

NDA COMPLETES 11 YEARS

'COMPASSIONATE GOVERNMENT, DEVOTED TO GARIB KALYAN', SAYS PM MODI AS NDA COMPLETES 11 YEARS

Diary Times Desk : As the NDA government nears the completion of 11 consecutive years in power, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for a nationwide outreach to showcase its achievements — particularly its focus on poverty alleviation and last-mile delivery.

In a post on X, Modi described his government as compassionate and devoted to the welfare of the poor, highlighting that “over 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty” over the past decade.

The Centre, he said, remains committed to building an inclusive and self-reliant India where every citizen can live with dignity. According to a report by Business Standard, the Prime Minister pointed to key schemes like PM Awas Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, and Ayushman Bharat as instrumental in transforming lives of the people.

These initiatives, he said, have ensured greater access to housing, clean cooking fuel, banking, and healthcare. He also noted that efforts such as Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT), digital inclusion, and improved rural infrastructure have enhanced transparency and service delivery.

"A compassionate government, devoted to Garib Kalyan! Over the past decade, the NDA Government has taken pathbreaking steps to uplift several people from the clutches of poverty, focussing on empowerment, infrastructure and inclusion.



AYODHYA'S RAM MANDIR

YOGI ADITYANATH LEADS PRAN PRATISHTHA CEREMONY AT AYODHYA'S RAM MANDIR ON HIS 53RD BIRTHDAY



Diary Times Desk : Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath presided over the grand Pran Pratishtha ceremony at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on Thursday. The rituals began at 11am and lasted around 45 to 50 minutes, featuring traditional Vedic chants and ceremonies. The event marked the final day of the three-day Pran Pratishtha celebrations that started on June 3.

Yogi Adityanath, who is celebrating his 53rd birthday today, performed the aarti of Ram Lalla on the ground floor of the temple. After performing rituals in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, the chief minister reached the first floor of the temple for Pran Pratishtha of Ram Darbar and started rituals there.

On the occasion, Anil Mishra, member of the Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust and host of the ceremony, was also present along with his wife Usha Mishra. Additionally, Govind Dev Giri, a member of the Trust, felicitated Adityanath. After the rituals, CM greeted the select people who were invited to the ceremony and left the first floor along with some members of the trust and guests.

Earlier, Yogi Adityanath also offered prayers at the Hanuman Garhi Mandir in Ayodhya as a part of his schedule to attend Pran Pratishtha. Expressing his gratitude, the CM took to X and wrote about being a part of the Pran Pratishtha ceremony. “Today, in the holy birthplace of Lord Shri Ram, Ayodhya Dham, I am getting the great fortune of becoming a witness to the program organised for the Pran Pratishtha of the holy idols of gods in the eight temples including Shri Ram Darbar on the first floor of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple.” he said in the post.



BENGALURU POLICE COMMISSIONER, OTHERS COPS
SUSPENDED AFTER STAMPEDE INCIDENT

Diary Times Desk : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday ordered the suspension of Bengaluru police commissioner and several senior police officials in connection with the stampede in front of Chinnaswamy Stadium here, which left 11 people dead. He has also ordered the arrest of representatives of Royal Challengers Bengaluru, DNA event managers and Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), while handing over the probe to the one-man judicial commission headed by retired High Court judge of Karnataka, Justice Michael Cunha. The stampede occurred on Wednesday evening in front of the stadium, where a large number of people thronged to participate in the RCB team's IPL victory celebrations. "Today the cabinet met and discussed yesterday's tragedy in detail. The cabinet in its wisdom has taken a decision to entrust (the probe) into the incident to the one-man judicial commission headed by retired High Court judge of Karnataka, Justice Michael Cunha, and we have told the commission to give the report in 30 days," Siddaramaiah said. Speaking to reporters here after the cabinet meeting, the CM said he had instructed the DGP and IGP of the state to immediately arrest the representatives of the RCB, DNA event managers and KSCA.



TATA TO PARTNER WITH FRANCE'S
DASSAULT AVIATION TO
MANUFACTURE RAFALE JET FUSELAGE

Diary Times Desk : Dassault Aviation and Tata Advanced Systems Limited have signed four Production Transfer Agreements to manufacture Rafale fighter aircraft fuselage components in India. Under the scope of the partnership, Tata Advanced Systems will set up a cutting-edge production facility in Hyderabad for the manufacture of key structural sections of the Rafale, including the lateral shells of the rear fuselage, the complete rear section, the central fuselage, and the front section, the companies said in a release on Thursday. The first fuselage sections are expected to roll off the assembly line in FY2028, with the facility expected to deliver up to two complete fuselages per month. For the first time, Rafale fuselages will be produced outside France and this is a decisive step in strengthening our supply chain in India, Eric Troppier, Chairman and CEO of Dassault Aviation, said.

AUDIENCE HAVE A HEARTY LAUGH AS SHASHI THAROOR'S
JOURNALIST SON IN US CONFRONTS HIM ON PAKISTAN



Diary Times Desk : Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, leading a multi-party delegation to the US, was on Thursday asked a question by his journalist son regarding whether government interlocutors sought evidence of Pakistan's culpability in the Pahalgam attack to which he replied India would not have conducted Operation Sindoor without convincing evidence. "That shouldn't be allowed. This is my son," Tharoor said laughing, during an interaction at the Council on Foreign Relations when his son Ishaan Tharoor, global affairs columnist with the Washington Post, stood up to ask him a question. "Ishaan Tharoor, Washington Post. Definitely asking a question in a personal capacity. Mostly to say hi before you go off to your next engagement," Ishaan said. "I'm curious though, on this tour you've been on various countries in the Western Hemisphere. Have any of your government interlocutors asked you to show evidence of Pakistan's culpability in the initial attack? And what do you say to the repeated Pakistani denials of having any hand in the initial attack?" Ishaan asked.

