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He further stated, "Not only will the makhana, fruits and vegetables from here go abroad, but the goods made in the factories of Bihar will also reach the world markets." PM Modi's promise of turning Bihar into a hub of the 'Made in India' project drew praise from the audience, where he launched a slew of projects ranging from train infrastructure to a housing scheme. He also vowed to continue his service and make constant endeavours towards Bihar's overall development. "Modi will not sleep peacefully, he will keep working day and night, he will keep working for you," he told the crowd.



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The summons come after an FIR was registered by the ACB on April 30 based on allegations of financial irregularities to the tune of Rs 2,000 crore in the construction of over 12,000 classrooms or semi-permanent structures in Delhi government schools. Before his scheduled appearance before the ACB, Sisodia termed the case "politically motivated" and an attempt to divert attention from crucial issues. "The BJP is driven by political motives and is making fake allegations. We built excellent schools. The BJP government is poor in management of schools.

DHANKHAR SLAMS SC OVER EMERGENCY-ERA VERDICT, SAYS DARKEST IN JUDICIAL HISTORY

Diary Times Desk : Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday slammed the Supreme Court for its verdict delivered during the Emergency, dubbing it as the "darkest" in the judicial history of the world. According to an official statement, he said the judgment of the Supreme Court overruling that of nine high courts legitimised dictatorship and authoritarianism. Dhankhar also questioned the then President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed for signing the proclamation of Emergency on the "instance" of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and not the entire council of ministers. Addressing a group of Rajya Sabha interns here, the Vice President said, "A president cannot act on the advice of an individual, the Prime Minister. The Constitution is very categorical. "There is a council of ministers headed by the PM to aid and advise the President. This was one violation, but what was the result? More than 1,00,000 citizens of this country were put behind bars in hours," he said. Referring to the role of the judiciary during the Emergency, Dhankhar said, "That was a time when the fundamental essence of democracy capsized in times of distress."



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AIR INDIA CANCELS 4 INTERNATIONAL, 4 DOMESTIC FLIGHTS; BOOKINGS DECLINE BY UP TO 20%

Diary Times Desk : Air India on Friday cancelled eight flights, including four on international routes, due to operational reasons even as the impact of the Ahmedabad plane crash last week is becoming manifest on its overall bookings dropping nearly 20 per cent. A London-bound Air India flight, AI-171 carrying 242 passengers and crew members crashed in Ahmedabad on June 12. All but one passenger on board the plane died along with nearly 29 on the ground when the aircraft crashed on a medical college complex shortly after take-off. In a statement on Friday, Air India announced cancellation of several flights- Dubai-Chennai (AI906), Delhi-Melbourne (AI308), Melbourne--Delhi (AI309) and Dubai-Hyderabad (AI2204). On domestic routes, Pune--Delhi (AI874), Ahmedabad-Delhi (AI456), Hyderabad-Mumbai (AI-2872) and Chennai-Mumbai (AI571) flights were cancelled. The Delhi-Pune flight was cancelled after the airline, on its arrival from Delhi, detected that it had a bird hit.



WHY SHOULD I SEND WATER TO PUNJAB? J-K NEEDS IT FIRST, SAYS OMAR ABDULLAH

Diary Times Desk : Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday asserted that war anywhere is not a good thing as he questioned Israel's compulsion to attack Iran. The National Conference leader also said that Jammu and Kashmir should have the right to use its waters and underlined that, as of now, there is no intention to divert surplus water to other states. "Right now, Jammu is facing water scarcity... There is no water in the taps. Why should I send water to Punjab? Punjab already has three rivers as per the Indus Water Treaty. Has Punjab given us any water?" he said. Abdullah was interacting with the media after inaugurating an outreach office - Raabta - in Jammu to ensure efficient grievance redressal and informed decision-making through data-driven monitoring and strategic communication. Asked about the Israel-Iran conflict, Abdullah said, "This is not a good thing. War anywhere is not a good thing."



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.



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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: CANDIDATES MET DC IN CHAMBA, SAID- CHEATING CONTINUED IN THE POLICE RECRUITMENT EXAM IN FRONT OF THE INSPECTORS

Diary Times Desk : Candidates have alleged rigging and cheating in the police constable recruitment exam. Candidates met the Deputy Commissioner in this regard on Friday and submitted a memorandum demanding an investigation. Candidates complained that during the examination held on June 15, many candidates were found cheating en masse at many examination centers in the district and the state. Surprisingly, the inspectors posted at the examination centers did not raise any objection to this and did not take any action. They have demanded from the administration that the CCTV footage of all the concerned examination centers be seized and investigated. The young men and women have demanded from the administration that the CCTV footage of all the concerned examination centers be made public. Strict action should be taken against the candidates involved in cheating and the inspectors who are negligent in their duty. Kajal, who has been preparing for a government job for two years by staying away from home, said while crying that giving importance to cheaters is injustice to other candidates. The girl said that the rampant cheating in the examination center has ruined her hard work. In their examination centre, the power went off just five minutes after the exam and came back five minutes before the end.



