

DELHI RAIN NEWS

HEAVY RAIN, WATERLOGGING CHOKE DELHI ROADS; WATER ENTERS IGI AIRPORT'S T1

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DK SHIVAKUMAR

PROBE AGENCY SUMMONS DK SHIVAKUMAR IN FRAUD CASE LINKED TO CONWOMAN: REPORT



Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and his brother D K Suresh, for questioning in an alleged cheating case linked to a money laundering probe against a local woman, official sources said on Tuesday.

The federal probe agency had arrested the local woman -- 33-year-old Aishwarya Gowda -- in April following searches against her and Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni.

The ED had then said in a statement that the woman claimed proximity with various "high-profile" politicians and cheated people by promising them high returns against gold, cash and bank deposits. She is alleged to have used the name of Suresh and claimed to be his sister.

There are at least three cheating cases registered at Chandra Layout and Rajarajeshwari Nagar police stations in Bengaluru against Gowda, who is accused of borrowing gold and Rs 10 crore and not returning them.

Confirming that the ED officials served him a notice when he and his brother were not at home, Shivakumar said he instructed those at home to receive the notice. He said his brother had lodged a police complaint alleging that someone was misusing his name. Regarding the summons, the Deputy CM said, "My brother will cooperate with the ED whichever way possible. He will assist the ED by giving a statement. Some people who were cheated had come to me and explained to me." He said some people complained to him that they were cheated by a woman who introduced herself as his younger sister.

AIR INDIA CANCELS 7 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR VARIED REASONS

Diary Times Desk : Troubles continued at Air India, which is facing the biggest crisis since Tata group bought the airline three-and-a-half years back, with as many as seven international flights being cancelled on Tuesday for varied reasons, and a glitch forcing fliers on San Francisco-Mumbai flight to deplane during a stopover. While Air India cancelled six international flights due to aviation regulator DGCA subjecting its Dreamliner fleet to enhanced checks, the Ahmedabad-London Gatwick flight was cancelled due to unavailability of aircraft, the airline said. The Delhi-Paris flight was cancelled after some problems were detected during pre-flight checks. The other flights cancelled during the day included Bengaluru-London, London-Amritsar, Delhi-Vienna, Delhi-Dubai and Mumbai-San Francisco. Separately, Air India terminated its San Francisco-Mumbai flight at its scheduled stopover at Kolkata early on Tuesday morning after one of its engines developed a technical snag. The disruptions came as investigators probed what caused a London-bound Air India flight to crash in Ahmedabad shortly after take-off on June 12.



AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH: 163 VICTIMS IDENTIFIED, 124 BODIES HANDED OVER TO KIN

Diary Times Desk : Five days after an Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad claimed 270 lives, 163 victims have so far been identified through DNA matching and 124 bodies handed over to their families, officials said on Tuesday. Authorities are carrying out DNA tests to establish the identity of the victims as many bodies were charred beyond recognition or damaged. "So far, 163 DNA samples have been matched, and 124 bodies have been handed over to the respective families. Remaining mortal remains will be handed over soon," Medical Superintendent of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital Dr Rakesh Joshi told reporters. Of the 71 injured persons admitted to the hospital after the crash, nine are currently undergoing treatment while two died during treatment, said Joshi. He dismissed reports which claimed two more MBBS students of BJ Medical College, affiliated to the civil hospital, were killed in the crash.

AIR INDIA TRAINING RECORDS SOUGHT AFTER AHMEDABAD CRASH; FLYING SCHOOLS UNDER SCRUTINY



Diary Times Desk : India's aviation safety watchdog has asked Air India for the training records of the pilots and dispatcher for the plane that crashed last week as part of its investigation into the incident that killed at least 271 people, government memos showed. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation also asked all flying schools to conduct training compliance checks, according to the confidential memos, seen by Reuters. The DGCA said the requests were part of a "regulatory" review of the accident, and also sought details of action taken following the watchdog's audits of Air India in the last few months. It asked for the details to be provided by Monday. It was not clear whether Air India had complied with the directive. The airline and the DGCA did not respond to Reuters' requests for comment. The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner bound for London with 242 people on board began losing height seconds after take-off in Ahmedabad on Thursday before crashing into nearby buildings. Everyone on board was killed, bar a single passenger, along with about 30 on the ground.

RAJA RAGHUVANSHI MURDER: CRIME SCENE RECREATED, SIT IN INDORE TO PROBE MONEY ANGLE

Diary Times Desk : The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Meghalaya Police probing the murder of Indore businessman Raja Raghuvanshi has gone to the Madhya Pradesh city to ascertain if there is any financial motive behind the killing, an officer said on Tuesday. The police also brought all the accused in the murder, including Raghuvanshi's wife Sonam, to Sohra, around 65 km from here, and recreated the crime scene amid heavy security. Raghuvanshi was hacked to death in a parking lot near Weisawdong Falls and his body was dumped in a nearby gorge in Sohra area in East Khasi Hills district on May 23. The businessman and his wife were on their honeymoon when he was killed allegedly by three hitmen – Vishal, Anand and Akash – sent by her boyfriend Raj Kushwaha who is also one of the arrested people. "Our team is in Indore and questioning a few people. They are trying to find out if somebody has to gain from Raja's death," district Superintendent of Police Vivek Syiem told PTI. He said the team raided a flat in which Sonam stayed after fleeing Meghalaya but it was found empty.



