

## PM MODI'S 5-NATION TOUR

## COUNTER-TERRORISM, SECURITY, RARE EARTHS IN FOCUS DURING PM MODI'S 5-NATION TOUR

**Diary Times Desk :** Garnering support for India's campaign against terror, security cooperation and collaboration on critical minerals will be in focus during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's five-nation tour from July 2, and officials said on Monday the leaders' declaration at the Brics Summit in Brazil is expected to denounce the Pahalgam attack and call for concerted action against terrorism.

Modi is set to travel to Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia – all seen as part of the Global South – during July 2-9, with the main engagement of the visit being the Brics Summit in Rio de Janeiro during July 6-7. Bolstering defence and security cooperation and ramping up trade and investment will be a key part of Modi's discussions with leaders of all five countries. India has made a global diplomatic outreach to gain support for its campaign against cross-border terror since it launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 to target terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan in retaliation for the Pahalgam attack on April 22 that killed 26 civilians. Dammu Ravi, secretary (economic relations) in the external affairs ministry, told a media briefing the leaders' declaration of the Brics Summit being hosted by Brazil is expected to echo India's call for concerted global action against terrorism. Ravi said there is no contradiction among Brics member states on the issue of terrorism as they had expressed understanding, sympathy and solidarity with India on the Pahalgam attack. Besides India and Brazil, Brics includes Russia, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran.



## SHIMLA NEWS

## ON CAMERA, 5-STOREY HOUSE COLLAPSES IN SHIMLA DAY AFTER EVACUATION AMID HEAVY RAIN



**Diary Times Desk :** A 5-storey building collapsed in Shimla as heavy rain continued in Himachal Pradesh on Monday. A video has gone viral that shows the house crashing down like a stack of cards.

The owner, Anjana Verma, said that they had evacuated the building, Raj Niwas, last night due to relentless rain and landslides. Ms Verma alleged that cracks had appeared in the building due to a nearby four-lane road construction.

Village deputy head, Yashpal Verma, also blamed the company involved in the construction and said the building developed cracks last year. He said the company didn't stop the construction, and said that some other houses were also in danger.

The weather office on Sunday issued a "red" alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh. Of the 12 districts, the alert was issued for Shimla, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmaur, Una, Kullu and Chamba. The Met Office has also warned of landslides, waterlogging, damage to vulnerable structures, traffic congestion and disruptions in essential services.

The train service on the Shimla-Kalka railway line -- a UNESCO world heritage site -- was also disrupted on Sunday as boulders and trees fell on the track near Solan's Koti area after heavy rain. A landslide near Koti on the Shimla-Kalka national highway, which connects Shimla and Chandigarh, damaged some stretches of the road, resulting in a two-to-three-km-long traffic jam for hours.

## INDIA, BRAZIL KEEN ON JOINT DEFENCE PRODUCTION

**Diary Times Desk :** India and Brazil are eyeing each other's defence manufacturing capabilities for joint production and mutual procurement of military equipment. Brazil is keen at having Indian-made Akash missiles, artillery guns, coastal radars and secure communication used in the battlefield. The Akash missile proved its mettle during the skirmish with Pakistan from May 7-10. India is keen on having a joint collaboration to develop an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) systems that would be based on a Brazilian-made plane Embraer. Separately, Embraer and Indian firm Mahindra signed an MoU to collaborate on making the C-390 multi-mission transport aircraft. India is looking at planes of this class to replace the Soviet-origin AN 32 planes. Some of these issues will come up for bilateral discussion when Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Brazil President Lula da Silva on the sidelines of the BRICS summit. Modi will visit Brazil from July 5 to 8, to attend the 17th BRICS summit, followed by a state visit. Secretary East in the Ministry of External Affairs P Kumaran today said: "The two countries are looking at joint ventures, joint research and co-development. The Embraer is being looked at for a reconnaissance platform. There is a lot of potential to work with Brazil."



## PAKISTANI COUPLE'S INDIA DREAM ENDS IN TRAGEDY AS THEY DIE OF THIRST WHILE CROSSING BORDER

**Diary Times Desk :** A minor couple from Pakistan, eager to start anew in India, faced a significant hurdle — securing an Indian visa. In an act of desperation, they embarked on a journey, crossing the border that goes through Thar desert on foot. The 17-year-old boy and 15-year-old girl braved the harsh conditions, managing to cross into Jaisalmer. Tragically, the unforgiving environment ultimately proved fatal, with the couple reportedly succumbing to dehydration, according to a local activist. Their decomposed bodies were found in the Tanot area on June 28. Superintendent of Police (SP) Chaudhary said that the boy's body was found under a tree. He was wearing a sky-blue salwar kurta. A yellow scarf and a mobile phone were also found near the body, with an empty jerry can, possibly containing water earlier, near his face. About 50 feet away, police found the body of the girl wearing a yellow ghaghra-kurta and red-and-white bangles.

## ACCUSED TRIO PRE-PLANNED ASSAULT; CHILLING DETAILS EMERGE IN KOLKATA GANGRAPE CASE



**Diary Times Desk :** Three out of the four persons arrested in connection with the alleged gangrape of a female student at a city-based law college had pre-planned the assault, a police officer said on Monday. Sleuths of the nine-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the incident also found that the three accused — Monojit Mishra, Pratim Mukherjee and Zaid Ahmed — had a history of sexually harassing female students of the college. The fourth accused is the college's security guard. According to the officer, the trio would record such episodes on their mobile phones and later use the footage to blackmail the victims. "The entire matter was premeditated. The trio had been plotting for several days to carry out this torture on the victim. We have found that the victim was targeted by the prime accused from the very first day she got admission to the college," the police officer said. Kolkata Police has launched a search for mobile videos allegedly filmed by the trio. "Searches were conducted at the residences of accused Mukherjee and Ahmed on Sunday. We are looking for footage related to this and possibly other incidents," the officer said.

