

OPERATION SINDOOR

PM MODI TO MEET ALL-PARTY GLOBAL OUTREACH DELEGATIONS ON OPERATION SINDOOR NEXT WEEK

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will likely meet the members of all the all-party delegations once they return after India's global outreach on Operation Sindoor starting today. The meeting with the Prime Minister could be held on 9 or 10 June, according to reports.

The all-party delegations that toured the world to explain Operation Sindoor are on way home. The first delegation led by Bharatiya Janata Party leader Baijayant 'Jay' Panda returns to India today, June 3. Panda's delegation, which left Delhi on 24 May, visited Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Algeria.

Before the PM meets all seven delegations, they are scheduled to debrief external affairs minister S Jaishankar beginning June 3. Panda-led delegation's meeting with Jaishankar is scheduled at 2.30 pm today.

The second delegation to return to India will be the one headed by Janata Dal - United's Sanjay Jha that will reach Delhi at 9.30 pm today while the one led by Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde will reach India on 4 June. Seven delegations visited several countries to address audiences, policymakers, and elected representatives on India's position on Pakistan's decades-long promotion of terrorism and New Delhi's new normal in tackling cross-border terror after Operation Sindoor. The multi-party delegations—comprising 59 lawmakers, in addition to former diplomats — travelled to 33 countries, including the European Union.



IPL 2025 FINAL

IPL 2025 FINAL : RCB BECAME CHAMPION AFTER 17 YEARS, WON THE FIRST TITLE BY DEFEATING PUNJAB



Diary Times Desk : History was created in the IPL final on Tuesday at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Royal Challengers Bangalore won the IPL title for the first time in 18 years. Punjab Kings were defeated by RCB by 6 runs in the final.

Chasing the target, Punjab Kings started fast. There was a 43-run partnership for the first wicket. After this, Hazelwood gave the first blow by dismissing Priyansh Arya (24). Prabhsimran was out on a score of 79. Captain Shreyas Iyer was out after scoring just one run.

Krunal Pandya took two wickets for 17 runs in 4 overs. He put the set batsman Josh Inglis (39) back in the match. After this, he put the last nail in Punjab's defeat by taking two wickets in the 17th over. Punjab Kings could only score 184 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs.

In the final match, the Punjab captain won the toss and decided to bowl first. Led by Kyle Jamieson (3/48) and Arshdeep Singh (3/40), Punjab Kings bowlers restricted Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) to 190 runs. Arshdeep bowled brilliantly in the last over of the innings, giving only three runs and taking three wickets.

Virat Kohli, playing the final for the fourth time in his 18-year IPL career, scored the highest 43 runs, but he batted slowly. Kohli hit only one four in the first nine overs and he played 18 dot balls.

Both RCB and Punjab have come to win the trophy for the first time. Punjab has made it to the final after 11 years and RCB after 9 years.

IMPEACHMENT MOTION AGAINST JUSTICE YASHWANT VARMA IN NEXT PARLIAMENT SESSION: GOVT SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : The government will bring an impeachment motion against Justice Yashwant Varma in Parliament's next session and will seek to build an all-party consensus for action against the Allahabad High Court judge embroiled in a case of suspected corruption. Government sources said on Tuesday that Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju will be speaking to leaders of different parties to get them on board for the impeachment motion against the judge following his indictment by a three-member committee constituted by the then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna. A fire incident at Varma's residence in the national capital in March this year when he was a judge at the Delhi High Court had led to the discovery of sacks of cash in the outhouse.



'THUG LIFE' WILL NOT BE RELEASED IN KARNATAKA ON JUNE 5, KAMAL HAASAN TELLS COURT

Diary Times Desk : Movie 'Thug Life' will not be released in Karnataka on June 5, the scheduled date for the pan-India release of the much anticipated movie, Kamal Haasan informed the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday. The court posted to June 10 the hearing on his plea seeking adequate security at theatres planning to screen it in the state amidst the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) boycott. Justice M Nagaprasanna noted that the producers of the movie have said that they are not willing to screen the movie in Karnataka, unless there is a dialogue or a trialogue involving the KFCC. The court also strongly criticised Haasan for his recent remark suggesting that "Kannada was born out of Tamil", and observed that a "single apology could have resolved the situation". The remark, reportedly made by Haasan at a promotional event in Chennai for his upcoming Tamil film 'Thug Life', sparked a backlash in Karnataka.

'NARENDRA JI SURRENDERED AFTER TRUMP'S CALL DURING INDO-PAK CONFLICT': RAHUL TAKES A DIG AT PM



Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "surrendered" after a call from US President Donald Trump during the India-Pakistan military conflict. He said the then prime minister Indira Gandhi did not budge in the 1971 war despite the US sending its Seventh Fleet. "A call came from Trump and Narendra ji immediately surrendered - history is a witness, this is the character of BJP-RSS, they always bow down," he posted on X after launching the Congress's 'Sangthan Srijan Abhiyan' here in the presence of Congress leaders and workers. "I know BJP-RSS people; if you put even a little pressure and give them just a slight push, they run away out of fear," he said. Rahul said India broke Pakistan in 1971 despite America's threat. "Congress's Babbar Sher and lionesses fight with superpowers, they never bowed down," he added. He said no phone call came during the 1971 war. Even though the 7th fleet, weapons, and an aircraft carrier arrived, Indira Gandhi didn't surrender and said she would do whatever she wanted.

