

## AIR INDIA CRASH

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Earlier this week, the United Nations aviation agency took the unusual step of offering India one of its investigators to provide assistance following the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crash killing at least 260 people in Ahmedabad on June 12.

Previously, the International Civil Aviation Organization has deployed investigators to help with certain probes, such as the downing of a Malaysian plane in 2014 and a Ukrainian jetliner in 2020, but those times the agency had been asked for assistance.

ICAO had asked for the investigator who was in India to be given observer status, but Indian authorities refused the offer, the sources said. The news was first reported on Thursday by the Indian news channel Times Now. India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), which is leading the probe into the world's deadliest aviation accident in a decade, did not return a request for comment. ICAO was not immediately available for comment. India's civil aviation ministry said on Thursday that investigators downloaded flight recorder data around two weeks after the crash.



## RAHUL GANDHI

## "MASK OF RSS HAS COME OFF AGAIN...": RAHUL GANDHI'S JAB ON PREAMBLE ROW



**Diary Times Desk :** Rahul Gandhi weighed in Friday on the row over the words 'secular' and 'socialist' in the Preamble to the Constitution. The Congress MP attacked the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh - the ideological mentor of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party - after it called for a 'debate' over retaining the terms.

"The mask of the RSS has come off again," Mr Gandhi said on X, picking up where party comms chief Jairam Ramesh left off this morning. "The Constitution irks them because it speaks of equality, secularism, and justice. The RSS-BJP don't want the Constitution... they want the Manusmriti."

"They aim to strip the marginalised and the poor of their rights and enslave them again. Snatching a powerful weapon like the Constitution from them is their real agenda."

"The RSS should stop dreaming this dream - we will never let them succeed..." This chapter in the row over the terms 'secular' and 'socialist' - added to the Preamble in 1976 - began after Mr Hosabale's comments Thursday, and as the BJP upped attacks on the Congress over the Emergency imposed by then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi a year earlier, i.e., 1975.

Critics of these terms' inclusion believe the political background - Mrs Gandhi's Congress government curtailed Parliament's powers - mean there are questions over the legitimacy of the amendment itself. RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, demanded a 'debate' be held on retaining the terms.

### PM MODI TO UNDERTAKE 5-NATION VISIT FROM JULY 2-9

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a five-nation tour beginning July 2 to participate in the BRICS Summit in Brazil and expand India's ties with several key nations of the Global South. Besides Brazil, Modi will visit Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia during the eight-day trip, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). In the first leg of the visit, Modi will undertake a visit to Ghana from July 2 to 3. This will be the prime minister's first ever bilateral visit to Ghana. It will be the first prime ministerial visit from India to Ghana in three decades. During the visit, Modi will hold talks with the president of Ghana to review the strong bilateral partnership and discuss further avenues to enhance it through economic, energy and defence collaboration, the MEA said. From Ghana, Modi will travel to Trinidad and Tobago on a two-day visit from July 3 to 4. It will be the first visit by an Indian prime minister to the country since 1999. During the visit, Modi will hold talks with President of Trinidad and Tobago Christine Carla Kangaloo and Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar. He is also expected to address a joint session of parliament of the island nation. The visit of the prime minister to Trinidad and Tobago will impart fresh impetus to the deep-rooted.



### MEDICAL EXAMINATION CORROBORATES LAW STUDENT'S ALLEGATION OF GANG-RAPE

**Diary Times Desk :** The medical examination corroborated a law college student's allegation that she was gang-raped, a senior official of the Kolkata Police said on Friday. The first-year student of South Calcutta Law College complained to the police that she was gang-raped inside the institution by an alumnus and two senior students of the institution on the evening of June 25. All three accused were arrested on Thursday. The medical examination of the 24-year-old woman was also conducted the same day. "The evidence corroborated what the victim alleged in her complaint lodged with the Kasba police station. There is evidence of forceful penetration, bite marks and nail scratches on her body," the officer told PTI. To a question, he said the prime accused, an ex-student of the college and a practising criminal lawyer, raped her while the other two stood guard outside the room. "According to a Supreme Court judgement, all persons in a group involved.

### RAPE IN KOLKATA COLLEGE SHOWS FEMALE STUDENTS NOT SAFE, CLAIMS BJP'S BENGAL UNIT CHIEF



**Diary Times Desk :** Union minister and BJP's West Bengal unit president Sukanta Majumdar on Friday claimed that the alleged gang-rape in a law college in Kolkata shows that female students are "not safe" in educational institutes in the state. Condemning the incident, the ruling Trinamool Congress said the police swiftly apprehended all three accused and urged the opposition party not to politicise the issue. Majumdar, the union minister of state for education, alleged that the law and order situation in West Bengal is "in a shambles" even though Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee takes care of the police (Home) department. After the rape-murder of an on-duty doctor in the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital last year, the alleged incident of gang-rape of a student took place in a law college in Kolkata, and this only proved that "female students are not safe in educational institutions" in the state, the BJP leader said. Majumdar also referred to the killing of a girl in a bomb explosion earlier this week during a TMC victory rally taken out before the results of the Kaliganj assembly bypoll were announced.