BJP'S VIJAYVARGIYA SAYS HE DISAPPROVES OF WOMEN
WEARING 'SKIMPY CLOTHES'

Diary Times Desk : In controversial remarks, senior BJP leader and Madhya Pradesh Cabinet Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya on Thursday said he disapproves the trend of women wearing "skimpy clothes", which he insisted, was a foreign concept of beauty and not in consonance with Indian tradition. Citing Indian culture, the minister said he considers women as a "form of goddess". "If a girl here (in India) wears good and pretty clothes, does good makeup and wears nice jewellery, then people consider her very beautiful. But abroad, if a (woman) wears less clothes, then it is considered good. Now, this is their thinking," maintained Vijayvargiya. He made the remarks while terming as inappropriate a foreign proverb that compares the short speeches of leaders with the short clothes of women. Vijayvargiya praised the brief speech given by local unit president of BJP, Sumit Mishra, at a programme organised on World Environment Day in his hometown Indore and said he favoured a short public address.



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.



VIMAL NEGI DEATH CASE: CBI WILL INVESTIGATE VIMAL NEGI CASE, NOTICE TO GOVERNMENT AND DGP ON GANDHI'S PETITION

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal High Court has issued notices to the government, DGP and others on the appeal petition filed personally by Shimla Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Gandhi, who has been sent on leave. The division bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma, partially accepting the decision of the single judge, has upheld the decision to hand over the investigation to the CBI. The next hearing of the case will be on July 14. The petitioner told the court that due to the decision of the single judge, the personal image of SP Gandhi and the credibility of the SIT has been hurt. LPA has been filed regarding this. The government has given him an NOC to file an appeal. He does not have any objection to the fact that the single judge has handed over the investigation of the case to the CBI. The SIT itself was trying to get justice for the family. He has only demanded from the court that the affidavit filed by the DGP before the single judge was not given enough time to respond to it.



HIMACHAL: CM SAID- PLASTIC WILL BE COMPLETELY BANNED IN A PHASED MANNER, CHILDREN WILL GET STEEL BOTTLES

Diary Times Desk : Himachal government will provide stainless steel bottles for drinking water to six lakh school children. A complete ban will be imposed on all types of plastic in the state in a phased manner. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu made this announcement at a state-level function organized at Peterhof Shimla on World Environment Day on Thursday. He said that rules related to plastic have been strictly implemented. A mobile app has also been launched for single-use plastic challan. With the app, officers will be able to issue paperless and quick challan on illegal use of plastic. The Chief Minister said that the government is giving top priority to environmental protection. Concrete measures are being taken to control plastic pollution. The government has started a decisive fight against plastic. A target has been set to make the state a green state by March 31, 2026. New schemes are being implemented to increase green cover in Himachal. Solar energy projects, green corridors, e-vehicles and green energy are being encouraged. To save the green cover, the government has demanded green bonus from the Center.

HIMACHAL: PEOPLE ARE SPENDING THEIR NIGHTS IN FEAR IN THE SINKING LINDUR VILLAGE OF LAHAUL-SPITI, DEEP CRACKS HAVE APPEARED IN THE HOUSES

Diary Times Desk : Due to continuous landslides, people in the sinking Lindur village are spending their nights in fear. For the last three years, Lindur village of Lahaul valley, which has 19 families, is being hit by natural disaster. The land, fields and barns of the village are sinking. Deep cracks have appeared in the houses. Slowly, the entire village is sinking. The villagers are somehow passing the day, but the nights are passing in fear. The NDRF team has inspected the village the previous day and once again a team of NDRF experts is going to visit the village. It will be mandatory to displace the villagers soon on the basis of reports of IIT Mandi and geological study. After this, the district administration is also keeping an eye on the situation, but the ground work regarding relief and rehabilitation is still incomplete. Jagdish, a resident of the village, said that our demand is that work should be done to prevent floods in the drain. The debris that is accumulating after the landslide is washed away in the flood every time. The drain is becoming deeper. He said that if this prevention is not possible then at least the displacement process should be expedited. The affected villagers Rahul, Hira Lal and Chhering Dorje say that till now only assurances have been received from the administration, neither flood prevention work has started nor any concrete steps have been taken regarding displacement.

HIMACHAL NEWS: 158 AGNIVEERS READY, PASSING OUT PARADE AT SALARIA STADIUM OF GORKHA TRAINING CENTER SUBATHU

Diary Times Desk : 158 Agniveers of Batch-5 passed out in the passing out parade held at the historic Salaria Stadium of 14-Gorkha Training Center, Subathu on Thursday. The Agniveers, who took the oath of allegiance to the country, underwent 31 weeks of training on various aspects of physical fitness, combat and field craft, weapons and strategy. The Agniveers will now join the famous Gorkha battalions of the 1st and 4th Gorkha Rifles. 14-Gorkha Training Center Commandant Brigadier Puneet Sharma took the salute of the parade. In his address, he inspired the Agniveers to keep the national and Indian Army flag high. He said that after rigorous training, now all the soldiers are ready to show valor in difficult times and with the passion of serving the country, they will now serve at different places. He congratulated the 158 Agniveers who joined the Indian Army and their families. During this, Brigadier Puneet Sharma honored recruit Deepak Singh Mehra by giving him a trophy for the overall best company. After the parade, there was a pipe band performance. The ceremony concluded with a PT performance.



HIMACHAL: PLANTATION DONE IN 15,000 SCHOOLS, TARGET TO PLANT 11 LAKH TREES IN EK PED MAE KE NAAM CAMPAIGN

Diary Times Desk : Under the instructions of the Central Government, Ek Ped Mae Ke Naam 2.0 has been started across the country on the occasion of World Environment Day. Under this campaign, plantation is being done across the country. In Himachal Pradesh also, plantation was done in about 15,000 schools under this program. These include government, private, Jawahar Navodaya and Eklavya schools. This program is being run in the state under Samagra Shiksha under the Education Department. It is being run in the state under the guidance of Samagra Shiksha Director Rajesh Sharma. Under this program, the target is to plant 11 lakh saplings in the state, for this 70 saplings will be planted per school in the state. This program will run for the next three months. This program is being run across the state till September 30. For this, apart from the Ministry of Education, it is being run with the cooperation of other departments like Forest Department, Rural Development Department, Panchayati Raj Institute, Urban Local Bodies and District Administration. Program Officer Nandani Kanwar said that under this program, plantation was done in almost all the schools of the state and the students were made aware about the importance of environmental protection.