PAKISTAN TO GET USD 800 MILLION 'FINANCIAL BOOSTER' FROM ADB DESPITE INDIA'S OBJECTIONS

Diary Times Desk : The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Tuesday approved an USD 800 million programme to strengthen Pakistan's fiscal sustainability, which includes a policy-based loan of USD 300 million. The remaining amount is a guarantee of up to USD 500 million, which is expected to mobilise financing of up to USD 1 billion from commercial banks. The main aim of the financial booster is to reduce Pakistan's "fiscal deficit and public debt", while creating space for social and development spending. Previously, ADB had postponed the approval of the USD 800 million financing package for Pakistan for five days on the request of India that sought time to evaluate the loan documents. The meeting was then rescheduled to June 3. As per ADB, the financial programme supports far-reaching reforms to improve tax policy, administration, and compliance, while enhancing public expenditure and cash management. It also promotes digitisation, investment facilitation, and private sector development.



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: CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU SAID- SOME MORE OFFICES WILL BE SHIFTED FROM SHIMLA, THERE WILL BE NO LACK OF DEVELOPMENT IN KANGRA

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that he does not want to say anything on the death of Power Corporation Chief Engineer Vimal Negi, because the investigation is being done by the CBI. However, the police SIT formed earlier for the investigation has done a good job. Its report has been submitted to the High Court and not to the government. BJP is doing politics on every issue. We have neither the ideology nor the thinking to politicize any issue. The Chief Minister said these things to the journalists after the public meeting in Haripur. He said that some offices have been shifted from Shimla to Dharamshala. Some more offices will be shifted in the coming time. Whatever is left in the development of Kangra will be completed in the coming time. On a question about sending ACS Omkar Sharma and Shimla Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Gandhi on leave, the Chief Minister said that whoever commits a big mistake gets a big punishment. Whoever has committed a lesser mistake gets a lesser punishment. If the officers have been sent on leave, then they must have made a mistake. Many times a person thinks emotionally and gets emotional. It is not that the officers sent on leave will not be forgiven. The decision of their return will be taken after studying their case. On the question of making Dehra a district, the CM said that many offices are coming in Dehra assembly constituency.



JAIRAM THAKUR: LEADER OF OPPOSITION SAID- SUKHU GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING WITH KIDNEY PATIENTS

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that the Sukhu government is playing with the kidney patients of the state. Despite repeated appeals, the money is not being released to the hospitals doing dialysis of kidney patients across the state. 80 dialysis centers across the state have dues of more than Rs 25 crore. In a statement issued in Mandi, Jairam said that due to this attitude of the government, the hospital operators running dialysis centers are also upset. He repeatedly warned the government that if the payment is not made, they will be forced to close the dialysis centers. He said that the Chief Minister should have mercy on the patients and pay all the outstanding amount related to treatment including dialysis soon. The government still has a liability of about Rs 400 crore of Himcare and Ayushman. Jairam said that only last week, Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda has approved the establishment of three critical care units in Sujanpur, Barsar and Sunni in Shimla in the state. For this, the Center will give Rs 78 crore. Along with this, Union Labor and Employment Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday inaugurated the ESIC hospital built at a cost of Rs 100 crore in Kala Amb industrial area of Sirmour district.

HIMACHAL: CM SUKHU INAUGURATED AND LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WORTH RS 100 CRORE IN DEHRA

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of six developmental projects worth Rs 100 crore in Dehra Assembly Constituency of Kangra district. The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of hospital administration and diagnostic block, centralized kitchen and quarantine centre at Durgesh Aranya Wildlife Sanctuary at Bankhandi in Haripur tehsil at a cost of Rs 47.62 crore and lift drinking water scheme at a cost of Rs 16.25 crore. He also laid the foundation stone of upgradation work of Haripur to Sakri Gaihra road at a cost of Rs 12.87 crore, Thathar Tripal to Mehwa Panchayat road at a cost of Rs 6.64 crore and Guler to Nandpur Bariyal Ladret road at a cost of Rs 10.29 crore. He inaugurated a Community Health Centre in Dehra tehsil at a cost of Rs 4.96 crore.

HIMACHAL: ALLEGED JOURNALIST RUNNING A WEB PORTAL ARRESTED RED HANDED, HAD DEMANDED A BRIBE OF RS 2 LAKH AND A CAR

Diary Times Desk : Vigilance has caught a person running a web portal red handed with a bribe of Rs 2 lakh. Vigilance has registered a case against the accused and arrested him. Along with this, the bribe amount has also been seized. The accused has been identified as Palampur resident Amir Chand Dogra. An educational institution operator in Palampur has complained to the vigilance that a web portal operator is trying to blackmail him in the matter of land purchased in Panchrukhi. The accused had demanded Rs 2 lakh in cash and a car from the educational institution operator. The institution operator was being threatened if the demand was not met. On receiving the complaint, the vigilance laid a trap to catch the accused on Tuesday afternoon. As soon as the accused reached the office of the educational institution to take the bribe amount, the vigilance team already present there caught him with Rs 2 lakh in cash. On the other hand, State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau Kangra's Dharamshala Superintendent of Police Balveer Singh said that the accused was calling himself a journalist running a web portal in the name of media.

HIMACHAL CORONA VIRUS UPDATE: CORONA RETURNS TO HIMACHAL PRADESH, 82-YEAR-OLD WOMAN INFECTED IN NAHAN

Diary Times Desk : After the neighboring state of Punjab, Corona has spread to Himachal as well. An 82-year-old woman has been found infected with Corona in Nahan, who returned to Himachal after about two and a half years. The elderly woman of Sarahan in Pachhad Vidhan Sabha constituency was brought to Nahan Medical College by her family for routine checkup. When the woman was given a rapid antigen test, she turned out to be positive. After being found infected, the medical college management asked the woman to get admitted to the isolation ward, but after the objection of the family members, the woman has now been isolated at home. Acting Medical Superintendent of Medical College Dr. Resham confirmed that the woman was infected with Corona and said that she has been home isolated. Tests of people who came in contact with her are also being conducted. Six beds have been kept in the medical college for emergency. Isolation ward and oxygen have also been arranged. The last case in Himachal came in October 2022, after that an alert has been issued in Himachal due to the case coming now. On the other hand, the state government has issued advisory to district hospitals including medical colleges to prevent cases of influenza virus along with COVID-19. Hospitals have been asked to make arrangements for beds, oxygen supply, ventilators, oxygen concentrators, PSA plants, antibiotics, essential medicines and others.