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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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



HIMACHAL: CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU ATTACKS BJP, THERE WAS A DOUBLE ENGINE, BUT ONE GOT PUNCTURED, THE OTHER TURNED OUT TO BE A FOLLOWER

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday took a dig at the BJP and former Chief Minister Jairam Thakur in a public meeting held at Baga Sarahan in Nirmand subdivision of Anni assembly constituency. He said that Jairam Thakur ruined the state and pushed the state into a debt trap before leaving. Sukhu took a dig at the BJP's double engine government and said, there was a double engine, but one engine was punctured and the other turned out to be a follower. Forget development, no stone was left unturned to push the state backwards. He launched a scathing attack on the education system. He said that the condition of education in the BJP rule was such that a student of class VIII is not able to read even a book of class III. This is the BJP model of education, in which 'Bhulo Sab' was implemented instead of Padho Bharat. The Chief Minister also reiterated that this is the Outer Seraj area and Jairam Thakur himself is from the neighboring Seraj, but he never looked towards this area. Taking a jibe at BJP MLA Lokendra Kumar sitting on the stage.



HIMACHAL NEWS: IGMCM SHIMLA WILL GET 300 NURSES, THEY WILL BE DEPLOYED ON OUTSOURCE; THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN HOSPITALS

Diary Times Desk : Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) will soon get 300 nurses. This recruitment will be done on outsource. After the approval of the cabinet, the health department has allotted tenders to three companies. Apart from this, vacant posts of nurses and paramedical staff are to be filled in Tanda, Hamirpur and Nerchowk Medical College. Its formalities have to be completed by the health department. According to the World Health Organization, the ratio of nurse and patient should be one to two to five. Whereas in the hospitals of the state, there is one staff nurse for 15 to 18 patients. There is one staff nurse for three to four patients in CCU and ICU. Whereas there should be one for one to two patients. On this basis, new posts of staff nurses should be created in the hospitals of the state. Not only this, the number of beds in many hospitals has been increased. With the increase in beds, the posts of staff nurses have not been increased on that basis. There is a shortage of nurses in IGMCM. There should be three to four nurses in one ward.

HIMACHAL : APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 286 PHD SEATS STARTS TOMORROW, ADMISSION WILL BE GIVEN ON THE BASIS OF JRF-NET SCORE

Diary Times Desk : Applications will be accepted from June 19 for admission to PhD in Himachal Pradesh University (HPU). This time the admission process will be completed for 286 seats of PhD in different departments of HPU. Under the new rules of UGC, there will be no entrance exam for these seats, but admission will be given on the basis of JRF and NET score. HPU has released the schedule for admission to PhD. Online applications can be made from 19 to 31 June to fill 286 seats in different departments of PhD. HPU Dean Studies Prof. BK Shivram, while releasing the PhD admission schedule, said that the seats of each department have been notified separately. Seats of supernumerary quota have been fixed separately in every department. Under this, seats have also been kept separately for university employees, teachers, college teachers, foreign students. Recently new rules have been implemented for admission to PhD in the university. Under this, only JRF and NET pass students will be eligible for admission to PhD. According to the notification issued by HPU, 15 seats will be filled in Chemistry, 24 in Mathematics, 9 in Physics, 9 in Computer Science, 13 in Biosciences, 10 in Biotechnology, 2 in Microbiology, 2 in Environmental Science, 10 in Forensic Science, 19 in English Department, 15 in Hindi, 7 in Economics, 10 in Journalism.

AGNIVEER BHARTI 2025: ONLINE ENTRANCE EXAM FOR AGNIVEER RECRUITMENT FROM 30TH, YOUTH OF THESE DISTRICTS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE

Diary Times Desk : The online entrance examination for Agniveer recruitment under the Agneepath scheme for the youth of Himachal's Shimla, Solan, Sirmour and Kinnaur will be conducted from June 30 to July 10. Recruitment Director Colonel Pushwinder Kaur said that all eligible candidates can download the CEE admit card after logging on to the www.joinindianarmy.nic.in website and filling JOA, roll number and date of birth. The entrance examination will be held in Himachal Pradesh College of Education Shimla, Green Hills Engineering College Solan and Maharaja Agrasen University Baddi. Agniveer GD admit cards have been uploaded. Admit cards of all other categories will be uploaded by June 18. The director appealed to the candidates to report to their examination centers on the scheduled date with their admit cards. Bring all your original certificates with you on the day of examination.



JAGAT NEGI SAID- THERE IS NO RESTRICTION OF ANY KIND ON THE GARDENERS REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF APPLES

Diary Times Desk : Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi said that the Himachal Pradesh government has not imposed any kind of restriction on the gardeners regarding the purchase and sale of apples. He denied the rumours that gardeners will be fined for selling apples in the gardens. The minister said that the gardeners can sell their apples in the market yard, directly to the commission agents or from their gardens, there is no restriction on them. The minister also said that to protect the gardeners from fraud, it will be mandatory for all the commission agents working in the market yard or working in the shed outside the market yard to display their license. The commission agents who buy apples directly from the gardeners' garden will also have to show their government-recognized license. This step has been taken to protect the gardeners from getting trapped in the trap of such people who do not pay later. During this time, the biggest concern was expressed by the central government regarding the tariff duty on the import of American apples. The minister said that earlier there was a 75 percent tariff on American apples, which was reduced to 50 percent. Now news is coming that after US President Donald Trump took office again, a decision has been taken in Niti Aayog to reduce the tariff on American apples to zero.