SURPLUS LECTURERS WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, RATIONALIZATION PROCESS BEGINS

Diary Times Desk : Surplus lecturers will be transferred from the government senior secondary schools of Himachal Pradesh having class XI and XII. The Directorate of School Education has started the process of rationalization of lecturers appointed in excess of the requirement. A list of surplus lecturers has been sought from all the district deputy directors. In class XI, one lecturer will be appointed for a subject having 100 students and two lecturers for 200 students. Director of School Education Ashish Kohli said that in some schools the number of students is less, while the number of teachers is more. These schools have been instructed that wherever such a situation exists, these posts will be kept in the pool, so that these teachers can be transferred to the schools in need at the time of school rationalization. It has been decided that in class XI and XII, there will be one lecturer per subject for one to 100 students, two lecturers for 101-200 students, three lecturers for 201 to 300 students and four lecturers for 301-400 students. Information about the enrollment of schools.

HIMACHAL: DELAY IN APPOINTMENT OF RERA CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER, HIGH COURT IMPOSED A FINE OF RS 5 LAKH ON THE GOVERNMENT

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh High Court has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on the state government for the delay in the appointment of the chairman and member of the State Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA). The government has been asked to deposit the fine amount in the registry of the High Court by Monday. The court also reprimanded the poor functioning. The division bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma has said that it should be made clear what is the purpose of shifting the RERA office. Is the appointment being delayed under the pretext of shifting the office? The division bench gave strict instructions that if the names of the chairman and member are not notified by June 25, then a judicial order will be passed against it. The High Court also expressed displeasure over keeping the recommendations of the selection committee on hold. The court asked why the chairman and members were not appointed on time even after the selection process was completed. The court has ordered the Chief Secretary to appear personally during the next hearing regarding this matter. In the affidavit filed by the government, it has been stated that a member of RERA, Vidur Mehta, has been appointed. The government will soon announce the names.

HIMACHAL: IRON ROD TRADER BUYS SCOOTY NUMBER 0001 FOR 14 LAKHS, DEPOSITS THE AMOUNT IN DEPARTMENT'S ACCOUNT

Diary Times Desk : A businessman resident of Pratap Nagar has spent Rs 14 lakh to fulfill his hobby of VIP scooty number. This businessman spent Rs 14 lakh in the desire of VIP number for scooty. Businessman Sanjeev Kumar placed the highest bid for this number through online bidding. The special thing is that a person from Solan district also bid for this number of Badsar RLA. Sanjeev ultimately won out of the two. He has bought VIP two wheeler number HP 21 C-0001 for Rs 14 lakh. A few days ago, Sanjeev Kumar participated in the online bidding process of the Transport Department. A person resident of Baddi area of District Solan placed a bid of Rs 13.5 lakh but Sanjeev Kumar bid 50 thousand rupees more and got the number in his name. After the bid, the businessman has also paid this amount to the department's account.



HIMACHAL: ANURAG THAKUR SAID- MODI GOVERNMENT'S 11 YEARS WERE MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN CONGRESS

Diary Times Desk : MP Anurag Thakur said that the country has made unprecedented progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India has not only become the fourth largest economy of the world economically, but has also registered its strong presence on the global stage. Anurag Thakur, who arrived as the chief guest in the Sankalp se Siddhi campaign at Shri Naina Devi Ji Vidhan Sabha, said that during the 11 years of the Modi government, India ensured the safe return of its citizens even in international crises like the Russia-Ukraine war or the Israel-Iran conflict, which is the hallmark of any strong leadership. Taking a dig at the Congress, he said that the 11 years of the Modi government have been more development-filled and decisive than the 60 years of Congress government. The Prime Minister has set a target of making India a developed nation by 2047, and for this every citizen will have to ensure his participation. In Kharsi, Niharkhan and Basla, Anurag said that 'one country, one election' is the need of the hour.

SHIMLA: MANALI'S VIDYA NEGI BECOMES THE PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S COMMISSION, GOVERNMENT ISSUED NOTIFICATION

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh government has nominated Congress leader Vidya Negi as the chairperson of the State Women Commission. The post of the chairperson of the Women Commission was lying vacant for the past two and a half years. Vidya Negi is a resident of Shanag village of Manali in district Kullu. She has been nominated for a period of three years with immediate effect. A notification was issued by the state government in this regard on Friday. Vidya Negi of Manali is currently working as the National Coordinator of the Women Congress. She has held various positions in the Congress. On the other hand, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has congratulated Vidya Negi on being appointed as the chairperson of the Himachal Pradesh Women Commission. He said that this post is very important in the direction of women empowerment, justice and ensuring their dignity in the society. He expressed confidence that Vidya Negi will take the efficiency of the Women Commission.

