

PM MODI IN VIZAG

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Diary Times Desk : Addressing an International Yoga Day event in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday, June 21, that Yoga gives the world the direction of peace at a time when it is witnessing conflicts, unrest, and instability.

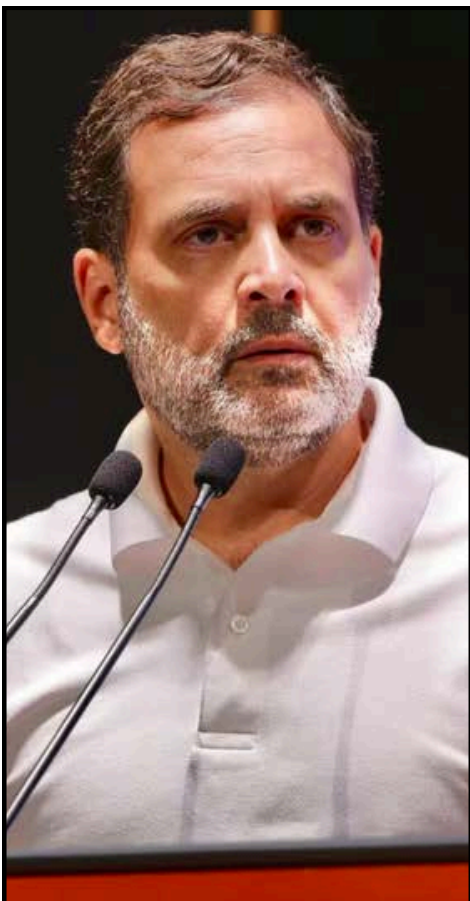
PM Modi also congratulated Andhra Pradesh Minister for IT, EC, Real Time Governance and HR Development, Nara Lokesh, for organising the event. "Nara Lokesh has shown us how the social celebration of yoga must be done, integrating people from every walk of society. His efforts deserve special mention, and we should see it as an example of how yoga must be used as a tool for peace," he said.

The Prime Minister was leading the national event to mark the 11th International Day of Yoga. Performing the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) along with over three lakh people at the RK Beach, he emphasised the importance of yoga in ensuring happiness and peace. He urged the international community to let this Yoga Day mark the beginning of yoga for humanity 2.0, where inner peace becomes a global policy. PM Modi further stated that yoga should not be a mere personal practice but become the medium of global partnership where every country and society makes yoga part of their life and public policy. "Yoga, in simple terms, means to connect. It has connected the world," he said. He recalled that in 2014, when India moved a resolution in the United Nations to celebrate June 21 as the International Yoga Day.



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Last month, the poll body directed state poll officers to destroy webcasting and video footage of an election process after 45 days, if the results are not challenged in courts within that period. Earlier this month, Gandhi asked the EC to publish consolidated, digital voter rolls for the 2024 Lok Sabha election and assembly polls of all states, including Maharashtra. He also asked the poll body to release all CCTV footage from Maharashtra polling booths captured after 5 pm on election day

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DGCA SEEKS DETAILS OF AIR INDIA
INSPECTIONS AND AUDITS SINCE
2024: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : Aviation safety regulator DGCA has asked flight operations inspectors to provide details of all inspections and audits conducted for Air India since 2024, sources said on Saturday. The details on the findings of the inspections and audits will have to be submitted by Sunday, they said. In an e-mailed communication, which came a day after the regulator issued a show-cause notice to the airline for flight duty time limitations (FDTL) violation, and also ordered removal of the airline's three senior officials from their respective roles for certain lapses, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has sought these details for 2024 and 2025 (to date), the sources said. The data has been sought on planned and unplanned inspections, audit, cockpit/ enroute, station facility, ramp and cabin inspection among others, as per the communication. The Tata Group airline has been facing intense scrutiny.

AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH: NINE DAYS ON, PROCESS
TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF VICTIMS CONTINUES



Diary Times Desk : Nine days after the Ahmedabad plane crash, the process to identify several victims is still underway as the authorities have asked eight families to submit the DNA sample of another relative as the previous ones failed to match. Ahmedabad-based filmmaker Mahesh Jirawala, who was reported missing following the June 12 air crash, the matching of DNA samples confirmed that he died in the catastrophe, following which his mortal remains were handed over to his family. In Maharashtra, relatives and friends gave an emotional farewell to Deepak Pathak and Irfan Shaikh - two crew members of the ill-fated flight - at Badlapur in Thane district and in Pimpri-Chinchwad near Pune city respectively. The London-bound Air India flight AI-171 carrying 242 passengers and crew members crashed in Ahmedabad moments after it off from the city airport last Thursday, killing all but one on board, and 29 on the ground as the aircraft smashed into a medical complex in the Meghaninagar area.

FUGITIVE WANTED BY GUJARAT POLICE IN CASE OF RS
3.66 CRORE FRAUD BROUGHT BACK FROM UAE

Diary Times Desk : A fugitive wanted by the Gujarat Police in a case of fraud of Rs 3.66 crore has been brought back from the UAE in an operation coordinated by CBI using Interpol channels, officials said on Saturday. Upavan Pavan Jain, a real estate agent, was wanted for cheating by personation, dishonestly inducing delivery of property, forgery of valuable security, and criminal conspiracy. He had defrauded a prospective buyer to the tune of Rs 3.66 crore and had an Interpol Red Notice against him. Jain had allegedly shown four different properties to the buyer. He used his accomplice as a dummy property owner, forged documents and created bank accounts in the name of that person to siphon off the money from the purported sales. A Red Notice was issued against him in 2023 on the request of the Gujarat Police. "The International Police Cooperation Unit (IPCU), CBI in collaboration with NCB-Abu Dhabi, UAE successfully brought back wanted Red Notice subject Upavan Pavan Jain to India on June 20.



