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## "INDIA LOOKS VERY GRAND, VERY BIG FROM SPACE": SHUBHANSHU SHUKLA TO PM MODI

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday spoke to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who is the first Indian astronaut to reach the International Space Station (ISS).

The nearly 18-minute dialogue between PM Modi and the 39-year-old Indian astronaut, who is the second Indian to go to space in 41 years and the first since Rakesh Sharma's eight-day sojourn in 1984, was rich in emotion, science, and national pride. Expressing the collective pride of 140 crore Indians, PM Modi told the Indian astronaut: "Today you are farthest from your motherland but you are closest to the hearts of Indians."

He congratulated Mr Shukla on his successful mission and asked about his well-being. Mr Shukla, visibly moved, responded with gratitude, affirming that he was safe and feeling well, crediting it to the blessings and support of the nation. The astronaut described his journey to the ISS as not just a personal achievement but a symbolic leap for the entire country.

"This small journey from Earth to 400 kilometres above is not only mine - it is the journey of our country," he said. Reflecting on his childhood, he shared that he never imagined becoming an astronaut, but under the current leadership, India now offers such dreams a chance to become reality.



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## "PREAMBLE NOT ALTERABLE, BUT BHARAT'S WAS CHANGED. WHY?": JAGDEEP DHANKHAR

**Diary Times Desk :** Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday delivered a poignant critique of the changes made to the Preamble of the Indian Constitution during the Emergency period in 1975, describing it as a betrayal of the document's "Soul" and the vision of its framers.

Speaking at an event at the Vice-President's Enclave, marking the presentation of the first copy of 'Ambedkar's Messages' compiled by author and former Karnataka MLC DS Veeraiah, Jagdeep Dhankhar emphasised that a preamble of a constitution was "not changeable" or "not alterbale" as was the base on which the constitution would grow. He claimed that, except for India, no other Preamble of any other constitution has undergone any change, referring to the changes made by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976, adding the words "socialist, secular and integrity".

"Preamble of any constitution is its soul. The Preamble of the Indian Constitution is unique... Except Bharat, [no other] Constitution's Preamble has undergone change and why? Preamble is not changeable. Preamble is not alterable. Preamble is the basis on which the constitution has grown. Preamble is the seed of the Constitution. It is soul of the constitution, but this Preamble for Bharat was changed by 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976, adding words Socialist, Secular and Integrity," the Vice President stated.

Jagdeep Dhankhar's remarks were made as part of a broader reflection on the constitutional changes during the Emergency, which he described as the "darkest period of Indian democracy".



### COLLEGE SECURITY GUARD ARRESTED IN KOLKATA LAW STUDENT GANG-RAPE CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** The police on Saturday arrested a security guard of the Kolkata law college where a first-year student was raped by three men including an alumnus earlier this week, an officer said. With this, the total number of arrests reached four in the crime that took place inside the guard's room on the college premises. The guard, who was detained by the police for questioning, was arrested later, the officer said. "The security guard was arrested this morning after we found that his replies were incoherent. His presence at the college has been captured in the CCTV installed in the college," he said. The guard failed to carry out his duty, the officer said adding that the police were trying to find out whether he was alone on duty at that time or not. The incident occurred at the South Calcutta Law College on the evening of June 25. "The guard has been inconsistent with his answers on why he did not act accordingly and stopped the three accused from committing the crime. Also, he needs to reply on why and whose instructions he left his room. This is also a kind of involvement in the crime," the officer said. The three other accused were arrested on Thursday. Results of the medical examination conducted on the victim corroborated her gang-rape allegation, a senior Kolkata Police officer said.



### RCB CRICKETER YASH DAYAL ACCUSED OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT: GIRL SAID- HE DECEIVED HER INTO MARRYING HIM; THEY WERE IN A RELATIONSHIP FOR FIVE YEARS

**Diary Times Desk :** A girl from Ghaziabad's Indirapuram police station area has complained on the Chief Minister's portal against IPL team Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) player Yash Dayal accusing him of sexual harassment. The girl has accused him of physical and mental harassment on the pretext of marriage and violence on her protest. Along with this, she has demanded strict action while complaining on the Chief Minister's portal. In the complaint made on the Chief Minister's portal, the girl said that she was in a relationship with a cricketer for five years. The cricketer presented her as his daughter-in-law to his family on the pretext of marriage. After this, she was physically and mentally harassed. After some time, she came to know that the cricketer was also in a relationship with other girls.

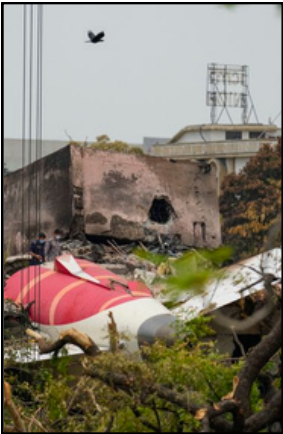
### AMBEDKAR GAVE CONSTITUTION THAT HAS KEPT INDIA UNITED IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE: CJI GAVAI



**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Justice of India BR Gavai on Saturday said Dr BR Ambedkar gave a Constitution to India that has served the country well and kept it united in times of war and peace. Speaking at the inauguration of the Constitution Preamble Park at Nagpur, the CJI said, "Babasaheb Ambedkar was criticised for our Constitution being too centralised... Babasaheb had replied to that criticism by saying... 'We are giving the country a Constitution suitable for all challenges, and I can assure you that it will keep the country united in times of war and peace.'" He said, "Today, we are seeing in our 75-year journey what is the situation around us... See the situation in the neighbouring countries, be it Pakistan, Bangladesh or Sri Lanka. Whenever our country has faced any crisis, it has remained united." The CJI's comments assume significance in the wake of recent controversy over RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale's statement questioning the rationale behind the words "socialist" and "secular" added to the Preamble of the Constitution by 42nd Amendment in 1976 during the Emergency. Speaking at a function to commemorate 50 years of the imposition of the Emergency, Hosabale had said, "The words socialist and secular were added to the Preamble. No attempt was made to remove them later. So, there should be a discussion on whether they should remain."