## SHEFALI JARIWALA DEATH: MEDICINES ON EMPTY STOMACH MAY HAVE CAUSED BLOOD PRESSURE DROP, SAY COPS

**Diary Times Desk :** Actor Shefali Jariwala, who passed away on the night of June 27, was taking different types of medicines, including anti-ageing tablets, and her blood pressure had dropped possibly from consuming these on an empty stomach before she was rushed to hospital, police officials probing her death said on Monday. Jariwala (42), who shot to fame with her breakout appearance in the remix track 'Kaanta Laga' and also appeared on several reality shows, was rushed to Bellevue Multispecialty Hospital in Andheri by her actor husband Parag Tyagi at 11.15 pm on Friday, where doctors declared her dead on arrival. Police was informed at 1 am on Saturday and her body was sent for post-mortem to Cooper Hospital. She was fasting on Friday due to a puja at her home, and consuming various medicines on an empty stomach may have caused her blood pressure to drop, leading to her falling to the ground, a police official said.



### YOUR HOROSCOPE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





## HIMACHAL BJP PRESIDENT: DR. RAJIV BINDAL WILL BECOME THE PRESIDENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH BJP FOR THE THIRD TIME

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal BJP's Dr. Rajiv Bindal will be made the state president for the third time. On Monday, only Dr. Bindal's nomination paper was filed at the BJP state headquarters Deepakmal in Chakkar, the capital Shimla. Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur, former Union Minister and MP Anurag Thakur and former Minister Govind Thakur proposed Dr. Bindal's name for the post of president by submitting three separate sets. Now, Union Minister Jitendra Singh and BJP's National Vice President Saudan Singh will formally announce Dr. Bindal as the president at Hotel Peterhoff at 11 am on Tuesday. Apart from these, eight leaders have also been selected for the post of member of BJP's National Council. Only eight nominations were made for the eight posts of members.



## JP NADDA HIMACHAL VISIT: JP NADDA WILL COME TO BILASPUR ON JULY 2, BJP WILL WELCOME HIM AT PARIDHI GRIH

**Diary Times Desk :** BJP National President and Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda is coming to his home district Bilaspur for 3 days. Jagat Prakash Nadda, who is coming to participate in the program being organized at 'Nadda Niwas' in Vijaypur to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of his father Dr. Narayan Lal Nadda, who is going to complete his 100th birthday on 3rd July, will reach Bilaspur on Wednesday morning, 2nd July. BJP leaders and workers will welcome him at Paridhi Grih Bilaspur. He is scheduled to return to Delhi on 4th July. Dr. Narayan Lal Nadda, who was the Vice Chancellor of Ranchi University, is going to complete his 100th birthday on 3rd July. A program is being organized at 'Nadda Niwas' in Vijaypur to commemorate his 100th birthday. Ajay Bhai of Rashtra Mandir Delhi has been specially invited to spread the Ganga of devotion by presenting spiritual bhajans. This program will start at 10:30 am. At the same time, Kahluri Dham will start at 1 pm, in which traditional dishes of Bilaspur will be served to the guests. BJP leaders and workers from across.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: MINISTER JAGAT SINGH NEGI SAID- DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SHOULD TAKE STRICT ACTION UNDER DAM SAFETY ACT

**Diary Times Desk :** A review meeting regarding monsoon was held here today under the chairmanship of Revenue, Horticulture, Tribal Development and Public Grievance Redressal Minister Jagat Singh Negi. Officers of Public Works Department, Jal Shakti, Electricity Board, SDRF, Revenue and other departments attended the meeting. Jagat Singh Negi took information about the current situation from all the departments as well as reviewed the preparations at the district level. It was informed in the meeting that heavy rains are occurring in Kangra, Mandi and all kinds of preparations and machinery have been deployed here. Efforts are being made to restore 234 roads blocked due to rain-landslides in the state by this evening. So far all national highways are smooth for traffic. 968 transformers of the Electricity Board are affected and efforts are on to restore power. 23 drinking water schemes of the Jal Shakti Department have been affected which will be restored soon so that people do not face any kind of inconvenience. There has been an incident of flood in Sarpara of Rampur but there has been no loss of life in it. Jagat Singh Negi directed that the disaster management authority should respond immediately in case of any incident in any area. He said that there are big dams in Mandi, Kullu and Kangra.

## HIMACHAL: ZONE-2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION-CPA ASSOCIATION BEGINS, STARTED WITH LIGHTING OF LAMPS

**Diary Times Desk :** The annual conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region, Zone-2 began on Monday at Himachal Pradesh Assembly Complex at Tapovan, Dharamshala. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu reached Dharamshala from Shimla by road to participate in the two-day conference. On reaching the Assembly Complex, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Harsh Vardhan Chauhan, honourable MLAs and Assembly Secretary, officials welcomed him. On reaching the Assembly, the Chief Minister warmly welcomed Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. The Chief Minister wholeheartedly welcomed Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Assembly Speakers, Deputy Speakers, Chief Whip and honourable members of the participating states who had come to participate in the conference. The conference started with the lighting of lamps. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu strongly advocated the interests of Himachal Pradesh in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference. He said, most of the rivers flowing in Punjab-Haryana come from Himachal. We are a wealth state in terms of hydro, we should get the benefit of this. The mountains of Himachal work as lungs to provide clean air to North India. Our forest cover is 28 percent.