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.

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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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.



UNA: TWO YOUTHS DROWNED IN SUTLEJ RIVER, SEEING ONE DROWNING, THE OTHER LOST HIS LIFE TRYING TO SAVE HIM

Diary Times Desk : Two young boys died while bathing in the world famous historical religious place Brahmohati. One of them was Ritash Bali son of Umesh Bali, resident of village Kalsehda, while the other was Vikas Sharma, who was a resident of Ludhiana and had come to his maternal grandfather's house in village Thaluh. According to the information received, Vikas, a resident of Ludhiana, had come to Brahmohati temple with his family to pay obeisance, but after paying obeisance, he went to the Satluj river to take a bath and could not measure the depth of the water of Satluj and was swept away in the strong current of the water. Seeing Vikas drowning, Ritash Bali extended his arm to save him, but he too was swept away in the strong current of the water and two more people moved forward to save him, they too narrowly escaped drowning and people pulled him out after a lot of hard work. At present, the body of Ritash Bali, resident of Kalsehda, was taken out by the team of diver Kamalpreet, but due to darkness, the body of Vikas has not been found yet. Mehatpur police reached the spot and started investigation.



HIMACHAL: MUKESH AGNIHOTRI SAID- SDO AND XEN SHOULD COME TO THE FIELD, NEGLIGENCE IN WATER SUPPLY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

Diary Times Desk : Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri has directed all the SDOs and XENs of the Jal Shakti Department to go to the field and ensure water supply to the people. During the review meeting of the Jal Shakti Department in the Secretariat on Saturday, Mukesh said bluntly that the problems of the public should be resolved immediately, negligence in water supply will not be tolerated. He also directed the Chief Engineers of all zones of the Jal Shakti Department to take reports of the field visits of the officers and supervise them. The progress of all the developmental projects of the Jal Shakti Department was reviewed in the meeting. The Deputy Chief Minister directed the officials to complete all the pending projects related to the department within the stipulated time frame on priority basis. In the meeting, Chief Engineer Anju Sharma presented detailed information of various schemes and projects of the department. She apprised the Deputy Chief Minister of the current status of the projects and the requirement of budget.

HP POLITICS: ANURAG THAKUR SAID- MINISTERS ARE TAKING A DIG AT THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT REGARDING TRANSFERS

Diary Times Desk : MP and former Union Minister Anurag Thakur said that ministers in the state Congress government are angry over the transfers. These ministers are taking a dig at their own government and questioning its functioning. Taking a dig at the question of death threats received on social media to Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Congress MLA, he said that it should be investigated but it should also be investigated whether these threats are coming from inside or outside. He said that PM Modi has played a role in taking the country forward in the field of yoga. He said that crores of people are joining yoga in lakhs of programs and are working to stay healthy through yoga. He said that Prime Minister Modi has said that 10 percent of the consumption of cooking food has to be reduced so that the body will remain healthy and this is a very big message. On the operation started to bring people trapped in Iran to India, he said that PM Modi has done excellent work earlier also to bring Indians back to their homeland. He said that an operation has been conducted to bring the people trapped in crisis home safely. He said that Iran and Israel should also talk to each other, because there is no solution through war. Only dialogue can provide a solution. The war between Iran and Israel will be resolved soon, just like the India-Pakistan conflict was resolved.



HIMACHAL: SUKHU SAID- NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED TO THE BUILDERS FOR DELAY IN HYDROPOWER PROJECTS

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has directed the Energy Department to issue notices to the builders of such hydropower projects which are not working seriously. Also, whose projects are stuck for many years. While chairing a high-level meeting of the Energy Department, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that unnecessary delay in project execution is causing huge loss to the state's revenue. The CM said that until the neighboring states do not give concrete assurance to settle the pending dues of the Bhakra Beas Management Board, the state government will not proceed on upcoming projects like Kishau and Renuka Dam. On Saturday, Sukhu said that the state government is committed to protect the interests of the people of the state on various platforms and forums. In a major decision, the state government decided to withdraw the 382 MW Sunni, 210 MW Luhri Stage-I and 66 MW Dhaulasidh projects earlier allotted to SJVN. The Chief Minister was informed that BBMB has identified 4403 MW capacity at Bhakra Dam and 8700 MW capacity at Kol Dam for setting up pumped storage projects. He directed the department to move forward in this direction. Principal Advisor to Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh, Infrastructure Advisor Anil Kapil, OSD to Chief Minister Gopal Sharma, Chairman HPSEBL Sanjay Gupta, Director Energy Rakesh Prajapati.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: ORANGE-YELLOW ALERT FOR SEVEN DAYS OF HEAVY RAIN IN HIMACHAL, JAHALMA DRAIN FLOODED

Diary Times Desk : With the onset of monsoon in Himachal Pradesh, heavy rains are continuing. The Meteorological Center Shimla has issued an orange and yellow alert for seven consecutive days of heavy rain in the state. On the other hand, there has been a lot of damage due to flooding in Jahalma drain in Udaipur subdivision of Lahaul-Spiti district. Due to heavy debris and water in the drain, the irrigation schemes of the area have been damaged. Pipes of drinking water schemes have been washed away. Many trees have also come under the grip of flood. This has created more danger to the continuously sinking Lindur village. Flooding in Jahalma drain is causing land erosion. This has increased the risk of the speed of collapse of the hill of Lindur village. According to the Meteorological Department, light to moderate rain is expected at many places in the state on 21, 24 and 27 June. During this period, a yellow alert of heavy rain has been issued at many places. On 22, 23, 25 and 26 June, light to moderate rain will occur at most places. During this period, an orange alert for heavy rain has been issued in many areas. Heavy rain alert has been issued for Chamba, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmour districts.

