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LEGAL RECORDS RELATED TO EMERGENCY

Diary Times Desk : Prime minister Narendra Modi on Monday directed that all legal records pertaining to the period of Emergency be prepared and preserved for posterity. Chairing the 47th Annual General Meeting of Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) Society here, the PM also mooted a new concept of 'Museum Map of India'.

He suggested development of a comprehensive national database of all museums in the country and said that a compilation of all legal battles relating to the Emergency period may be prepared and preserved in light of the completion of 50 years after the Emergency.

He said systematic preservation of these records can ensure that future generations and researchers in particular will be able to study and understand the period of Emergency without difficulty. The government and the ruling BJP will on June 25 mark 50 years of imposition of Emergency by Indira Gandhi. During the meeting, the Prime Minister emphasised that museums hold immense significance across the world and have the power to make us experience history. He underlined the need to make continuous efforts to generate public interest in museums and to enhance their prestige in society. He said the 'Museum Map of India' would provide a unified cultural and informational landscape of museums across the country. Underlining the importance of increased use of technology, the Prime Minister suggested development of a comprehensive national database of all museums in the country.



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The election was prompted by the resignation of Bhupendra Bhayani, who won this seat in the 2022 election. Then he beat the BJP's Harshadkumar Ribadiya by nearly 7,000 votes.

Three years ago, Mr Bhayani was one of five AAP leaders to have claimed Assembly berths, a notable achievement for Arvind Kejriwal's party on its electoral debut in the state.

However, within a year he quit and joined the BJP. He did not, however, contest this poll. Instead, Kirit Patel was the saffron party's pick to win a seat the BJP has not held since 2007 and was at the centre of the 2015 Patidar agitation. But Mr Patel could not deliver. The AAP's Gopal Italia won by over 17,500 votes and state boss Isudan Gadhvi predicted a victory in 2027. "If there is anyone who can defeat the BJP, it is AAP... we are going to form the government."

AVIATION REGULATOR DGCA STARTS AUDIT AT AIR INDIA'S MAIN BASE IN GURUGRAM

Diary Times Desk : Aviation regulator DGCA on Monday commenced the detailed audit at Air India's main base in Gurugram that will cover operations, flight scheduling, rostering and various other areas, according to a source. The Tata Group-owned airline has come under intense scrutiny after its London-bound Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane crashed soon after take-off in Ahmedabad on June 12, killing 270 people, including 241 people on board. An eight-member team from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has started the annual audit of Air India's main base. Generally, a three-member team carries out the yearly audit, the source said. "DGCA has started the audit at Air India's main base at Gurugram. The annual exercise will cover all aspects, including operations, flight planning, scheduling, rostering and IOCC (Integrated Operations Control Centre)," the source said. Air India is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana. The audit exercise also comes at a time when the regulator has taken action against some Air India officials for repeated safety lapses.



WOMAN MOLESTED BY 'INTOXICATED' MEN NEAR BENGALURU; VIDEO OF INCIDENT SURFACES

Diary Times Desk : A 25-year-old woman was allegedly molested by a group of four "intoxicated" men on the outskirts of the city, leading to the arrest of one of the accused, police said on Monday. They said the incident occurred in Yellamma Layout near Myslasandra Road in Anekal taluk on Sunday at around 5 pm. A video of the alleged incident has now surfaced online. In her complaint, the woman alleged that she was going to a shop to buy essentials when she spotted a group of men fighting among themselves. Suddenly, they started teasing and abusing her. She alleged that they touched her inappropriately despite her resistance. The woman claimed that when she tried to resist, they used vulgar language and physically attacked her. In self-defence, she allegedly hit one of them. According to the police, the woman informed her gym trainer about the incident, following which he reached the spot, rescued her.

BILAWAL BHUTTO SAYS PAKISTAN WILL GO TO WAR IF INDIA DENIES WATER UNDER IWT



Diary Times Desk : Pakistan's former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Monday said his country will go to war if India denies Islamabad its fair share of water under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). India put in abeyance the 1960 agreement soon after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. Union Home Minister Amit Shah last week announced to never restore the historic accord. Bilawal's comments came two days after Pakistan's Foreign Ministry criticised Shah's "brazen disregard" for international agreements. Bilawal, in a speech in parliament, rejected the Indian decision to suspend the agreement and threatened to get Pakistan's share of water. "India has two options: share water fairly, or we will deliver water to us from all six rivers," he said referring to the six rivers of the Indus basin. He said the IWT was still in vogue as the agreement cannot be held in abeyance. The attack on Sindhu (Indus river) and India's claim that the IWT has ended and it's in abeyance. First, this is illegal, as the IWT is not in abeyance, it is binding on Pakistan and India, but the threat itself of stopping water is illegal according to the UN charter," he said.

SECOND BATCH OF 443 INDIANS LEAVE FROM ISRAEL THROUGH JORDAN, EGYPT



Diary Times Desk : The second batch of evacuation of Indian nationals from Israel on Monday saw two groups of 175 and 268 people leave through Israel's border with Jordan and Egypt, taking the total number of Indians taken out of the war-torn country to 603 in two days. The first batch of 160 people left for Jordan on Sunday from where they had boarded the flight today by 2:15 pm local time, an evacuee onboard the flight told PTI before departure. The 443 people who crossed the Israeli border on Monday would be taking two separate flights from Jordan and Egypt arranged by the Ministry of External Affairs in coordination with the Indian missions in those countries. The complex and tightly-coordinated effort between New Delhi and the three missions has brought a huge relief to Indians in Israel constantly grappling with sounds of sirens and frequently taking cover in bunkers and fortified safe rooms from incoming missiles and drones fired from Iran. Sensing the urgency of the situation, the Embassy of India in Tel Aviv had set up a 24x7 Control Room during the past week to oversee all facets of the evacuation effort.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HIMACHAL NEWS: ED RAIDS THE OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL DRUGS DIRECTOR IN DHARAMSHALA, TAKES AWAY RECORDS

