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AMIT SHAH

AMIT SHAH RULES OUT TALKS WITH MAOISTS, TELLS THEM TO GIVE UP ARMS, JOIN MAINSTREAM

Diary Times Desk: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday ruled out any talks with Maoists and said the cadre of the proscribed outfit should give up arms, surrender before police, and join the mainstream.

Addressing a rally after inaugurating the National Headquarters of the Turmeric Board in Nizamabad in Telangana, Shah also said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is still raising questions on Operation Sindoor, should see the weak appearance of Pakistan to understand the effectiveness of the operation.

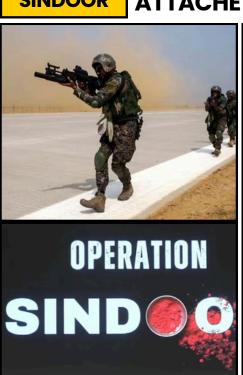
"Congress asks (the Centre) to hold discussions with these people (Maoists). Our government's policy is 'no talk' with those who hold arms. Give up weapons, surrender, and join the mainstream," Shah said. He further said that about 10,000 people in the Northeast gave up weapons and joined the mainstream.

They even contested elections held for positions ranging from the Taluk level to state assemblies. Similarly, more than 2,000 Maoists have surrendered in the past one and a half years. "Give up weapons and surrender. If you don't surrender, we have decided that before 31 March 2026, naxalism will be finished in this country," the Home Minister said.



SINDOOR

OPERATION "QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT": INDIA ON DEFENCE **ATTACHE'S OP SINDOOR REMARK**



Diary Times Desk: The Indian embassy in Indonesia today said media reports have "quoted out of context" a presentation made by the defence attache at a seminar on Operation Sindoor.

The defence attache, Captain Shiv Kumar, had explained the Indian military's response in the initial phase of Operation Sindoor at a seminar in an Indonesian university. India has always maintained that the objective of Operation Sindoor was to destroy terror infrastructure deep inside Pakistan, and the Indian response to the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that killed 26 tourists was non-escalatory.

"We have seen media reports regarding a presentation made by the Defence Attache at a Seminar. His remarks have been quoted out of context and the media reports are a mis-representation of the intention and thrust of the presentation made by the speaker," the embassy said in a post on X.

"The presentation conveyed that the Indian Armed Forces serve under civilian political leadership unlike some other countries in our neighbourhood. It was also explained that the objective of Operation Sindoor was to target terrorist infrastructure and the Indian response was non-escalatory," it said.

Citing the defence attache's comments, the opposition Congress party criticised the BJP-led government for what it alleged was "misleading" the country. "First the Chief of Defence Staff makes important revelations in Singapore. Then a senior defence official follows up from Indonesia.



MAHARASHTRA WITHDRAWS LANGUAGE POLICY RESOLUTION AMID HINDI IMPOSITION ROW

Diary Times Desk: Amid a growing chorus against the introduction of the Hindi language in Maharashtra schools from classes 1 to 5, the state cabinet on Sunday decided to withdraw two GRs (government resolutions) on the implementation of the three-language policy. Addressing a press conference on the eve of the monsoon session of the state legislature, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also announced the formation of a committee under educationist Narendra Jadhav to suggest the way forward and implementation of the language policy. The panel has sought three months to study the issue and prepare a report. Fadnavis alleged Uddhav Thackeray had accepted the recommendations of the Dr Raghunath Mashelkar committee to introduce a three-language policy from classes 1 to 12 when he was chief minister and set up a committee to implement the policy. "The state cabinet has decided to withdraw the Government Resolutions (GRs) issued in April and June regarding the implementation of the three-language policy from class one. A committee headed by Narendra Jadhav will be formed to recommend implementation (of the three-language formula)," Fadnavis said.



SIX MONTHS ON, ISSUE OF JUSTICE SHEKHAR KUMAR YADAV'S REMOVAL **HANGS FIRE**

Diary Times Desk: More than six months after 55 MPs submitted a notice for motion to remove Justice Shekhar Kumar Yaday of Allahabad High Court for his alleged misconduct to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, the issue is hanging fire as only 45 of the MPs have verified their signatures. The Rajya Sabha Secretariat is unable to move forward in the matter, awaiting verification of signatures by the remaining MPs, including independent MP Kapil Sibal, Rajya Sabha sources said. The last ones to verify their signatures were P Chidambaram and Ajit Kumar Bhuyan, they said, adding that the Secretariat was waiting for MPs Jose K Mani, Sanjiv Arora, Faiyaz Ahmad, Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya, GC Chandrashekhar, Raghav Chadha, NR Elango and Sushmita Dev to verify their signatures before taking the next step. Sibal could not be reached for his comments. At a VHP event, Justice Yadav had allegedly endorsed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

JUST LIKE IN AIRLINES, NOW YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR SEAT WHEN TRAVELLING BY TRAIN



Diary Times Desk: Indian Railways is all set to overhaul its passenger reservation system by introducing a suite of upgrades. It includes a key feature, under which the passengers will be allowed to select their preferred seat, similar to the practice followed by airlines. According to a senior Railway Ministry official, the upcoming reservation system, which will be functional by the end of this year, will not only offer seat selection but also display a fare calendar, enabling users to make informed booking decisions. "It also has integrated facilities for divyangjan, students, patients, etc.," the official said. He informed that the Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had recently reviewed the progress of these reforms and emphasised the need for a "smart, transparent, accessible, and efficient" ticketing system. As per Railway Ministry, one of the key operational improvements will be in the area of reservation charting.