### DNA TEST IDENTIFIES LAST VICTIM OF AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH; DEATH TOLL STANDS AT 260

**Diary Times Desk :** More than two weeks after the Ahmedabad plane crash, the DNA test has ascertained the identity of the last victim, and the death toll in the tragedy now stands at 260, officials said on Saturday. The mortal remains of the last victim were handed over to the family, they said. The medical authorities had earlier pegged the fatality count at 270. A London-bound Air India flight crashed into a hostel complex in the Meghaninagar area of Ahmedabad moments after taking off from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in the city on June 12, killing 241 on board and several others on the ground. One passenger miraculously survived. "The DNA matching of the last body of the Air India plane crash victim has been done. The victim's mortal remains have been handed over to relatives," Superintendent of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital Dr Rakesh Joshi said.



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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.





HP CABINET DECISIONS: ONLY HIMACHALIS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR POSTS WITH LEVEL-11 PAY SCALE, GIFT TO MULTI-TASK WORKERS

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh Cabinet meeting was held on Saturday in Shimla under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu. Many major decisions have been taken in the meeting. The state cabinet approved the reclassification of Level-11 pay scale posts from Group B to Group C. Under this decision, now only bonafide (permanent/original) Himachalis will be eligible to apply for Group C posts. Earlier, recruitment for these posts falling under Group B category was done through Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission and candidates from all over the country could apply for these posts. Now their recruitment process will be done under Group C rules through Himachal Pradesh State Selection Commission. Recruitment of 500 Pashu Mitras was also approved in the meeting.



HIMACHAL: ADMISSION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN GRADUATION DEGREE COURSES IN COLLEGES TILL JULY 7, HPU HAS EXTENDED THE DATE

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh University has extended the date for taking admission in undergraduate degree courses BA, BSc and BCom and Shastri. Now giving a big relief to the students who were deprived of admission, the date for admission has been extended till July 7. University Registrar Gyan Sagar Negi has issued a notification to extend the date of admission as per the order of the Vice Chancellor. The university has decided to extend the last date for admission to UG degree courses for the academic session 2025-26 till July 7, considering the demand raised by student organizations SFI, ABVP and the memorandum submitted, the demand for extension of the last date of admission raised by the general students. This deadline has been extended for all private and government colleges affiliated to HPU. Colleges have been instructed to apply for admission through their portal and complete the admission process by July 7, this information has been uploaded on the university website. At the same time, all the colleges have also been asked to upload the information on the notice.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: CLOUDS WILL RAIN CONTINUOUSLY FOR A WEEK IN THE STATE, ORANGE ALERT FOR TWO DAYS OF HEAVY RAIN IN SEVEN DISTRICTS

**Diary Times Desk :** There is an alert of heavy rain for a week in many parts of Himachal Pradesh. During the last 24 hours, Palampur recorded 66.5 mm rain, Kasauli 48.0, Barthin 40.2, Sri Nayana Devi and Ghamarur 36.4, Sarahan 34.0, Mandli 25.0, BBMB 24.2, Paonta Sahib 19.4, Kandaghat 19.0, Bhatiyat 16.2, Karsog 12.2, Baijnath 12.0, Kangra 11.8 mm rain. On Saturday morning, light rain also occurred in the capital Shimla. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, light to moderate rain is likely at most places on June 29 and 30. Light to moderate rain is likely at many places in the state on June 28, July 1, 2, 3 and 4. Orange alert for heavy rain has been issued in many parts on June 29 and 30. There is a yellow alert for the remaining days. On June 29, there is an orange alert for Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Solan and Sirmaur districts. While for June 30, there is an orange alert for Sirmaur, Solan, Shimla and Bilaspur districts. Moderate to high risk of flood is likely in some catchment areas and neighbourhood of Solan, Kangra, Mandi and Sirmaur districts of Himachal Pradesh during the next 24 hours. At the same time, there is no possibility of any major increase in maximum and minimum temperatures during the next 24 hours. After this, the temperature is likely to fall by 2-3 degrees Celsius in many parts of the state.

HP BJP PRESIDENT: BJP'S NEW STATE PRESIDENT CAN BE FOUND IN A WEEK, NAMES OF THESE LEADERS ARE IN DISCUSSION

**Diary Times Desk :** The new state president of BJP will be declared in Himachal Pradesh within a week. The names of the current state president Dr. Rajiv Bindal, MP Rajiv Bhardwaj, Sikandar Kumar, MLA Trilok Jamwal and Rakesh Jamwal are in discussion. At the national level, there has been a buzz about the appointment of the state president. This process had stopped for the past several months. After the Pahalgam incident, the national leadership of BJP had stopped the process for some time. Now the work has started on this. The party officials related to the appointment of state presidents have been asked to stay in Delhi. In such a situation, it is possible that Himachal Pradesh BJP will get a new president soon. The tenure of the current state president Dr. Rajiv Bindal has ended. There is also a possibility of making Dr. Bindal the state president again. Apart from these, the names of Lok Sabha MP Rajiv Bhardwaj from Kangra-Chamba, Rajya Sabha MP Sikandar Kumar, MLA Trilok Jamwal from Bilaspur and MLA Rakesh Jamwal from Sundernagar are also included. Sikandar Kumar belongs to Hamirpur. He has a good influence in the RSS. To corner Chief Minister Sukhu from his home district, Sikandar Kumar's name is very much in the forefront for the post of state president. Rajiv Bhardwaj is the Brahmin face of the party from Kangra.