"WHEN INDIANS WEREN'T...": SHARK TANK'S AMAN GUPTA ON 2000S GOA PARTIES

Diary Times Desk : Aman Gupta, the co-founder of boAt Lifestyle, took listeners back to a very different Goa during a conversation on The Prakhhar Gupta Xperience podcast. It was a time when Indian partygoers were rare and the underground rave culture was dominated almost entirely by foreign tourists. Mr Gupta, also a Shark Tank India judge, spoke about his early party escapades in Goa, long before it became a mainstream destination for domestic travellers. One of his most vivid memories is of the secret forest parties, where finding the venue was an adventure in itself. Recounting his early 2000s party adventures, Mr Gupta said he and his friends often found themselves to be the only Indians among crowds of international revellers. "These parties, they were such parties that we didn't know the venue. We would take our scooter and ask our foreigner friends, 'Aaj party kahan hai (where's the party today)?'" he recalled. One of the more iconic venues from that time, he said, was the Bamboo Forest, a hidden gem that hosted wild parties frequented by foreigners. "That time, when we used to go to Goa, there were no Indians. We were the only Indians there (at forest parties)," Mr Gupta noted.

KARNATAKA INCREASES MUSLIM HOUSING QUOTA, BJP CALLS IT "UNCONSTITUTIONAL"

Diary Times Desk : The Karnataka government's decision to increase reservation for minority communities under housing schemes has sparked strong criticism from the BJP. State party president Vijayendra Yediyurappa has called it "unconstitutional" and accused the Congress of indulging in vote-bank politics. In a post on X, Mr Yediyurappa accused the Congress government of turning welfare into vote-bank politics and claimed that the new reservation policy deprives SCs, STs, and OBCs of their rightful opportunities. "Reservation on the basis of religion is unconstitutional! @INCKarnataka in Karnataka has converted welfare into a marketplace for vote-bank politics. • First, 4% quota in government contracts. • Now, 15% quota in housing schemes. Where does this appeasement end? This is a dangerous attempt to institutionalise communal vote-bank politics. It not only robs SCs, STs, and OBCs of their rightful opportunities, but also sends a disturbing message that merit, backwardness, and constitutional principles are secondary to religious appeasement," he wrote. He asked the Congress to read.

IRAN OPENS AIRSPACE FOR INDIA, 1ST BATCH OF STUDENTS TO REACH DELHI TONIGHT



Diary Times Desk : Iran has opened its otherwise closed airspace exclusively for Indian evacuation flights. At least 1,000 Indian students stranded in conflict-hit Iranian cities are expected to land in Delhi in the next two days as part of the government's emergency evacuation programme, Operation Sindhu. The first flight is due to land at 11:00 PM IST tonight. The second and third flights are scheduled for Saturday, one in the morning and another in the evening. The Iranian airspace remains closed to most international flights following ongoing missile exchanges and drone attacks involving Israeli and Iranian forces. India has been granted an exclusive corridor to carry out the evacuation of its students. India on Wednesday announced launching 'Operation Sindhu' to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran as the Persian Gulf nation's conflict with Israel showed no sign of letting up. Iranian embassy officials in Delhi said the Iranian foreign ministry was in close touch with the Indian mission in Tehran after some students were injured.

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THANK YOU, BUT...: WHAT PM SAID ON TURNING DOWN TRUMP'S US VISIT INVITE

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is currently in Odisha, said that he turned down the offer made by United States President Donald Trump to visit Washington, saying that he "needed to return to the land of sacred Mahaprabhu." Addressing the public in Bhubaneswar, PM Modi said that he received a call from Trump while he was attending the G7 Summit in Canada. Trump invited him for a dinner in Washington, which the Prime Minister kindly declined. "Just two days ago, I was in Canada for the G7 summit and the US President Trump called me. He said, since you have come to Canada, go via Washington, we will have dinner together and talk. He extended the invitation with great insistence. I told the US President, thank you for the invitation. It is very important for me to go to the land of Mahaprabhu and hence I politely declined his invitation and your love and devotion to Mahaprabhu brought me to this land," Modi told the crowd.

UK NAVY DECLINES AIR INDIA'S HANGAR SPACE OFFER TO PARK GROUNDED F-35B: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : The Royal Navy's crown jewel F-35B Lightning II stealth fighter jet, which has been parked in the open in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram for six days, will not be moved inside a hangar, as requested by the British navy, sources said. The American-origin F-35B - the most expensive fighter jet in terms of programme cost - is packed with advanced technologies that Britain may not want others to take a closer look at, sources said, adding this could be one of the reasons why the Royal Navy declined Air India's offer to allocate hangar space to park the aircraft, away from the elements. It is highly likely that concerns over "protected technologies" may have delayed any decision on the Royal Navy's part to take the F-35B inside a hangar. While they have so far declined the offer, they may consider moving it inside the hangar for a final inspection and repair, sources said. The British F-35B made an unscheduled landing in Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

TEMPERATURE DROPS, LIGHT RAIN EXPECTED IN DELHI, YELLOW ALERT ISSUED

Diary Times Desk : The weather has turned pleasant across Delhi-NCR as drop in both minimum and maximum temperature has brought relief to the people from the scorching heat. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for the next five days, forecasting rain and strong winds across the region. On June 20, the maximum temperature is not likely to exceed 36 degrees Celsius, and the minimum is 27 degrees Celsius. On June 21, the temperature is expected to hover around 37 degrees C (max) and 28 degrees C (min), with humidity between 80 per cent and 82 per cent. According to the IMD, light to moderate rain, accompanied by lightning and gusty winds, is expected during the evenings and nights of June 20 and 21. Between June 22 and 25, the region is likely to witness cloudy skies, moderate to heavy rain, and thunderstorms, with wind speeds reaching 30-40 km/h. During this period, the maximum temperature may drop further to 35 degrees Celsius and the minimum to 26-27 degrees C. The weather department said humidity could climb up to 90 per cent, keeping the atmosphere sticky.