3 DEAD, SEVERAL INJURED IN STAMPEDE DURING JAGANNATH RATH YATRA IN ODISHA'S PURI

Diary Times Desk: At least three persons, including two women, were killed and around 50 others injured in a stampede near Shree Gundicha Temple in Odisha's Puri on Sunday morning, officials said. The incident took place around 4 am when hundreds of devotees gathered near the temple to witness Rath Yatra festivities, Puri District Collector Siddharth S Swain said. The injured have been admitted to a nearby hospital, and the condition of six people is critical, he said. "Out of the 50 injured, six people are still unconscious and their condition is very serious," an official of the medical facility, where they are undergoing treatment, said. Chaos ensued after two trucks carrying materials for rituals reportedly entered the crowded spot near the chariots of Lord Jagannath and his sibling deities, officials said. Devotees in large numbers had assembled outside the temple since the early hours to catch a glimpse of the deities when the 'Pahuda' (cloth) covering their faces was to be removed, as part of the rituals, they said.



YOUR HOROSCOPE 30-06-2025



Today, you will meet old friends, which Today you will get success as your long 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.

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.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will 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.

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

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 pain and headache may bother you.

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.

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.

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 increased difficulties ue to arguments v business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a

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

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.

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 face difficulties in repaying ess loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

Today your interest in creative work will

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

HIMACHAL NEWS: UNION MINISTER KIREN RIJIJU SAID- AFTER 71 YEARS THE COUNTRY GOT A BUDDHIST CABINET MINISTER

Diary Times Desk: Union Minister for Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju said that for the first time in 71 years after Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, a Buddhist leader has become a cabinet minister in the Central Government. Describing himself as a symbol of the rights of minorities, he said that now the Ministry of Minority Affairs is not working only for one community, but for all the six minority communities, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis, equally. During the Congress rule, the benefit of the Ministry of Minority Affairs was limited only to Muslims, while other communities remained deprived of the schemes. Now in the Modi government, all minority communities are being given budget with bonus. The Union Minister said that schemes worth Rs 200 crore have been approved by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the entire Himachal, out of which schemes worth Rs 167 crore have been approved for Lahaul-Spiti alone. More than 80 percent of the budget has been given to this tribal district. Rijiju said that he has been on a tour of Himachal for the last four days and during this time he reached the remote areas of Lahaul-Spiti and laid the foundation stone of many projects.



HIMACHAL: CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID- THE STATE **GOVERNMENT WILL SOON LAUNCH** A COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-DRUG **CAMPAIGN**

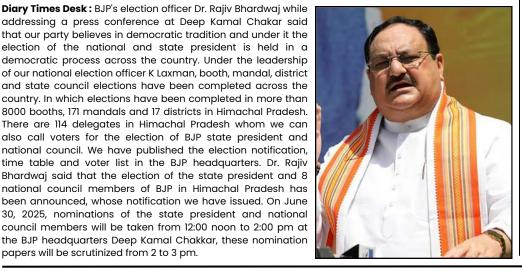
Diary Times Desk: To spread awareness against drug abuse, Himachal Pradesh Police Department on Sunday organised the 12th Himachal Pradesh Police Half Marathon in Shimla. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu felicitated the winners of the marathon which had participants in the male, female and senior citizen (75+ years) categories. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Chief Minister expressed grave concern over the involvement of government employees in drug-related activities. He said that so far strict action has been taken against 80 government employees who are facing legal proceedings. He said police personnel have also been found involved in drug smuggling activities and added that the state government is considering making amendments in the Police Manual to ensure greater accountability within the police force. The Chief Minister said the government is preparing to launch a massive anti-drug drive in the near future. "Mapping is being done at the panchayat ward level to facilitate.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: RED ALERT ISSUED IN FOUR DISTRICTS OF HIMACHAL DUE TO **HEAVY RAINS, INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO KEEP SCHOOLS CLOSED**

Diary Times Desk: The Meteorological Department has issued a red alert regarding heavy rains in four districts of Himachal Pradesh, Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmaur. In such a situation, the department has appealed to the people to stay away from rivers and streams. Due to continuous rain, the road leading to Chamiyana Hospital in Shimla has been closed due to falling debris. At the same time, stones have also fallen on vehicles in Bhattakufar. Along with this, debris has fallen on a house due to landslide after heavy rain in Bothwell area of Sanjauli ward. Due to this, the mother and daughter living in this house are trapped inside. The administration team including the Mayor Councilor has reached the spot. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu issued instructions to the DC to keep the schools closed in the districts with red alert. This decision has been taken giving priority to the safety of the students. The Meteorological Department has issued a red alert for districts Solan, Sirmaur, Kangra and Mandi. Himachal Pradesh Minister Jagat Singh Negi on flash floods and heavy rains in the state said Shimla, Kangra and Sirmaur districts have received heavy rains, with some impact in Kullu region as well. The flash floods have caused huge loss of life and property. Nine people were trapped in flash floods at a power project site in Dharamsala.

HIMACHAL BJP PRESIDENT: ELECTION OF HIMACHAL BJP STATE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED, NOMINATION WILL BE DONE ON THIS DAY

addressing a press conference at Deep Kamal Chakar said that our party believes in democratic tradition and under it the election of the national and state president is held in a democratic process across the country. Under the leadership of our national election officer K Laxman, booth, mandal, district and state council elections have been completed across the country. In which elections have been completed in more than 8000 booths, 171 mandals and 17 districts in Himachal Pradesh. There are 114 delegates in Himachal Pradesh whom we can also call voters for the election of BJP state president and national council. We have published the election notification, time table and voter list in the BJP headquarters. Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj said that the election of the state president and 8 national council members of BJP in Himachal Pradesh has been announced, whose notification we have issued. On June 30, 2025, nominations of the state president and national council members will be taken from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the BJP headquarters Deep Kamal Chakkar, these nomination papers will be scrutinized from 2 to 3 pm.



