

'ZERO-TOLERANCE' POLICY

INDIA FOLLOWING 'ZERO-TOLERANCE' POLICY ON TERROR, EXPECTS PARTNERS TO UNDERSTAND IT: JAISHANKAR

Diary Times Desk : India has emphasised the need for stronger collaboration in technology with the UK. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, during a meeting with his UK counterpart David Lammy on Saturday, highlighted the Technology Security Initiative (TSI) between the two countries.

This initiative aims to foster future cooperation in strategic technology sectors including AI, semiconductors, telecom, quantum computing, health, biotechnology, critical minerals, and advanced materials. Jaishankar thanked the UK for its strong condemnation of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir.

"We practice a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and expect our partners to understand it, and we will never countenance perpetrators of evil being put at par with its victims," he said. Lammy's visit follows the historic India-UK Free Trade Agreement signed on May 6, which targets increasing bilateral trade by over £25 billion annually. During his day-long visit, Lammy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was scheduled to meet Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal later. Notably, Lammy was the first major country minister to visit Pakistan after the ceasefire with India on May 10. This week also saw the first meeting of the India-UK Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue, expected to boost the effectiveness of the TSI in promoting trade in critical and emerging technologies.



RAHUL GANDHI

'HOW TO STEAL AN ELECTION': RAHUL ALLEGES MAHARASHTRA POLLS WERE 'RIGGED', BIHAR NEXT; BJP RESPONDS



Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday alleged that the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly elections were a "blueprint for rigging democracy" and this "match-fixing" would next happen in Bihar and "anywhere the BJP is losing".

Underscoring that match-fixed elections are a "poison" for any democracy, he said that the side that cheats may win the game, but it damages institutions and destroys public faith. In a post on X, Gandhi outlined the alleged electoral irregularities in a stepwise manner – fake voters are added, voter turnout is inflated, bogus voting is facilitated, and evidence is subsequently hidden. "How to steal an election? Maharashtra assembly elections in 2024 were a blueprint for rigging democracy," Gandhi said while sharing an op-ed published in The Indian Express.

"My article shows how this happened, step by step: Step 1: Rig the panel for appointing the Election Commission. Step 2: Add fake voters to the roll. Step 3: Inflate voter turnout. Step 4: Target the bogus voting exactly where BJP needs to win. Step 5: Hide the evidence. "It's not hard to see why the BJP was so desperate in Maharashtra. But rigging is like match-fixing – the side that cheats might win the game, but damages institutions and destroys public faith in the result. All concerned Indians must see the evidence. Judge for themselves. Demand answers," Gandhi said.

"Because the match-fixing of Maharashtra will come to Bihar next, and then anywhere the BJP is losing," the former Congress president claimed in his post. Meanwhile, the BJP hit back, accusing Rahul Gandhi of attacking democratic institutions to undermine people's trust in the electoral process.

INDIA CENTRAL TO KEY SUPPLY CHAINS, MUST BE PART OF G7

DISCUSSIONS: CANADIAN PM CARNEY

Diary Times Desk : India is the fifth largest economy in the world and it is central to a number of critical global supply chains, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has said, arguing that the leadership of the country must be part of discussions at the upcoming G7 summit. Carney's comments came after some of his political opponents in Canada criticised him for inviting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the G7 summit in view of a probe into allegations of Indian links to the killing of a Khalistani separatist in 2023. Prime Minister Modi accepted Carney's invitation to attend the G7 summit during a phone conversation on Friday. Canada is hosting the G7 summit in the Alberta province from June 15 to 17 in its capacity as the current chair of the grouping. To a specific question on the case of killing of pro-Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023, Carney told reporters that it is not appropriate for him to comment as the legal process in the case is underway. The Canadian prime minister said the G7 summit will deliberate on a range of key issues including energy security, digital future, critical minerals and on partnerships in building infrastructure in the emerging and developing world. Carney suggested that he extended the invitation to Modi after talking to other G7 member countries.



PREVENTIVE DETENTION

EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF STATE

THAT MUST BE USED SPARINGLY: SC

Diary Times Desk : Preventive detention is an extraordinary power in the hands of the state that must be used sparingly, said the Supreme Court as it set aside an order of a district magistrate to detain a money lender who was allegedly indulging in illegal activities again after getting bail in four cases. A bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and Manmohan questioned the contention of the detaining authority that the order was passed as the detainee was violating bail conditions in the cases, and noted that they should have instead moved the competent court seeking cancellation of bail. "Therefore, the order of detention dated June 20, 2024, and the impugned judgment dated September 4, 2024, passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam are hereby set aside. In the attending facts and circumstances of this case, the appeal is allowed," the bench said in its order passed on Friday.

BOOST FOR RESEARCH INSTITUTES AS CENTRE AMENDS

RULES FOR BUYING SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT



Diary Times Desk : With an aim to boost scientific research and innovation in India, the Union Ministry of Finance has amended the special provisions under the general financial rules (GFR). Under the new provisions with respect to the procurement of scientific equipment and consumables for research purposes, the ministry said vice-chancellors, directors of scientific organisations and academic institutions are permitted to make non-Government e-Marketplace (GeM) procurement of scientific equipment and consumables. The heads of the Department of Science and Technology, Defence Research and Development Organisation, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Indian Council of Medical Research and educational and medical research institutes can purchase scientific equipment and consumables for research purposes costing up to Rs 2 lakh. The earlier limit was Rs 1 lakh only. The order also increased the financial limit for purchase of goods by purchase committees of public research institutes from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 25 lakh.

