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STANDING WITH INDIA TO DISMANTLE TERROR NETWORK IN PAKISTAN: INDIA CAUCUS IN US CONGRESS

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"We expected an outstanding delegation meeting, and it was exactly that," McCormick said, adding, "We shared great ideas, we have great synergy, and I'm looking forward to the future of our nations." Over the course of the next two days, the Indian delegation will be interacting with members of the US Congress. That would include the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Indian Embassy in the US said.



BENGALURU STAMPEDE



RCB VICTORY CELEBRATIONS TURN DEADLY, 11 KILLED IN BENGALURU STAMPEDE, SEVERAL INJURED

Diary Times Desk : Eleven people died and several others were injured in a stampede outside M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday evening, said Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah. The incident took place as thousands of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) fans crowded the area to catch a glimpse of the team after their first-ever IPL title win. The situation quickly turned chaotic at multiple entry points, forcing police to resort to a lathi-charge to manage the crowd. The injured were taken to Bowring Hospital for treatment.

Meanwhile, Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivakumar expressed shock and said, "What was meant to be a celebration of RCB's IPL victory has turned into a tragedy, bringing deep sorrow and shock. My condolences to those who lost their lives. I offer my heartfelt sympathies to their families. Let there be love for the team, but nothing is more valuable than life. I request everyone to please stay safe."

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) had organised a special felicitation ceremony inside the stadium for the RCB squad, following their triumphant return from Ahmedabad. However, the sheer volume of fans who turned up — many without entry passes — created a volatile situation. Eyewitnesses reported fans scaling stadium walls and fences in desperation, trying to make their way inside to see the players. Police personnel on the ground repeatedly appealed to the crowd to maintain order and disperse, warning against unlawful entry and unsafe behaviour. Despite the warnings, the crowd grew more restless, and at several points, law enforcement had to resort to a mild lathi-charge to manage the situation.



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SIDDARAMAIAH ORDERS MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY INTO **BENGALURU STAMPEDE, ANNOUNCES COMPENSATION**

Diary Times Desk : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday ordered a magisterial inquiry into the Bengaluru stampede in which 11 people dead and 33 were injured outside Chinnaswamy stadium. The CM said the number of people gathered for the RCB celebrations was beyond their expectations. He said, "More than three lakh people came near Chinnaswamy stadium, and no one expected this crowd. Most of the deceased are youth. The government will provide Rs 10 lakh compensation to the kin of the deceased." The CM said all injured are out of danger. Siddaramaiah said, "The BJP is doing politics on the incident. I don't want to do politics. I don't want to defend the tragedy that has happened. Fifteen days' time has been given for the magisterial inquiry."

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DGCA FLAGS SAFETY LAPSES BY TURKISH AIRLINES, ORDERS **IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE**

Diary Times Desk : India's civil aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has flagged safety and compliance lapses by Turkish Airlines following inspections of its passenger and cargo operations at four major Indian airports. According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the inspections, conducted between May 29 and June 2 at Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bengaluru, were carried out under Article 16 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (ICAO). The exercise aimed to ensure adherence to international and Indian aviation regulations. Among the key issues observed, the DGCA found that a marshaller guiding aircraft at Bengaluru airport lacked proper authorisation and a valid competency card, compromising safety on the ground. At the same airport, the designated Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) was absent during an aircraft's arrival, and the procedure was instead handled by a technician-a violation of mandated safety protocols. Turkish Airlines' authorised engineering service provider, Airworks, was found responsible for the lapse.



ONE OF THE BEST THINGS I'VE EVER DONE: ELON MUSK'S FATHER ON VISIT TO AYODHYA'S RAM TEMPLE

Diary Times Desk : Errol Musk, father of tech billionaire Elon Musk, visited the Ram temple in Ayodhya on Wednesday afternoon and described the experience as "wonderful" and one of the "best things" he has ever done. Separately, talking to reporters after visiting both temples, he said, "My experience here in India has been wonderful. I'm here (in India) to begin working with Servotech and am looking forward to spending a lot of time in the country. The temples are marvellous and so are the people." Accompanied by his daughter Alexandra Musk, Errol arrived at Ayodhya airport around 2.30 pm and left after 4 pm. He was wearing kurta-pyjama during his visit to the temple. He added that security arrangements in and around the temple area include CCTV surveillance, regular checking of visitors and deployment of specially trained personnel. "However, no additional security cover will be extended officially for this visit.

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Today, you will meet old friends, which Today you will get success as your long will refresh old memories. Emplo people may be fired from the job du heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HIMACHAL NEWS: CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID- THERE WILL BE RELAXATION IN TGT RECRUITMENT, EVEN THOSE AGED 47 CAN APPLY

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has said that candidates will be given two years age relaxation in the TGT recruitment issued by the State Selection Board. Recently, the board has issued recruitment for 937 posts of TGT Arts, Medical and Non-Medical. The age limit has been fixed at 45 years, but recruitment did not take place due to the dissolution of the Subordinate Services Selection Board, which is a hub of corruption. Due to this, now the candidates who have reached the age of 47 will also be instructed to join the recruitment. Along with this, one thousand posts of JBT are going to be filled. Sukhu said that the present government has opened many big offices in Dehra. In the coming time, the office of the State Tax and Excise Department will also open in Dehra Assembly constituency. In the first phase, about 350 electric buses are going to be included in the Path Parivahan Nigam in the coming one year. The entire wing of HRTC will be converted from diesel to electric. The Chief Minister said that to further improve school education, we are going to make more than a hundred schools CBSE next year.