HP RAJYA CHAYAN AAYOG: AGE LIMIT RELAXATION APPLICABLE FOR TGT RECRUITMENT, CBT MARKS FIXED; REVISED NOTIFICATION ISSUED

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh State Selection Commission has fixed the minimum marks in Computer Based Test (CBT) for Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) recruitment. Along with this, the maximum age limit for applying in the recruitment has been made 47 years. The Commission has issued a revised notification in this regard. According to the notification, it will be mandatory for the general category candidates to get at least 35 percent marks in the Computer Based Test (CBT) for TGT recruitment. This minimum marks have been fixed at 30 percent for candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and freedom fighter families. Waiting panel has also been arranged in TGT recruitment.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS CANNOT BE FORCED TO CONTINUE UNWANTED PREGNANCY: BOMBAY HC

Diary Times Desk : A victim of sexual assault cannot be compelled to continue her unwanted pregnancy, the Bombay High Court has said while allowing a 12-year-old girl to abort her 28-week pregnancy despite an adverse report from medical experts. If forced to give birth to a child against her wish, the court would be depriving her of the right to decide the "path of her life", it said. A medical board, after examining the girl, had opined that the process of termination of pregnancy would be highly risky, considering the girl's age and the stage of the growth of the fetus. A bench of Justices Nitin Sambre and Sachin Deshmukh, however, held in its June 17 order that abortion will have to be permitted. "This court cannot force the victim to carry her pregnancy against her wishes, as in such an eventuality, the state would be stripping her of the right to determine the immediate and long term path of her life," the HC said. "We are equally required to be sensitive to the fact that a woman can become pregnant by choice irrespective of her marital status, however, in case of unwanted or incidental pregnancy the burden invariably falls on the pregnant woman/victim," the court said.

3 AIR INDIA OFFICIALS REMOVED, AVIATION BODY THREATENS TO WITHDRAW LICENCE



Diary Times Desk : Civil aviation regulator DGCA has ordered the immediate removal of three senior Air India officials, including a divisional vice president, from all responsibilities related to flight crew scheduling and rostering. The directive is among the sternest interventions in recent months involving a full-service scheduled airline. The DGCA has also asked the Tata Group-owned carrier to initiate internal disciplinary proceedings against the three unnamed officials without further delay. Failure to do so would result in severe action, including the possibility of the airline losing its operating permission. The DGCA's action stems from its audit of Air India's Integrated Operations Control Centre (IOCC), which oversees crew deployment across the airline's domestic and international network. According to the show cause notice issued by the regulator, two flights operated by Air India - AI133 from Bengaluru to London Heathrow on May 16 and May 17 - exceeded the maximum flight duty time limitation.

INDIGO FLIGHT DECLARED 'MAYDAY' DUE TO LOW FUEL, LANDED SAFELY: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : Budget carrier IndiGo's Guwahati-Chennai flight, with 168 passengers, made an emergency landing in Bengaluru after pilots declared 'mayday' due to "insufficient fuel", said sources. The incident comes just a week after Air India Dreamliner flight to London crashed shortly after take-off in Ahmedabad. IndiGo spokesperson said the airline made a "mayday" call before it landed in Bengaluru, as it "ran out of fuel". The pilot of 6E-6764 (A321), which took off from Guwahati at 4:40 pm, attempted to land at Chennai around 7:45, but decided to "go around" after failing to get the permission to do so. The diversion occurred because of congestion at Chennai airport, which prevented the aircraft from landing there in time, the sources said. The incident took place on Thursday and both pilots have been derostered. "The incident occurred on June 19. The flight was scheduled to arrive in Chennai at about 7.45 pm, but due to bad weather in Chennai, it could not land. The pilot opted to divert the flight to Bengaluru.

ASSEMBLE AS MANY IPHONES BUT...: RAHUL GANDHI'S 'STARK TRUTH' ON 'MAKE IN INDIA'

Diary Times Desk : Suggesting that the government's 'Make in India' initiative was a failure, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi said manufacturing was at record lows and unemployment had surged in the country. Interacting with two technicians in Delhi's Nehru Place, a popular electronics market, Gandhi said most products like mobiles were being "assembled in India" and not being built here. He posted a video of his interaction with Shivam and Saif on X. The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha suggested that electronic parts were being imported and assembled in India, benefitting China in the process. "Make in India promised a factory boom. So why is manufacturing at record lows, youth unemployment at record highs, and why have imports from China more than doubled? The truth is stark: we assemble, we import, but we don't build. China profits," the Raebareli MP pointed out.



"SAW BODIES, BLASTS": INDIAN STUDENTS RETURN FROM IRAN, FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Diary Times Desk : With an Indian flag clutched tightly in one hand and a dazed look in her eyes, Mizban stepped out of the airport visibly anxious and overwhelmed. "We saw dead bodies. Heard blasts. Saw airstrikes," she muttered, avoiding eye contact as she tried to make sense of the safety around her. "From Tehran to Qom to Mashhad, we were always on the move since the Iran-Israel conflict escalated. I'm just grateful to be home. If we're called back by my university, we'll have to decide carefully." Not far from her stood Zubeda, a single mother from Srinagar, holding a faded photograph of her son, a medical student in Tehran. "I only spoke to him once or twice during the crisis. He hid his fear to keep me strong. I want him to become a doctor, but not at the cost of living through war," she said, while scanning every face stepping through the arrival gate at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Saturday evening, as Mahan Air flight IRM071A touched down with 256 Indian students, most of them from the Kashmir Valley.

