

## PM NARENDRA MODI

# "REITERATED OUR CALL FOR DE-ESCALATION": PM MODI SPEAKS TO IRAN PRESIDENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian today and expressed concern at the recent escalations in the Iran-Israel conflict. The US entered the conflict today by attacking three sites in Iran -- Natanz, Isfahan and the mountain-buried Fordow, all key parts of Tehran's nuclear programme, which it maintains is purely for civilian purposes.

The call that lasted 45 minutes came from Mr Pezeshkian in the wake of the US attack on Iranian nuclear facilities, sources said. The Iranian president briefed PM Modi in detail on the evolving situation, the sources said, adding he described India as a friend and partner in promoting regional peace, security and stability.

Mr Pezeshkian thanked PM Modi for India's position and called for de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy, sources said. India's voice and role was important in restoring regional peace and stability, he said.

"Spoke with President of Iran Masoud Pezeshkian. We discussed in detail about the current situation. Expressed deep concern at the recent escalations. Reiterated our call for immediate de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy as the way forward and for early restoration of regional peace, security and stability," PM Modi said in a post on X. Fordow was struck by at least six B-2 stealth bombers this morning, while Tomahawk cruise missiles struck the other two sites in Iran.



## PAHALGAM ATTACK

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Announcing a big breakthrough in its probe into the heinous attack, the anti-terror agency has said it has arrested two men for harbouring the terrorists who carried out the attack at Pahalgam's Baisaran Valley, also known as 'Mini Switzerland'. "The two men - Parvaiz Ahmad Jothar from Batkote, Pahalgam and Bashir Ahmad Jothar of Hill Park, Pahalgam - have disclosed the identities of the three armed terrorists involved in the attack, and have also confirmed that they were Pakistani nationals affiliated to the proscribed terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)," the NIA said in a statement.

"Parvaiz and Bashir had knowingly harboured the three armed terrorists at a seasonal dhok (hut) at Hill Park before the attack, as per NIA investigations. The two men had provided food, shelter and logistical support to the terrorists, who had, on the fateful afternoon, selectively killed the tourists on the basis of their religious identity, making it one of the most gruesome terrorist attacks ever," it added. The two accused have been arrested under Section 19 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, which relates to punishment for harboring a terrorist. The NIA has said further investigation into the case is on. In an attack that shocked the nation, armed terrorists shot dead 25 tourists and a Kashmiri pony ride operator in cold blood at Pahalgam's Baisaran Valley. According to eyewitnesses and the victims' family members.

AIR INDIA DELHI-BIRMINGHAM FLIGHT DIVERTED TO RIYADH  
FOLLOWING BOMB THREAT

**Diary Times Desk :** An Air India flight from Birmingham to the national capital was diverted to Riyadh due to a bomb threat on Saturday and landed safely in the Saudi city. In a statement on Sunday, the Tata Group-owned airline, which has temporarily reduced services ensure operational stability, said alternative arrangements are being made to fly the passengers from Riyadh to their destinations. "Flight AI114 from Birmingham to Delhi of 21 June received a bomb threat and was consequently diverted to Riyadh where it has landed safely and has completed security checks. All passengers have been deplaned and are being provided hotel accommodation," it said. In the wake of the fatal crash of its aircraft in Ahmedabad on June 12, Air India has voluntarily undertaken enhanced pre-flight safety checks and temporary reduction of services to improve stability. "Despite all efforts, due to extraneous factors such as airspace closures in the Middle East, nighttime curfew at several airports in Europe and East Asia, air traffic congestion, unforeseen operational issues, certain flights get delayed or cancelled," the carrier said.



AIR INDIA CURTAILS FLIGHTS ON 22  
ROUTES TO STABILISE OPERATIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** Air India on Sunday announced fresh temporary reductions in its domestic and short-haul international network, cutting back less than 5 per cent of its narrow-body operations. This fresh development comes on the heels of earlier announced cuts to its wide-body international services. According to the Air India, the airline will suspend flights on three routes and reduce frequency on 19 others until at least July 15. The move, according to Air India, is intended to bolster overall operational stability and reduce last-minute disruptions for passengers. The suspended routes include: Bengaluru-Singapore (AI2392/2393) – seven weekly flights, Pune-Singapore (AI2111/2110) – seven weekly flights and Mumbai-Bagdogra (AI551/552) – seven weekly flights. The frequency reductions span several high-traffic domestic sectors. For instance, the Delhi-Mumbai route will see a cut from 176 to 165 weekly flights, while Mumbai-Kolkata will drop from 42 to 30 flights weekly.

ANTI-NAXAL OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE: AMIT  
SHAH AT REVIEW MEET WITH POLICE CHIEFS



**Diary Times Desk :** Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the security forces would maintain relentless pressure on Naxalites during the monsoon season, breaking their traditional respite period. Chairing a high-level review meeting in Raipur with top police officials from seven Naxal-affected states, Shah ruled out negotiations and appealed to Maoists to abandon violence and join the mainstream. He said the government would not allow Naxalites to exploit the rainy season as a time of reprieve. "Earlier, Naxalites used to rest during monsoon due to operational challenges, but this time, security forces will ensure they get no respite," he said. The Home Minister reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to eradicating Naxalism by March 2026. The meeting, attended by DGPs and senior officers from Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Odisha, reviewed the significant progress made in anti-Naxal operations. Since January 2023, over 400 Maoists have been neutralized, including the high-profile killing of CPI (Maoist) general secretary Nambala Keshav Rao in Bastar last month. Shah urged remaining insurgents to lay down arms and embrace development, signalling the government's firm stance against any talks with extremists.