ANURAG SINGH THAKUR SAID-INDIA'S ALL-PARTY DELEGATION ON TERRORISM IS APPRECIATED ALL OVER THE WORLD

Diary Times Desk : Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament from Hamirpur Lok Sabha constituency Anurag Singh Thakur, on behalf of India, exposed Pakistan's face on terrorism by presenting India's side during various official meetings during his successful visit to four countries Qatar, South Africa, Ethiopia and Egypt as part of an all-party delegation. Anurag Singh Thakur said that unity in diversity has always been India's identity. To expose India's action on the terrorist incident in Pahalgam, the success of Operation Sindoor and Pakistan's policy of fostering terrorism, dignitaries from different parties and ideologies of India stronaly presented India's side before the world. During their successful visit to many strategically important countries of the world, 7 groups from India have proved Pakistan to be a country fostering terrorism by giving facts about the collusion of the government and the army in the terrorist bases operating in Pakistan. Despite different parties, different ideologies, language and culture, the unity of Indian MPs on terrorism is being appreciated all over the world.

HIMACHAL: HPU'S MSC DATA SCIENCE, MSC ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ENTRANCE EXAM WILL BE OF 100 MARKS

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh University will release the schedule of the entrance examination for MSc Data Science and MSc Artificial Intelligence degree courses next week. Along with this, the entrance examination will be conducted for a total of 40 seats each, to be filled from subsidized and non-subsidized categories of both these courses. The syllabus of the entrance examination has also been approved in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council of the University. In this, 60 questions will be asked from ICT Awareness, 20 from Mathematics, 20 from General Logic Ability and Aptitude section. In the syllabus prepared for the entrance examination, ten questions of one mark each will be asked in ICT. In this, questions will be asked from Fundamentals of Computer, Operating System, Computer Networking and Data Communication, Database Management System, Data Structure and Software Engineering. A total of twenty questions carrying one mark each will be asked in the Mathematics section. Two questions each will be asked from Number System, Fraction and Decimals, Percentage, Ratio and Proportion, Averages, Simple and Compound, Profit Loss and Discount, Time Squared, Time Speed and Distance, Differentiation and Integration. A total of twenty questions will be asked from the General Logic and Ability and Aptitude sections. Two questions each will be asked from Analogy, Classification, Series Completion, Coding.

HIMACHAL: GOVERNOR HONORED THE WINNING PLAYERS AND TRAINERS OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that there is a need to recognize the players of Special Olympics. They should be helped at both the level of society and government. On Wednesday, in a ceremony organized by Special Olympics Bharat Himachal Pradesh in the capital Shimla, the Governor honored the players and coaches who participated in the World Summer Games Berlin Germany 2023 and World Winter Games Turin Italy 2025. India was represented by 30 players and 19 support staff, i.e. a total of 49 members in the World Winter Games held in Turin city of Italy. Out of these, 15 players were from Himachal Pradesh. The Governor said that the players have proved that no challenge is big with determination, hard work and confidence. They have not only made everyone proud with their performance, but have also given a positive and inspirational message in the society. The Governor said that India won a total of 33 medals in these games, which is a proof that when talent gets an opportunity, even the impossible becomes possible. All of them kept the honor of the tricolor high. Praising Dr. Mallika Nadda, Chairperson of Special Olympics India and Asia Pacific Advisory Council, he said that she had started Special Olympics from Bilaspur in the year 2002.



MARTYR MANISH THAKUR: LANCE NAIK MANISH THAKUR IMMERSED IN THE FIVE ELEMENTS, FINAL FAREWELL GIVEN WITH MILITARY HONORS

Diary Times Desk : On Wednesday, the sal forests of Baraban village of Nahan subdivision of Sirmaur district echoed with the slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Manish Thakur Amar Rahe. As soon as the martyr's body wrapped in the tricolour reached his native village at around 1 pm, every eye was moist but everyone was feeling proud of his sacrifice. Lance Naik Manish Thakur, a resident of Baraban posted in the Dogra Regiment, was martyred on Sunday after being caught in a landslide in North Sikkim. Hundreds of villagers including his family were waiting for him since Sunday. Hundreds of youth gathered at Shambhuwala, about 6 km before the village, for Manish Thakur and took out a tricolour procession on bikes and brought him home. Every member of the family rushed to get a glimpse of their beloved son. Mother Kiran Bala, father Joginder Singh and wife Tanu kept crying while hugging his mortal remains. Hundreds of people gathered outside the house and kept chanting Manish Thakur Amar Rahe. After all the rituals were completed at home, the last journey of Lance Naik Manish Thakur started.

HIMACHAL NEWS: PREPARATION FOR APPLE SEASON IN HIMACHAL, MINISTER CALLED A MEETING, APPLES WILL START COMING IN THE MARKET AT THE END OF JUNE

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh is ready for the new apple season. Horticulture Minister Jaaat Singh Negi has called an important meeting at the State Secretariat Shimla on June 12 regarding the preparations for the apple season. All stakeholders have been called in this. Representatives of all the related sections like gardeners, commission agents, truck operators, carton sellers etc. will participate in it. In Himachal Pradesh, early growing varieties of apples start coming to the markets from the lower regions in June end, but the official apple season will start after July 15. Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi said on Wednesday that this meeting of all stakeholders will be held in the auditorium of New Armsdale Bhawan on June 12. In this, communication will be done with gardeners, commission agents, truck operators, sellers.