HIMACHAL NEWS: BUSINESS PICKED UP PACE IN TWO **INDUSTRIAL AND THREE TOURISM DISTRICTS OF** HIMACHAL PRADESH

Diary Times Desk: Two industrial and three tourism districts of Himachal Pradesh have picked up pace in business. In the financial year 2024-25, the loan-deposit ratio in Solan, Sirmaur, Shimla, Kullu and Kinnaur districts was more than 40 percent. Compared to 2023-24, these districts registered an increase of two to three percent in CDR. In the remaining seven districts, Himachalis are reluctant to borrow from banks. The loandeposit ratio in these districts is less than 33 percent. The people of the state are not taking loans in proportion to the amount they are depositing in banks. People of seven districts of the state are far behind in taking loans. In these districts, 50 to 60 percent of the money of the people remains deposited in banks. They are not using it for their self-employment, business, facilities and gathering resources. The performance of banks in industrial districts Solan and Sirmaur is the best in CD ratio. The CD ratio in Solan district is 82.31 and in Sirmaur it is 78.11 percent. The credit deposit ratio in seven districts Bilaspur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Kangra, Lahaul-Spiti, Mandi and Una is less than 33 percent. The government is also worried about this. The Finance Department has issued instructions to identify the reasons for low CD ratio. For this, it has been asked to form special sub-committees at the district level. The CD ratio shows how much the banks have lent out of the prescribed deposit amount.

SHIMLA NEWS: CHERRY PRODUCTION DECREASED IN SHIMLA, 1.75 LAKH BOXES LESS REACHED THE MARKET

Diary Times Desk: There has been a decline in the production of cherries in Shimla district this year. Compared to last year, this year there has been less business of 1 lakh 75 thousand 995 boxes of cherries in the fruit markets of the district. The main reason for this is believed to be irregular weather. The cherry season is now over. Last year, while 5,46,544 boxes of cherries reached the fruit markets of the district, this year only 3,70,549 boxes reached the market. Due to this, the gardeners of other major cherry producing areas including Fagu, Theog, Kumarsain and Narkanda of Shimla district are disappointed. Gardeners say that due to unseasonal heat and fluctuations in the climate, cherry production has decreased. At present, cherry is cultivated in more

4 DEAD, 2 INJURED AFTER MUD SLIDES IN RAJASTHAN, RESCUE OPS ON

Diary Times Desk: At least four people were killed and two others sustained injuires after a portion of soil caved in Bharatpur district in Rajasthan, an official said on Sunday. Teams from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), local police and civil defence have been rushed to the spot. Relief and rescue operations have begun without delay, officials said. Bharatpur District Collector Qamar Chaudhary confirmed the incident and said, "A total of 6 people have been rescued. Four people have been admitted to the hospital. Two people were declared brought dead. Two more casualties have been reported. Two are under treatment." "SDRF, NDRF, police and civil defence teams are at the spot... The total number of people affected is being assessed," the Collector said on the mudslide incident. According to the India Met Department, Rajasthan experienced fresh rainfall in the last 24 hours as the monsoon progressed into more parts of the state.

DOCTOR'S REVELATION ON EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE AT KERALA GOVT HOSPITAL SPARKS ROW, TRIGGERS PROBE

Diary Times Desk: government doctor's disclosure regarding a shortage of surgical equipment and delays in surgeries the state-run Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Hospital has triggered a controversy in Kerala, prompting the Health Department to order an inquiry. Haris Chirakkal, head of the Urology Department, had highlighted the issue in a strongly worded Facebook post, which he later deleted. However, speaking to reporters on Sunday, he maintained that his concerns were valid. "What I said was the truth. I won't hide after speaking the truth. There are no political motives behind my disclosure," he said. Chirakkal said he had repeatedly raised the matter with senior officials, including the medical college principal and hospital superintendent, but no action was taken. Although he does not have direct access to Health Minister Veena George, he said he had informed the minister's office about the difficulties faced by his department and the hospital in general. "There are issues across all departments, but no one speaks up out of fear. Many times, surgeries were carried out only after patients purchased the necessary equipment themselves," he said. He added that he was frustrated with repeatedly approaching voluntary.

UNDER BJD ATTACK, CHIEF MINISTER'S "SEEK FORGIVENESS" POST ON PURI STAMPEDE



Diary Times Desk: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Manjhi has taken responsibility for the stampede during the Jagannath Rath Yatra in Puri, which claimed three lives and sought forgiveness from devotees. Terming the incident a result of "unforgivable negligence", he has said a probe has been ordered and he has directed authorities to take exemplary action against those responsible. The Chief Minister's post on X came shortly after his predecessor and BJD leader Naveen Patnaik hit out at the state government, saying that eyewitnesses have said there was no government machinery to manage the surging crowd that had gathered this morning outside the Gundicha Temple for a glimpse of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Goddess Shubhadra. In his post on X, the Chief Minister said, "Due to the intense eagerness among devotees to have a glimpse of Mahaprabhu at Sharadhabali, an unfortunate incident occurred because of the resulting jostling and chaos.

POLL BODY TO PUT OUT 2003 BIHAR VOTERS' LIST, 4.96 CRORE ELECTORS NEED NOT GIVE DOCUMENTS

Diary Times Desk: The Election Commission will soon upload the 2003 Bihar electoral roll on its website to facilitate the nearly 4.96 crore voters whose names figure on it extract the relevant portion to be attached with the enumeration form for the special intensive revision of the voters' list. As opposition parties questioned the revision exercise. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar told PTI on Sunday that the purpose is to ensure that no eliaible citizen is left out of the electoral rolls and no ineligible person is a part of it. Several opposition parties have said that the intensive revision carries the risk of willful exclusion of voters using the state machinery. A senior functionary asserted that anyone opposing the exercise is also opposing Article 326 and should therefore clarify their stand. Article 326 says that all eligible citizens should be included in the electoral rolls, and those not eligible or not citizens of India cannot be part of the voters' list. EC functionaries pointed out that during the ongoing SIR in Bihar, the poll authority advised political parties.