Diary Times Desk : On Monday, a team of Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided the office of Additional Drug Controller Dharamshala Nishant Sarin on the allegations of taking bribe from pharmaceutical companies. The team, which arrived in the morning, kept searching the documents in the office throughout the day. Late in the evening, the team took some documents with them from Nishant Sarin's Dharamshala office. Nishant Sarin's office is located next to the lab of Dharamshala Hospital and during the investigation of the team, even the employees of the office were not allowed entry. Earlier on Sunday, ED raided the residence and business establishments of Nishant Sarin, father-in-law and another associate. During this, there was a discussion that the ED team has also reached Dharamshala. At the same time, on Monday morning, about nine members of the ED team reached Nishant Sarin's office and started searching the documents. During this, the team especially examined the files related to drug manufacturing license, quality inspection and approval issued to pharmaceuticals.



HIMACHAL WEATHER: CLOUDS WILL RAIN CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN DAYS IN HIMACHAL, HEAVY RAIN ALERT FOR NINE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE

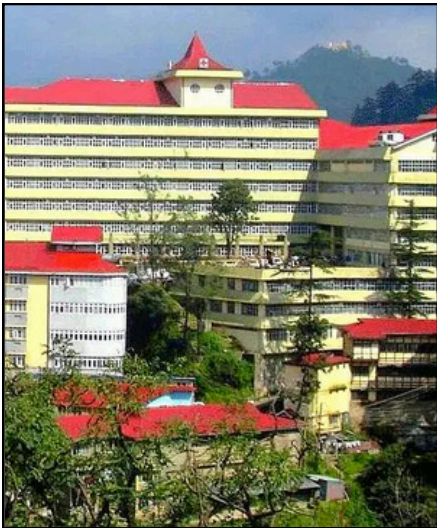
Diary Times Desk : The southwest monsoon has advanced to all parts of Himachal Pradesh. Due to its effect, heavy rain has been recorded in many parts of the state. During the last 24 hours, 84.6 mm rain was recorded in Paonta Sahib, 36.8 in Kangra, 26.0 in Baijnath, 22.2 in Olinda, 19.4 in BBMB, 19.0 in Murari Devi, 15.4 in Kothi, 12.8 in Palampur, 12.5 in Neri, 12.4 in Mandi, 12.0 in Pandoh and 11.0 mm in Jogindernagar. The weather remains bad today in Shimla and its surrounding areas. The city is engulfed in fog. Nahan city is also covered in fog after the rain. The southwest monsoon has advanced to all parts of Himachal Pradesh. Due to its effect, heavy rain has been recorded in many parts of the state. During the last 24 hours, 84.6 mm rain was recorded in Paonta Sahib, 36.8 in Kangra, 26.0 in Baijnath, 22.2 in Olinda, 19.4 in BBMB, 19.0 in Murari Devi, 15.4 in Kothi, 12.8 in Palampur, 12.5 in Neri, 12.4 in Mandi, 12.0 in Pandoh and 11.0 mm in Jogindernagar. The weather remains bad today in Shimla and its surrounding areas.

HIMACHAL: CM SUKHU DEMANDS 12 PERCENT FREE ELECTRICITY FROM BBMB PROJECTS FOR THE STATE, WRITES LETTER TO PM

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has demanded 12 percent free power for Himachal Pradesh from all projects of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said that all the hydropower projects approved by the state government are providing free power, whereas BBMB projects are not giving any free power to the state, rather with the establishment of BBMB projects, the immense possibilities of hydropower in Himachal Pradesh have ended. The Chief Minister wrote that the state has suffered losses and has not got its due. Now with your intervention, this historical mistake can be rectified by providing 12 percent free power to Himachal Pradesh from BBMB projects. The Chief Minister has written a letter to Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini and requested that the Haryana government give its consent in writing for the payment of the outstanding power received from BBMB. This payment is to be made with six percent interest and its consent should be given before the next hearing. The Chief Minister said that a total of 13,066 million units of power is pending from Haryana and Punjab from November 1966 to October 2011.

HPU SHIMLA: PHD EXAMS IN JULY, FORMS TO BE FILLED BY JUNE 30, STATE UNIVERSITY HAS RELEASED THE SCHEDULE

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh University's PhD course examinations will be held in July. Examination forms for these examinations will be filled till June 3. After the due date, researchers will have to pay late fees along with the examination form as per the rules of the university. The online examination forms will have to be submitted in the office of the Assistant Registrar Examination-2 of the university by June 30. Online examination forms are available on the university's website nexams.hpushimla.in. After filling the examination form, its hard copy will have to be submitted in the office of the Assistant Registrar Exam-2 along with the necessary documents. The verification of the online examination form will be accepted only after verification of the conditions set for eligibility, attendance of the head of the department or the director of the institute. Shimla. Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) has fixed July 1 as the new date for the MA English Modern British Drama examination of June 27 in view of the clash of dates of NET examination and MA English examinations. This examination will be held in the designated examination centers from 9 am to 12 noon.