BLOCKING OF STRAIT OF HORMUZ WILL IMPACT  
INDIA'S ENERGY PROCUREMENT: EXPERTS

**Diary Times Desk :** Any blocking or disruption of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz – a narrow passage connecting the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea – will have significant global and regional impact, including India's energy security, strategic affairs experts said on Sunday. Following the US bombing of three major Iranian nuclear sites this morning, Tehran has indicated that closing the Strait of Hormuz for shipping is one of the options on the table to pressure its adversaries. Nearly 30 per cent of global oil and a third of the world's LNG (liquefied natural gas) passes through the strait daily and its closure would immediately reduce global supplies triggering a spike in prices, they said. The shutting down of the narrow passage would have significant global repercussions across energy markets and it will impact India's energy security as well, said Dr Laxman Kumar Behera, Associate Professor.



**YOUR HOROSCOPE**  
23-06-2025

**Aries**  
Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

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

**Gemini**  
Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.

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

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

**Virgo**  
Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.

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

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

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

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

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

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





### HIMACHAL WEATHER TODAY: MONSOON ADVANCES IN MOST PARTS OF HIMACHAL, ALERT FOR HEAVY RAIN FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS

**Diary Times Desk :** The southwest monsoon has advanced in most parts of Himachal Pradesh on Sunday. There is an alert of heavy rain for seven consecutive days in many parts of the state. Orange alert has been issued for four days and yellow alert for three days. Last night, 30.0 mm rain was recorded in Kasauli, 21.0 in Jot, 13.0 in Murari Devi, 9.8 in Mandi, 8.1 in Karsog, 5.2 in Pachhad, 4.0 in Jogindernagar, 1.6 in Shimla, 1.4 in Palampur, 0.6 mm in Solan and Sundarnagar. Today, in the next six hours, moderate to heavy rain is expected at many places in Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmaur, Solan, Una. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, the forecast of rain continuing in the state till June 28 is. Heavy rain is likely at most places on 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27 June, heavy rain may occur once or twice at isolated places on 24 and 27 June. Heavy to very heavy rain may occur once or twice at isolated places on 23, 25, 26 and 27 June. Heavy rain alert has been issued in Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Chamba, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur districts.



### HIMACHAL: PEOPLE ARE BEING CHEATED IN THE NAME OF INVESTING IN CRYPTO CURRENCY, CYBER CRIME CELL WARNS

**Diary Times Desk :** Illegal trading of crypto currency is going on on the dark web. People of Himachal are also losing lakhs and crores of rupees by investing in unverified exchanges and coins. In view of such cases coming continuously in the state, the Cyber Crime Cell of the police has advised people to be cautious while investing in crypto currency. In the year 2021, people have become victims of fraud of about Rs 2,000 crore by investing in crypto currency. Despite this, people are still falling prey to fraud in the name of crypto currency in the pursuit of earning many times more profit. In the year 2024, 135 complaints of fraud in the name of investment in crypto currency have been received by the Cyber Crime Cell in the state, while 35 cases have been reported so far this year. The Cyber Crime Cell has instructed people to immediately call 1930 if they fall victim to such fraud. According to Cyber Crime, many cyber criminals on social media make people victims of fraud by giving them many temptations including doubling the money.

### JAIRAM SAID- STATE GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR WAYS OF CORRUPTION IN FINA SINGH PROJECT TOO

**Diary Times Desk :** Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur again targeted Sukhu government and alleged that the government is looking for ways of corruption in the Fina Singh project funded by the central government. Sukhu government is manipulating the tender conditions, due to which the state is losing crores of rupees. He said that by banning joint venture, the government is flouting the rules on one hand and on the other hand is showing the way out to many big companies from the tender process. Due to this, many companies were out of the tender process and the competition of the tender decreased. The pre-determined game started after this and the favorite companies of the government have started playing together. The result of this is that the tender price of Fina Singh project, which was Rs 297 crore, has received the lowest bid of Rs 304 crore. The government will now give work to these companies and lose crores of rupees to the state. Earlier, the government got the Pekhubela Solar Project constructed at double the price. He alleged that Vimal Negi also lost his life in this incident. Jairam said that to complete the Fina Singh irrigation project on time and speed up the construction work, the Union Jal Shakti Ministry had approved a budget of Rs 284 crore in August last year by including it in the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana. In this, 90 percent is to be spent by the Center.

### HP CONSTABLE RECRUITMENT: 30 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED SO FAR IN THE CASE OF CHEATING OF CANDIDATES IN THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

**Diary Times Desk :** So far, the police have questioned 30 people in the case of cheating candidates in the police constable recruitment written examination. Apart from the candidates who gave the written examination, the suspects who were in contact with the arrested accused have also been questioned. Also, statements of the officials of the concerned bank have also been recorded regarding the details of the bank accounts of the accused. The police is questioning the people who came in contact with the accused Vikram and Balvindra in the case. So far, no wires have been connected to the outside states of the state in the police investigation. So far, only the candidates and other people of Jawali and Chamba area of Kangra district have been questioned. In this, the police is summoning the candidates and the suspects coming up in the case to Palampur Police Station for questioning on the basis of their names. The investigation is being carried forward on all points in the case. On the other hand, SP Kangra Shalini Agnihotri said that about 30 people have been questioned in this cheating case. Whoever's name is coming up in the investigation of the case, he is being called for questioning. The name of any person from outside the state has not yet come to light in the case.



