure long-term cultivation success in cold desert regions. This will go a long way in reducing our import dependence on this high-value spice, the CSIR said on Monday while terming the process as a breakthrough for indigenous farming. Asafoetida is one of the top condiments and a high-value spice crop. India imports about 1,200 tonnes of raw asafoetida annually from Afghanistan, Iran and Uzbekistan, spending approximately USD 100 million annually.

**HIMACHAL DGP SEEKS SUSPENSION OF SHIMLA SP FOR MISCONDUCT**

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh DGP Atul Verma on Sunday recommended immediate suspension of Shimla SP Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi for "gross misconduct, insubordination and dereliction of duty". This comes a day after SP Gandhi held a press conference and accused DGP Verma's staff of having links with drug peddlers. In a letter to the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) as well as to the Chief Secretary and Private Secretary to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the DGP also said the Shimla SP should be directed to report to the police headquarters pending the outcome of a detailed departmental inquiry and the CBI investigation into the Vimal Negi death case. In the letter, it has been mentioned that the SSP made inappropriate and baseless allegations against senior government functionaries, including the Chief Secretary, as well as a constitutional authority, which is tantamount to misconduct and insubordination. "He also made unverified and potentially prejudicial statements regarding the National Security Guards in connection with a matter that is currently under active investigation. These actions have the potential to strain the relationship between the Centre and the state government," said the DGP.



"NOT GOING TO WORK HARDER IF GETTING RS 20 CRORE":  
AJINKYA RAHANE'S BLUNT TAKE ON VENKATESH IYER

**Diary Times Desk :** Kolkata Knight Riders captain Ajinkya Rahane said underwhelming batting performances by key players like Rinku Singh and Andre Russell, was the main reason for the defending champions' disappointing eighth-place finish this IPL season. Rahane said while the bowling unit largely met expectations, the failure of three-four main batters derailed their campaign. KKR's season ended with a crushing 110-run defeat to Sunrisers Hyderabad here on Monday. "It's just that for us as a team, three-four guys were out of form. Where we faltered was at the batting end. As a batting unit, collectively, we couldn't do well," Rahane said during the post-match media interaction. "Unfortunately, two-three players were going through that phase for us. And that was the reason we couldn't do well...But again, they are pretty much experienced enough to handle this situation. 'I'm sure they will come back stronger next year...Rinku (Singh), Raman (Ramandeep Singh), all the players, they will learn from the mistakes and come back stronger.'" Venkatesh Iyer (average 20.28), Andre Russell (18.55), Rinku (29.42), and Ramandeep (9.40), who played key roles in KKR's 2024 title triumph, failed to replicate their form this season, hurting the team's prospects.



CHETESHWAR PUJARA'S BLUNT TAKE ON  
SARFARAZ KHAN TEST SNUB:  
"MANAGEMENT FEELS HE MAY NOT..."

**Diary Times Desk :** Cheteshwar Pujara has opened up on Sarfaraz Khan's snub from India's Test squad for the upcoming series against England. Sarfaraz didn't find a place in India's 18-man squad that was announced on Saturday, ahead of a five-match series starting June 20. Sarfaraz had travelled with the team to Australia as part of the squad for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, but he didn't play a single game. Pujara, who was one of the hopefuls over a potential Test return, said the selectors thought Sarfaraz might not succeed in England. "The reason he is not in the squad, I feel, is he has been very successful in the Asian conditions or in India. The management feels that he may not be as successful in Australia or in England. And there were some fitness issues in the past. I don't know about his current fitness. But he has been working hard on his fitness also. So, at this stage, I feel it's a bit unfortunate. But at the same time, someone like Karun Nair, who has performed really well in domestic cricket, deserved an opportunity," Pujara told Hindustan Times. After toiling in domestic red-ball cricket for years, Sarfaraz finally made his way to India's Test side, making his debut against England in February last year. However, the batter didn't play a single game in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia.

KL RAHUL SENT STERN WARNING AHEAD  
OF ENGLAND TEST SERIES: "DO NOT..."