HIMACHAL NEWS: DHARAMSHALA MLA SUDHIR SHARMA FILED DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST SP GANDHI

Diary Times Desk : Dharamshala BJP MLA Sudhir Sharma has filed an application through his lawyer to register a defamation case against Superintendent of Police Shimla Sanjeev Gandhi in Dharamshala Court. In this, objection has been raised over the statement of Superintendent of Police Shimla related to six Congress MLAs joining BJP and broadcasting the court proceedings on the Internet. Sudhir reached Dharamshala Court on Friday and filed a private criminal complaint through his lawyer under section 222 of BNSS 2023. In this, a defamation case has been sought against Sanjeev Gandhi under section 356 (1) of BNS 2023 and punishment under section 356 (2) of BNS 2023. The complainant said that he has been elected as a member of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly five times. He alleged that on May 23, Sanjeev Gandhi held a press conference while working as Superintendent of Police of District Shimla. Sanjeev Gandhi had accused the complainant of conspiring the process and act of six Congress MLAs joining the BJP in March 2024. It was also alleged that the complainant bribed these MLAs only for personal political gain.

HIMACHAL: TENANT KILLED LANDLADY BY SWALLOWING PESTICIDE

Diary Times Desk : In Mathia village near Salogra on Kalka-Shimla NH, a Nepali man killed his landlady by hitting her on the head with some tool and then swallowed pesticide. The accused committed the crime in an inebriated state when the woman was alone at home. The body of the woman was found in the room of the accused. The accused was also found unconscious in the same room and was brought to Solan Hospital, from where he was referred to IGSMI Shimla. The reasons have not been revealed yet. Police have registered a case under section 103 of BNS. The woman has wounds on her head and scratches on her body. It is not yet known with which tool the murder was committed. Police is busy in investigation. According to police, Devendra Kumar complained in Police Station Sadar Solan that he had gone out on June 22. His father is employed in Railway Board and he was also on duty. During this time, his mother Santosh (56 years) wife Sitaram resident of village Mathia, Solan.

ON CCTV, WOMAN SEXUALLY HARASSED NEAR BENGALURU, THRASHED BY GROUP OF MEN

Diary Times Desk : A woman was allegedly sexually harassed, beaten up, and abused in full public view near Bengaluru on Sunday. The disturbing incident was captured on a CCTV camera. The woman was out to buy groceries around 4 pm yesterday in Renuka Yellamma Layout near Mailasandra, nearly 12 km away from Bengaluru, when a group of men blocked her way. The footage showed the men following her and trying to touch and speak with her. At one point, one of the men was seen slapping her as she struggled to get away. The men reportedly thrashed her when she tried to resist the harassment and defend herself. In the clip, she was seen trying to fight back. She was later rescued by locals and a friend of hers. However, the friend has been arrested for beating up one of the men who harassed her. Shortly after, the accused allegedly stormed into the woman's neighbourhood and attacked the residents who had come to her rescue. Another video showed the men trying to enter the gate of what looked like a residential complex.

ANDHRA MAN FOUND DEAD MONTH AFTER WEDDING, FAMILY BLAMES 'WIFE'S AFFAIR'

Diary Times Desk : Weeks after Raja Raghuvanshi's chilling murder on honeymoon, a man in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool has been found dead a month after his wedding, and his newlywed wife and her mother have been detained. Tejeswar, 32, went missing on June 17, a month after the wedding on May 18. His body has now been found in a canal. He worked as a private land surveyor and a dance teacher. Tejeswar's family has alleged that his wife, Ishwarya, was in an extramarital affair and has accused her of plotting his murder. Police have detained Ishwarya and her mother, Sujatha, and are questioning them. A senior officer told the media that the probe was on, but refused to confirm or reject Tejeswar's family's allegations. According to Tejeswar's family, Ishwarya's mother, Sujatha, works at a bank. Ishwarya was in a relationship with a bank employee, they claimed. Parallely, she was in a relationship with Tejeswar and the two agreed to marry. The wedding was scheduled for February, but had to be postponed after Ishwarya went missing. She later returned, professed her love for Tejeswar and got married. Tejeswar's family members said they warned him against marrying Ishwarya, but he was adamant. They now suspect that the newlywed woman and her mother plotted his murder.

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MAN BEATS 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER TO DEATH FOR LOW MARKS IN NEET MOCK TEST

Diary Times Desk : She scored 92.60 per cent - marks many students aspire to get - in her Class 10 board exams. More than a year later, she was killed by her father for scoring low marks in a mock test. Sadhna Bhonsle - from Maharashtra's Sangli - was preparing for pre-medical test, National Eligibility cum Entrance Test or NEET, and was taking mock tests for it. She scored low marks in her practice tests, which angered her father, Dhondiram Bhonsle, a school teacher. In his anger, he thrashed the 17-year-old repeatedly with a stick. The Class 12 student was seriously injured due to the beating, and she died in a hospital on Friday. The father, who has reportedly confessed to beating her daughter, has been arrested. Sadhana Bhonsle had suffered head injuries in the assault. She was rushed to Ushakal Hospital in Sangli, but she died before she could get treatment. "The girl's mother had filed a complaint at the police station on June 22, stating that her husband had beaten her up due to low marks.

JAGAN REDDY'S 'NO Z+ SECURITY' CHARGE AFTER ROW OVER CAR RUNNING OVER MAN

Diary Times Desk : Former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has strongly criticised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of degrading the standards of politics in Andhra Pradesh. A day after the ruling TDP alleged that a car in his convoy has run over a person during his visit to the home of a former sarpanch in Palnadu district, Mr Reddy criticised the party for spreading lies and questioned their moral authority to speak about humanity and ethics. He also pointed out that they have not met the requirements of Z-Plus security, which he said, could have prevented the accident. Andhra Pradesh home minister V Anitha has countered Mr Reddy's allegations, saying, "We are giving 'Z-Plus' security. Even though he does not have status of Leader of Opposition, even then on humanitarian grounds we are giving bulletproof car, pilot and escort".