ON CCTV, KOLKATA RAPE SURVIVOR WAS DRAGGED INSIDE COLLEGE BY 2 ACCUSED

Diary Times Desk: A CCTV footage showing a Kolkata law student being dragged by two accused from the college gate to inside college premises where she was raped earlier this week has surfaced, sources in the Kolkata Police have told NDTV. The 24-year-old woman of the South Calcutta Law College was allegedly raped by two senior students and an alumnus of the institute in the guard's room on June 25. The video clip appears to corroborate the survivor's complaint, in which she said that the prime accused, Manojit Mishra, instructed two others to forcibly take her to the guard room. "The CCTV footage confirms the woman's allegations. It shows the movements of the three accused, the security quard, and the victim. We are currently examining the footage," said a police officer. The police suspect that the law college student was gang-raped as she turned down the marriage proposal of the main accused, said a police officer. Four people - Manojit Mishra, Promit Mukherjee, Zaid Ahmed and the college guard.

17 DEAD, RS. 300 CRORE LOSS: FLASH FLOODS WREAK HAVOC IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

Diary Times Desk: At total of 17 people have lost their lives over the last one week as heavy rainstriggered flash floods wreaked havoc across Himachal Pradesh and caused infrastructural damage worth at least ₹300 crore, state minister Jagat Singh Negi said on Saturday. Speaking to ANI in Shimla, Negi confirmed that 17 people have lost their lives so far due to rain-related incidents across the state, with flash floods reported particularly in parts of Kullu and Dharamshala. "This time, the monsoon arrived very early. The flash floods, especially in Kullu and Dharamshala areas, have caused sudden devastation. Seventeen people have died across districts due to rain-related incidents," he said. According to officials aware of the matter, the death toll in the flash flood that wreaked havoc in Kangra and Kullu on June 25 has gone up to seven after the recovery of another body. The body of a minor girl, identified as Murti Devi, was recovered near the river side in Bakshahal village in Kullu district, they said. Negi said the heavy downpour has severely disrupted.

GOVT PANEL OPPOSES THREE-LANGUAGE POLICY, ASKS CM TO ROLL BACK DECISION ON HINDI IN PRIMARY CLASSES

Diary Times Desk: With the opposition against the "imposition" of Hindi gaining momentum in Maharashtra, a government-appointed advisory committee has urged Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to roll back the decision to introduce the language in primary classes. The Language Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the government on matters related to the Marathi language, passed a resolution on Friday demanding that no third language, including Hindi, be taught before Class 5. The resolution was passed during a meeting held in Pune, attended by 20 out of 27 committee members. Kiran Kulkarni, secretary of the Marathi language department, was also present during the meeting.



"READY TO RESPOND": IRAN'S NEW WARNING TO ISRAEL OVER CEASEFIRE BREACH

Diary Times Desk: Iran has cast doubts on the durability of the US-brokered ceasefire with Israel, warning it is ready to respond if hostilities with the Jewish state resume. Tehran also demanded that the United Nations recognise Israel and the United States as being to blame for their recent 12-day war. "We did not start the war, but we have responded to the aggressor with all our power," Iran's armed forces chief of staff. Abdolrahim Mousavi, was quoted as saying by state television, referring to Israel. "We have serious doubts over the enemy's compliance with its commitments, including the ceasefire. We are ready to respond with force" if attacked again, he added, six days into the ceasefire announced by US President Donald Trump. The conflict between the archfoes in West Asia saw the most serious escalation on June 13, when Israel launched a bombing campaign in Iran that killed top military commanders and scientists linked to its disputed nuclear programme. Israel claimed it aimed to keep the Islamic republic from developing a nuclear weapon -- an ambition Tehran has consistently denied, insisting it has the right to develop nuclear power for civilian purposes like energy.

"LET BIBI GO": TRUMP DEFENDS NETANYAHU AGAIN OVER CORRUPTION TRIAL

Diary Times Desk: US President Donald Trump on Sunday (IST) once again defended Benjamin Netanyahu and said his corruption trial was a "political witch hunt". In a post on Truth Social, he also said it was "terrible" what they are doing to Bibi, a nickname for the Israeli Prime Minister. Mr Netanyahu was indicted in 2019 in Israel on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust - all of which he denies. His trial began in 2020 and involves three criminal cases. An Israeli court on Friday rejected his request to postpone giving testimony in his corruption trial, saying he had not provided adequate justification for his request. "It is terrible what they are doing in Israel to Bibi Netanyahu. He is a War Hero, and a Prime Minister who did a fabulous job working with the United States to bring Great Success in getting rid of the dangerous Nuclear threat in Iran," Mr Trump said, referring to the US strikes on three key Iranian strikes on June 22...

477 DRONES, 60 MISSILES: RUSSIA LAUNCHES "BIGGEST" AERIAL ATTACK ON UKRAINE



Diary Times Desk: Russia launched its biggest aerial attack against Ukraine overnight, wounding at least six people, including a child, according to Ukrainian officials. Moscow fired a total of 537 aerial weapons at Ukraine, including 477 drones and decoys and 60 missiles. Of these, 249 were shot down and 226 were lost, likely having been electronically jammed, according to Ukraine's air force. The Russians were targeting everything that sustains life, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a post on X as the escalated bombing campaign further dashed hopes for a breakthrough in efforts to end the 3year-old war. Zelensky noted that bombing damaged homes and infrastructure, and Ukraine lost its third F-16 fighter jet since the start of the war while repelling the attack. "Almost all night long, air raid alerts sounded across Ukraine - 477 drones were in our skies, most of them Russian-Iranian Shaheds, along with 60 missiles of various types.