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Indian cricket team batter Aakash Chopra has one request for KL Rahul when it comes to the Test series against England - "Do not taper off". With Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli announcing their retirement ahead of the series, several experts believe that Rahul will be opening the innings for India against England. Chopra said that in the absence of Virat and Rohit, Rahul will have to take big responsibility in the team. He also pointed out that in the past few series, Rahul started strong but his form declined with time - an aspect that he wanted the veteran star to work on. "For Rahul, there is one thing in my mind that the entire series does not turn out to be good despite him getting off to a good start. Whether it is the series of Australia, the series of England, or the series of South Africa. The start was very good, but he tapers off towards the end. So at some stage, you need to figure out that it is not possible to make 80 in the first match and 100 in the second but then finish the series with an average of 30," Chopra said on JioStar. "I want a series of averages of 47, 48, 52, 54. And no better time to do this than now. Because you are not new, Rohit is not there, Kohli is not there. There will be more responsibility. KL Rahul is one of those who played the whole series last time. So KL, you have a little more responsibility," he added.

'IF I GIVE ZIMBABWE TO CLIVE LLOYD, HE WON'T BE GOOD EITHER': MS DHONI  
TO 'RETURN' NEXT YEAR DESPITE LACKING 100 PERCENT

**Diary Times Desk :** The IPL 2025 season witnessed a major downfall in the performance of Chennai Super Kings, which is also one of the most successful teams in the league's 18-year history. CSK started off the season with a thumping win over Mumbai Indians at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. However, as the tournament progressed, the team started to fall off the cliff and found themselves at the bottom of the points table, finishing with just four wins in 14 matches. CSK also became the first team to get out of the playoffs race this season, and for the first time, finished with the wooden spoon. CSK's poor outing raised serious questions about MS Dhoni's captaincy, who took charge of the team midway through this season after Ruturaj Gaikwad's elbow injury. Apart from captaincy, Dhoni's strike rate in crunch situations was not up to the mark either to get CSK over the line on multiple occasions. Speaking about Dhoni's leadership in this IPL season, former Indian cricketer Atul Wassan said that there's only so much a captain can do with his team.



PRIYANK PANCHAL  
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT  
FROM FIRST-CLASS CRICKET

**Diary Times Desk :** Priyank Panchal has announced his retirement from first-class cricket, effective immediately. The opening batter amassed close to 9000 runs in the red-ball format and has also won the Ranji Trophy once in 2016-17. The 35-year-old also holds the record for most centuries by a Gujarat batter in first-class cricket that includes an epic 148 in his last appearance - the Ranji Trophy semifinal against Kerala. That was the game in which Gujarat missed out on the first-innings lead by two runs which cost them a place in the final. In that 2016-17 season where Gujarat won their maiden (and only) title, Panchal amassed over 1300 runs which is still one of the best ever tally by an individual in the tournament's history. The previous season, he was a part of the squad that won the Vijay Hazare Trophy. He has played 97 matches in List A cricket, scoring eight centuries and in T20 cricket, he ended up playing 59 games with his most recent appearance coming in October 2023. Even though he has played for India A, Panchal remained uncapped at the international level and has not played in the IPL as well.

JIOHOTSTAR BAGS THE  
DIGITAL RIGHTS OF INDIA-  
ENGLAND SERIES

**Diary Times Desk :** JioHotstar has bagged the exclusive digital rights of the upcoming series between England and India. Cricbuzz can confirm that the premier sports broadcast network in the country has completed a digital deal with Sony Entertainment Network, or Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited. The five-Test marquee series between England and India, starting on June 20 at Leeds, will now be available on JioHotstar too. Negotiations between the networks have been underway for the past month, and an agreement is believed to have been reached in the last 24 hours. Sony has agreed to sub-license the digital streaming of the matches but has retained the linear rights of the series, which will now be shown on the Sony Sports network. An immediate response from either party, Sony or Jio Star, could not be obtained at the time of writing but it has been learned that an announcement to the effect is expected later in the day. The four other Tests to be played in England will be in Birmingham (from July 2), Lord's (from July 10), Manchester (July 23) and finally at the Oval (from July 31). It is understood that the current arrangement between Sony and Jio Star extends to next year's white ball series as well. India are to play three ODIs and five Twenty20.