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New Delhi again called for resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. "We wish to reiterate that there is no alternative to dialogue and diplomacy in order to address and resolve the multiple conflicts in the region," the MEA said in a statement. "India stands ready to play its part in these efforts and hopes that all parties concerned will work towards sustained peace and stability," it said.



## SHASHI THAROOR

## NOT SIGN OF MY 'LEAPING TO JOIN' PM'S PARTY: THAROOR ON OPERATION SINDOOR OUTREACH ARTICLE



**Diary Times Desk :** Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday said his article on Operation Sindoor's global outreach was not a sign of his "leaping to join" Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party but a statement of national unity, interest and standing up for India.

Tharoor, in an article published in The Hindu on Monday, said Modi's energy, dynamism and willingness to engage remained a "prime asset" for India on the global stage but deserved greater backing.

His remarks were seen as likely to irk his Congress party and widen cracks in his ties with its leadership.

Asked about the article at an event here, the Thiruvananthapuram MP said: "It is not a sign of my leaping to join the prime minister's party (the BJP) as some people unfortunately have been implying. It is a statement of national unity, of national interest and of standing up for India, which to my mind is fundamentally why I came back to India after 25 years of service at the UN."

"I did so to serve India, and I am very proud to have the opportunity to do so," Tharoor added. Tharoor said the article was written about 'Operation Sindoor' in which he described the success of the diplomatic outreach mission. "People always tend to see all this in the context of today's news. It is an article in which I describe the success of this outreach mission, which, amongst other things, showcased the unity of all parties behind the matter of vital national interest," Tharoor said. "So, I said the prime minister himself has demonstrated dynamism and energy."

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AIR INDIA, AI EXPRESS RESUME FLIGHTS TO MIDDLE EAST AS AIRSPACES REOPEN

**Diary Times Desk :** Air India and Air India Express on Tuesday progressively resumed their services to the Middle East, with flights to Dubai and Muscat, respectively, as countries in the region reopened their airspace. With escalating tensions in the Middle East, especially after Iran launching missiles against US airbase in Qatar, some countries in the region shut their airspace resulting in numerous flight diversions and cancellations, including by Indian carriers. Tata Group-owned carriers – Air India and Air India Express – have restarted flights to cities in the Middle East. Officials said Air India is operating Delhi-Dubai flight and Air India Express is operating Delhi-Muscat service. On Tuesday, Air India said it will progressively resume flights to the Middle East as airspaces are gradually reopening in the region and most of the operations will resume from June 25. "Flights to and from Europe, previously cancelled.

EPFO MEMBERS MAY SOON BE ABLE TO DIRECTLY WITHDRAW EPF MONEY THROUGH ATMS, UPI



**Diary Times Desk :** Retirement fund body EPFO subscribers may soon be able to withdraw their employees' provident fund (EPF) directly from their accounts through ATMs or other modes like UPI after linking their bank accounts with EPF. A highly placed source said the labour ministry is working on a project where a certain proportion of the EPF will be frozen and a large chunk will be available for withdrawal through their bank account using various modes like UPI or ATM debit cards. The source said there are some software challenges to implementing this system, which are being resolved. At present, the members of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) have to apply for withdrawal claims to access their EPF money, which is time-consuming. Under the auto-settlement mode, the withdrawal claims are settled electronically without manual intervention within three days of filing the application form. The limit of this auto-settlement mode has been raised to Rs 5 lakh on Tuesday from the existing Rs 1 lakh.

ASTAGURU AUCTION TO FEATURE LETTERS BY TAGORE, HUSAIN'S PAINTING OF GANDHI, MOTHER TERESA

**Diary Times Desk :** A correspondence between Rabindranath Tagore and sociologist Dhurjati Prasad Mukherji, comprising 35 handwritten letters and 14 envelopes, will be among the rare items that will go under the hammer in AstaGuru's 'Collectors Choice' online auction on June 26-27. The National Art Treasure letters, which reveal Tagore in creative transition—from poet and public figure to visual artist and private seeker -- are estimated at Rs 5-7 crore, the auction house said in a statement. The auction will also feature a large-format painting by M F Husain, depicting Mother Teresa and Mahatma Gandhi. "The faceless representation of Mother Teresa in her distinct nun's attire and Gandhi with his dhoti and walking stick is characteristic of Husain's ability to convey identity through silhouette and gesture. Other symbolic elements, such as the chakra and lamp, further embed the work in a distinctly Indian visual and cultural lexicon. Executed in a restrained palette of black, white, brown, and blue, the painting enhances the dark yet deeply emotive quality of the piece," it said.



**YOUR HOROSCOPE**  
25-06-2025

**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: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RELEASED THE RESULT OF ALLIED SERVICES EXAMINATION, 56 CANDIDATES SELECTED

**Diary Times Desk :** The State Public Service Commission has declared the result of the Allied Services Examination. The preliminary written examination was held on September 8, 2024. The main examination was conducted from March 7 to 9, 2025. After evaluating the certificates from June 17 to 19, the commission has declared 56 candidates selected on Tuesday. 33 candidates have been selected as Assistant State Tax and Excise Officer. All of them will be appointed on regular basis. Apart from these, nine extension officers in the Industries Department, ten Election Kanungos and four Inspector Audit Trainee basis will be appointed in the Cooperative Department.