HIMACHAL: CM SUKHU SAID- STIPEND OF DENTAL DOCTORS DOING MD WILL BE INCREASED

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, while presiding over the Inter College Festival Eruption-2025 at Dental College Shimla on Friday evening, said that the government is spending Rs 1100 crore on the upgradation of medical colleges. Within a year, special changes will be seen in the medical field. He said that the state government has increased the stipend of MD doctors from Rs 60 thousand to Rs one lakh and has also made an unexpected increase in the stipend of super specialty doctors. The stipend of dental doctors doing MD will also be increased on this basis. He announced to give an amount of Rs 5 lakh to the students participating in the cultural program. Recalling his college days.

HIMACHAL: UNION MINISTER KIREN RIJIJU LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE OF SPORTS TRAINING CENTER, ICE HOCKEY RINK IN KAZA

**Diary Times Desk :** Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Saturday laid the foundation stone of High Altitude Sports Training Centre, Ice Hockey Rink, Pavilion and Sports Training Centre to be built at Kaza Cricket Ground at a cost of about Rs 74 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Program in Kaza, Lahaul and Spiti. MP Kangana Ranaut, MLA Anuradha Rana, former MLA Ravi Thakur and other respected dignitaries were present on the occasion. Rijiju wrote in a post released on social media - In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of developed India, these projects aim to empower the youth, promote winter sports like ice hockey, generate local employment and establish Kaza as a major sports tourism center. During this, the minister also performed the folk dance of Spiti with MP Kangana Ranaut and shared a video of it on his Facebook page.



## PUNJAB: VIGILANCE BUREAU RECORDS STATEMENT OF EX-ED OFFICER WHO ONCE QUESTIONED MAJITHIA

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab Vigilance Bureau on Saturday recorded the statement of former Enforcement Directorate deputy director Niranjn Singh regarding a probe he had conducted into the Jagdish Bhola drug-racket case. The bureau is probing a disproportionate-assets case against Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia. It had asked Singh for his assistance and sought details regarding the investigation into the 2014 Jagdish Bhola drugs-linked money-laundering case. The bureau on June 25 arrested Majithia in the case allegedly involving the laundering of ₹540 crore of "drug money". The former Punjab minister was sent to a seven-day custody by a Mohali court on June 26. Former Punjab director general of police Siddharth Chattopadhyaya met a Vigilance Bureau team on Friday and shared his "experience and knowledge" with its members regarding the drugs case registered against the former Akali minister in 2021. Talking to reporters here, Singh said the bureau had requested for details regarding the Jagdish Bhola drug-racket case. "I shared details of the case with the VB," he said.

## RAIN LASHES PARTS OF DELHI, IMD SOUNDS 'ORANGE' ALERT FOR THE CITY

**Diary Times Desk :** Parts of the national capital received rainfall on Saturday, prompting the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to issue an 'orange' alert and forecast light to moderate showers across the city. According to the IMD, areas in east, west, south, and southeast Delhi have recorded rainfall. In its latest forecast, the IMD said, "Light to moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorms and gusty winds at speeds of 30 to 50 kilometre per hour is likely in Delhi over the next few hours." The city continues to remain under an 'orange' alert, which, as per the IMD's colour code, signifies "be prepared." Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 28.7 degrees Celsius, which is 0.8 degrees above the season's average. The maximum temperature is expected to hover around 37 degrees Celsius, the weather office said. The relative humidity was recorded at 72 per cent at 8.30 am. The weather department has forecast moderate to heavy rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds (40-60 km/h), in parts of Delhi and adjoining areas over the next two hours.

## "16 SUNSETS, 16 SUNRISES": SHUBHANSHU SHUKLA TO PM ON LIFE ON ISS



**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday spoke to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force - the man who created history earlier this week by becoming the first Indian to enter the International Space Station (ISS). "Today, you are away from our motherland, but you are the closest to the hearts of Indians...Aapke naam mein bhi shubh hai aur aapki yatra naye yug ka shubharambh bhi hai," PM Modi told the Indian astronaut. Answering the Prime Minister, the astronaut said it is "not my journey alone but also our country's", adding that he is absorbing these new experiences like a sponge. Mr Shukla is also the second Indian to go to space in 41 years and the first since Rakesh Sharma's eight-day sojourn in 1984. Asked by the Prime Minister to describe what he has seen so far, Mr Shukla said, "A short while ago, when I was looking out of the window, we were flying over Hawaii. We see sunrise and sunset 16 times a day from the orbit...Our nation is moving forward at a very great pace..."

## MUMBAI-BOUND BOEING 787 FLIGHT MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING AFTER 7 ONBOARD FALL ILL DUE TO 'DEPRESSURISATION': REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** A Mumbai-bound Ethiopian airlines flight reportedly made an emergency landing in the city on Friday after seven people onboard fell ill. The passengers fell ill after the aircraft - a Boeing 787 Dreamliner - experienced a depressurisation problem mid-air, according to a Times of India report. The issue started when the plane was flying over the Arabian Sea at a cruising altitude of 33,000 feet. The flight then faced a cabin depressurisation issue, following which the pilots made the decision to make a rapid descent to a lower altitude, as per data accessed from Flightradar24. The plane - ET640 - then made an emergency landing early morning at 1.42 am, following which the seven sick passengers were attended to by the airport's medical team. One of them required hospitalisation, TOI quoted a source as saying. HT could not independently verify the details. An official statement from the airline or airport authorities is awaited.

## AIR INDIA VENTURE FIRES 4 STAFFERS OVER VIRAL OFFICE PARTY VIDEO DAYS AFTER CRASH

**Diary Times Desk :** Airport services management firm Air India SATS Services (AISATS) has expressed regret over a viral video showing its employees dancing and celebrating at the office, allegedly after the fatal Air India AI 171 crash in Ahmedabad. The company has taken disciplinary action, dismissing four senior executives involved in hosting the gathering. A video recently surfaced on social media showing employees of AISATS, Air India's ground-handling joint venture with Singapore's SATS Ltd, engaging in celebrations at their office. While the company did not specify when the video was recorded, it is believed to have been shot days after the June 12 tragedy. In a statement released on Friday, AISATS said, "At AISATS, we stand in solidarity with the families affected by the tragic loss of AI 171 and deeply regret the lapse in judgment reflected in a recent internal video. The behaviour does not align with our values, and firm disciplinary action has been taken against those responsible as we reaffirm our commitment to empathy, professionalism, and accountability."