MURSHIDABAD UNREST: FATHER, SON KILLED IN

FRONT OF FAMILY, ALLEGES CHARGE-SHEET

Diary Times Desk : Haragobindo Das and his son Chandan were dragged out of their home and killed with an axe in front of their family during the communal violence in Murshidabad, police said in its 900-page charge-sheet. Thirteen people were named in the charge-sheet, which was submitted before the Jangipur court on Friday, an officer said. Haragobindo and Chandan, of Betbona village in Zafarabad, were among three people killed in the communal violence that broke out during protests over the Waqf (Amendment) Act in the Muslim-majority district in April. These 13 people were charged with house-trespass, house-breaking, rioting, and murder committed by a group under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, besides various sections of the Arms Act, the officer said. The charge sheet also detailed how the accused persons managed to flee following the murder, and the efforts made to arrest them, he said.



YOUR HOROSCOPE
08-06-2025

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.



SHIMLA: CONGRESS LEADER SONIA GANDHI'S HEALTH SUDDENLY DETERIORATED, SHE RETURNED AFTER ROUTINE CHECKUP AND TESTS

Diary Times Desk : Former Congress national president Sonia Gandhi, who had come to Shimla about a week ago, suddenly reached Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) on Saturday. Doctors did her routine checkup. As a precaution, some tests were conducted, which were found to be fine. After about an hour, Sonia returned to Priyanka Gandhi's house in Chharabra. Sonia Gandhi has been living in her daughter Priyanka's house since June 2. A team of doctors went to Chharabra in the morning when Sonia Gandhi's health deteriorated. After this, Sonia herself reached IGMC for checkup at 6:25 pm. Here she got down from the car outside D Block and reached the Radiology Department on foot through the lift. Senior Medical Superintendent of the hospital, Dr. Rahul Rao said that Sonia Gandhi came to the hospital for a routine checkup and has returned after the checkup. During this time, Health Minister Dhaniram Shandil and Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, along with many other officials, reached the hospital. Security was tightened in the hospital premises due to Sonia's arrival. Health Minister Dhaniram Shandil said that there is nothing to worry about Sonia Gandhi's health. She had come to the hospital merely for a routine check-up.



HIMACHAL: CM SUKHU ON UNA TOUR, SAID- BJP IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE FACTIONS, JAIRAM LOOTED THE WEALTH OF THE STATE

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is on a two-day visit to Una from today. The Chief Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various schemes in Andaura on Saturday morning. Talking to journalists on this occasion, Chief Minister Sukhu said that the BJP in Himachal is divided into five factions and the development being carried out by the current Congress government is not visible. He said that the BJP has nothing to say. Jairam Thakur's government has looted the wealth of the people in five years. What did the double engine government of BJP give to the people in the last five years? 1500 bighas of land of Medical Device Park was given for 23 lakhs, which is worth 500 crores. Electricity was given at Rs 3 per unit. Agreements were made against the interests of Himachal in power projects. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri was also present during this time. After this, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu gave gifts worth crores of rupees to the people of the area during his visit to Gagret on Saturday and attacked the former double engine government of BJP fiercely. The Chief Minister, while announcing to fulfill.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE CROSSES 35 DEGREES IN SIX DISTRICTS OF THE STATE, HEAT WAVE WARNING FROM TOMORROW

Diary Times Desk : The maximum temperature has crossed 35 degrees Celsius in six districts of Himachal Pradesh. The effect of heat has started increasing again in Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Sirmaur and Mandi districts. A warning of heat wave has also been issued in the plain districts from Sunday. The weather is forecast to remain clear in the entire state till June 11. Due to the western disturbance becoming active on June 12 and 13, rain is expected in the high altitude areas. On Saturday morning, the sun shone with light clouds in some areas of the state including the capital Shimla. After the afternoon, as soon as the clouds cleared, the sun shone brightly. People had to face problems due to strong sunlight and humid heat in the afternoon in some areas of the plain districts Kangra, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Una, Solan, Sirmaur and Mandi. Apart from the plain areas, the temperature of the hilly areas has also increased. The Meteorological Center Shimla has predicted clear weather in all parts of Himachal Pradesh till June 11. Light rain is expected in some mid-hill areas including high hills on June 12 and 13. During the next 4 to 5 days, maximum temperature is likely to increase by 3 to 4 degree Celsius and minimum temperature by 2 to 3 degree Celsius in many parts of the state. As soon as the rain stopped in the state, the minimum temperature has also started increasing. On Friday night, the minimum temperature was 24.0 in Paonta Sahib.

HIMACHAL: A RETIRED OFFICER WAS DUPED OF RS 94.30 LAKH ONLINE IN DHARAMSHALA'S SIDHBARI, THIS IS HOW THE FRAUDSTERS DUPED HIM

Diary Times Desk : A retired officer of Rajasthan living in Sidhbari area adjoining Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh has been cheated of Rs 94.30 lakh. This fraud has happened for investing in the online share market. The former officer lives in his in-laws' house. The victim has deposited this amount in the account of the fraudsters in nine to ten installments. According to the information, the former officer of Rajasthan deposited this amount in the bank accounts of the fraudsters on the pretext of investment received on WhatsApp. In the initial phase, the fraudsters also lured the said person with a profit of about two lakhs. After this, the former officer started sending money to various accounts mentioned by the fraudsters in several installments. Meanwhile, the fraudsters got an amount of Rs 94.30 lakh deposited in their accounts in different installments by telling them that they would get a profit of three crore rupees. Whereas in return the former government officer did not get any money back. Now, after being cheated, the victim former officer has registered a case in Cyber Crime Police Station North Zone Dharamshala. In the complaint, the victim has said that he had seen a post on WhatsApp about earning huge profits by investing online. After this, he was robbed of lakhs of rupees in just one month.