### POST OFFICES ACROSS INDIA TO START ACCEPTING DIGITAL PAYMENTS FROM AUGUST

**Diary Times Desk :** Post offices across India will start accepting digital payments at counters from August after completing the rollout of a new application in their IT system, official sources said. Post offices have not been able to accept digital payments as they don't have their accounts synced with Unique Payment Interface (UPI) system. "The Department of Posts is implementing its IT infrastructure which will have new applications that are enabled to perform transactions with Dynamic QR Code. Rollout will be completed at all post offices by August 2025," an official source said. Pilot rollout of the new system under IT 2.0 has been started in the Karnataka circle. QR-based booking of mail products was successfully carried out at the Mysore head office (HO), Bagalkot HO and its subordinate offices. Initially, the Department of Post had introduced static QR code at the point of sale counters at the post offices to enable digital transactions. However, due to recurring technical difficulties and customer complaints, this approach had to be discontinued.



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.

Gemini

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

Leo

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

Libra

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

Sagittarius

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

Aquarius

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

Taurus

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

Cancer

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

Virgo

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

Scorpio

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

Capricorn

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

Pisces

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





## HIMACHAL CLOUDBURST: SEVEN PEOPLE HAVE DIED SO FAR IN THE FLOOD CAUSED BY CLOUDBURST, ONE MORE BODY FOUND IN MANUNI KHAD

**Diary Times Desk :** So far seven people have lost their lives in the floods caused by cloudburst at five places in Himachal on Wednesday. Six people are still missing in Dharamshala and Kullu. The body of another worker who was swept away in the Manuni Khad in Khaniyara of Dharamshala has been recovered in the morning. Two are still missing. Three bodies were recovered here on Thursday. A young man who climbed the hill amid the fury of the weather has been rescued. NDRF, SDRF, police teams and local people are engaged in searching for the missing people in Kullu and Dharamshala. ADM Kangra Shilpi Bekta said that our goal today is to locate the missing workers. A 50-member team of Himachal Pradesh Police, SDRF and NDRF is present on the spot. A team of Home Guard is also reaching here.



## HIMACHAL: AMNESTY SCHEME- 2025 APPROVED TO REDUCE LEGAL DISPUTES, MEETING CHAIRED BY MANDAVIYA

**Diary Times Desk :** The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has approved the Amnesty Scheme- 2025. It is a functional dispute resolution window for the period from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. It aims to reduce legal wrangling and promote compliance in the ESI Act. For the first time, disputes related to damages and interest as well as matters regarding coverage have been included. Union Minister of Labor and Employment and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya gave this information while chairing the 196th meeting of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in Shimla on Friday. He said that the scheme, launched in 2016, successfully facilitated the registration of more than 88,000 employers and 1.02 crore employees. He said that the renewed SPREE will be open from July 1 to December 31, 2025. It will cover non-registered employers and left-out workers - including contract and temporary employees. Employers registering under the scheme during this period will be covered from the date of registration.

## HIMACHAL: EVERY EMPLOYEE SHOULD SERVE IN A REMOTE AREA ONCE DURING HIS SERVICE PERIOD, HIGH COURT GAVE INSTRUCTIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Pradesh High Court has once again made a strong comment on the state government's policy regarding the transfer of government employees. The court of Justice Sandeep Sharma has directed the Chief Secretary to issue instructions to all departments. This can ensure that every employee serves in tribal and inaccessible areas once in his service period. The court has asked the Chief Secretary to put the report of compliance of this order on record within two weeks. The court said that employees who have already served in difficult and tribal areas should not be transferred to such places repeatedly. This causes unnecessary unrest among the employees and the transfer policy has remained only on paper. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all employees get an equal opportunity to serve in such areas. The petitioner had sought transfer to a convenient place on the basis of couple case. The single bench has directed the competent authority to take a decision on the petitioner's application within the next 10 days. While taking a decision, the authority should keep in mind the couple case and the concessions given to those employees who have previously served in tribal and difficult areas. The court said that employees who have political connections and influence are often not sent to difficult areas.



## HIMACHAL: ROHIT THAKUR SAID- SALARY HIKE OF TEACHERS WHO DO NOT GIVE GOOD RESULTS WILL BE STOPPED, 1200 SCHOOLS MERGED

**Diary Times Desk :** Education Minister Rohit Thakur said that it is a matter of happiness for the entire state that Himachal has achieved the glory of the past in the field of education. Talking to reporters at the State Secretariat on Friday, the Education Minister said that in 1947, the literacy rate of Himachal was seven percent, in 2011 the literacy rate was 83 percent, currently it will reach 100 percent. He said that in the National Assessment Survey in 2021, we were at the 21st position, now in this year's survey, Himachal has reached the 5th position. In the survey of ASER, Himachal has left Kerala behind in learning and reading. Rohit said, 'During the time of the previous government, the condition of education was very bad along with the economic condition. I am not an educationist but I am a hard task master, our government has taken tough decisions. Now we will make more improvements, vacant posts of teachers are being filled, the number of schools with single teacher has become very less. The Education Minister said that the increment of teachers who do not give good results will be stopped, teachers giving good results will be honored. Everyone's safety will be ensured in schools during monsoon. During BJP's rule, only 511 lecturers were recruited in five years.

## HIMACHAL: CHAMBA DISTRICT TOPS THE COUNTRY IN HEALTH AND NUTRITION SECTOR, HAS RECEIVED INCENTIVES WORTH RS 22 CRORE SO FAR

**Diary Times Desk :** Chamba has achieved an important milestone by securing the first position in the country in the indices of health and nutrition sector in the Aspirational District Program. Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal said that Chamba has received this distinction in the Delta Ranking of Aspirational Districts of February-2025 released by NITI Aayog. He said that NITI Aayog releases rankings based on the performance of districts in various sectors. Special incentives are also provided to further strengthen those sectors in which relatively better results are achieved. Chamba district has received incentives of Rs 22 crore from NITI Aayog since March 2019 for excellent performance in indices related to health, nutrition, education, agriculture, water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and infrastructure development. This amount has been spent under infrastructure construction and various schemes in the respective indices. Repaswal said that the district will also get an additional incentive amount of Rs 3 crore from NITI Aayog for securing the first position in the country in the health and nutrition sector.