## SENIOR IPS OFFICER PARAG JAIN, WHO PLAYED KEY ROLE IN OP SINDOOR, TO HEAD RAW: SOURCE

**Diary Times Desk :** Senior IPS officer Parag Jain, credited with key intelligence operations during Operation Sindoor, has been appointed as the new head of the country's external intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), sources have told NDTV. After a deadly attack on tourists in picturesque Pahalagam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22, New Delhi launched strikes deep into Pakistan's territory as part of what it named Operation Sindoor. India blamed Pakistan for backing the attackers who killed 26 civilians. Islamabad denied it and called for an independent probe. A ceasefire was reached on May 10 after four days of fighting. Mr Jain is currently the second senior-most officer in the RAW, after outgoing chief Ravi Sinha. He will serve a two-year tenure after taking over from Mr Sinha, who retires on June 30, the officials said. Mr Jain currently heads RAW's Aviation Research Centre (ARC), which deals with aerial surveillance, among others.

## TRAVESTY: VICE PRESIDENT BACKS CALL TO DROP 'SECULAR', 'SOCIALIST' FROM PREAMBLE

**Diary Times Desk :** Echoing the words of Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday slammed the Congress for including the words 'socialist' 'secular' and 'integrity' in the Preamble to the Constitution during the Emergency calling it a 'travesty of justice' and 'sacrilege to the spirit of Sanatana'. Calling the added words nasoor (festering wound), he said that the alterations posed "existential challenges" and called on the nation to reflect on the original intent of the Constitution's framers. Speaking at a book launch in Delhi, he called the Preamble the soul of the Constitution and claimed that the particular portion of the constitution is not changeable. "The Preamble is not changeable or alterable. It is the basis on which the constitution has grown. The Preamble is the seed of the Constitution. It is the soul of the constitution," said Dhankhar. His remarks came days after RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale called for a national debate on whether the words "socialist".



**ISRAEL INTERCEPTS MISSILES FROM YEMEN, WARNS HOUTHIS OF BLOCKADE**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Israeli army said on Saturday that a missile launched from Yemen toward Israeli territory had been "most likely successfully intercepted". Israel has threatened Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement - which has been attacking Israel in what it says is solidarity with Gaza - with a naval and air blockade if its attacks on Israel persist. Since the start of Israel's war in Gaza in October 2023, the Houthis, who control most of Yemen, have been firing at Israel and at shipping in the Red Sea, disrupting global trade. Most of the dozens of missiles and drones they have launched have been intercepted or fallen short. Israel has carried out a series of retaliatory strikes.

**ON CAMERA: 9 SWEEP AWAY IN FLASH FLOODS IN PAK, OUTING TURNS TRAGIC FOR FAMILY**

**Diary Times Desk :** A picnic outing turned tragic for a family in Pakistan after nine out of 18 members of the group lost their lives in the Swat River flash floods. The incident occurred in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Friday. In a spine-chilling video, a group of people are stranded on a few rocks surrounded by strong currents. NDTV does not confirm the authenticity of the video. "Rescue operation is being conducted at five different locations and 80 personnel of Rescue 1122 are participating in the search operation," Rescue 1122 Director General Shah Fahad told Reuters. A member of the group told the news agency that they were enjoying breakfast, and the children were busy playing in the water and taking selfies. "They went to take some selfies. There was not much water at that time. Suddenly, floodwaters came and swept away the children. The water current was so strong that it looked like a dyke had been breached," he said. He added that "victims waited more than two hours for official rescue services to arrive." Meanwhile, rescue officials said that they received information about the drowning around 8 am, and people were "not aware of the water relay." The officials added that by the time rescue personnel and police arrived at the scene, four people had already been swept away. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif "expressed his grief over the tourists' deaths," in a statement from his office. Mr Sharif added that he had urged officials to improve security around streams and rivers.

**'DISRESPECTFUL AND UNACCEPTABLE': IRAN CONDEMNS TRUMP'S REMARKS ON SUPREME LEADER KHAMENEI**

**Diary Times Desk :** Iran on Saturday condemned United States President Donald Trump's remarks on Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, a day after the latter delivered a victory speech. Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araghchi cautioned Trump, saying that if he wishes to reach an understanding with the Supreme Leader, he would need to "set aside" his tone. "If President Trump truly wishes to reach an agreement, he should set aside his disrespectful and unacceptable tone towards the Iranian supreme leader, Grand Ayatollah Khamenei, and stop hurting his millions of sincere supporters," Araghchi said in a post on social media platform X. He further said that the Israeli regime "had NO CHOICE but to RUN to 'Daddy' to avoid being flattened by our Missiles". Araghchi said that the Iranians valued their independence, adding that the country does not take kindly to "threats and insults".

**13 SOLDIERS KILLED IN SUICIDE CAR BOMB ATTACK IN PAKISTAN**

**Diary Times Desk :** A suicide attack claimed by the Pakistani Taliban killed 13 soldiers and wounded 29 people, including civilians, local government officials and police officers told AFP. "A suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into a military convoy. The blast killed 13 soldiers, injured 10 army personnel and 19 civilians," said a local government official in North Waziristan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, who asked not to be named because he was not authorised to speak to the media. "The explosion also caused the roofs of two houses to collapse, injuring six children," a police officer posted in the district told AFP. The condition of the four injured soldiers is critical, an administrative official added. The attack was claimed by the suicide bomber wing of the Hafiz Gul Bahadur armed group, a faction of the Pakistan Taliban.