**INDIA HOLDS EMERGENCY TALKS WITH
STAKEHOLDERS AS IRAN-ISRAEL
CONFLICT PUTS \$825 BILLION TRADE AT
RISK**

Diary Times Desk : The commerce ministry on Friday will meet stakeholders, including shipping lines, exporters, container firms, and other departments, to assess the impact of the Iran-Israel conflict on India's overseas trade and address related issues, an official said. The industry official said that the meeting will be chaired by Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal. "The meeting is today. We will raise issues related to freight rates," the official said. Barthwal has earlier stated that India is keeping a close watch on the situation. Exporters have stated that the war, if escalated further, would impact world trade and push both air and sea freight rates. They have expressed apprehensions that the conflict may impact the movement of merchant ships from the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea. Nearly two-thirds of India's crude oil and half of its LNG imports pass through the Strait of Hormuz, which Iran has now threatened to close.

**VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN
CONFLICT ZONES HIT 'UNPRECEDENTED
LEVELS': UN**

Diary Times Desk : From Gaza to the Democratic Republic of Congo, violence against children in conflict zones reached "unprecedented levels" in 2024, a United Nations annual report said Thursday. "In 2024, violence against children in armed conflict reached unprecedented levels, with a staggering 25 percent surge in the number of grave violations in comparison with 2023," according to the report from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The report verified 41,370 grave violations against children in 2024 -- including 36,221 committed in 2024 and 5,149 committed previously but confirmed in 2024 -- the highest number since the monitoring tool was established nearly 30 years ago. The new high beats 2023, another record year, which itself represented a 21 percent increase over the preceding year. With more than 4,500 killed and 7,000 injured, children continue to bear "the brunt of relentless hostilities and indiscriminate attacks," the report said. There was also a marked increase in the number of child victims of multiple violations to 22,495. "The cries of 22,495 innocent children who should be learning to read or play ball -- but instead have been forced to learn.

NETANYAHU SAYS SON'S WEDDING DELAY A "PERSONAL COST" OF WAR, STUNS ISRAELIS

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is facing fierce backlash after citing the delay of his son's wedding as a "personal cost" of the ongoing conflict with Iran -- remarks many Israelis have called tone-deaf and self-centered, according to the Guardian. Speaking solemnly in front of a missile-damaged Soroka Hospital in Be'er Sheva, Netanyahu invoked the spirit of Britain during the Blitz, likening Israel's current crisis to the World War II bombings. "It reminds me of the British people during the Blitz. We are going through a Blitz," he said, attempting to draw parallels between his family's experience and the hardships of everyday Israelis. The prime minister pointed to the rescheduling of his son Avner's wedding -- for a second time due to security concerns -- as an example of the sacrifices his family has made. He noted that the postponement had also deeply affected Avner's fiancée and his wife, Sara Netanyahu, calling her "a hero" for enduring the disappointment.

**TRUMP-MUNIR MEET EMBARRASSING FOR
PAK, ITS PM WASN'T INVITED: DEFENCE
SECRETARY**

Diary Times Desk : Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh said that the White House meeting between US President Donald Trump and Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir was an embarrassment for Islamabad as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was not invited to the meeting. Munir's meeting with Trump marked a rare instance where a country's military chief was exclusively invited by a sitting US President. The meeting also signified the fact that the Pakistani military call the shots in the neighbouring country. "I don't have a great opinion on this (Trump-Munir meeting). It is surprising to me. It must be an embarrassment to any country that the military chief gets invited and the prime minister is nowhere to be seen. It's a very strange thing," he told news agency ANI in a podcast.

**'WE UNDERSTAND, BUT OUR EXPECTATION IS
MORE': IRANIAN DIPLOMAT ON INDIA'S
STAND**

Diary Times Desk : Iran expects India to condemn "aggression by Israel" to uphold the principle of sovereignty of countries and international law and to prevent similar actions in other parts of the world, a senior Iranian diplomat said on Friday. Against the backdrop of reports that the US is making an outreach to Pakistan for support for possible American strikes on Iran, Mohammad Javad Hosseini, deputy chief of mission at the Iranian embassy, told reporters that Pakistan should stand with Iran in the face of Israel's aggression. "We believe every country, including India, should condemn this aggression, not because of Iran or because of this conflict, but because it will open the way for other countries who [want] to attack a neighbour on some baseless allegations," Hosseini said. "If you don't condemn it, you are giving them an incentive." India's actions should be in keeping with its role as the voice of the Global South at key forums such as the G20 and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). "Our expectation is this voice [will take this issue] not as a matter of bilateral relations with Iran and Israel.