TRUMP SAYS 'MINDBOGGLINGLY HISTORIC' DEAL WITH HARVARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Diary Times Desk : After a long legal battle between Harvard University and US President Donald Trump, the latter signalled at a possible "deal" between the two. In a post on Truth Social, he said that, "We have been working closely with Harvard, and it is very possible that a Deal will be announced over the next week or so." Earlier, the president had accused Harvard of failing to clamp down and perpetuating antisemitism. He had terminated \$2 billion in grants and also tried to ban the school from granting admission to international students. Harvard had pushed back on the administration's demands, labelling them "unconstitutional". The university also argued that the demands restrict academic freedom and had taken legal action over the freezing of funds and attempts to restrict foreign student admissions. However, Harvard is not the only university to be targeted by the Trump administration. Other universities, such as Northwestern University, Cornell, and Columbia, have also had federal funding withheld for similar reasons.

IRAN'S AYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI PICKS POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS AMID ISRAEL'S ASSASSINATION THREATS, SON NOT AMONG THEM: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has reportedly named three clerics as possible successors while taking shelter in a bunker amid assassination threats from Israel during the ongoing conflict. The New York Times, citing three Iranian officials familiar with the development, reported that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has begun appointing replacements for top military commanders who were killed in Israeli strikes. Interestingly, contrary to earlier reports, the officials said Ali Khamenei's son, Mojtaba, is not among the clerics shortlisted to succeed him – despite previous claims that he was being groomed for the role. According to The New York Times report, Khamenei, 86, is aware of the possibility that Israel or the United States might attempt to assassinate him -- an act he would view as martyrdom, according to Iranian officials. In light of this threat, Khamenei has taken the rare step of directing the Assembly of Experts – the clerical body tasked with selecting Iran's next supreme.

TULSI GABBARD'S CLARIFICATION ON IRAN AFTER TRUMP'S 2ND REBUKE IN A WEEK

Diary Times Desk : Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard on Saturday said the US believes that Iran could have a nuclear weapon built "within weeks to months", hours after she was snubbed by President Donald Trump for providing "wrong" information, signalling a possible rift that has spilled out into the open. In a post on X, the spy chief said her earlier remarks that Iran was not building a nuclear weapon was taken "out of context", and agreed with the President that Tehran cannot attempt to build on its purported ambition. "The dishonest media is intentionally taking my testimony out of context and spreading fake news as a way to manufacture division. America has intelligence that Iran is at the point that it can produce a nuclear weapon within weeks to months, if they decide to finalise the assembly. President Trump has been clear that can't happen, and I agree," she posted on the micro-blogging site.

**"WON'T GET NOBEL PRIZE FOR STOPPING INDIA-PAK WAR": TRUMP CLAIMS CREDIT AGAIN**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Friday reiterated his claim of brokering peace between India and Pakistan and lamented that he won't be honoured with a Nobel Peace prize for "stopping" a possible war between the two countries last month. India, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a recent meeting, has repeatedly asserted that a ceasefire between New Delhi and Islamabad was a result of direct military talks and Washington was never roped in for mediation. "I won't get a Nobel Prize for stopping the war between India and Pakistan. I won't get a Nobel Prize for stopping the war between Serbia and Kosovo, I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize for keeping peace between Egypt and Ethiopia, and I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize for doing the Abraham Accords in the Middle East...", Mr Trump posted on his social media platform, Truth Social.

ISRAEL STRIKES IRAN'S ISFAHAN NUCLEAR FACILITY AGAIN AS CONFLICT ESCALATES

Diary Times Desk : Israel has carried out a second wave of airstrikes targeting Iran's Isfahan nuclear facility, shortly after Tehran launched a volley of five ballistic missiles toward central Israel overnight. The latest strike follows the initial Israeli attacks on June 13th, which targeted both nuclear and military infrastructure in Iran. According to the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), around 50 fighter jets were involved in bombing Iranian positions. However, Iranian state-affiliated Fars news agency reported that no hazardous material leakage occurred. Isfahan plays a central role in Iran's nuclear program, housing a uranium conversion facility and a nuclear fuel fabrication plant. "Isfahan we targeted in the first 24 hours of our operation, but we carried out a second wave of strikes there overnight, deepening our achievements and advancing the damage to the facility," an Israeli official told AFP. The same official added that additional targets were hit: "a couple more centrifuge production sites" in recent days.

EARTHQUAKE OF MAGNITUDE 5.1 HITS IRAN, SPARKS THEORIES OF NUCLEAR TESTING

Diary Times Desk : On Friday, June 20th, a powerful earthquake of 5.1 magnitude struck northern Iran's Semnan area. According to Tasnim News Agency, the earthquake happened 27 kilometres southwest of Semnan. The quake struck at a depth of 10 kilometres. However, the earthquake has now triggered a wave of speculations about whether Tehran has tested a nuclear weapon. It has also sparked concern because it struck near a city with a space and missile complex. The Semnan Space Center and the Semnan Missile Complex, run by Iran's military, are said to be located there. The earthquake comes amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran, as they enter the ninth day of the escalating war. Iran and Israel exchanged fresh attacks early on Saturday, a day after Tehran said it would not negotiate over its nuclear programme while under threat and Europe tried to keep peace talks alive. Iran's news agency IRNA said that there were no casualties and only "minimal damage".

IRAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER WARNS US ON INVOLVEMENT IN ISRAEL WAR: 'DANGEROUS FOR EVERYONE'

Diary Times Desk : Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, stated on Saturday that it would be "very dangerous for everyone" if the United States were to get involved in the country's war with Israel, reported the Associated Press. His comments emerge as the conflict between Israel and Iran continues for the second week in a row, with both countries trading drone and missile attacks on each other's military infrastructure. "Iran is ready to consider diplomacy if aggression ceases and the aggressor is held accountable for its committed crimes," Araghchi had said previously. However, on the sidelines of a meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation he told AP that it would be "very unfortunate" if the US were to start actively engaging in the war. Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu had stated that the country's military operations against Iran would continue "for as long as it takes" to eliminate the threat of Iran's nuclear program and arsenal of ballistic missiles. Meanwhile, on Friday, US President Donald Trump stated that he might consider supporting a ceasefire between the two countries but was also weighing military action if matters worsened. "I'm giving them a period of time. I would say two weeks would be the maximum," said Trump after a meeting with his national security team.

PUNJAB CABINET APPROVES KEY DECISIONS TO BOOST INDUSTRY AND DEVELOPMENT

Diary Times Desk : In an effort to woo industry, Punjab Council of Ministers has taken four important decisions to give relief to the businessmen. From a policy for allowing fragmentation of freehold industrial plots to increasing the contribution in Labour Welfare Board, the Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has given its nod to some of the long-standing demands of the industry. These demands had been raised time and again by industrialists during the Sarkar Sannatkar Milni programmes of the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The Cabinet has also given its nod to fast approvals for building plans submitted by the industry. Other than this, the Cabinet has approved of increasing the time frame for the renewal of the fire safety certificate from one year to three to five years, depending on the category of the industry. This will end the corruption in getting these certificates, said Industry Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond. The Cabinet has also given its nod to creation of 500 new posts in the jails department for wardens, matrons and assistant superintendents. The approval had also been given to increase the contribution of both employees and employers in Labour Welfare Fund.



SMUGGLERS MAKING YOUTH SWITCH FROM HEROIN TO METH

Diary Times Desk : The seizure of 7.4 kg of ICE (crystal methamphetamine) on Friday near the Attari border underlines the disturbing plan of drug smugglers to make youth shift away from chitta (heroin) to a drug that is cheaper, more potent and easier to manufacture. Acting on a tip-off, the police intercepted the high-purity ICE consignment. This marked yet another chapter in the evolving narco-war on the western frontier, with smugglers manufacturing ICE in Pakistan and Afghanistan for pushing it into India. Officials said it's a red flag in a larger transformation of the regional drug trade. With the Taliban's ban on poppy cultivation causing a near-collapse of the opium economy in Afghanistan, traffickers have swiftly adapted to manufacturing ICE using locally available ephedra plants. As The Tribune reported earlier this year, this plant-based meth is being mass-produced in makeshift labs hidden in the Afghan highlands and pushed into Punjab via Pakistan with alarming consistency.

MADHYA PRADESH WOMAN FALLS WHILE TRIES TO BOARD MOVING TRAIN IN PUNJAB, LOSES HER LEG

Diary Times Desk : A 28-year-old woman, who got off at Patiala railway station to buy refreshments when a Mumbai-Amritsar train halted there on Friday, lost her leg as she slipped and fell down while rushing to get back on the moving train, officials said. A video of the incident also went viral on social media showing two-three passengers get on to the moving train. However, the woman from Madhya Pradesh's Datia, who also tries to get on to the moving train, slips and falls on the track. The train came to a halt immediately and the woman was subsequently taken to a hospital. A Government Railway Police official said that she along with her parents was on her way to Amritsar to pay obeisance at the Golden Temple when the incident happened. The woman was later taken to a government hospital in Patiala, he said. Giving details of the incident, SHO, Government Railway Police, Patiala, Inspector Jaswinder Singh said, "The Dadar Express train from Mumbai to Amritsar

TRICITY BRACES FOR HEAVY RAIN: ORANGE ALERT ISSUED FOR CHANDIGARH, PUNJAB, AND HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : The maximum and minimum temperatures in Chandigarh have risen slightly over the past 24 hours, following a dip yesterday. Although the temperatures have increased, the overcast sky and moderate winds have provided some relief from the scorching heat in Chandigarh, Mohali, and Panchkula. According to the weather forecast, Chandigarh, Punjab, and Haryana are expected to experience heavy to very heavy rain with thunderstorms and lightning at isolated places on Sunday, prompting an orange alert. On Saturday, the maximum temperature in Chandigarh increased by 2.1 degrees Celsius after dropping by 2.7 degrees Celsius on Friday. Similarly, the minimum temperature rose by 1.1 degrees Celsius after decreasing by 0.8 degrees Celsius on Thursday night. While Chandigarh and Mohali remained dry, Panchkula received 1.5 mm of rainfall during the day. The weather department has predicted a partly cloudy sky with possible thunderstorms and rain in the Tricity region for the next five days, until June 26. Additionally, a yellow alert has been issued for thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds at speeds of 40-50 km/h in isolated areas of Chandigarh, Punjab, and Haryana until June 27, with forecasts indicating heavy rainfall.