VIMAL NEGI CASE: CBI QUESTIONED VIMAL NEGI'S BROTHER AND WIFE FOR EIGHT HOURS AT THE ZONE OFFICE

Diary Times Desk : In the case of death of Power Corporation's Chief Engineer Vimal Negi, CBI interrogated the family members for 8 hours. On Wednesday at 10:30, Vimal Negi's elder brother Surendra Negi was called to CBI Shimla Zone office. Till 2:30, the investigating officer kept on collecting various kinds of information from him. At 2:30 in the afternoon, Vimal Negi's wife Kiran Negi was called to the office and information was obtained. Till 7:30 in the night, CBI officers kept on collecting information from her. CBI officers interrogated Vimal Negi's brother and wife separately. Last Monday also, Kiran Negi was called to CBI office. Whatever information he gave to CBI at that time, he was again called on Wednesday to clear the same.

PUBLIC SHAMING OF STUDENTS OVER FEES MENTAL HARASSMENT: COURT PULLS UP DPS DWARKA

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi High Court has condemned the Delhi Public School, Dwarka, for engaging in the public shaming of 31 students whose parents defaulted on fee payments. The court labelled such actions as mental harassment that undermines the psychological well-being of children. DPS Dwarka earlier removed the names of 31 students from its rolls due to non-payment of fees. However, the school later informed the court that it had taken back the decision and allowed the students to return. The court said that since the students were reinstated, the issue had become less serious, but it still made strong remarks on the school's behaviour. Slamming the school's move, the bench said, "Public shaming or intimidation of a student on account of financial default, especially through force or coercive action, not only constitutes mental harassment but also undermines the psychological well-being and self-worth of a child." The court criticised the use of bouncers to restrict students from entering the school campus, saying "it fosters a climate of fear, humiliation and exclusion that is incompatible with the fundamental ethos of a school."

581 PARAMILITARY FORCE COMPANIES, JAMMERS, DRONES TO SECURE AMARNATH YATRA

Diary Times Desk : The Amarnath Yatra, a 38-day pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine in Jammu and Kashmir, has been secured with a massive deployment of 581 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) companies, jammers, and drones. This extensive security arrangement aims to ensure the safe passage of devotees during the sacred journey. It comes in the backdrop of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 tourists were killed. Besides, top official sources mentioned that all roads leading to the Yatra routes and National Highways will be temporarily blocked to ensure maximum security during the convoy's passage. In addition to these measures, a comprehensive deployment will include Road Opening Parties (ROPs) to secure and clear the routes, Quick Action Teams (QATs) for immediate response to threats, Bomb Disposal Squads (BDS) will detect and neutralise explosives, and K9 units (specially trained sniffer dogs) and drones will be used for aerial surveillance. These arrangements will be in place on both the Pahalgam and Baltal routes to the Amarnath Cave Shrine in Jammu.

FIR FILED AGAINST RCB, KARNATAKA CRICKET BOARD AFTER 11 KILLED IN BENGALURU STAMPEDE



Diary Times Desk : Bengaluru police have registered an FIR against Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), event management company DNA, the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Administrative Committee and others at Cubbon Park Police Station day after 11 people were killed in a stampede near Chinnaswamy Stadium. The FIR stated criminal negligence in the stampede incident, ANI reported. DNA Entertainment managed the RCB's IPL victory celebrations, while the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) organised the event, according to the state government. Apart from the first information report (FIR), the district magistrate G Jagadeesha, who was appointed by the Karnataka government to investigate the incident, said notices will also be sent to the KSCA, the Bengaluru Metro, and the RCB franchise. According to the police, the case was registered at Cubbon Park police station under sections 105.

TRINAMOL'S MAHUA MOITRA MARRIES EX-MP PINAKI MISRA IN GERMANY: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Mahua Moitra has married senior advocate and former BJD MP Pinaki Misra in Germany, according to reports. Though neither Ms Moitra nor Mr Misra issued any official statement on the wedding, a section of the media said the two got married in Germany on May 30. People congratulated Ms Moitra and Mr Misra on social media. TMC Lok Sabha MP from Jadavpur Saayoni Ghosh took to X to congratulate the couple. "Congratulations Mm & Pm...Mahua Moitra, Pinaki Misra, wishing you a lifetime of love and laughter!" Some TMC and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MPs who were contacted said they were not aware of the details. Ms Moitra, an investment banker-turned-politician, is an MP from Krishnanagar in West Bengal for the second term. She earlier served a term as a member of the Legislative Assembly in the state. Ms Moitra was earlier married to Danish financier Lars Brorson.

CCTV CAPTURES INDORE COUPLE BEFORE THEY WENT MISSING IN MEGHALAYA

Diary Times Desk : As the mystery surrounding the disappearance of an Indore couple in Meghalaya deepens, footage from a CCTV at a hotel where they were staying has emerged. The blurry video shows Raja Raghuvanshi and his newly-wedded wife Sonam checking into the Shillong Hotel on May 22. The couple was last seen on May 23. They had rented a scooter, which was later found abandoned at Sohrarim a day after they went missing. They last spoke to family members on May 23. On June 2, Raja's body was found at Sohrarim near Cherrapunji. His wife, Sonam, is still missing and police are looking for her. The National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force and a Special Operations Team have also joined the search. Police managed to locate Raja's body with a drone. It was in a deep gorge next to a parking lot. Police have also found his phone and a machete believed to have been used to kill him. East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police Vivek Syiem.