**ISRAELI SCIENTISTS SCRAMBLE
TO SAVE WORK AFTER IRANIAN
MISSILE HITS LABS**

Diary Times Desk : Researchers at Israel's prestigious Weizmann Institute of Science have been scrambling to save their experiments after an Iranian missile destroyed a building containing dozens of cutting-edge laboratories. The missile struck the institute's campus at Rehovot, on the southern periphery of Tel Aviv, in the early hours of Sunday, damaging multiple buildings and prompting researchers to clamber into the ruins to save samples even as fire raged. No one was hurt as the campus was empty overnight, but one part of a building collapsed entirely, while in the remaining part, the walls were blown out, exposing a tangle of twisted metal, blasted debris and blackened cement. "We did our best to save as much of the samples as we could from the labs, from the buildings, while we were fighting the fire," physicist Roei Ozeri, Weizmann's vice president for development and communications, told Reuters.

**BOEING GHOST FLIGHTS:
CHINA-IRAN AIR ROUTE RAISES
EYEBROWS IN ISRAEL
CONFLICT**

Diary Times Desk : Multiple Boeing 747s were tracked flying from China to Iran, disappearing near Iranian airspace, prompting speculation that Beijing may be covertly supporting Tehran during escalating tensions with Israel. A string of mysterious Boeing 747 flights departing China for Iran has raised suspicions that Beijing may be covertly aiding Tehran as Israeli airstrikes intensify against Iran's nuclear infrastructure, according to a Fox News Digital report. "Several Boeing 747s have been spotted on radar leaving China for Iran over the last week," Fox News reported, citing flight-tracking data and European intelligence assessments. Starting June 14, at least five cargo flights took off from various points in China and travelled a discreet route westward along China's northern air corridor. They then descend through Central Asia -- Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan -- before vanishing from radar near Iranian airspace, according to FlightRadar24 and The Telegraph. Intriguingly, the listed destination for the flights was Luxembourg. But the aircraft never entered European airspace. "The mystery transport planes," as described by The Telegraph, have fuelled speculation amongst defence analysts who suggest the flights could be part of an undisclosed logistics operation -- possibly moving military supplies, key personnel, or sensitive cargo to support Iran during its escalating.

PUNJAB CM MANN APPROVES 14-POINT ACTION PLAN TO PRESERVE GROUNDWATER

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has approved a 14-point action plan as part of the Integrated State Water Plan to preserve and replenish groundwater in the state. The plan aims to reduce groundwater dependence and promote the use of canal and surface water for irrigation and other needs. Chairing a meeting of the Water Resources department pertaining to Integrated State Water Plan, the Chief Minister said that the plan has been meticulously prepared by the Department of Water Resources of the state in consultation with all the eminent departments. He said that the situation in the state is already alarming as 115 of the total 153 blocks are over-exploited in terms of groundwater extraction. Bhagwant Mann said that the plan focuses on saving the groundwater and enhancing the usage of canal water for various motives. The CM also expressed concern over the annual average of the lowering of water level by 0.7 metre due to extraction of 5.2 billion cubic metres of water. He said that it can be done by reducing the ground water demand, decreasing agricultural water demand, improving techniques of irrigation, replenishing groundwater and artificially augmenting groundwater.



PUNJAB POLICE INTENSIFY VEHICLE CHECKING AT INTER-STATE BORDERS TO CATCH DRUG, LIQUOR SMUGGLERS

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Police on Friday carried out a special operation at 10 inter-state border districts aimed at checking all the vehicles entering or exiting the state to keep a tab on drug traffickers and illegal liquor smugglers. During the operation, conducted simultaneously in 10 districts from 6 am to 2 pm, all the SSPs of border districts were directed to organise joint 'naka' (check) operations at strategic places and mobilise a maximum number of manpower. Sharing details, Special DGP (law and order) Arpit Shukla said that well-coordinated strong 'nakas' involving over 900 police personnel were set up under the supervision of Inspectors/DSPs at least 93 entry and exit points of 10 districts, which share boundaries with four border states and UT Chandigarh. The 10 inter-state border districts were Pathankot, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Fazilka, Rupanagar, SAS Nagar, Patiala, Sangrur, Mansa, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda.

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HC UPHOLDS COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF JUDICIAL OFFICER

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Friday upheld the premature retirement of a Punjab Additional District and Sessions Judge after concluding that the Full Court exercised its discretion in public interest and within the bounds of law. "It emerges that the Full Court having duly considered the petitioner's service record in its entirety has exercised its discretion within the bounds of law. Ergo, the writ petition in hand deserves rejection," the Division Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel ruled while dismissing the petition filed by Mehar Singh Rattu. The judicial officer was seeking the quashing of the Full Court's recommendation dated September 21, 2000, and order dated October 10, 2000, passed by the Punjab Government prematurely retired from service. Sitting during the summer vacations, the Bench noted that the retirement order was clearly passed in "public interest." Interference in such matters was limited as the competent.