## CM SUKHU SAID- ROBOTIC SURGERY STARTED IN HIMACHAL, A NEW REVOLUTION IN THE DIRECTION OF HEALTH SERVICES

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's vision of bringing revolutionary changes in the health department in Himachal Pradesh and providing world-class health facilities to the people is coming to fruition. Atal Super Specialty Medical Institute Chamiyana in Shimla is going to be the first health institute of the state, where doctors will operate on patients with today's most modern techniques. The first robot purchased at a cost of Rs 28 crore on the lines of AIIMS Delhi for performing operations has reached Chamiyana and the process of installing it will be completed in the month of July, after which the operations of patients will begin with this modern technology. Dr. Brij Lal, Principal of Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialty Chamiyana, said that while patients will get the benefit of robotic surgery, the doctors performing the operation.

INDIA, US EYE EARLY TRADE DEAL BEFORE JULY DEADLINE

**Diary Times Desk :** India and the US on Thursday commenced another round of bilateral trade negotiation within this month aiming to expedite a mutually beneficial early harvest deal before the Trump administration's country-specific reciprocal tariffs on merchandise imports from 57 nations, including India, kick in from July 9, people in the know said. The Indian negotiating team led by chief negotiator and special secretary-commerce Rajesh Agrawal reached Washington to commence two-day deliberations on Thursday, mainly to resolve current bilateral trade issues so that the two sides agree on an interim deal, paving the way for the first tranche of a proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by September-October 2025, they said, requesting anonymity. After the conclusion of the first tranche, the two parties will negotiate a comprehensive free trade agreement (FTA) to double the bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030.

AFTER 2 WEEKS OF SAYING NO, UK AGREES TO MOVE STRANDED F-35B TO KERALA HANGAR

**Diary Times Desk :** Earlier, sources told NDTV that the British Navy had requested the aircraft not be moved to the hangar as they may not want others to take a closer look at the "protected technologies" of the fighter jet. F-35B is an American-made supersonic stealth fighter jet of the fifth generation and the most advanced stealth fighter in the world, developed by Lockheed Martin. The Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) is the most expensive fighter jet programme in history. The British High Commission spokesperson said, "A UK F-35B aircraft is awaiting repairs at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport after developing an engineering issue. The UK has accepted an offer to move the aircraft to the Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul facility at the airport." "The aircraft will be moved to the hangar once UK engineering teams arrive with specialist equipment, thereby ensuring there is minimal disruption to scheduled maintenance of other aircraft," they added. Earlier, Air India had offered a parking space in the hangar of the Thiruvananthapuram airport, but sources told NDTV that the British Navy had declined the offer. The UK High Commission in Bengaluru responded to a question from NDTV about the plane's status and said, "A UK F-35 aircraft was unable to return to HMS Prince of Wales due to adverse weather conditions. Prioritising safety, the aircraft diverted.

DEMARCATON, DELIMITATION AT BORDERS: INDIA SHARES 4-POINT PLAN WITH CHINA



**Diary Times Desk :** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday met his Chinese counterpart, Admiral Dong Jun, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao. The bilateral conversation, India's highest-level military dialogue with China in recent months, centred around maintaining peace along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and charting a roadmap for long-term border stability. During the meeting, Mr Singh proposed a four-point plan designed to prevent further deterioration in India-China relations. Strict Adherence to the 2024 Disengagement Agreement: Both sides are expected to honour and implement the disengagement pact signed in October last year, covering the remaining friction points in Eastern Ladakh, particularly Demchok and Depsang. De-escalation Measures: Mr Singh called for continuous efforts to de-escalate tensions and avoid any flare-ups along the LAC.

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PARLIAMENTARY PANEL TO GRILL BOEING, AIR INDIA EXECUTIVES ON AHMEDABAD CRASH

**Diary Times Desk :** The Parliamentary Committee on Transport has summoned Boeing executives, Air India representatives, the Civil Aviation Secretary, and DGCA officials for a discussion on air safety issues related to the tragic Boeing Dreamliner crash within seconds of take-off from the Ahmedabad airport. The meeting is likely to be held in the first week of July. According to sources, "multiple shortcomings" in the aviation sector, with the maintenance of aircraft, are now a matter of huge concern. The committee will also address frequent helicopter accidents that have taken place recently on the Char Dham pilgrim route. Discussion will include the role of the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), aircraft maintenance schedules, and the mental fitness of pilots, sources said. The committee's report will likely be tabled in the next session of Parliament.

"APPRECIATE HIS SHARING..." : S JAISHANKAR MEETS IRANIAN COUNTERPART

**Diary Times Desk :** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday spoke to his Iranian counterpart Seyed Abbas Araghchi and discussed the overall situation that emerged following the 12-day hostilities between Iran and Israel. S Jaishankar also thanked Araghchi for Tehran's assistance in evacuation of several hundred Indians from Iran. "Spoke to FM @araghchi of Iran this afternoon. Appreciate his sharing Iran's perspective and thinking in the current complex situation," S Jaishankar said in a social media post. "Thanked him for facilitating the safe evacuation of Indian nationals," he said. The conflict between Iran and Israel escalated following the US bombing of three Iranian nuclear sites on Sunday morning. US President Donald Trump on Tuesday announced a ceasefire between Iran and Israel. The ceasefire seems to be holding. India on Thursday said it is closely following updates from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) about radiation levels at the Iranian nuclear sites following attacks on them.