## HIMACHAL WEATHER: MONSOON REACHES ALL PARTS OF HIMACHAL, ORANGE ALERT FOR HEAVY RAIN FOR SEVEN DISTRICTS

**Diary Times Desk :** The southwest monsoon has covered the entire Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday. Due to this, heavy rain is continuing in many parts of the state. Heavy rain also started in the capital Shimla at around 2:00 pm. During the last 24 hours, Nadaun 63.5, Kangra 55.5, Paonta Sahib 49.0, Hamirpur 46.0, Guler 42.4, Neri 39.0, Mandi 34.2, Bharari 33.4, Sujampur Tihra recorded 20.8 mm of rain. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, light to moderate rain is forecast to continue in the state till June 30. Light to moderate rain is expected at many places on June 24, 28, 29 and 30. While light to moderate rain is expected at most places in the state from June 25 to 27. There is a yellow alert for heavy rains at some places on 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 June. On 25 June, an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rains has been issued for Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Chamba, Kangra, Mandi and Sirmour districts. On the other hand, the minimum temperature is likely to gradually fall by 2-4 degrees Celsius during the next 3-4 days.

## FORMER CS AND INFORMATION COMMISSIONER RD DHIMAN WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF RERA, AMIT KASHYAP WILL BE THE MEMBER

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal government has appointed Information Commissioner and former Chief Secretary RD Dhiman as the Chairman of the State Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA). This post was vacant for the last six months. Along with this, former IAS officer Amit Kashyap has also been appointed as a member of RERA. The state government has issued its notification on Tuesday. RERA has now got a chairman after the retirement of Shrikant Baldi on December 31, 2024. Vidur Mehta has already been appointed as a member of RERA. In such a situation, now all the posts of RERA have been filled. RD Dhiman will take over as RERA Chairman on Wednesday. After the strict instructions of the High Court, the government has appointed the chairman and member on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the state government will file a report related to the appointments in the High Court. Builders working in Himachal now have to get registered with RERA. Only after that the builder can build residential colonies in Himachal. If builders cheat people while selling flats, then the complaints of the victims are also heard in RERA. If fault is found, builders are fined. RERA's newly appointed chairman RD Dhiman said that people will be given justice on time. People will be heard every month.

## SHIMLA: AFTER 29 DAYS, SP SHIMLA SANJEEV GANDHI TOOK CHARGE, RELIEVED GAURAV SINGH

**Diary Times Desk :** Shimla SSP Sanjeev Gandhi, who had opened a front against former Himachal DGP Dr. Atul Verma, took charge on Tuesday after 29 days. After the High Court's instructions to hand over the Vimal case to the CBI, Shimla SP had held a press conference and raised questions on the working style of many officers including the then Director General of Police Atul Verma. After this, he was sent on long leave. Sanjeev Gandhi took charge on Tuesday. Let us tell you, the government had sent Shimla SP Sanjeev Gandhi on leave on 27 May for indiscipline. Show cause notices were also issued to the then DGP Dr. Atul Verma and Shimla SP Sanjeev Gandhi for indiscipline and mutual conflict. The charge of SP Shimla was given to Solan Superintendent of Police Gaurav Singh.



## HIMACHAL: STUDENTS WILL READ NEWS IN PRAYER MEETINGS TO INCREASE GENERAL AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

**Diary Times Desk :** To enhance general awareness and communication skills, students of government schools will now read news from the daily newspaper in the prayer assembly. On the orders of Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, the Education Department has issued guidelines in this regard. In the instructions issued by the Directorate of School Education to all Deputy Directors, it has been said that the overall development of students includes not only academic excellence, but also the development of general awareness, critical thinking and effective communication skills. In an increasingly interconnected world, it is important that our students are well aware of current events at the national and global level. Keeping this in mind, reading news in prayer meetings has been made compulsory in government schools. Selection of news: Students, under the guidance of a designated teacher, will select age-appropriate and relevant international, national, state, sports news. Emphasis should be placed on general knowledge, educational development, environmental issues, scientific progress.

## SHIMLA: HIMACHAL HIGH COURT ONCE AGAIN THREATENED WITH BOMB BLAST, POLICE LAUNCHED SEARCH OPERATION

**Diary Times Desk :** The state High Court has once again received a bomb threat. This has alerted the security agencies and intelligence agencies. As soon as this information was received, the bomb squad and police team reached the premises of the state High Court on Tuesday and conducted a search operation. However, no suspicious object was recovered during this time. This threat was given through email. Many judicial complexes across the country have received such threatening emails. Due to this, a comprehensive search operation was also conducted in the Himachal Pradesh High Court as a precaution. During this, the bomb squad, dog squad and local police conducted a thorough search of the premises. However, no suspicious object or explosive material was recovered in this search operation for several hours and the situation remains normal. The police have started investigating the person who sent the email. Earlier also, the state High Court premises.

'REPORTED DEFECTS REAPPEARING ON AIRCRAFT': AVIATION WATCHDOG AFTER AUDIT

**Diary Times Desk :** A special audit of airlines, maintenance teams and other aspects carried out by the aviation watchdog at airports like Delhi and Mumbai has revealed several deficiencies, including reported defects reappearing on aircraft, life vests not being properly secured under seats, and the line marking of a runway being faded. On June 19, a week after an Air India Dreamliner crashed in Ahmedabad, killing over 270 people, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had launched a new framework for Comprehensive Special Audits to identify systemic vulnerabilities and ensure that policies and standards set by it as well as the International Civil Aviation Organisation are being followed. As part of this, a "comprehensive surveillance" was carried out at major airports, including Delhi and Mumbai, covering critical areas such as flight operations, airworthiness, ramp safety, air traffic control, Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) systems, and pre-flight medical evaluations, the DGCA said in a statement on Tuesday.