TEEN GIRL DIES IN BENGAL BLAST DURING VOTE COUNT, TRINAMOOL WORKERS BLAMED

Diary Times Desk : A teenage girl died in West Bengal's Nadia district today after suffering injuries in a crude bomb blast as votes for the Kaliganj by-election were being counted. Unconfirmed reports have claimed that Trinamool Congress workers celebrating the party's win threw crude bombs at a CPM supporter's house. One of the bombs exploded near the girl, Tamanna Khatun, and injured her fatally. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said she was "shocked and deeply saddened" by the incident. "I am shocked and deeply saddened at the death of a young girl in an explosion at Barochandgar in Krishnanagar police district. My prayers and thoughts are with the family in their hour of grief. Police shall take strong and decisive legal action against the culprits at the earliest," she said in a post on X. Trinamool's Alifa Ahmed won the Kaliganj bypoll that was necessitated by sitting MLA Nasiruddin Ahmed's death. Ms Banerjee thanked the people of the constituency for their support.

22-YEAR-OLD MAN SHOOTS PARTNER DEAD, DIES BY SUICIDE IN UTTAR PRADESH'S KANNAUJ

Diary Times Desk : A 22-year-old man allegedly shot dead his partner before turning the gun on himself early Monday morning, police here said. The incident took place in the Saurikh area, where Devanshu, a resident of Kuthla village, used his father's licensed gun to kill Deepti, a resident of the neighbouring village of Sultanpur, with whom he had been in a relationship. According to police officials, Devanshu was upset after Deepti's family fixed her marriage elsewhere about 15 days ago. Following the engagement, she had cut off all communication with him, which enraged him further. In the early hours of Monday, around 3 am, Devanshu went to Deepti's house while she was asleep and shot her in the chest and fled. Only a short distance away, he shot himself dead, an official said. The sound of gunfire caused panic in the village. Locals rushed out of their homes and found Devanshu's body, prompting immediate police intervention, the official said. Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar said that both bodies.

US TO SCREEN SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF VISA APPLICANTS IN THESE CATEGORIES

Diary Times Desk : In a move aimed at strengthening visa screening procedures, the United States has announced that effective immediately, all individuals applying for an F, M, or J non-immigrant visa are required to adjust the privacy settings on all of their social media accounts to 'public' to facilitate vetting necessary to establish their identity and admissibility to the United States under U.S. law. In a post on X, the official handle of the U.S. Embassy in India (@USAndIndia) shared the announcement stating, "Every visa adjudication is a national security decision. Effective immediately, all individuals applying for an F, M, or J non-immigrant visa are requested to adjust the privacy settings on all of their personal social media accounts to 'public' to facilitate vetting necessary to establish their identity and admissibility to the United States." It also reiterated that since 2019, the United States has required visa applicants to provide social media identifiers on immigrant and non-immigrant visa application forms.

'STEP DOWN, YOU'LL GET A FAIR TRIAL': EXILED IRANIAN CROWN PRINCE TO KHAMENEI AMID TENSIONS WITH ISRAEL

Diary Times Desk : Amid escalating tensions between Iran and Israel, exiled Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi has said that the Islamic Republic is nearing collapse, urging supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to step down. Pahlavi also claimed that top Iranian leaders were preparing to flee the country and called for a peaceful transition through legal accountability. "Islamic Republic (of Iran) is collapsing, (Ayatollah) Ali Khamenei and others are trying to flee Iran... I have a direct message for Ali Khamenei: step down, if you do, you'll receive a fair trial and due process of law," he said. Addressing the international community, he cautioned Western governments against offering political or economic support to Tehran, saying it would only worsen the crisis. "If the West throws the regime a lifeline, there will be more bloodshed and chaos. Because this regime will not submit or surrender after it has been humiliated. It will lash out as long as it is in power; no country and no people are safe – whether on the streets of Washington, Paris, Jerusalem, Riyadh or Tehran."

"TIMING, SCALE OF OUR RESPONSE WILL BE...": IRAN WARNS US, ISRAEL AT UN

Diary Times Desk : The US and Iran clashed at the emergency meeting of the UN Security Council on Monday after the American warplanes and submarines attacked three main Iranian nuclear sites. Speaking at a briefing a day after US President Donald Trump announced that the American forces struck nuclear facilities in Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan, the acting US ambassador to the UN, Dorothy Camille Shea, said they aimed to "dismantle" Iran's nuclear enrichment capacity and stop the nuclear threat posed by the "world's foremost state sponsor of terror". "This operation sought to eliminate a longstanding but rapidly escalating source of global insecurity, and to aid our ally Israel in our inherent right of collective self-defence consistent with the UN Charter," she said. She said that Iran has "long obfuscated" its nuclear weapons program and "stonewalled good-faith efforts" in recent negotiations.

ISRAEL STRIKES REVOLUTIONARY GUARD SITES AND EVIN PRISON IN TEHRAN



Diary Times Desk : Israel hit Revolutionary Guard sites and the notorious Evin prison in Tehran on Monday, calling them its most powerful strikes yet on the Iranian capital on the 11th day of the war. Iran, in turn, fired missile barrages at Israel and vowed retaliation against the United States after it struck the Islamic republic's nuclear sites a day earlier. Loud explosions rocked the Iranian capital, where Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said the military hit "regime targets" with "unprecedented force", adding to speculation that Israel may seek to topple Iran's clerical leadership. The targets included Evin prison, which Katz said "holds political prisoners and regime opponents", as well as command centres of the domestic Basij militia and the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The Israeli military said in a statement that the targets belong to Iranian forces "responsible... for defending the homeland security, suppressing threats, and maintaining the regime's stability".