HIMACHAL: THE WAY FOR RENUKA DAM IS CLEARED, FOREST MINISTRY GIVES GREEN SIGNAL TO ITS CONSTRUCTION

Diary Times Desk : A major hurdle in the construction of Renuka Dam has been removed. The dam construction has received the final approval of the Ministry of Forest and Environment. With the approval of the Forest Ministry, the road to dam construction seems easy. Now there is no obstacle in the construction of the project. This permission was granted on Friday. The project management had been waiting for the approval of the Forest Ministry for a long time. After a long struggle, as soon as the approval was received, the movement regarding the dam construction has intensified. Now this project will be able to move towards construction easily. At the same time, the coming of the BJP government in the capital Delhi is also considered a good sign for the construction of Renuka Dam. For a long time, this draft was buried in the files of the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment. As soon as the forest approval was received, the project managers have heaved a sigh of relief, and the road to dam construction has also become easier. Executive General Manager of Renukaji Dam Project, Eng. Sanjeev Kumar, while confirming the approval of the second phase (Phase-2) from the Union Ministry of Forest, said that all the obstacles in the construction of the project have been removed.

CBI WILL INVESTIGATE MEDICAL HISTORY, VIMAL NEGI HAS BEEN DECLARED A DEPRESSION PATIENT IN THE POLICE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Diary Times Desk : In the case of suspicious death of Power Corporation Chief Engineer Vimal Negi, CBI will investigate Negi's medical history. In the police investigation report, Vimal Negi has been described as a patient of depression, while Vimal Negi's wife Kiran Negi has accused the officials of Power Corporation of mental pressure due to making him work till late night in the office. Negi's wife has alleged that Vimal Negi was forced to work till late night despite being ill. In the scope of investigation, CBI can seriously look into the aspects related to his health. Especially the impact of harassment at the workplace on health can be analyzed. In this case, Vimal Negi's family has questioned the impartiality of the police investigation and alleged that efforts are being made to save senior officials.

BENGALURU MAN BEHEADS
WIFE OVER ALLEGED AFFAIR,
CARRIES HER HEAD TO COPS

Diary Times Desk : A 28-year-old man allegedly beheaded his wife and carried her severed head to the police station in Bengaluru's Anekal area. The accused, identified as Shankar, murdered his 26-year-old wife, Manasa, following a heated confrontation over her alleged extramarital affair. According to police sources, Shankar and Manasa had moved into a rented house in Heelalige village. some time ago. On the night of June 3, Shankar left for work, informing Manasa he would return the next morning. However, he returned home unexpectedly late that night after finishing work early, only to allegedly find Manasa with another man. A fight ensued and Manasa is said to have moved out of the house. In the days that followed, Manasa allegedly returned to the house multiple times and harassed Shankar. On the night before the murder, she reportedly came to the house again and created a scene, which is believed to have pushed Shankar over the edge. Angered by the repeated harassment, Shankar allegedly beheaded Manasa and then travelled to the Suryanagar police station with her severed head, where he surrendered to the authorities.

BIHAR: TEJASHWI YADAV'S
ESCORT VEHICLE HIT BY
TRUCK; 3 COPS INJURED IN
VAISHALI

Diary Times Desk : Three police personnel from former deputy chief minister and leader of opposition (LOP) Tejashwi Prasad Yadav's escort team were injured after a vehicle in his cavalcade met with an accident in Bihar's Vaishali district while travelling from Madhepura to Patna early Saturday. No other vehicles were impacted, including that of Yadav. The police said that Yadav was travelling to Patna after attending a function in Madhepura. The security vehicle was hit by a speeding truck, when they had stopped at a roadside tea stall near Goriya bridge in Vaishali. The three police personnel were admitted to the district hospital in Vaishali, and one of them has been referred to the Patna Medical College Hospital for better treatment, police said. "We had gone to Madhepura around 10 am. While returning, we halted at a roadside tea stall for tea. Suddenly, a speeding truck whose driver lost control rammed into three-four vehicles. The driver and security personnel were injured in the incident. The incident occurred barely five feet from the tea stall," Yadav, who met the injured — Ram Nath Yadav, Lalan Kumar, and Dharmveer Kumar — at Hajipur.

"EVASION WON'T PROTECT...": RAHUL GANDHI
VS POLL BODY OVER MAHARASHTRA POLLS



Diary Times Desk : Issuing a rebuttal to Rahul Gandhi's fresh claims of "match-fixing" in the November 2024 Maharashtra elections, the Election Commission has re-released a document it had issued in April this year and said the Congress MP's allegations are "completely absurd". Hitting back hours later, Mr Gandhi said the poll body had released "unsigned, evasive notes", adding that was no way of answering serious questions. He also said that if the Election Commission has nothing to hide, it should answer the questions posed by him and also release the CCTV footage from Maharashtra booths after 5 pm on the day of voting. In an op-ed for The Indian Express on Saturday, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha raised fresh questions about the way the Maharashtra Assembly elections were conducted. The alliance of the Congress, the Sharad Pawar faction of the NCP and the Uddhav Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena had suffered a humiliating defeat in the elections despite doing better than the BJP-led coalition in the Lok Sabha polls a few months before that.

NAVY TO INDUCT FIRST ANTI-
SUBMARINE WARFARE SHALLOW WATER
WARSHIP 'ARNALA' ON JUN 18

Diary Times Desk : The first warship in the anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft series, equipped to conduct subsurface surveillance, search and rescue missions, and low-intensity maritime operations, is set to be inducted into the Indian Navy on June 18, officials said on Friday. The commissioning ceremony of 'Arnala' at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam will be presided over by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan. "The warship incorporates more than 80 per cent indigenous content and integrates advanced systems from leading Indian defence firms, including Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), L&T, Mahindra Defence, and MEIL," a Navy spokesperson said. The commissioning of 'Arnala' will mark a transformative moment in India's naval capabilities, strengthening coastal defence and reaffirm India's position as a self-reliant maritime power in the strategically vital Indian Ocean Region, he said.