### SHIMLA: NOW STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DO TWO DEGREE OR DIPLOMA COURSES SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM HPU, THE UNIVERSITY HAS NOTIFIED THE RULES

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh University will allow students to pursue two degrees or diploma courses with a degree simultaneously from this academic session. This step has been taken in line with the National Education Policy (NEP). The university has notified the relevant rules for this, so that now students will be able to take admission in various academic programs simultaneously. However, any other degree or diploma course along with PhD will not be allowed. According to the new rules, students will have to give an affidavit to the Controller of Examinations to take admission in the course in HPU or other universities. Apart from this, it will be mandatory for the students to be registered in the National Academic Depository (NAD) and Academic Bank of Credit (ABC). This facility will be applicable to the students of PG-Professional and affiliated degree colleges operating in the campus of HPU. HPU Dean of Studies Prof. BK Shivram said that now the students will have the freedom to take admission in any faculty related course, provided they meet the prescribed eligibility criteria.

### HIMACHAL: TEACHER ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF MOLESTING GIRL STUDENTS, CASE CAME TO LIGHT IN SHIKSHA SAMVAD

**Diary Times Desk :** 24 girl students have accused a teacher of a school in Rajgarh area of Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh of indecent behaviour and molestation. On Saturday, the parents of the girl students and the local people gathered in the school premises and staged a fierce protest. People raised slogans against the principal and shouted slogans of 'Give justice to daughters'. Seeing the serious situation, SDM Rajgarh Rajkumar Thakur and the police station in-charge reached the school. The protesting people accused the principal of not taking appropriate action in the matter. Seeing the anger of the people, the accused teacher absconded from the school. People calmed down on the intervention of the SDM and the assurance of registering an FIR. After this, the police registered a case against the teacher and arrested him. According to the information, on Friday, this matter came to the notice of the school administration during the education dialogue.

HUNDREDS MARK 11TH INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY ACROSS NOIDA, GHAZIABAD

**Diary Times Desk :** Hundreds of residents, government officials, and public representatives gathered at Noida Stadium in Sector 21A on Saturday to celebrate the 11th International Yoga Day under the theme “One Earth, One Health”. The event, organised by the Gautam Budh Nagar district administration, opened with a live telecast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address, followed by a mass yoga session led by trained instructors in line with the Common Yoga Protocol. District magistrate Manish Kumar Verma lauded the scale of public engagement, saying, “Gautam Budh Nagar has witnessed overwhelming participation in Yoga Day events this year. Citizens from every walk of life came forward to embrace yoga. It is a strong medium to unite humanity and strengthen the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.” Minister in charge for Gautam Budh Nagar, Brijesh Singh; principal secretary of tourism, culture and religious affairs Mukesh Kumar Meshram; and the DM jointly inaugurated the event. “Yoga is not merely a physical exercise; it is a spiritual discipline and a form of daily sadhana,” Singh said. “Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, International Yoga Day has evolved into a global movement promoting unity, concentration, and positive thinking.”

ANOTHER FLIGHT CARRYING OVER 160 VALLEY STUDENTS LANDS AT IGI AIRPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** A flight carrying 256 Indian students, including 160 from Kashmir, landed in New Delhi on Saturday. After reaching New Delhi they boarded buses to their homes provided by the J&K government to ferry the students to their home towns. “In the morning more than 160 students arrived in New Delhi and are now on way to Srinagar,” J&K Students association convener Nasir Khuehami said, adding that the Mahan Air evacuation flight IRM071A carrying over 256 Indian students, the majority from the Kashmir Valley has safely landed at Delhi Airport. “Sigh of relief for families who had been anxiously waiting for their children’s safe return. Many of these students were frightened and emotionally drained after enduring days of uncertainty and fear in the conflict zone. Their safe arrival has brought a huge sigh of relief to their loved ones back home. Thanks to Government of India for their efforts and timely coordination with Iranian authorities. We remain committed to ensuring the safe evacuation of all remaining students, especially those from vulnerable and remote regions.

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CRACK ON HOSUR FLYOVER DISRUPTS BENGALURU-BOUND TRAFFIC, TRIGGERS MAJOR JAM

**Diary Times Desk :** A structural fault on the Hosur flyover along the busy Chennai-Bengaluru National Highway caused a major traffic disruption on Saturday, forcing authorities to suspend vehicular movement toward Bengaluru and triggering long snarls in the area. According to officials, the flyover near the Hosur Bus Stand developed a significant lateral shift of about half a foot, accompanied by a visible crack in its central section. The unexpected shift raised serious safety concerns, prompting immediate action from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Following an emergency inspection by NHAI engineers and road safety teams, authorities decided to shut down the flyover entirely as a precautionary measure, diverting all vehicles to the adjacent service road. The sudden closure led to intense traffic congestion, with Bengaluru-bound vehicles from Salem and Chennai via Krishnagiri forced to take the narrow service lane instead of the elevated corridor.

AIR INDIA FLIGHT FROM UK’S BIRMINGHAM TO DELHI DIVERTED TO RIYADH AFTER HOAX BOMB THREAT

**Diary Times Desk :** An Air India flight from Birmingham to Delhi was diverted to Riyadh on Friday after receiving a bomb threat mid-air. All passengers onboard flight AI114 are safe, the airline confirmed in a statement today. The aircraft made an emergency landing at Riyadh airport, where security agencies conducted a full sweep of the plane. No explosive material was found during the inspection. “The aircraft has landed safely, all passengers have been deplaned, and security checks have been completed,” an Air India spokesperson said in a statement. Passengers are being accommodated in hotels while the airline is arranging their travel to Delhi. Riyadh was chosen as the diversion point due to its proximity and availability of emergency handling facilities. Passengers of the flight are expected to depart from Riyadh for Delhi within the next 24 hours.



