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AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH: PM MODI VISITS  
CRASH SITE, TAKES STOCK OF SITUATION

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday visited the site of the Air India flight crash in Ahmedabad, where a Boeing 787 Dreamliner plunged into a medical college hostel block, killing 241 people.

Modi surveyed the wreckage at BJ Medical College in Meghaninagar area, where the aircraft crashed seconds after takeoff from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. He was briefed by officials from the National Disaster Response Force, aviation authorities and local administrators.

"The scene of the devastation is saddening. Met officials and teams working tirelessly. Our thoughts remain with those who lost their loved ones," Modi said. The Prime Minister then visited the Civil Hospital in Asarwa, where many of the injured—including students and staff from the hostel—are being treated. He talked to survivors, including 40-year-old British national of Indian origin, Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, the only person to survive the crash from on board the aircraft. On social media, Modi posted: "We are all devastated by the air tragedy in Ahmedabad. The loss of so many lives in such a sudden and heartbreaking manner is beyond words. Condolences to all the bereaved families. Om Shanti." The Prime Minister also acknowledged the tireless efforts of emergency responders, many of whom worked through the night amid the burning debris and crumbling structures.



IRAN-ISRAEL  
SKIRMISH

INDIA 'DEEPLY CONCERNED' ABOUT IRAN-ISRAEL SKIRMISH;  
EMBASSIES ISSUE ADVISORY TO INDIAN NATIONALS



**Diary Times Desk :** India has said it is “deeply concerned” at the recent developments between Iran and Israel. Separately, the Indian Embassies in these two countries have issued advisories to Indian nationals on the situation.

The Ministry of External Affairs said, “We are deeply concerned at the recent developments between Iran and Israel. We are closely monitoring the evolving situation, including reports related to attacks on nuclear sites.”

India urges both sides to avoid any escalatory steps. Existing channels of dialogue and diplomacy should be utilised to work towards a de-escalation of the situation and resolving underlying issues, the MEA said. India enjoys close and friendly relations with both the countries and stands ready to extend all possible support.

Indian Missions in both countries are in contact with the Indian community. All Indian nationals in the region are advised to exercise caution, stay safe and follow local security advisories. Indian Embassy in Israel put out an advisory saying, “In view of the prevailing situation in the region, all Indian nationals in Israel are advised to stay vigilant and adhere to the safety protocols as advised by the Israeli authorities and home front command.” Please exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters, it said. The Indian Embassy In Tehran said, “All Indian nationals and persons of Indian origin in Iran are requested to remain vigilant, avoid all unnecessary movements.” Israel last night hit several targets in Iran using long range missiles.



## DGCA ORDERS ENHANCED INSPECTION OF AIR INDIA'S BOEING 787 DREAMLINER FLEET

**Diary Times Desk :** Aviation watchdog DGCA on Friday ordered enhanced safety inspection of Air India's Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet powered by GE engines, a day after 241 people on board died in the plane crash in Ahmedabad. The enhanced DGCA inspection will include checks of various systems and a review of take-off parameters of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft of Air India, owned by Tata Group. There are 26 Boeing 787-8s and 7 Boeing 787-9s in the Air India fleet. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed Air India to carry out additional maintenance actions on its Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 planes equipped with GE engines with immediate effect. These actions will be carried out in coordination with the DGCA regional offices concerned. Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft, operating a flight from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, crashed soon after the take-off on Thursday afternoon. Out of the 242 people on board the plane, only one person survived.



## PM MODI STRESSES EARLY RESTORATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN CALL WITH ISRAEL'S NETANYAHU



**Diary Times Desk :** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday to brief on the evolving situation in west Asia as the Indian leader emphasised the need for early restoration of peace and stability. "Received a phone call from PM @netanyahu of Israel. He briefed me on the evolving situation. I shared India's concerns and emphasised the need for early restoration of peace and stability in the region," Modi said on X. Israel attacked Iran early Friday in strikes that took out top military officers and hit nuclear and missile sites, raising the potential for an all-out war between the two bitter Middle East adversaries. It appeared to be the most significant attack Iran has faced since its 1980s war with Iraq. Earlier in the day, the External Affairs Ministry said India is "deeply concerned" over the recent developments between Iran and Israel and is "closely monitoring" the evolving situation. India urged "both sides to avoid any escalatory steps".

## CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S NO MORE: PM MODI ON VIJAY RUPANI AFTER MEETING FAMILY

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met the family of former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani and said he could not believe that the BJP leader was no more. Rupani was among the 241 people on board the Air India flight who died following the crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday. "It is unimaginable that Vijaybhai is not in our midst. I've known him for decades. We worked together, shoulder to shoulder, including during some of the most challenging times. Vijaybhai was humble and hardworking, firmly committed to the party's ideology. Rising up the ranks, he held various responsibilities in the organisation and went on to serve diligently as Gujarat's chief minister," Modi said after meeting Rupani's wife, Anjali, and his son and daughter. The PM said that in every role assigned, Rupani distinguished himself, be it in the Rajkot Municipal Corporation, Rajya Sabha MP, Gujarat BJP president or as minister in the state government. "Vijaybhai and I also worked extensively when he was Gujarat CM. He ushered in many measures that enhanced Gujarat's growth trajectory, particularly in boosting 'Ease of Living'. Will always cherish the interactions we had. My thoughts are with his family and friends in this hour of grief. Om Shanti," the PM posted on X.



## DEEPLY CONCERNED, URGE BOTH SIDES TO AVOID ESCALATORY STEPS: INDIA ON IRAN-ISRAEL SITUATION

**Diary Times Desk :** As Israel conducted strikes at Iran's nuclear, missile and military complex, mounting tension in West Asia, India on Friday said it is "deeply concerned" over the recent developments between the countries and is "closely monitoring" the evolving situation, even as New Delhi urged both nations to avoid any escalatory steps. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also said that all Indian nationals in the region are advised to exercise caution, stay safe and follow local security advisories. The MEA issued the statement as tensions between Iran and Israel escalated following the strikes. Israel on Friday launched Operation Rising Lion to strike at Iran's nuclear, missile and military complex, which left key military commanders and nuclear scientists dead. The Israeli Army also released a video from one of the strikes which has been reported in media. According to international reports, Israel has carried out strikes at various places in Iran.