**WHY REPUBLICANS WANT DONALD TRUMP TO REVOKE ZOHAN MAMDANI'S US CITIZENSHIP**

**Diary Times Desk :** Republicans are calling for the deportation of New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani, who himself has vowed to expel the 'fascist' US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from the city. US President Donald Trump's Border Czar Tom Homan has responded by saying, "Good luck with that, federal law trumps him every day, every hour of every minute," Homan said. "We're going to be in New York City, matter of fact, because it's a sanctuary city and President Trump made it clear a week and a half ago - we're going to double down and triple down on sanctuary cities." "It's game on," Homan told Fox News, a day after Mamdani declared victory over former governor Andrew Cuomo in the Democratic mayoral primary. Indian-origin candidate Mamdani and a Democratic socialist emerged with a commanding lead in the Democratic mayoral primary, over former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who conceded late Tuesday. If elected, he would become the first Muslim mayor of New York City.

**IRAN HOLDS STATE FUNERAL FOR TOP COMMANDERS, SCIENTISTS KILLED BY ISRAEL**

**Diary Times Desk :** Tens of thousands of people have lined the streets in Iran's capital, Tehran, as the country held a funeral service for military commanders, nuclear scientists and some civilians killed in Israeli attacks earlier this month. State TV showed footage of people donning black clothes, waving Iranian flags and holding pictures of some of the dead in the ceremony that started at 8am (04:30 GMT) on Saturday. Images from central Tehran showed coffins draped in Iranian flags and bearing portraits of the deceased commanders in uniform. Israel launched the assault on its main regional rival on June 13, killing several senior military and scientific officials, and bombarding military sites and nuclear facilities across the country. Iran responded with missiles attacks on Israel. The Israeli bombardment continued for 12 days, with key ally the United States joining the conflict to carry out strikes on three nuclear sites last weekend. In retaliation for the US attacks, Iran launched a wave of missiles at a US military base in Qatar.

**SHARES RALLY ON CHINA-US TRADE OPTIMISM, DOLLAR TRADES AT MULTIYEAR LOWS**

**Diary Times Desk :** Global shares reached a record high on Friday, helped by market optimism over signs of progress in U.S.-China trade talks, while the dollar held close to its lowest levels in more than three years. The benchmark S&P 500 index and Nasdaq hit all-time highs, lifted partly by gains in megacap growth stocks including Nvidia (NVDA.O), opens new tab, Alphabet (GOOGL.O), opens new tab and Amazon (AMZN.O), opens new tab. The S&P 500 index and Nasdaq notched a weekly gain and are up about 5% this year, following a volatile first half of the year, dominated by U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff announcement on April 2, which sent stocks plunging. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJI), opens new tab rose 1% to 43,819.27, the S&P 500 (SPX), opens new tab rose 0.52% to 6,173.07 and the Nasdaq Composite (.IXIC), opens new tab rose 0.52% to 20,273.46. The pan-European STOXX 600 index finished up 1.1% (.STOXX), opens new tab and reached a weekly gain of 1.32%. The MSCI World Equity index (.MIWD000000PUS), opens new tab touched a record high of 916.39 and reached a weekly gain of 3.3%, making it the biggest weekly increase since mid-May. London's FTSE 100 rose 0.72% (.FTSE), opens new tab. Asian shares (.MIAPJ00000PUS), opens new tab hit their highest in more than three years in early trading.



## ED EX-OFFICER NIRANJAN SINGH, KNOWN BIKRAM MAJITHIA BAITER, JOINS PROBE IN DRUGS CASE

**Diary Times Desk** : After former Punjab DGP Sarath Chattopadhyaya visited the Vigilance Bureau head office to share information on the Bikram Majithia case on Friday afternoon, retired Deputy Director of the Enforcement Directorate, Niranjana Singh, also reached there. He has reportedly come to share information in the case with the VB officials. While entering, he did not talk to the media. Niranjana Singh, who led the ED probe against Majithia in the past, had stated that there was enormous pressure on him from his seniors to go slow in the case. Majithia is in seven-day custody at the Vigilance Bureau office in the Prevention of Corruption Act case after he was arrested from his home in Amritsar on Wednesday. Apart from amassing wealth beyond his known sources of income while being a minister in 2009, he has been accused of laundering Rs 540 crore of drug money.



## 25 PUNJAB JAIL OFFICIALS SUSPENDED IN STATEWIDE CORRUPTION, DRUGS CRACKDOWN

**Diary Times Desk** : In a major crackdown on corruption within the jail department, the state government has suspended 25 officials, including three Deputy Superintendents and two Assistant Superintendents, highlighting the seriousness of the issue. The action comes as part of a broader drive to root out corruption and dismantle drug networks operating inside prisons. Following reports of widespread irregularities and drug-related activities within jails, the government moved swiftly to take disciplinary action. A government spokesperson said the suspensions are aimed at bringing about systemic reform in prison management and ensuring greater transparency and efficiency. "This action is expected to significantly improve the functioning of jails and promote a more accountable system," the spokesperson said.

## SANJEEV ARORA ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE AS LUDHIANA WEST MLA, CM MANN MISSES EVENT

**Diary Times Desk** : The newly elected MLA from Ludhiana West, Sanjeev Arora, was today administered the oath of office by Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwan. Speaking on the occasion, Arora, who was earlier the member of Rajya Sabha from Punjab, said he would work for the welfare of people. On being asked when he would be inducted in the Cabinet, Arora said that he believed in taking one step at a time. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was conspicuous by his absence at the event. His presence at the oath-taking ceremony was earlier announced by the government. AAP state president Aman Arora, Finance Minister Harpal Cheema and incharge of party affairs in Punjab Manish Sisodia were among those present at the ceremony. Arora was accompanied by his family and close friends, including industrialist Kamal Oswal. The ceremony ended in just five minutes. Initially, the party had announced that Arora will be inducted in the Cabinet immediately after he would be elected to the Vidhan Sabha.