HIMACHAL: CM SUKHU REACHED BAGA SARAHAN TO LISTEN TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE VILLAGERS, WILL SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE

Diary Times Desk : This campaign of Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, who started from Dodra Kwar and shared the joys and sorrows of the people of remote areas on the pretext of overnight stay in the village, reached Baga Sarahan, a remote area of Anni assembly constituency on Tuesday. He has reached by road. CM Sukhu will stay overnight here under the Sarkar Gaon Ke Dwar program. Before reaching this village of Anni assembly constituency, the Chief Minister was warmly welcomed at Nirmand and other places. Baga Sarahan is such a remote area, where living is as challenging as a mountain. It takes ten hours to reach the district headquarters Kullu from here. People say that reaching Kullu can be very close from here. If a road is built for Bathad through Bashleu Jot. Even if the Ani-Jalori Jot tunnel project.

IN RAINY CHERRAPUNJI, A CRUCIAL PROCESS IN HONEYMOON MURDER PROBE

Diary Times Desk : The crime scene depicting the murder of Raja Raghuvanshi was recreated today in the picturesque East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya, this rainy morning. Meghalaya police brought Sonam, the wife of Raja and the prime suspect in his murder, and three other accused were brought to Sohra or Cherrapunji. Raja was killed by hitmen hired by Sonam and her boyfriend Raj Kushwaha when the newly married couple were honeymooning in the hills of Meghalaya. She surfaced in UP's Ghazipur six days after Raja's body was found, remaining untraceable for weeks since the couple had gone missing on May 23. Sonam confessed to her role in the murder during interrogation, according to the police. However, confession to the police is not admissible in court, and the cops must provide evidence that proves the charges against her. A low crime rate in Meghalaya's Sohra was among the factors that surprised the police. No murder has been reported from this tourist hotspot for decades, according to them. Meghalaya police are also not convinced of the love triangle motive confessed by the accused and believe there's more to it.

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INDIA MOVES STUDENTS OUT OF TEHRAN, SOME INDIANS LEAVE IRAN VIA ARMENIA



Diary Times Desk : Indian students have been moved out of Tehran and some Indian nationals have been helped to leave Iran via the land border with Armenia, the external affairs ministry said on Tuesday against the backdrop of continuing military clashes between Iran and Israel. Since the weekend, Indian authorities had begun relocating Indian students in Iran to safer places in the face of Israeli air attacks and bombings. Iran is home to more than 4,000 Indian nationals, about half of them students. Many of the students are from Jammu and Kashmir and are enrolled in medical and other professional courses. The external affairs ministry said in a statement that Indian students in Tehran had been "moved out of the city for reasons of safety, through arrangements made by the embassy". The statement did not give the number of students who had been moved out of the capital city or say where they had been taken. "Separately, some Indians have been facilitated to leave Iran through the border with Armenia," the statement said, again without giving the number of Indians who had left Iran for Armenia.

PARKS AT TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN J-K, INCLUDING SOME IN PAHALGAM, REOPENED

Diary Times Desk : Several parks in Jammu and Kashmir's tourist places, including some in Pahalgam, that were closed in the aftermath of the April 22 terror attack were reopened on Tuesday, officials said. The reopening of the parks has been welcomed by the tourists and local visitors alike who thronged the parks at several places. Security personnel were deployed in strength around the parks to secure the areas and create a sense of security, they said. Twenty-six people, most of them tourists, were killed by terrorists in Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam, a popular tourist spot. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday ordered the reopening of 16 parks – eight each in Jammu region and Kashmir Valley. He said the destinations would be reopened in a phased manner. In the first phase, eight parks were reopened in the Kashmir valley. Betaab Valley in Pahalgam and the parks near Pahalgam market, Verinag, Kokernag and Achabal gardens.

KNOW YOUR LIMITS: DK SHIVAKUMAR TO KANNADA ACTIVISTS AFTER THUG LIFE RULING

Diary Times Desk : Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday appealed for calm and urged pro-Kannada organisations and activists to respect the Supreme Court's directions amid the ban on the release of Kamal Haasan's Tamil film Thug Life in the state. His remarks come after the Supreme Court transferred to itself a plea filed by the producer of Thug Life, and warned that mob threats cannot dictate what gets released in theatres. "In connection with the Kamal Haasan issue, we must follow the directives of the court with due respect," Shivakumar said, responding to the Supreme Court's sharp remarks against threats to block the film's release. "Everyone has their limitations, and I request all organisations and activists to acknowledge and stay within those limits." The Deputy Chief Minister stressed that while people were free to express their views, it must be done within legal and democratic boundaries.

MEHUL CHOKSI ALLEGES INDIA ORCHESTRATED 2021 KIDNAP PLOT IN ANTIGUA

Diary Times Desk : Fugitive jewellery tycoon Mehul Choksi on Monday accused the Indian government of masterminding his abduction from Antigua in 2021, telling a London court that New Delhi had both the "motivation and resources" to carry out the operation. Choksi, wanted in India in connection with the \$1.8 billion Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case, is suing the Indian government in the High Court in London, alleging that he was forcibly taken from Antigua to Dominica in an attempted extrajudicial extradition. He was arrested in April. The evidence points inevitably to India being behind this – they had the motivation, they had the resources," Choksi's lawyer Edward Fitzgerald argued before the court. The Indian government has since sought to extradite Choksi, who faces charges alongside his nephew Nirav Modi, who has been in custody in Britain since 2019. Both deny any wrongdoing in the fraud scandal. In court filings, India's lawyer Harish Salve dismissed the claims, stating there was "no evidence of India."