SHUN DOUBLE STANDARDS IN COMBATING TERRORISM: AJIT DOVAL AT SCO MEET IN CHINA

**Diary Times Desk :** National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Tuesday called for shunning double standards in combating terrorism and urged members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to hold accountable perpetrators, organisers and financiers of cross-border terrorism, seen as reference to Pakistan. Mr Doval made the remarks in an address at a meeting of the security council secretaries of the SCO in Beijing. The NSA conveyed India's deep concern over continued threat from UN-proscribed terror groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Al Qaeda, ISIS and its affiliates. More importantly, Mr Doval highlighted the need to shun "double standards" in the fight against terror. Any act of terrorism, including cross-border terror, is a "crime against humanity", Mr Doval said. The NSA specifically called on SCO member states to hold accountable the perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of acts of cross-border terror and to help bring them to justice. Though he directly didn't name Pakistan, his remarks appeared to be directed against Pakistan. The NSA said New Delhi launched Operation Sindoor to dismantle terror infrastructure.

"NOT LEAPING TO JOIN BJP": SHASHI THAROOR'S SHARP MESSAGE AMID SPECULATION



**Diary Times Desk :** Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday said his opinion piece in a prominent English daily this week - on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'energy, dynamism and willingness to engage (with other countries)' post-Operation Sindoor - should not be viewed as him 'leaping to join' the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. He said the article - which was also shared by the Prime Minister's Office on X, a show of support that has raised eyebrows - was a statement of national unity, and about standing up for India. In the article Mr Tharoor praised Mr Modi as a 'prime asset' for India and called for 'greater support' for the PM. The Congress MP - whose relationship with his party is on shaky ground over positive comments about Prime Minister Modi, comments that seem at odds with the party's criticism of the Modi government's foreign policy - also said the article only highlighted the success of the Op Sindoor diplomatic outreach. "It is not a sign of my leaping to join the Prime Minister's party..

BLACK BOX OF CRASHED AIR INDIA PLANE IN INDIA, BEING EXAMINED: MINISTER

**Diary Times Desk :** Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Tuesday said the black box of the Air India plane, which crashed in Ahmedabad earlier this month, was being examined by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, and dismissed speculation that it would be sent abroad for an inquiry. The London-bound Air India flight crashed into a hostel complex in Ahmedabad moments after taking off from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport there on June 12 afternoon, killing 270 persons, including 241 on board. One passenger survived. The black box of Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane was recovered from the site on June 13. A black box is a small device that records information about an aircraft during its flight. It helps in the investigation of aviation accidents. Asked about some media reports suggesting the black box would be sent abroad for a probe into the incident, Mr Naidu said, "...it is all speculation. The black box is very much in India, and it is currently being investigated by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB)."

'UNDECLARED EMERGENCY SITUATION PREVAILS IN KARNATAKA,' SAYS FORMER CM BASAVARAJ BOMMAI

**Diary Times Desk :** Karnataka former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai accused the state Congress government of completely destroying democracy in the state and alleged that whenever farmers, the public, or opposition parties protest, the government suppresses them, creating a situation akin to an undeclared emergency in the state. According to a press statement, speaking at the swearing-in ceremony of the new Haveri District BJP President, Virupakshappa Ballari, here on Monday, he said the enthusiasm shown by the party workers today has brought fresh energy. They organised the party even while in power and continued our fight when out of power. They have fought for the livelihoods of people in this region and implemented our promises when the BJP was in power.



INDIA EVACUATES NEARLY 3,000 NATIONALS FROM IRAN AND ISRAEL

**Diary Times Desk :** India evacuated nearly 3,000 of its nationals from Iran and Israel by Tuesday morning, using C-17 heavy lift aircraft of the Indian Air Force to fly out more than 600 citizens who were moved out of Israel to Egypt and Jordan by road. The first group of 161 Indians moved from Israel to Jordan by road reached New Delhi in a chartered flight from Amman at 8:20am on Tuesday. The group was received at the airport by minister of state for external affairs Pabitra Margherita, external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on social media. Another group of 165 Indians moved from Israel to Jordan were flown back to New Delhi from Amman in a C-17 aircraft. When the flight landed at 8.45 am, the group was received by minister of state L Murugan. Yet another group of nearly 300 Indians, who crossed over from Israel to Egypt via the Taba land border, were evacuated in a C-17 aircraft from Sharm-el-Sheikh, officials said. The flights from Jordan were delayed because of airspace restrictions.

ANDHRA WOMAN BECOMES FIRST INDIAN TO COMPLETE NASA PROGRAM, TO GO TO SPACE IN 2029

**Diary Times Desk :** Dangeti Jahnvi from Palakollu in Andhra Pradesh's West Godavari district is set to travel to space in 2029. A graduate in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Jahnvi holds the distinction of being the first Indian to successfully complete NASA's prestigious International Air and Space Program. Jahnvi has been selected to travel to the Titan's Orbital Port Space Station, a US-based project slated for inauguration in the next four years. The space enthusiast completed her undergraduate studies at Lovely Professional University in Punjab, after finishing her Intermediate education in her hometown of Palakollu. Her parents, Srinivas and Padmasri, currently reside in Kuwait for work. Jahnvi is known for her active engagement in the field of STEM education and space outreach. She has delivered talks for ISRO's educational programs and addressed students at premier institutions including National Institutes of Technology (NITs) across the country. She also regularly takes part in analog missions, deep-sea diving.