BJP HOLDS PROTESTS ACROSS HARYANA ON 50 YEARS OF EMERGENCY

**Diary Times Desk :** Marking 50 years since the imposition of Emergency, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday organised awareness programmes, protests and meetings across Haryana, accusing the Congress of crushing democracy and trampling the Constitution in its pursuit of power. At a gathering held at Maharaja Agrasen Bhawan in Sohna, BJP state general secretary Dr Archana Gupta described the Emergency as one of the darkest chapters in independent India's history, where fundamental rights were suspended, press freedom was muzzled and political opponents were jailed. "Indira Gandhi imposed the Emergency on June 25, 1975, murdering the Constitution and democracy. The entire nation knows how Congress crushed the soul of the Constitution for political survival," Gupta said, warning that even today, the Congress carries forward the same dictatorial tendencies under a democratic façade. BJP leaders Govind Bhardwaj and Nagendra Sharma shared similar sentiments, accusing Congress of remaining trapped in dynastic politics.





**"SEARCHED A LOT": ISRAEL ADMITS  
PLOT TO KILL IRAN'S AYATOLLAH  
KHAMENEI**

**Diary Times Desk :** Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz has claimed that his country's military actively sought to assassinate Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, during the recent Israel-Iran tensions, but failed to identify a viable opportunity. Speaking in a series of primetime interviews across three major Israeli broadcasters, Channel 12, Channel 13, and the state-run Kan, Mr Katz disclosed new details about Israel's war strategy and acknowledged the assassination plan was called off after Khamenei went into hiding. "If he had been in our sights, we would have taken him out," Mr Katz told Channel 13. "We searched a lot," he added. The interviews mark the first public confirmation by a senior Israeli official that the leadership in Tehran had been directly targeted during the war. While the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) and intelligence agencies had previously focused on attacks on Iran's nuclear infrastructure, this is the first admission of a high-level targeted killing plan. In his remarks to Kan, Mr Katz claimed that Ayatollah Khamenei had quickly retreated into a bunker, severing communication with top military commanders.

**UK'S STARMER WATERS DOWN  
WELFARE CUTS TO QUELL LABOUR  
REVOLT**

**Diary Times Desk :** British Prime Minister Keir Starmer sharply scaled back planned welfare cuts on Friday to quell a rebellion by lawmakers in his governing Labour Party, the latest U-turn to dent his authority just a year after winning power. Planned changes to make it tougher to collect some disability and sickness benefits would now apply only to new applicants, while the millions of people who already rely on the benefits will no longer be affected, the government said. More than 100 Labour lawmakers had publicly opposed Starmer's reforms, which sought to shave 5 billion pounds (\$7 billion) per year off a rapidly rising welfare bill. The revolt had meant Starmer faced a potential defeat in a vote on the changes in parliament next week - a year after he won a landslide majority in a national election. "We have listened to MPs (members of parliament) who support the principle of reform but are worried about the pace of change for those already supported by the system," a spokesperson for Starmer's office said.

**\$30 BILLION INVESTMENT, UNFREEZE FUNDS: US OFFER TO IRAN TO RESUME TALKS**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Trump administration has been exploring a range of proposals to bring Iran back to the negotiating table, including easing sanctions, releasing frozen funds, and facilitating a multi-billion-dollar investment in a civilian nuclear energy programme, CNN reported, citing four sources familiar with the matter. Discussions have continued despite recent military strikes between Israel and Iran. US officials and Middle East intermediaries have been engaging Iran behind closed doors, as per sources. Talks have intensified since a fragile ceasefire was reached this week, brokered by US President Donald Trump. The administration has floated various proposals, all contingent on one non-negotiable: zero Iranian uranium enrichment, a position Tehran has consistently rejected. According to CNN, the proposal includes several incentives for Iran. One idea being floated involves rebuilding the Fordow nuclear site, recently struck by US bunker-buster bombs, into a non-enriching civilian facility, potentially funded by US-aligned Gulf nations. It remains unclear whether Iran would operate that site under the new proposal.

**CALLS FOR ZOHRA MAMDANI'S  
DEPORTATION; TRUMP'S BORDER CZAR SAYS  
'GAME ON'**

**Diary Times Desk :** Republicans and affiliated groups are seeking a federal investigation into the citizenship status of Zohran Mamdani, who won the Democratic primary for the New York City's mayoral post, with some calling for his denaturalisation and deportation. Mamdani, son of Indian-American filmmaker Mira Nair, found himself at the centre of a political firestorm following his primary win ahead of the November New York City's mayoral election. And amid calls for probe and deportation US President Donald Trump's border czar, Tom Homan issued a warning to Zohran Mamdani saying that immigration enforcement will "double down and triple down on sanctuary cities". Homan added that if immigration enforcement officials can't arrest people in jail, they would "find them" in neighborhoods or work sites, adding, "so game on, we're coming". Mamdani, who has been an assembly member since 2021, became an American citizen in 2018 shortly after graduating from college.

**'VERY BIG' TRADE DEAL WITH INDIA SOON:  
TRUMP AS HE SIGNS PACT WITH CHINA**

**Diary Times Desk :** President Donald Trump on Thursday (local time) said that the US has signed a deal with China and hinted that a "very big" deal with India will follow soon. Trump made the announcement while speaking at an event for the Big Beautiful Bill. He said, "Everybody wants to make a deal and have a part of it. Remember a few months ago, the press was saying, 'You really have anybody of any interest?' Well, we just signed with China yesterday. We are having some great deals. We have one coming up, maybe with India. Very big one. Where we're going to open up India, in the China deal, we are starting to open up China." His remarks come at a time when the 90-day deadline for the tariff pause is likely nearing its end on July 9. It was previously reported that the Trump administration is likely to extend the deadline and will send out letters mentioning the terms of trade deals to dozens of countries.