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INDIA'S FIRST CASTE-BASED

DIGITAL CENSUS TO BEGIN ON

MARCH 1, 2027

Diary Times Desk: The Centre is set to

launch the next nationwide Census,

which will also include a caste

enumeration for the first time, from

March 1, 2027, senior government

officials confirmed on Wednesday.

However, in some selected regions,

including Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir,

Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand,

the Census will commence earlier,

starting in October 2026. The national

exercise will take place in two phases,

the officials further said. The

development comes a month after the

union government announced that the

caste-based enumeration will be a

part of the next decadal census. The

decision was taken at the high-

political affairs, chaired by Prime

Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have

conducted caste surveys in the last

three years, while Karnataka is mulling

the release of data from a survey

conducted in 2015. The previous

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DELHI TO ALLOW ONLY BS6, CNG, AND EV COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM NOVEMBER 1

Diary Times Desk : Launching the Air Pollution Mitigation Plan 2025, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday announced that from November 1, only BS-VI (Bharat Stage 6), CNG, or EV commercial vehicles will be allowed to enter the city. "From November 1, 2025, any vehicle that comes to Delhi will have to be a BS6, CNG, or EV commercial vehicle," Gupta said in a press conference. She said that the state government's dream is to chase clean, green and healthy Delhi", for which the Environment Ministry of Delhi has drafted an Air Pollution Mitigation Plan for this year. "Environment Day is very close, and air pollution in Delhi is a matter that is related to all of us. For years, we have been suffering from air pollution. We have a dream - Clean Delhi, Green Delhi, Healthy Delhi. I am very happy that our Environment Department and Minister have drafted a fantastic Air Pollution Mitigation Plan 2025," the Delhi CM said. Gupta said that the national capital would witness its first artificial rain "very soon" with the help of cloud seeding techniques. "Very soon, Delhi will have its first artificial rain through cloud seeding, the CM said

DALIT GROUPS PROTEST AGAINST JAGAN REDDY'S VISIT TOTENALI

Diarv Times Desk : Local Dalit activists staged protests against YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and former Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's visit to Tenali town in Guntur district on Tuesday to meet the families of three men who were allegedly beaten up by the police on April 26. The incident occurred in Tenali town after the three men - Chebrolu John Victor (25), Sheikh Babulal alias Karimulla (21), from Tenali and Doma Rakesh (25), from Mangalgiri - were allegedly thrashed in public by the Tenali town-II police. A purported video of the incident surfaced on social media on May 26, triggering strong criticism from human rights groups and the YSRCP. All three accused are from underprivileged sections of society. The accused were arrested in relation to a case registered on April 25 on the basis of a complaint lodged by constable Kanna Chiranjeevi. The constable alleged that the accused had attacked him the previous night near Aithanagar in Tenali town, reportedly due to prior enmity and his role in summoning them for counselling in a drug-related case. On Tuesday, Jaaan met the families of the accused and told reporters that he strongly condemned.

RCB'S VICTORY CELEBRATIONS IN BENGALURU TURN FATAL AS MULTIPLE DEATHS REPORTED



Diary Times Desk : Overcrowding and a stampede-like situation resulted in multiple deaths of people that had thronged around the M Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday (June 4). A large number of people had turned out to see the Royal Challengers Bengaluru who were being felicitated by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, following which they went to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium for a ceremony in front of fans. Until one hour before the felicitation ceremony, there had been no clarity regarding the arrangements made for the celebrations. While RCB had put out there would be a parade on social media, the Bengaluru Traffic Police had contradicted that with a statement saying No Parade would be there. It is understood that the event organisers had been working with the local police to try and arrange facilities until about an hour before the programme started. But given the short notice and turnaround time, the situation soon turned out to be beyond control.

CONGRESS QUESTIONS CENTRE OVER MONSOON SESSION ANNOUNCED '47 DAYS' IN ADVANCE

Diary Times Desk : Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Wednesday accused the Centre of diverting attention from the demand for a special Parliament session on Operation Sindoor by suddenly announcing the monsoon session 47 days in advance, which he said was a first in India's history. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi can run away from a special session, but he cannot run away from the monsoon session. The Parliament session is always announced a few days in advance, maybe up to one week or ten days in advance. This session has been announced 47 days in advance. Never before in India's parliamentary history has a session been announced 47 days in advance," Jairam Ramesh told ANI. He said Congress and the INDIA alliance demand a special Parliament session to discuss key issues like the Pahalgam attack, growing China-Pakistan ties, and India's alleged foreign policy failures.

JUDGES MUST BE FREE, COLLEGIUM SHIELDS FROM EXECUTIVE INTERFERENCE: CHIEF JUSTICE

decadal national census.

Diary Times Desk: Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai asserted that judges should be appointed without any interference from the government, defending the Collegium system, which has often been criticised for lacking transparency. Stating that the independence of judges is paramount in upholding the Constitution, Chief Justice Gavai, speaking at a roundtable at the UK Supreme Court in London, said, "Unlike the legislature or the executive, whose legitimacy stems from the ballot, the judiciary earns its legitimacy by upholding constitutional values with independence, integrity, Speaking and impartiality." on the theme,"Maintaining Judicial Legitimacy and Public Confidence," Chief Justice Gavai said that the Constitution explicitly mandates that the State "take steps to separate the judiciary from the executive in public services." "The foremost consideration is the perceived independence of iudaes.