### 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.

#### 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.

#### Leo

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

#### Libra

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

#### Sagittarius

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

#### Aquarius

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

#### Taurus

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

#### Cancer

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

#### 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.

#### Scorpio

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

#### Capricorn

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

#### Pisces

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



## HIMACHAL: TIMETABLE OF HIMACHAL'S SUMMER SCHOOLS CHANGED AMID RISING HEAT, CLASSES WILL BE HELD FROM 7:30 AM TO 1 PM

**Diary Times Desk :** The timetable of summer schools in Himachal Pradesh has changed amid rising heat. Schools will now be held from 7:30 am to 1 pm in Kangra, Una, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN), Paonta Sahib and Nahan. The Directorate of School Education has given the District Deputy Directors the authority to change the timings. While reducing the time of prayer meetings, sports activities have also been banned amid the scorching heat. In view of the increase in temperature and heat wave in many parts of the state, the Directorate of Education has issued instructions to revise the timings of schools. This step has been taken to protect students and teachers from the scorching heat. According to the letter issued by Director of Education Ashish Kohli, the maximum temperature in many areas is close to 45 degrees Celsius, causing great discomfort to the students. The decision to change the timings of schools has been taken due to several reports and complaints from School Management Committees (SMCs), Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) and concerned parents.



## CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID- GOVERNMENT'S FOCUS IS ON STRENGTHENING THE RURAL ECONOMY

**Diary Times Desk :** A delegation of Rashtriya Gramin Ajeevika Mission and Himachal Pradesh Pashu and Krishi Sakhi Sangh met Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu in Shimla on Friday and raised their demands. The Chief Minister said that the state government is working with the aim of strengthening the rural economy. The government has taken several initiatives to strengthen various sectors related to the rural economy. The Chief Minister said that special preference is being given to the products of natural farming method. Him Eera and other products of the state have become popular in other states. He said that for the first time in the state, minimum support price has been given for milk, wheat, maize and turmeric grown through natural farming. E-commerce 'Him-Eera' website has been started for the sale of products prepared by women self-help groups. More than one lakh 58 thousand farmers of the state doing natural farming have been certified. He said that the minimum support price of maize grown naturally has been increased from Rs 30 to Rs 40 and wheat from Rs 40 to Rs 60 per kg.

## HIMACHAL WEATHER: WEATHER BECAME COOL, RAIN STARTED IN MANY AREAS OF HIMACHAL, PEOPLE GOT RELIEF FROM HEAT

**Diary Times Desk :** The weather has changed in Himachal Pradesh. Heavy rain is falling in many districts of the state on Friday afternoon. Talking about the capital Shimla, rain started here after two o'clock. In such a situation, there is a lot of relief from the heat. At the same time, light drizzle started at 1:30 pm on Friday afternoon in the subdivision Bangana area of Una district, which brought relief from the scorching heat, while this rain also brought relief from dust and scorching heat. Along with this, there has been good rain in Ghumarwin area of Bilaspur district. There are clouds in other areas as well. There is relief from heat due to rain and cold winds. At the same time, the weather suddenly took a turn in the Baduhi area of Una district on Friday afternoon. Light drizzle started with a strong storm, due to which people struggling with the scorching heat heaved a sigh of relief. Due to stormy winds, branches of trees broke and fell on the road at many places in Baduhi market, although no major damage is reported. Local shopkeepers and passersby cleared the way by removing the broken branches. People say that they were troubled by the increasing heat for the past several days, but today's drizzle has brought relief with a cool breeze. According to the Meteorological Department, such changing weather is expected for the next few days.

## HIMACHAL: PUNJAB GOVERNOR AND HIS WIFE'S HEALTH DETERIORATED IN SHIMLA, RETURNED TO CHHABRA AT NIGHT AFTER CHECKUP AND TESTS

**Diary Times Desk :** Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria and his wife Anita Kataria, who were on a Shimla visit, suddenly fell ill late Thursday evening. Both of them were brought to Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) Shimla at around 9 pm after they felt short of breath and uncomfortable. They were admitted to the hospital's special ward number 634 and 635 and checked up. The team of the cardiology department at the hospital conducted echo tests, blood pressure and other health tests on both of them. A special team of doctors at IGMC was engaged in taking complete care of their health. IGMC Medical Superintendent Dr. Rahul Rao said that the Governor and his wife were brought to the hospital after they felt uncomfortable. All necessary tests were done and the reports were found to be normal. Both returned after first aid. According to the doctors, at around 9:25 pm, the Governor and his wife left IGMC for the official residence of the Governor of Punjab at Chharabra. The doctors have advised them to rest.



## SPORTS NEWS: EIGHT DAUGHTERS OF HIMACHAL SELECTED FOR INDIA CAMP OF HANDBALL, COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN CHINA

**Diary Times Desk :** Eight women from Himachal have been included in the 28 players selected for the India camp for the 11th Asian Under-18 Youth Women Handball Competition to be held in China. After the camp, 18 women players are to be selected. The team will leave on July 14 to participate in the competition. The national camp will run till July 13 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. 28 out of 70 women players from across the country have been selected for the camp. Team India will be selected from here. Handball coach Snehlata said that the selected players include goalkeepers Neha Chauhan and Kajal, left back Shivani Devi, left wing Ridhima, right back Muskan, center back Garima, pivot Kanishka and right wing Shiksha. All these players have been trained from Morasinghi Handball Nursery. Snehlata said that after the camp, the 18-member team selected will leave for China on July 14. Where the 11th Asian Under-18 Youth Women Handball Competition will be held. During this time, head coach Sachin and coaches Binoy, Naveen Punia and Manisha Rathore will also be with the team. Snehlata said that it is a matter of pride that eight players from the state have been selected for the camp. It is hoped that after the camp, the players from Himachal will also make a place in Team India and will bring glory to the country by performing well in the competition.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: PRADHAN WHO TOOK BRIBE THROUGH HER HUSBAND GETS ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT

**Diary Times Desk :** The court has sentenced the Panchayat Pradhan, who took bribe through her husband in lieu of giving NOC for setting up a stone crusher in the Panchayat, to one year of imprisonment. The woman's husband has also been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and both the culprits have been fined Rs 10,000 each. This verdict has been given by the court of Special Session Judge Rajiv Bali of Dharamshala, District and Sessions Court, Kangra. District Advocate Devendra Chaudhary of Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau North Zone Dharamshala said that on April 18, 2013, complainant Davinder Salaria, resident of Bianpur District Gurdaspur (Punjab) had lodged a complaint in Vigilance Police Station Dharamshala. He had said that he wanted to set up a stone.