TRUMP'S 'ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL' PASSES KEY SENATE HURDLE AMID CRITICISM

Diary Times Desk: The United States Senate, led by Republicans, has taken a significant step toward passing President Donald Trump's flagship legislation, the 940-page 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act', after it cleared a key procedural hurdle late Saturday night in a 51-49 vote. The bill will now move to the next round of discussions in the Senate. According to Al Jazeera, the legislation, which Trump wants Congress to pass prior to July 4, included a main bill featuring a staggering \$150 billion increase in military spending, mass deportation, and border wall funding. To find the money for these expenditures, the bill proposes massive cuts to federal programs, including Medicaid, and clean energy incentives. This sparked outrage across party lines and within the Republican ranks, the outlet said. After closed-door negotiations and pressure from Vice President JD Vance, Senate Republicans were able to convince holdout Senator Ron Johnson (Wisconsin) to support the bill

PAKISTAN BLAMES INDIA FOR SUICIDE CAR BOMB ATTACK, CENTRE RESPONDS

Diary Times Desk: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Sunday strongly rejected the Pakistan Army's claim that India was behind the Waziristan suicide bomber attack, which killed 13 soldiers a day earlier. "We have seen an official statement by the Pakistan Army seeking to blame India for the attack on Waziristan on 28 June. We reject this statement with the contempt it deserves," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a statement on X. On Saturday, a suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into a Pakistani military convoy in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's North Waziristan district. The attack that killed 13 soldiers was carried out by Fitna-al-Khawarij, according to a statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), The Dawn reported. "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, seeking anonymity.



"UTTERLY INSANE": ELON MUSK CRITICISES DONALD TRUMP'S 'BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL' AGAIN

Diary Times Desk: Billionaire Elon Musk on Saturday issued a blistering critique of the Senate's latest draft of Donald Trump's sweeping tax-andspending bill, calling the legislation "utterly insane and destructive" right as the chamber prepared to open debate on the nearly 1,000-page proposal. "The latest Senate draft bill will destroy millions of jobs in America and cause immense strategic harm to our country," Musk posted, warning Republican leaders against pushing forward with the legislation. "Utterly insane and destructive," he added. "It gives handouts to industries of the past while severely damaging industries of the future." The remarks revived tensions between the Tesla CEO and Trump's administration, particularly following Musk's recent departure as head of the Department of Government Efficiency (Doge). His outspoken opposition adds yet another challenge for Republican Senate leaders scrambling to meet Trump's July 4 deadline for final passage. Earlier this month, Musk also denounced the House version of the bill, describing it as a "disgusting abomination"

AT LEAST 1.2 MILLION AFGHANS FORCED TO RETURN FROM IRAN, PAKISTAN IN 2025: UN

Diary Times Desk: At least 1.2 million Afahans have been forced to return from Iran and Pakistan this year, the U.N. refugee agency said Saturday, warning that repatriations on a massive scale have the potential to destabilize the fragile situation in Afghanistan. Iran and Pakistan in 2023 launched separate campaians to expel foreigners they said were living in the country illegally. They set deadlines and threatened them with deportation if they didn't leave. The two governments deny targeting Afghans, who have fled their homeland to escape war, poverty or Taliban rule. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said that of the 1.2 million returning Afghans, more than half had come from Iran following a March 20 government deadline for them to leave voluntarily or face expulsion. Iran has deported more than 366,000 Afghans this year, including refugees and people in refugee-like situations, according to the agency. Iran's 12day war war with Israel also has also driven departures. The highest number of returns was on June 26, when 36,100 Afghans crossed the border in one day. "Afghan families are being uprooted once again, arriving with scant belongings, exhausted, hungry, scared about what awaits them in a country many of them have never even set foot in," said Arafat Jamal

RAIN BRINGS RELIEF AS PUNJAB'S POWER DEMAND DIPS AFTER 16,800 MW SURGE

Diary Times Desk: Punjab's power demand surged past 16,800 MW on Saturday, despite it being a holiday for government offices and banks. However, widespread rain across the state on Sunday offered much-needed relief to the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), as the demand dipped by around 2,500 MW, with further reduction expected if rains continue. Earlier in the paddy season, power demand had peaked at 16,836 MW. On Saturday, it touched 16,818 MW at 3 pm, with PSPCL drawing 10,548 MW from the northern grid. All four units of the Ranjit Sagar Dam were operational. State thermal plants contributed around 2,000 MW, private generators 2,959 MW, and hydro generation 950 MW, bringing Punjab's internal generation to over 6,300 MW. On Friday, Punjab's maximum power demand stood at approximately 15,633 MW, with the state withdrawing over 10,500 MW from the northern grid. This draw included both central sector allocations and power purchases on long-term and short-term bases.



EX-ED OFFICER NIRANJAN RECORDS STATEMENT IN CASE AGAINST MAJITHIA

Diary Times Desk : Former Enforcement Directorate (ED) Deputy Director Niranjan Singh on Saturday recorded his statement before the Vigilance Bureau in a disproportionate assets case lodged against SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia. On Friday, former Puniab DGP Sidharth Chattopadhyaya had appeared before the bureau and shared information regarding the case. Niranjan Singh, who had led the ED probe in the money laundering and NDPS Act cases against Majithia from 2013 to 2017, told mediapersons that the bureau had sought his services "to help them out with the details in the case". "I have recorded my statement in the case. It is the same set of statements which were recorded by the ED earlier. The bureau will be seeking the copies from the ED office, which I will attest later," he said. Niranjan Singh reiterated the SAD leader's involvement in the NDPS Act and moneylaundering cases. "Majithia's name figured in statements of (drug lord) Jagdish Bhola, Bittoo Aulakh and others. Bhola and Bittoo have been convicted by the court.

LEGISLATION SOON ON HARSHER PUNISHMENT FOR SACRILEGE OF HOLY GRANTHS: CM

Diary Times Desk: Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday announced that the state government would introduce a legislation to ensure harsher punishment for acts of sacrilege against holy granths. Chairing a meeting of officials and representatives of the Sarb Dharam Beadbi Rokko Kanoon Morcha at his official residence, the Chief Minister said Punjab was a sacred land of great Gurus, saints and seers who had shown the path of mutual love and tolerance. He emphasised that it is was matter of immense pride that Punjab stood as a unique blend of socialism and secularism, as well as an epitome of harmony, peace communal and brotherhood. Mann reiterated that the state government was firmly committed to ensuring exemplary punishment for the perpetrators of sacrilege incidents.