### CHAOS FOR THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS STRANDED AT DOHA AIRPORT, LONG QUEUES IN DUBAI

**Diary Times Desk :** Operations at two of the world's busiest airports in Doha and Dubai slowed to a crawl on Tuesday as thousands of travellers queued for hours, facing long delays and flight cancellations after the temporary closure of airspace a day earlier. Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait shut their airspace late on Monday after Iran's strike on a U.S. military base in Qatar's capital Doha, forcing airlines to cancel or reroute hundreds of flights and creating a backlog of stranded passengers. Airports across Dubai in the United Arab Emirates briefly halted operations. U.S. President Donald Trump said a ceasefire between Israel and Iran was in place and asked both sides not to violate it, raising hopes of an end to the 12-day war, but hostilities continued, with deadly attacks reported in both countries. "I haven't slept for 19 hours. And I've been in this line over nine hours," said Lily Rogers, 21, who was in an around 200 metres queue in Doha's Hamad International airport. The psychology student, en route to an holiday in Southeast Asia, said those in line were only given water during the wait.

### TRUMP THANKS IRAN FOR "NOTICE" BEFORE ATTACK ON US BASE, THEN A PEACE NOTE

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump signalled today that Iran's attempted air strike at the US-run Al Udeid air base in Qatar would not draw a retaliation from Washington. In a post on X a few hours after the attack, he expressed hope that Iran has "gotten it all out of their 'system' and there will, hopefully, be no further HATE". "Perhaps Iran can now proceed to Peace and Harmony in the Region, and I will enthusiastically encourage Israel to do the same," read one of a series of posts from President Trump, who monitored the events from the Situation Room of the White House with his senior officials. The US President's post was also delivered with a jibe that the Iranian response to the US "obliteration" of its nuclear facilities was "very weak" - he said 14 missiles were fired by Tehran of which 13 were knocked down, "I was set free because it was headed in a nonthreatening direction". He also thanked Tehran for the advance warning of the strikes - "I want to thank Iran for giving us early notice, which made it possible for no lives to be lost, and nobody to be injured". However, US President Donald Trump today announced:

### IRANIAN TOP NUCLEAR SCIENTIST SEDIGHI SABER KILLED IN ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE AMID CEASEFIRE DEAL

**Diary Times Desk :** Iranian top nuclear scientist and senior IRGC officer Mohammad Reza Sedighi Saber was killed in an Israeli airstrike on northern Tehran, Iranian media reported Tuesday. The strike came just hours before Israel and Iran accepted a ceasefire proposal brokered by US President Donald Trump, ending a 12-day conflict. Israel also targeted roads near Iran's Fordow enrichment facility and struck Evin prison, known for holding political prisoners. Iranian retaliation included missile strikes on Israeli cities and a US base in Qatar. The ceasefire is now in effect, though tensions remain high.



### "ALL PLANES WILL HEAD HOME": TRUMP, UNHAPPY WITH ISRAEL, DIALS NETANYAHU



**Diary Times Desk :** The ceasefire between Iran and Israel "is in effect" and Israel is not going to attack Iran, Donald Trump declared on Tuesday, shortly after he urged ally Israel to "bring your pilots home" as its military actions threatened to upend the hours-old ceasefire between the two regional foes. "ISRAEL is not going to attack Iran. All planes will turn around and head home, while doing a friendly "Plane Wave" to Iran. Nobody will be hurt, the Ceasefire is in effect! Thank you for your attention to this matter! DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES," Trump posted on Truth Social platform. The two countries have been "fighting so long and so hard that they don't know what the f\*\*k they're doing, do you understand that?" the president told reporters at the White House. Iran violated the ceasefire, "but Israel violated it too," Trump said.

### DONALD TRUMP SAYS 'DON'T WANT REGIME CHANGE IN IRAN' AFTER TEHRAN-ISRAEL CEASEFIRE

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he does not want to see "regime change" in Iran, which he said would lead to chaos. The remark came hours after he announced a ceasefire in the Iran-Israel "12-day war", in which the US also bombarded Tehran's nuclear facilities. He added that Iran will not have a nuclear weapon, claiming Tehran would not rebuild its nuclear facilities destroyed in Israel and Iran's strikes. Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One en route a NATO summit, Trump said Russian President Vladimir Putin had called him and offered to help with Iran. "ISRAEL is not going to attack Iran. All planes will turn around and head home, while doing a friendly "Plane Wave" to Iran. Nobody will be hurt, the Ceasefire is in effect! Thank you for your attention to this matter," he wrote on Truth Social. The remark came hours after the Iranian government said Tuesday it had "taken the necessary measures" to ensure the continuation of its nuclear programme. The game is not over, said a close aide of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, adding that the country still has stocks of enriched uranium.

### WORLD SHARES RALLY AFTER TRUMP ANNOUNCES WHAT APPEARS TO BE SHAKY ISRAELI-IRAN CEASEFIRE

**Diary Times Desk :** Stocks rallied and oil prices fell on Tuesday after US President Donald Trump announced what appears to be a shaky ceasefire in the Israel-Iran war. A tentative truce proposed by Trump remained uncertain after Israel said Iran had launched missiles into its airspace less than three hours after the ceasefire went into effect. It vowed to retaliate. Still, investors took heart after Trump said Israel and Iran had agreed to a "complete and total ceasefire" soon after Iran launched limited missile attacks Monday on a US military base in Qatar, retaliating for the American bombing of its nuclear sites over the weekend. The future for the S&P 500 gained 0.8% while that for the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.6%. "The Middle East may still be smoldering, but as far as markets are concerned, the fire alarm has been shut off," Stephen Innes of SPI Asset Management said in a commentary.