SHRIKHAND MAHADEV YATRA: THE FIRST BATCH OF DEVOTEES WILL LEAVE ON JULY 10, THE LAST ON JULY 23; DC TOOK STOCK

Diary Times Desk : Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra, one of the most difficult pilgrimages in North India, will be officially held from 10 to 23 July this year. On 23 July, the last batch of devotees will be sent by the administration for the Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra. The Yatra will be divided into five sectors. Tight security arrangements have been made. Deputy Commissioner Kullu and President of Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra Trust Torul S. Ravish gave this information in a meeting regarding the preparations for the Yatra. He issued guidelines to the administrative officers of Nirmand subdivision through video conferencing. He said that the repair work of the roads of the route which have been damaged due to the disaster last year is going on. The administration is making efforts to provide proper infrastructure at all the places where the pilgrims stay. He directed the concerned departments to work fast and establish mutual coordination. The Deputy Commissioner also held a detailed discussion about the Shrikhand Yatra with the members of the Yatra Trust, traders of Chail, Juagi Panchayat. During this period, founder member of the Trust and Chairman of Milkfed Buddhi Singh Thakur also discussed various matters in detail with the administration and gave some important suggestions.



AMID CONCERNS OVER
VOTER TURNOUT DATA,
POLL BODY BRINGS IN KEY
UPDATE

Diary Times Desk : Facing questions over delays and alleged inconsistencies in voter turnout data, including during the Lok Sabha elections, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has upgraded its digital infrastructure to address the issue. The latest update brings a significant change to how voter turnout data is collected and disseminated by getting it reported directly from the polling station, in near real-time. The Presiding Officer (PRO) at each polling station will now enter voter turnout data directly into the newly upgraded ECINET App, eliminating earlier time lags caused by layered data transmission. Officials said the new system is designed to address concerns over voter turnout figures, offering a tamper-proof, time-stamped entry process and real-time synchronisation - minimising discrepancies between on-ground turnout and reported figures. "This upgraded system will be fully operational ahead of the upcoming Bihar elections. By centralising all data flows into ECINET, the Commission aims to deliver faster, cleaner, and more trustworthy electoral data," an official said.

INDIA CROSSES 4,000
ACTIVE COVID CASES,
RECORDS 5 DEATHS IN
LAST 24 HOURS

Diary Times Desk : India recorded 4,026 active Covid-19 cases as of 3 June, with the country registering five deaths on Monday, according to the latest data from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Among states, Kerala had the highest caseload at 1,416, followed by Maharashtra and Gujarat at 494 and 397 cases respectively. Delhi (393), West Bengal (372) and Karnataka (311) are the other states to cross the 300 active cases barrier. These six states currently account for 80 per cent of the total active infections in India. Of the five deaths reported on Monday, two were from Maharashtra and one each from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. All of these patients also faced other health issues such as pneumonia and heart disease. Four out of the five fatalities involved senior citizens over the age of 60. The fifth reported death involved a 43-year-old woman with acute coronary syndrome, septic shock and acute kidney injury in West Bengal. India's active Covid-19 cases reach 4,026 with Kerala having the highest caseload; five deaths reported on Monday including two in Maharashtra.

'PAK'S 48-HOUR PLAN TO GET INDIA TO ITS KNEES
WAS FOLDED IN 8 HOURS': CDS ANIL CHAUHAN



Diary Times Desk : Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Tuesday stated that Islamabad was the one to escalate the conflict with India when it launched a barrage of attacks on the night of May 10, three days after Indian military strikes under 'Operation Sindoor' that targetted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). "On the 10th of May, at about 1 am, their (Pakistan) aim was to get India to its knees in 48 hours. Multiple attacks were launched and in some manner, they have escalated this conflict, which we had actually hit only terror targets," stated CDS Chauhan in an address at the Savitribai Phule Pune University. CDS Anil Chauhan further said that the operations, "which Pakistan thought would continue for 48 hours, folded up in about eight hours." On May 10, 2025, after a series of late night attacks launched by Pakistan, India thwarted and retaliated by targeting key airbases such as Nur Khan, Murid and Rafiqui across the neighbouring country.

"EXPECT US-INDIA TRADE DEAL IN NOT
TOO DISTANT FUTURE": TOP TRUMP AIDE

Diary Times Desk : The trade deal between New Delhi and Washington could be finalised soon, according to US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, who said that India and the United States have "found a place that really works for both countries." The remarks came ahead of the final round of India-US face-to-face negotiations, which are expected to take place in New Delhi this week. "You should expect a deal between the United States and India in the not too distant future because I think we found a place that really works for both countries," Lutnick said in his keynote address at the eighth edition of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) here on Sunday. "When they put the right person in India, put the right person on the other side of the table, and we've managed (that), I think," he added. Lutnick also said India may get more favourable terms from being one of the first pacts agreed. "Earlier countries get a better deal, that's the way it is. So those who come in July 4th to July 9th.

WAJAHAT KHAN, WHO FILED SHARMISHTA
PANOLI FIR, HAS COPS CHASING HIM NOW

Diary Times Desk : Wajahat Khan, the Kolkata man whose complaint led to the arrest of 22-year-old Pune law student and social media influencer Sharmishta Panoli, has gone "missing", according to his father. While Panoli was arrested by Kolkata Police on Friday, Wajahat has since found himself at the centre of a political slugfest and legal storm. FIRs have been filed against Wajahat in at least three states, with Assam set to dispatch a police team to arrest him. Police from West Bengal, Assam and Delhi have either registered FIRs or initiated enquiries against him. He went "missing" after reportedly receiving numerous threats and abuse calls, as claimed by his father, Saadat Khan. In fact, a police team from Dispur is set to travel to West Bengal to bring Wajahat Khan to justice. So, who is Wajahat Khan, and what exactly has he got himself into after his complaint resulted in Sharmishta Panoli's arrest? Wajahat Khan is reportedly the general secretary of the Kolkata-based Rashidi Foundation.