**IRAN SUPREME LEADER  
KHAMENEI SAYS TRUMP  
'EXAGGERATED' IMPACT OF US  
STRIKES ON NUCLEAR SITES**

**Diary Times Desk :** Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accused US President Donald Trump on Thursday of exaggerating the impact of US strikes on Iranian nuclear sites, in his first appearance since a ceasefire in the war with Israel took hold. In a televised speech, Khamenei hailed what he described as Iran's "victory" over Israel, vowed never to yield to US pressure and insisted Washington had been dealt a humiliating "slap". "The American president exaggerated events in unusual ways, and it turned out that he needed this exaggeration," Khamenei said, rejecting US claims Iran's nuclear programme had been set back by decades. The strikes, he insisted, had done "nothing significant" to Iran's nuclear infrastructure. Trump, however, maintained the US attacks were devastating. The US president said key facilities, including the underground Fordo uranium enrichment site, had been "obliterated" by American B-2 bombers. Posting on his Truth Social platform, Trump dismissed speculation Iran might have removed enriched uranium prior to the raid, saying: "Nothing was taken out... too dangerous, and very heavy and hard to move!"

**OPERATION RED WEDDING:  
HOW ISRAEL EXECUTED A  
'GAME OF THRONES' STYLE  
COVERT MASSACRE ON IRAN'S  
ELITE**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a covert strike reminiscent of the infamous "Red Wedding" from Game of Thrones, Israeli military generals executed a meticulously planned operation on June 13th to eliminate Iran's top military commanders. Running parallel was Operation Narnia, a deadly mission that successfully assassinated nine of Iran's most prominent nuclear scientists - right at their homes in Tehran. These twin operations have now cemented Israel's standing as the undisputed military powerhouse in the region. "When we started to plan this thing in detail, it was very difficult to know that this would work," said Maj. Gen. Oded Basiuk, head of the Israeli military Operations Directorate and a key architect of the assault, according to The Wall Street Journal. The groundwork for this mission wasn't laid overnight. It dates back to the mid-1990s when Israeli intelligence first flagged Iran's clandestine efforts to develop nuclear weapons. What started with a vast web of spies evolved into a sabotage campaign - two bombings at enrichment facilities, and a string of targeted.

## MORE TROUBLE FOR BIKRAM MAJITHIA, PUNJAB POLICE PREPARE TO FILE FRESH FIR AGAINST HIM AMID RAID CHAOS

**Diary Times Desk** : Akali leader and drug-tainted Bikram Singh Majithia finds himself in more trouble as the police prepare to file another FIR against him. During a raid at Majithia's residence, his supporters allegedly incited violence against the police, leading to a series of serious complaints. The investigation team has accused Majithia of intimidating officials, engaging in physical altercations, conspiring to destroy evidence, and inciting his supporters to attack the police. The vigilance team had received information that crucial documents related to the case were present at Majithia's residence. According to the vigilance team's complaint, Majithia's supporters were deliberately incited to halt the search at the location. The team was attacked in an attempt to prevent them from collecting vital evidence. This property is reportedly deeply connected to a case involving Rs 540 crore in drug money. International drug traffickers were known to stay at this residence, where Majithia's supporters obstructed the vigilance team's investigation.



## CCTV CAPTURES DEADLY ATTACK ON GANGSTER BHAGWANPURIA'S FAMILY IN PUNJAB

**Diary Times Desk** : Gangster Jaggu Bhagwanpuria's mother and cousin were shot dead by two motorcycle-borne assailants late on Thursday night. Police sources claim Harjit Kaur, mother of Bhagwanpuria and a former sarpanch of her native Bhagwanpur village, which is located on the Batala-Dera Baba Nanak Road, and her nephew Karanveer Singh had just sat in their SUV in front of their residence on the Batala-Qadian road when two persons came on a motorcycle and fired gunshots at them. The assailants came near the vehicle and fired nearly 15 shots before making good their escape. CCTV cameras installed nearby captured the crime. A video of the shootout, carried out in one of the busiest areas of the city, soon went viral. The police have launched a massive drive to nab the accused. A police control room was immediately informed as passers-by took the two injured to the Civil Hospital. Karanveer succumbed to his injuries while on the way to the hospital. Harjit Kaur, who was referred by doctors to an Amritsar hospital, too, died on the way.

## BELEAGUERED AKALI LEADER BIKRAM SINGH MAJITHIA INCLUDED IN PARTY'S CORE COMMITTEE

**Diary Times Desk** : Beleaguered Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia has been taken as a core committee member in the new organisational structure announced by party president Sukhbir Badal today. However, Majithia has not been given any post. Balwinder Singh Bhunder has been appointed as secretary general, Dr Daljit Singh Cheema as secretary, and NK Sharma as cashier. Sarabjit Singh Jhijhar will serve as Youth Akali Dal president, Hargobind Kaur as president of the Istri Wing, and Ranbir Singh Rana Dhillon as president of the Students Organisation of India (SOI). Core committee members: The core committee, led by Sukhbir Singh Badal, includes Balwinder Singh Bhunder, Harjinder Singh Dhami, Naresh Gujral, Parmjit Singh Sarna, Hira Singh Gabria, Gulzar Singh Ranike, Maheshinder Singh Grewal, Dr Daljit Singh Cheema.