PUNJAB MARKS 11TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Diary Times Desk : The 11th International Day of Yoga was observed across Punjab and Chandigarh on Saturday. Several events were organised on the occasion, which were joined by political leaders and other dignitaries. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann urged people to make yoga a part of their daily lives. "On the occasion of International Day of Yoga, let us make yoga a part of our daily lives for physical and mental wellbeing," Mann said in a post on X in Punjabi. At an event in Chandigarh, Punjab Governor and Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria said yoga is no longer just a form of exercise, it is now a people's movement across India. It empowers an individual, strengthens communities, and offers a timeless solution to modern challenges, he said. The Governor spoke on the spiritual, philosophical, and scientific depth of yoga, tracing its roots from the ancient Indus-Saraswati civilisation to its presence in the Rigveda, Upanishads, and Bhagavad Gita. He highlighted how yoga fosters inner balance, mindfulness, and harmony with nature. Recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary appeal at the United Nations in 2014, which led to the global declaration of International Day of Yoga, Kataria noted.

HAU ROW: HARYANA GOVT FORMS FOUR-MEMBER PANEL AS STUDENTS LAUNCH OUTREACH DRIVE

Diary Times Desk : Ten days into the student protest at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, the Haryana Government on Friday formed a four-member committee to engage with agitating students. The move comes as the students launched a statewide outreach campaign ahead of a planned Student Mahapanchayat on June 24. The government-appointed committee includes Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda, Public Works Minister Ranbir Gangwa, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Krishan Bedi and Nalwa MLA Randhir Panihar. The panel will meet students, hear their concerns and work towards an amicable resolution. The protest began on June 10 after students demanding scholarship stipends were allegedly assaulted by university security personnel and a few professors. Two students — Deepanshu and Chakshu — suffered serious head injuries, sparking a sit-in at Gate No. 4 of the campus. Support for the students has snowballed, drawing backing from students of other universities, farmer unions, Opposition parties, the local Bar association and civil society groups. Their primary demands include the Vice-Chancellor's resignation and legal action — including charges of attempted murder — against those involved in the violence.

2 DEAD AFTER ALLEGEDLY CONSUMING SPURIOUS LIQUOR IN SONEPAT VILLAGE

Diary Times Desk : Ten days into the two men were found dead near a pond in Tajpur Tihar Khurd village of the district on Sunday under suspicious circumstances. The police also recovered a bottle of country-made liquor from the spot. Villagers and family members suspect the two died after consuming spurious liquor. After receiving the information, a Sadar police team and a forensic unit arrived on the spot to inquire into the matter. The bodies were sent to the civil hospital mortuary for post-mortem examination. The deceased have been identified as Om Prakash (62) and Satender (42) — both residents of the village in Sonapat. Family members said they were seen drinking liquor by the pond. They demanded an inquiry into the matter about the sale of spurious liquor at local vends in the area. DCP West Kushal Pal Singh stated that, prima facie, both men were habitual drinkers. Excise teams have been called and samples have been collected to analyse the liquor they consumed.

APOLOGY AFTER THREAT TO HIMACHAL DY CM ON FACEBOOK

Diary Times Desk : A youth has apologised for making threatening comments on his Facebook page against Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Congress MLA Rakesh Kalia. An FIR was lodged against the youth in Haroli, Una, on the complaint of a local resident for issuing a death threat against the two leaders on his Facebook page on Thursday night. "I apologise to Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Rakesh Kalia. I had made some wrong comments against the two on my Facebook page. I apologise for it, and won't do it again," he posted on Facebook through a handle called Sharp Shooter Nabhi Wala. The police, though, has already filed an FIR against him.

ROPAR, HP COPS CONDUCT JOINT ANTI- DRUG OPERATION



Diary Times Desk : The Ropar police on Friday carried out a joint operation with the Himachal Police along the district border to nab drug peddlers. Ropar SSP Gulneet Singh Khurana said 118 individuals hooked on drugs had been admitted to de-addiction centres in the district so far. He said the Ropar police got admitted 83 addicts to government-run Nasha Mukti Kendra over the past three months to help them begin a new life. Additionally, 35 more drug addicts were also admitted for treatment and recovery. The SSP said 220 FIRs had been registered and 346 drug traffickers arrested under the NDPS Act under the Yudh Nashian Virudh campaign in Ropar district since March 1. He said 285 kg poppy husk, 877 gm opium, 566 gm charas, 15,275 intoxicating pills and capsules, 352 injections, 862 gm heroin, 3,228 kg intoxicating powder, 430 gm ganja (cannabis) and Rs 2,56,835 drug money have been seized from the arrested traffickers. He said joint inter-state checkpoints had been set up by Punjab and Himachal Police to break the drug supply chain.

HEAVY RAINFALL TO CONTINUE IN HIMACHAL TILL JUNE 27

Diary Times Desk : Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to continue across the state till June 27 as the State's Meteorological Department has issued an orange as well as yellow alert for the state. The orange warning has been issued for June 22, 23, 25, 26, resulting in heavy to very heavy rain in isolated areas of the state; and the yellow warning has been issued for June 24 and 27, resulting in heavy rain at isolated areas of the state. As per the State's Meteorological Department, light to moderate rainfall is very likely to continue at many places of the state from June 22 and 27 with few spells of heavy rain at isolated places on June 22, 24 and 27 and one or two spells of very heavy rainfall at isolated places on June 23, 25 and 26. While minimum temperatures across the state are expected to remain normal in the next four to five days, maximum temperatures are very likely to rise by 3-4°C till June 23, after which maximum temperature will fall by 3-4°C on June 25 and 26.