AAP SUSPENDS COP-TURNED-MLA KUNWAR VIJAY PRATAP FOR 5 YEARS OVER 'ANTI-PARTY ACTIVITIES'

Diary Times Desk: The Aam Aadmi Party has suspended former cop-turned-MLA Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh from the party for five years. He is the party MLA from Amritsar North and has been a vocal critic of his own party's government. The MLA had recently questioned the action by Vigilance Bureau against Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia, which triggered the party action against him, citing "anti-party activities". After the Akali leader was arrested from his house in Amritsar last week, Kunwar Vijay Pratap had questioned the arrest saying that when he was arrested previously, the government had not sought his remand and accused police officers of facilitating his bail. He also called the arrest unethical. The MLA, who has often questioned the intent of his party in dealing with sacrilege issues, had also said that though he had ideological differences with Majithia, the case was about ethics and integrity in the process. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh has not been attending party meetings for the past few months. After the hooch tragedy in Amritsar earlier this year, in which 27 people died after consuming methanol, the former cop had accused leaders of the AAP government of having joined hands with liquor mafia.

AGENT WHO SENT MAN TO RUSSIA ON FAKE PASSPORT HELD AFTER 19 YRS

Diary Times Desk: In a breakthrough after nearly two decades, the Delhi Police have arrested a Puniab-based agent who vanished after orchestrating an illegal journey to Russia on a forged passport - bringing a longabsconding fugitive to justice after 19 years. Baldev Singh, now 64, hailing from Gandiwind village in Punjab's Tarn Taran district, was declared a proclaimed offender (PO) in a 2006 immigration fraud case that had all the elements of an international deception. Acting on a tipoff, a special police team arrested him from a location in Delhi, ending one of the longest manhunts in the airport's history. The case goes back to February 2006 when an Indian passenger, deported from Moscow, tried to fly to Europe from the IGI airport using a passport that did not belong to him. On scrutiny, officials noticed the photo didn't match. The man eventually revealed his true identity: Harjit Singh from Moga, Punjab. Harjit confessed he had paid Rs 7 lakh to a fixer named Baldev, who promised him illegal passage to Europe via Russia using someone else's passport. The plan was unravelled quickly. Harjit was caught, deported, and jailed, while Baldev Singh disappeared. Multiple raids across Punjab yielded no trace of the agent.

RAINFALL BRINGS RELIEF; TEMPERATURE DIPS ACROSS HARYANA

Diary Times Desk: Rainfall lashed the region on Sunday morning, providing much-needed relief from scorching heat across the state. The showers brought a dip in daytime temperatures. As per the IMD, there was a fall of 3°C in average maximum temperature compared to Saturday. However, it was below normal by 6 degrees in the state. The highest maximum temperature in the state was 38°C in Sirsa. As per the IMD, rainfall was widespread across the state, due to which Ambala recorded a maximum temperature of 29.4°C, Hisar (36°C), Karnal (29°C), Mahendragarh (34.5°C), Rohtak (31.9°C), Bhiwani (35.1°C), Bhiwani (36.7°C), Faridabad (32.3°C), Gurugram (33.1°C), Jind (33.5°C), Kaithal (30.9°C), Kurukshetra (28.8°C), Mewat (33°C), Panchkula (31.2°C), Panipat (30.6°C), Rewari (33.8°C), Rohtak (34°C), Sonepat (29.9°C), Yamunanagar (27.2°C), and Faridabad (35.2°C). "South-West monsoon has covered the entire country on Sunday, nine days before the normal date - July 8 - of covering the entire India. Light to moderate rain occurred at few places in Haryana with heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places across the state. Thunderstorms occurred at isolated places in the state," said

FAKE VEHICLE ENTRIES LEAD TO TERMINATION OF BPL RATION CARDS IN SIRSA

Diary Times Desk : In Suratgarhia locality of Sirsa city, a serious problem has emerged where fake vehicle registrations under poor families' names are causing cancellation of their BPL ration cards. Manoj Kumar, a vegetable vendor from Ward 19, discovered that his family's ration card was cancelled when he went to collect ration from the depot. Manoj found that three vehicles were wrongly registered in his family's name in the Parivar Pehchan Patra (family identity) records. These vehicles actually belong to other local person. Despite living in a rented house and owning only a bicycle, Manoj's annual income was recorded as Rs 1 lakh. but expensive vehicles appeared in his PPP ID. This caused his BPL card to be cancelled, denying his family access to government welfare henefits Former council representative Amit Soni said similar cases of fake vehicle entries causing ration card cancellations have been repeatedly reported in Sirsa. Thousands of BPL cards were cancelled after April alone. He demanded а probe by the authorities into survey conducted by the agency.

HIMACHAL: THERE WILL BE A COMPLETE BAN ON TRANSFERS FROM JULY 1, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ISSUED A NOTIFICATION

Diary Times Desk: There will be a complete ban on the transfer of employees in Himachal from July The Personnel 1 Department has issued a notification regarding this decision taken in the cabinet meeting held on Saturday. The ban on transfers was lifted on August 5, 2024. Now under the new notification, transfers will be possible in necessary cases on the instructions of the Chief Minister. After the approval of the Chief Minister, action will be taken on such proposals of transfers, which will be in with accordance the circumstances specifically provided under Para 8 of the Comprehensive Guidance Principles-2013. In this regard, Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena has issued instructions to all Administrative Secretaries. Heads of Departments, Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners and asked for compliance.