KOCHI-DELHI INDIGO FLIGHT MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING IN NAGPUR AFTER BOMB THREAT

Diary Times Desk : An IndiGo flight, en route to Delhi from Kochi, made an emergency landing in Nagpur after a bomb scare. The Kochi-Delhi IndiGo flight had estimated 157 passengers on board. IndiGo reportedly received an email, claiming a bomb has been placed inside the flight. Keeping passenger safety in mind, the plane was diverted to Nagpur for an emergency landing at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport. Bomb detection and disposal squad was informed immediately. According to the information on Flight Radar, the flight was scheduled to depart at 9:20 am but was delayed by 11 minutes and took-off from Kochi airport at 9:31 am. In another case, an Air India flight from San Francisco to Mumbai via Kolkata suffered a technical snag early Tuesday morning. The passengers were asked to disembark the plane during a scheduled halt at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport. The flight faced a technical problem in the left engine, delaying take-off from Kolkata to Mumbai, reported the news agency PTI.



IRAN'S KHAMENEI RISKS FATE "SIMILAR" TO SADDAM HUSSEIN, WARNS ISRAEL

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz warned Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Tuesday he could suffer a fate "similar to" Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, who was toppled and later executed. Israel Katz warned Khamenei risked "a fate similar to Saddam Hussein" during a meeting with Israeli military and security service commanders, according to a statement from his office. "I warn the Iranian dictator against continuing to commit war crimes and launch missiles toward Israeli civilians," Israel Katz was quoted as saying. "He should remember what happened to the dictator in the neighbouring country to Iran who took the same path against Israel." Saddam Hussein was toppled in the US-led invasion of 2003 and later captured and executed. His administration fired missiles at Israel during the 1991 Gulf war and was accused of running a covert nuclear weapons programme.

"EMMANUEL ALWAYS GETS IT WRONG": TRUMP ON MACRON'S BIG IRAN-ISRAEL CLAIM

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said that his early exit from the Group of Seven (G7) summit has nothing to do with the Israel-Iran conflict. The clarification came after French President Emmanuel Macron claimed that the US leader was considering the prospect of a ceasefire between Tehran and Jerusalem, as the deadly conflict between the two warring enemies entered the fifth day. Trump said hefty departure had "nothing to do" with working on a ceasefire between Israel and Iran, adding France's leader, Emmanuel Macron, was "wrong" in how he described the exit. "Publicity seeking President Emmanuel Macron, of France, mistakenly said that I left the G7 Summit, in Canada, to go back to DC to work on a 'cease fire' between Israel and Iran," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform. "Wrong! He has no idea why I am now on my way to Washington, but it certainly has nothing to do with a Cease Fire. Much bigger than that. Whether purposely or not, Emmanuel always gets it wrong. Stay Tuned!" Earlier, speaking to reporters at the G7 summit in Canada, Macron said that he didn't believe the situation in the Middle East would change soon, but "since the US assured they will find a ceasefire and since they can pressure Israel, things may change".

CHINESE EMBASSY URGES CITIZENS TO LEAVE ISRAEL VIA LAND BORDERS

Diary Times Desk : The Chinese embassy in Israel on Tuesday issued an advisory urging all Chinese nationals in the country to leave immediately through land border crossings, especially via Jordan, as the security situation worsens due to conflict between Israel and Iran. In a notice shared on the embassy's official WeChat channel, the Chinese government warned that the ongoing hostilities between Israel and Iran had caused civilian casualties and damage to non-military infrastructure. Israeli airspace remains shut amid continued military operations. "At present, the Israeli-Iranian conflict continues to escalate, with civilian facilities damaged and civilian casualties increasing, making the security situation even more severe," the embassy wrote. The advisory comes after a diplomatic appeal from Beijing for peace. China's foreign ministry expressed deep concern about Israel's strikes on Iran. "We call for immediate measures to ease the tension, prevent greater turmoil in the region, and create conditions for resolving the issues through dialogue and negotiation," the spokesperson said.

ALI SHADMANI, IRAN'S TOP COMMANDER AND KHAMENEI'S CLOSE AIDE, KILLED IN ISRAELI STRIKE

Diary Times Desk : The Israeli military said Tuesday it killed Iran's top military commander, Ali Shadmani, in an overnight strike, calling him the closest figure to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. In a statement, the military said following "a sudden opportunity overnight, the (Israeli air force) struck a staffed command centre in the heart of Tehran and eliminated Ali Shadmani, the wartime Chief of Staff, the most senior military commander, and the closest figure to Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei". The Israeli military said Shadmani had commanded both the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and the Iranian armed forces.

US INTELLIGENCE COUNTERS ISRAEL, SAYS IRAN 3 YEARS FROM MAKING NUKES: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Israel launched a military offensive against Iran last week, warning that Tehran was just months away from building a nuclear weapon. Israeli officials claimed Iran had reached the "point of no return" in its nuclear ambitions, justifying the strikes. Since the offensive began, at least 224 people have been killed in Iran and 24 in Israel. However, a US intelligence assessment obtained by CNN contradicted Israel's justification. It concluded that Iran is not actively pursuing a nuclear weapon and remains at least three years away from producing one. A senior US official told CNN that Iran is "about as close as you can get before building (a nuclear weapon)," but emphasised that it has not crossed that line. American officials believe the Israeli strikes may have only delayed Iran's nuclear program by a few months. Satellite imagery revealed heavy damage at Natanz, Iran's main uranium enrichment facility, and a hit on a nuclear research centre in Isfahan. But the fortified Fordow site, buried deep underground, was untouched. Defence experts told CNN that Israel lacks the capability to significantly damage Fordow without US bunker-busting munitions and aerial support. "Israel can hover over those nuclear facilities, render them inoperable.