SAMPLES OF 47 DRUGS MADE IN HIMACHAL NOT OF STANDARD QUALITY

Diary Times Desk : Popular blood pressure lowering drug, Telmisartan tablets, and Rabepazole Sodium capsule, used for gastroesophageal reflux disease, figured among 47 drug samples that were declared substandard by the state and Central drug regulatory authorities in the drug alert issued on Friday. They figure in the list of 186 drug samples that have been declared substandard by the Central Drugs Standard Organisation (CDSCO) across the nation. Several Himachal-based firms have multiple batch failures of the same drug, thus reflecting consistent fall in the quality of the drugs. A majority of such erring firms have been figuring in the alert month after month and are based at industrial clusters of Baddi, Kala Amb, Paonta Sahib and Solan. Multiple batches of Ofloxacin tablets, and Amoxycillin and Potassium Clavulanate, both used for treating bacterial infection figure in the list of drugs declared not of standard quality. Others comprise vitamin supplements, Aceclofenac and Paracetamol tablets, folic acid syrup, Cefixime powder, Rumiheal-D, Itraconazole Ofloxacin, Ornidazole & Clobetasol Propionate cream, etc., As part of the continuous regulatory surveillance, drugs, cosmetics and medical devices samples are picked from sales and distribution point, analysed and list of 'Not of Standard Quality' (NSQ) drugs are displayed on the CDSCO portal on a monthly basis to make stakeholders aware about the NSQ batches in the market. Injections samples and cough syrups have also been found failing in quality parameters.

HIMACHAL'S SURAL VALLEY TO SOAR WITH PARAGLIDING SOON

Diary Times Desk : Sural valley, tucked away in the majestic tribal belt of Pangi, may soon become Himachal's next big adventure hotspot! If all goes as planned, paragliding could be officially introduced in the valley, giving thrill-seekers a chance to glide above some of the most stunning alpine landscapes in India. On June 23, a team from Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (ABVIMAS), Manali, will visit the proposed paragliding site at Baleen to explore its physical and technical feasibility for the aero sports. If approved, the skies above Sural valley will welcome paragliders soaring over lush meadows, snow-capped peaks and crystal-clear streams. This project also aims to bring the spotlight to Pangi's untapped tourism potential, said Chamba District Tourism Development Officer Rajeev Mishra. He said the team may also issue permits to the local operators to conduct paragliding activities and will also grant licences to the pilots if the proposed site is found suitable. The launch of paragliding could also unlock doors for self-employment and local entrepreneurship, especially for youth from Kumar, Sural and Hudan villages, helping them turn their homeland into a hub of adventure and opportunity. Last year, Pangi Tourism Team, a private organisation, had identified Sural as a promising site for adventure sports and proposed to the authorities to develop it for paragliding.

CYBER THREAT ON THE RISE: 21 PLAINTS BEING REPORTED EVERY HOUR IN HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : The National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal's (NCRP) helpline number receives at least 21 calls per hour regarding such frauds in the state. As per the state cyber cell, it records over 500 such complaints daily. These complaints include the ones regarding digital arrests, sextortion, fake investment schemes, Aadhaar or bank details updation, gifts, loans, exclusive news, etc. What's more concerning is that the number of complaints in 2025 have witnessed a surge compared to 2024, when roughly 350 complaints of cybercrime were being reported. State CID cybercrime Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Mohit Chawla said with cyber criminals using advanced techniques and innovative ways to outsmart people and defraud them, there was a need to raise awareness among people regarding the ongoing trends of cybercrime. He said people should refrain from attending suspicious calls or clicking on unknown and suspicious links as they could very likely lead to cyber fraud. "The fraudsters mainly target personal and financial information of the people. Therefore, people should avoid sharing such sensitive information with anyone and should immediately report the number. Also, people should also be aware that no government official or police or army person threatens a person and demands money from the people on video/audio calls, therefore, they should always be aware and not to get into the trap of the fraudsters," he said.



KARUN NAIR'S RETURN AFTER 8 YEARS ENDS IN A WHIMPER AS BEN STOKES DISMISSES HIM FOR A DUCK: 'DANGEROUS THING TO DO...'

Diary Times Desk : All eyes were on Karun Nair on how he performs upon his return to the Test playing XI after eight years. However, the right-handed batter disappointed as he was dismissed for a duck on Day 2 of the first Test against England at Headingley, Leeds. The 33-year-old lasted just four balls in the middle as he was sent back to the dressing room by England skipper Ben Stokes. Karun Nair went for a big booming cover drive off the bowling of Stokes. However, he was unable to time it perfectly, and Ollie Pope ended up taking a marvellous catch. Stokes bowled a full outswinger wide of off stump. There was merit in going for a cover drive. However, Karun Nair was unable to get the timing. The ball was flying, but Ollie Pope dived full length to his left and took the catch with both his hands overhead. "He was looking to play a cover drive. Dangerous thing to do at the start of your innings. He would have been better off had he slashed at that delivery," said Sanjay Manjrekar on air while commenting on JioHotstar.