JNU REPLACES 'KULPATI' WITH GENDER-NEUTRAL 'KULGURU' IN OFFICIAL RECORDS

Diary Times Desk : The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has decided to replace the term 'Kulpati' for vice chancellor with 'Kulguru' in all degree certificates and academic records. The decision was made during a meeting of the university's Executive Council held in April. The minutes of the meeting stated as agenda: "To change/rename of designation from Kulpati to Kulguru for the signature on the Degree Certificates and other academic documents." The directive has been marked for action by the Controller of Examinations. According to a JNU official, the term is not only culturally significant but also gender-neutral, offering a more inclusive alternative to the conventional titles used in Indian universities. The university's move is in line with similar changes already implemented by the Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh governments. Rajasthan passed an amendment in February 2025 to adopt Kulguru and Pratikulguru in place of Kulpati and Upkulpati, a decision approved in March. Madhya Pradesh followed suit in July 2024.



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WHO'S SHOOTING WHOM NEAR RAFAH'S AID CENTER, AND WHO'S EXPLOITING THE BLOODSHED

Diary Times Desk : On three successive days this week, Hamas alleged that Israeli troops opened fire at and near the newly established US- and Israel-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation's aid distribution center in Rafah.

On Sunday, the terror group charged that 31 Gazans were killed by Israel, on Monday that the death toll was 3, and on Tuesday that 27 were killed. The way Hamas depicted it, and much of the world reported it, Israel was brutally gunning down Gaza civilians who were desperately seeking access to vital food supplies. The International Committee of the Red Cross, a relatively credible source of medical information, said its field hospital in Rafah handled a mass casualty influx of 179 cases on Sunday, most of whom had gunshot and shrapnel wounds, and 21 were declared dead on arrival. All patients, it noted, said they had been trying to reach the aid site. On Tuesday, the ICRC reported another mass casualty incident, of 184 patients, 19 of whom were dead on arrival and another eight of whom died soon after.

IRAN'S KHAMENEI SLAMS US NUCLEAR PROPOSAL, VOWS TO KEEP ENRICHING URANIUM

Diary Times Desk : Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has pledged that Tehran will not abandon its uranium enrichment, rejecting a key demand in a United States proposal aimed at resolving a longrunning dispute over Iran's nuclear programme. The comments were delivered in a speech on Wednesday as the US and Iran continue to negotiate the details of a possible new nuclear deal. The issue of uranium enrichment has remained a sticking point in the talks, with the US reportedly demanding a complete halt or low-level enrichment in exchange for the lifting of Western sanctions against Tehran. "The US nuclear proposal contradicts our nation's belief in self-reliance and the principle of 'We Can,'" Khamenei said in his speech delivered on the commemoration of the death of the Islamic Republic's founder. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in 1989. Khamenei said the issue of uranium enrichment remained key to Iran's pursuit of energy independence.

RUSSIA'S HUGE BATTLEFIELD COST: ALMOST 1 MILLION DEAD OR WOUNDED IN UKRAINE CONFLICT, NEW REPORT ESTIMATES



Diary Times Desk : Russia's war against Ukraine has extracted a huge price: almost a million Russian troops dead or injured since the invasion started in February 2022, a report by Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) has said. Ukrainian toll, though lower, is also heavy, with almost 400,000 dead or injured, taking the number of casualties to almost 1.4 million in a little over three years. The statistics come from a mix of US and British intelligence estimates and other open-source sources. While accurate numbers are lacking-Moscow is reported to fudge its losses and Kyiv does not release military casualty figures-the CSIS report is one of the most thorough independent attempts to quantify the war's human toll to date, the New York Times reported

'ASIM MUNIR TRIED TO APPROACH MY WIFE...': IMRAN KHAN SLAMS PAKISTAN ARMY CHIEF

Diary Times Desk : Imran Khan, Pakistan's jailed former prime minister, has accused Army chief general Asim Munir of displaying a "vindictive nature," alleging that Munir turned against his wife, Bushra Bibi, after being removed from the position of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief during Khan's tenure. Imran Khan claimed that Asim Munir tried to approach his wife through intermediaries to discuss the matter. "As Prime Minister, when I removed General Asim Munir from the post of DG ISI, he sought to approach my wife Bushra Bibi through intermediaries to discuss the matter," Imran Khan posted on X on Monday. Khan said his wife categorically declined, saying that she had no involvement in such affairs and would not meet him. "It is General Asim Munir's vindictive nature that is behind Bushra Bibi's unjust 14-month incarceration and deplorable inhumane treatment in prison," Imran Khan said. Further, Khan said his wife has been targeted for 'personal vengeance' and that even during Pakistan's darker times of dictatorship, this never happened

MUSK CALLS TRUMP'S TAX BILL A 'DISGUSTING ABOMINATION'

Diary Times Desk : Elon Musk has hit out at President Donald Trump's signature tax and spending bill, describing it as a "disgusting abomination", in a widening rift between the two. The tech billionaire posted on X that the bill would add to the US budget deficit and saddle Americans with "crushing" debt. The budget, which includes huge tax breaks and more defence spending, was passed by the House of Representatives last month and is now being considered by senators. "Shame on those who voted for it," said Musk, hinting that he may try to unseat the politicians responsible at next year's midterm elections. The bill has the backing of President Donald Trump and would be the legislative linchpin of his second-term agenda if it passes Congress. Musk left the administration abruptly last week after 129 days working to cut costs with his team, known as Doge. The comments mark his first public disagreement with Trump since leaving government, after having previously called the plan "disappointing".