**OIL TANKERS COLLIDE OFF UAE, EVACUATION MISSION CARRIED OUT TO RESCUE CREW**

Diary Times Desk : Twenty-four crew have been rescued after two oil tankers collided off the UAE, sparking at least one fire, the United Arab Emirates coastguard and a shipping company said on Tuesday. British maritime security monitor Ambrey said the incident, which took place at a time of high tensions as an air war rages between nearby Iran and Israel, was "not security-related". Shipping company Frontline said a fire was extinguished on its Front Eagle tanker after the collision with Adalynn, another oil transporter, 15 nautical miles off the UAE's Gulf of Oman coast. "We are (also) aware of reports of a fire onboard the Adalynn following the collision," a Frontline statement said, adding: "There have been no reports of pollution at this time." The UAE coastguard carried out "an evacuation mission involving 24 crew members of the oil tanker ADALYNN, following a collision between two ships in the Gulf of Oman", the UAE National Guard posted on X. The incident took place close to the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a waterway between the Arabian Peninsula and Iran that carries one-fifth of global oil output.

IRANIAN ANCHOR EMERGES HERO AFTER ISRAELI STRIKES, HER GESTURE GOES VIRAL

Diary Times Desk : Sahar Imami, one of the most prominent anchors with the Iranian state television, is being praised widely on social media for returning to broadcast immediately after an Israeli strike on the studio last evening. Dramatic footage showed yesterday the organisation's building on fire in Tehran as Israeli attacks grew amid heightened tensions in the Middle East. Imami was midway through the bulletin when an Israeli missile hit the compound of the Iranian TV studio. She had to get up and leave as the studio shook in the impact of the missile strike, showed visuals. She, however, returned and resumed her live broadcast shortly after. Social media posts from regime supporters lauded Imami's strength and courage, and her image was shared alongside senior leaders of the Shia-Iranian axis. "She is the face of Iranian women's courage," read one of the posts. With her image alongside Nasrallah, another was captioned: "You cannot destroy an idea by killing." Going viral is her gesture of pointing her finger while targeting Israel on television, just before the strike filled the studio with smoke. Her gesture has found her place in online posters alongside Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and former Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, making similar gestures.

CAMPAIGNING FOR LUDHIANA WEST ASSEMBLY BYPOLL ENDS

Diary Times Desk : Campaigning for the bypoll to the Ludhiana West Assembly segment in Punjab came to an end on Tuesday evening with the major parties — AAP, Congress, BJP and Shiromani Akali Dal — making last-ditch efforts to mobilise support for their respective candidates. Hours before the campaigning ended at 6 pm, political leaders intensified canvassing to woo voters of the urban constituency of Punjab's industrial hub. The Ludhiana West Assembly seat fell vacant following the death of AAP MLA Gurpreet Bassi Gogi in January. Polling will be held from 7 am till 6 pm on June 19 and the counting will be held on June 23. There are a total of 14 candidates in the fray for the by-election. A total of 1.74 lakh voters are eligible to exercise their franchise; 84,825 of them women and 10 of third gender. There will be a total of 194 polling stations for the bypoll and 100 per cent live webcasting of polling stations, officials said. The ruling AAP has fielded Rajya Sabha member Sanjeev Arora for the bypoll. Arora (61) is a Ludhiana-based industrialist and is also known for his social welfare work. The Congress has placed its bet on former minister and Punjab Congress working president Bharat Bhushan Ashu (51). He had remained MLA twice from this seat in 2012 and 2017.

**POSTERS HAIL AMRITPAL MEHRON AS 'HERO' FOR KILLING KAMAL KAUR IN POLL-BOUND LUDHIANA**

Diary Times Desk : Amritpal Singh Mehron, the key accused in the murder of Punjab-based social media influencer Kanchan Kumari, who was known as Kamal Kaur Bhabhi, is being portrayed as 'Kaum Da Heera' and 'Izzatan De Rakhe'. Despite the fact that posters boasting someone in violence are illegal, the local administration that is preoccupied in the Ludhiana West Assembly byelection is yet to react to the display of flex-boards portraying Mehron as a "hero". Incidentally, the Bathinda police have issued a lookout notice for him. The flex-boards are also printed in violation of guidelines to be adhered to by printing press owners as none of these contain the printer's name or any individual or organisation getting it printed. Originally belonging to Mehron village in Moga district, the accused was once a motorcycle mechanic. He is being hailed as a 'Kaum Da Heera' and 'Izzat de Rakhe' by radical Sikh organisations, besides his own outfit "Qaum De Rakhe".

NIHANG GROUPS CLASH AT PIPLI SAHEB GURDWARA IN PHAGWARA, FOUR INJURED

Diary Times Desk : An altercation between two groups of Nihangs at Pipli Sahib gurdwara here left four individuals injured on Tuesday evening. The incident occurred around 5.15 pm and is believed to have been triggered by ongoing personal disputes between a local Nihang and the gurdwara management. According to initial reports, Ranjit Singh, a resident of Hardaspur and a taxi driver by profession, had a longstanding animosity with certain villagers, including Jathedar Jatinder Singh, the current pradhan of Pipli Sahib gurdwara. To mediate the issue, a group of around 20 to 25 Nihangs from Garhshankar in Hoshiarpur district arrived at the gurdwara earlier in the day, led by Baba Malkit Singh of Budha Dal (Garhshankar) and Baba Fateh Singh of Tarna Dal (Bijwara, Hoshiarpur). The situation escalated during the meeting, reportedly turning into a heated exchange of words. Amid the verbal confrontation, Jaspreet Singh, son of Ranjit Singh,

NO SIKH GROUP TO PAKISTAN FOR MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR: SGPC