NGT FLAGS HEALTH HAZARDS FROM FEEDING PIGEONS IN DELHI, SEEKS GOVT RESPONSE

Diary Times Desk : The National Green Tribunal has sought the response of the Delhi government and others on a plea raising concerns over the feeding of pigeons, leading to environmental and health hazards. A bench of NGT Chairperson Prakash Shrivastava and expert member A Senthil Vel said, "Plea of the applicant is that feeding and proliferation of pigeons leads to pigeons dropping on the footpath, pavements and traffic islands, etc., in Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) and when these feeding areas are swept then the toxic particulars of dried droppings mix with the dust, pollute the environment and caused adverse health effect." The plea said pigeon droppings caused "serious lung diseases", such as hypersensitivity pneumonitis, which resulted in lung scarring and breathing difficulties. In its order dated May 29, the tribunal said, "The original application (OA) raises substantial issues relating to compliance with environmental norms."



INDIAN-ORIGIN MAN ON LIFE SUPPORT
AFTER AUSTRALIAN COPS "KNEED HIM
ON NECK"

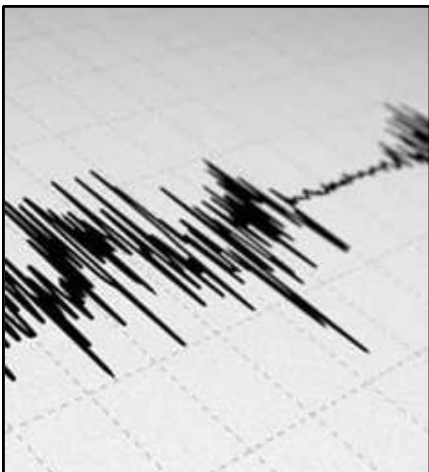
Diary Times Desk : An Indian origin man is fighting for his life in Australia after he was tackled to the ground by police and allegedly kneed in the neck. Forty-two-year-old Gaurav Kundi, a father of two, was put on life support with suspected brain damage after a violent police encounter with the police in Adelaide. Kundi and his partner Amritpal Kaur were allegedly arguing in public in Adelaide's eastern suburbs in the early hours of Thursday, according to a report by Australia Today. A passing patrol reportedly mistook the incident for domestic violence despite Kaur's insistence that Kundi was simply drunk and loud, not violent. Police told 9News that Kundi "violently resisted" arrest before he lost consciousness and became unresponsive while on the ground. His partner filmed the altercation-- footage of which was obtained by 9News. The clip reportedly showed Kundi screaming as several officers tried to detain him against a police car. 'I've done nothing wrong,' he shouted, while Kaur filmed the act, crying out that the police to release her partner and telling them that they were acting unfairly.

HARVARD SEEKS UNFREEZING OF US
FUNDS, SAYS PUBLIC HEALTH
RESEARCH 'AT RISK'

Diary Times Desk : Harvard University asked a federal judge on Monday to issue a summary judgment ruling to unfreeze \$2.5 billion in funding blocked by President Donald Trump's administration, which Harvard said was illegal. Harvard's filing in the US District Court in Boston said that it had received 957 orders since April 14 to freeze funding for research pertaining to national security threats, cancer and infectious diseases and more since the country's oldest and wealthiest school rejected a White House list of demands. Trump has said he is trying to force change at Harvard - and other top-level universities across the US - because in his view they have been captured by leftist "woke" thought and become bastions of antisemitism. The Trump administration did not immediately respond to a request for comment. US District Judge Allison Burroughs has set arguments for July 21 on Harvard's motion for summary judgment, which is a request for a judge to decide a dispute without a trial to determine material facts.

6.2 EARTHQUAKE IN GREECE, TURKEY FEELS TREMORS; 7 HURT WHILE FLEEING IN PANIC

Diary Times Desk : A powerful 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck near the Dodecanese Islands, along the Turkey border in the Mediterranean region, on Tuesday. Authorities are assessing the damage and monitoring for aftershocks. Another earthquake, measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale, hit the Turkish coastal town of Marmaris simultaneously, injuring at least seven people, according to the Turkish disaster management agency and local authorities. People were injured in the Mediterranean coastal town as some jumped from windows and balconies onto the streets in panic, said Marmaris Governor Idris Akbiyik, adding that there was no serious damage to any buildings. Tremors were reportedly felt across parts of southern Greece, western Turkey, and nearby Aegean Sea coastal regions. Local authorities are currently assessing the situation, though there have been no immediate reports of serious injuries or damage. Emergency response teams remain on alert as aftershocks are possible.



OVER 100 PRISONERS ESCAPE PAKISTANI
PRISON AFTER EVACUATION DUE TO
EARTHQUAKE



Diary Times Desk : A mild earthquake in Pakistan's southern city of Karachi led to the escape of more than 100 inmates from prison and the death of at least one prisoner in a subsequent shootout. The prisoners escaped after they were temporarily moved out of their cells following mild tremors, officials said on Tuesday. Kashif Abbasi, a senior police officer, said that a total of 216 inmates involved in ordinary crimes escaped the prison before dawn in Sindh province. According to him, of those 216 prisoners, 78 had been recaptured. Among those prisoners who fled, no one has been convicted or is facing trial as a militant, he added. One prisoner was killed in a shootout, which also injured three security officials. Abbasi also said that the situation is now under control and the police are conducting raids to capture the remaining prisoners.