CHINA FURIOUS WITH U.S. COMMENT ON TIANANMEN SQUARE CRACKDOWN; CALLS IT ATTACK ON THE COUNTRY

Diary Times Desk : A 19-year-old model from Serbia fel"The erroneous statements by the US side maliciously distort historical facts, deliberately attack China's political system and developmental path, and seriously interfere in China's internal affairs," foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian said. "The Chinese side is strongly dissatisfied with this and firmly opposes it. We have lodged a solemn protest with the US side." Earlier, Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te vowed Wednesday to preserve the memory of China's Tiananmen Square crackdown 36 years ago, echoing rhetoric by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Chinese troops and tanks forcibly cleared peaceful protesters from Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, after weekslong demonstrations demanding greater political freedoms. The exact toll is unknown, but hundreds died, with some estimates exceeding 1,000 people.China's communist rulers have since sought to erase any public mention of the crackdown. "Authoritarian governments often choose to be silent and forget history; democratic societies choose to preserve the truth and refuse to forget those who have contributed to the ideal of human rights and their dreams," Lai said in a post on

PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS CHANCES OF REVIVAL OF CONFLICT WITH INDIA 'REMOTE'

Facebook ahead of an annual vigil in

Taipei's Liberty Square.

Diary Times Desk : Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday (May 4, 2025) said that the chance of revival of an armed conflict between Pakistan and India is remote but warned of a befitting response in case of any such development. Mr. comment came while Dar's responding to a question during his press conference giving details of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Turkiye, Iran, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan and to thank the respective leadership for support during the last month's conflict with India following the April 22 Pahalaam terror attack that killed 26 people. When asked about a possible new round of fighting, Mr. Dar said that he could not predict the future, but the chances of any such possibility are slim."The ceasefire is holding and all steps regarding withdrawal of troops have been implemented by the two sides in letter and spirit. So there is no chance (of new war) in my opinion," he said.

NEWS

PUNJAB'S YOUTUBER JASBIR AFTER JYOTI MALHOTRA'S ARREST TRIED TO DELETE TRACES WITH SHADY PAKISTANIS

Diary Times Desk : Punjab's State Special Operations Cell (SSOC), Mohali, busted a major espionage network linked to Jasbir Singh from Mahlan village in Ropar. Jasbir Singh runs a YouTube channel called "Jaan Mahal", which was allegedly used as a cover for espionage activities. He allegedly maintained contact with Shakir alias Jutt Randhawa (Pakistanbased PIO), Jyoti Malhotra (Haryana-based YouTuber arrested earlier for spying), Ehsan-ur-Rahim alias Danish (a Pakistani national and expelled Pak High Commission official).Attended Pakistan National Day event in Delhi (2024) on Danish's invitation. Traveled to Pakistan three times (2020, 2021, 2024). Devices found with multiple Pakistan-based contacts.After Jyoti Malhotra's arrest, Jasbir tried to delete all communication traces with foreign operatives. FIR registered at SSOC, Mohali; digital forensics are underway

HC ADMONISHES SPECIAL DGP FOR ACTING IN CASUAL MANNER

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has admonished Punjab Special Director-General of Police (DGP), Law and Order, for acting in a casual manner and attempting to deflect from his responsibility while dealing with a dismissed constable plea for reinstatement after he was acquitted in a drugs case. "This is not an isolated instance whereas he has passed similar orders on earlier occasions." Justice Jagmohan Bansal asserted before issuing a stern warning. "It is hereby made clear that if in future this court comes across similar orders as impugned herein, an adverse opinion would be formed," the Bench asserted, while asking the State Director-General of Police to step in. The admonition and direction came in a case where the petitioner, a constable in Puniab Armed Police since 1993, was dismissed from service on the very day an FIR was registered against him under the provisions of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. He was later acquitted by Ludhiana Special Court on the ground that the prosecution had failed to prove the recovery of contraband beyond a reasonable doubt.

HISTORIC TREE LOST IN OPERATION BLUESTAR, NEW 'IMLI' SAPLING TAKES ROOT AT AKAL TAKHT

Diary Times Desk : A fresh "imli" (tamarind) sapling has been planted at the site in front of the Akal Takht where a historic tamarind tree was destroyed during Operation Bluestar in 1984. This marks another attempt to revive the symbolic tree after the previous one failed. After the reconstruction of the Akal Takht building by the Damdami Taksal in 1998, a tamarind sapling was first planted around 2000. From 2009 to 2013, Dr Narinderpal Singh from the Farmer Advisory Service Centre looked after it. Later, fruit science experts from Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) also attempted to preserve it, but the efforts failed. The plant finally dried up during the winter of 2023. Attempts to replant a sapling at the same site have continued. Two months ago, under the guidance of PAU experts.



UK'S VIRAL SHAME: WHEN HYPER IMAGE HIJACKS SIKHI

Diary Times Desk : Undated videos from the UK showing young Sikh boys in 'baana' (sacred robes) - some fighting violently inside a gurdwara, others mocking the Mool Mantar (the opening lines of Sri Guru Granth Sahib), and threatening with a knife - have gone viral. Faces blurred or not, the real exposure is not of the boys themselves - even in their apology video alongside elders – but of what we as a community have allowed to decay beneath the surface. This is not simply a matter of youth behaviour spiralling out of control. This is the outcome of something deeper, something far more troubling: a growing obsession with external identity divorced from spiritual discipline. 'Baana' without bani (the Divine Shabad) has become performance, a uniform without character. And that is where the danger lies. Guru Sahib gave us 'baana' as an expression of disciplined living – not as a badge of superiority, nor as a licence for aggression or violence.