Diary Times Desk : The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) announced on Tuesday that no Sikh pilgrim group will travel to the neighbouring country this year to observe Maharaja Ranjit Singh's death anniversary. Speaking to ANI, SGPC official Harbhajan Singh Vakta said the decision was made due to the current diplomatic situation between India and Pakistan, following the April 22 Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor, conducted by the Indian Armed Forces on May 7. "Every year, the SGPC sends a group of Sikh pilgrims to Pakistan for religious visits. One of these visits is for Maharaja Ranjit Singh's death anniversary, which is observed there on June 29. This year, we sent a batch of passports to Delhi for clearance to go to Pakistan. But now, SGPC has decided not to send the group. Our secretary officially announced this decision yesterday. Due to the current situation between the two countries, the group will not be sent this time," Vakta said. "We had sent 249 passport applications to Pakistan for this visit. Since the trip is now cancelled, these passports will be returned after June 20. People can collect their passports from our travel department after that date," Vakta said.

KAMAL KAUR BHABHI MURDER CASE: LOOKOUT NOTICE FOR 2ND SUSPECT; VICTIM STRANGULATED, NO RAPE, REVEALS AUTOPSY

Diary Times Desk : The Bathinda police today issued a lookout circular for Ranjit Singh of Sohla village in Tarn Taran district, another suspect in the murder of social media influencer Kanchan Rani, popularly known as Kamal Kaur Bhabhi. Cops believe he may attempt to flee abroad. Earlier, a lookout circular had been issued for Amritpal Singh Mehron, the alleged mastermind in the case. Two of his alleged accomplices, Jaspreet Singh and Nimaratjeet Singh, are in police custody. Another unidentified suspect is on the run. According to the police, Mehron has fled to the UAE and the deportation process is being followed. Bathinda SSP Amneet Kondal said four of the five identified accused were "Nihangs". No rape: Postmortem report The SSP said as per the postmortem report, the influencer was not raped. "The postmortem report does not mention rape. The body was in such a decomposed state that it was even difficult to determine whether she had been sexually assaulted. The report concluded that she died of strangulation. The viscera report is awaited." Girija Devi, mother of Kanchan, said she had no knowledge of any threats or warnings issued by Amritpal to her daughter. "We are shocked and devastated. My daughter never posted anything offensive on social media.

HAU STUDENTS' PROTEST: AS EXAMINATIONS RESUME, ONLY 50 OUT OF 350 STUDENTS APPEAR

Diary Times Desk : As the examinations resumed at the Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agriculture University (HAU) amid the ongoing agitation, the HAU authorities and protesting students came up with different numbers of the students who took the exam today. The university spokesperson said that 350 students were scheduled to appear in the examination today. Out of them, 50 students took the exam and some of them reported medical reasons for their absence today. The spokesperson said that under the supervision of the district administration, examinations were conducted peacefully. "Despite attempts by striking students to disrupt the exams, more than 50 students appeared for their scheduled papers. Moreover, over 100 M.Sc. and Ph.D. students marked their attendance in their respective departments and continued their research-related work," informed the spokesperson. The students — on the other hand — claimed that about 15 students had appeared in the examination today and stated that their agitation was getting support from the students not only in the HAU but across other universities as well.

SHEETAL MURDER CASE: ACCUSED CONFESSES TO KILLING HARYANA MODEL; REMANDED TO TWO-DAY POLICE CUSTODY

Diary Times Desk : Sunil, a resident of Israna and the prime suspect in the brutal murder of Haryanvi model Sheetal, was produced in court on Tuesday and remanded to two-day police custody for further investigation. Addressing a press conference, DSP (HQ) Satish Vats said that under the guidance of SP Bhupinder Singh, the CIA-1 team led by sub-inspector Sandeep arrested the accused on Monday. During preliminary questioning, the accused confessed to stabbing Sheetal. Sheetal, 24, a resident of Satkartar Colony in Panipat and an actress in Haryanvi music industry, was reported missing by her sister on June 15 at the Matlauda police station. Based on the complaint, a case under Section 127(6) of the BNS was registered and search operations were initiated, the DSP said. On Monday morning, Sonipat police recovered a woman's body from a canal near Kharkhoda. The deceased was identified as Sheetal. In police custody, Sunil revealed that he had been in contact with Sheetal for some time after meeting her at Panipat mall. On June 14, after her shoot, he picked her up.

SCUFFLE BETWEEN
GUARD, PRIEST IN
SANCTUM SANCTORUM
OF MAA CHINTPURNI
TEMPLE IN HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : A video of a scuffle between a priest and a security guard at the Maa Chintpurni temple in Himachal Pradesh's Una district surfaced on social media on Tuesday, following which temple authorities said they are investigating the incident. Sources said that the incident is believed to have occurred on Monday in the highly sensitive sanctum sanctorum of the temple, which is frequented by devotees from across the country. The priest was wearing kurta-pyjamas and the security guard asked him to come wearing a dhoti. According to temple traditions, the pujaris wear dhoti-kurta while providing darshan to the devotees, they said. The duo apparently had a verbal duel and a scuffle ensued as the security guard lost his temper. As the video surfaced on social media, devotees expressed outrage over the incident. When contacted, temple officer Ajay Mandiyal said that strict action would be taken in the matter. The security guard has been removed from the sanctum sanctorum. The matter is being dissected, he said.