SAUDI READIES FOR "WORST CASE
SCENARIO" IN SWELTERING HAJJ

Diary Times Desk : Near a sprawling tent city outside Mecca, Saudi hospital staff are preparing for a flood of heat-related cases as Muslim pilgrims begin hajj this week in sweltering summer temperatures. The Mina Emergency Hospital is one of 15 such facilities operating just a few weeks a year around the annual pilgrimage to Islam's holiest sites, which in 2024 saw more than 1,300 people die in the desert heat. Saudi authorities hope to head off a fatal repeat of last year's pilgrimage, when temperatures reached 51.8 degrees Celsius (125 Fahrenheit). Temperatures this year are forecast to exceed 40 degrees Celsius as one of the world's largest annual religious gatherings, bringing together devotees from around the globe, officially commences on Wednesday. So far, authorities have recorded 44 cases of heat exhaustion. Abdullah Asiri, Saudi Arabia's deputy minister for population health, told AFP at the Mina hospital that "the focus is on heat-related conditions because the hajj coincides with extreme heat". Brimming with staff but no patients just yet, the hospital is part of the kingdom's efforts to prepare for "the worst case scenario" after pilgrims descend.

MODEL PLUNGES 150 FT TO
HER DEATH AFTER
UNBUCKLING HERSELF WHILE
PARASAILING

Diary Times Desk : A 19-year-old model from Serbia fell to her death while parasailing in Montenegro during a possible panic attack. Tijana Radonjic is believed to have unfastened her safety harness during the panic attack while she was airborne, falling 150 feet into the sea, according to a report in the New York Times. A chilling video that has gone viral on social media shows the distressed woman frantically unzipping her life jacket and unbuckling her safety harness before flipping upside down and falling into the Adriatic Sea. Eyewitnesses reported seeing her shout "help me" and tug at her safety straps before she fell. Her body was retrieved from the water by emergency services and handed over to her family, who have rejected any suggestion of suicide. However, police have not yet officially stated whether the incident was accidental or intentional. All angles are being investigated - equipment malfunction, human error, or mental distress. The student was holidaying in Budva when she was approached by a water sports agency for a promotional shoot. The water sports agency, Budva MK, said Radonjic appeared cheerful and calm before the parasail. It also asserted that she was given proper training.

'PROVIDE YOUR BEST
OFFER...': TRUMP ADMIN
PUSHES COUNTRIES TO SEAL
THE TRADE DEAL

Diary Times Desk : After pausing the "Liberation Day" tariffs for 90 days until July 8, the Donald Trump administration has reminded the countries to quickly move to seal their trade deals and provide their best offers to the United States before the tariff deadline ends, according to a draft letter to negotiating partners accessed by Reuters. The draft, from the office of the United States Trade Representative, provides a window into how President Donald Trump plans to bring to a close unwieldy negotiations with dozens of countries that kicked off on April 9. The tariffs were paused after stock, bond and currency markets revolted over the sweeping nature of the levies. The document suggests an urgency within the administration to complete deals against its own tight deadline. While it's not clear who would have received the letter, it was mostly directed at the countries already in active negotiation with the US. According to the reports, the US was engaged in talks with the European Union, Japan, Vietnam and India, among others.

PUNJAB CABINET WAIVES LOAN WORTH RS 67 CRORE OF 4,750 DALIT FAMILIES

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Cabinet on Tuesday approved a loan waiver for 4,750 Dalit families who had availed loans from the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation. Loans worth Rs 67 crore taken by Dalit families have been waived off, said Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann after a Cabinet meeting. These families had been running from pillar to post for many years to get a loan waiver, as they were unable to repay the loans, Mann said, adding that previous governments had failed to address their "genuine" problems. It may be mentioned that the loan waiver for these Dalit families had been announced by the Finance Minister, Harpal Cheema, in March this year, when he presented his Budget estimates for 2025-26. It received Cabinet approval today. Cheema, who was accompanying the Chief Minister for the media briefing after the Cabinet meeting, said that the loan repayment rate in the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development Corporation was over 84 per cent.



ONE DEAD, 10 INJURED IN AC COMPRESSOR BLAST AT NAWANSHAHR GURDWARA

Diary Times Desk : In a tragic incident at a gurdwara in Nawanshahr's Balachaur subdivision, an explosion in the compressor of an air conditioner claimed one life and left 10 others injured. The deceased has been identified as 62-year-old Kashmir Kaur. 60-year-old Baljeet Kaur, who sustained severe injuries, was referred to PGI, while the others are reported to be out of danger. The explosion happened around 1 pm when a large number of devotees had gathered at the gurdwara. The blast caused panic, and people started running. Devotees from Ropar, Ludhiana, Garhshankar, and other areas were present when the incident occurred. The police arrived at the scene and initiated an investigation. One of the injured women described the blast, saying, "Smoke started emanating immediately after the explosion and spread everywhere. We couldn't even understand what had happened."

SIKH MAN FORCED TO REMOVE TURBAN, KIRPAN IN ABU DHABI; KEPT IN CUSTODY FOR 20 DAYS

Diary Times Desk : A Sikh man was allegedly forced to remove his kirpan and turban, besides suffering humiliation in custody, in Abu Dhabi. Manpreet Singh, a resident of New Delhi, has appeal the Indian government regarding the torture and harassment of his father, Dalvinder Singh, faced in Abu Dhabi. Talking to The Tribune, Manpreet narrated the traumatic experience his father endured. Dalvinder Singh, an Amritdhari Sikh from Kaithal, travelled to Abu Dhabi on a tourist visa as part of a group tour on April 21. When the group visited the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan (BAPS) Temple, the Abu Dhabi police stopped Dalvinder Singh, questioning him about his kirpan. Despite efforts by the tour guides and the temple management to explain about the religious significance of the symbols, the authorities were not convinced and arrested him. Manpreet said his father had to face humiliation and mental torture during his 20-day detention.