### VENICE DIVIDED AHEAD OF BILLIONAIRE JEFF BEZOS' 'WEDDING OF THE CENTURY'

**Diary Times Desk :** Venice is divided ahead of next week's celebrity wedding of US tech-tycoon Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sanchez, with some looking forward to the glitz and glamour, while others fear it will turn the scenic city of gondolas and palazzi into an amusement park. Many details of the wedding are still under wraps - including the precise day it will happen - but it is certain that scores of stars from film, fashion and business will arrive to see Bezos tie the knot - provided they can get past the protesters. One group has plastered banners on the city's famous Rialto Bridge reading "No space for Bezos!" and threatened peaceful blockades, complaining that the medieval and Renaissance city needs public services and housing, not celebrities and over-tourism. "Bezos arrogantly believes he can take over the city and turn it into his own private party venue," said Tommaso Cacciari, a leading light of the "No space for Bezos" campaign. Mayor Luigi Brugnaro and regional governor Luca Zaia, on the other hand, argue that the wedding will bring an economic windfall to local businesses, including the motor boats and gondolas that operate its myriad canals. Eleven years ago actor George Clooney married human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin in Venice, turning the city into Hollywood on the Adriatic with a weekend of lavish celebrations. Then, locals and tourists alike were excited to witness a memorable moment.

## AAP WINS IT BIG IN LUDHIANA WEST BYPOLL, BOOST FOR PARTY AHEAD OF 2027 PUNJAB ELECTIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Monday scored an emphatic victory in the Ludhiana West Assembly byelection, the polling for which was held on June 19. Party candidate Sanjeev Arora defeated his nearest rival, Bharat Bhushan Ashu of the Congress, by an impressive margin of 10,637 votes. Arora secured 35,179 of the 90,160 votes polled, while Ashu received 24,542 votes. Jiwan Gupta of the BJP and Parupkar Singh Ghuman of the SAD got 20,323 and 8,203 votes, respectively. The byelection was necessitated by the sudden death of sitting AAP MLA Gurpreet Singh Gogi in January this year. The election was challenging for the ruling party, as both the Congress and BJP conducted spirited and aggressive campaigns. The segment was considered a Congress stronghold until 2022, when Gogi, a former Congressman who joined AAP ahead of the elections, defeated Ashu by a margin of 7,512 votes. This time, AAP retained control over the seat and improved its victory margin to 10,637 votes. While AAP secured an impressive victory, it benefited mainly from the division of Opposition votes among the Congress, BJP and the SAD. The combined vote share of these three parties was about 62 per cent, compared to AAP's 39 per cent.



## GOVT PLANS STATEWIDE ROLLOUT OF MECHANICAL SWEEPING IN URBAN AREAS

**Diary Times Desk :** The government is considering implementing mechanical sweeping across all Municipal Councils (MCs) in the state, local government Minister Dr Ravjot Singh disclosed it during a trial run of mechanical sweeping machines in Kharar and Mohali on Tuesday. The initiative will involve two types of machines—smaller ones for narrow streets and larger units for main roads. The adoption of mechanical sweeping will not negatively affect the employment of existing sanitary workers. Additionally, the government does not plan to purchase these expensive machines outright. Instead, operations will be carried out on an Operating and Maintenance (O&M) basis, ensuring cost efficiency. He said that mechanical sweeping is intended to ensure efficient and effective cleaning of major city roads where such machines can be deployed. Mechanical sweeping is already in operation in some municipal corporations and will soon be extended to other urban local bodies as part of a larger beautification effort.

## KAMAL KAUR BHABHI MURDER: 'I DISOWNED AMRITPAL YEARS AGO', SAYS FATHER

**Diary Times Desk :** Amritpal Singh Mehron, the alleged mastermind behind the murder of social media influencer Kanchan Kumari, popularly known as Kamal Kaur Bhabhi, was reportedly disowned by his father, Baljinder Singh, five years ago. Speaking over the phone today, Baljinder Singh, a construction worker, resident of Mehron village in Moga district, said, "When Amritpal's name came up in connection with the vandalism of some statues at the heritage street in Amritsar, I disowned him out of fear. Moreover, he was not interested in working with us. However, he still continued to live with us." According to the police, Amritpal fled to the UAE just hours after allegedly killing Kanchan on June 10. A lookout circular has already been issued against him and his alleged accomplice, Ranjit Singh of Tarn Taran district. An unidentified person involved in the case is also absconding.

## GUNFIRE AT NRI'S HOUSE OVER RANSOM DEMAND, POLICE SUSPECT PAKISTAN-BASED GANGSTER'S INVOLVEMENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Two unidentified bike-borne assailants opened fire outside the house of an NRI family in Aman Nagar here near Gulab Devi Road late Monday night in what appears to be a case of international extortion. Police said the firing was allegedly carried out to intimidate the NRI's family after ransom demands were made by a Pakistan-based gangster. ACP North Aatish Bhatia confirmed that the house belongs to Jatinder, an NRI whose four sons are settled in Portugal. "The firing appears to have been carried out to threaten the family following ransom demands made by gangsters," he said. An FIR has been registered under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Arms Act against unidentified persons. While sources suggest a ransom of nearly Rs 50 lakh was demanded, police officials have not confirmed the amount. The attack came just five minutes after Jatinder's mother, Charanjit Kaur, received a threatening phone call from an unknown number. The caller asked about someone named 'Kaka Sandhu.' When she denied knowing the individual, the caller reportedly threatened her, saying, "We will see what happens now."