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ACROSS HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : Over 14 lakh people are yet to pay the traffic challans issued by the police in the state. According to the police, 51,48,295 challans have been issued by the police, of which 19,39,402 were sent to the court. At present, over 14 lakh challans, amounting to around Rs 2 crore, are pending in the court. To find out the reasons regarding the non-payment of challans, the Tourism Traffic and Railways (TTR) unit of the Himachal Pradesh Police recently conducted a survey, in which samples of 500 challans were taken from Shimla, Kangra, Mandi and Una districts. The findings of the survey revealed that many vehicle owners had not received any notification regarding the challans due to old mobile numbers that were registered. Many vehicle owners did not receive challan notifications due to outdated mobile numbers in vehicle registrations.

HIMACHAL GOVT BRINGING RADICAL CHANGES IN EDUCATION, HEALTH
SECTORS: SUKHVINDER SUKHU

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects worth Rs 25.79 crore in Una Assembly constituency. The Chief Minister inaugurated the new academic block building constructed at a cost of Rs 8.79 crore in Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Una, another academic block at a cost of Rs 12 crore in Government Degree College, Una, and laid the foundation stone of a girls hostel to be constructed at a cost of Rs 5 crore on the college campus. Addressing a public meeting at government college Una, the CM said that the state government is bringing about radical changes in the education and health sectors. He said that separate directorates of school and college education have been created to bring about a qualitative change in the system and boost the competitive spirit among the students. He announced that from the next academic session, government senior secondary school for boys in Una city will be made co-educational and CBSE curriculum will be introduced here so that children can get the good quality competitive education.



IN THE HEART OF PINE FORESTS,
HIMACHAL'S FIRST ECOTOURISM
PROJECT NEARS REALITY

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh's first ecotourism site is rapidly taking shape amidst the dense pine forests near Hadeta village in Nadaun constituency—an ambitious project inaugurated by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu just three months ago. With the construction of three eco-cottages and four gazebos nearing completion, the site promises to be a unique blend of nature, adventure and wildlife education. Nestled within a biodiverse forest just 400 metres from Hadeta village, the project offers more than just scenic accommodation. A dedicated wildlife awareness zone and forest trails extending nearly 2 km will allow visitors to immerse themselves in the raw beauty of the region. Though located close to human settlements, the forest teems with wildlife—leopards, peacocks, wild boars, Indian foxes, cottontail rabbits and several snake species are commonly sighted, say locals. The movement of leopards is frequent, but villagers still graze their livestock along the forest edges. This forest remains cooler during summers and is part of our daily life," said Rakesh Kumar, a resident of Hadeta. Divisional Forest Officer Ankit Singh confirmed that the eco-tourism project spans over two hectares and will be completed within the next three months at an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore. "We are preserving the forest's natural character while enhancing its appeal with exotic and ornamental plants.

PRIVATE BUS ACCIDENT IN
HIMACHAL'S MANDI, 20 INJURED

Diary Times Desk : A private bus traveling from Jahu to Mandi via Patdighat-Kalkhar met with an accident, leaving around 20 passengers injured. According to initial reports, the bus veered off course under yet unknown circumstances. As soon as the emergency alert was received, Hattli Police Station officials rushed to the spot and initiated rescue and relief operations. Local residents also played a crucial role in rescuing the victims from the accident site to the roadside. The exact location and cause of the accident are still under investigation. The local administration, along with emergency medical teams, responded promptly. Injured passengers were provided first aid on-site and were then quickly transported to nearby hospitals for further treatment. Authorities are ensuring that all injured individuals receive timely and adequate medical attention. Eyewitnesses reported a chaotic scene but praised the quick response of the police and emergency services in preventing further casualties. The condition of some passengers is reportedly serious, though no fatalities have been confirmed as of now. Officials have begun a thorough investigation to determine the cause of the accident. Mechanical failure, road conditions, and potential driver negligence are all being examined as possible contributing factors. Further updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

LIGHT TO MODERATE RAINFALL FORECAST IN HIMACHAL TILL JUNE 22

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh is set to receive rainfall till June 22 as the state's meteorological department has issued yellow weather warning for several districts of the state for the next six days, resulting in thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds in isolated parts of the state. According to the State's Meteorological Department, light to moderate rain is very likely to occur at few places over the state from June 18 to 20 with one or two spells of heavy rain at isolated places on June 21 and 22. During this period, maximum temperatures are likely to dip by 3°C to 4°C in the next few days while minimum temperatures are very likely to fall by 2°C to 3°C in many parts of the state in the next few days, thus bringing the mercury down across the state. Meanwhile, light to moderate rainfall occurred in many parts of the state during the last 24 hours. However, minimum and maximum temperatures across the state were normal as no large change in maximum and minimum temperatures were observed across the state during the last 24 hours.



JASPRIT BUMRAH BREAKS SILENCE ON NOT BECOMING INDIA'S TEST CAPTAIN: 'BEFORE KOHLI AND ROHIT RETIRED, I CALLED BCCI...'

Diary Times Desk : Jasprit Bumrah finally broke his silence on India's Test captaincy and revealed that he was the first-choice of the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee, but he had turned it down because of workload. Shubman Gill was named as India's Test captain for the England tour after Rohit Sharma retired from red-ball cricket, followed by Virat Kohli. Bumrah, who was vice-captain of the Test team and even led the team in three Tests (one in England and two in Australia) in Rohit's absence, should ideally have been the successor, but the back injury that he suffered in the Sydney Test in Australia changed everything. In an interview with former India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik for SKY Sports, Bumrah shared he had spoken to BCCI officials and the selectors about his workload even before Rohit and Kohli announced their Test retirements last month. He had to make the hard decision of letting the captaincy go, as the doctors and physios advised him to be smart with his body to prolong his career.