IRAN'S RETALIATORY ATTACK AGAINST US STRIKES 'POSSIBLE IN A DAY OR TWO': REPORT

Diary Times Desk : The President Donald Trump-led US administration is bracing for a possible Iranian retaliation to the weekend strikes carried out by the United States on three Iranian nuclear facilities – Fordow, Natanz and Esfahan. While the US is apparently still seeking a diplomatic resolution, it assesses that Iran could carry out retaliatory attacks targeting American forces in the Middle East as soon as next day or two. Two US officials spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity on Monday and said Iran's retaliatory attack could happen within the next day or two. Iran has threatened to retaliate after US bombed its nuclear sites over the weekend, which Donald Trump said "completely and totally obliterated" the Iranian nuclear enrichment facilities targeted. The US on Saturday struck three Iranian nuclear sites – Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan – using bunker-buster bombs, with President Donald Trump asking Iran to agree to "end the war".



LET DOWN BY RUSSIA, KHAMENEI WRITES TO PUTIN FOR MORE SUPPORT AGAINST US: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Iran's supreme leader sent his foreign minister to Moscow on Monday to ask President Vladimir Putin for more help from Russia after the biggest US military action against the Islamic Republic since the 1979 revolution over the weekend. US President Donald Trump and Israel have publicly speculated about killing Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and about regime change, a step Russia fears could sink the Middle East into the abyss. While Putin has condemned the Israeli strikes, he has yet to comment on the US attacks on Iranian nuclear sites though he last week called for calm and offered Moscow's services as a mediator over the nuclear programme. A senior source told Reuters that Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was due to deliver a letter from Khamenei to Putin, seeking the latter's support. Iran has not been impressed with Russia's support so far, Iranian sources told Reuters, and the country wants Putin to do more to back it against Israel and the United States. The sources did not elaborate on what assistance Tehran wanted.

RISING OIL PRICES COULD HURT THE BUSINESS OF THESE SECTORS AND STOCKS THE MOST

Diary Times Desk : The threat of Iran closing the Strait of Hormuz – a critical chokepoint handling nearly 20% of global oil supply – has cast a shadow over equities globally, with the Indian stock market being no exception as shares of oil-dependent companies reflected the sharpest reactions. While stocks and sectors across-the-board have come under selling pressure, select sectors – oil marketing companies, aviation, paints, tyres, automobiles, chemicals, and fertilizers among others – are showing higher impact due to a greater correlation with oil prices. Read More "The expectation is that because of rising hostilities, crude oil prices will rise. So, if crude oil prices rise, then oil-consuming industries will be hit while oil-producing industries will benefit," said independent analyst Deepak Jasani. Market expert Ambareesh Baliga said the latest developments would dampen investor sentiment due to a potential supply chain ripple effect. "The immediate reaction of Iran to block the Strait of Hormuz will block the major oil supplies as well as your supply chain overall, globally. So that means dampened trade sentiments. Along with that, certain chemical segments, including paints, and also auto-accelerators like tyres."

AFTER BIG WIN, SANJEEV ARORA'S LIKELY CABINET INDUCTION TO CREATE RAJYA SABHA VACANCY FOR TOP AAP LEADER

Diary Times Desk : Having won the Ludhiana West bypoll, the Aam Aadmi Party is now gearing up for a Cabinet expansion. The newly elected MLA, Sanjeev Arora, will be inducted as a minister in this upcoming expansion. His election as MLA means that he will resign as the party's Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament, thus paving a way for any of the top party leaders to replace him. According to party sources, the Cabinet expansion is expected "very soon". AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal had announced during Arora's campaign that, when elected, Arora would be inducted in the Cabinet as a minister. Though the department to be given to Arora, a prominent industrialist, is still a closely guarded secret with the AAP leadership, there is political speculation of at least one minister being asked to step down and portfolios of some to be reshuffled. Meanwhile, the electoral win in Ludhiana West came as a big morale booster for AAP, after they lost in the Delhi Assembly elections in February earlier this year. With Ludhiana West bypoll — necessitated after the sudden death of AAP MLA Gurpreet Singh Gogi — being made a battle of prestige by AAP, the stakes for the party were high. No wonder the party's Punjab in-charges.



AMRITSAR: ARMY MAN AMONG TWO HELD FOR LEAKING INFO TO PAK INTEL AGENCY

Diary Times Desk : The Amritsar rural police on Sunday arrested two persons, including an Army jawan, for allegedly spying for Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). They were identified as Gurpreet Singh, alias Gopi Fauji, currently posted in Jammu, and Sahil Masih, both residents of Dhariwal village falling under the Lopoke police station area here. Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said Fauji was in direct contact with the Pakistan's ISI operatives and suspected to have shared sensitive information via pen drives with their handler Rana Javed. "The police recovered two mobile phones containing virtual numbers used for communicating with their operatives. Further investigation is underway to dismantle the broader espionage-terror network and identify all collaborators in this case," he said. SSP Maninder Singh said Fauji was recruited into the Army in 2016 and systematically exploited his official position to collect, store and transmit classified military information via pen drives and discs.

MERCURY SOARS AGAIN; RAINS SET TO LASH CHANDIGARH, PUNJAB AND HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : Even as the weathermen claim that the south-west monsoon has finally arrived in the region on Sunday and the rains will lash Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana during this week, the mercury once again soared in the city on Monday. After dipping slightly on Sunday, the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded a slight rise during the past 24 hours. While the overcast sky and moderate winds kept the hopes alive for rain, the hot weather conditions and rising relative humidity levels continued to irk the residents in Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula. The weathermen have re-issued a yellow alert for heavy rain with thunderstorm/lightning at isolated places in Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rain with thunderstorm/ lightning on Thursday. On Monday, the maximum temperature went up by 1.6 notches.