WATER DISPUTE BETWEEN PUNJAB AND HARYANA DISRUPTED CHANDIGARH'S SUPPLY FOR OVER 2 MONTHS

Diary Times Desk : Chandigarh faced a significant water shortage for over two months due to an inter-state dispute between Punjab and Haryana regarding the Bhakra canal water supply. This came to light during a general house meeting held on Tuesday, where officers from the engineering department of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation addressed concerns raised by councilors over the acute water scarcity in various areas of the city. Officials reported that although the water supply has now normalised, the city had experienced a 20 per cent reduction in water availability during the dispute. Currently, Chandigarh receives approximately 60 MGD through the Kajauli water canal, supplemented by an additional 25 MGD from tube wells situated throughout the city. The officials explained that the city's water pipelines are fixed at a certain elevation and so any drop in water levels below this threshold directly affects supply. They noted that the water level in the Bhakra canal had decreased by nearly two feet.Moreover, they expressed frustration over a lack of official communication from Punjab officials regarding the reasons for the reduced water level. For over a month, they received no updates about the situation. When inquiries were made, they were only informed that repair works were ongoing. It wasn't until media coverage highlighted the escalating dispute that they learned of its true impact.Former Mayor Subhash Chawla and BJP leader criticised the AAP government in Punjab for exacerbating the water crisis in Chandigarh.

PUNJAB CM MANN QUESTIONS OP SINDOOR'S SUCCESS, BJP ACCUSES HIM OF 'STANDING WITH PAKISTAN'

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann questioned the Centre's claims of success in Operation Sindoor, a day after making his "One Nation, One Husband" remark against BJP. Mann stated, "It's obvious why the BJP government withdrew the plan to send 'sindoor' to every house. When you win a war, your victory is evident, and there's no need to boast about it."Mann also criticised the Chief of Defence Staff's statement in Singapore, saying that he admitted our jets were shot down. "He said it's not about how many were shot down, but why they were shot down. They're making these claims themselves and then accusing me of siding with Pakistan," Mann said, responding to Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Bittu's statement. The controversy began when Mann accused BJP of seeking votes in the name of Operation Sindoor's success, prompting Bittu to accuse him of "standing with Pakistan".

ZIRAKPUR, SOHANA, AIRPORT SHOS AMONG 24 TRANSFERRED IN MOHALI POLICE RESHUFFLE

Diary Times Desk : Mohali police on Wednesday reshuffled 24 cops within the district, changing Zirakpur, Sohana, Mullanpur, IT City and Airport Station House Officers (SHO) among others.Inspector Amandeep Singh has replaced Simran Singh at Sohana. Simran has now been posted to Lalru police station. Lalru SHO Satinder Singh has now taken charge at Zirakpur police station, while Ajitesh Kaushal has been posted at Airport police station. Inspector Amandeep Tarika is the new Mullanpur SHO.Inspector Navdeep Sharma and Inspector Gauravbans Singh have taken charge at Sadar Kurali and City Kurali police stations. Inspector Amandeep Kaur has been moved from the Cyber Crime police station to take over as SHO of the Women Cell. Additionally, six cops have been posted to the Anti-Narcotics Cell.

3 PUNJAB MEN WHO WENT MISSING WHILE TRAVELLING TO IRAN RESCUED

Diary Times Desk : The three rescued men have been identified as Hushanpreet Singh from Sangrur, Jaspal Singh from SBS Nagar, and Amritpal Singh from Hoshiarpur. They had gone missing shortly after arriving in Tehran on May 1.

STATE

OWNER OF PALAMPUR-BASED NEWS CHANNEL ARRESTED FOR 'EXTORTION'

Diary Times Desk: The owner of a local news channel in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district has been arrested on the extortion charge by a team from the State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, officials said on Wednesday. Amir Chand Dogra, the owner of the Palampurbased channel, was arrested on Tuesday while accepting Rs 2 lakh after a trap was laid following a complaint lodged by Bhuvnesh Chand Sood. A resident of Palampur, Sood alleged that Dogra had been extorting money after threatening to defame him by airing a "manipulated" video clip related to a land purchase by his son in the Palampur area.

WEAVING SUCCESS: **CHAMBA WOMEN TURN TRADITION INTO THRIVING** BIZ

Diary Times Desk : In a powerful display of grassroots entrepreneurship, women from Chamba's Kariyan village have turned tradition into income, leading a quiet revolution through the Jai Hind Self-Help Group (SHG) in production of handloom and local craft. What began as a small initiative under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) has blossomed into a thriving enterprise, where women are earning, leading and transforming their communitiesone handmade product at a time. The SHG members manufacture handloom and handicraft items exclusively the famous Chamba Rumal, as well as food products like pickles, chutneys, papads and local delicacies like vadiyan (lentil chunks). Fach woman associated with the Jai Hind SHG is earning an additional annual income of approximately Rs 20,000. This income has made it easier for them to meet household needs and has significantly boosted their confidence and economic standing. What began in 2019 as a single SHG initiative has now inspired the formation of eight more SHGs in neighbouring villages. Under the umbrella of the Inquilab Mahila Gram Sangathan, groups such as Prayas, Mahadev, Asha, Guru Nanak, Sai, Kasse Mata and Bani Mata SHGs are also thriving. Collectively, over 100 women are actively engaged in activities, entrepreneurial manufacturing diverse products and selling them in local, state, and national markets.