I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS IN MY LIFE: RABADA ON WTC TRIUMPH

Diary Times Desk : South African pacer Kagiso Rabada termed his team's World Test Championship (WTC) 2025 victory over Australia as "a moment he will never forget". Rabada, who claimed a five-fer in the first innings and nine wickets overall in the match at the iconic Lord's, went past Allan Donald to become the fourth-highest wicket-taker for South Africa in Test cricket at a strike rate of 38.9 which is the highest for any bowler with more than 150 scalps to his name. Rabada, however, hailed it a complete team effort. I don't see myself as a star," Rabada told ICC. "I see myself as someone willing to work, give my blood for this team and continue working hard and improving. That's me as a cricketer, always wanting to improve and playing for the badge with a lot of pride. That's the way I'd like to see everyone play. "Every game I play, I'm looking to get wickets. I'm not going to go into the game thinking 'I need to get seven wickets for us to win', I look at it as an opportunity to get as many wickets as I can to help the team. In saying that, I know I won't do it alone and I back all the players in the team. You are playing for South Africa for a reason, it's not by chance. "We are a fairly inexperienced team who got put together about a year ago, we have not been with each other for a long time, and we have gone on and produced this.

HARSHIT RANA RETAINED IN ENGLAND AS UNOFFICIAL BACKUP

Diary Times Desk : Harishit Rana, who has been retained in England, is only an unofficial member of the Indian squad as of now. A top Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) official has confirmed to Cricbuzz that Rana is staying with the Indian team as a cover for a few players who apparently are having a few niggles. He has still not been, officially, co-opted into the squad. Who are the players with niggles has not been disclosed, but it has been confirmed to this website that Rana (23), who has featured in two Tests, five ODIs and one T20I, has been retained only as a back-up. He travelled with the Indian team to Leeds, the venue of the first Test, on Tuesday (June 17) from London on Tuesday (June 17). "Please don't count him as an official member of the squad as yet," the official said. In the 18-member Shubman Gill-led touring squad, there are five like-for-like specialist fast bowlers - Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh - and two pace-bowling all-rounders.

INDIA PLAYING XI VS ENGLAND: SHARDUL THAKUR RETURNS, NEW POSITION FOR SHUBMAN GILL IN SIDE PICKED BY...

Diary Times Desk : Former India cricketer Ravi Shastri has proposed a refreshed lineup as India embark on a new chapter in Test cricket, following the retirements of stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, as per the official website of ICC. Moving forward after the Test retirements of Kohli and Rohit, new India captain Shubman Gill and the 18-player squad face a stiff first assignment, meeting the No.2-ranked side in alien conditions in a five-match series, as part of the new World Test Championship cycle. On The ICC Review, Shastri put forward the left-right combination at the top for the first Test against England, beginning on June 20 in Leeds and a debutant at first drop. "It would be (Yashasvi) Jaiswal, and with him will be KL Rahul, because I think this is a big tour for him. He's the most experienced of the batsmen," Shastri began as he listed his side, as quoted from the official website of ICC. "He opened last time when India toured England, got a hundred, (and) had a good tour. So I would hope for him to open the innings," he said. "Three, I'll go with the youngster, Sai Sudarshan," he added. "Whatever I've seen of him, he's very impressive. This will be good exposure for him, this tour," he noted.

GILL'S LEADERSHIP QUALITIES PROMISING, MUST STICK TO NO.3, SAY EXPERTS

Diary Times Desk : Since his junior cricket days, Shubman Gill has been accustomed to the spotlight. Still, nothing would have prepared him for the hype he is going to deal with as India's Test captain. It only gets bigger when your first series is in England. Every move Gill makes in the five-Test series starting on Friday will be scrutinised. It starts with what number he will bat at - 3 or 4? Given the importance of his batting, India need their new captain to be at his best, and the think tank thus needs to get this absolutely right. Having runs behind him will boost confidence, gain his teammates' respect, and help win over the dressing room. Having started his Test career as an opener, Gill has settled down at No.3 but the retirement of long-time No.4 Virat Kohli has led to speculation whether the Punjab batter must take up that role. The Indian team management hasn't announced the No.4 for the first Test at Leeds, but making Gill shift may not be a wise move. For someone who already has so much on his plate, one more challenge is best avoided. His game is more suited to No.3. A naturally attacking player, he is more in the Ricky Ponting mould, who excelled at No.3 with a dominating approach.

ICC READY FOR 4-DAY TESTS, BUT THREE COUNTRIES GIVEN EXEMPTION. REPORT SAYS: "JAY SHAH IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE..."

Diary Times Desk : The International Cricket Council (ICC) is ready to sanction four-day Tests for smaller nations in the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle but India, Australia and England can still play the traditional five-day matches, according a report. The move to reduce matches by one day would be a significant change and can help smaller nations to play more Tests and longer series. "During discussions last week at the WTC final at Lord's, the ICC chair, Jay Shah, is understood to have expressed his support for four-day Tests, with a view to sanctioning them in time for the 2027-29 WTC cycle," a report in "The Guardian" newspaper said. "England, Australia and India would still be permitted to schedule five-Test series of five-day matches for the Ashes, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and the newly named Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the first iteration of which begins with the first Test between England and India at Headingley on Friday." The ICC first sanctioned four-day Tests for bilateral contests in 2017. England played Zimbabwe over four days at Trent Bridge last month after four-day Tests against Ireland in 2019 and 2023. According to the report, "many smaller nations are reluctant to host Tests due to the time they take out of the schedule and the cost, but a move to four-day cricket would enable an entire three-Test series to be played in less than three weeks."