## HIMACHAL: SHIMLA CENTRE RANKS FIRST IN THE COUNTRY IN PROVIDING E-PASSPORT SERVICE, GETS HONOUR IN DELHI

**Diary Times Desk :** Shimla center has been at the top in the country in terms of issuing e-passport service. The central government started the pilot phase of e-passport in some selected cities including Shimla last year under the Advanced Passport Seva Program. In this, the Shimla Center has achieved this feat by defeating 12 different passport centers in the country by implementing the e-passport system. The central government aims to implement the e-passport system in all passport service centers in the country by mid-2025. The Ministry of External Affairs started e-passport in April 2024 in select cities as a pilot phase under the Advanced Passport Seva Program 2.0. It included Nagpur, Bhubaneswar, Jammu, Goa, Raipur, Amritsar, Shimla, Jaipur, Chennai, Hyderabad, Surat and Ranchi. Shimla Center performed excellently in this pilot phase. This has resulted in making it a leader in issuing e-passports across the country. Regional Passport Officer Varun Kumar Sharma informed that for the 13th Passport Seva Diwas year 2024-25, the Regional Passport Office, Shimla was awarded the Passport Seva Award and Certificate for providing excellent services to the citizens. He congratulated all the employees of Shimla on this achievement.

## SHRIKHAND YATRA: TEA FOR 45 RUPEES AND PARATHA FOR 75 RUPEES IN SHRIKHAND YATRA; RATES FOR FOOD, DRINKS AND ACCOMMODATION FIXED

**Diary Times Desk :** Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra Trust Nirmand has fixed rates for food and accommodation for Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra, which is counted among the toughest religious journeys. Tea will be available from 15 to 45 rupees and paratha from 35 to 75 rupees according to the stops of the journey. Vice President of Yatra Trust and SDM Nirmand Manmohan Singh said that the trust and administration have taken this decision for the convenience of the pilgrims and to prevent looting. He warned that businessmen who charge more than the fixed rates will be monitored and if found guilty, they will be fined and strict action will be taken. This journey will run from 10 July to 24 July. The fixed rates at the stops of the journey will be as follows.

SPREADING BHAGAVAD GITA’S MESSAGE IN ‘MOHALLAS’ WILL STRENGTHEN HINDU RASHTRA: RANE

**Diary Times Desk :** Maharashtra minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Nitesh Rane said on Sunday that the idea of the Hindu Rashtra would be strengthened if teachings of the Bhagavad Gita were propagated in “mohallas” for the “transformation of thoughts”. Noting that the Gita never preaches hatred or advocates (religious) conversions, Rane said, “If its teachings spread to mohallas (Muslim areas), even their thoughts will transform. This will make our Hindu Rashtra stronger”. “Teachings of the Bhagavad Gita promote harmony and transformation of thought. Its message should reach every corner,” he told reporters. Amid a row over the inclusion of Hindi in the school curriculum from class 1 and demonstrations staged by the Opposition, Rane said, “No language is being made compulsory. Students can opt for Sanskrit as the third language if they wish”. The BJP leader claimed he never heard lyricist Javed Akhtar, actor Aamir Khan, or Congress leader Rahul Gandhi speaking in the Marathi language.

TAMIL NADU TEMPLE GUARD DIES IN POLICE CUSTODY, AIADMK DEMANDS INQUIRY

**Diary Times Desk :** Family members of a temple guard from Sivaganga who died in police custody have alleged that the cause of death of the 28-year-old was not natural and he passed away allegedly after being beaten and tortured during police interrogation. Ajit Kumar was initially detained for questioning regarding a theft at the Madapuram Kaliamma temple in Tirupuvanam, where he worked as a security guard, the district Superintendent of Police said. AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami condemned the incident and demanded a judicial inquiry into the matter and to provide compensation for Kumar’s family. In a post on X, Palaniswami said, “Ajit Kumar, a security guard at the Madapuram temple in Sivagangai district, was reportedly arrested and interrogated by the Thirupuvanam police following a complaint that he had stolen 9.5 sovereigns of gold jewellery from a female devotee’s car. During the interrogation, Ajit Kumar allegedly died due to police assault. His relatives, refusing to accept his body, have launched a protest.” “Where is the Chief Minister who once wrote a movie review saying, “I watched Jai Bhim, it shook my heart”? Weren’t you the one who blatantly lied even in the State Assembly during the Vignesh lock-up death case?”

KOLKATA COLLEGE STUDENT’S RAPE, ITS VIDEO RECORDING WAS PLANNED BY ACCUSED: REPORT



**Diary Times Desk :** Investigating officials probing the rape of a law college student at Kasba in Kolkata revealed that the accused Monojit Mishra targeted the survivor in a pre-planned manner and the two other accused persons namely Jaib Ahmed and Pramit Mukhopadhyay became active facilitators in this well-thought-out crime, IANS reported. IANS reported, quoting sources, that both Ahmed and Mukhopadhyay have admitted that the video recording of the crime was also a part of the well-thought-out crime to blackmail the survivor so that the latter did not approach the police or reveal to anyone about what happened on that night. They said that all these pre-planned actions were foiled because of the courage shown by the survivor, who, instead of succumbing to the trauma, immediately rushed to the nearest police station to lodge the complaint. They said that an investigation is also being carried out to find out whether the video clip of the crime had already been circulated to anybody.

TELANGANA BJP MLA T RAJA SINGH RESIGNS FROM PARTY AMID ‘LEADERSHIP TUSSELE’

**Diary Times Desk :** Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA T Raja Singh on Monday resigned from his party amid a leadership tussle in the Telangana unit of the party. The decision came shortly after media reports suggested that N Ramchander Rao is set to be the new president of BJP’s Telangana unit. The BJP MLA, in a letter addressed to G Kishan Reddy, President of BJP Telangana unit, said that the decision to appoint Ramchander Rao as the BJP state president came as a ‘shock and disappointment’ to him. “As per media reports, Shri Ramchander Rao is set to be appointed as the new BJP State President for Telangana. This decision has come as a shock and disappointment, not just to me, but to lakhs of Karyakartas, leaders, and voters who have stood by the party through every high and low,” Singh said in the letter shared by him on X (formerly Twitter). “There are many capable senior leaders, MLAs, and MPs within our state who have tirelessly worked for the growth of BJP and who have the strength, credibility, and connect to lead the party.”