## IAF’S APACHE ATTACK HELICOPTER MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING NEAR PATHANKOT

**Diary Times Desk :** An Apache attack helicopter of the Indian Air Force made a precautionary landing in the fields near Pathankot on Friday afternoon. This is the third such incident involving this type of helicopter in the past about a year. The helicopter landed in the field adjacent to Nangalpur village in Pathankot district, following an emergency warning in the cockpit. Local administration officials said that there was no damage to property on ground or injury to any person in the incident. The two-man crew is also said to be safe. IAF personnel from the Pathankot airbase, where the Apache helicopters are based, reached the spot to examine the stranded helicopter and take remedial action. Last week, an Apache had made an emergency landing in the fields near Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh during a routine training sortie. After intensive checks on ground, the helicopter was then flown the nearby Sarsawa airbase.

## MONSOON LIKELY TO COVER MOST PARTS OF NORTHWEST INDIA BY JUNE 25: IMD

**Diary Times Desk :** The southwest monsoon, which regained momentum this week, is expected to cover most parts of northwest India, including Delhi, by June 25, well ahead of the usual dates, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The primary rain-bearing system reached Kerala on May 24, marking its earliest onset over the Indian mainland since 2009, when it arrived on May 23. Aided by strong low-pressure systems over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the monsoon advanced quickly over the next few days, covering parts up to central Maharashtra, including Mumbai, and the entire northeast by May 29. However, it stalled from May 28-29 until June 10-11 before becoming active again. The lack of rainfall since early June led to a sharp rise in temperatures, triggering heatwave conditions across large parts of northwest and central India since June 8-9. According to the IMD’s extended range forecast, the monsoon is now likely to cover the remaining parts of central and eastern India and some areas of northwest India by June 18. It is expected to advance over most of northwest India between June 19 and June 25. An IMD official said the system is likely to reach Delhi by June 22-23, ahead of the normal onset date of June 27. Meteorologists say the date of monsoon onset does not directly correlate with the total seasonal rainfall.

## AIR INDIA CRASH SITE HIT 1,000 DEG C; LAVA-LIKE TEMPERATURE LEFT LITTLE SCOPE FOR ESCAPE



**Diary Times Desk :** The temperature in and around the crashed Air India plane site increased to about 1,000 degree Celsius, which made the rescue operations extremely difficult, PTI news agency reported on Thursday night, citing officials. "As the (aircraft’s fuel) tank exploded, it created an inferno where temperature rose to 1,000 degrees Celsius in no time. This left little chance for anyone to escape," a senior fire official was quoted as saying by the news agency. For context, lava from volcanoes can reach temperatures between 1140 and 1170 degrees Celsius. An SDRF officer, who joined the force in 2017, stated that he has dealt with crisis situations before but has never encountered such a disaster. "We came here with PPE kits. But the temperature was so high that it made operations difficult. There were debris everywhere. So we had to clear the debris that were already simmering," he said. Earlier, Union home minister Amit Shah, who visited the crash site on Thursday, said that the plane was carrying 1.25 lakh litres of fuel.

## INDIA, CHINA AGREE TO EXPEDITE STEPS INVOLVED IN RESUMING DIRECT AIR SERVICES

**Diary Times Desk :** Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri held talks with Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Sun Weidong during which the two sides reviewed the developments in India-China bilateral relations and agreed to continue to “stabilise and rebuild ties” with priority on people-centric engagements, the MEA said on Friday. The meeting took place on Thursday and the two sides also agreed to expedite steps involved in resuming direct air services between the two countries. Misri had held talks with Sun earlier on January 27 in Beijing. Sun is on a visit to India from June 12-13, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement. During the meeting on Thursday, “the two sides reviewed the developments in India-China bilateral relations since their last meeting in Beijing on January 27, 2025, and agreed to continue to stabilise and rebuild ties with priority on people-centric engagements”, the MEA said. The foreign secretary appreciated the Chinese side’s cooperation.

## AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH LONE SURVIVOR CAN’T BELIEVE HOW HE SURVIVED

**Diary Times Desk :** Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, the sole survivor of Air India’s AI 171 crash, said he still cannot believe how he miraculously survived the accident of the ill-fated London-bound flight in which 265 persons lost their lives. Ramesh, a British citizen, said he felt the aircraft had stalled within seconds of taking off from Ahmedabad on its nine-hour journey to London’s Gatwick Airport, and that green and white lights came on. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Ramesh, who is recovering at the city’s Civil Hospital, and enquired about his wellbeing. In an interview with DD News, Ramesh, a resident of Leicester, said, “It all happened in front of my eyes. I cannot believe how I survived. “For a brief moment, I felt I was about to die but when my eyes opened, I was alive. I unbuckled myself from the seat and exited from an opening.” “In front of my eyes, air hostess and aunties and uncles had perished. Within a minute, it felt that the plane had stalled. Green and white lights were on. It looked that they were giving ‘race’ to the plane to give more thrust and the plane crashed into a building,” he said.