SUPREME COURT SLAMS MISUSE OF PREVENTIVE DETENTION TO KEEP
ACCUSED IN JAIL AFTER THEY SECURE BAIL

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Friday took exception to States resorting to preventive detention to keep accused in jail after they secure bail [Dhanya M v. State of Kerala]. The Court said that preventive detention is a constitutional exception and not a substitute for regular criminal process and State authorities must not resort to preventive detention and bypass ordinary legal mechanisms like seeking bail cancellation unless there exist compelling reasons backed by concrete material. The observations were made while quashing the preventive detention of a Kerala-based private money lender under the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 2007. A Bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and Manmohan ruled that the invocation of the law in this case was not legally sustainable. The Court held that State of Kerala failed to demonstrate how the acts of the detenu, Rajesh, could justify the State's decision to curtail his liberty under a statute designed for extraordinary threats to public order.



CHOPPER MAKES
EMERGENCY LANDING ON
ROAD, TAIL CRUSHES CAR

Diary Times Desk : A helicopter on its way to Kedarnath was forced to land on a highway in Uttarakhand as it developed a technical snag during take-off, coming dangerously close to buildings and its tail rotor damaging an unoccupied car. The five pilgrims on board came out safely, while the pilot sustained minor injuries. The helicopter had taken off from the Barasu base at 12.52 pm and was to fly the pilgrims for a duration of 45-50 minutes to the Kedarnath pilgrimage. Within minutes of taking off, the pilot reported a suspected issue with the collective control getting stuck. In response, he executed a controlled force landing on the road adjacent to the helipad. Kedarnath heli service nodal officer Rahul Chaubey told PTI that the incident did not affect the helicopter shuttle service to the Himalayan temple. Efforts are underway to remove the helicopter from the highway. The hard landing comes a month after a helicopter on its way to Gangotri temple crashed.

'SLAVERY', ANDHRA GOVT SLAMMED FOR
EXTENDING WORKING HOURS FOR PVT
EMPLOYEES TO 10 HOURS

Diary Times Desk : In a major labour reform move, the Andhra Pradesh government has amended existing labour laws to extend the minimum working hours for private companies and factories from 9 to 10 hours per day. The state government says the measure is aimed at boosting industrial productivity and attracting fresh investments. However, the decision has drawn sharp criticism from labour unions and social media users, who argue that it undermines employee welfare and dilutes long-standing labour protections. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led administration defended the amendment, claiming it would spur economic growth and align with broader development goals. Officials argued the change complements the state's IT & GCC (Global Capability Centres) Policy 4.0, which also promotes flexible work arrangements, including remote work options. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said the reforms were part of a larger strategy to improve.

US, CHINA TO HOLD TRADE TALKS IN LONDON TODAY, TRUMP SAYS "SHOULD GO WELL"

Diary Times Desk : Three of President Donald Trump's top aides will face their Chinese counterparts in London on Monday for talks to resolve a trade dispute between the world's two largest economies that has kept global markets on edge. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Trade Representative Jamieson Greer will represent Washington in the talks, said Trump, who announced the talks in a post on his Truth Social platform but provided no more details. It was not immediately clear who would represent China. The Chinese embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for more details. "The meeting should go very well," Trump wrote. The scheduling of the meeting comes a day after Trump spoke to Chinese President Xi Jinping in a rare leader-to-leader call amid weeks of brewing trade tensions and a battle over critical minerals.

TRUMP DECLARES 'US CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT ME' AMID FEUD WITH ELON MUSK

Diary Times Desk : Amid an escalating feud with Elon Musk, US President Donald Trump made a bold remark when asked about the country's reliance on Musk's defense and space contracts. Reporters asked Do you feel like the US can survive without Elon Musk's contracts when it comes to the defence and space and that relationship has been important for quite some time?" To which Trump responded, "The US could survive without almost anybody except me." The clash between the President and the Tesla and SpaceX CEO began after a major disagreement over a tax bill, with both parties exchanging accusations and personal insults. While Trump has asked his aides privately if Musk's recent behavior could be linked to alleged drug use, as he tries to make sense of the tech billionaire's attacks, a source told CNN. President Trump told CNN he was "not even thinking about Elon" and added that he wouldn't be speaking to Musk "for a while." According to a report by The Washington Post, the Trump administration is now recalling workers after the mass firing led to the "imperiling of key services such as weather forecasting and the drug approval process." Trump claims the US "could survive without almost anybody except me".

10 BRICS NATIONS CONDEMN PAHALGAM ATTACK, BACK 'ZERO TOLERANCE' ON TERROR

Diary Times Desk : Representatives of the Parliaments of 10 member countries, including India, participated in the annual meeting of the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in Brasilia on June 4-5, 2025. India was led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla along with a high-level Parliamentary Delegation, the official statement observed. The statement noted that the Parliaments of 10 BRICS countries strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attacks and agreed to cooperate on a 'zero tolerance' policy against terrorism. Notably, the next conference will take place in India and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has been appointed as the Chairperson. According to the official statement, this year, the 10 member countries participating in the BRICS Parliamentary Forum were India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Indonesia. Representatives of these countries' Parliaments actively participated in the Conference and played a significant role in drafting the joint declaration. Notably, after several rounds of intense discussions and deliberations during the conference, broad consensus was reached on key topics such as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

**RUSSIA HITS 'ALMOST ALL' OF UKRAINE IN ONE OF THE LARGEST ATTACKS SINCE WAR BEGAN, LAUNCHING 400 DRONES AND 40 MISSILES**

Diary Times Desk : Russia has launched out a large-scale strike on Ukraine, launching more than 400 drones and 40 missiles nationwide, resulting in at least six deaths and numerous injuries, according to a Ukrainian official cited by CNN. This attack targeted almost all Ukraine, affected nine regions the most which included Kyiv, Lviv, and Sumy. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky described it as one of the largest attacks since the war began. "Over 400 drones, more than 40 missiles were launched by the Russians. 80 people were injured, and some may still be under the debris," said Ukrainian President in his X post. Ukrainian President also added that Russia targeted "almost all" of Ukraine, listing nine regions, from Lviv in the west to Sumy in the northeast. Russia's Ministry of Defence stated that its strikes were in response to Kyiv's "terrorist acts." However, it remains unclear whether this attack represents the full extent of Russia's promised retaliation or if President Putin intends to escalate the conflict further.