BIHAR DEPLOYS 2.25 LAKH STAFF FOR SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Bihar election office has mobilised 2,25,590 administrative staff and volunteers for a special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to ensure voter list accuracy across all 38 districts in the poll-bound state, chief electoral officer (CEO) Vinod Singh Gunjyal said on Monday. The process, to be carried out by 81,753 administrative personnel and 1,43,837 volunteers, involves conducting door-to-door surveys at the booth level. Gunjyal said booth level officers (BLOs) have been trained under district election officers to oversee the distribution and collection of counting forms. Volunteers will assist BLOs in filling these forms, with supervisors and sector officers monitoring the process. “We urge citizens to cooperate with BLOs and volunteers to make this campaign a success,” Gunjyal said. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has ordered the deployment of 20,603 additional polling booth officials, along with 77,895 existing ones, to manage new polling stations in Bihar. Over 1.5 lakh booth level agents (BLAs) appointed by political parties.

INDIA’S AGNI-5 ‘BUNKER BUSTER’ MISSILE TO CARRY LARGEST CONVENTIONAL WARHEAD

**Diary Times Desk :** In the wake of the US deploying GBU-57/A Massive Ordnance Penetrators against Iran’s Fordow nuclear facility on June 22, India is accelerating its own efforts to develop advanced bunker-buster capabilities. Drawing lessons from recent global conflicts, the country is preparing for future wars by building a powerful new missile system capable of penetrating fortified underground targets. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is developing a modified version of the Agni-5 intercontinental ballistic missile. Unlike the original, which has a range exceeding 5000 kilometres and typically carries nuclear warheads, the new variant will be a conventional weapon capable of carrying a massive 7500-kilogram bunker-buster warhead. Designed to strike hardened enemy facilities buried beneath layers of reinforced concrete, the missile is expected to penetrate 80 to 100 metres underground before detonation.





**AFTER WAR WITH IRAN, NETANYAHU SEES 'OPPORTUNITIES' TO RESCUE GAZA HOSTAGES**

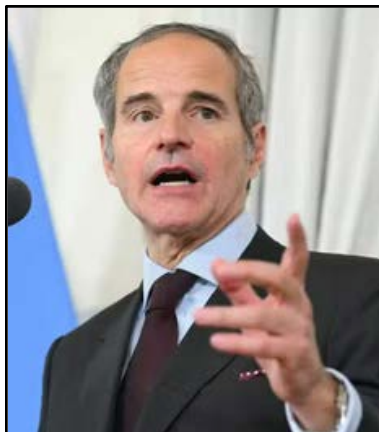
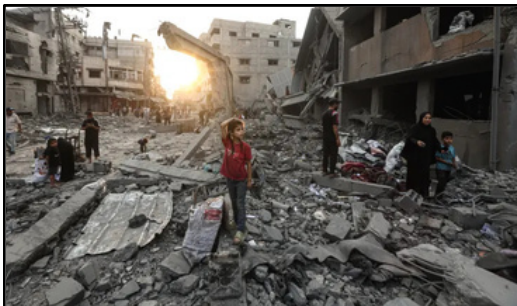
**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday the 12-day war with Iran had created opportunities for Israel, and the first was the return of hostages held in Gaza by Palestinian militants who attacked Israel on October 7, 2023. His remarks, coupled with the Jerusalem District Court's postponement of his testimony this week in his long-running corruption trial, gave rise to speculation that progress may be made to end the Gaza conflict and secure the hostages' release. The court accepted on Sunday Netanyahu's request for the delay, citing classified diplomatic and security grounds. US President Donald Trump had suggested on Saturday the trial could interfere with the Israeli leader's ability to negotiate. Israel's military Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir said on Friday the war in Iran, which ended on June 24, could help advance Israeli objectives against the Iranian-backed Hamas group in the Gaza Strip. Israeli public radio Kan said Israel's security cabinet had met on Sunday evening and would meet again on Monday. Israel's strategic affairs minister Ron Dermer, a confidant of Netanyahu's, was expected on Monday at the White House for talks on Iran and Gaza, Israeli media said.

**11 KILLED, 7 INJURED IN SUDAN GOLD MINE COLLAPSE**

**Diary Times Desk :** At least 11 people were killed and seven injured after a gold mine collapsed in northeastern Sudan, state-run Mineral Resources Company said. The incident occurred at the Kersh Al-Feel mine in the Houeid area, between the cities of Atbara and Haya in Red Sea State, the company said in a statement on Sunday. It did not specify the date of the collapse, Xinhua news agency reported. The company said the mine had previously been ordered to shut down due to safety concerns. It pledged to continue monitoring mining activities and to improve safety standards, urging miners to comply with safety and environmental regulations. Traditional mining accounts for a significant share of Sudan's gold production, but the sector has seen frequent accidents due to poor safety standards and aging infrastructure. The company added that it had previously suspended work in the mine and "warned against its continuing activity due to its posing.

**FRANCE, GERMANY, AND UK CONDEMN 'THREATS' AGAINST UN NUCLEAR WATCHDOG HEAD**

**Diary Times Desk :** France, Germany and Britain on Monday condemned "threats" against the head of the UN nuclear watchdog after Iran rejected its request to visit nuclear facilities bombed by Israel and the United States. Tehran has accused Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of "betrayal of his duties" for not condemning the Israeli and US strikes on Iran's nuclear sites, and Iranian lawmakers this week voted to suspend cooperation with the agency. "France, Germany and the United Kingdom condemn threats against the director general of the IAEA Rafael Grossi and reiterate our full support to the agency," foreign ministers Jean-Noel Barrot, Johann Wadephul and David Lammy said in a joint statement. "We call on Iranian authorities to refrain from any steps to cease cooperation with the IAEA," they added. "We urge Iran to immediately resume full cooperation in line with its legally binding obligations, and to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of IAEA personnel."