‘YELLOW’ ALERT FOR RAIN, THUNDERSTORM IN DELHI TOMORROW: WEATHER OFFICE

**Diary Times Desk :** A ‘yellow’ alert has been issued for light to moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm and gusty winds at speeds of 30 to 40 kilometres per hour in Delhi, the weather department said. The national capital recorded a maximum temperature of 36.2 degrees Celsius, 1.3 notches below the seasonal average, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The minimum temperature settled at 28.4 degrees Celsius, while the relative humidity stood at 78 per cent at 5.30 pm. The city received 0.1 mm of light rainfall accompanied with wind on Saturday. According to the weather department, the maximum temperature is expected to hover around 34 degrees Celsius while the minimum is expected to settle at 27 degrees Celsius. Delhi’s air quality was recorded in the “satisfactory” category at 4 pm on Sunday , with an Air Quality Index (AQI) reading of 98, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data showed. According to the CPCB, an AQI between zero and 50 is considered ‘good’.

INDORE MAN WHO RENTED FLAT TO SONAM, KILLERS, ARRESTED FOR HIDING EVIDENCE

**Diary Times Desk :** A property dealer from Indore who rented a flat to one of Raja Raghuvanshi’s killers after the sinister crime has been arrested for allegedly concealing crucial evidence. According to the Meghalaya Special Investigation Team (SIT), officials said Silome James had rented a flat in Indore’s Hirabagh locality to one of three killers – Vishal Singh Chauhan. The victim’s wife, Sonam Raghuvanshi – who is the prime accused in the murder case – is also believed to have stayed in the flat between May 26 and June 8, before she surrendered to the police. During her interrogation, Sonam said she left a black-coloured bag in the flat on June 8 and left for Ghazipur. Sonam’s phone, Raja’s jewellery, Rs five lakh cash, and a country-made pistol were also kept in the flat. However, when the police raided the house, they did not find anything. The police then interrogated the flat’s property dealer, James, twice – but he did not reveal anything. Preliminary investigation, however, revealed that two days after Sonam surrendered.



## US STRIKES ON IRAN 'IN FULL COORDINATION' WITH ISRAEL, SAYS NETANYAHU

**Diary Times Desk :** As the Iran-Israel conflict enters its second week, the US has joined in on the attacks and struck three Iranian nuclear sites on Sunday. Shortly after US' strikes on Iran, Israeli officials told media that Israel was informed of the attacks in advance. As per state broadcaster Kan, Israeli officials stated that Israel was 'in full coordination' with the US for the strikes on the Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan nuclear sites. Furthermore, Israeli officials also told Axios that Tel Aviv was aware of the US' plan to strike Iran. After Trump's address at the White House, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu took to X and shared that the strikes against Iran were carried out "in full coordination". "A short time ago, in full coordination between me and President Trump, and in full operational coordination between the IDF and the United States military, the United States attacked Iran's three nuclear facilities: Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan. In doing so, the United States continued, with greater intensity and with great force, the attacks of the IDF and the Mossad on Iran's nuclear program.

## MANY NATIONS READY TO SUPPLY IRAN WITH THEIR NUCLEAR WARHEADS: TOP PUTIN AIDE

**Diary Times Desk :** Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi announced on Sunday that he will travel to Moscow for high-level talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, following overnight US airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities. Speaking at a press conference on the sidelines of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit in Istanbul, Mr Araghchi said the consultations with President Putin would take place Monday morning. The move comes in the immediate aftermath of the US targeting three key Iranian nuclear sites, in what Washington has described as a "necessary step" to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. "Russia is a friend of Iran, we always consult with each other," Araghchi told reporters. "I'm going to Moscow this afternoon for serious consultations with the Russian president tomorrow morning." The strikes, ordered by US President Donald Trump, took place late Saturday night, nine days into an Israeli-led aerial campaign targeting Iranian nuclear infrastructure. U.S. officials claimed the attacks were focused on neutralising Iran's potential nuclear weapons programme.

## DAY AFTER BACKING TRUMP FOR NOBEL PRIZE, PAKISTAN CONDEMNS US ATTACK ON IRAN

**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan on Sunday condemned the US attacks on Iran's nuclear facilities, calling them a violation of international law and warning of the risk of further escalation of violence in the region. Pakistan's condemnation came a day after Pakistan backed US President Donald Trump as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. The US on early Sunday morning attacked Iran's Fordo, Isfahan and Natanz nuclear sites with the aim of destroying the country's nuclear programme. US President Trump warned of additional strikes if Iran retaliated. Reacting to the development, the Foreign Office (FO) of Pakistan in a statement said: "Pakistan condemns the US attacks on the nuclear facilities of Iran, which follow the series of attacks by Israel. We are gravely concerned at the possible further escalation of tensions in the region."

## AFTER US STRIKES, IRAN PLANS TO CLOSE OIL CORRIDOR STRAIT OF HORMUZ: REPORT



**Diary Times Desk :** Iran is considering closing the key oil shipping route Strait of Hormuz after the US bombed three of its nuclear facilities, Iranian media reported today. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most critical chokepoints, through which a fifth of global oil and gas supply flows. It connects the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. The narrow channel, approximately 33 km wide at the narrowest point, separates Iran (north) from the Arabian Peninsula (south). But shipping lanes in the waterway are even narrower - 3 km wide in each direction, making them vulnerable to attacks and threats of being shut down, which Iran has decided to do now. The bulk of oil exports from regional powerhouses - Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the UAE, Qatar, Iran, and Kuwait - must transit this narrow waterway. In the past, it was the West - chiefly the US and Europe - that stood most exposed to disruption in Persian Gulf energy flows, but today it is China and Asia that would bear the brunt of any closure.