UNDERTRIAL PRISONER KILLED BY INMATES AT DELHI COURT LOCK-UP, INITIAL PROBE REVEALS OLD RIVALRY

Diary Times Desk : An undertrial prisoner was killed by two inmates inside the Saket court lock-up, police said on Thursday. The deceased, identified as Aman (24), was undergoing trial in an attempted murder case. He was brought to the Saket court for a hearing and kept in the lock-up before being produced before the judge. The two accused prisoners – Jitender alias Jitte and Jaidev alias Baccha – allegedly smashed his head on the walls and kept kicking him, PTI quoted police officials as saying. All three – the two accused and the victim – were lodged in Tihar Jail number 8. Aman was rushed to the hospital but succumbed to his injuries during treatment, following which his body was sent for post-mortem. While a police source told PTI that a team had been formed to probe the matter, a preliminary inquiry has revealed that an old rivalry might be the reason for the incident. Aman, a resident of Govindpuri, had allegedly assaulted Jitender and his brother.

'NO TERROR BASES HERE...': SHASHI THAROOR ON ASYMMETRY OF INDIA-PAK CONFLICT

Diary Times Desk : Shashi Tharoor has pointed out Pakistan's indiscriminate shelling on civilian areas in India during the recent conflict as a big example of the "asymmetry of this particular conflict" since India's objective was to strike only at terror infrastructure in the neighbouring country. The Pakistani military, however, targeted civilian areas in India because "there are no terror bases in India to hit", Mr Tharoor told an audience which included former US Ambassador to India Kenneth I Juster. Mr Tharoor, who is the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, made the comments during an interaction in the US where he led a multi-party delegation of MPs as part of India's global diplomatic outreach after Operation Sindoor. "... All I can say is that the world of warfare has been changing dramatically since the beginning of the Ukraine conflict, and increasingly the use of drones, for example. It's striking that neither country [India and Pakistan] actually crossed over into the other's airspace at any stage of these four days [of the conflict]. Everything is being done from a distance now. Drones, missiles, technologies have moved quite significantly," Mr Tharoor said at a discussion hosted by the think tank Council on Foreign Relations.



3 NEW ZEALAND MPS BANNED FROM PARLIAMENT FOR STAGING HAKA PROTESTS

Diary Times Desk : New Zealand's parliament on Thursday handed record-long suspensions to three Indigenous Maori lawmakers who last year staged a protest haka on the debating floor. Maori Party co-leaders Rawiri Waititi and Debbie Ngarewa-Packer were banished from parliament for 21 days, the longest-ever suspension. Fellow Maori Party lawmaker Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke, New Zealand's youngest current MP, was suspended for seven days. The bans stem from a haka performed during voting in November on the contentious Treaty Principles Bill, which sought to redefine the principles of a key pact between Maori and the government. Waititi held up a noose as he rose to speak in defiance of the ban on Thursday. "In my maiden speech, I talked about one of our (ancestors) who was hung in the gallows of Mt Eden Prison, wrongfully accused," Waititi said. "The silencing of us today is a reminder of the silencing of our ancestors of the past, and it continues to happen. "Now you've traded the noose for legislation. Well, we will not be silenced." Although performed on many different occasions, haka are often used as a kind of ceremonial war dance or challenge to authority.

AMID US-CHINA TARIFF ROW, DONALD TRUMP DIALS XI JINPING

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump spoke with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, on Thursday amid the ongoing tariff row between the US and China. This phone call marked the first direct interaction between the two leaders since Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariff announcement. The phone call came a day after Trump stated on Truth Social that he has "always liked" the Chinese president, adding that Jinping is "extremely hard to make a deal with." "I like President Xi of China, always have, and always will, but he is VERY TOUGH, AND EXTREMELY HARD TO MAKE A DEAL WITH!!!," Trump posted on Wednesday on his social media site, Truth Social. Chinese state media have also confirmed the phone call between Trump and Xi. As per a report by Xinhua, the Chinese foreign ministry stated that the conversation took place at the White House's request. No other information has been made public regarding the conversation. The United States and China have been locked in a series of trade negotiations after Trump announced.

HARVARD VISA BAN COULD DISRUPT FALL ADMISSIONS AND SET COLLEGE PRECEDENT

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump's 4 June proclamation suspending the entry of foreign nationals seeking to study or participate in exchange programmes at Harvard University has raised alarm among education experts, who fear it may set a precedent for action against other Ivy League institutions. The move comes amid escalating tensions between the Trump administration and higher education institutions, especially Harvard. The administration had last month banned foreign students' admission to the university, an order that was blocked by a court. This was followed by the US State Department instructing all consular missions and embassies overseas to begin social media vetting of visa applicants intending to travel to Harvard University for any purpose. The 4 June presidential proclamation invokes authority under sections 212(f) and 215(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), granting the president broad powers to suspend entry of any class of people deemed "detrimental to the interests of the United States." The order halts new international admissions to Harvard but also grants the Secretary of State discretionary power to revoke existing F, M, or J visas of international students already at Harvard.

SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT TAKES OVER A COUNTRY DEEPLY SPLIT BY GENDER POLITICS



Diary Times Desk : Liberal candidate Lee Jae-myung has won South Korea's snap presidential election with a clear lead. With all of the ballots counted, Lee won almost 50% of the vote, ahead of his conservative rival Kim Moon-soo on 41%. He takes over a country that is deeply divided along gender lines. Lee's campaign effectively channelled voter anger. He focused on resetting South Korea's politics after impeached former president Yoon Suk Yeol, who was from the same party as Kim, unleashed chaos by declaring martial law in December 2024. However, gender conflict has continued, subtly but powerfully, to shape voter behaviour, campaign strategies and the national debate about who is to blame for the lack of opportunities in South Korea for young men. The election took place three years after Yoon pipped Lee to the presidency by just a quarter of a million votes – the closest margin in the country's history. Yoon's victory was, as has been noted by researcher Kyungja Jung, "the epitome of the utilisation of gender wars".