**ISRAEL KILLS 85 PALESTINIANS, BOMBING ACROSS GAZA AMID NEW CEASEFIRE PUSH**

**Diary Times Desk :** Israeli forces have bombarded multiple areas across the besieged Gaza Strip, killing at least 85 Palestinians, including aid seekers and families sheltering in schools, and wounding many more in attacks that have also targeted a crowded hospital. In the relentless attacks on Monday, 62 of the victims were in Gaza City and the north of the territory. The Israeli navy struck a port in Gaza City, where the military has stepped up its heavy strikes, killing at least 21 and wounding 30, many of them women and children. Al Jazeera's Hani Mahmoud, reporting from Gaza City, said the attack was in the heart of a displacement centre near the Gaza seaport. This area serves as a refuge for many traumatised and displaced people, offering some relief from the oppressive heat of the tents," he said. Also on Monday, Israeli forces targeted the courtyard of Al-Aqsa Hospital in central Gaza's Deir el-Balah, where thousands of families had sought shelter.

**TO COUNTER INDIA, CHINA, PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH CREATING A SAARC-REPLACEMENT**

**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan and China are working to create a new regional bloc to replace Saarc, in which India was a prominent member. The talks on the regional bloc between Islamabad and Beijing are at an advanced level, according to a report in The Express Tribune of Pakistan. Bangladesh too was part of the recent meeting to create the new regional bloc that was held in China's Kunming on June 19, according to the report. "The ultimate goal of the meeting in Kunming on June 19 was to invite other South Asian countries, which were part of Saarc, to join the new grouping," Karachi-based The Express Tribune reported. The meeting in Kunming followed a similar China-Pakistan-Afghanistan trilateral held in May, which focused on expanding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and enhancing regional collaboration in the Taliban-ruled Islamic Emirate. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) was formed on 8 December.

**MASSIVE PROTESTS IN BANGLADESH AFTER HINDU WOMAN RAPED BY LOCAL POLITICIAN**

**Diary Times Desk :** The brutal rape of a Hindu woman in central Bangladesh's Cumilla district last week sparked nationwide outrage on Sunday, after a video of the assault went viral on social media. In the capital, students from Dhaka University organised massive protests and thronged the streets, demanding "direct action" against the perpetrators. The incident took place on June 26, when the 21-year-old survivor was raped by a local politician at her parental home in Cumilla. But the matter came to light only after a video of the woman -- stripped naked and brutally assaulted-- went viral on social media, where she was seen pleading with her attackers. So far, the police have arrested five individuals, including the main accused-- 36-year-old Fazor Ali-- who is a local politician, in connection with the incident. Cumilla district's police chief, Nazir Ahmed Khan, said the main accused was arrested in a predawn raid at Dhaka's Sayedabad area, and four others were apprehended for revealing the picture and identity of the woman on social media.

**TRUMP PRAISES "WONDERFUL GUY" MUSK AMID FEUD OVER "BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL"**

**Diary Times Desk :** Amid his ongoing feud with Elon Musk over the "big beautiful bill, US President Donald Trump has praised his wayward billionaire wingman, calling him a "wonderful guy". The tech mogul served as Trump's presidential advisor until May 2025, when his tenure ended. But his exit from the White House soon turned explosive, with Musk criticizing Trump's "big beautiful bill" on tax cuts. Speaking to Fox News on Sunday, the US President called his Republican ally a "smart" guy and said he's "always going to do well." "I think he's a wonderful guy. I haven't spoken to him much, but I think Elon is a wonderful guy, and I know he's going to do well always. He's a smart guy. And he actually went and campaigned with me, and this and that. But he got a little bit upset, and that wasn't appropriate," Trump said when he was asked if he had spoken to Musk recently. When asked what led to the great fallout between him and Musk, Trump said the Tesla CEO was upset about the repeal of an electric vehicle tax credit -- a claim previously rejected by the billionaire. "Look, the electric vehicle mandate, the EV mandate, is a tough thing for him. I would, you know, I don't want everybody to have to have an electric car," Trump said.

## KUNWAR VIJAY PRATAP SINGH PAID PRICE FOR EXPOSING AAP, SAYS OPPOSITION

**Diary Times Desk :** The Opposition on Sunday attacked state's ruling AAP, saying it suspended its Amritsar legislator Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh as he exposed party leaders involved in drug trade and questioned the Punjab Government over its failure to ensure justice in sacrilege cases. The MLA has been vocal against his party's government in recent past. In the wake of the Amritsar spurious liquor tragedy, he had alleged that people involved in the illicit trade had become "a part of the regime and running the show". He had also questioned the government over the timing and the rationale behind the arrest of SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia in a disproportionate assets case. Slamming AAP, Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa said Vijay Pratap paid the price of "speaking truth". In apost of X (formerly Twitter), Bajwa said the only fault of the MLA was that he "exposed failures of the Bhagwant Mann-led state government. "The MLA's suspension is a badge of honour for standing with truth and Punjab," Bajwa said.



## AMRITSAR POLICE BUST INTERNATIONAL DRUG RACKET; 60 KG HEROIN SEIZED, 9 ARRESTED

**Diary Times Desk :** In a significant operation in 2025, Amritsar Police Commissionerate, in collaboration with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Rajasthan Police, has seized over 60 kg heroin, dismantling an international drug syndicate involved in trans-border drug trafficking. Nine individuals, including a woman, were arrested during the interstate operation conducted in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Jammu and Kashmir. The seizure occurred near the international border with Pakistan in Barmer, Rajasthan. The arrested individuals include Gursahib Singh, Jashanpreet Singh, Kulwinder Singh, Parshotam Singh, Gagandeep Singh, and Rajinder Kaur, all residents of Amritsar district. According to Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav, the racket was operated by Canada-based Indian smuggler Joban Kaler and notorious Pakistani drug smuggler Tanveer Shah.