## IRAN USES ITS BIGGEST MISSILE TO STRIKE ISRAEL AFTER US BOMBING

**Diary Times Desk :** Iran has used its biggest missile capable of carrying the heaviest payload in its attacks on Israel, hours after US bomber jets struck three nuclear facilities that are believed to be nurturing Tehran's nuclear ambitions. The Iranian state TV aired footage of what appeared to be a file of the Khorramshahr-4 missile, claiming it was used in today's attack. Iran launched at least 40 missiles after the US action, including Khorramshahr-4 according to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The missile is described as having 2,000-km range and a 1,500-kg warhead, but Iran says the missile can carry multiple warheads. Reports suggest the missile is named after the Iranian Khorramshahr city that saw heavy fighting during the Iraq-Iran War in the 1980s. It is also known as Kheibar, again named after a Jewish fortress, now in Saudi, which was captured in the 7th century. Rescuers say at least 11 injuries were reported in the missile attacks this morning in retaliation to the US strikes on Iran.

## US B-2 BOMBERS AND BUNKER-BUSTERS USED IN IRAN STRIKE

**Diary Times Desk :** The US Air Force's B-2 Spirit stealth bombers were involved in strikes on Iran's nuclear sites on Saturday. Three Iranian nuclear sites were struck in a "very successful attack", President Donald Trump said on Saturday, adding that the crown jewel of Tehran's nuclear program, Fordow, is gone. The B-2 is one of America's most advanced strategic weapons platforms, capable of entering sophisticated air defences and delivering precision strikes against hardened targets such as Iran's buried network of nuclear research facilities. The US B-2 costs about \$2.1 billion each, making it the most expensive military aircraft ever built. Made by Northrop Grumman, the bomber, with its cutting-edge stealth technology, began its production run in the late 1980s but was curbed by the fall of the Soviet Union. Only 21 were made after the Pentagon's planned acquisition program was truncated. The bomber's range of over 6,000 nautical miles (11,112 km) without refuelling enables global strike capabilities from continental US bases.

## FRED SMITH, FEDEX FOUNDER WHO REVOLUTIONISED PACKAGE DELIVERY BUSINESS, DIES AT 80

**Diary Times Desk :** Fred Smith, the FedEx Corp. founder who revolutionised the express delivery industry, has died, the company said. He was 80. FedEx started operating in 1973, delivering small parcels and documents more quickly than the postal service. Over the next half-century, Smith, a Marine Corp. veteran, oversaw the growth of a company that became something of an economic bellwether because so many other companies rely on it. Memphis, Tennessee-based FedEx, became a global transportation and logistics company that averages 17 million shipments per business day. Smith stepped down as CEO in 2022 but remained executive chairman. Smith, a 1966 graduate of Yale University, used a business theory he came up with in college to create a delivery system based on coordinated air cargo flights centred on a main hub, a "hub and spokes" system, as it became known. The company also played a major role in the shift by American business and industry to a greater use of time-sensitive deliveries and less dependence on large inventories and warehouses. Smith once told The Associated Press that he came up with the name Federal Express because he wanted the company to sound big and important when in fact it was a start-up operation.



## AAP DEFENDS CHIEF SECRETARY'S APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON OF LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES

**Diary Times Desk :** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday defended its decision to appoint the Chief Secretary as the Chairperson of local housing development authorities, stating the move is aimed at speeding up development works. The party highlighted that in several states, Chief Secretaries head such committees. Responding to opposition allegations that the amendment to Section 29 (3) of the PRDPT Act undermines the Chief Minister's authority, AAP Punjab president and Renewable Energy Minister Aman Arora clarified that the step has been taken solely to eliminate delays in development work. "While the Chief Secretary will approve proposals, the final approval will still rest with the Punjab Urban Development Authority and the Cabinet. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is the chairman of PUDA and head of the Cabinet, so the ultimate decision will be his. How is his authority being undermined?" he questioned. Opposition parties Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) have accused AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal of undermining Punjab CM Mann's authority by removing him as Chairman of the Punjab Regional Town Planning & Development Board, alleging vested interests behind the move.



## HC WARNS AGAINST BASELESS PETITIONS CHALLENGING EXPERT ANSWERS IN COMPETITIVE EXAMS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab and Haryana High Court has flagged the growing trend of unsuccessful candidates filing unwarranted petitions to challenge the correctness of competitive exam answers determined by subject experts, while cautioning that such baseless litigation will attract stern action and heavy costs in future. Issuing a clear warning, Justice Vinod S. Bhardwaj ruled that the courts could not be asked to substitute judicial opinion for academic conclusions purely on the basis of a candidate's disagreement. "Let it be made abundantly clear that in future, if similarly misconceived and unmeritorious petitions are brought before this court seeking to substitute judicial opinion for expert academic conclusions without any demonstrable illegality, arbitrariness or mala fides, the same shall be dealt with sternly, and appropriate costs shall be imposed to deter abuse of the judicial process".

## PUNJAB CABINET CLEARS POLICY TO SPLIT INDUSTRIAL PLOTS OVER 1,000 SQ YARDS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab Cabinet has given a major relief to the industry by approving a policy allowing fragmentation of big industrial plots across Punjab State Industries and Export Corporation (PSIEC)-managed industrial estates, focal points and growth centres. The policy existed since 2005 when it was approved by the Board of Directors of the PSIEC, registered as a company under Companies Act. However, as it lacked state government's approval, a major controversy had erupted three years ago when a 25-acre industrial plot in Mohali was fragmented into 125 plots and sold off. The Cabinet has now decided to immediately resume the services, halted by the PSIEC Board of Directors in 2022 and 2023, to previously fragmented plots under prescribed norms. Industrialists had been demanding a policy framework on the fragmentation of plots for some time. The issue was discussed at various "Sarkar Sanatkar Milni" programmes of the ruling party with industrialists.