"DON'T FIGHT GUYS": EX-RUSSIA PRESIDENT TO TRUMP, MUSK. TESLA CEO RESPONDS

Diary Times Desk : Amid escalating tensions between US President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk, former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has offered to mediate a "peace deal" between them - a role assumed by the Republican leader amid the war between Russia and Ukraine. According to Mr Dmitry Medvedev, Moscow is ready to become a mediator for a "reasonable fee". They will accept Starlink shares as payment, he said. "We are ready to facilitate the conclusion of a peace deal between D and E for a reasonable fee and to accept Starlink shares as payment. Don't fight, guys," the former Russian President wrote in a post on X. Mr Medvedev's comment comes a day after Russian lawmaker Dmitry Novikov has suggested that Musk could seek political asylum in Russia. "I think that Musk has a completely different game, that he will not need any political asylum, although, if he did, Russia, of course, could provide it," Mr Novikov told the Russian News Agency TASS.

"PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN": MUSK AFTER X POLL ON NEW PARTY AMID RIFT WITH TRUMP

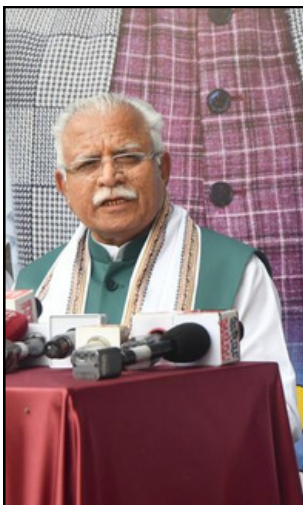
Diary Times Desk : Tech billionaire Elon Musk has proposed the formation of a new political party in the US amid his ongoing feud with President Donald Trump. Mr Musk conducted a poll on his social media platform X, which showed 80% of the people were in favour of the idea. "The people have spoken. A new political party is needed in America to represent the 80% in the middle! And exactly 80% of people agree. This is fate," he said on X. He later called it "The America Party". Mr Musk had conducted a poll, asking people if it was time to create a new political party. "Is it time to create a new political party in America that actually represents the 80% in the middle?" he wrote on the micro-blogging site. According to the poll, 80.4% of the people favoured the formation of a new political party in the US. The poll followed soon after Mr Musk claimed personal credit for Mr Trump's victory in the 2024 presidential election. Once a prominent informal advisor to Mr Trump, the Tesla CEO accused him of ingratitude, saying, "Without me, [Donald] Trump would have lost the election."

MUSK- TRUMP FEUD POSES SERIOUS THREAT TO NASA, PENTAGON PROGRAMS: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Elon Musk's threat, which he later retracted, to cut off NASA's use of SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft would be a huge blow to NASA, depriving the space agency of the only American vehicle capable of transporting astronauts to the International Space Station and dramatically changing how NASA would access the \$100 billion orbiting laboratory, The Washington Post has reported. The threat, posted on X, came during an escalating fight between the wealthiest man in the world and President Donald Trump, after Trump had threatened to cancel all of Musk's company's federal contracts. "Given SpaceX's importance to multiple federal programs, severing those relationships could leave NASA as well as the Pentagon and intelligence agencies in a lurch," noted the report. Several hours after making the threat, Musk relented, saying in response to a post on X that he should cool off and reconsider: "Ok, we won't decommission Dragon." Over the years, SpaceX has become a vital contractor, launching sensitive national security payloads such as satellites that provide missile warning, battlefield communication and guide munitions to precise targets, Xinhua news agency reported.

CENTRE APPROVES THREE 800-MW POWER GENERATION UNITS FOR PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk : Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has approved three additional 800-MW power generation units for the state. Punjab Power Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO said this after attending a conference of power ministers from North India, which was organised by the Union Ministry of Power. Power ministers and officials from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Delhi took part in the conference chaired by Khattar. During the conference, the Punjab minister demanded an increase in the existing power generation capacity of the Ropar thermal power plant. He said while the state had its own coal mines, the Centre's condition to not transport coal beyond 1,000 kms was creating difficulties in expanding the capacity of thermal plants. Accepting the demand, the Union Power Minister instructed officials to extend the coal transportation limit to more than 1,500 kms and approved the establishment of two additional 800-MW power generation units at the Ropar plant. An approval was also granted for setting up a new 800-MW unit in Punjab. With this, the path has been cleared for setting up 2,400-MW thermal plants in the state. Regarding the Union Government's target to generate 7,000 MW of solar power in the state.

**MOGA POLICE CRACK DOWN ON DRUG TRADE, DEMOLISH ANOTHER HOUSE**

Diary Times Desk : As part of the Punjab government's ongoing 'War Against Drugs' campaign, the Moga district police on Saturday demolished the residence of an alleged drug peddler, who is currently on the run, in Sadhan Wali Basti, Moga town. The accused is identified as Miti. Moga SSP Ajay Gandhi said Miti is facing 33 cases, mostly registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the Excise Act. The SSP further said that the government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy for drug trafficking. "Those involved in the drug trade should leave this practice. Anyone who has acquired properties through drug money should be prepared to face similar action," he warned. This is the fifth house demolished in the district as part of the campaign against drugs. "Earlier, in April, we demolished four houses belonging to drug smugglers in Daulewala village," said Bal Krishan Singla, SP (Investigation), Moga.