AS GRETA THUNBERG SAILS TO GAZA, ISRAEL'S "WE ARE PREPARED" MESSAGE

Diary Times Desk : As Greta Thunberg sails toward Gaza with a boat full of humanitarian aid, Israel has declared it is "prepared" to act to prevent the flotilla's arrival, according to a senior military spokesperson. "For this case as well, we are prepared," Israel Defence Forces (IDF) spokesman Brig General Effie Defrin told The Times of London. "We have gained experience in recent years, and we will act accordingly." He did not specify what actions the Israeli military might take. The 22-year-old Swedish climate activist set sail on Sunday aboard the Madleen, a vessel operated by the Freedom Flotilla Coalition (FFC), carrying essential supplies for civilians in Gaza. The strip has faced a total blockade by Israel for over 90 days and has been under land, sea, and air restrictions since 2007. The aid aboard includes milk, protein bars, baby formula, diapers, flour, rice, water filters, hygiene products, and medical equipment.



RUSSIAN DRONE STRIKE KILLS 5 AS MOSCOW PLEDGES RESPONSE TO UKRAINE ATTACKS

Diary Times Desk : A Russian drone strike has killed five people in the northern town of Pryluky in Chernihiv region, including three members of one family, Ukrainian authorities said. Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said on Thursday morning that a local first responder's wife, daughter and one-year-old grandson were killed in the attack. Regional Governor Viacheslav Chaus said the family was among five people killed when Russia launched six drones to attack the town overnight. Six others were admitted to hospital, he said. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy slammed the attacks and accused Moscow of "constantly trying to buy time for itself to continue killing. "When it does not feel strong enough condemnation and pressure from the world – it kills again," he wrote on X. Zelenskyy said Russia launched 103 drones and one ballistic missile overnight targeting the Donetsk, Kharkiv, Odesa, Sumy, Chernihiv, Dnipro and Kherson regions. "This is yet another reason to impose maximum sanctions and put pressure together. We expect action from the United States, Europe, and everyone in the world who can really help change these terrible circumstances," he urged.

HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHES PICS OF WOMEN IN SHORT SKIRTS WITHOUT CONSENT, FACES BACKLASH

Diary Times Desk : A Hungarian newspaper, Metropol, has faced backlash for publishing a photo spread featuring women in short skirts without their consent. The images, taken in public spaces such as subways and streets, were part of the paper's "Take a photo and send it in!" column, which has previously been criticised for exploiting vulnerable groups, Hungarian news website Telex reported. The publication's ties to Hungary's ruling government have added to the controversy, sparking widespread protests from women's rights advocates and the Hungarian public.

The photo spread, titled "The shorter, the better," featured images of women in short skirts taken without their knowledge or consent. The article below the headline read, "This statement is certainly true for fashion, if not for life-span. But in the case of skirts and dresses worn by girls, it is certainly true with the beginning of summer." The situation worsened when the feature invited readers to submit similar photos, further fueling the controversy over the newspaper's objectification of women.

VIGILANCE BUREAU SEEKS CUSTODY OF PUNJAB'S 'INSTA QUEEN' AMANDEEP KAUR IN DISPROPORTIONATE ASSETS CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Vigilance Bureau has requested the Bathinda jail authorities to issue a medical fitness certificate for dismissed woman constable Amandeep Kaur, popularly known as 'Insta Queen', to seek her custody again in connection with a disproportionate assets case registered against her. Amandeep Kaur was arrested on May 26 at the residence of singer Raftaar Kaur, sister of Punjabi playback singer Afsana Khan, in Badal village, Muktsar district. Earlier, she had been arrested on April 2 after 17.71 g heroin were allegedly recovered from her Thar jeep during a police check on Badal Road in Bathinda. At the time of her arrest by the vigilance bureau, she was out on bail in the case registered under the NDPS Act. A senior Vigilance Bureau officer stated, "We need Amandeep Kaur's custody in the disproportionate assets case registered against her at the Bathinda Vigilance police station. The Vigilance Bureau has requested the Bathinda jail authorities to conduct a physical examination and issue a medical fitness certificate so that we can seek her custody from the court."



SIX SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SEIZED IN TARN TARAN, TWO ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : The Valtaha police in the Patti area here claimed to have busted a three-member cross-border weapons smuggling module on Thursday, arresting two persons and recovering six sophisticated weapons. SSP Abhimanyu Rana identified the arrested accused as Surajpal Singh and Arshdeep Singh, both residents of Lakhna village. The police party, led by ASI Manjinder Singh, recovered four Glock pistols with six cartridges from the accused on the previous night. The SSP added that the third associate, Parashdeep Singh Parsh of Rajoke village, is still at large. According to the SSP, the module has links with smugglers based across the border, who supply them with illegal weapons via drones. A case has been registered under Sections 25(6), 25(7), and 59 of the Arms Act, and further investigation is underway to identify all backward and forward linkages.

CROSS-BORDER WEAPON SMUGGLING MODULE BUSTED, 2 ARRESTED IN TARN TARAN

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Police on Thursday unearthed a cross-border weapon smuggling module with the arrest of two persons in Tarn Taran district, a top police officer said. Six sophisticated weapons, including Glock pistols, have been recovered from them. The accused have been identified as Surajpal Singh and Arshdeep Singh, residents of Tarn Taran, DGP Gaurav Yadav said. Surajpal was in direct contact with Pakistan-based handlers, identified as Rana and Sikander, who were using drones to drop consignments of arms and ammunition, the officer said. Further investigations are going on to establish backward and forward linkages in this case. More arrests and recoveries are likely in the coming days, he said. Sharing details, Tarn Taran SSP Abhimanyu Rana said that acting on reliable information, a police team arrested Surajpal and Arshdeep near Lakhna village. It was found that Surajpal used to retrieve the weapons' consignments and supply them to different criminal modules, the SSP said.