## MAJITHIA CASE: SUKHBIR BADAL DARES CM MANN TO PROVE FOREIGN FUNDING BY SARAYA INDUSTRIES

**Diary Times Desk** : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Saturday dared Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to prove that Saraya Industries, in which party leader Bikram Singh Majithia had an inherited share of 11 per cent, had received even one rupee in foreign funding from 2007. Lashing out at the AAP government for arresting Majithia, Badal said that a case was registered against the former Akali minister because he was "constantly exposing" the Mann dispensation over various issues. The Punjab Vigilance Bureau arrested Majithia on June 25 in a disproportionate assets case allegedly involving laundering of Rs 540 crore "drug money". Addressing the media here, the SAD chief trashed the Vigilance Bureau's claims against Majithia regarding the disproportionate assets. The only foreign funding received by Saraya Industries was in March 2006 (one year before the SAD formed the government in the state) when it received Rs 35 crore from US-based Clearwater Corporation in exchange for 25 per cent shares in the company. Majithia entered politics in 2007," said Badal.

## BJP RALLIES BEHIND DILJIT DOSANJH AMID TROLLS OVER 'SARDAAR JI 3', CALLS HIM NATIONAL ASSET

**Diary Times Desk** : Despite facing online trolling and accusations from self-styled 'nationalists', the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday strongly backed actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh, calling him a "national asset" and a "global ambassador of Indian culture." In the past, BJP leaders—including MP Kangana Ranaut—and sections of the social media 'troll army' have labeled Dosanjh a Khalistani, a charge that has resurfaced with renewed intensity following the announcement of his upcoming film 'Sardaar Ji 3', which features Pakistani actress Hania Amir. However, BJP national spokesperson R P Singh Khalsa firmly defended Dosanjh, dismissing the backlash as unjustified. He emphasised that the film in question was shot well before the Pahalgam killings in Kashmir, allegedly carried out by Pakistan-backed terrorists—an incident that led to the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty and India's retaliatory Operation Sindoor targeting terror sites in Pakistan. "He is a national asset and a global ambassador of Indian culture. The Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) call to revoke his Indian citizenship over a film shot before the Pahalgam incident is not only unfair but shockingly disproportionate," said R P Singh. He added, "If there is anguish, it can be expressed through a boycott."

## 34 BTECHS, 8 MBAS, 2 LLBS AMONG NEW HARYANA POLICE CONSTABLE RECRUITS

**Diary Times Desk** : The new batch of Haryana Police constables includes some unusual recruits like MBAs, MPhils, MTech, law graduates and other post-graduates. According to a senior police officer, in this batch, 201 trainees are postgraduates, including one PhD, two LLB, eight MBA, three MTech, 34 BTech, six MCA, eight BCA and 31 BEd. "As a result of the transparent recruitment process, highly qualified youth have been recruited in the Haryana police. This shows that educated and aware youth are now serving in Haryana Police," said Haryana DGP Shatruejt Kapur. In a grand passing out ceremony held at Haryana Police Training Centre, Bhondsi, on Saturday, a total of 783 trainee constables — 264 women and 519 men — formally completed their training and started their service in Haryana Police Force. The trainees took the oath of serving the country, demonstrating discipline and dedication. The chief guest of the ceremony was Central Government's Home Secretary Govind Mohan, who inspected the parade and took the salute. The parade was commanded by female trainee soldier Renu.

## HARYANA HEALTH EMPLOYEES OPPOSE GEO-FENCING ATTENDANCE APP OVER PRIVACY CONCERNS

**Diary Times Desk** : The geo-fencing-based attendance app introduced by the Health Department across the state is facing hiccups in its implementation. Doctors and health staff have already raised concerns and expressed resistance in downloading the app in their mobile phones, due to which it is not being implemented on ground to achieve the goal for which it was started. While the app has been officially mandated, its implementation remains partial. Without a consensus between staff and administration, enforcement may continue to face roadblocks. It is a GPS and facial recognition-enabled mobile application designed to mark the attendance of doctors and health staff. It ensures that employees are physically present at their assigned locations by using geo-fencing technology. Officials say the app relies on geo-fencing technology and facial recognition. It only allows attendance logging within the prescribed area. Any movement beyond 500 meters during duty hours triggers a system alert. For this to work, the app requires a stable internet connection and location access. As per senior officials, the state health authorities introduced the app to promote discipline.



## HIMACHAL: CENTRE BOOSTING ROAD INFRA ALONG INDO-CHINA BORDER

**Diary Times Desk :** Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Kiren Rijiju today said the Central Government is repairing the highways and local roads in the areas adjoining the Indo-China border on priority basis. "With the repair of roads in the district, Kailash Mansarovar Yatra can be started from Kinnaur in future," he said. On the second day of his four-day visit to Himachal, Rijiju reached Kinnaur and laid the foundation stone of the indoor stadium at Pooh in Kinnaur. He was accompanied by Mandi Lok Sabha MP Kangana Ranaut. The Central Government is providing all possible assistance to develop infrastructure not just in Mandi, Kinnaur, Lahaul Spiti and Kullu but the entire state," the minister said. The Centre has provided a lot of help to develop the infrastructure in Mandi parliamentary constituency but it is the responsibility of the state government to ensure proper use of these funds, he added. Rijiju said that the Vibrant Village Scheme has been started by the Central Government to develop border areas. Under this scheme, the Central Government is giving adequate funds to Himachal Pradesh. However, for this the state government has to prepare and send its proposal.

## HP HIGH COURT REJECTS APOLOGY TENDERED BY FORMER MP RAJAN SUSHANT

**Diary Times Desk :** The HP High Court has not accepted the apology tendered by the former MP Lok Sabha Rajan Sushant and his son Dhairya Sushant in a criminal contempt initiated by the court on the allegations that they have tarnished the image of the judiciary in social media. The court further listed the matter for framing of charges against both of them for July 16 and directed to remain present in the court on the next date. While rejecting the apology, a division bench comprising Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan and Justice Sushil Kukreja observed that "an apology can be accepted, in case, the conduct for which the apology is given, is such that it can be 'ignored' without compromising the dignity of the court," or it is intended to be evidence of real contrition. It should be sincere.