AAP, CONGRESS, SAD TARGET J&K CM OMAR ABDULLAH FOR REMARKS ON WATER SHARING

Diary Times Desk : The ruling Aam Aadmi Party, Congress, and the Shiromani Akali Dal in Punjab on Friday targeted Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his remarks that no permission will be given as of now for any proposal to build a canal to divert surplus water to other states. Interacting with the media in Jammu on Friday, Abdullah asserted that Jammu and Kashmir should be allowed to use its waters first. The Chief Minister was replying to a question on the Central government's proposed construction of a 113-km canal to transfer surplus water from Jammu and Kashmir to Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan to prevent it from flowing to neighbouring Pakistan. "Right now, Jammu is facing water scarcity... There is no water in the taps. Why should I send water to Punjab? Punjab already has three rivers as per the Indus Water Treaty. Has Punjab given us any water," he asked. "We will use it (water) first, and only then consider others' needs," he added. Reacting to Abdullah's remarks, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) spokesperson Neel Garg accused the National Conference leader of deliberately politicising the water issue, saying the authority to decide on river waters lies with the Central government.

HEAT, HOLIDAYS, AND APATHY BLAMED FOR RECORD LOW TURNOUT IN LUDHIANA WEST BYPOLL

Diary Times Desk : Scorching temperatures, summer vacations, and a growing sense of political disillusionment have been cited as key reasons behind the dismal 51.3 per cent voter turnout in the Ludhiana West Assembly bypoll held on June 19 — the lowest in nearly two decades and the second-lowest since 2002. Despite aggressive campaigning by all major parties — AAP, Congress, BJP, and SAD — the electorate in Punjab's industrial hub remained largely indifferent. According to the Election Commission data, just over 1.75 lakh voters were eligible to cast their vote, but barely half turned up. The turnout marked a sharp decline from the 64.3 per cent recorded in the 2022 Assembly election and nearly 69 per cent seen in 2012 and 2017. Polling officials noted that by 9 am only 8.5 per cent of voters had cast their ballots, with many deterred by the oppressive heat, which hovered around 36 degrees Celsius. "The weather was a major factor. People preferred to stay indoors, especially the elderly," said a polling officer. The timing of the bypoll during school holidays also played a role. Many families from middle- and upper middle-class areas were away on vacation.

MONSOON HITS NORTH-WEST INDIA, RAINFALL ACTIVITY TO INTENSIFY THIS WEEK: IMD

Diary Times Desk : The southwest monsoon has hit North-West India on the day it was expected. It has advanced into most parts of Uttarakhand, many parts of Himachal Pradesh and some parts of Ladakh, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) announced on Friday. Conditions are also becoming favourable for further advance of the monsoon over remaining parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and some parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi during the next two days. The northern limit of the monsoon now passes through Barmer, Jaipur, Agra, Rampur, Dehradun, Shimla, Manali and Nyoma in Ladakh, according to a bulletin issued by the IMD on June 20. Rainfall activity is likely to increase over North-West India from June 22, the bulletin added. At the beginning of the month, IMD had predicted the monsoon entered in Himachal Pradesh on June 27 and on June 25 in 2023. The earliest onset in Himachal Pradesh in recent times was on June 9, 2000, and most delayed onset on July 5, 2010, according to IMD data.

HARYANA CHIEF SECRETARY ANURAG RASTOGI GETS ONE-YEAR EXTENSION

Diary Times Desk : The Centre has given Haryana Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi an extension of a year. It will be from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The decision was conveyed by the Department of Personnel and Training to the Haryana government on Thursday. The Nayab Saini government had sought extension for Rastogi, who retires on June 30. The extension has dashed the hopes of four 1990 batch officers and Rastogi's batchmates and five 1991 batch officers. The 1990 batch officers — Sudhir Rajpal, Sumita Misra, Anand Mohan Sharan and Raja Shekhar Vundru — and the 1991 batch officers — Vineet Garg, Anil Malik, G Anupama, AK Singh and Abhilash Likhi — were in contention for the post. Rastogi, the No 3 in the Haryana gradation list, first made to the top post, after the then incumbent Chief Secretary Vivek Joshi was appointed Election Commissioner in February this year with the BJP government ignoring the seniority principle. While Rastogi comes after Rajpal and Misra in the gradation list, Rastogi got the benefit of the "seniority-related dispute" among the 1990 batch officers. Earlier, certain 1990 batch officers had moved an application against.

**CHEATING IN HIMACHAL
POLICE RECRUITMENT EXAM:
FRAUDSTERS CONFESS TO
HAVING TAKEN MONEY**

Diary Times Desk : Two youths arrested in the Himachal Pradesh Police recruitment exam cheating scam have reportedly confessed to having accepted money from candidates in exchange for helping them cheat in the examination, which was held on June 15. However, the police investigation team found no clue or evidence of paper leak during the duo's police interrogation, say sources in the local police. On Monday, the Kangra district police had registered a criminal case at the Palampur police station under Sections 318(4) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (Indian Justice Code) against Vikram and Balvinder, alias Sonu Jaryal, and arrested them. They were the main alleged accused, who took money and facilitated the candidates in cheating during the examination. Police sources revealed that they also summoned 10 suspicious candidates during the duo's interrogation and questioned them about the money given by them for cheating. Some of them admitted to having given the money. They revealed that the duo arranged methods to enable them cheat in the examination.