FORMER PUNJAB MINISTER SOHAN SINGH THANDAL RETURNS TO AKALI DAL

Diary Times Desk : Senior leader Sohan Singh Thandal, who had joined BJP after leaving the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), rejoined SAD in the presence of party president Sukhbir Singh Badal. Thandal said that SAD was his mother party, and he was happy to be a part of it again. On this occasion, Sukhbir Badal said that he would seek legal opinion from lawyers regarding the violation of secrecy of oath. He criticised the current government, stating that the work that should be done by the Chief Minister of Punjab and his cabinet ministers is being handled by AAP leaders in Delhi. Badal alleged that all files related to Punjab were being moved on the directions of Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, and Satyendra Jain, which he described as an utter violation. Badal also expressed concerns about the law and order situation in Punjab, citing a recent murder in Jandiala. He claimed that incidents of murder, extortion, gang wars, and snatching had become common, and the government had failed to provide a sense of security to the people of Punjab.

BRITISH SIKH MPS CALL FOR INDEPENDENT PROBE INTO UK ROLE IN OPERATION BLUESTAR

Diary Times Desk : British Sikh Members of Parliament Warinder Juss and Jas Athwal on Thursday reiterated their demand in the UK Parliament for an independent investigation into the involvement of the then Margaret Thatcher-led Conservative government in India's Operation Bluestar in June 1984. Juss, who represents the governing Labour Party in Wolverhampton West in northern England, and Athwal, who is the Labour MP for Ilford South in the east of the country, raised the matter during the "Business of the House" session with the Leader of the House of Commons, Lucy Powell. They highlighted the 41st anniversary of the Indian military operation at Golden Temple and pointed to Powell's assurance to their fellow Sikh Labour MP, Tan Dhesi, earlier this year of the "need to get to the bottom of what happened". "Documents revealed in 2014 showed that the Thatcher government had helped their Indian counterpart by providing advice for Operation Bluestar," said Juss. "Since 2014 there have been many calls to establish the extent of the British government's involvement, and many assurances have been given. Will the Leader of the House give a statement to the House announcing an independent, judge-led public inquiry to, in her own words, get to the bottom of what happened," he asked. Powell responded by acknowledging the concerns of members of the country's Sikh community.

CBI ARRESTS MAN FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING MINORS IN HANSI, VICTIMS RECORD STATEMENT

Diary Times Desk : A day after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested a 40-year-old man involved in the sexual abuse of several minor girls in a village in the Hansi district, two of the victims, aged 11 and 13, came forward and recorded their statements with Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in the district today. The accused, an unmarried man with a disability, who operated a Common Service Centre (CSC), had been exploiting the girls for over five years. Sources said that the counselling sessions revealed that the accused created explicit content, involving the girls, which he uploaded online, and continued to target them. The CBI, which arrested the accused on June 3, after registering a case on May 29, found that he was involved in creating, storing, and sharing child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Electronic gadgets seized during searches confirmed the presence of a large quantity of CSAM. The investigation, triggered by INTERPOL's ICSE database and Cyber Tipline Reports from Google, identified 10 to 15 minor girls as potential victims, along with a few older girls and women. The accused faces charges under the POCSO Act, IT Act, and provisions for sexual exploitation and threats. He is currently in judicial custody, and the case will proceed in a fast-track court in Hisar. The village remains in shock, with the CSC centre sealed.

HARYANA: IN 10 YEARS, LESS THAN 19% HOUSES ALLOTTED UNDER PM AWAS YOJANA

Diary Times Desk : Information received in response to a Right to Information (RTI) application has revealed that less than 19 per cent target has been achieved under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Haryana during the past 10 years. Previously named Indira Awas Yojana, the scheme was renamed Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and relaunched on June 25, 2015. The main objective of the scheme was to provide affordable housing to poor residents in urban areas. Subhash, the state coordinator of the Haryana Soochna Adhikar Manch, had filed the RTI application, seeking details about the implementation of the scheme in the state. In response, the State Public Information Officer of the Housing for All Department, Haryana, maintained that the state was given a target of 67,649 houses at the time of the launch of the scheme. However, in nearly 10 years, only 12,781 houses had been constructed — merely 18.89 per cent of the target. As per the reply.

**WEAVING STRONGER TIES:
UK ENVOY'S KULLU VISIT
HIGHLIGHTS TRADE,
TRADITION & TOURISM**

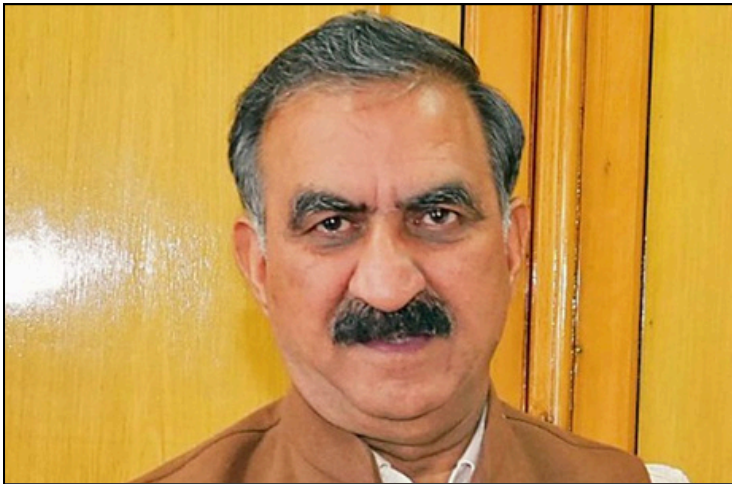
Diary Times Desk : As part of her three-day visit to the Kullu-Manali region of Himachal Pradesh, British Deputy High Commissioner Caroline Rowett toured the Bhuttico Handloom Cooperative Society in Kullu on Monday. She was accompanied by Rajinder S Nagarkoti, the UK Government's Political, Press and Projects Adviser. The visit underscored the deepening cultural and economic ties between the United Kingdom and India. During the tour, the UK delegation met with Bhuttico's management and interacted directly with local artisans, who are preserving the centuries-old art of Himachali handloom weaving. The visit spotlighted not only the region's rich textile heritage but also Bhuttico's commitment to quality and traditional craftsmanship. Speaking on recent developments in the textiles sector under the UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Rowett remarked, "UK businesses and consumers will benefit from increased access to tariff-free imports from India, with tariffs being eliminated on 99 per cent of Indian goods. This promises greater choice, improved quality and more affordable products — from frozen shrimp and apparel to textiles."