OVER 30 ILLEGAL PIGEON RACE EVENTS STOPPED IN PUNJAB, HARYANA, CHANDIGARH

Diary Times Desk : People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, in coordination with senior police officials in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh, has successfully intervened to stop 33 illegal pigeon race events — kabutarbaazi — in 20 districts over the past two months. The most recent three events were halted this week in Fatehgarh Sahib, Ludhiana and Sangrur. In its complaint, PETA India pointed out that according to a December 2020 letter sent to the Chief Secretary of Punjab, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) had opined that essentially all animal races are prohibited under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960, and has declared similar events illegal. The letter warned that conducting such spectacles amounted to contempt of court and urged the withdrawal of any permissions or directions for such activities to ensure compliance with the law. Additionally, such events violate multiple provisions of The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the PCA Act, 1960, which prohibit inflicting unnecessary suffering on animals.

PUNJAB POLICE ASK TINDER FOR DETAILS ON ACCOUNT 'LINKED' TO AMRITPAL

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Police has sought information from dating app Tinder about an account suspected to be linked with radical preacher and Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh, who has been booked in the murder of a Sikh activist. In a communication to Tinder, the Faridkot police said it was probing the murder case of Sikh activist Gurpreet Singh Hari Nau, who was shot dead on October 9 last year while returning home from the village Gurdwara on his motorcycle. Nau was a member of the radical outfit 'Waris Punjab De' headed by Amritpal Singh. Punjab Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav, in October last year, claimed that Nau was killed allegedly at the behest of Amritpal Singh, who is currently jailed under the stringent National Security Act. Police also claimed that gangster-turned-terrorist Arshdeep Singh, alias Arsh Datta, was the mastermind behind the killing. It said two shooters of the gang have been arrested in the case, registered under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Arms Act. In the communication dated May 26 and accessed by PTI on Saturday, police wrote, "This is to inform you that the Punjab Police, India, is currently investigating a murder case registered under FIR No. 159 dated 10-10-2024 under Sections 103(1), 126(2), and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

YOUTUBER JASBIR'S POLICE REMAND EXTENDED BY 2 DAYS IN ESPIONAGE CASE

Diary Times Desk : A Mohali court extended the police remand of YouTuber Jasbir Singh by two days after his three-day police remand ended today. Jasbir, arrested on espionage charges on June 4, was produced in court today afternoon amidst tight security and media gaze. Police sought seven-day remand, but after listening to the arguments of both sides, the court granted them two days. According to police, Jasbir Singh, who operates a YouTube channel called 'Jaan Mahal' with over 11 lakh subscribers, has visited Pakistan six times. He is allegedly associated with Pakistani intelligence operative (PIO) Shakir, alias Jutt Randhawa, as a part of a terror-backed espionage network. The Rupnagar resident is accused of spying for ISI and sharing sensitive information related to Indian Army with them. The police claimed that Jasbir attended the Pakistan National Day event in Delhi on the invitation of Danish — an expelled Pakistan High Commission official — where he met Pakistani army officials and vloggers. The accused had travelled to Pakistan on three occasions (2020, 2021 and 2024) and came into direct contact with ISI officers, who subsequently recruited him to carry out espionage activities. A case was registered under Sections 152 and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

FAKE HSSC WEBSITE BUSTED BY PANCHKULA POLICE, 6 HELD

Diary Times Desk : A gang running a fake Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC) website to cheat job seekers has been busted by Panchkula police. Six suspects have been taken into custody so far, including the main accused who was arrested from Gorakhpur. The gang had created a website that closely resembled the official HSSC portal for the Common Eligibility Test 2025. The fake site, <https://onetimeregn.examinationservices.in>, was designed to look like the genuine one (<https://onetimeregn.haryana.gov.in>) and was collecting money from unsuspecting candidates through QR codes. Panchkula police's cyber team acted swiftly and got the fake website removed from Google, preventing more candidates from falling victim to it. The scam came to light after HSSC officials noticed the fake site and lodged a complaint at the Sector-5 police station on Wednesday. The Panchkula cyber cell got the fraudulent website taken down and launched an investigation.

CONGRESS OBSERVERS MEET PARTY MEN OVER KURUKSHETRA DISTRICT CHIEF ELECTION

Diary Times Desk : As the Congress has started its efforts to revamp its organisational structure, observers from AICC and PCC today reached Kurukshetra. They held a meeting with party leaders and workers to gather feedback regarding the election of the party's district president. All-India Congress Committee observer Kuljit Singh Nagra, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee observer and former MLA Pradeep Chaudhary, Divyanshu Budhiraja and several Congress leaders attended the meeting. Thanesar Congress MLA Ashok Arora, Pehowa MLA Mandeep Chatha and Shahabad MLA Ramkaran Kala, along with former MLAs and MPs, were also present at the meeting organised at Punjabi Dharmashala. The observers called upon party workers to share their opinion without any hesitation and pressure and also to work on the ground level to strengthen the party's base. After the meeting at the district level, the observers will now hold block-wise meetings to gather feedback from party workers. Congress leader Pradeep Chaudhary said, "Observers were appointed by the party high command to gather feedback and opinion from the party workers and leaders. In the meeting, sitting and former MLAs and former MPs were present.

TWO ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH EXTORTION IN UNA

Diary Times Desk : Police in Una have arrested two persons on charges of extortion and threatening a crusher owner, police said on Saturday. According to the complaint, a crusher owner accused Amrish Rana and his associate Amit Mankotia of threatening the workers, spoiling the JCB and demanding money through extortion. A case was registered in this regard against the two about two months ago. Since then, they have been absconding and filed a petition for anticipatory bail in the High Court in the meantime. When the petition was rejected, police arrested both of them on Friday. ASP Sanjeev Bhatia said that Rana and Mankotia will be presented at a local court on Saturday. Rana was earlier sentenced to life imprisonment by the court in a case of murder of three people in Una in 1999. After serving 25 years of sentence, Rana was released from jail last year on the recommendation of the government due to good conduct. Now, a criminal case has been registered against him again, police said.