MOOSEWALA DOCUMENTARY CONTROVERSY: COURT SEEKS BALKAUR SINGH'S REPLY ON BBC'S JURISDICTION OBJECTION BY JULY 1

Diary Times Desk : A local court in Mansa has now directed Balkaur Singh, father of slain Punjabi singer Shubhdeep Singh, aka Sidhu Moosewala, to file his response by July 1, after he failed to submit the reply today. The directive comes in the wake of an application filed by the BBC World Service and its two employees challenging the maintainability of the suit concerning a documentary on the late singer. In their plea, the respondents had argued on June 16 that the case is not maintainable before the Mansa court, asserting that neither the cause of action nor jurisdiction lies within the district. The court then sought a response from Balkaur Singh by June 23. Earlier, acting on a petition filed by Balkaur Singh seeking a stay on the documentary — alleging it was produced without the family's consent and could hurt their sentiments — the court had initially sought a formal reply from the BBC by June 16. Notably, two episodes of the documentary, reportedly tracing events from Moosewala's life and untimely death, titled 'The Killing Call', were released on June 11, coinciding with his birth anniversary. Moosewala, a popular singer, was shot dead on May 29, 2022, in Jawaharke village of Mansa district, a case that drew both national and international attention.

LUDHIANA WEST BYPOLL: CONGRESS SUFFERS SETBACK AS INFIGHTING TAKES HEAVY TOLL

Diary Times Desk : The clear victory of AAP candidate Sanjeev Arora over Congress leader Bharat Bhushan Ashu in the Ludhiana West Assembly bypoll on Monday was the 'writing on the wall'. Much to the disappointment of Congress leaders, the vote count revealed that Ashu fell significantly short of the 32,000 votes he secured in the 2022 Assembly polls, where he was defeated by AAP's Gurpreet Bassi Gogi. The bypoll was necessitated by Gogi's sudden demise earlier this year in January. Besides Sanjeev Arora's personal connect with voters and the advantage of AAP being the ruling party in Punjab, infighting within Congress allowed Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to build a negative narrative against the grand old party. Despite Ashu's aggressive campaign efforts, his visible differences with the state leadership severely damaged his winning prospects. The Ludhiana bypoll campaign was effectively run in parallel by the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, with party's state chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and CLP leader Partap Singh Bajwa noticeably absent. In fact, Ashu ensured top leadership stayed away from the campaign trail. The Congress campaign was largely led by MLA Rana Gurjeet, Pargat Singh, and former CM Charanjit.

HARYANA: ACCUSED 'SOLD' LOGIN CREDENTIALS FOR ALTERING 300 IDS ON PARIVAR PEHCHAN PATRA PORTAL

Diary Times Desk : Preliminary investigation into the alleged tampering of the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) portal case, which came to light in Karnal on Friday, has pointed to a nexus between a local Citizen Resource Information Department (CRID) official and Common Service Centre (CSC) operators. Sources said an accused official revealed during the interrogation that he had "sold" his login credentials, which were then used to illegally alter the details of around 300 family IDs, enabling beneficiaries to fraudulently qualify for various welfare schemes. "The accused further disclosed that fake documents were prepared to support these illegal changes in professional details. The racketeers would share the bribes based on the financial aid received under the welfare schemes. Besides altering occupations, they changed the name of the district, split family IDs, and even deleted names of family members from the PPP records," claimed the sources. The FIR registered in the case also states that the CRID official's social media accounts on WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, and Telegram should be examined technically to detect possible collusion with other individuals involved.

CANAL BATH TURNS TRAGIC IN JHAJJAR, BODIES OF TWO COUSINS FOUND AFTER SEARCH

Diary Times Desk : A weekend meant to offer respite from the searing heat ended in tragedy for two cousins in Jhajjar district, as the bodies of Amit (32) and Vikas (28) — both residents of Azad Nagar — were recovered from the Akehri Madanpur pump house on Sunday morning, two days after they went missing while bathing in the Jawaharlal Nehru Canal near Matanhail village. According to police, the two had entered the canal on Friday evening, hoping to cool off from the oppressive temperatures. When their motorbike, slippers and wallets were later found abandoned near the canal bank, alarm bells rang. Suspecting drowning, authorities launched a search and rescue operation with divers and boats, but efforts proved fruitless until Sunday. It was only when staff at the Akehri Madanpur pump house noticed something lodged in the filter system that the grim discovery was made. They immediately informed the police, who arrived at the spot along with a team from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to examine the scene and collect evidence.

**CAR PLUNGES INTO GORGE
IN SHIMLA, 3 INJURED**

Diary Times Desk : At least three persons sustained injuries after a car they were travelling in plunged into a gorge in Chopal subdivision, Shimla district. The injured have been identified as Digvijay Singh, Sunny and Erik Meta — all residents of Deha in Theog, Shimla. According to reports, the accident took place late Sunday night near Dattakandi village when Digvijay, who was driving the car lost control and the vehicle plunged into a gorge. Locals noticed the vehicle and immediately informed the police, and assisted them in rescuing the injured. They were rushed to Civil Hospital, Chopal, from where they were referred to Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC), Shimla, for further treatment. Shimla Superintendent of Police (SP) Gaurav Singh confirmed the report and said a case under Section 125 A (endangering life of others) of the Bharariya Nyaya Sanhita has been registered and investigation is going on.