HIMACHAL CM SUKHU ANNOUNCES SERIES OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR DEHRA

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has initiated a series of development projects in the Dehra Assembly constituency, represented by his wife Kamlesh Thakur, on Tuesday.Addressing a gathering at Haripur town, he told the local residents that they were lucky to choose his wife as their political representative in the state Assembly because she could easily impress upon him directly to get funds for development works. Adding that "Dehra mera hai", he said that his wife has asked him to speed up the development works, which were neglected for years. "I have instructed officials of all the departments to complete all the works in time", he said.Earlier, his wife demanded from the CM to upgrade the hospital of Haripur to an Adarsh Hospital. The demand was accepted by Sukhu with a smile on his face. He not only sanctioned Rs 6 crore to upgrade the hospital but also announced Rs 2 crore for constructing the houses of the doctors and para-medical staff; besides, announcing six specialist doctors for this hospital.Sukhu also laid the foundation stone and performed 'bhumi pujan' of Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park at Bankhandi, which is a flagship project of the Congress government, the estimated cost of which is Rs 619 crore.

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COVID: MASKS MANDATORY IN HEALTH FACILITIES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH. **ADVISORY ISSUED**

Diary Times Desk : The Health Department has made wearing of masks mandatory for everyone in the health facilities of the state. Following the detection of a Covid-positive woman in Nahan on Tuesday, the department has issued another advisory, taking the precaution level a notch higher. The advisory has strongly recommended the use of masks in crowded places, especially for senior citizens, children, and individuals with co-morbid conditions. The advisory has also asked people to maintain adequate social distancing and follow hand hygiene.

SHIPKI-LA IN KINNAUR TO BE OPENED FOR **TOURISTS ON JUNE 10**

Diary Times Desk: Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi yesterday said Shipki-La, a mountain pass along China in Kinnaur district, will be opened for Indian tourists from June 10. "Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will open the pass for tourists on June 10," said the minister." Tourists will need to show their Aadhar cards to visit the place once it is opened for public," said Negi. The minister said the objective behind opening up the place for tourists was to prevent migration from border areas and ensure that there was no incursion from across the border. Shipki-La is an ancient trade route with China, but it was closed down after the Covid outbreak in 2020. The trade through this route is done through barter system.

WOMAN FOUND CORONA POSITIVE IN NAHAN

Diary Times Desk : An elderly woman has been found corona positive in Nahan. She is the first Covid patient in the state in the latest surge of Covid in the country. The government had issued an advisory to all health institutions to stay prepared in case there's a surge in Covid cases. The advisory issued by National Health Mission had asked hospitals to bolster their healthcare infrastructure, including maintaining adequate bed capacity, ensuring an uninterrupted supply of oxygen and stocking essential equipment such as ventilators, oxygen concentrators, PSA oxygen plants, antibiotics and other critical medicines.

CLEARING THE WAY: MANALI MOVES TO UNCLOG ITS CHARM

Diary Times Desk : In response to escalating traffic congestion in the tourist hotspot of Manali, local authorities have imposed a ban on tempo travellers along two critical routes: Hadimba Temple Road and Old Manali Road, starting from Rambagh Chowk. The restriction, effective immediately, permits access only to tempo travellers whose passengers hold confirmed bookings at approved hotels. The move aims to ensure that only essential traffic flows through these narrow and historically bottlenecked corridors.

MAN GETS 20 YRS IN JAIL FOR RAPE, FINED RS 30,000

Diary Times Desk : The Additional District and Session Court, Nurpur, today convicted a minor rape accused Jagdish, alias Pamma, of Tadya Sugala village in Indora sub division of Kangra district and sentenced him to 20 years' imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 30,000. According to SP Nurpur Ashok Ratan, the accused had abducted a minor airl and raped her at his house. A case under sections 363 and 376 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act had been registered against him in Indora police station on November 26,2023 after a complaint lodged by the victim's father. The accused had been arrested on the same day after registration of the FIR. After investigation and collecting evidence of the crime, a charge sheet was submitted in the court on January 19, 2024. In another case, the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Jawali, in Kangra district has convicted an accused Rajesh Kumar of Katholi village on Tuesday and sentenced him to six months' imprisonment and fined him Rs 20,000.According to Assistant District Attorney, Jawali, Ravi Kumar the accused had been nabbed on September 30, 2012 with 10 cartons of country made liquor and five cartons of beer being illegally transported in a vehicle without legal documents near Nagrota Surian.





SPORTS

RCB VICTORY CELEBRATIONS TURN TRAGIC AS 11 DIE IN STAMPEDE AT CHINNASWAMY STADIUM

Diary Times Desk : The victory celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru fans turned tragic as 11 people including a woman and a class 9 student died in a stampede outside the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday afternoon. More than 30 people are said to be injured and there are fears that the toll could increase. The fans had thronged the stadium ahead of a victory parade for the RCB team that won IPL 2025. Three, who were shifted to Bowring Hospital, were declared dead on arrival, while four others died at Vydehi Multispecialty Hospital on Vittal Mallya Road. It is learnt that the stampede occurred when hundreds tried to enter the stadium through a gate near Cubbon Park. Following the tragedy, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has rushed to Bowring Hospital. Some of the injured were administered CPR by other fans. Police had a tough time in shifting the victims to hospitals as there was a traffic gridlock around the stadium. Several were shifted in police vehicles, ambulances and even in private vehicles. Relatives of the deceased were found crying outside the Bowrina Hospital.