## NIA CHARGESHEETS KEY AIDE OF LANDA AND GANGSTER BATALA IN PUNJAB TERROR CONSPIRACY CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted Jatinder Singh alias Joti, a key aide of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Lakhbir Singh alias Landa and dreaded gangster Pavittar Batala in a Punjab terror conspiracy case. Jatinder, hailing from Gurdaspur district of Punjab, was arrested in the case by the NIA from Mumbai on December 23, 2024. The NIA had found during the investigation that Jatinder was involved in illegal procurement and supply of firearms from Madhya Pradesh to Punjab-based gangsters. He was facilitating the supply of weapons to ground operatives of Batala, a close associate of designated individual terrorist Landa. Batala's foreign-based associates were coordinating Jatinder's operations in India. The weapons were being used by Batala's operatives in Punjab to promote BKI's criminal-terror activities. It was further found during the NIA investigations that Jatinder used to procure illegal weapons from a known arms supplier, Baljeet Singh alias Rana Bhai, in Madhya Pradesh. Baljeet had already been arrested and chargesheeted by the NIA.

## MONSOON ENTERS PUNJAB THREE DAYS EARLIER THAN NORMAL; WIDESPREAD RAINS EXPECTED

**Diary Times Desk :** Monsoons have entered Punjab three days earlier than normal, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Sunday, with heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over many parts of Northwest India till June 28. "South-West monsoon has further advanced over most parts of Himachal Pradesh, entire Ladakh and Kashmir, most parts of Jammu and some parts of Punjab," a bulletin issued by IMD on June 22 said. The northern limit of the monsoon now passes through Barmer, Jaipur, Agra, Rampur, Dehradun, Shimla, Jammu and Pathankot. Conditions are favourable for its further advance into some parts of Rajasthan, Punjab, some parts of Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu during the next two days, IMD said. The arrival of monsoon in Punjab and western Jammu region was expected around June 25. Till June 21, the northern limit was passing over Barmer, Jaipur, Agra, Rampur, Dehradun, Shimla, Manali and Nyoma in Ladakh. In 2024, monsoon advanced through some parts of Punjab on June 27 and Haryana on June 28, and had covered both the states entirely by July 2, IMD data shows. Punjab had received 314.6 mm rain against the seasonal average of 439.8 mm, while Haryana received 409.4 mm against the normal of 430.7 mm.

## SARASWATI RIVER NEEDS COLLECTIVE CARE, NOT POLLUTION, SAYS HSHDB OFFICIAL

**Diary Times Desk :** Dhuman Singh Kirmach, Vice-Chairperson of the Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB), on Sunday conducted an inspection of a stretch of the Saraswati River in Pehowa, stressing the need for community participation in preserving the sanctity and cleanliness of the river. During the inspection, which was also attended by officials from the Irrigation Department, Kirmach, expressed concern over the release of dirty water and garbage into the river by local residents. "The state government is making sincere efforts to rejuvenate the river and develop shrines along its banks," he said. "But it is unfortunate that some people are still polluting this sacred river. This is absolutely unacceptable." Kirmach warned of strict action against those who block the natural flow of the river or dump waste into it, emphasising that residents of Pehowa must take shared responsibility for maintaining cleanliness. He directed officials to keep close watch on pollution points and take swift action if any negligence is found — either on the part of individuals or government officers.

## WATER CRISIS SPARKS PROTEST IN SIRSA VILLAGE

**Diary Times Desk :** Phoolkan village in Sirsa district witnessed a strong protest on Saturday after weeks of drinking water shortage caused by the negligence of waterworks staff. Angry over irregular water supply, a group of villagers stormed the local water treatment plant (Jalghar) and warned the Public Health Engineering Department to fix the issue within two days or face a complete shutdown of the plant. According to villagers, the water supply system in Phoolkan has been broken for a long time. When protesters reached the waterworks plant around 9 am, none of the four assigned staff members were present there. Two employees arrived around 10 am, but villagers confronted them over their irregular attendance and blamed them for the poor water distribution in their village. The protesters, led by local youth leader Satish Khichar and others including Ramji Lal, Yuvraj Kuladia, and Bharat Singh, said only one worker regularly attends duty while others show up occasionally. Due to this mismanagement, many parts of the village, especially homes at the far end, do not receive clean drinking water, they said. They also highlighted that several pipelines were leaking.



## ASSEMBLY TO HOST COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AT DHARAMSALA

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly is set to host the annual conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), India Region-II, at Tapovan in Dharamsala on June 30 and July 1. Announcing the event, Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania said the conference would bring together Speakers and MLAs from five states under Region-II — Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi. The Speakers of these Assemblies have been specially invited as distinguished guests. The Speaker said that the two-day conference aims to promote meaningful dialogue on legislative procedures, democratic governance and regional cooperation. He emphasised that the platform would facilitate the exchange of best practices and play a vital role in strengthening parliamentary institutions across the country. He that three key topics would be deliberated upon during the conference. On June 30, delegates will discuss "Role of the legislature in the management of state resources in comparison to the development of the state."

## IGMC TO GET STATE'S FIRST BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT FACILITY

**Diary Times Desk :** In a significant development, blood cancer patients will soon be able to get bone marrow transplant done at the Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital as doctors from the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, have expressed interest in helping the hospital set up a facility. If all falls into place, the IGMC will become first hospital in the state to offer the bone marrow transplant facility. Thousands of people suffering from blood cancer will no longer have to visit health facilities in other states for the transplant. A two-day 'National Hematology Update' was held at the IGMC in which several eminent hematologists from north India participated. The academic sessions featured talks, case discussions and panel interactions covering a wide spectrum of hematological disorders. The event aimed to serve as a platform for learning.