## CELEBRATION CUT SHORT: INDORE WOMAN’S FLIGHT SWITCH TURNS FATAL

**Diary Times Desk :** An Indore woman’s loving gesture to celebrate her husband’s birthday ended in sorrow. Harpreet Kaur Hora advanced her flight to London, only to become one of the 241 passengers on the ill-fated Air India plane that crashed in Ahmedabad. For Harpreet, a 28-year-old IT professional working in Bengaluru, the journey to London was meant to be a joyous reunion as her husband, Robbie Hora, awaited her arrival there. Initially, Harpreet had planned to fly on June 19 but switched to the earlier flight. “She had made plans to go to London on June 19. However, she booked a ticket on the ill-fated flight to celebrate Robbie’s birthday. The couple also had plans to tour Europe,” said her father-in-law’s brother, Rajendra Singh Hora. He recalled that Harpreet had just visited her parents in Ahmedabad before heading to London. “It was meant to be a happy stopover. Just before she boarded the flight, we all wished her well on our family WhatsApp group. She was so excited,” he added.

## ED ATTACHES CONGRESS OFFICE IN CHHATTISGARH, ASSETS OF EX-MINISTER KAWASI LAKHMA

**Diary Times Desk :** The Enforcement Directorate has attached a Congress party office in Chhattisgarh apart from assets of its former minister Kawasi Lakhma as part of a money-laundering investigation linked to an alleged Rs 2,100 crore worth liquor scam that took place in the state during the previous government, official sources said. A provisional order for attaching these properties was issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The attached assets include those belonging to Lakhma, his son Harish Lakhma and the Congress office building in Sukma district. These assets are worth Rs 6.15 crore, the sources said. This is the first time that the federal probe agency has attached assets of a political party under the anti-money laundering law. A Congress spokesperson said in Raipur that the ED action was “part of BJP’s political conspiracy” and added that the party will furnish records of “each and every” penny used for the construction.



## IRAN NOT NUCLEAR-COMPLIANT, SAYS UN BODY; DEFIANT TEHRAN UNVEILS NEW ENRICHMENT SITE

**Diary Times Desk :** The UN nuclear watchdog's board of governors declared Iran in breach of its non-proliferation obligations on Thursday and Tehran announced counter-measures, as an Iranian official said a "friendly country" had warned it of a potential Israeli attack. Iran reacted immediately, saying it will establish a new enrichment facility "in a secure location" and that "other measures are also being planned". The Iranian Foreign Ministry and the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran said in a joint statement, "The Islamic Republic of Iran has no choice but to respond to this political resolution." US and Iranian officials will hold a sixth round of talks on Tehran's escalating uranium enrichment programme in Oman on Sunday, according to US and Omani officials. But security concerns have risen since US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday American personnel were being moved out of the region because "it could be a dangerous place" and that Tehran would not be allowed to develop a nuclear weapon. Washington is concerned that Israel could take military action against Iran in coming days, US officials said on condition of anonymity, despite Trump's recent warning to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu against such a strike while US diplomacy continues with Tehran.

## NEPAL HOME MINISTER DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN VISIT VISA SCAM, REJECTS CALLS FOR RESIGNATION

**Diary Times Desk :** Kathmandu [Nepal], June 13 (ANI): Nepal Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak has denied involvement in the visit visa scam, rejecting calls for resignation and claiming the accusations are politically motivated attacks on him. Addressing Friday's session of the House of Representatives, Lekhak stated that the claims of his involvement in the case currently under investigation by the anti-graft agency "don't bear any truth." "The investigation being conducted by the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authorities (CIAA), where I am alleged to be under the purview, being reported in the media and spread on social media, doesn't bear any truth. I don't have any involvement in the alleged incident, and my involvement can't be established; I can claim it. In a planned, machinable way, it is a political attack on me," the Home Minister said. Lekhak assured the House that he is willing to cooperate fully.

## UK PM STARMER URGES ISRAEL, IRAN "TO STEP BACK, REDUCE TENSIONS URGENTLY"

**Diary Times Desk :** UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has urged "all parties to step back" and reduce tensions urgently after Israel carried out strikes on Iran, what it called a "pre-emptive operation" targeting the latter's nuclear program. Starmer called the reports of these strikes "concerning" and emphasised that stability in the Middle East must be a priority. In a post on X, Starmer stated, "The reports of these strikes are concerning and we urge all parties to step back and reduce tensions urgently. Escalation serves no one in the region. Stability in the Middle East must be the priority and we are engaging partners to de-escalate. Now is the time for restraint, calm and a return to diplomacy." Starmer's statement comes after Israel launched a preemptive strike against Iran on Friday, according to Israel Defence Minister Israel Katz, The Times of Israel reported. Katz declared an emergency situation across the country due to Israel's action in Iran.



## ISRAEL ATTACKS IRAN'S NUCLEAR SITES, ITS TOP MILITARY LEADERS; IRAN RETALIATES WITH DRONES



**Diary Times Desk :** Israel launched a blistering attack on the heart of Iran's nuclear and military structure on Friday, deploying warplanes and drones smuggled into the country to target key facilities and kill top generals and scientists — a barrage it said was necessary before its adversary got any closer to building an atomic weapon. The operation raised the potential for all-out war between the countries and propelled the region, already on edge, into even greater upheaval. Iran quickly retaliated, sending a swarm of drones at Israel as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned of "severe punishment". Iran had been censured by the UN's atomic watchdog a day earlier for not complying with obligations meant to prevent it from developing a nuclear weapon. Israel had long threatened such a strike, and successive American administrations had sought to prevent it, fearing it would ignite a wider conflict across the Middle East and possibly be ineffective at destroying Iran's dispersed and hardened nuclear programme.

## TRUMP URGES IRAN TO MAKE DEAL AFTER ISRAEL BLASTS NUCLEAR AND MILITARY TARGETS

**Diary Times Desk :** Israel launched large-scale strikes against Iran on Friday, saying it had attacked nuclear facilities and missile factories and killed a swathe of military commanders in what could be a prolonged operation to prevent Tehran building an atomic weapon. US President Donald Trump suggested that Iran had brought the attack on itself by resisting US demands in talks to restrict its nuclear programme, and urged it to make a deal, "with the next already planned attacks being even more brutal". Washington said it had no part in the operation, however. Iran promised a harsh response to a barrage that killed the heads of both its armed forces and the powerful Revolutionary Guards, and Israel said it was trying to intercept about 100 drones launched towards Israeli territory in retaliation. But around 0800 GMT, Israeli media said an order to citizens to remain near protected areas had been lifted, suggesting that most or all of the drones had been neutralised.