'ONE NATION, ONE HUSBAND': PUNJAB CM MANN'S DIG AT BJP OVER SINDOOR CAMPAIGN DRAWS FLAK

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday mocked the BJP for distributing 'sindoor' (vermillion) in Ludhiana to mark the success of Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, asking if the saffron party had now started "one nation, one husband" scheme. Mann was replying to a question about the BJP's campaign for the Ludhiana West Assembly bypoll, which is scheduled for June 19. "If they distribute 'sindoor', which man will ask his wife to start using the 'sindoor' sent by Modi? I want to ask whether the BJP has started 'one nation, one husband' scheme?" he said. Later, AAP spokesperson, Neel Garg, taking off from where Bhagwant Mann had left, said "The right to give sindoor to a woman is only with the husband, not with any political party. Has the BJP now got right over the sindoor of the women?" he asked. His comments drew sharp criticism from various leaders, with BJP's Pritpal Singh Balliawal called it "shameful". "He is mocking Operation Sindoor. The BJP isn't sending 'sindoor' to every household. Operation Sindoor was named so because terrorists killed Hindu tourists after checking their religion — they identified victims through the 'sindoor' on their wife's forehead.

WARRING WARNS LAND POOLING POLICY WILL DEVASTATE PUNJAB AGRICULTURE

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring reiterated his strong reservations against the Aam Aadmi Party government's "land pooling" policy, warning that it will devastate Punjab's agrarian economy. Addressing a meeting of constituency coordinators at the PCC headquarters, Warring expressed concerns that the policy is only aimed at collecting money. He pointed out that acquiring 24,000 acres of agricultural land will severely impact the state's agriculture economy, ultimately affecting every section of society. Punjab's economy, trade, and industry heavily rely on agriculture, which keeps the economy moving. "Undermining the base will lead to the collapse of the entire economic structure," he warned. Warring emphasised that the government has not consulted stakeholders and questioned the need for this policy when there is no demand for residential or industrial plots. He noted that private builders have already set up numerous residential colonies with many plots left unsold, and there are plenty of residential apartments available. Regarding the induction of party leaders into the Congress, Warring categorically stated that there are no differences within the party. "Every party wants to expand its base and strengthen itself.

HC GRANTS INTERIM BAIL TO ACCUSED IN RS 55-CRORE DHIRENDRA BRAHMACHARI ASHRAM LAND CASE

Diary Times Desk : A year after a cheating and forgery case was registered regarding property once owned by yoga guru Dharendra Brahmachari, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has granted interim bail on health grounds to 78-year-old Kashmir Singh Pathania — an elected member of the Aparna Ashram Society. Justice Alok Jain's Bench was told that Dharendra Brahmachari got the society registered and the property in dispute — 192 kanal and 16 marla — was purchased by him. The FIR in the matter was registered on June 2 last year at Sector 40 police station in Gurugram on a complaint received from Badshahpur Sub Registrar-cum-SDM. It was added that the petitioner had initially moved an application seeking permission for manual registration of the sale deed in relation to the land. "On examining the complaints, it came to the complainant's knowledge that the petitioner hid all the pending court cases in relation to the land and also presented false facts, on the basis of which permission was granted for manual registration of the sale deed," the Bench was further told.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF INCENTIVES: CBI SEEKS DETAILS OF STUDENTS FROM 45 HISAR SCHOOLS

Diary Times Desk : The Anti-Corruption Branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Chandigarh, has initiated an investigation into suspected irregularities in the disbursement of incentives related to students, including scholarships meant for students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes. The CBI has registered an FIR against unknown officials of the department. As part of the probe, the CBI has, in a communication dated May 26 addressed to the District Elementary Education Officer, Hisar, has sought comprehensive documentation and data from Block Education Officers and school teachers for the inquiry. About 45 schools have allegedly manipulated records to show 3,455 additional students only on paper. The communiqué stated that the probe focuses on the academic years 2014-15 and 2015-16. The CBI has directed the schools concerned to furnish attendance registers of all classes and sections for these years. Besides, the agency has asked for admission and withdrawal registers indicating student movement during this period, including those who either enrolled or left school.

**VP DHANKHAR TO VISIT
CHANDIGARH, HIMACHAL
FROM JUNE 5-7**

Diary Times Desk : Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will be on a three-day visit to Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh starting June 5. During his visit, the Vice President will also interact with the students and faculty members of Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, was established on December 1, 1985, with the objective to promote education, research and extension education in the fields of horticulture, forestry and allied disciplines.

**CHAMBA: LANDLORD
LOCKS SUB-TEHSIL OFFICE
OVER UNPAID RENT**

Diary Times Desk : Upset by non-payment of rent for over three years, the landlord of the rented premises housing the sub-tehsil office in Dharwala locked the office on Monday morning. When the tehsildar and office staff arrived for work, they found the premises locked from outside, effectively halting all administrative work for the day. According to the landlord, rent amounting to approximately Rs 2.7 lakh has been pending for the last three years and three months. Despite repeated reminders and discussions with officials and staff over this issue, no payment was made, forcing him to take the step of locking the premises. Tehsildar Roop Singh Negi confirmed the incident and said discussions were held with higher authorities and the landlord. The administration assured the landlord that 50% of the pending rent would be paid within a day or two, and the remaining amount by the first of the next month. Following this assurance, the landlord reopened the office, allowing staff to resume work. Public faced inconvenience due to the closure of the office for most of the day. Many people who had come for revenue-related tasks were forced to wait outside or return without getting their work done. The Dharwala sub-tehsil has been operating from a rented building since its inception in 2012. Although the government had announced the establishment of the sub-tehsil in 2011 and selected land for its permanent building, the site was later deemed unsafe. Since then, no progress has been made in constructing a new government building for the office. The incident has once again.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ESSENTIAL TO CONSERVE FORESTS, SAYS HIMACHAL CM SUKHU