**DISMANTLED AND SOLD: THE
CHILLING TALE OF A STOLEN
VEHICLE IN HIMACHAL**

Diary Times Desk : A high-stakes vehicle theft case that began with the mysterious disappearance of a tipper truck has turned into a gripping tale of crime, deception and a carefully executed cover-up. What seemed like a routine vehicle theft soon revealed an organised operation aimed at dismantling and vanishing heavy vehicles without a trace. The case was registered at Kala Amb Police Station of Sirmour district on May 27 after a tipper truck (HR37E-5499), previously impounded for illegal mining and awaiting release through court orders, vanished before the owner could reclaim it. By the time authorities realised what had happened, the truck had already crossed state lines and disappeared into Punjab's underbelly. Investigations led police to a scrap shop in Khanauri Mandi, Punjab — a notorious hub for grey-market vehicle parts. There, they made a chilling discovery: the stolen tipper had been completely dismantled.

**LANDSLIDE BLOCKS DHARAMSALA-KANGRA NATIONAL HIGHWAY,
TRAFFIC MOVEMENT DISRUPTED**

Diary Times Desk : Vehicular movement on the Dharamsala-Kangra National Highway came to a halt on Friday morning following a landslide triggered by intermittent rains that have been lashing the region since Thursday night. The incident has caused massive disruption to traffic on one of the most crucial road links in the district. Hundreds of tourists come to Dharamsala daily from Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and other states through this route. The landslide occurred about 2.5 km from Sakoh village, leading to a complete blockage of the highway for four wheelers. There has been no report of any casualty or injury. However, commuters travelling between Dharamsala and Kangra faced long delays amid rainfall, which was still continuing at the time of filing of this news report. In the wake of the blockage, the traffic going from Dharamsala towards Kangra has been rerouted via Sheela road through Mataur town.

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**PAONTA SAHIB ABDUCTION CASE:
PROHIBITORY ORDERS IN EFFECT TILL
JUNE 26**

Diary Times Desk : In view of the recent communal flare-up in the Majra area of Paonta Sahib, where a minor boy from the minority community had allegedly fled with a girl from the majority community, Sirmour DC on Thursday imposed prohibitory orders in the areas falling under the Majra police station from June 20 to June 26. As per the directions, areas such as Majra, Malion, Fatehpur, Misserwala and Majra have been identified as vulnerable where despite taking slew of preventive measures by the police, the law and order situation was termed as volatile where communal tensions continued to persist. The BJP had planned a meeting for eulogising the Modi government's policies at Paonta Sahib, but it ended up criticising the administration for what it called the inept and one-sided action against its leaders, including booking them under heinous sections like attempt to murder and assault on the policemen, while letting the other community go scot free. Apprehending further deteriorate the public peace and tranquillity of the Majra area, the police requested for extension of prohibitory orders from the DM from June 20 to June 26. District Magistrate Priyanka issued order prohibiting assembly of five or more people without permission. Further carrying lethal weapons and arms including sticks, daggers, swords, pick axe.

**HIMACHAL POLICE LAUNCH PROBE AFTER DEPUTY CM, CONGRESS MLA
GET 'DEATH THREAT' ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh Police have launched an investigation into an indirect death threat made on social media against Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Congress MLA Rakesh Kalra, an official said on Friday. According to police, a social media user shared a post on Facebook on the arrest of gangster Amrish Rana. In the comment section, an individual wrote, "The people are demanding the sword again," to which another user replied, "This time it will be used on a politician only." When asked, "For what crime?", the individual said, "Only the deputy CM and MLA Rakesh Kalra would know." Taking note of the conversation, complainant Arun Kumar informed the police and a case was registered at the Haroli Police Station on Thursday night, the official said. Deputy CM Agnihotri, an MLA from Haroli constituency, and Kalra, a legislator from Gagret constituency, hail from Una district. The police are probing whether those who issued the threat have any connection with gangster Rana, and efforts are on to ascertain their IP addresses to know their location, the official said.



BCCI BLASTED FOR FAVOURITISM AS DOMESTIC STAR MISSES OUT ON DEBUT IN 1ST TEST

Diary Times Desk : The first installment of Sai Sudharsan's Test debut lasted just four balls as he was dismissed by England captain Ben Stokes on the stroke of Lunch in the first Test in Leeds on Friday. Sudharsan nicked a delivery which was going down the leg, and England wicketkeeper Jamie Smith did the rest, leaping wonderfully to his right and grabbed the ball with both hands. It was not the ideal start for Sudharsan and his wicket also allowed England to peg India back after a great start to the opening day of a long tour. While it is too early to judge Sudharsan after just one failure, fans were not happy with his inclusion in the team in the very first place. Sudharsan's debut came at the expense of Bengal captain Abhimanyu Easwaran, who was once again overlooked despite piling runs in Domestic cricket. Easwaran received his maiden call up in 2022 but is yet to make his India debut. Fans, however, slammed the BCCI for giving preference to IPL talents. Abhimanyu Easwaran deserved a chance in 1st match. Bcci is treating him like untouchable.