## DHARAMSALA: POWER PROJECT WAS ALREADY UNDER SCRUTINY BEFORE FLASHFLOOD TRAGEDY

**Diary Times Desk :** The under-construction Manuni-2 Hydro-Electric Power Project in Dharamsala, now at the centre of the recent flashflood disaster, had already drawn official scrutiny well before the tragedy struck earlier this week. A magisterial probe conducted in May this year had revealed a series of environmental and regulatory violations linked to the project. In a report submitted on May 30 this year, Dharamsala's Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mohit Rattan outlined a series of unauthorised activities carried out by the project's management. The findings pointed to blatant disregard for established environmental norms and highlighted severe consequences of the project's operations on local infrastructure and public health. The report also raised serious concerns over extensive mining, stone crushing activities, causing pollution in the Manuni rivulet, etc. all of which may have contributed to the disaster's scale and impact. The probe was initiated following a formal complaint filed by the panchayat of Saukani Da Kot village, situated near the power project. The complaint highlighted long-standing issues of illegal mining and degradation of water infrastructure. Taking cognizance, the District Magistrate ordered a magisterial investigation.



## DHARAMSALA: SIXTH BODY RECOVERED; PROBE PANEL TO SUBMIT REPORT WITHIN 48 HOURS

**Diary Times Desk :** The sixth body was spotted upstream of the Manuni rivulet on Friday even as continuous heavy rainfall hampered efforts by the joint rescue team of the National and State Disaster Response Forces (NDRF and SDRF) to retrieve it. The victim was identified as Nitin, son of Sanjay, and a resident of Pankura in Fatehpur, Kangra. The deceased was among the workers engaged at the Manuni-2 Hydroelectric Power Project – a sister concern of the Indira Priyadarshini Hydroelectric Power Project when flashfloods struck suddenly on Wednesday evening. A magisterial inquiry has already been initiated into the devastating flashflood incident near Dharamsala's Manuni rivulet that claimed the lives of several labourers working at an under-construction hydroelectric power project. SDM Mohit Rattan has begun the probe as six bodies have been recovered 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 some others remain unaccounted for. District Magistrate Hemraj Bairwa stated that several departments like Forest, Police, Electricity Board, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mining, Labour, Him Urja, and the District Disaster Management Authority, will assist the SDM in the investigation. The DM has asked the SDM-led panel to submit the inquiry report within 48 hours to his office.

## HOTELIERS SEEK ACTION AGAINST FAKE NEWS ON RAIN DISASTER IN MANALI

**Diary Times Desk :** The tourism industry in Manali, already grappling with the seasonal challenges, is now facing a fresh blow due to the spread of fake news on social media about a so-called "mega rain disaster" in the region. Following the recent cloudburst incidents in Jeevanala and Gadsa valleys of Kullu district, some miscreants have taken to social platforms to falsely report a similar disaster in Manali, triggering a wave of panic and travel cancellations. Local hoteliers have expressed deep concern over the misinformation campaign, which they say is not only misleading but also damaging the region's economy that heavily relies on tourism. Hemraj Sharma, a hotelier based in Manali, lamented the loss of business due to such false reporting. "This is very sad. I just received a cancellation from a group of 12 people due to this fake news. It's extremely frustrating that every year, our land suffers not only from natural events but also from the carelessness of irresponsible individuals online," he said. Similar sentiments were echoed by former presidents of the Hoteliers Association, Manali, Anup Thakur and Gajender Thakur. Both condemned the spread of fake news and urged the authorities to take strict action against those trying to defame Manali's image.

## HEAVY RAIN LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH TILL JULY 3

**Diary Times Desk :** Widespread rainfall, heavy to very heavy at isolated places, is likely across the state from June 28 to July 3. Isolated incidents of thunderstorm, lightning are likely over plains, low hills and mid hills from up to June 29. The precipitation is likely to peak on June 29 as the department has issued an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Sirmour and Solan districts and heavy rainfall at isolated places over Chamba, Kullu, Shimla and Mandi districts for the day. Meanwhile, the state has already suffered a damage of nearly Rs 30 crore in the last one week since the monsoon has arrived in the state. Public Works Department has suffered the maximum damage of over Rs 27 crore. Due to the rains so far, six houses have been damaged fully, while eight have suffered partial damage. Besides, seven shops and eight cow sheds have also been damaged. Currently, 53 roads are blocked for traffic, while 135 power transformers and 147 water supply schemes are non-functional in various parts of the state. Maximum number of roads have been affected in Kullu district (23) and Mandi (16). Similarly, the distribution transformers, too, have been affected the most in these two districts – 74 in Kullu and 59 in Mandi. Kullu tops the list in the disruption to water schemes as well – as many as 118 schemes are currently disrupted in the district.



## HAZLEWOOD FIFER SETS UP BIG WIN FOR AUSTRALIA

**Diary Times Desk :** Josh Hazlewood starred for Australia with 5 for 43 as West Indies lost all 10 wickets in the final session on Day 3 to go down by 159 runs in the first Test. Nathan Lyon claimed the last two wickets off consecutive balls in what would have been the final over of the day, wrapping up a dominant win with two days to spare. Australia now lead the two-match series 1-0. Set 301 to win, West Indies showed early signs of fight. Although they lost Kraigg Brathwaite in the first over to Mitchell Starc with a flick to backward square leg, they reached 47 for 1 through some adventurous batting by John Campbell and Keacy Carty, who was dropped by Cameron Green on 1. But then came the collapse. Both the set batters fell off consecutive balls. Campbell attempted a scoop off Hazlewood, only to glove it to Carey. Brandon King then inside-edged the ball onto his pad for a sharp catch to gully. Hazlewood soon got West Indies captain Roston Chase in similar fashion before delivering a full ball that bowled Carty, leaving West Indies gasping at 56 for 5. Shai Hope was undone by a ball from Pat Cummins that stayed low and scooted under his bat. Justin Greaves was then joined by Shamar Joseph, who smacked two sixes out of the stadium in a 22-ball 44, surviving a dropped catch by Sam Konstas in the deep along the way.