Diary Times Desk : "Participation of people is important in protection and conservation of forest and Van Mitras alone would be unable to do this tedious task," said Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while addressing newly appointed Van Mitras on the occasion of their passing-out parade here today. The Chief Minister said that forest protection was a community responsibility along with forest personnel. He said that the Forest Department was facing a shortage of field staff that posed challenges to forest protection. The appointments of van mitras were made on merits while women took the lead in securing these roles. He assured that the government was committed to framing future policies that would safeguard their careers and recognise them as true guardians of the forests. Earlier, the Chief Minister launched the 'Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana'. He said that this is significant step towards environmental conservation and community participation in forest management. He said that the scheme not only aims to increase the green cover by planting fruit-bearing trees on barren and degraded forest areas but will also generate employment and income for local communities by ensuring participation of women and youth committees and self-help groups.

**HIMACHAL: ABOVE-NORMAL RAINFALL
EXPECTED THIS MONSOON**

Diary Times Desk : Himachal is likely to receive more than normal rainfall this monsoon. As per the weather department, the probability of above normal rainfall is 32 per cent, while the probability of deficient and below normal precipitation is two and eight per cent, respectively. The normal monsoon rainfall in the state is 734.4 mm. Besides, monsoon can hit the state about six-seven days before the normal arrival date of June 25. "Monsoon has hit Kerala eight days ahead of the normal arrival date. So, we are expecting the monsoon arrival a little early in the state this time," said an official from the weather department. In the last three years, monsoon has arrived in the state once on the normal date and twice later than the normal arrival date. In 2021, though, monsoon hit the state on June 13, much earlier than the normal date. As for the month of June, the rainfall is likely to be above normal over most parts of the state. The normal rainfall for the month of June in the state is 101.1 mm. Besides, the state is likely to see normal to below-normal heat wave days in most areas in this month. Maximum temperatures are likely to be above normal over many parts of the state, except in some parts of high hills and adjoining mid hills where maximum temperatures are likely to be normal. Minimum temperatures are likely to be above normal across most parts of state in June. The above-normal rainfall will be beneficial for horticulture, agriculture and water resources but it also carries the risks such as flooding.

**HIMACHAL'S TRIBAL VILLAGE UP IN ARMS
OVER ERRATIC INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

Diary Times Desk : Angry over prolonged disruption of mobile internet connectivity, residents of Purthi village in the remote tribal region of Pangti, Chamba district, once again blocked the Sansari-Killar-Thirot-Tandi road on Monday, demanding restoration of BSNL's mobile internet services. This is the second time within a week that the villagers have taken to the streets. A similar blockade was staged on May 28, during which BSNL officials had promised to operationalise internet services within three days. However, with no visible progress since, villagers say their patience has run out. While partial voice calling is available in some areas, internet connectivity has been completely non-functional for months, cutting off villagers from the rest of the world and affecting everything from education and healthcare to emergency services and digital banking. "We are not asking for 5G or high-speed services. We just want basic internet so that our children can study online and we can access essential services," said Janam Singh, a local resident. "He said BSNL officials earlier claimed that installing a 4G tower in nearby Thandal village would benefit consumers in six villages — Thandal, Purthi, Ajog, Chau, Rei and Shaur. However, bowing to political and administrative pressure, authorities decided to install the tower in Purthi, but the infrastructure has yet to be activated.

MAJOR FIRE AVERTED AS EMPTY OIL TANKER CATCHES FIRE ON HIGHWAY

Diary Times Desk : A major mishap was narrowly avoided when an empty oil tanker parked near Khera village on the Baddi-Nalagarh highway caught fire around 11:35 pm. Fortunately, nearby oil-laden tankers were swiftly driven away by alert drivers, preventing a potential disaster. Upon receiving information, a team of firemen, along with two fire tenders from Nalagarh, rushed to the scene, according to Santosh Sharma, Commandant of Home Guards, Solan. While no injuries were reported, the fire caused an estimated loss of Rs 10 lakh, completely destroying the tanker. Although the tanker was empty, inflammable oil residues intensified the blaze. The exact cause of the fire remains unknown. The tanker, owned by Hindustan Petroleum, had reportedly been parked outside its depot at Khera village for several weeks. Residents reported hearing three loud blasts as the fire erupted, prompting them to alert fire officials. The incident sparked public outrage, with locals criticising the parking of such hazardous vehicles in residential areas. They demanded that inflammable tankers be parked far from human settlements to avoid future risks, warning that the fire could have easily spread if not for the prompt response of the fire department.



RCB VS PBKS IPL 2025 FINAL : ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE BECAME CHAMPION, 17 YEARS OF WAIT ENDED

Diary Times Desk : Royal Challengers Bangalore's 17-year long wait is over. Royal Challengers Bangalore, which has faced defeat and ridicule many times for the last 17 years, has finally won the Indian Premier League title for the first time. Bangalore, captained by Rajat Patidar, defeated Punjab Kings by 6 runs in a thrilling final. With this, the team became the champion of IPL 2025. On the strength of memorable spells from Krunal Pandya, Yash Dayal and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Bangalore successfully defended the score of 190 runs and won the match by 6 runs. With this, the former captain of the team and Virat Kohli, who has been a part of the team since the first season, also finally became the IPL champion. In this final played on Tuesday, June 3 at the Narendra Modi Stadium, everyone's eyes were on whether Virat Kohli would be able to write IPL Champion in front of his name this time or not. There was a reason for this too. Even before the season started, it was being said repeatedly that this might be the best year for Virat, who wore jersey number 18 in the 18th season. Perhaps luck was waiting for this opportunity for him.