## 'ZAMEER HEE BECH CHUKE': B PRAAK TO DILJIT DOSANJH OVER CASTING HANIA AAMIR IN 'SARDAAR JI 3'

**Diary Times Desk :** Punjabi singer B Praak on Tuesday shared a cryptic message on his Instagram stories that many believe is aimed at fellow singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh. The "Mann Bharrya" singer wrote, "Kayin artist apna zameer hee bech chuke ne. Fiteh mooh tuhade (Some artists have sold their conscience)." Although B Praak did not mention anyone by name, the timing of his post has left fans wondering if it is an indirect criticism of Diljit. The controversy centres around Diljit's latest movie "Sardaar Ji 3", featuring Pakistani actress Hania Aamir. This casting choice has sparked backlash in India, with calls to boycott the film. BN Tiwari, President of the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE), condemned Diljit's decision and announced a ban on all future projects involving the actor. As a result of the controversy, "Sardaar Ji 3" is scheduled for an overseas release on June 27 but will not be released in India. Amid the backlash, Diljit on Tuesday posted a cryptic message on Instagram, referencing his film, "Punjab 95". His post read, "Censored before release?" The film "Punjab 95" tells the story of an ordinary man's fight against human rights violations during Punjab's militancy era. The project has been delayed due to censorship issues.

## GANGSTER CARRYING RS 3 LAKH REWARD KILLED IN POLICE ENCOUNTER NEAR DELHI-HARYANA BORDER

**Diary Times Desk :** A wanted criminal carrying Rs 3 lakh reward was shot dead near the Delhi-Haryana border early on Tuesday morning, an official said. Romil Vohra was a resident of Yamunanagar district in Haryana. He was wanted in eight cases, including a triple murder in his native district and another murder case in Kurukshetra. Pramod Kushwah, Additional CP (Special Cell), said Romil was also wanted in an Arms Act case registered by Delhi Police's Special Cell. "The killings in Haryana were allegedly ordered by gangster Virender Pratap alias Kala Rana, who was recently extradited from Bangkok and his brother Surya Pratap alias Noni Rana, who is currently based abroad," he said. Acting on inputs received from Haryana STF about Romil's possible movement in Delhi to carry out another crime, a joint team of the STF and Special Cell laid a trap near Kishangarh area, close to the Delhi-Haryana border. "Early this morning, Romil was intercepted by the joint team near the Delhi-Haryana border."

## HARYANA: BJP LINES UP BIGWIGS FOR 'CONSTITUTION MURDER DAY' ON JUNE 25

**Diary Times Desk :** The ruling BJP has lined up its bigwigs for 'Constitution Murder Day' on June 25, marking the 50th anniversary of the Emergency imposed by the then Congress Government led by Indira Gandhi. In a strategic move to counter its traditional rival, the BJP has planned a massive statewide outreach programme aimed at exposing the "real face" of Congress, highlighting the atrocities committed against political opponents and the common man. On this day, 27 prominent leaders, including the Chief Minister, Union Ministers, State Ministers and MPs, will address diverse audiences across the state. BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli stated, "The Emergency is a black chapter in Indian democratic history when the civil rights of not only Congress' political rivals but also of the common man were suppressed by the Indira Gandhi Government. The BJP will expose the real face of Congress, which claims to be the saviour of the Constitution while reaffirming our commitment to democratic and constitutional values." Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will address a gathering in Karnal, while Badoli will attend a programme in Panchkula. Union Ministers Manohar Lal Khattar and Rao Inderjit Singh will participate.



76-YEAR-OLD MISSING WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN SHIMLA

**Diary Times Desk :** The body of a 76-year-old woman, who went missing from Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC), Shimla, on June 19, has been found from Kanlog locality, police said here today. The deceased has been identified as Sanjogta Nag, a resident of Sankat Mochan in Shimla. According to reports, she had accompanied her daughter to IGMC for a routine check-up, during which she went missing. A search operation was launched by the police as soon as a missing complaint was registered. During this period, her family members had also met Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, following which the CM directed the police to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to intensify the search operation. According to the CCTV footage, she was last seen on June 19 around 7pm near a building in Kanlog area. Since then, the investigation team has been actively conducting a search operation. Today, when a police team was searching for her, they spotted a dead body of a woman in a nallah; upon identification, the body was taken to the IGMC for post-mortem.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE: ACCUSED TEACHER SUSPENDED IN SIRMAUR DISTRICT

**Diary Times Desk :** The Directorate of School Education has suspended the teacher accused of sexual harassment by 24 girl students of the Government Model Senior Secondary School, Rajgarh, in Sirmaur district. The accused (TGT, non-medical) is in the police custody, and an FIR has been registered against him under Section 75 of the BNS and Section 10 of the POCSO Act. Apart from placing him under suspension, the department has initiated a departmental inquiry against the accused. Ritu Gupta, Deputy Director (Quality), Samagra Shiksha, Nahan, has been tasked with conducting the preliminary inquiry. The officer has been asked to visit the school, record the version of the students and staff and submit the report to the Director, School Education, within a week. "It's a very serious case, and we will take strict action against the offender once the inquiry is over," said Ashish Kohli, Director, School Education.