## DEBUTANT PRETORIUS, BOSCH LEAD SOUTH AFRICA'S DOMINANCE

**Diary Times Desk :** How much luck is too much? Long before 19-year-old Lhuan-dre Pretorius became the youngest ever to score 150 on Test debut, he had been given four reprieves against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo. After narrowly escaping dismissal on 30, 54, 55 and 127, Pretorius eventually ended up scoring 153 off just 160 balls. At the time of his wicket, he alone had scored more than half of South Africa's total. By the end of the day, however, Corbin Bosch's maiden Test hundred added to fellow debutant Dewald Brevis' counterattacking 51 from 41 deliveries earlier in the day, as the visitors finished day one of the first Test on 418 for 9. Pretorius arrived when South Africa were reeling at 23 for 3 in the 15th over. At the time, Tanaka Chivanga had all three wickets in just over four overs, while Blessing Muzarabani and Hamilton Masakadza supported him by keeping it tight and maintaining control. Masakadza's figures at that stage were 5-0-9-0 and Muzarabani's were 5-4-5-0, having started with four maidens. The extra bounce on the pitch meant Muzarabani beat the bat several times early in the day, even as Chivanga struck thrice. The first breakthrough came in the sixth over when Tony de Zorzi edged to Brian Bennett at third slip after 15 balls without scoring.

## "WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT": GAUTAM ADANI PRAISES INDIA'S NO. 1 PRAGGNANANDHAA

**Diary Times Desk :** Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani on Saturday lauded grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, who became India's top-ranked chess player in the live ratings after winning the UzChess Cup Masters 2025 a day earlier. The victory took Praggnanandhaa's live rating to 2778.3, making him World No. 4 - up three places - as he achieved his highest career ranking. "Congratulations @rpraggnachess! Proud of you! Winning #UzChess, becoming India's No.1 and World No.4 and you are still just 19! What an achievement! India's youth is indeed our greatest strength," the business tycoon posted on X. Nineteen-year-old Praggnanandhaa leapfrogged world champion D Gukesh (2776.6) and Arjun Erigaisi (2775.7), who was India's top-ranked player until Thursday but has now slipped to world No.6. Magnus Carlsen (2839.2) remains No.1, followed by Hikaru Nakamura (2807.0) and Fabiano Caruana (2784.2). This was Praggnanandhaa's third title of the year, after wins at the Tata Steel Chess Tournament and the Grand Chess Tour Superbet Classic in Romania. He was also runner-up at the Stepan Avagyan Memorial earlier this month.

## NEERAJ CHOPRA RECLAIMS WORLD NO. 1 SPOT, ARSHAD NADEEM FOURTH IN JAVELIN THROW RANKINGS

**Diary Times Desk :** Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Neeraj Chopra has reclaimed top spot in the World Rankings, in the most recent list released by World Athletics this week. Neeraj lost the No. 1 position to Anderson Peters on September 17 last year, after the Grenadian athlete clinched victory at the Diamond League Final in Brussels. Currently, Neeraj has 1445 points, and Peters has 1431. Meanwhile, German ace Anderson Peters is third with 1407 points, followed by Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who is fourth with 1370. Neeraj will be defending his World Championships title in Tokyo in September. He began his season with an invitational meet in Potchefstroom, where he claimed gold with a 84.52m throw. Then in the Diamond League opener in Doha, he breached the 90m mark for the first time with a throw of 90.23m. Despite the milestone, he had to settle for second place, behind Weber. Then, at the Janusz Kusocinski Memorial in Chorzow, he came second with a throw of 84.14m.



## JAYASURIYA FIVE-FER HELPS SL CLINCH SERIES

**Diary Times Desk :** Sri Lanka completed a dominant victory over Bangladesh in the second Test at the Sinhalese Sports Club, winning by an innings and 78 runs to wrap up the two-match series 1-0. The hosts needed just 33 balls on the fourth morning to take the final four Bangladesh wickets and put the finishing touches on a convincing win. Having conceded a daunting 211-run lead, Bangladesh folded for 133 in their second innings, with Prabath Jayasuriya leading the way once again. The left-arm spinner picked up 5 for 56 to register his sixth five-wicket haul in Test cricket. He removed three batters on the final morning, including the stubborn Litton Das who fell to an outside edge. Tharindu Ratnayake claimed the final wicket by trapping Ebadot Hossain lbw. The debutant Sonal Dinusha also impressed earlier in the match with a vital contribution on debut, while Asitha Fernando's incisive first-innings burst had helped set the tone. The foundation of Sri Lanka's win was however laid by their batters. After bowling Bangladesh out for 247 on Day 1, the home side responded strongly. Pathum Nissanka led the way with a sparkling 158 while Dinesh Chandimal (93) and Kusal Mendis (84) ensured the lead swelled beyond 200.

## ROHIT SHARMA ENTRUSTED THIS MAN TO BRING 'AGGRESSIVE OUTLOOK' IN KL RAHUL - NEW REVELATION

**Diary Times Desk :** Former India assistant coach Abhishek Nayar revealed that ODI captain Rohit Sharma wanted him to work with KL Rahul and bring out a more "aggressive" outlook as well as the best out of him. Rahul has flummoxed everyone with his technical prowess and impressive artillery. The most recent reminder that Rahul delivered was in the second innings of the opening Test against England at Headingley. Rahul dazzled on the crease with a composed 137 from 247 deliveries, a knock that was a sight for sore eyes. Nayar, who was named in head coach Gautam Gambhir's initial regime, reminisced about the time when former Test captain Rohit asked him to work with Rahul, as the 'Hitman' had a strong belief in the 33-year-old's capability to play a significant role in India. "When I first picked up that role, I remember I had a conversation with Rohit, and he said that one of the things he was really keen on me doing was working with KL and bringing out a more aggressive outlook to how KL played the game, and bringing the best out of him.