**MAKE PATERNITY LEAVE
PROVISION FOR MALE
CONTRACTUAL STAFF,
RULES HIMACHAL HC**

Diary Times Desk : The HP High Court has directed the Chief Secretary to incorporate provision for grant of paternity leave to male contractual employees in the relevant rules so as to curtail litigation in this regard. The court passed this judgment on a petition filed by Munish Patial alleging therein that his application for paternity leave was rejected by the Director, Technical Education Vocational & Industrial Training, Himachal Pradesh, on the ground that he was not a regular employee at that time. While setting aside the rejection order, Justice Sandeep Sharma observed that “when wife of the petitioner gave birth to child, services of the petitioner were on contract basis, but at the time of his applying for paternity leave, he stood regularised as Assistant Professor (ECL). Admittedly, the petitioner applied for paternity leave on July 27, 2024. However, his prayer was rejected on August, 5, 2024. True, at the time of delivery of child, the petitioner was not a regular employee, but admittedly, when he applied for paternity leave, he was regularised. If it is so, action of respondents, in denying paternity leave, cannot be said to be valid.” Passing this order, Justice Sandeep Sharma.

**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.”

**ONE KILLED, 5 INJURED AS SUV HITS
TEMPO IN HIMACHAL'S UNA**

Diary Times Desk : A person was killed while five others, including three of a family, were injured in a collision between an SUV and a tempo in Himachal Pradesh's Una district, police said on Monday. The accident occurred in Barnoh village on Sunday when a couple along with their two children were en route to their home in Lamalaihari from Una in the tempo. The SUV, registered in Punjab, carried devotees, going from Hamirpur to to Una city after paying obeisance at a religious place. Its driver veered off in the wrong direction at a high speed and hit the tempo coming from the opposite direction, they said. According to police, the couple and their two children were sitting in the front cabin of the tempo and its entire front portion was damaged. Ravindra Kumar and his eight-year-old daughter suffered multiple fractures in their legs and a deep head injury. His wife and son also suffered serious leg injuries. The occupants in the SUV — Priya and Tarsem Lal—from Jalandhar were also injured in the accident. All the injured were taken to the regional hospital with the help of locals from where Ravindra, his wife Rama Gautam and their daughter Ashmita were critical were referred to Chandigarh in critical condition. Their son Divyansh is undergoing treatment at the regional hospital. A police officer said that Ravindra died at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. An eyewitness, village head of Barnoh Panchayat, Bakshish Singh said that the accident occurred due to negligence of the SUV driver.

**46-YEAR-OLD MAN KILLED IN LIGHTNING
STRIKE AT KANGRA'S SHAHPUR VILLAGE**

Diary Times Desk : A 46-year-old man lost his life after he was struck by lightning while working in his fields at Dhadhamb village of the Shahpur area in Kangra district on Sunday morning. The tragic incident occurred amid continued spells of intermittent rain and thunderstorms lashing the region over the past four days. The deceased has been identified as Vijay Kumar, son of Raj Singh, a resident of Dhadhamb village. As per initial reports, Vijay had gone to fields in the morning along with two of his friends. While they were working, a sudden bolt of lightning struck close to Vijay directly. His friends, who were a short distance away at the time, witnessed the horrifying incident. Although visibly shaken, they managed to summon courage to rush Vijay to the Shahpur government hospital. However, doctors at the hospital declared him brought dead. The local authorities were immediately informed. A team from the Shahpur police station reached hospital and took body into custody. After completing the necessary legal formalities, the body was shifted to the district hospital, where a post-mortem examination would be conducted on Monday. Meanwhile, the police initiated inquest proceedings under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident, said Kartar Singh, SHO, Shahpur police station. On the other hand, the district administration asked.

**ISSUE CANCELLATION NOTICES TO DELAYED HYDRO PROJECT DEVELOPERS:
HIMACHAL CM TO POWER DEPT**

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has directed the Directorate of Energy to issue cancellation notice to non-serious hydro power developers, whose projects have remained stalled for many years. Presiding over a high-level meeting of the Power Department on Saturday, the Chief Minister said undue delay in the execution of projects was causing significant losses to the state exchequer. “Hydro power is the mainstay in the state's economy. The state government is committed to ensuring that benefits reach the people of the state,” he said. Sukhu said his government was committed to safeguarding interests of the people of the state across multiple platforms and forums. In a major decision, the state government has decided to take back 382 MW Sunni, 210 MW Luhri Stage-I and 66 MW Dhaulasidh projects previously allotted to SJVN Limited. “The government will not move ahead on the upcoming projects like Kishau and Renuka Dam unless neighbouring states gives concrete assurances to settle the pending arrears due from the Bhakra Beas Management Board,” the Chief Minister said.



YASHASVI JAISWAL FACES SCRUTINY OVER SLIP CATCHING AS VIRAT KOHLI AND ROHIT SHARMA NAMEDROPPED: ‘CAN’T LOB 3-4...’

Diary Times Desk : Had the visitors held on to their catches in the first Test against England at Headingley, Leeds, Shubman Gill-led India would have had a significant advantage. The reliable slip cordon dropped several sitters. Even the tried and tested Ravindra Jadeja put down Ben Duckett at gully. However, it was Yashasvi Jaiswal who was the biggest culprit as he put down three catches, all of Jasprit Bumrah’s bowling. Former England pacer Stuart Broad reckons India need to improve their fielding drastically if they are to pose a serious challenge to England in the ongoing five-match series. Earlier, Sunil Gavaskar had also called out India’s fielding, putting Jaiswal under the scanner for his lacklustre show. Had India held on to their chances, they would have easily gained a lead of at least 50-60 runs. Harry Brook, who scored 99 runs, was put down twice, while the likes of Ben Duckett and Ollie Pope also got one life each. Jaiswal put three chances down – one each of Duckett, Pope and Brook. Speaking about how the first Test hangs in the balance, Broad said that if India are to get more than 300 runs in the second innings, they would be in the driver’s seat. However, it was then that he spoke about India’s fielding effort in the first innings.



JASPRIT BUMRAH RESPONDS TO SUNIL GAVASKAR’S ‘PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLAY ALL 5 TESTS’ REQUEST: ‘THAT IS A CONVERSATION...’