## "IF THEY CONTINUE THEIR AGGRESSION, THEY WILL BEAR RESULTS": ISRAELI ENVOY WARNS IRAN

**Diary Times Desk :** Israel's Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, has warned Iran that they will bear results if they continue their aggression. He stated that Israel has taken precise action to defend itself and Iran will have to deal with the consequences if they decide to escalate. In an interview with ANI, Azar said that the intelligence regarding the imminent warhead pairing of Iran was shared with counterparts in the US and denied involvement of the US in Operation Rising Lion. When asked whether Israel shared intelligence about imminent warhead pairing of Iran with US counterparts, he responded, "yes." Were they involved in the operation in any way, he stated, "no." However, he mentioned that US President Donald Trump was informed about it. When asked whether Trump was told about it, he responded, "yes." On being asked if, with this attack (Operation Rising Lion), now American bases in the region are fair game for Iran, Reuven Azar said, "It's completely up to the Iranians. If they continue their aggression, they will bear the results. At this point in time, Israel has taken precise action to defend itself, and if the Iranians decide to escalate, they will have to deal with the consequences."

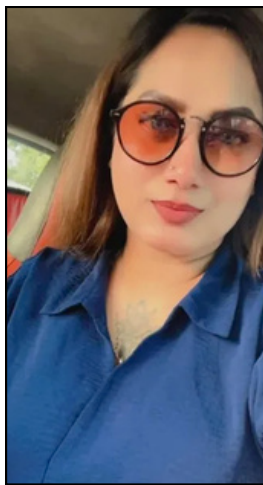
## FIVE BALOCH MEN FORCIBLY DISAPPEARED IN BALOCHISTAN AMID SURGE IN ABDUCTIONS BY PAKISTANI FORCES

**Diary Times Desk :** At least five Baloch males have been forcibly disappeared by Pakistani security personnel in separate events across Balochistan, according to The Balochistan Post (TBP). On Wednesday night, Pakistani forces allegedly detained two individuals in the seaside town of Ormara: Sagheer Baloch and his friend Iqar, Jangiyani's son. The TBP report said that both guys are from the same family and that their locations have been unknown since their detention. In another incident on June 4, Pakistani forces allegedly detained Mukhtiar, Ashraf's son, from the Korek village of Jhao, Awaran district. Family relatives stated that they had gotten no information about his current whereabouts. Previously, a local contractor, Bashir Ahmed, the son of Hassan, was reportedly abducted by Pakistani soldiers while travelling from Lasbela to Jhao. Bashir Ahmed lives in Gaazi Hassan Goth in the Jhao district, according to a TBP report. Another man, Raziq, was taken into custody after Pakistani forces.



## INFLUENCER KAMAL KAUR BHABHI'S MURDER DRIVEN BY 'MORAL POLICING'; 2 'NIHANGS' ARRESTED

**Diary Times Desk :** The Bathinda police today claimed to have solved the blind murder case of social media influencer Kanchan Kumari, popularly known as Kamal Kaur Bhabhi, with the arrest of two key accused. The police said the murder was driven by "moral policing". Bathinda SSP Amneet Kondal said that the accused had earlier warned Kanchan not to post her online content, which they thought was "objectionable". "The key conspirator, Amritpal Singh, had previously cautioned her to stop posting 'vulgar' videos and had planned to teach her a lesson. He, along with others, hatched a conspiracy and they strangled her to death at an isolated location on Tuesday," claimed the SSP. Those arrested have been identified as Jaspreet Singh (32) of Mehron village in Moga district and Nimaratjeet Singh (21) of Harike in Tarn Taran district. Both, said to be unemployed, often wear 'nihang' attire. They were arrested around 1 am on Thursday. However, Amritpal is absconding. Notably, Canada-based terrorist Arsh Dalla, too, had reportedly threatened Kanchan with dire consequences if she did not stop posting "inappropriate videos". The SSP said that Amritpal had approached Kanchan at her Ludhiana residence on June 7, seeking promotional work in Bathinda. "He visited again the next day and convinced her to visit Bathinda. On June 9, he contacted her again and she agreed, and after 11 pm that night.



## BBC TOLD TO FILE REPLY BY JUNE 16 IN SIDHU MOOSEWALA DOCUMENTARY CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) today heard a plea filed by Balkaur Singh, father of slain singer Shubhdeep Singh, aka Sidhu Moosewala, seeking a stay on a documentary made on the singer's life and death. The court directed the BBC to file a formal response to the petition by the next hearing on June 16. Notably, the BBC released two parts of the documentary, titled "The Killing Call", on YouTube at 5 am on Wednesday, coinciding with Moosewala's 32nd birth anniversary. The documentary was initially scheduled to be screened in Mumbai later that evening. Advocate Satinder Pal Singh Mittal, counsel for Moosewala's father, said, "The counsel for the respondents (BBC World Service and the two producers) sought time from the court to respond." Balkaur Singh has already served a legal notice to the broadcaster and lodged complaints with the Maharashtra Police, alleging that the documentary contains unauthorised and sensitive content, including personal testimonies and commentary on an ongoing criminal case. In response to the legal notice, the BBC's legal team had sought 10 days to reply.

## GURDASPUR: HIGH COURT ORDERS PROBE INTO POLICE CONDUCT IN DRUG CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** Flagging "serious doubt" over the alleged recovery of Rs 2 lakh drug money and its initial concealment from the court, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ordered an inquiry against the "erring" officials. Describing the police action "quite surprising", Justice Manisha Batra granted bail to the accused in the drug case registered in Gurdaspur district. The directions came after the accused claimed that his father was forced to pay Rs 3 lakh to the police to avoid false implication. Supporting the claim, a bank statement showing withdrawal entries was placed on record. His counsel contended that the police did not release the petitioner despite taking money. The police moved an application on March 27, 2024, before the magistrate concerned after the petitioner's father raised "hue and cry".