**HIMACHAL'S GOVT
HOSPITALS TO LEVY RS 10
CONSULTATION FEE**

Diary Times Desk : Patients will have to shell out Rs 10 as consultation charges at the time of registration in government hospitals across the state. Until now, there were no consultation charges at the government hospitals. On the recommendation of a Cabinet Sub-committee, a decision has been taken to authorise Rogi Kalyan Samitis to levy user charges on need basis to strengthen and improve the services provided by Rogi Kalyan Samitis, such as sanitation, hygiene, maintenance of infrastructure and equipment. Meanwhile, BJP leaders have criticised the decision. Dr Janak Raj, BJP MLA from Bharmour and former Medical Superintendent at IGMCI, called it a step against the poor. "The government says the move will strengthen the health set-up. If that is the intention, the government should specify where the funds collected this way.

NOT MANDATORY FOR HOSPITALS TO LEVY RS 10 AS CONSULTATION FEE: SUKHU

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that it isn't mandatory for hospitals to levy Rs 10 as consultation fee from patients. "The Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) of each hospital can levy Rs 10 as consultation charge if it needs resources for services like sanitation and maintenance (of infrastructure and equipment). If the RKS feels it has sufficient funds, it doesn't need to levy these charges," said Sukhu. The CM further said that the government has not imposed the decision to levy consultation charges on hospitals.

**RAJA KA TALAB REVIVAL: FATEHPUR'S
FORGOTTEN POND SET TO SHINE AGAIN**

Diary Times Desk : The historic Raja ka Talab pond in the Fatehpur subdivision is undergoing a major transformation, as renovation work to restore the long-neglected water body is now in full swing. Spread across two hectares, the pond had fallen into disrepair, with wastewater drains flowing into it and dense silt and weeds overtaking its natural beauty. Named after this very pond, the town of Raja ka Talab has long awaited its revival — a demand now being fulfilled by the state government. Responding to persistent appeals from local residents, the government has launched a comprehensive restoration project through the Jal Shakti Department. A detailed project report (DPR) worth Rs 2.75 crore has been prepared and an initial tender of Rs 75 lakh has been awarded to kickstart the work. JCB machines have been deployed to level the pond bed, and a team from the Soil Conservation Department recently collected 25 soil samples to assess quality and nutrient levels. These samples will be sent for laboratory testing, with results expected within two weeks. The pond is being reimaged as a lake, with multiple government departments collaborating on its revival. The project is being executed in three phases. In phase 1, relocation of wastewater drains and removal of invasive species like water hyacinth and alligator weed will be done. In phase 2, desilting of the pond to restore its original depth and capacity will be done and in phase 3.

**DESPITE TOURIST INFLUX, BANJAR VALLEY
LACKS BASIC AMENITIES**

Diary Times Desk : Drawn by the pristine natural beauty, thousands of tourists are flocking to the scenic spots of Raghupurgarh, Saryolsar and Jalori Pass in the Banjar valley. Despite their popularity, the tourist spots continue to face severe infrastructural challenges. Besides inadequate power and water supplies, fundamental necessities like toilet facilities remain largely unavailable in these areas. Camping operators in Raghupurgarh have to haul water from several kilometres, undermining their ability to cater to visitors effectively. Local business leaders have voiced concern over the lack of proper sanitation and amenities. Businessman Bhim Singh pointed out, "All three tourist spots are on the border of Anni and Banjar in Kullu district. Situated at altitudes between 10,280 to 11,000 feet and surrounded by dense forests and lush green valleys that attract both domestic and international tourists, the nature has blessed these places with extraordinary beauty." He underscores the disconnect between the region's natural allure and its infrastructural shortcomings. Tourism beneficiary Jagdish Thakur recalled that the former BJP government had incorporated the region into the 'Nayi Manzilein, Nayi Raahein' scheme to kickstart development, yet tangible progress remains elusive on the ground. "Now, the Congress government has talked about.

SHIMLA: PREPARATIONS REVIEWED FOR VICE-PRESIDENT JAGDEEP DHANKAR'S VISIT

Diary Times Desk : The district administration held a meeting here today to review preparations for the visit of Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar here on June 6. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap. The necessary arrangements regarding security arrangements, traffic control, cleanliness, drinking water, health facilities and emergency services were discussed in detail. The Vice-President will reach Shimla on June 6 and leave for Solan district on June 7. Kashyap gave necessary guidelines to all the concerned departments and asked them to ensure that all the preparations are completed in a timely and coordinated manner. He said all the officers should work with full readiness to ensure proper arrangements. Superintendent of Police Shimla Gaurav Singh, Additional District Magistrate (Protocol) Jyoti Rana, Additional District Magistrate (Law and Order) Pankaj Sharma, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Shimla (Rural) Manjeet Sharma, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Shimla (Urban) Oshin Sharma, Assistant Commissioner Devi Chand , senior officers of Administration, Municipal Corporation, Health, Public Works, Transport and other departments were present in the meeting.