## BLACKBUCK COUNT AT ABOHAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY DECLINES SHARPLY

**Diary Times Desk :** Once teeming with herds of black bucks and blue bulls, the Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary, spread across 46,513 acres of private farmland in 13 villages, mostly inhabited by the Bishnoi community, is now struggling to retain its charm. Wildlife officials admit that the population of black bucks has declined sharply over the years. Most animals have moved to other areas, including nearby villages in Rajasthan, deserting their old grazing grounds. "It is now become rare to spot a black buck in the villages now. Even forest staff direct visitors to a cow shelter at Sukhchain village, where about 20 black bucks and a few blue bulls have been kept inside a fenced enclosure," say locals. Residents believe multiple factors are behind the decline. "The once open, semi-arid landscape — ideal for these animals — is now filled with kinnow orchards and paddy fields. Cotton farming, which allowed easy movement to the wildlife, is no longer being done. Moreover, many farmers have erected electrified, barbed and cobra-wire fencing around their fields.

## AKAL TAKHT OFFICIATING JATHEDAR SUPPORTS DILJIT DOSANJH, ASKS PEOPLE NOT TO SPREAD HATRED

**Diary Times Desk :** Akal Takht officiating Jathedar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj on Sunday extended his support to singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh, who is facing backlash over his movie *Sardaar Ji 3*, featuring Pakistani actor Hania Aamir. Diljit has faced criticism for appearing in a film featuring an actor from an "enemy" country, especially in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. The incident had led to the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty and India's retaliatory Operation Sindoor targeting terror camps in Pakistan. The beleaguered actor had on Saturday got the backing of the BJP, which had described him a "national asset" and "global ambassador" of the Indian culture. Commenting over the controversy, Gargaj advised people not to spread hatred while saying he did not endorse any restriction on the movie. Without taking the name of any country, he cited the Gurbani and said the nature too did not favour divisions. "The sky remains undivided, air flows without any barrier and birds fly without restrictions," he said to make the point.

## IN SIX MONTHS, BSF SEIZES 130 DRONES, 135 KG NARCOTICS ALONG PUNJAB BORDER

**Diary Times Desk :** With no let-up in cross-border smuggling from Pakistan, the Border Security Force (BSF) has recovered over 130 drones along the International Border in Punjab during the first six months of the year. In addition, the BSF has also seized close to 135 kg of narcotics, including heroin, opium and ICE, and 79 illegal weapons of different kinds from January 1 till June 30, BSF sources said. Last year, the border guarding force had seized a total of 283 kg of narcotics along the border in Punjab while neutralising 294 drones — a substantial increase from 107 drones in 2023. According to BSF officers, drones have become the major source of smuggling narcotics, weapons and fake currency. The Amritsar-Tarn Taran belt and the Ferozepur region are particular hotspots in Punjab for illegal drone activity. Most of the drug consignments recovered by the BSF had been dropped by drones originating from Pakistan. China-made Mavick series drones are commonly used for smuggling, which carry a packet weighing 450-550 gm, generally wrapped in a yellow adhesive tape. BSF officers said that the drone menace is being effectively countered by the increasing employment of anti-drone systems along the border and regularly reviewing operational procedures. Drone intrusions are meticulously tracked, intercepted and recovered.

## IMD ALERTS PEOPLE IN HARYANA, UTTARAKHAND AS ABOVE-NORMAL RAIN EXPECTED IN JULY

**Diary Times Desk :** Most parts of India are likely to receive above-normal rainfall in July, the weather department said on Monday, asking authorities and people in central India, Uttarakhand and Haryana to stay alert due to the risk of flooding. The IMD said rainfall is likely to be below normal in large parts of the northeast, many areas of eastern India and extreme southern peninsular India. Average maximum temperatures are expected to remain normal to below normal in many regions. However, parts of the northeast, northwest, east and southern peninsula are likely to see above-normal temperatures, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said during an online press briefing. The country gauges 28 cm of rainfall on average in July. Mohapatra said there is a high chance of heavy rainfall in central India and the adjoining southern peninsula. This includes east Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, adjoining areas of Vidarbha and Telangana and parts of Gujarat and Maharashtra. "We should monitor the catchment areas of rivers such as the Godavari, Mahanadi and Krishna.

## CONG LEADER PROF SAMPAT SINGH CHALLENGES HARYANA ELECTRICITY TARIFF HIKE, CALLS IT 'TARIFF SHOCK'

**Diary Times Desk :** Senior Congress leader and former minister Prof Sampat Singh has filed a review petition challenging the tariff order issued by Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC), which hikes power rates. Addressing a press conference at the Congress office, Prof Singh described the tariff order as a "tariff shock" experienced by consumers across all categories upon receiving their electricity bills in June 2025. He highlighted widespread public protests against the new tariff regime and raised serious concerns about the pricing mechanism adopted by power utilities. "The utilities are purchasing 7,964.28 crore units of power at a cost of Rs 3.12 per unit, yet the same is being sold to consumers at an average rate of Rs 7.29 per unit," Prof Singh stated. Furthermore, he pointed out that out of the total power purchased, only 6,916 crore units are reaching consumers, implying transmission and distribution losses exceeding 22 per cent, which are effectively being passed on to consumers, who are being charged for electricity they never receive.



**FLASHFLOOD WARNING  
ISSUED FOR 7 DISTRICTS AS  
HEAVY RAIN CONTINUES  
ACROSS HIMACHAL  
PRADESH**

**Diary Times Desk :** Several districts in Himachal Pradesh are very likely to experience flashfloods within the next 24 hours as heavy rainfall continues across the state. According to a warning issued by the Hydromet Division of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday, moderate to high flashflood risks are very likely over certain watersheds and neighborhoods in the Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmaur, and Solan districts until July 1. These flashfloods are very likely to cause surface runoff, with inundation possible in areas with fully saturated soils and low-lying regions. Additionally, an orange weather warning has been issued for Shimla, Solan, Kullu, Mandi, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Chamba, Kangra, and Sirmaur districts. These areas are likely to see heavy rain in isolated locations, accompanied by intense thunderstorms and lightning over the next few hours. Light to moderate rain is also expected in Shimla and its adjoining areas, along with low visibility conditions during this period.