## PUNJAB GOVT ROLLS OUT 'EASY JAMABANDI' PORTAL AS PART OF REVENUE REFORMS

**Diary Times Desk :** Days after launching the 'Easy Registry' initiative, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, along with national AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal, on Thursday rolled out the 'Easy Jamabandi' portal as part of the state government's revenue reforms. Terming it a historic step, they said these reforms were aimed at eradicating corrupt practices and thereby the harassment of general public while getting various revenue services. Cabinet Minister Aman Arora, while addressing mediapersons, said the portal would enable people to avail themselves of five main revenue services — 'WhatsApp te Jamabandi', Online Intkal (mutation) Seva, Rapat Entry, Fard Badar (correction of land records) and 'Subscribe to Your Land Records'. He said the portal would facilitate lakhs of people annually who would not have to make rounds of patwari or Fard centres for obtaining land records. "There is no need to visit a patwari, stand in queues or pay bribe for land records now. People have to simply go to the 'Easy Jamabandi' website, enter their details and they will get a copy of Jamabandi for free and in a time-bound manner," said Arora.

## PUNJAB OPPOSITION QUESTIONS KEJRIWAL'S NAME ON SPORTS HUB PLAQUE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Sports Hub being re-inaugurated by the Aam Aadmi Party at the Burlton Park in Jalandhar on Thursday has come under criticism from across party lines. BJP leaders on Thursday questioned why the Smart City Mission and the Centre's contribution to the project remain unacknowledged on the foundation stone laying event. BJP leader KD Bhandari shared the inaugural plaque from the Congress regime days. Bhandari also said he would be taking up the issue with ML Khatkar, the Minister for Power and Housing Affairs. Meanwhile, the Congress has questioned AAP for incurring huge expenditure by holding a big event for a project which was already in the pipeline for years. Both parties have also questioned AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal's name on the inaugural plaque. Bhandari said Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has misled the people of the state about the Burlton Park Sports Hub. Bhandari claimed the central government had already allocated funds for the hub under smart city project. Bhandari said, "It is absolutely wrong to write Kejriwal's name on the inauguration stone of the Sports Hub because there is no contribution from him to the project. Mann has given false credit to Kejriwal and fooled the gullible people of Jalandhar." Bhandari said the project was envisioned by former Jalandhar Mayor Rakesh Rathore in the Akali-BJP government and its outline was ready then. Bhandari added, "Mann should have informed the people.

## AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH: KURUKSHETRA WOMAN AMONG VICTIMS

**Diary Times Desk :** Anju Sharma (55), a native of Ramsaran Majra village in Kurukshetra's Babain block, was among the victims of the tragic Air India flight crash. She was on her way to London to visit her elder daughter, Nimmi. Anju, who had settled in Vadodara for decades, had recently travelled to Kurukshetra to visit her ailing parents — father Jagdish Sharma, a retired government employee and mother Santosh Sharma. "She had come a few days ago to meet her parents," said Vaibhav Sharma, Anju's cousin. "She got married in 1990 in Punjab, but she and her husband Pawan Sharma had made Vadodara their home. Pawan passed away a few years ago. Anju had two daughters — Nimmi and Hunny." According to family sources, Anju left for London on Thursday to meet Nimmi. The tragic news of her death has not yet been disclosed to her parents due to her father's fragile health.

## HARYANA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DEMAND VC'S RESIGNATION OVER VIOLENT CRACKDOWN

**Diary Times Desk :** A wave of student unrest has gripped Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (HAU), Hisar, following a violent crackdown on protesting students which left about 20 students injured on June 10. In the aftermath of the incident, a student who has been sitting on an indefinite dharna has demanded the immediate resignation of Vice-Chancellor Dr Baldev Raj Kamboj, holding him responsible for failing to protect students and abusing his authority. Students have also called for the arrest and dismissal of Prof Radheshyam, who they allege physically assaulted several protesters, causing severe injuries. Besides, the students have also sought the removal and prosecution of Registrar Dr Pawan Kumar, Director of Student Welfare Dr ML Khichar, and Chief Security Officer Sukhbir Singh over violence on students on the campus. The students have been staging a demonstration, urging the university authorities to roll back the controversial amendment which has resulted in scholarship reductions, and to reinstate the original structure in line with ICAR norms. Congress MP (Sirsa) Kumari Selja who met the agitating students today said the incident of lathicharge reflected the dictatorial attitude of the university authorities. She urged Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to take urgent cognisance of the incident of serious injuries inflicted on the students. "I came to know that the attempts are being made to hush up the incident.

**CHANDIGARH RESIDENT  
MURDERED IN SHIMLA;  
KILLER ABSCONDING**

**Diary Times Desk :** A Chandigarh resident was murdered by his cousin in Shimla, police said here today. The victim has been identified as Akash Sharma, a resident of Sector 26, Chandigarh while the accused has been identified as Arjun Sharma, a resident of Sector 10 Panchkula. According to reports, on June 11, both of them reached Shimla and checked into a hotel near Dhalli Tunnel. On June 13, both of them had an altercation, following which Arjun allegedly murdered Akash by slitting his throat and striking him on the head with a beer bottle. Akash died on the spot while Arjun fled from the hotel. At around 10 am, the hotel received a call requesting staff to check a room, as both guests' mobile phones were switched off. Acting on this information, the hotel staff entered the room and found the bodies. A police team from Dhalli police station arrived at the hotel, collected evidence, and reviewed the CCTV footage. Shimla ASP Rattan Negi confirmed the information and said a case under Section 103 (murder) of the BNS has been registered against the accused, who is absconding. He said that efforts are underway to arrest the accused and further investigation is under process.