"YOU CAN'T LOSE 11 PEOPLE": INDIA COACH GAUTAM GAMBHIR SLAMS RCB'S IPL TITLE CELEBRATION ROAD SHOW

Diary Times Desk : Gautam Gambhir, Indian cricket team head coach, has said that Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL 2025 title celebration victory parade should never have taken place. He added that such events must take place in a closed-door environment. Royal Challengers Bengaluru's joy of winning a first IPL title in 18 years turned tragic as 11 people lost their lives in stampede at a planned victory parade on Wednesday. The RCB team members, including Virat Kohli and Rajat Patidar, were felicitated at the Vidhan Soudha by Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah at around 5 PM IST after which there was a planned open bus parade. Lakhs of people gathered around the area where it was supposed to take place. It turned tragic as 11 died and close to 50 people got injured in the event. "I was never a believer that we need to have roadshows. Never. When I was playing, I had the same statement, even after winning the 2007 T20 World Cup that we should not have road shows. The lives of people are far more important and I will continue to say that. In future we can be little bit aware about not holding these kind of road shows and probably have it in a closed door environment. What has happened is very tragic. My heart goes out to the families who have lost their loved ones," Gautam Gambhir said at a pre-departure press conference ahead of India vs England Test series.



SHUBMAN GILL'S 'SEHWAG-LIKE GAME' A CHINK IN THE ARMOUR AS PONTING WARNS OF FRESH 'CHALLENGE': HE NEEDS TO BAT AT...

Diary Times Desk : Despite comparing India's new Test captain Shubman Gill, to the legendary Virender Sehwag, former Australia captain Ricky Ponting outlined that a similar approach is likely to meet a fresh challenge in the upcoming tour of England, and hence has work to do on his Test match batting. The Aussie great also called for a change in his batting position, considering the added responsibility of captaincy. Speaking to PTI, Ponting addressed Gill's much-criticised defensive technique, which has cost the youngster multiple times in his short career thus far. And although he sees no technical flaw in his approach, he reckoned Gill has to work on the mental side of Test match batting. "It's a bit both. There are some of the great Test players that haven't had great defensive games, and (Virender) Sehwag is probably a great example of that. But if you're in control of your stroke-play, you don't have to worry too much about your defence. I mean, obviously it's (defence) a big part of Test match cricket, but I think it's more his mental application," he explained. "(But) I think sometimes you might just get a little bit either.

'I KNEW THE BALANCE OF THE TEAM WAS GOOD TO WIN THE TROPHY' - VIJAY MALLYA ON RCB'S SUCCESS

Diary Times Desk : Vijay Mallya, the founder of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in 2008, now based in the UK amid Indian authorities seeking his extradition, speaks to Cricbuzz about the team's historic victory, the celebrations that turned tragic, and his prospects of returning to India. Excerpts from the interview... It is very sad that those who came out to celebrate ultimately did not go home. It is heartbreaking that people who came for such a joyous occasion met with tragedy. I have extended my heartfelt condolences to all the affected families. I was amazed watching it on television - the number of people was just unimaginable. I'm not going to comment on why this sad incident happened because I don't know enough. It would be unfair for me to make any comment. But the fact that people lost their lives is a very, very sad thing, especially when the whole of Bangalore and all the fans were celebrating. I can't say much more. You know, the way RCB has played this season has been extraordinary. Particularly, to win every single away game was quite an achievement, and I think it's an IPL record as well. Every time RCB played at Chinnaswamy, I was nervous because, you know, at Chinnaswamy.

OVERTON RETURNS AS ENGLAND NAME SQUAD FOR FIRST TEST AGAINST INDIA

Diary Times Desk : Jamie Overton is set for a Test comeback after nearly three years of making his sole appearance for the country in red-ball cricket against New Zealand at Headingley in June 2022. The 31-year-old, however, sustained a broken little finger on his right hand during the first ODI against the West Indies on May 29 and is being assessed daily by the England medical team. Also making a comeback in the 14-member squad is seamer Brydon Carse, and the Warwickshire pair of Jacob Bethell and Chris Woakes, having last featured during the Test tour of New Zealand in December. Carse and Woakes had missed out on England's recent win over Zimbabwe due to minor niggles. Meanwhile, Gus Atkinson was unavailable for selection due to a hamstring injury sustained during the Test against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge last month. The rest of the squad for the series opener in Headingley, Leeds, starting on June 20, is on expected lines. England squad for 1st India Test: Ben Stokes (C), Shoaib Bashir, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Sam Cook, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Jamie Overton, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Jamie Smith, Josh Tongue, Chris Woakes



BENGALURU TOP COP, OTHER KEY OFFICIALS SUSPENDED AFTER STAMPEDE: SIDDARAMAIAH

Diary Times Desk : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, under attack from the BJP over yesterday's stampede in Bengaluru that claimed 11 lives, said today that his government has suspended top police officers involved. The police commissioner and his deputy have been suspended and the next step will be against the Royal Challengers Bangalore, Mr Siddaramaiah told the media this evening. The cricket body had apparently disregarded police advice to allow a few more days to prepare for the felicitation ceremony. The state's Criminal Investigation Department, he added, will take over the investigation into the mishap that has shocked the country. The maiden IPL victory of the RCB after an 18-year-wait had been an emotive issue in the state and the people were desperate to attend the team's felicitation at Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy stadium last evening. The tragedy, which took place as the fans jostled to enter the stadium, had left 11 people dead and 47 injured. The state government had faced massive criticism of mismanagement. Initial inquiry indicated that contrary to the government's claim that the event was a last-minute plan, the RCB had posted on X, formerly Twitter, about the felicitation on June 4.

GILL CONFIDENT INDIA CAN HEAP 'IMMENSE' PRESSURE ON ENGLAND

Diary Times Desk : India's new red-ball skipper Shubman Gill is positive of India's Test squad for the five-Test series in England. Speaking before departure for the much-anticipated tour, Gill acknowledged that while England's aggressive style of play makes them a challenging opposition to face, India have the goods to counter them. "They play a certain way. I think we saw that when they came to India as well," Gill said. "It gives us an opportunity, it gives us a great challenge, if we are very proactive with our execution, and if we are proactive with our plans, I think it would put them under pressure immensely." Gill was named skipper of India's 18-member squad that will be missing stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who recently called it quits from the longest format. Among the seasoned campaigners in the squad is pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah. The 31-year-old, who recently made a comeback from a back injury he sustained on the tour of Australia, is unlikely to be available for all five Tests to manage his workload. Gill, however, is confident of India's depth in the fast bowling department.