ENGLAND WIN DELAYED TOSS AFTER ROAD CLOSURES MAKE WEST INDIES LATE

Diary Times Desk : West Indies captain Shai Hope joked that his team "probably should have walked" to The Oval after heavy traffic prompted a farcical half-hour delay to their third men's ODI against England. Traffic-light failures in the Vauxhall Area and the closure of Lambeth Bridge prompted England's players to get off the team bus and use e-bikes to reach The Oval, but West Indies' journey from their team hotel in Chelsea was so long that the toss was delayed by 40 minutes and the start pushed back by half an hour. "Due to a delayed arrival of all the playing teams, who are stuck in heavy traffic north of the river, the scheduled start of play will be delayed," an ECB statement said. "Once all members of the playing teams arrive, the match officials will coordinate updated timings and discuss any impact on the schedule of play." The West Indies bus eventually arrived at around 12.40pm, 10 minutes after the scheduled toss, and their players immediately began to warm up. They were staying four miles away from The Oval at the Chelsea Harbour Hotel and Spa, prompting Hope to joke: "We probably should have walked." A CWI spokesperson simply said: "There were some road closures." England's players decided to use alternative transport on their journey in from their hotel.

"D GUKESH WAS BLINDLY...": MAGNUS CARLSEN'S FIRST REACTION AFTER LOSS TO INDIAN GM

Diary Times Desk : A day after his stunning defeat to D Gukesh in Norway Chess, Magnus Carlsen said the reigning world champion's "energy" and "fighting qualities" earned him the triumph and that on a "normal day" he would have won the contest. Carlsen, 34, lost to 19-year-old Gukesh in Round 6, vented his frustration by banging his fist on the table which threw the pieces in disarray. Disbelief and frustration writ large on his face as he shook hands with Gukesh before placing the pieces back on the board and walked away patting the winner. "I think, like, I remember being that age myself, and sometimes kind of your energy, like fighting qualities, and just the optimism is sometimes, you know, bigger than the quality of your moves," said Carlsen here on Monday. But the Norwegian was far more composed after winning the Armageddon tie-break against American World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura but the effects of Sunday night were still clearly visible on his face. So, I think, for a long time he (Gukesh) was just more or less blindly pushing. And then, yeah, on a normal day, of course, I win that game, and things look quite differently," the five-time world champion added. Carlsen, however, praised Gukesh's fighting qualities.

HAY, ASHOK, ABBAS EARN MAIDEN NZC CONTRACTS

Diary Times Desk : The New Zealand men's quartet of Mitch Hay, Muhammad Abbas, Zak Foulkes and Adi Ashok have been handed their maiden central contract, announced by New Zealand Cricket on Tuesday (June 3). The 20-player list announced for the 2025-26 season does not include Tim Southee, Ish Sodhi, Ajaz Patel, and Josh Clarkson, all of whom were contracted last season. Meanwhile, discussions on casual playing contracts for players such as Kane Williamson, Devon Conway, Finn Allen, Tim Seifert, and Lockie Ferguson, are ongoing. While Ashok returned to the side for the first time since making his debut in 2023, Hay and Abbas made an impressive starts to their international career with stellar performances. Hay set a wicketkeeping world record with six dismissals in a T20I during his debut tour in Sri Lanka in November, Abbas smashed a record-breaking 52 off 26 balls on his ODI debut against Pakistan the fastest fifty by a debutant in men's format. The selection process was managed by Bryan Stronach (Chief High Performance Officer) and overseen by NZC. It involved New Zealand men's head coach Gary Stead, selector Sam Wells, assistant coaches Jacob Oram and Luke Ronchi, and Performance Manager Mike Sandle.

PAKISTAN TO PLAY IN SRI LANKA AT INDIA-HOSTED WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan will play their matches at this year's Women's Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka under an International Cricket Council deal that allows them to avoid playing in host nation India. The refusal of India to travel to Pakistan for the men's Champions Trophy earlier this year resulted in the ICC introducing neutral venues to tournaments hosted by either of the neighbouring countries. Nuclear-armed India and Pakistan were last month involved in a four-day military conflict, their worst since 1999, before a ceasefire was agreed. Sri Lanka's Colombo will join Indian host cities Bengaluru, Guwahati, Indore and Visakhapatnam in staging matches from September 30 until the final of the 50-over tournament on November 2, the ICC announced late on Monday. Colombo will be Pakistan's home for seven group games. The first semi-final will take place in either Guwahati or Colombo, if Pakistan progress that far, on October 29 with the second semi-final a day later in Bengaluru. The final will be in either Bengaluru or Colombo on Sunday, November 2. "The venues for the knockouts are dependent on Pakistan qualifying".

AMBATI RAYUDU'S 'GO RCB' WISH FOR IPL FINAL BACKFIRES AS CSK LOYALIST'S TRUE INTENTIONS DOUBTED: 'BRING YOUR JINX GAME'

Diary Times Desk : All eyes are on Virat Kohli as Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) gear up to take on Punjab Kings in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Tuesday, June 3. Kohli and RCB have been waiting for 18 years to get their hands on the coveted trophy, and the franchise is just one step away from winning their maiden title. Ahead of the IPL 2025 summit clash, RCB have been extended support from a rather unusual quarter. Ambati Rayudu, a former Chennai Super Kings (CSK) batter posted on social media, saying RCB deserve to go all the way this season. Rayudu, a long-time CSK loyalist, has often trolled RCB for not being able to win the title. During his analysis of RCB games, the 39-year-old has often poked fun at the franchise. Even during the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025, Rayudu engaged in banter with former RCB and India coach Sanjay Bangar, saying the team would hope to reach Qualifier 2 in IPL 2025, but that's about it.