ARTIFICIAL LAKE FORMS NEAR PARCHHU BRIDGE, THREATENS MANDI VILLAGES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

**Diary Times Desk :** An artificial lake has formed near the Parchhu bridge in the Dharampur subdivision of Mandi district, triggering concerns in villages situated downstream. The unexpected accumulation of water has already submerged a local temple, a cremation ground, and a pump house operated by the Jal Shakti Department. Local residents blame the illegal and excessive dumping of construction debris by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for the situation. They allege that unregulated dumping in the region blocked the natural flow of the stream, leading to the lake's formation. Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) from both Dharampur and Sarkaghat reached the site to assess the situation. Dharampur SDM Joginder Patiyal confirmed the development, but assured residents that there had been no loss of life or significant property damage. "There is no need to panic. Our teams are working on a systematic plan to release the water and prevent any harm to downstream villages," said SDM Patiyal. He added that precautionary measures were being taken to ensure the safety of residents and minimise any potential risk.



HIMACHAL CM SUKHU SEEKS 12% FREE POWER FROM BBMB PROJECTS FOR HIMACHAL

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting the provision of 12 per cent free power to Himachal Pradesh from all Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) projects. In his letter, Sukhu highlighted that while all hydro projects approved by the state government contribute free power to Himachal, the BBMB projects have not extended the same benefit. "Despite the fact that vast hydro power potential in Himachal Pradesh was taken away with the setting up of BBMB projects, the state is not getting its due," the Chief Minister pointed out. Calling the situation a "historical wrong," he urged the Prime Minister to intervene and rectify it by allocating 12 per cent free power from BBMB projects to the state. In a separate letter to Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Sukhu requested that Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd (SJVN) be directed to provide one per cent additional free power from the Nathpa Jhakri Power Project. This, he said, should be allocated to the Local Area Development Fund (LADF), following the model adopted for the Rampur power project, for the benefit of project-affected families. The Chief Minister also demanded rightful representation for Himachal Pradesh in BBMB by appointing a full-time member from the state. "Despite repeated requests at various levels, the state has not received its rightful representation as whole-time member in the BBMB," he wrote.

HEAVY RAINFALL TO CONTINUE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH TILL JUNE 29

**Diary Times Desk :** Heavy rainfall is very likely to continue across the state till June 29 as the state's meteorological department has issued orange and yellow weather warnings, resulting in heavy to very very rain in isolated parts of the state. The department has issued an orange weather warning for several districts including Una, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Chamba, Kangra, Mandi and Sirmaur districts for June 25 and 26, resulting in heavy to very heavy rainfall. A yellow weather warning has also been issued for several districts of the state from June 24 till 29, resulting in heavy rainfall at isolated places in several districts including Shimla, Solan and Mandi. The state is very likely to receive light to moderate rain at many places with few spells of heavy rainfall till June 29. Also, the minimum and maximum temperatures are very likely to fall by 2°C to 4°C in the next three to four days. Meanwhile, the state witnessed heavy rain in isolated areas as well as light to moderate rain at many places of the state during the past 24 hours. No large change in minimum and maximum temperatures were observed as minimum temperatures were in the range of 13°C to 27°C while maximum temperatures were in the range of 21°C to 36°C in the state. Shimla, the state's capital, recorded 24°C maximum temperature while prominent tourist destinations Dharamshala, Mandali and Kasauli recorded 27°C, 28.3°C and 22.9°C.

SECURITY BEEFED UP AT HIMACHAL HIGH COURT AFTER BOMB THREAT MAIL

**Diary Times Desk :** An extensive search and sanitization operation was launched at the Himachal Pradesh High Court and District Court after an email threatening to blow up the courts was received. The premises of the court were evacuated as soon as the email was received and a team of bomb squad, dog squad and a mobile bomb disposal van reached the premises. A comprehensive sanitization and search operation was carried out across the court's complex as well as its surrounding areas. However, no explosive device or anything suspicious was found, but the security of the court was beefed up as a precautionary measure. Shimla Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Rattan Negi confirmed the report and said that the situation is under control and police officials are verifying the origin of the email. The ASP said that similar hoax emails have been received several times over the last few months.



PANT REPRIMANDED BY ICC FOR SHOWING DISSENT AT UMPIRE’S DECISION

**Diary Times Desk :** India wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant has been reprimanded by the ICC for showing dissent at an umpire’s decision during the third day’s play of the ongoing opening Test against England here. Pant, who had an exceptional outing with the bat during the Headingley Test with hundreds in both the innings, was reprimanded for his on-field conduct during England’s first innings. The 27-year-old was found to have breached Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct. “Pant was found to have breached Article 2.8 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to showing dissent at an Umpire’s decision during an International Match,” the ICC said in a statement. In addition to this, one demerit point has been added to Pant’s disciplinary record, for whom it was the first offence in 24 months. The incident happened in the 61<sup>st</sup> over of England’s innings, when Harry Brook and Ben Stokes were batting. Pant was seen having a discussion with the umpires regarding the condition of the ball. When the umpires refused to change the ball after checking it with the ball gauge, the wicket-keeper showed his dissent by throwing the ball on the ground in front of the umpires.