HIMACHAL CM SUKHU WRITES TO PM, SEEKS RS 50,000 CR GREEN BONUS FOR 11 HILL STATES

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to announce a Green Fund of Rs 50,000 crore for 11 hill states of the country which are the green frontiers, combating the adverse impacts of climate change. "You are aware that North Eastern and other hill states act as Green Frontiers and are ecological power houses that deliver critical eco-system services to the entire nation," he wrote. He sought Rs 50,000 crore green fund for the hill states based on a study undertaken by the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, on the request of the Himachal Government. He urged that the Rs 50,000 crore Green Fund for the hill states must be earmarked from the Special Central Assistance to the states for capital investment. "We seek your support to invest in climate resilient and ecologically sensitive development with sustainable infrastructure," he wrote. He pointed out that hill states are increasingly becoming vulnerable to unplanned.

SONIA GANDHI DISCHARGED FROM SHIMLA HOSPITAL AFTER REGULAR CHECK-UP

Diary Times Desk : Former Congress President Sonia Gandhi, who is staying with her daughter Priyanka Gandhi at Charabra near here, today visited the Indira Gandhi Medical College for a routine medical check-up. Sonia, who arrived here three days back from Delhi is staying at Priyanka's house in Charabra near Mashobra, about 12 kilometres from here. Doctors at the IGMC said Sonia was brought to the hospital in the afternoon, following some blood pressure related issue. An IGMC spokesperson said she had come for a routine medical check-up as a part of preventive and diagnostic care. He said that a few checks were conducted under the supervision of specialised doctors, and she was medically fit and fine. He stated that all necessary protocols were maintained without disturbing the visitors. Sonia is a frequent visitor here, ever since Priyanka constructed her cottage in Charabra, close to the Rashtrapati Niwas.



LOW ENROLMENT: 621 SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED, MERGED OR DOWNGRADED IN HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : The Directorate of School Education has identified as many as 621 schools, primary to senior secondary, for de-notification, merger and downgrading due to zero or negligible enrolment. Education Minister Rohit Thakur gave the nod to denotify 103 zero enrolment schools with immediate effect in a review meeting of the education department here today. "For merging and downgrading the remaining 518 schools, we will send the proposal to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for the final decision," said Rohit Thakur. The government has already de-notified or merged over 1,200 schools. The number of such schools would cross 1,800 as and when the Chief Minister gives a go-ahead to the latest proposal of the education department. Such large-scale closing of schools has been criticised by the Opposition, but the Education Minister calls it the need of the hour. "We will be compromising the future of our children if we don't give them quality education. And that's only possible through consolidation and rationalisation of our resources," said Thakur. Even though a large number of schools have been denotified or merged over the last two years, the students of the state have registered remarkable improvement in the latest ASER report. The Class X and Class XII results, too, were significantly better this time than the previous year. The Education Minister further pointed out that over 1,100 teachers.

RAHUL GANDHI SPEAKING PAKISTAN'S LANGUAGE: ANURAG THAKUR

Diary Times Desk : BJP MP and former Union Minister Anurag Thakur lashed out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for questioning the Modi government and the Indian Army over 'Operation Sandoor.' He criticised Gandhi for doing so at a time when a delegation of Indian Parliament members was visiting several countries to present India's position on Pakistan's role in sponsoring terrorism. He criticised Rahul's remarks that the Modi government was pressurised by the Trump administration to broker a ceasefire between India and Pakistan. Thakur also accused Gandhi of helping Pakistan's propaganda by claiming that the government succumbed to US influence. He said that Rahul Gandhi's approach was negative against the interests of the nation as by passing such remarks, Rahul was strengthening Pakistan's voice at the international level. He said, "Rahul Gandhi is speaking Pakistan's language." Thakur was a part of the parliamentary delegation that went to many countries to expose Pakistan's support for terrorism at the global level and to spread New Delhi's message of 'zero tolerance' against terrorism. He reached Kangra Airport on Saturday after returning back from the trip. Here, on the home turf, he was warmly welcomed by the local BJP workers.

EMPOWER RURAL YOUTH THROUGH AGRIPRENEURSHIP: V-P DHANKHAR AT SOLAN UNIVERSITY

Diary Times Desk : Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday emphasised the need to empower rural youth through entrepreneurship in agriculture during his visit to Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry in Solan, where he interacted with students, faculty, and researchers. Marking a personal and emotional moment, the Vice-President planted a sapling in memory of his late mother, Kesari Devi, on the university campus. He also visited an exhibition showcasing the work of various Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and agri-startups, lauding the innovation and enterprise of young agricultural entrepreneurs. Addressing the gathering, Vice-President Dhankhar urged students to become change-makers within their farming families. "Boys and girls like you must initiate your families into the marketing of their produce," he said, highlighting the urgent need to bridge the gap between agricultural production and market access. He stressed that rural youth from farming backgrounds must be trained to become entrepreneurs and agripreneurs, empowering them to drive change in India's vast yet underutilised farm economy.



NO FANS TURN UP TO WELCOME SHUBMAN GILL-LED TEAM INDIA IN ENGLAND: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Shubman Gill-led Indian team arrived in London on Saturday ahead of the all-important five-match Test series against England starting on June 20. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) posted a video of team arriving in London on its social media accounts. "Touchdown UK. Team India have arrived for the five-match Test series against England," the BCCI captioned the post. Jasprit Bumrah, Gill, Arshdeep Singh, Rishabh Pant and Prasidh Krishna were in all smiles during the travel. The squad looked charged-up and upbeat for the long tour on English conditions. According to a video on journalist Vimal Kumar's YouTube channel, there were no fans or media personnel to welcome the team near the airport. Before departing the country, newly-appointed Test captain Gill reflected on the challenges of playing without stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli following their retirements from the format last month. "I think there is pressure every time you play and match or start a tour. As such, there is pressure ahead of every series, but there would not be any extra pressure. Rohit and Virat are very experienced players, and it is very difficult to fill the space, but as a team, we have a lot of experience, and we have played a lot of matches," said Gill.