**TWO KASHMIRI YOUTHS, 1  
LOCAL GIRL DIE DROWNING  
IN KHADS**

**Diary Times Desk :** In two separate incidents, 3 people including two Kashmiri youths and a local girl died due to drowning while bathing in the ravines (khad) during the past 24 hours in Kangra district. In the first incident, two youths from Jammu and Kashmir died due to drowning while bathing in Baner Khad in Gram Panchayat Gahlian near Ranital, the local police officials said. They had been identified as Rajendra Kumar (36) and Ashok Kumar (21), residents of Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir. They used to work as wood cutters and lived in a rented house in Gahlian. Yesterday, they went to wash clothes in the ravine with two other friends and later went into the water to take a bath. While bathing, they moved towards deep water and drowned on the spot. When they did not return for a long time, their other two companions started looking for them only to find their clothes.

**SHIMLA BREATHES EASY AFTER SOOTHING AFTERNOON RAIN**

**Diary Times Desk :** Shimla got some relief from the hot weather as the city received light rain on Friday afternoon. The rain helped lower the temperature, making the weather cooler and more comfortable for both locals and tourists. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had forecast possible rain and thunderstorms in the area, and the rain did arrive, breaking the long stretch of heat. While Shimla cooled down, other parts of Himachal Pradesh, especially the plains and lower parts, are still experiencing high temperature. According to the IMD, the heatwave will likely continue in those regions until June 14, with a warm night on June 13.

**HIMACHAL GOVT TO DECLARE SUPPORT  
PRICE FOR POTATO SOON: SUKHU**

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said the state government would announce a support price for purchase of potatoes shortly apart from setting up a Rs 20 crore potato-processing plant in Una district. The Chief Minister chaired the state-level multi-stakeholder consultative conference organised by Himachal Pradesh Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network here today. "The state government is constantly striving to strengthen the rural economy and a support price for potato would be soon declared to support the farmers," he said. Sukhu said the state government was promoting green energy and natural farming in a big way. "Minimum support price has already been fixed for crops produced through natural farming and it would be further increased in the coming time," he said. Highlighting the importance of natural farming, he said that many new schemes would be implemented in the coming year to boost the rural economy. Sukhu said that after the North-Eastern states of the country, the highest increase in cancer cases had been witnessed in Himachal Pradesh. Efforts were on to find out the root cause. Change in food habits could also be a main reason for rise in cancer cases, he added. The Chief Minister said that 80 per cent of the state's population depends on agriculture for livelihood and this sector contributes 14 per cent to the state's GDP. He expressed concern over the changing pattern of weather which was adversely.

**24 LOADED VEHICLES SEIZED IN  
CRACKDOWN ON MINING MAFIA**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a crackdown on the mining mafia, the Nurpur district police conducted surprise checking of the movement of loaded transport vehicles on some identified locations in the border areas under Indora and Damtal police jurisdictions last night and seized 24 heavy vehicles loaded with finished mining materials. As per the information available, the seized vehicles belonged to some stone crusher units and were transporting finished products outside the state without legal documents. The district police had conducted this crackdown following some intelligence inputs and the operation started at 10 pm last night and ended at 3 am today. The district police had constituted special teams and resorted to night patrolling at Dhangu-Mazra, Bhadroya, Tanda-Mor and Bharota in Indora and Damtal police station jurisdictions. The seizure of a large number of vehicles loaded with finished minerals has unearthed the evasion of huge amounts of royalty to the state exchequer. The mining mafia used to transport finished material in the night to evade paying royalty to the state exchequer. SP Nurpur Ashok Ratan told The Tribune that these heavy vehicles loaded with finished minerals of some local stone crushers were being transported outside the state without legal documents. He said around 15 out of total 24 vehicles were without X-forms.

**STARGAZING MEETS STORYTELLING: LAHAUL LOCALS TRAINED TO TURN  
SKIES INTO TOURIST ATTRACTION**

**Diary Times Desk :** The two-day astro-guide training workshop at Sissu concluded on a high note, leaving the local community inspired and enthusiastic about integrating stargazing into Lahaul's tourism landscape. Organised by the Panchayat Tourism Development Committee (PTDC) with support from People for Himalayan Development, the workshop was part of the ongoing People Owned People Governed Tourism (POPGT) project, backed by Royal Enfield. Leading the sessions were Dr Vivek Gupta and Shweta from Pale Blue Dot, who brought not only their astronomical expertise but also professional telescopes and solar goggles for hands-on learning. Day one featured a detailed theory session, covering three core topics — an introduction to the Moon, constellations and astrophotography. What made the session especially engaging was the active involvement of local residents, who enriched discussions by sharing traditional folklore and age-old knowledge about the Pole Star and Himalayan constellations. These stories, deeply rooted in cultural heritage, were explored alongside methods to curate and present them to visitors — promising a rich, immersive experience for future tourists.





## 'THERE'S SOME QUALITY ENERGY' AS INDIA TAKE ON INDIA A BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

**Diary Times Desk :** In what is the last leg of India's preparations for their five-Test series against England, beginning at Headingley on June 20, they go up against the touring India A side in a four-day in Beckenham. The match - in some form - will be played from Friday to Monday, but it will be behind closed doors, so to say, in a throwback to the way the Indians trained at Perth's WACA ground ahead of the 2024-25 Test series. On that occasion, the "black veil of secrecy" covered the training nets at WACA, not unlike the way India trained on their previous visit to Perth during the 2022 T20 World Cup. Talking about the training sessions so far, bowling coach Morne Morkel told bcci.tv, "Two days [of] practice so far, conditions suited the fast bowlers. Early on in the tour is very exciting, you know, it gets their [the players'] confidence going. It was testing for the batters, which also in a way helps them to prepare for what's to come. "I don't think the wickets [are] going to be as spicy as the ones we experience here [in the Tests]. There's been a lot of good banter between bat and ball. But I think that's only because the wickets are a little bit spicy. As soon as the wickets go flat, the bowlers tend to back off."