## PUNJAB POLICE BUST ISI-BACKED BKI TERROR MODULE, NAB 3

**Diary Times Desk** : Punjab Police on Friday said they have busted a Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)-backed terror module named Babbar Khalsa International after nabbing three people, including a juvenile. Sehajpal Singh and Vikramjit Singh, both residents of Ramdas in Amritsar, have been arrested, while a 17-year-old boy has been nabbed during the intelligence-led operation carried out by State Special Operation Cell (SSOC), Mohali. Punjab Police chief Gaurav Yadav claimed the group was conspiring to carry out attacks on police establishments and targeted killings in the Amritsar area. "A major terror plot has been foiled, saving countless innocent lives," the DGP said. In a post on X, he said, "In an intelligence-led operation, the SSOC, Mohali has successfully busted a Pak ISI-backed Babbar Khalsa International terror module being operated by UK-based Nishan Singh and Pakistan-based terrorist Harwinder Rinda. Three associates, including a juvenile, have been arrested." "During the operation, two hand grenades, one pistol, and ammunition were recovered. The nabbed accused have been identified as Sehajpal Singh and Vikramjit Singh, both residents of Ramdas in Amritsar Rural, along with a juvenile," he said.

## NIA CHARGES 7 MEN FOR GRENADE ATTACK ON POLICE STATION IN BATALA BY KHALISTANI TERRORISTS

**Diary Times Desk** : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted seven accused, including three absconders, in the December 2024 case related to the grenade attack on Gurdaspur police station by Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorists, officials said on Friday. The terror attack on Ghanie Ke Bangar police station in Batala, Gurdaspur district, Punjab, was claimed on social media by BKI operatives Harpreet Singh alias Happy Passia and Gurpreet alias Gopi, they said. US-based Passia, along with Pakistan-based terrorist Harwinder Singh alias Rinda as well as Shamsheer Singh alias Shera alias Honey, are the three absconders chargesheeted by the NIA in the case on Thursday before a court in Mohali, the officials said. The four arrested accused chargesheeted by the anti-terror agency have been identified as Kuljit Singh, Abhijot Singh, Gurjinder Singh and Shubham, all residents of Qila Lal Singh village, Batala, Punjab, according to a statement issued by the NIA. All seven accused have been chargesheeted under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Explosive Substances Act, as well as other related provisions, for their roles in the conspiracy and execution of the attack.

## HARYANA CABINET CLEARS NEW LAND PURCHASE POLICY TO EMPOWER LANDOWNERS

**Diary Times Desk** : In a major decision aimed at protecting landowners from distress sales and ensuring smoother land acquisition for public projects, the Haryana Cabinet has approved the Voluntary Land Purchase Policy for Development Projects, 2025. Chaired by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the Cabinet gave its nod to the new policy, which supersedes the earlier 2017 land purchase policy and incorporates several progressive reforms, including incentives for aggregators and online empanelment processes. "The policy provides a voluntary and participatory platform to landowners, enabling them to avoid distress sale and to actively contribute in decision-making for location of development projects," said a government spokesperson. The revised policy applies to government departments, boards, corporations and government companies, including entities of the Government of India that seek land for infrastructure or development purposes in Haryana.

## HARYANA GOVT TO ISSUE JOINING LETTERS FOR 7,500 GROUP-D POSTS: CM NAYAB SAINI

**Diary Times Desk** : Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today announced that joining letters for approximately 7,500 Group-D posts in Haryana would be issued shortly. The announcement came during a press briefing held after the Cabinet meeting. "The joining process for nearly 7,500 Group-D posts will commence soon," Saini said. Speaking on the Common Eligibility Test (CET), the Chief Minister said 13.48 lakh youth had registered this year, compared to 11 lakh last year. He acknowledged technical issues on the SARAL portal but added that more than 3 lakh candidates from BC-A and BC-B categories, and an equal number from Scheduled Castes, had managed to download caste certificates and complete registration. "Those who could not download their certificates will still be allowed to appear for the exam. The pending formalities will be taken care of simultaneously," Saini assured. He also informed that departments have been instructed to rationalise posts and send updated requisitions to the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC), adding that some posts had become obsolete while new roles were being created to meet evolving needs. "This is a continuous and ongoing process of aligning human.



**HEALTH DEPT TO LAUNCH  
PALLIATIVE CARE  
CAMPAIGN SHORTLY:  
HIMACHAL CM SUKHU**

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today directed the officials to identify eligible beneficiaries for palliative care with special focus on elderly persons requiring home based health care. While presiding over a meeting of Health Department here today, he said the state government would launch a comprehensive palliative care campaign shortly, aimed at offering doorstep medical services to elderly and patients across the state. Sukhu said ASHA workers and Community Health officers (CHOs) will identify the eligible beneficiaries and a team comprising of medical officer, physiotherapist from Aadarsh Swasthya Sansthan will visit the shortlisted beneficiaries to finalise the treatment plan. "The identification and planning process will be completed within three months of launch," he said. The CM said palliative and elderly care hubs would be established at Aadarsh Swasthya Sansthan, where two medical officers, two nurses, one physiotherapist and counsellor will provide health care services.