WE TRIED TO BOWL CONSISTENTLY IN ONE AREA: NAYEEM

Diary Times Desk : Nayeem Hasan, the Bangladesh offspinner, said changing the seam position from time to time served him well on Day 4 of the first Test against Sri Lanka in Galle. Despite making his debut back in 2018, Nayeem had played only one Test outside Bangladesh, and that too without bowling a single delivery in the pink ball Test against India in 2019 when he was substituted with a concussion after being hit on the helmet. That he got to play the first Test against Sri Lanka was due to the absence of Mehidy Hasan Miraz, who was rested due to fever. The 25-year old capitalised on the opportunity with a five-wicket haul to ensure Sri Lanka did not go past Bangladesh's total despite being in a good position to do so. I tried to bowl in one good spot, and then adjust my variation there. I tried changing the seam position from time to time. My line depended on who I was bowling to. I had different plans for each batter," Nayeem said after the day's play. "It was a batting friendly wicket so we tried to bowl consistently in one area. When you cut off the runs, the batter gets into pressure. He tries to do something different, which can lead to a mistake. That was my plan." Nayeem said Bangladesh are in a good position to force a result, having ended the day with an overall lead of 187 runs, with seven wickets in hand.

KL RAHUL'S 'UNFAIR TREATMENT' CALLED OUT BY EX-INDIA STAR. SANJAY MANJREKAR CONTRADICTS

Diary Times Desk : Former India cricketers Deep Dasgupta and Sanjay Manjrekar had contrasting takes on star batter KL Rahul's international career, especially Test cricket. Since his debut in 2015, Rahul has played 58 Tests so far, scoring 3,257 runs with a below-par average of 33.57. However, the 33-year-old has not been able to establish himself, be it due to injury or form. However, Dasgupta called out the BCCI for its unfair treatment towards the player. He pointed out Rahul has been made to play at different positions, as per the need of the team. "See, I just hope they give him a permanent position now. He made his debut in 2014. It's been more than a decade, but we still don't know where does he fit into the Indian Test side? Is he a middle-order batter? Is he an opener? I think it's about time to tell him, 'KL, you've got to play this series or whatever, and you're going to play as an opener. This is what you're going to do. And I think once you give him that position, that security, we will see a different KL Rahul," Dasgupta said on Star Sports. Dasgupta suggested it's time for the management to give Rahul a fixed spot, since the likes of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are no longer part of the Test setup.

R ASHWIN'S WIFE POSTS CRYPTIC MESSAGE AHEAD OF 1ST INDIA VS ENGLAND TEST

Diary Times Desk : Former Indian cricket team spinner R Ashwin's wife Prithi Narayanan posted a cryptic message on social media ahead of Day 1 of the first Test encounter against England on Friday. This was the first time that India was playing a Test series without the illustrious trio of Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ashwin. While Ashwin retired mid-way into the Test series against Australia, both Kohli and Rohit announced their retirement ahead of the five-match Test series against England. As a result, it was a somewhat new-look India side that took the pitch against England with Sai Sudharsan becoming the latest debutant. Prithi took to social media to post a message that echoed the emotion felt by many cricket fans as she wrote on her Instagram story - "Test match day for India, and I woke up with many mixed feelings. Have to find a different way to love it and unlearn the only way I knew to".



KISHAN SIGNS SHORT-TERM DEAL WITH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Diary Times Desk : Ishan Kishan has signed for Nottinghamshire on a short-term deal to play two County Championship fixtures this year. Kishan will replace Kyle Verreyne, who will be away on national duty as South Africa travel to Zimbabwe for a two-Test series later this month. Kishan is known for his limited-overs game but has 3447 first-class runs in 58 games including 17 half-centuries and eight hundreds. The wicketkeeper-batter also has 118 catches and 11 stumpings. Kishan will be eligible for selection against Yorkshire at Trent Bridge on June 22 and Somerset in Taunton on June 29 and is looking forward to experiencing county cricket for the first time. "I'm feeling very excited to get my first taste of playing county cricket in England, and it will be a great chance to showcase my skills," Kishan said. "I want to make sure I am the best cricketer I can be, and playing in English conditions will really help me to learn new skills. "Trent Bridge is such a famous ground that is well-known in India and around the world, and I am really excited that I will be playing there."

BAVUMA TO MISS ZIMBABWE TEST SERIES WITH HAMSTRING STRAIN

Diary Times Desk : Temba Bavuma, the captain of the WTC 2025 champions South Africa, will miss the upcoming Test series against Zimbabwe due to a left hamstring strain, Cricket South Africa (CSA) revealed in a media release on Friday (June 20). Keshav Maharaj will lead South Africa in the two Test matches. Bavuma sustained the injury while batting in the second innings on Day 3 of the final against Australia at Lord's. The right-handed batter will undergo further scans to determine the extent of his injury, stated CSA. South Africa are also without Marco Jansen, Aiden Markram, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton and Tristan Stubbs, who have been rested for the series. The squad, meanwhile, includes five uncapped players - Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Lesego Senokwane, Codi Yusuf, Dewald Brevis and Prenelan Subrayen. It was a 16-member squad announced by CSA earlier this month but the updated squad, in the absence of Bavuma, has been trimmed to 15 with a replacement for the regular skipper not being named. The first Test will be played from June 28 while the second Test begins on July 6, with the Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo hosting both matches. The South Africa squad is set to depart for Bulawayo on June 24.