## RCB SENIOR OFFICIAL NIKHIL SOSALE GRANTED INTERIM BAIL BY KARNATAKA HIGH COURT

**Diary Times Desk :** Nikhil Sosale, the senior Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) official arrested over the June 4 tragedy that left 11 dead in a stampede during the team's victory celebrations, has been granted interim bail by the Karnataka High Court. Sosale, along with two officials from DNA Entertainment, the event management company associated with RCB, has been released on specific conditions, the most notable being the surrender of their passports. In Thursday's hearing, Sosale's lawyers argued that the arrests had been made solely on "the orders of the Chief Minister [Siddaramaiah] without conducting any investigation and collecting any material to point out that the petitioners were responsible for the stampede." At the time of the arrests on June 5, two days after RCB won IPL 2025, Bengaluru Police claimed they denied RCB permission to conduct their victory parade at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, around which the stampede occurred leading to casualties. RCB were listed as the first accused along with DNA Entertainment, Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), which is in charge of the stadium premises. Subsequently, two senior KSCA officials - treasurer ES Jairam and secretary A Shankar .

## GAMBHIR RETURNS TO INDIA TO ATTEND TO HIS AILING MOTHER

**Diary Times Desk :** Gautam Gambhir is back home in New Delhi to attend to his ailing mother, who suffered a heart attack a couple of days back. The Indian head coach returned home to see his mother, who is convalescing at Gangaram Hospital in the capital. A spokesman for the Indian team has said Gambhir left for India 'day before yesterday on a family emergency.' The condition of Gambhir's mother is still not known clearly, and at the time of compiling this report, she was believed to be in the ICU. She is in her mid-sixties. Sources close to Gambhir, however, have revealed to Cricbuzz that the doctors are encouraged by her condition and are giving hope of a potential early recovery, which means Gambhir could be expected to link up with the Indian team before the first Test in Leeds, starting June 20. Sources have further revealed that there may be a chance that he might consider leaving for England early next week, but at this stage, any date of his departure for England is difficult to confirm given the sensitivity of the situation. It is not clear who will be in charge of the team in the absence of Gambhir. Sitanshu Kotak (batting coach), Morne Morkel (bowling coach), T Dilip (fielding coach) and Ryan ten Doeschate (assistant coach) are the other members of the coaching staff.

## SHREYAS IYER'S SOBO MUMBAI FALCONS LOSE MUMBAI T20 LEAGUE FINAL

**Diary Times Desk :** Shreyas Iyer's SoBo Mumbai Falcons fell short in the Mumbai T20 League final on Thursday, edged out by the Mumbai South Central Maratha Royals at the Wankhede Stadium. This marked back-to-back defeats for Iyer as captain of a T20 side, coming as it did within ten days of Punjab Kings' (PBKS) defeat to Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in the title clash of IPL 2025 in Ahmedabad. Iyer himself scored just 12 off 17 as SoBo made 157 after being put in to bat. Maratha Royals, led by Siddhesh Lad, achieved the target with four balls to spare and six wickets in hand. Iyer ended the tournament with just 62 runs in five innings, with a best of 25. "Don't want to pinpoint any incident - overall, the boys were brilliant with their effort," Iyer said after the final. "We just lost one game en route to the final. Just a one-off game, where you can't single out anyone. It's basically backstabbing [if you criticise someone], and I don't enjoy that. "It's pretty common to feel dejected after a final loss. It must hurt [the players]. But when they come back next year, they'll have that extra motivation and confidence. They should be proud of their effort."



## O'DOWD 158\* TRUMPS MUNSEY 191 AS NETHERLANDS CHASE DOWN 370 AGAINST SCOTLAND

**Diary Times Desk :** Netherlands 374 for 6 (O'Dowd 158\*, Nidamanuru 51, Croes 50, Sharif 3-62) beat Scotland 369 for 6 (Munsey 191, Cross 59, Levitt 2-41, Dutt 2-73) by four wickets Max O'Dowd's 158 not out trumped George Munsey's 191 as Netherlands pulled off the third-highest successful chase in ODI cricket in their World Cup League 2 match against Scotland in Dundee. Batting first after winning the toss, Scotland rode on Munsey's record 191 off 150 balls to put up 369 for 6. It was the highest ODI score by an Associate batter, going past Paul Stirling's 177 against Canada in 2010. Munsey had a great chance to score a double-hundred - when he fell, ten balls were still left in the innings. Captain Matthew Cross chipped in with 59 off 49 balls. He and Munsey added 150 off 101 balls for the fifth wicket and helped Scotland post a daunting total. O'Dowd, though, wasn't frazzled. He and Michael Levitt added 67 in 9.2 overs before Safyaan Sharif dismissed Levitt. Two overs later, Sharif dismissed Zach Lion-Cachet as well to make it 75 for 2. O'Dowd and Scott Edwards put the chase back on track and took Netherlands to 143 in 21 overs.

## FINN ALLEN, UNSOLD IN IPL FOR 3 YEARS, SHATTERS CHRIS GAYLE'S WORLD RECORD, HITS FASTEST T20 150 WITH 19 SIXES IN MLC

**Diary Times Desk :** Finn Allen, who has gone unsold in the IPL for three years in a row, went into a never-before-seen six-hitting spree in the first match of the Major League Cricket (MLC), breaking the world record for most sixes in T20s. Playing for the San Francisco Unicorns, Finn Allen, an opening batter of New Zealand, obliterated the Washington Freedom bowling attack at Oakland Coliseum on Friday, breaking multiple records, including Chris Gayle's long-standing world mark for most sixes in a T20 innings. Allen launched 19 sixes en route to a sensational 151 off just 51 deliveries - a ferocious innings that not only stunned spectators but rewrote the format's record books. His power-hitting spree surpassed the previous record of 18 sixes jointly held by Chris Gayle (2017) and Estonia's Sahil Chauhan (2024), setting a new global benchmark for maximums in a men's T20 match. Opening the batting alongside fellow Kiwi Tim Seifert, Allen wasted no time asserting dominance. Within the first six overs, he had already smashed five sixes and raced to 40 off just 14 balls.