## HC IMPOSES COST OF RS 5L ON STATE GOVT OVER NON-APPOINTMENT OF RERA CHIEF, MEMBERS

**Diary Times Desk :** The HP High Court yesterday imposed a cost of Rs 5 lakh on the state government over the non-appointment of Chairperson and members of the Himachal Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HPRERA). While passing this order, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice GS Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma further observed "that the sequence of events would go on to show that the state government is dragging its feet for not notifying the appointment of Chairperson and members though recommendation had been sent to them by the Registrar General of the High Court on March 13." The court further directed the state government to issue necessary notifications regarding the appointments by June 25, failing which the Chief Secretary should be present on the next date. The court listed the matter for further hearing on June 25. The court has also taken note of relocating the RERA office from Shimla to Dharamsala and observed: "We are also of the prima facie opinion that the whole purpose of dragging of the appointments and shifting the HQ of RERA is with a mala fide purpose and at this stage, we do not wish to say anything more."



## BREAKING THE SILENCE: HIMACHAL POLICE'S WHATSAPP INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN COPS

**Diary Times Desk :** Adopting a zero-tolerance approach towards workplace harassment, the Himachal Pradesh Police have rolled out a series of proactive measures to ensure the safety and dignity of its women personnel. As part of this initiative, all police units have been directed to form dedicated WhatsApp groups comprising only women personnel. These groups aim to foster open communication, address grievances promptly and create a supportive network. Each group will be monitored by the senior-most woman officer, ensuring swift reporting and redress of any incident of harassment. The directives were issued by Ashok Tewari, Director General, State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, who is also holding additional charge as Director General of Police (DGP) following the retirement of Dr Atul Verma. DGP Tewari has instructed all officers and personnel to interact with women colleagues in a polite, professional and respectful manner. Emphasising the importance of a safe, inclusive work environment, he stated that the department is committed to eliminating gender-based discrimination and promoting a culture of dignity, mutual respect and empowerment at every level. Since taking charge, Tewari has been closely monitoring the department's daily functioning and has issued supervisory directions aimed at strengthening operational efficiency and public service delivery. He highlighted that women's safety and effective crime control remain his top priorities.

## SHOOTERS OF MANDI'S LAKHANPAL ACADEMY SHINE, BAG 26 MEDALS

**Diary Times Desk :** The first Pre-State Level Shooting Championship, recently organised by the Himachal Pradesh State Rifle Association in Shimla, witnessed an impressive performance by shooters from the Lakhanpal Shooting Sports Academy, Mandi. The academy's sharpshooters brought laurels to the district by clinching 26 medals, enhancing the institution's growing reputation in the shooting sports arena. The event saw participation from 784 shooters across Himachal Pradesh, who competed in diverse categories including 10m air pistol, 10m air rifle, 25m sports pistol, 50m rifle, trap shooting, and open sight events. Owing to their exceptional performances, 10 shooters from the academy have been selected to represent Himachal Pradesh at the Pre-National Shooting Championship in Dehradun, scheduled from July 1 to 10. The selected shooters include Prince Sharma, Ayan Gupta, Akshat Thakur, Arnav Thakur, Gurdev Singh, Gaurisha, Ankita Chauhan, Tejaswini Singh, Arna Dubey and Vidyut Dogra. Other academy participants who contributed significantly to the overall success include Shivansh Sharma, Chinmay Sharma, Anuj Sharma, Suryansh Thakur, Siddhant Sharma, Shiven Rana, Anvit Mahajan, Adwik Thakur and Harshita Sharma. Ajay Lakhanpal, Director of the Academy, congratulated all medal winners and participants, expressing pride in their achievements. He wished them continued success at the national.

## GOVT TO RAISE ISSUE OF PENDING RS 1,200 CRORE WITH CENTRE: DY CM

**Diary Times Desk :** Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today said that Himachal Pradesh would raise the issue of pending Rs 1,200 crore under the Jal Shakti Mission with the Centre. Agnihotri chaired a high-level review meeting of the Jal Shakti Department here today. He directed officials to prioritise and complete all pending works of the department within the stipulated time frame. While reviewing the status of the Jal Jeevan Mission, the Deputy CM said that although Rs 6,300 crore was sanctioned by the Centre, only Rs 5,100 crore had been received so far. "An amount of Rs 1,200 crore is still pending with the Centre and the state government would strongly take up the matter of releasing the pending amount," he said. During the financial year 2024-25, out of Rs 920 crore sanctioned, the state has received only Rs 137 crore and Rs 783 crore is yet to be disbursed, he said. He added that effective management of water resources and ensuring a reliable water supply remains a key priority of the state government



RISHABH PANT AFTER WINNING BACK GAVASKAR'S PLAUDITS:  
WANTED TO CHANGE IN MY COMEBACK

**Diary Times Desk :** Rishabh Pant was pleased to know that he managed to win back Sunil Gavaskar's respect following his century against England in the opening Test at Headingley, Leeds. The wicketkeeper-batter was pleased with his turnaround and mentioned how he wanted to work on a few aspects of his game since his 15-month absence from the sport after his life-threatening car accident. "It feels so good. I have worked on my weaknesses and tried to recover from setbacks. I wanted to change a few things in my comeback. I worked hard and focused to change some of this," Pant commented on Sony Sports. "More importantly, I have worked on being disciplined. It gives me a lot of satisfaction," he added. Sunil Gavaskar has been vocal about Pant's performances in Test cricket all throughout his career, and his comments went viral after his disappointing performance against Australia in the third Test at Melbourne. But since then, with the added responsibilities as vice-captain, Pant managed to impress with a swashbuckling century, scoring 134 runs to push India's first-innings total to 471 runs. In his knock, he managed to play some wild shots, something that has become a habit when he goes big with.