**WEEK-LONG  
CELEBRATIONS BEGIN FOR  
DALAI LAMA'S 90TH  
BIRTHDAY IN MCLEODGANJ**

**Diary Times Desk :** The 90th birthday celebrations of the 14th Dalai Lama commenced on Monday morning at Tsuglhakhang, the main temple in McLeodganj. Though his birthday is officially marked on July 6 according to the Gregorian calendar, it falls today as per the Tibetan lunar calendar, which celebrates his birth on the 5th day of the 5th month. The inaugural ceremony was organised by members of the Domey (Amdo) community—natives of the Tibetan region where the Dalai Lama was born. The week-long celebrations will be overseen by the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), but Monday's event was held privately by the Domey community. The Dalai Lama arrived at the temple in a golf cart to a warm welcome from long queues of devotees who had gathered to offer birthday wishes. The temple premises were filled to capacity as he made his way to the shrine. The day featured traditional Tibetan.

**RAJEEV BINDAL EMERGES AS CONSENSUS CANDIDATE FOR THIRD TERM AS BJP  
STATE PRESIDENT**

**Diary Times Desk :** Having emerged as the consensus candidate, state BJP president Rajeev Bindal is all set to get a third term as party chief as he was the lone person to file his nomination papers today. Bindal, in the presence of all senior party leaders, filed the nomination papers at the state BJP office, here today. Even though a formal announcement about Bindal getting a third term will be made tomorrow, his continuation as state party president is a foregone conclusion. He has remained Health and Family Welfare Minister and Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha. He emerged as the choice of the high command, including national BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda, even when names of Kangra Lok Sabha MP Rajeev Bhardwaj, Bilaspur MLA Trilok Jamwal, Rajya Sabha MP's Indu Goswami and Sikander Kumar were doing the rounds. Election Officer and Kangra Lok Sabha MP Rajiv Bhardwaj said that he received three sets of nomination papers — all with the name of Bindal for being elected as state president. His nomination was approved and backed by Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, entire BJP legislature party, all Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs, former state presidents, former ministers and senior BJP leaders.



**MEGA ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN TO BE  
LAUNCHED IN HIMACHAL SOON, SAYS  
CM SUKHU**

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that his government will launch a large-scale anti-drug campaign in near future while felicitating the winners of the 12th HP Police Half Marathon organised to raise awareness against drug abuse here today. The Chief Minister also said that the government was "considering amending police manual to fix greater accountability within the force". Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister expressed serious concern over the involvement of government employees in drug-related activities. "Strict action has already been taken against 80 government employees facing legal proceedings so far. Even police personnel have been found involved in drug trafficking activities. The government is considering amending the Police Manual to ensure greater accountability within the force," he said. Among other measures being undertaken to curb drug abuse in the state, mapping is being conducted at the panchayat and ward level to facilitate targeted intervention. "The government is creating a Special Task Force to clamp down on drug trafficking and recruitment process is already underway. Additionally, 500 new posts will be filled in the police department to strengthen enforcement efforts," the CM said, adding, "Youth are the future of our nation and protecting them from the drug menace was a collective responsibility."

**WATER SUPPLY TO BE HIT IN SHIMLA  
DUE TO SILT AT SOURCE**

**Diary Times Desk :** Drinking water supply in Shimla will be affected for the next few days due to increase in turbidity in Gumma, one of the main drinking water supply sources to the state capital. The district received heavy rain on Sunday due to which turbidity in Nautikhad, Gumma, rose to 1850 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU), resulting in increased silt in water, making it unfit for drinking. The rise in turbidity was also witnessed in other water sources. A spokesperson of Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited (SJPNL), a company that manages the water supply in the town, said there will be disturbance in water supply for the next couple of days in Shimla town due to high turbidity and floods at all water treatment plants. The SJPNL has requested the people to use water judiciously as the situation may continue till water level recedes at the plants. It has also requested the people to drink water after boiling for 10 minutes. The spokesperson mentioned that due to high turbidity there are concerns over water quality. "During monsoon, our body is prone to infections. Most diseases in the rainy season are waterborne, such as jaundice, cholera and other gastrointestinal illnesses and drinking filtered or boiled water is essential. In the rainy season, turbidity increases in the water sources. Although, turbidity alone has no health effects, but it can interfere with disinfection."

**COPS TALK CYBERCRIME PREVENTION AT PORTMORE GOVERNMENT  
SCHOOL IN SHIMLA**

**Diary Times Desk :** With an aim to make students aware about cybercrime, and ways to protect oneself from it, Himachal Team Against Cybercrime (HIMTAC) of the state police on Saturday organised a cybercrime awareness session at Girls Senior Secondary School, Portmore, in Shimla. The event witnessed the participation of around 600 students and faculty members. The session focused on cyber frauds common in the state, online protection, and the dangers of cyberbullying and stalking, particularly relevant for girl school students. During the session, students were made aware about cybercrimes, as well as measures to avoid being a victim to these. The team also addressed their queries and concerns. "Through this initiative, the team aims to empower young individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the online world safely and responsibly," said state CID (Cyber Crime) Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Mohit Chawla. Similar sessions were being held at various educational institutions in a bid to raise awareness among students about cybercrime, and not falling prey to it, the DIG added.



INDIA'S PLAYING XI FOR 2ND TEST AGAINST ENGLAND REVEALED?  
PRACTICE PICTURES SHOW...