**UNION MINISTER HARSH  
MAHAJAN SLAMS  
CONGRESS FOR IMPOSING  
EMERGENCY IN 1975**

**Diary Times Desk :** Union Minister of State for Road, Transport & Highways and Corporate Affairs Harsh Mahajan launched a scathing attack on the Congress party on Thursday, marking the 50th anniversary of the imposition of the Emergency in India. Speaking to a section of the media in Dharamsala, Mahajan said on June 25, 1975, the democracy in India was "killed" by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who imposed Emergency by citing vague internal and external threats to the country. "This decision was not the result of any war or rebellion," he stated. "It was an act of desperation aimed at stalling elections and clinging to power." Mahajan alleged that the Emergency was triggered by legal challenges to Indira Gandhi's election and an effort to subvert democratic processes. During this period, he said the judiciary, legislature and executive were brought under tight control. The freedom of the press was crushed, electricity supply to major newspapers was cut.

**DHARAMSALA FLASH FLOOD: MAGISTERIAL PROBE BEGINS; SDM TO  
CONDUCT INQUIRY AT MANUNI HYDRO PROJECT SITE**

**Diary Times Desk :** A magisterial inquiry has been initiated into the devastating flash flood incident near Dharamsala's Manuni rivulet that claimed the lives of several labourers working at an under-construction hydroelectric power project. Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mohit Rattan has begun the probe, following the recovery of six bodies, so far. At least 170 labourers, who had been trapped upstream near the project site, were rescued on the same day. One labourer was later found alive in a forest area, while fee others remain unaccounted for. District Magistrate Hemraj Bairwa confirmed that multiple departments, including Forest, Police, Electricity Board, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mining, Labour, Him Urja, and the District Disaster Management Authority, will assist the SDM in the investigation. He has asked the SDM-led panel to submit the inquiry report within 48 hours to his office so that further action could be initiated accordingly. The SDM, along with officials from the relevant departments, will visit the project site on Saturday to conduct an on-the-spot assessment. The inquiry will focus on identifying the probable cause of the disaster, the extent of damage to life and property, and the vulnerabilities that may have contributed to the tragedy.

**WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST STAFFERS  
INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING:  
HIMACHAL CM**

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that the state government would soon include one chapter on raising awareness about drug abuse in the school curriculum. Presiding over a function organised on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Chief Minister warned that government would take stern action against employees involved in drug trafficking. He urged every section of the society to be a part and join the drive against drug abuse to make Himachal Pradesh a drug-free state. Sukhu said the state government was going to act tough against the government employees involved in drug trafficking. "I want to give a clear message to the people of the state that there is no place for drugs in Devbhoomi. The youth should join the fight against drugs, help themselves and others as well to come out of this evil," he stressed. The CM said the state government remains committed in its relentless efforts to crack down on drug networks and take stern action against the offenders. "The state government has focused on providing employment opportunities and encouraging skill development for those recovering from addiction, thereby integrating them back into mainstream society," he said. He said the state government has approved the establishment of a fully equipped 100 bed de-addiction centre in Kotla Barog in Sirmaur.

**EMERGENCY IMPOSED TO SAVE  
UNITY, INTEGRITY: AICC  
SPOKESPERSON**

**Diary Times Desk :** As the BJP continues to criticise the Congress over the Emergency, AICC spokesperson Kuldeep Rathore on Friday claimed that it was imposed to save the unity and integrity of the country during a time of widespread unrest. "In the name of total revolution, students were being instigated to boycott classrooms and hit the streets. Workers were being asked to quit factories, and even attempts were made to instigate paramilitary forces," he said. "Under such circumstances, the Emergency was necessary to keep the country united," added Rathore. He further said, "As soon as the situation normalised, elections were announced and held in a democratic manner. If the Congress or then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi did not believe in democracy, elections would not have been restored." Rathore also challenged the perception that a lot of atrocities were committed on the public during the Emergency. "The Janta Party government fell in just two and half years, and the Congress returned to power. Why would people bring back the Congress if atrocities had truly occurred?" asked Rathore. He further slammed the BJP for trying to portray that all good things have occurred after Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014.

**HIMACHAL MINING MAFIA ON THE LOOSE: DESPITE BAN, ILLEGAL SAND  
EXTRACTION GOES ON**

**Diary Times Desk :** Despite clear directions from the district administration prohibiting residents from venturing near riverbeds due to the risk of flash floods, illegal miners continue to defy the warnings. Several individuals have been seen entering the swollen Neugal river to extract sand and stones, putting their lives at serious risk. A team from The Tribune visited the Thural area of Palampur this morning and spotted a tractor-trailer trapped in floodwaters while illegally extracting sand and stones. The incident underscores the extreme dangers of entering flood-prone rivers, especially in mining zones where water levels can rise suddenly and without warning. Every year, a complete ban on mining in rivers and rivulets is imposed before the onset of the monsoon to ensure the safety of those involved in such activities. However, this year, the mining department has yet to issue any such directive. This administrative laxity could result in disaster. In fact, the department appears to have learned no lesson from a recent tragedy in which 15 labourers were washed away in Muayuni Khud near Dharamsala.



## SEVERAL CHANGES MADE TO ICC PLAYING CONDITIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** Changes in regard to the use of balls in ODIs, boundary catches, concussion replacements and Test match pace of play headline updated ICC Playing Conditions. A move back to one ball per innings in the last 16 overs in a One Day International, a new ruling pertaining to boundary catches and the use of stop clocks introduced in Test matches headline a range of changes in the updated ICC (International Cricket Council) Playing Conditions. The new playing conditions also include changes to concussion replacement processes, the DRS wicket zone and deliberate short runs. The changes were recommended by the ICC Men's Cricket Committee, headed by Sourav Ganguly and including playing participation in over 2000 international matches across its members. Two new balls will be used for the first 34 overs of an ODI innings, after which the fielding team will choose one of the balls for the remaining overs. Changes to the playing conditions now require a fielder who makes airborne contact with the ball beyond the boundary to then land and remain inside the boundary. A fielder, after making their first contact with the ball subsequently leaves the field of play, can only make contact with the ball once more while airborne beyond the boundary.