HIMACHAL: KIREN RIJIJU SAID- ROADS FROM SHIMLA TO KINNAUR-LAHAUL WILL BE DOUBLE I ANF

Diary Times Desk: Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, who reached Kaza in tribal district Lahaul-Spiti bordering Tibet, said that the roads from Shimla to Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti via Rampur will be double-lane. Parliamentary Affairs and Tribal Affairs Minister Rijiju said that widening of roads will bring a change in the lifestyle of the people. Referring to the poor condition of the road ahead of Tabo, he said that its tendering process has been completed. During his visit to Kaza on Saturday, he said that I have come to know the problems of the people here. On this occasion, he laid the foundation stone of several welfare projects under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Yojana and gifted crores of rupees to the people. Addressing the people, the Union Minister reiterated Prime Minister Modi's commitment to the development of the tribal areas of the state. He said that as soon as he got the responsibility of the Minority Ministry, he met senior officials and made a program to visit Lahaul-Spiti before monsoon session.

LANDSLIDES IN SOLAN VILLAGES DELAY KALKA-SHIMLA TRAINS BY 3 HOURS

Diary Times Desk: Train services on the Kalka-Shimla heritage railway line were severely disrupted on Sunday due to multiple landslides caused by heavy rainfall in the region. According to railway officials, landslides occurred at two key locations — first at kilometre 16/18-19 near Tunnel No. 10 close to Koti railway station, and a second slip at kilometre 25/5-6 between Koti and Sanwara stations. The first affected train, Train No. 52457 from Kalka to Shimla, was halted at the Koti railway station. Another service, Train No. 52452, was stopped at Gumman railway station as a precautionary measure. All trains on the route have been delayed by approximately three hours due to the obstructions. Efforts are on to clear the debris and restore the track, ensuring the safe resumption of services. Earlier in the morning, rains lashed Shimla after the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had predicted thunderstorms and lightning for today. IMD has warned of light to moderate rainfall at many places in the districts of Bilaspur, Solan, Shimla, Sirmaur, Hamirpur, Mandi and Kangra, with a few spells of intense to very intense rainfall likely to occur at isolated places. The weather department also warned of light rainfall likely to occur at isolated places in the districts of Kinnaur, Lahul, and Spiti during the next 3 to 4 hours.



HIMACHAL PRADESH: CLAUDE ARPI SAID-CHINA IS UPSET WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REINCARNATION OF BUDDHIST RELIGIOUS LEADER DALAI LAMA

Diary Times Desk: Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama is going to announce his reincarnation soon, which has upset China a lot. Dalai Lama has also told through his books that he will be reborn in an independent country and it is most likely that he will be reborn in India, not in China at all. French-born writer, journalist and expert on Tibet affairs Claude Arpi said this while talking to journalists after a seminar organized by the Indian Army at Rtrak Shimla on Saturday. The topic of the seminar was 'Interconnected roots of shared Indo-Tibetan heritage'. Arpi said that Dalai Lama has already made it clear that his reincarnation will not be in China and if the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) tries to control this spiritual process, it will be unacceptable. A threeday conference will be held in Dharamshala from July 2 to 4 on the occasion of the 90th birthday of the Dalai Lama. At the end of the conference, the Dalai Lama may give his much-awaited statement on reincarnation. Arpi reminded that in 2011 too, in Dharamshala, the Dalai Lama had explained the tradition of reincarnation and said that this process should be free from any political interference. The Dalai Lama had said that when he turns 90, he will clearly state whether he will be reborn or not. He said that in 2007, China brought a law which said.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: HEAVY RAINS IN SHIMLA, ORANGE ALERT FOR HEAVY RAINS IN SEVEN DISTRICTS FOR TWO DAYS

Diary Times Desk: The capital Shimla witnessed heavy rains on Saturday evening. Rainfall was also recorded in Mandi, Hamirpur and Una. People sweated profusely as the sunshine shone in Kullu-Chamba. Till Saturday evening, 38 roads, 22 electricity transformers and six drinking water schemes remained stalled in the state. The capital Shimla witnessed light clouds and sunshine on Saturday. Heavy rain started in the city at around 6 pm. Heavy rains occurred in the city for about one and a half hours. The maximum temperature dropped by four degrees on Saturday. Kullu and Lahaul-Spiti remained cloudy throughout the day on Saturday. People had to face humid heat. The sun shone in Mandi on Saturday morning, but the weather changed after noon. There was torrential rain for about 20 minutes here. In Kangra district, the weather was bad at some places and sunny at others on Saturday. There was drizzle with fog in Dharamshala and McLeodganj for most of the time. All flights arrived at Gaggal airport due to clear weather in the morning. It rained in many areas in Una district on Saturday morning. After this the weather cleared up. Due to this the period of humid heat continued as before. The weather remained pleasant in Hamirpur.

BJP ANNOUNCES ELECTION FOR STATE PRESIDENT; NOMINATION PROCESS ON JUNE 30

Diary Times Desk: The BJP has announced the election for the party's state president and National Council members in Himachal Pradesh. The election process will be conducted in a democratic manner, with 114 delegates participating in the voting process. The nomination process will take place on June 30, from 12-2 pm at the BJP headquarters in Shimla. The scrutiny of nominations will be done from 2-3 pm, and the withdrawal of nominations will be allowed from 3-5 pm. The results will be declared on July 1 at 11 am at Hotel Peterhoff in Shimla by Union Minister Jitendra Singh. As many as 114 delegates from across the state will participate in the election process. The list of delegates includes prominent BJP leaders, including Jagat Prakash Nadda and Jai Ram Thakur. The election of the state president and National Council members is a crucial process for the BJP, as it will determine the party's leadership and direction in the state.



SHUBMAN GILL, GAUTAM GAMBHIR SENT SHOCKING SELECTION ADVICE FOR 2ND ENGLAND TEST: "HAVE A CHAT..."