INDIA AND ENGLAND PLAYERS WEAR BLACK ARMBANDS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DILIP DOSHI

**Diary Times Desk :** The Indian and England cricket teams observed silence and wore black armbands on Day 5 of the ongoing Test match at Headingley, paying tribute to former Indian cricketer Dilip Doshi, who died on Monday. The tribute took place before the start of play, with players from both sides lining up in silence for a minute to honour the memory of the left-arm spinner. In a post on X, BCCI said, “Both teams are wearing black armbands today in memory of former Indian cricketer Dilip Doshi, who passed away on Monday. The teams also observed a minute’s silence before the start of Day 5.” Doshi passed away due to heart issues in London, where he had lived for several decades. With a classical left-armers’ action, Doshi scalped 114 Test wickets in 33 appearances, including six five-wicket hauls. Doshi left his mark in the ODIs and finished with 22 wickets in 15 ODIs while maintaining an economy of 3.96. Doshi represented Saurashtra, Bengal, Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire in first-class cricket and picked up 898 wickets in 238 appearances at 26.58. Doshi followed in the footsteps of the famous spin quartet of the 1970s and made his debut at the age of 32. At Nottinghamshire, the West Indies legend Garfield Sobers heavily influenced the left-arm spinner.

SACHIN TENDULKAR PAYS TRIBUTE TO FORMER INDIA SPINNER DILIP DOSHI, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 77

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Indian cricketer and legendary batter Sachin Tendulkar paid tribute to former India left-arm spinner Dilip Doshi, who passed away on Monday in London, aged 77. Tendulkar posted on X handle, “I met Dilipbhai for the first time in the UK in 1990, and he bowled to me in the nets on that tour. He was really fond of me, and I reciprocated his feelings. A warm-hearted soul like Dilipbhai will be deeply missed. I will miss those cricketing conversations which we invariably had. May his soul rest in peace. Om Shanti.” In a post on X, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) condoled Doshi’s demise, stating, “The BCCI mourns the sad demise of former India spinner, Dilip Doshi, who has unfortunately passed away in London. May his soul rest in peace.” Doshi passed away due to heart issues in London, where he had lived for several decades. With a classical left-armers’ action, Doshi scalped 114 Test wickets in 33 appearances, including six five-wicket hauls. He also left his mark in the ODIs and finished with 22 wickets in 15 ODIs while maintaining an economy of 3.96. Doshi represented Saurashtra, Bengal, Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire in first-class cricket and picked up 898 wickets in 238 appearances at 26.58. Doshi followed in the footsteps of the famous spin quartet of the 1970s.

‘WANTED VIRAT KOHLI TO LEAD BUT...’: SOURAV GANGULY PUTS AN END TO CAPTAINCY FIASCO

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) chief Sourav Ganguly has made a big revelation while recalling the captain saga, after Virat Kohli stepped down as captain following the tour of South Africa in 2022. Ganguly was taking care of day-to-day operations at BCCI when Kohli was removed from ODI captaincy and was replaced with Rohit Sharma. This happened few months after Kohli resigned as T20I captain, following India’s group stage exit from the 2021 T20 World Cup in Dubai. Kohli, while addressing the media before the team’s departure from the Test series in South Africa, said that he was informed by the selectors that he won’t be the ODI captain anymore just one and a half hours before the Test squad for the South Africa series was announced and there was no prior communication on the same from the BCCI. After lost the Test series in South Africa, Kohli also stepped down as captain of the Test team. Ganguly has now revealed that the BCCI wanted Kohli to continue as Test captain, and that Rohit was also reluctant to accept the job.



MATTHEWS COMES GOOD AGAIN TO GIVE WEST INDIES T20I SERIES

**Diary Times Desk :** If West Indies need to do well in a game these days, Hayley Matthews must have a big say in it. That’s almost a given. And the latest T20I series, which West Indies have now won 2-1 over South Africa, is a classic example. She failed in the first game, South Africa won. She came good in the second and third, West Indies won. In the series decider on Monday, West Indies had to chase 148 for victory, and it was Matthews’ 65, with good support in the form of Shemaine Campbelle’s 42, that took them over the line with nine balls in hand. Wickets fell early in the chase. Qiana Joseph and Realeanna Grimmond were gone by the end of the powerplay for a combined score of 11 from 13 balls. The good thing for West Indies was that Matthews had faced most of the balls in that period, which ended with the scoreboard reading 36 for 2, Matthews on a-run-a-ball 20. That was the platform, and she took flight against Ayabonga Khaka in the eighth, with two fours and a six, and suddenly she was 38 off 27. The half-century came up off 39 balls, and by the time she was dismissed, in the 16th, by Sune Luus, Matthews had scored 65 in 50, and West Indies needed 34 from 28 balls.

FRANCHISES ALLOWED UP TO SIX RETENTIONS FOR SA20 AUCTION

**Diary Times Desk :** The player auction for the fourth season of the SA20 will be held in Johannesburg on September 9, the league said in a statement on Tuesday (June 24). Ahead of the mega auction, wherein a minimum of 72 slots across six teams are up for grabs, the salary purse has been increased significantly to USD 2.3 million each. Prior to the auction, the franchises are allowed a maximum of six retentions or pre-signed players with no more than three overseas players among them. A franchise can sign a maximum of seven overseas players in their 18-member squad whereas a minimum of 11 slots are reserved for local talent. A wild card signing will also be available for each of the six teams. The teams can sign a South African or a foreign cricketer as their ‘wild card player’ with their league fee falling outside of the salary cap. The auction will debut the Right To Match (RTM) card for the first time in the South African league, allowing a franchise the opportunity to match a winning auction bid on a player who played for that team in the preceding season to retain his services for 2025-26 edition. Depending on the number of South African players retained, each franchise’s number of RTM cards.