"HAPPY INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY": RISHABH PANT'S SOMERSAULT CELEBRATION AFTER RECORD-BREAKING TON TRIGGERS MEME FEST

Diary Times Desk : Rishabh Pant slammed his seventh Test ton in style for India vs England on Day 2 of 1st Test In Leeds. The star wicketkeeper-batter on Saturday went past MS Dhoni for the most centuries by an Indian wicketkeeper in Test cricket. Pant struck a six off the first ball of the 100th over of India's innings, clearing the fence off Shoaib Bashir to bring up the milestone. It was his first century since September 2024 when he scored 109 against Bangladesh. In 90 Tests, Dhoni had scored 4,876 runs with six tons and 33 fifties at an average of 38.09 and remains the highest run-scorer as an Indian wicketkeeper-batter in Tests. Pant, who completed 3,000 runs during this innings, also has 15 fifties in 44 Tests and averages nearly 44. The third in this list is Wriddhiman Saha with two centuries, followed by Syed Kirmani and Farokh Engineer with two each. Nayan Mongia also scored one century. What followed was a viral celebration, similar to what he did after scoring a ton for Lucknow Super Giants against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. It triggered a meme fest on social media, with one social media user calling it, "Happy international Yoga Day Rishabh Pant Style". Rishabh Pant ultimately got out after hitting a 178-ball 134.

NEERAJ CHOPRA BEATS JULIAN WEBER TO WIN FIRST DIAMOND LEAGUE TITLE IN TWO YEARS

Diary Times Desk : Olympic medal-winning Indian javelin throw superstar Neeraj Chopra clinched his first Diamond League title in two years, upstaging German rival Julian Weber without having to hit the 90m mark in a strong field in Paris. The 27-year-old Chopra won the title late on Friday night with his first round throw of 88.16m in a star-studded field, which featured five from the coveted 90m club. His second throw measured 85.10m and he then fouled his next three attempts before recording 82.89m in his sixth and final effort. Weber was second with his opening throw of 87.88m, while Luiz Mauricio Da Silva of Brazil was third with his third round attempt of 86.62m. "I am happy with my throw....My run-up was really fast today. I can't control my speed, but I'm happy with the result and with the first position," the Haryana-lad, who has a gold and silver in back-to-back Olympics, told the broadcaster. Chopra had won his last DL title in Lausanne in June 2023 with a throw of 87.66m. After that, he finished second in six DL meetings. This was his first win in the Paris leg of the prestigious series. He last competed in the Paris DL in 2017 as a junior world champion and finished fifth with a throw of 84.67m. "I will compete in Ostrava (Golden Spike athletic meet) after four days on the 24th of June.

CHETESHWAR PUJARA 'HITS BACK' AT MICHAEL VAUGHAN'S INDIA LOSS PREDICTION, SUNIL GAVASKAR'S REACTION SAYS IT ALL

Diary Times Desk : Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara took a hilarious jibe at ex-England player Michael Vaughan for the latter's tweet which he posted around four years ago. Vaughan, who is quite active on social media and also vocal, had made a bold prediction regarding the Australia vs India Test series 2020-21. After visitors India suffered a disappointing loss in the first game of the four-match series, Vaughan had predicted Australia to win it 4-0. As it happened, India put up a perfect turnaround and claimed the series 2-1. Pujara, who was also a part of the series, framed the post from Vaughan and got it signed from the former England player when the two were present in the commentary box on Day 1 of the first Test against England in Leeds. Yashasvi Jaiswal and captain Shubman Gill announced their readiness to carry India's batting into the post Virat Kohli-Rohit Sharma era, striking marvellous hundreds to guide the visitors to a dominant 359 for three against a faltering England on the first day of the opening Test in Leeds on Friday.



BRITS SLAMS CAREER-BEST 98* AS WEST INDIES GO DOWN IN FIRST T20I

Diary Times Desk : Tazmin Brits slammed a career-best 98 not out, off just 63 balls, to lead South Africa to a 50-run win in the opening T20I against West Indies in Cave Hill on Friday. There was little resistance from West Indies with either the ball or the bat, though two individual efforts stood out: Jahzara Claxton's three top-order wickets and Jannillea Glasgow's 53 not out from 44 balls in the second half of the chase, but it was far too little. Asked to bat, South Africa lost captain Laura Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp to Claxton inside five overs, and finished the powerplay on 44 for 2, but Brits and Nadine de Klerk were already starting to go fast. The two brought up a 71-run stand for the third wicket in just over six overs, Brits very much the aggressor, scoring 42 of the runs in that partnership. De Klerk fell in the 11th over for 21, Claxton again the bowler with the wicket, and though there was no major contribution from the rest of the batters bar Chloe Tryon's 16 in nine balls before she was run out, Brits batted through the innings, hitting nine fours and four sixes.

KONSTAS HOPES EARLY LESSONS WILL GUIDE HIM IN WEST INDIES

Diary Times Desk : Young Australian opener Sam Konstas believes he has come a long way after his Boxing Day Test debut, where he scored a blazing half-century. The batter who did not feature for Australia in the ICC World Test Championship 2025 Final, is expected to open the innings along with Usman Khawaja in the West Indies. "There were quite a few lessons - one was my mental side," the young opener told cricket.com.au as he recollected memories from his first Test match against India. "That was my first time playing in front of a big crowd at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), so I've worked on trying to control my emotions better. "The second thing would be technical. I've been working on a few things with my front foot, opening it up slightly to get better access. It just helps work on my defence, as I felt there may be a slight weakness in that. "Those are the two things I'm working on and hopefully holds me in a good stead for the next few games." Konstas had everyone talking after he took on India seamer Jasprit Bumrah in his very first game and made an impact with his debut knock. "It was good reflecting and having a bit of time off to try to strengthen my game up," he added. The right-hander feels he is not trying to prove how he approaches his game to others while also speaking with his seniors.