INDIA STAR KULDEEP YADAV GETS ENGAGED TO CHILDHOOD FRIEND VANSHIKA AHEAD OF ENGLAND TOUR

Diary Times Desk : Indian spinner Kuldeep Yadav, on Wednesday, got engaged to his childhood friend Vanshika in a private ceremony held in Lucknow. The ceremony, kept intimate and traditional, was attended by close family members and friends, along with several cricketers from Uttar Pradesh, including India and Kolkata Knight Riders batter Rinku Singh. The engagement took place at a venue in the city where the couple exchanged rings, marking the beginning of a new chapter in their lifelong bond. Vanshika, who hails from Shyam Nagar in Lucknow, works with LIC, and shares a deeprooted friendship with Kuldeep that dates back to their early childhood. Their close companionship over the years blossomed into love, culminating in a heartwarming engagement surrounded by loved ones. While the off-field milestone has brought joy to Kuldeep's personal life, his cricketing journey continues to be a story of resilience and reinvention. Representing Delhi Capitals in IPL 2025, the 30-year-old left-arm wrist-spinner had a respectable campaign, picking up 15 wickets in 14 matches at a tidy economy rate of 7.08 and a bowling average of 24.07. His best figures in the season stood at 3/22, underlining his continued importance in the T20.



VIRAT KOHLI'S 'HOLD THE TROPHY' GESTURE TOWARDS MAYANTI LANGER GOES VIRAL AFTER IPL 2025 TRIUMPH

Diary Times Desk : It's celebration time for Royal Challengers Bengaluru and all its supporters across the world. On Tuesday night, RCB's 18-year wait for an IPL trophy ended in quite some fashion as it beat Punjab Kings by six runs in the final. After the final ended, Kohli - the superstar - failed to get going in the big final with a conservative 35-ball 43 left RCB wanting. Luck seemed to be deserting Kohli's men as none of them could convert starts. But if, at the halfway mark, Punjab looked ahead, everything fell in place for RCB in final analysis. RCB put together an impeccable squad in the mega auction and fired in unison one last time this year to deliver a win which will be remembered for a long time. Until any player in future who bats as well as Kohli and spends as much time in the same franchise as the superstar has, the record of most runs by any player in IPL for a sinale team will remain with Kohli (9.085) and RCB. That also includes crossing the 600-run mark, which Kohli has done five times including this year with 657 runs. Celebration followed late into the night. During the victory celebration, Kohli and the RCB team took a round of the stadium. Mayanti's husband Sturat Binny was part of the RCB team that played the IPL 2026 final.

MARC-ANDRE TER STEGEN LEFT FUMING AS BARCELONA CLOSE IN ON DEAL FOR JOAN GARCIA

Diary Times Desk: Marc-Andre ter Stegen is reportedly "very angry" after seeing Barcelona make a move for Espanyol goalkeeper Joan Garcia. The Catalans are said to have reached an agreement with Garcia over a five-year contract, and he will join the club when his release clause is activated. The potential arrival of Garcia puts Marc-Andre ter Stegen's future in doubt. He's said he's determined to stay but looks to be heading for a difficult situation. According to Diario Sport, Ter Stegen is furious after learning about the transfer through the media and is "willing to go to war" with Barcelona.Barca plan to talk to Ter Stegen to clear up the situation, and the message from the club is clear: he does not have to leave but he won't be guaranteed minutes if he does stay indeed the Catalans are said to be planning to have Garcia as No. 1 in goal for next season with Szczesny as their back-up option. From there it remains to be seen what happens. Barca won't stand in Ter Stegen's way if he wants out, which may be the case in a World Cup year, but there may be few teams willing to go for him.



FRENCH OPEN: WORLD NO 361 LOIS BOISSON SHOCKS MIRRA ANDREEVA TO SET UP SEMI-FINAL WITH COCO GAUFF

Diary Times Desk : The 22-year-old had already sent shockwaves around Roland-Garros by stunning American Pegula to make the quarter-finals and she continued her remarkable form by dumping out sixth seed Andreeva 7-6 (8-6) 6-3.Boisson's only real claim to fame prior to this year's tournament was being the player Britain's Harriet Dart complained to an umpire about, saying "tell her to wear deodorant". But she came up smelling of roses on Wednesday afternoon after а famous win in the French capital.

ENGLAND OPENER JAMIE SMITH GEARS UP FOR INDIA TEST SERIES

Diary Times Desk : Jamie Smith will use the next fortnight to reboot ahead of 10 Test matches which could propel England's Bazball constellation into the galaxy of superstars. After signing off from his promotion to open for the one-day side with a dazzling 64 off 28 balls against West Indies at The Oval, Smith will return to the middle order for defining Test series against India and Australia. Win them both, and England will return to No.1 in the Test rankings for the first time since 2012 and the players will go down in Ashes legend. Next stop for Smith is the first Test against India at Headingley, starting on June 20, and his sense of anticipation is palpable. He said: "It feels like we're close to it now, we're almost there. The next 10 Tests are massive, we're playing the two best nations. You know the magnitude of what we've got coming up, but if we can try and stay in the present (without looking too far ahead) then it's a good time to test ourselves against the best. "It would be nice to get away now and have 10 days of good practice. It's one of the things you don't get much time to do in the cricket season - to go away and improve your game. You sort of get to a point where you just carry on playing games and moving from one to the next. It's nice to have that little reset." Smith, 24, has enjoyed a prominent first year in England's Test ranks after being fast-tracked into the side ahead of Jonny Bairstow, Ben Foakes and Jos Buttler, averaging 42.73 in his first 10 games. He admitted his promotion to open for the one-day international team under new skipper Harry Brook came as a surprise - and by his own admission it was not an instant success. He said: "I can't say it's not had its challenges - it's a new role, and you're sort of riding that success and failure.