**Diary Times Desk :** There has been a lot of chatter surrounding India's playing XI for the second Test match against England. Following the loss at Headingley, both fans and experts have been calling for changes with Nitish Kumar Reddy emerging as a top choice. Experts suggested Reddy's name in place of all-rounder Shardul Thakur while Kuldeep Yadav's inclusion was also discussed at length following India's disappointing start to the series. While nothing official has been communicated from the team's side, pictures of practice sessions have left fans intrigued. A picture posted by RevSportz on X (formerly Twitter) showed Karun Nair, Shubman Gill, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan and Nitish Kumar Reddy forming the slip cordon while Yashasvi Jaiswal practised at leg slip and short leg. The inclusion of Reddy in the slip cordon was considered to be a massive indication while questions remained over Jasprit Bumrah's availability. Meanwhile, Australia legend Greg Chappell believes India paid the price for a lack of variety in their bowling attack during the first Test against England and has called for the inclusion of Arshdeep Singh and Kuldeep Yadav, whom he hails as the "best wrist-spinner since Shane Warne", in the playing XI. India lost the opening Test of the five-match series by five wickets at Headingley.



PCB APPOINT AZHAR MAHMOOD AS  
ACTING HEAD COACH OF TEST TEAM

**Diary Times Desk :** The Pakistan Cricket Board have appointed Azhar Mahmood as the acting head coach of their Test team. Mahmood, who has played 21 Tests and 143 ODIs for Pakistan, will be in charge of the red-ball side until the end of his contract with the PCB. The 50-year-old was first brought on board as the assistant coach last year across formats. However, Gary Kirsten quit as the white-ball head coach in October 2024 and was soon followed by Test head coach Jason Gillespie. Following Gillespie's departure, former pacer Aquib Javed took charge for the South African tour by the end of last year before the PCB appointed Mike Hesson in May as their new white-ball coach. Mahmood will now be in charge of the Test team until the end of his contract in April 2026. His first assignment will be a home series against South Africa later this year. "His deep knowledge of the game, combined with hands-on international exposure and proven success in the English county circuit, make him exceptionally well-suited for this position," the PCB said in a statement. His red-ball pedigree is underscored by two County Championship titles - an achievement that speaks volumes about his leadership, tactical acumen and unwavering commitment to excellence.

'D GUKESH HAS DONE IT': R  
PRAGGNANANDHAA DEFENDS MAGNUS  
CARLSEN'S CONTROVERSIAL TABLE SLAM  
REACTION, SAYS 'IT WAS AN...'

**Diary Times Desk :** Norway Chess 2025 saw D Gukesh script his maiden classical win against World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen. The reigning world champion had already lost to Carlsen in the opening round, but had other plans in Round 6, when they faced each other again. In their second meeting of the tournament, Carlsen had the advantage, but a massive blunder in the endgame saw Gukesh win the game. Meanwhile, Carlsen was left fuming as he slammed the table in anger. Since then, Carlsen's reaction has gone viral on social media, and has become an iconic meme. New India No. 1 R Praggnanandhaa was recently asked about his perspective on Carlsen's table slam reaction. Speaking to PTI, he said, "Yes, it was an instinctive reaction. I think it does happen to players. I've done it sometimes, but rarely." I mean, it's (me hitting the table) not as powerful as Magnus because he's a strong guy, but Gukesh has done it and many others. It's just an instinctive reaction because you're so focused that it just comes out. "But, I mean, is it a good thing? Maybe not. I don't think so because I guess it's not good.

SMITH READY FOR THE REAL STUFF AFTER PASSING BASEBALL-CAGE TEST

**Diary Times Desk :** Steven Smith got creative in his recovery from the finger injury that ruled him out of the first Test against West Indies, finding a baseball batting cage in New York where he was able to face throwdowns before rejoining the squad in Barbados. Smith suffered a compound dislocation of his right little finger when he dropped Temba Bavuma at Lord's during the World Test Championship final but, despite the gruesome nature of the injury which made Smith feel "sick" when he saw it with team-mates noting how he went pale, he avoided the need for surgery. Given he was limited in what he could do early in the recovery, and needed to be careful how much he sweated, he opted to travel the five hours to New York where he owns an apartment. Smith began facing tennis balls and soft cricket balls before moving to hard ones in his second session in the cage, sending the footage back to Barbados to the Australia medical staff, who were happy with his progress.



ARCHER RETURN DEFERRED AS  
ENGLAND NAME UNCHANGED  
TEAM FOR SECOND TEST

**Diary Times Desk :** England have named an unchanged XI for the second Test against India at Edgbaston, which gets underway on Wednesday, meaning that Jofra Archer's much-vaunted return to Test cricket has been deferred at least until next week's third Test at Lord's. The team was confirmed two days out from the start of the contest, as has become the norm for England under Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum, and comes in the wake of their impressive five-wicket victory in the first Test at Headingley. England successfully chased down 371 to win that match, after India had made much of the running across the five days, including through five individual hundreds - two of which came from their wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant. However, England's bowlers struck back in both India innings, claiming 7 for 41 in the first innings and 6 for 31 in the second, to set up what proved to be an obtainable target. Josh Tongue was instrumental in this with seven lower-order wickets across the two innings, while Brydon Carse impressed with his pace and stamina in a rare outing with the new ball. England's attack leader, Chris Woakes, claimed just one wicket in the Test but made important first-innings runs, and has been backed to rediscover his rhythm after missing much of the early season with an ankle injury.

MS DHONI FILES TRADEMARK  
FOR HIS ON FIELD TITLE  
'CAPTAIN COOL'

**Diary Times Desk :** Mahendra Singh Dhoni has moved to solidify his personal brand off the cricket field by applying for the trademark of "Captain Cool" - a name famously linked to his calm and collected approach as a leader. The application was officially filed online on June 5 through the Trade Marks Registry portal, signaling Dhoni's intention to gain exclusive rights over the widely recognized nickname that has become synonymous with his legacy in the cricketing world. Over the years, Dhoni has been called 'Captain Cool' courtesy his calm and composed nature on the field even during tense moments. He remained fully calmed as a captain even during tense tournaments like the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007, the ODI World Cup in 2011 and the Champions Trophy in 2017. "Delighted to share a recent development from the field of trademark law that underscores the evolving role of personality rights and acquired distinctiveness in overcoming relative grounds for refusal," said Dhoni's lawyer.