CANADA BECOME 13TH TEAM TO  
QUALIFY FOR MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP  
2026

**Diary Times Desk :** Canada have become the 13th team to qualify for the 20-team 2026 men's T20 World Cup, to be held in India and Sri Lanka, after their seven-wicket win over Bahamas in Ontario in the Americas regional qualifying finals. It was Canada's fifth consecutive win in the four-team event - Bermuda and Cayman Islands are the other participants - and ensured them of a top-of-the-table finish irrespective of the results of the last two games. This will be Canada's second appearance at a T20 World Cup. They had qualified for the 2024 edition in the West Indies and the USA via the same route. The others to have already qualified are the hosts India and Sri Lanka, as well as Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, USA and West Indies. Seven more teams - two from the Europe qualifier, two from the Africa qualifier, and three from the Asia-EAP qualifier will join them. Playing at home, and with no USA to compete with as they had already qualified, Canada were the favourites to top the tournament. They lived up to the billing, winning their games by margins of 110 runs, 59 runs, ten wickets, 42 runs and seven wickets. In their latest win, they bundled Bahamas for a mere 57 in 19.5 overs.

"IN MIDDLE OF...": ROHIT SHARMA  
NARRATES TALE OF HIS ROMANTIC  
PROPOSAL TO WIFE RITIKA SAJDEH

**Diary Times Desk :** India ODI captain Rohit Sharma opened up on his romantic marriage proposal to wife Ritika Sajdeh. Rohit announced his Test retirement last month and is currently not part of the Indian team for the ongoing Test series against England. He was last seen in action during the recently-concluded Indian Premier League (IPL) season. During an interaction with former India spinner Harbhajan Singh and his wife Geeta Basra, Rohit narrated the tale of how he orchestrated a surprise proposal by taking Ritika to his childhood cricket ground. Rohit also revealed that he took Ritika to the ground under the pretense of having ice cream. "My proposal was quite romantic. I took her to the place where I started playing cricket. We were here only (somewhere along Marine Drive apparently). She had brought food from home. We ate it. So, I was just sitting. Then I told her let's go out to eat ice cream, I'm bored. Then we took the car out, we left. We left from Marine Drive, crossed Haji Ali, Worli. So, she asked where is the ice cream shop? She does not know anything after Bandra. I told her there's a good one in Borivali, where I live. You've never come, so let me show you," revealed Rohit. Rohit recalled that he got down on one knee to propose Ritika in the middle of ground.

SOURAV GANGULY RATES GAUTAM GAMBHIR'S COACHING STYLE,  
OPEN TO INDIA ROLE

**Diary Times Desk :** Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has revealed that he is interested in the India coaching role. In an interview with news agency PTI, Ganguly said that he did not have time for the role earlier but will be interested in coaching the national team if given a chance. The former Indian Cricket Board (BCCI) president has forayed into coaching after finishing his tenure as the board president. He has been in mentorship roles with the Delhi Capitals side, both in the men's and women's team. Under his tutelage, Delhi Capitals reached the final of the Women's Premier League but lost against Mumbai Indians. "I got into different roles. After finishing, I became the president (CAB), then the board president (BCCI). I never got the time. But let's see what the future holds. I am just 50 and I am open to it. We will see where it goes," Ganguly said in the interview. The former player was also asked to rate Gautam Gambhir's tenure with the Indian side. Gambhir has had a topsy-turvy time with the Indian team so far. While he has won the Champions Trophy 2025, under Gambhir's coaching, India have miserably faltered in Test cricket.



RAVINDRA JADEJA TARGETED  
BY ENGLAND'S BARMY ARMY  
WITH NASTY 'BEST FIELDER'  
DIG. REASON...

**Diary Times Desk :** India had a poor day on the field on the second day of the first Test between India and England in Leeds on Saturday. After India were all out on 471, onus was on the Indian bowlers and fielders to provide the breakthroughs. But apart from Jasprit Bumrah no other bowler could take a wicket as India could manage only three wickets. India still lead by 262 runs but the signs are ominous. as many as three clear catches were dropped. First, Yashasvi Jaiswal dropped Ben Duckett in the fifth over. The same England batter was dropped again in the seventh over by Ravindra Jadeja at backward point. Bumrah was thrice unlucky as Ollie Pope, who went on to slam a ton, was dropped by Jaiswal at third slip. The fact that event Jadeja, who is known as one of the best fielders, dropped a catch did not go unnoticed. England's fan group Barmy Army trolled Jadeja, "Thought Ravindra Jadeja was the best fielder in the world?" A century by Ollie Pope and his partnership with Ben Duckett helped England put up a strong reply against India in their first innings, ending the final session of day two of the first Test on a high.

YASHASVI JAISWAL DROPS  
ANOTHER SITTER ON JASPRIT  
BUMRAH'S BOWLING.  
SHUBMAN GILL'S REACTION  
SAYS IT ALL

**Diary Times Desk :** India pacer Jasprit Bumrah was a frustrated figure after youngster Yashasvi Jaiswal dropped a regulation catch of England batter Harry Brook on his bowling on Day 3 of the first Test. The incident happened on the final ball of the 85th over with Brook closing in on his century in the second session. Jaiswal, who had also dropped a couple of sitters on Day 2, summed up India's fielding in the first innings of the match. It was a regulation catch, but Jaiswal, who was stationed at fourth slip, made a mess of it. Bumrah enticed Brook with a short delivery outside off, and the England white-ball captain threw his bat at it. The ball flew straight to Jaiswal, who shelled it. Bumrah closed his eyes in disappointment as it was the third time that Jaiswal dropped a catch of his bowling in the match. India captain Shubman Gill, who was standing at first slip, threw his hands away in disappointment. Thankfully for India, Brook was dismissed a couple of overs later by Prasidh Krishna. Brook missed out on his 9th century as he threw away his wicket on 99. Bumrah was at his lethal best on Day 2 and scalped all three wickets that fell on the day.