Diary Times Desk: Former Indian cricket team wicket-keeper batter Deep Dasgupta advised the team management to make two changes to the playing XI for the second Test match against England. Dasgupta said that India should include Nitish Kumar Reddy in place of Sai Sudharsan and play Kuldeep Yadav at No. 8. Sudharsan made his debut in the first Test match with scores of 0 and 30 in the two innings. However, Dasgupta believes that Nitish will offer a better option in the second Test match and if Karun Nair is promoted to No. 3 in the batting order, the team management can decide to drop Sudharsan. "In general, you don't want to make too many changes after the first game, but you have also got to think this is a very young side. It's a new captain, newish side. So you have got to get the combination right. Karun Nair has got most of his runs at No. 3. Also, he batted for India A against the England Lions at No. 3," the former India wicketkeeperbatter said on Star Sports. "So you might want to look at Karun Nair at No. 3. That opens up a space for someone like Nitish at No. 6, who, if required, can give you a few overs of seam. I will have a chat with Sai Sudharsan and say this is not a reflection of what happened in the first Test, but this is a combination things.



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 in men's Test cricket, he had been given four reprieves thanks to a mixture of the umpiring and the absence of DRS. After getting lives on 30, 54, 55 and 127, Pretorius ended up scoring 153 off 160 balls. At the time of his dismissal, he alone had scored more than half of South Africa's total against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo. By the end of the day, Corbin Bosch's maiden Test hundred added debutant Dewald fellow Rrevis' 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, while Blessing Muzarabani and Hamilton Masakadza supported him by keeping it tight. 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 for a 16-ball duck.

PBKS STAR SPOTTED IN INDIA'S NET SESSION FOR EDGBASTON TEST VS ENGLAND, SPARKS BUZZ OF ANOTHER LATE SQUAD TWIST

Diary Times Desk: Having lost the series opener in Leeds by five wickets last week, the second game, slated to be played at Edgbaston, starting July 2, has been billed as a do-or-die game for India in the five-match contest against England, with the result likely to set the tone for the remaining matches. India have already begun their training for the second Test match, with head coach Gautam Gambhir to test every option at their disposal before narrowing down on the changes in the playing XI, with the cynosure being around the availability of Jasprit Bumrah. Ahead of the match, a familiar face was spotted in India's net session on Saturday in Birmingham, which instantly sparked a buzz about whether the management was seeking another last-minute addition to the sauad. They had earlier added a 19th player. Harshit Rana, to the squad before the Leeds game. The fast bowler, who made his debut in the tour of Australia last season and played two matches for India, was not initially picked for the England series. Punjab Kings bowler Harpreet Brar was seen bowling in the nets on Saturday with his left-arm spin variety alongside Washington Sundar.

BENNETT WALKS OFF WITH CONCUSSION, MASVAURE NAMED REPLACEMENT

Diary Times Desk: Zimbabwe opener Brian Bennett has been ruled out of the remainder of the ongoing Test against South Africa because of mild concussion. Prince Masvaure has been named as his concussion replacement for the rest of the match in Bulawayo. After South Africa declared overnight on 418 for 9, Bennett came out to open on the second day and saw his opening partner, Takudzwanashe Kaitano and Nick Welch fall inside five overs. In the sixth over, Bennett looked to pull a short ball from Kwena Maphaka but was hit on the helmet via the top edge. He was on 19 runs off 25 balls at the time. Bennett looked a bit shaken even as he passed the immediate concussion tests and continued batting. He faced three more deliveries in the next over, bowled by debutant Codi Yusuf, who picked up the first two Zimbabwean wickets, before retiring hurt in the eighth over. Bennett had looked the most assured of the Zimbabwe top-order batters at that point. Bennett came into this Test on the back of an attacking 139 against England in Nottingham. He had three fiftyplus scores, including that century, in his last three Test matches. Masvaure, 36, last played a Test in July 2024, against Ireland in Belfast, where he scored a half-century in the first innings. In the 2024-25 Logan Cup, Zimbabwe's first-class competition, he scored 165 runs in five innings at an average of 41.25, including a best of 50 not out.



SAMMY FINED, GIVEN DEMERIT POINT FOR CRITICIZING THIRD UMPIRE HOLDSTOCK

Diary Times Desk: West Indies head coach Daren Sammy has been fined 15 percent of his match fee and handed a demerit point for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct on Day 2 of the opening Test against Australia in Barbados. Following contentious decisions against two set batters - Shai Hope and Roston Chase - Sammy questioned the consistency of third umpire Adrian Holdstock. "I have noticed, especially with particular umpire, it's something that for me started in England. It's frustrating. I just ask for consistency in the decision-making," Sammy had said of umpire Holdstock, and went on to lay more stern criticism in a press conference. With those comments, the former West Indies captain was found to have breached Article 2.7 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "public criticism of, or inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in an International Match or any Player, Player Support Personnel, Match Official or team participating in any International Match, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made." Sammy, who admitted to the offence, accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Javagal

ALASTAIR COOK DEFENDS SHUBMAN GILL AFTER EX-ENGLAND STAR ASKS TOUGH QUESTIONS: "BEN STOKES..."

Diary Times Desk: Former England cricketers David Lloyd and Alastair Cook had contrasting takes on Shubman Gill's captaincy, which has become a huge topic point after India's loss in the Leeds Test earlier this week. Despite dominating majority of the action on the first four days, India gift-wrapped the game to England on Day 5 courtesy of some poor bowling and fielding errors. Lloyd raised questions over Gill's approach, labelling it 'reactive rather than proactive'. However, former England captain Cook was rather sympathetic towards Gill, and compared his situation to Ben Stokes' early days as captain of England's Test team. "The intrigue is with Shubman Gill, who's a very inexperienced skipper. How's he going to come back from that? He's got Ravindra Jadeja and Karun Nair, who are in their 30s. So he's got experience in his team. It's great having a young team that he's got. But tactically he's reactive rather than proactive in the stuff that he's doing," Lloyd said on Sky Sports' Stick to Cricket podcast. Cook responded by saying that it takes time.