Diary Times Desk : It has already been made clear that Jasprit Bumrah would be playing just three Tests in the five-match series against England, owing to workload management. However, his performance in the first innings of the first Test in Headingley, Leeds, against Ben Stokes and co has resulted in several pundits asking him to reconsider his decision and play all the matches to give India the best chance of registering their first series win in the UK since 2007. In the first innings, Bumrah emerged as the lone warrior once again as he returned with five wickets to help India bundle out England for 465. As a result, the visitors gained a lead of six runs. Bumrah’s figures would have looked all the better had slip fielders held on to their chances. Ahead of the start of play on Day 4, Jasprit Bumrah spoke to Sony Sports Network, where he interacted with the presenter and his wife, Sanjana Ganesan. It was then that she put forward the request of Sunil Gavaskar and Cheteshwar Pujara in front of Bumrah. “There is a request that has come from upstairs from Cheteshwar Pujara and Sunil Gavaskar,” she told Bumrah. “Don’t shoot the messenger. I am just telling you, quote-unquote.

OMAN CRICKET AGREES TO CLEAR PLAYERS’ DUES FROM 2024 T20 WORLD CUP

Diary Times Desk : Oman Cricket (OC) has finally agreed to pay the members of its men’s T20 World Cup squad the prize money due to them from that tournament, claiming that the long delay in clearing the dues was “procedural”. In a statement put out on Monday, OC said the US\$225,000 amount would be disbursed to the squad and support staff by July 2025. ESPNcricinfo had reported earlier this month that players from the Oman squad had not been paid, a year after the event held in the USA and the Caribbean in June 2024. Agreements participating boards sign with the ICC for events stipulate that prize money must be disbursed to players within 21 days of the board having received it from the ICC. That money, the ICC confirmed, had been sent to OC on time, though the latter claimed in its statement “that the delay in disbursement was procedural, dependent on formal post-event clarifications from the ICC, which are typically received after global tournaments”. The players raised the issue of non-payment not long after the event, and matters came to a head last October, at the emerging teams Asia Cup, when the Oman players resolved to take unified action. That led to the players threatening to not play and being told to leave a day before the tournament began.

ROHIT SHARMA POSTS INDIA BADGE AGAIN, CAPTIONS IT ‘FOREVER GRATEFUL’ A MONTH AFTER TEST RETIREMENT: WHAT 23/06/07 MEANS

Diary Times Desk : More than a month after he announced his retirement from Test cricket, Rohit Sharma posted another Instagram story about cricket, this time to express gratitude. Rohit posted a picture of his helmet with the BCCI badge and the Indian tri-colour, captioning it ‘Forever grateful’, followed by the date: 23/06/07. The date marks Rohit’s India debut all the way back in 2007, thus confirming that the Hitman completes 18 years of international cricket today. Rohit was just a 19-year-old when he made his India debut in an ODI against Ireland. Almost two decades later, he is one of India’s most successful captains, having led the team to two ICC trophies in less than a year. Rohit’s India debut was a quiet affair as he did not get a chance to bat, and when he did three days later against South Africa, Rohit was dismissed for 8. It wasn’t until September that year that Rohit arrived on the scene. Yuvraj Singh’s 6 sixes off Stuart Broad did not allow Rohit to bat. Hence, the next day, as India took on South Africa, Rohit belted an unbeaten half-century, thus getting his India career up and running. Today, having retired from T20Is and Tests, Rohit is likely to channel all his focus and energy on the 2027 ODI World Cup, which is two years and four months away.



“DON’T WANT TO PUT ANY PRESSURE ON MYSELF”: NEERAJ CHOPRA ON CHASING 90M THROWS

Diary Times Desk : As he builds towards his ultimate goal – a top finish at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo – Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra says he isn’t placing himself under the pressure of chasing 90-metre throws every time he steps out, though he’s quietly confident ahead of the Golden Spike meet in Ostrava on Tuesday. “I feel good, but I don’t want to put any pressure on myself for 90m. But I’ll try really hard,” Chopra said told reporters ahead of Tuesday’s Golden Spike Athletics meet . “I’ve already thrown 90m this year after a little bit more improvement in technique. So let’s see when it comes next time, but I am ready.” The 27-year-old javelin superstar, fresh off his Paris Diamond League win (88.16m) over German Julian Weber, is focusing more on technical refinement than chasing numbers every meet. “Recently we’ve done a good training in Nymburk (Czech Republic), so I’ll do my best here in Ostrava,” he added. Part of Chopra’s excitement at competing in Ostrava stems from childhood memories. “When I was a kid, I watched a lot of videos and photos of athletes like Usain Bolt competing here. I came last year but I didn’t compete because of injury,” he recalled.

AUSTRALIA’S NEW-LOOK BATTING ORDER ‘PREPARED FOR ANYTHING’

Diary Times Desk : There are only four members of the Australia squad in the West Indies who were part of their previous Test series here in 2015, and one of those, Steven Smith, is currently recuperating from a finger injury in New York. So it’s perhaps not surprising that there is an element of uncertainty over what conditions they will be confronted with for the opening match in Barbados. Their first training session of the tour at Kensington Oval, an optional one where all the batters attended but all the bowlers sat out bar Matt Kuhnemann, was interrupted by showers on a blustery day with the Test pitch uncovered only briefly. The batters made use of what time was available on the adjacent surfaces but the players have kept an open mind, with the Dukes ball used in the Caribbean – a variant on the English version – adding another layer of intrigue. “I think we’re prepared for anything, really, and prepared for maybe both [seam and spin] in the same game,” Travis Head said. “We could be starting the game and then it could shift into different modes and plans of attack. So, as a batter, you’re just sort of planning.