### ASHWIN, UNLIKE SUNIL GAVASKAR, URGES RISHABH PANT NOT TO DO 'FRONT FLIP' CELEBRATION: 'HE HAS NOTHING TO PROVE'

**Diary Times Desk :** Legendary India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has urged Rishabh Pant not to do his trademark front flip celebration after scoring a century. The wicketkeeper batter scored twin centuries in the Leeds Test against England, while he celebrated his first innings ton with a somersault celebration to enthral fans at Headingley. However, in the second innings, despite demand from legendary Sunil Gavaskar from the stands, he didn't replicate the same celebration and went for another one. However, Ashwin requested Pant avoid his now-famous front flips, especially in Tests. He said he has nothing to prove and is already a top batter in the lineup. "I've only one request, please don't do that front flip. In Tests, your body gets tired unlike in IPL where you will not play more than 50-60 balls. He is a bona fide top batter in the Indian lineup. So he has nothing to prove," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel. He became the second wicketkeeper in cricket history to score centuries in both innings of a Test match after Andy Flower. The wicketkeeper also pulled off a similar celebration after scoring a century for Lucknow Super Giants in their last match of IPL 2025.

### BUMRAH NOT THE ONLY PACER TO SKIP INDIA'S NET SESSION AHEAD OF 2ND TEST, GAMBHIR'S ACT HINTS AT MULTIPLE CHANGES: REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** Team India has hit reset mode in Birmingham ahead of the second Test against England, but as the nets rolled out at Edgbaston, all eyes were firmly on one man: Jasprit Bumrah. While the rest of the squad shook off the Leeds loss with an intense training session, India's premier pacer was present but notably stayed away from any on-field activity, according to a report from Times of India, keeping the discussion around his workload very much alive. However, Bumrah wasn't the only one absent from the nets. Prasidh Krishna, who took five wickets in the first Test but leaked runs at over 60 in both innings, didn't take part in the net session, either. While it has been reported that Bumrah is likely to skip the second Test as part of his workload management, Prasidh's absence from the training session is likely to spark speculations over whether India are eyeing a bowling overhaul for Edgbaston. Bumrah had bowled a taxing 44 overs in the series opener, and while he remains the standout figure in India's depleted attack, the team management is considering workload balance with an eye on long-term fitness.

### ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA MEET IN 'THANK YOU SERIES'

**Diary Times Desk :** From A to Z. Or from Arundel to Zimbabwe. The last step of South Africa's preparation for the WTC final against Australia at Lord's earlier this month was a four-day match against Zimbabwe at Arundel. Now the champions are in Bulawayo to play what might be called the Thank You Series, starting on Saturday. Quite how much the South Africans gained at Arundel, where the match was reduced to 90 overs by rain and fears of what a wet outfield might do to ankles, is debatable. But the Zimbabweans were there when their southern neighbours needed them. So they earned their slice of the credit for South Africa's five-wicket triumph inside four days at Lord's. Queens is a long way from Lord's in every sense, but there is no doubt Zimbabwe's second city is far friendlier than London. Doubtless the champions will have been welcomed in style, because Zimbabweans do not hesitate to be hospitable. Indeed, the mayor of Bulawayo himself, David Coltart, has been in touch to organise a reception. The cricket itself might also be friendly. Blessing Muzarabani and Kwenza Maphaka are likely to be the only bowlers picked who could do batters damage, which they might struggle with given they will play on one of the most docile pitches in world cricket.

### SUNIL GAVASKAR WARNS FANS ON FAKES QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO HIM: FACT-CHECK AND VERIFY

**Diary Times Desk :** Indian cricket legend, Sunil Gavaskar highlighted how several sports websites and individual accounts have been attributing fake quotes under his name and has warned fans to be aware of such activity on social media. Gavaskar shared a video on his Instagram handle where he highlighted the issue. The Indian batting great has been a part of the coverage for the ongoing Test series between England and India. He has not specifically mentioned the quotes or the sources that have been spreading the false information. "Over the last few months, it has come to my notice that a lot of sports websites and individual accounts have been attributing comments and quotes to me that I've never made. I request everybody to verify, fact-check, and not to believe everything that they write, particularly coming from some of these individual accounts and sports websites," Gavaskar shared. Gavaskar's comments have been going viral, especially during the first Test when Rishabh Pant scored a century in the first innings.

## WEST INDIES STAR CRICKETER ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, RAPE BY 11 WOMEN: REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** An unnamed West Indies men's cricketer has been accused of several counts of sexual assault, sexual harassment and rape, as per reports in West Indies-based media outlets. According to a video report by Caribbean-based SportsMax TV, the cricketer in question is from Guyana and is a part of the current national team setup. Further information in the video report states that the cricketer has been accused by at least 11 women. However, no charge has been filed as of yet against the cricketer. Cricket West Indies (CWI) has also refused to comment on the matter. The report appears to have emerged originally from Guyana-based newspaper Kaieteur Sports. The report further contained this revelation: "I have heard accounts from no fewer than eleven women, one of them a teenager, who allege that they have been sexually assaulted, raped, or subjected to unwanted sexual advances by him." As per the subsequent video report, there have also allegedly been significant attempts to cover up the player and his actions.