ICC MEN'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2025 REVEALED

Diary Times Desk : UAE skipper Muhammad Wasem beat out competition from Scotland's Brandon McMullen and USA's Milind Kumar to secure the Men's Player of the Month award for May 2025. This is the seasoned UAE batter's second time winning the honour, with his previous win coming in April 2024. Speaking on his victory, "I am delighted to win the ICC Player of the Month award for the second time. I want to thank the ICC and all the fans who voted for me. I also want to thank all my team members and support staff as this award is as much for them as it is for me. "The month of May brought us a historic series win over Bangladesh in Sharjah. The victory indicates the growth of UAE cricket and the depth of talent in the country. The series was won due to a total team effort and what delighted me the most was the performance of the debutants and the youngsters in the squad who displayed incredible passion and heart. "Our aim is now to continue our progress and not only compete but beat bigger teams and make our presence felt in major international events. I am sure that with the current lot of players, UAE cricket will continue to thrive and prosper. I would also want to thank the Emirates Cricket Board for their support and backing.

ENGLAND-INDIA TEST SERIES TO BE NAMED ANDERSON-TENDULKAR TROPHY

Diary Times Desk : Sachin Tendulkar and James Anderson will have their names etched on prestigious silverware as ECB and BCCI have decided to name the Test series between England and India the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy. ESPNcricinfo has learned that both Tendulkar and Anderson will unveil the trophy at Lord's during the World Test Championship (WTC) final which gets underway from June 11. England and India will kick off the new WTC cycle by playing a five-Test series starting at Headingley (Leeds) from June 20. While Anderson, who featured in 188 Tests, retired last July, Tendulkar quit in 2013 having played 200 Tests. Until now the series played in England was called Pataudi Trophy, after former India captains Iftikhar Ali Khan Pataudi and Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi (his son) while the equivalent in India was called Anthony de Mello Trophy, named after one of the founding figures of BCCI who was also the board's inaugural secretary and president between 1946-47 to 1950-51. The trend follows the naming of the Crowe-Thorpe trophy in November 2024, which goes to the winner of Test series between England and New Zealand. Similarly, India and Australia compete for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Tests.

GAMBHIR TOLD 'JASPRIT BUMRAH NOT THE HEADACHE' AFTER AJIT AGARKAR'S DISCLOSURE: 'I AM AFRAID HE WON'T BE READY...'

Diary Times Desk : The new-look Indian Test Team, who have massive boots to fill after the sudden retirement of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma last month, is staring at another major challenger come the England series, starting later this month, with chief selector Ajit Agarkar declaring that Jasprit Bumrah won't be able to play all five matches in the contest owing to his workload management. India head coach Gautam Gambhir also addressed the issue in the pre-departure presser on Wednesday, saying the management has yet to decide which Tests he will play. But former India bowling coach Bharat Arun felt the problem lay elsewhere. Bumrah had suffered back spasms earlier this year, which saw him miss the Champions Trophy and the start of the IPL 2025. It was the second time in his career that a back injury kept him on the sidelines this long that he missed an ICC tournament. With explicit instruction from the BCCI medical team and the physios, Agarkar said that Bumrah "won't be available for all five Tests."



LYON WARY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BATTERS AHEAD OF WTC25 FINAL

Diary Times Desk : The reigning World Test Championship winners head into the Ultimate Test that commences on June 11 as the favourites to defend the mace they won against India in 2013, but Lyon is well aware of the talent that the Proteas have at their disposal and does not want his side to underestimate them. Lyon said while the experience of playing in the last World Test Championship Final will help Australia at Lord's, he knows anything is possible in a one-off Test. "Having the experience of the guys who have won three (50-over) World Cups and T20 World Cups and obviously the World Test Championship final a couple of years ago, that experience and that pressure in those higher games, it's going to be, it's on our side isn't it but it doesn't mean anything when you come to the game," Lyon said at Australia training in Beckenham on Thursday. "South Africa have got some world class batters and obviously they've got some unbelievable bowlers there as well so it's going to be a good challenge and obviously it's a one-off Test match. "It's going to be different challenge and with foreign conditions and the Dukes ball.

SHREYAS IYER "OFFICIALLY JOINS" CAPTAINCY RACE: INDIAN CRICKET'S INFLUENTIAL DECISION-MAKER AFTER IPL SHOW - REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Shreyas Iyer led Punjab Kings with great success at the IPL 2025 in his first year with the franchise. For the first-time since 2014, the franchise made it to the final and lost the title clash to Royal Challengers Bengaluru by six runs. Iyer was PBKS' leading scorer with a tally of 604 in 17 matches. He scored six half-centuries and his 87* in the Qualifier 1 against Mumbai Indians will be talked about for a long time. He almost single-handedly rescued PBKS against MI and took them over the line. Now, according to a report in The Indian Express, quoting 'one of Indian cricket's influential decision-makers,' the rise of Iyer as a great captain is being considered biggest takeaway from the IPL 2025. "Right now he just plays ODIs but after this IPL we can't keep him out of T20 internationals and even Tests. Plus he also has now officially joined the white-ball captaincy race," the official said. Currently, Rohit Sharma is the ODI captain while Suryakumar Yadav is the T20I captain. Shreyas Iyer has not been picked for India's Test series against England. He was a Knight in the shining armour for Kolkata in 2024 and in 2025, became the King who almost led Punjab.