

PM NARENDRA MODI

'HARE RAMA HARE KRISHNA' CHANTS AS PM NARENDRA MODI BEGINS HISTORIC GHANA VISIT

Diary Times Desk : Narendra Modi on Wednesday became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Ghana in three decades. He was accorded a warm and colourful welcome as he arrived in Ghana's Accra for a historic two-day visit. His arrival was marked by a heartfelt gesture: a group of young Ghanaian children greeted him with the devotional chant "Hare Rama Hare Krishna," showcasing the deep cultural connection between the two nations.

Modi, who landed at Kotoka International Airport in Accra, was received with a guard of honour and a traditional welcome. Later, at the hotel where he will stay during the visit, a brief musical performance was organised in his honour, which the PM watched with delight.

The visit marks Modi's first-ever bilateral trip to Ghana, a key partner of India in the Global South. Ghana plays an important role in both the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

In a departure statement, Modi expressed hope that the visit would further strengthen the historical ties between India and Ghana. "I look forward to opening new avenues of cooperation in investment, energy, health, security, and development partnership," he said, adding that addressing Ghana's Parliament would be a great honour as both nations are vibrant democracies.



ENCOUNTER IN J&K

ENCOUNTER BREAKS OUT BETWEEN TERRORISTS, SECURITY FORCES IN J&K'S KISHTWAR



Diary Times Desk : An encounter is underway between the Army and terrorists in the Chatroo area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. The encounter started after a joint team of the Army and Jammu and Kashmir police launched an operation to track down hiding terrorists in the mountainous region.

"Yes, contact has been established," said a senior army officer. At least three terrorists are believed to be holed up in the cordoned area in the reportedly fierce gun battle.

The area has witnessed several encounters in the last one year. On May 22, a soldier was killed in action at the Chatroo area after the army launched an operation against terrorists.

Kishtwar is part of the Jammu administrative province, which has increasingly come under the terror radar. The region that was free from terrorism until a few years ago has become the biggest security challenge and a site of some of the major terrorist attacks in J&K.

Officials say terrorists who operated in these mountainous areas are highly trained in jungle warfare and involved in multiple attacks on the army and civilians in the Jammu region.

Security is on high alert across Jammu and Kashmir as the annual Amarnath Yatra starts from tomorrow. Besides the existing overwhelming security structure deployed in Kashmir, around 600 additional companies of paramilitary forces have been mobilised for yatra security.

OPERATION MED-MAX: NCB BUSTS GLOBAL PHARMA DRUG TRAFFICKING SYNDICATE

Diary Times Desk : In one of the most significant strikes against a tech-enabled pharma trafficking racket in recent times, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has busted a global drug trafficking syndicate involved in smuggling controlled pharmaceutical drugs across four continents. According to a senior NCB officer, eight individuals have been arrested in India so far, including suspects from Delhi, Jaipur, and Udupi. "The alleged gangpin, located in the UAE, coordinated finances and international shipments. Efforts are underway to trace additional members and financial links," said the officer. Code-named Operation Med-Max, the probe has exposed a sophisticated network using encrypted platforms, cryptocurrency payments, B2B websites, and anonymous drop shipping to move banned medicines from India to the US, Europe, and Australia. The operation began with a vehicle interception near Mandi House, Delhi, on May 25, where 3.7 kg of Tramadol tablets were recovered from two B Pharm graduates. Their interrogation led investigators to a stockist in Roorkee, a Delhi-based associate, and eventually a call centre in Udupi, Karnataka.



GOVT ALLOWS CAB AGGREGATORS TO CHARGE UP TO 2 TIMES OF BASE FARE DURING PEAK HOURS

Diary Times Desk : The road transport ministry has allowed cab aggregators such as Uber, Ola and Rapido to charge up to two times the base fare during peak hours, as against 1.5 times earlier, while for non-peak hours the fare has to be a minimum of 50 per cent of the base fare. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in its 'Motor Vehicles Aggregator Guidelines 2025' said "the aggregator shall be permitted to charge a minimum of 50 per cent lower than the base fare and a maximum dynamic pricing of two times the base fare specified under sub-clause (17.1)." Moreover, the base fare chargeable shall be for a minimum of three kilometers to compensate for "dead mileage" -- including the distance travelled without a passenger and the distance travelled and fuel utilized for picking up the passenger(s). As per the guidelines, the fare notified by the state government for the respective category or class of motor vehicles.

KOLKATA COLLEGE GANG-RAPE: WB WOMEN'S PANEL HEAD SAYS 'TRAUMATISED' VICTIM NEEDS MORE COUNSELLING



Diary Times Desk : West Bengal Commission for Women chairperson Leena Gangopadhyay on Wednesday said that the law student, who was allegedly gang-raped inside her college in Kolkata, is still "traumatised". Gangopadhyay said that though the survivor has already been counselled, more such sessions are required for the first-year student who was tortured by three men -- an alumnus and two of her seniors in the institute -- on the evening of June 25. These three men and a security guard who was on duty at South Calcutta Law College at that time were arrested. They are currently in police custody. The state women's commission chairperson sought stringent punishment for all those behind the crime. "We have spoken to the victim; she is visibly traumatised. Her hands were shaking, and we could see the pain on her face. She said one person raped her while the other two watched the act and cooperated," Gangopadhyay said. It is alleged that Monojit Mishra, the alumnus and a contractual employee of the college, raped the 24-year-old woman while two current students -- Zaib Ahmed and Pramit Mukherjee -- made a video recording of the act on mobile phones.

SAMIK BHATTACHARYA SET TO BECOME NEW BENGAL BJP PRESIDENT AS NO OTHER CANDIDATE FILES NOMINATIONS

Diary Times Desk : Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Samik Bhattacharya is all set to become the next president of the West Bengal BJP as no other candidate filed nomination for the post by Wednesday's deadline, party leaders said. Bhattacharya reached BJP's Salt Lake office in the afternoon, accompanied by outgoing state president Sukanta Majumdar and Leader of the Opposition in the assembly Suwendu Adhikari, and submitted his nomination papers. According to a party notice, nominations were to be accepted between 2 and 4 pm, followed by scrutiny and withdrawal of papers till 6 pm. Since Bhattacharya was the only one to file papers, he is likely to be declared elected without a contest, a senior party leader said. "Till 4 pm, only Samik Bhattacharya has filed his nomination papers for the post of state president.



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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MANDI CLOUDBURST: CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS, ALSO DISTRIBUTED RELIEF MATERIALS

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday conducted an aerial survey of the disaster-affected Thunag and Janjheli areas of Mandi district and personally distributed relief material to the affected people. The Chief Minister reached the Rain Galu helipad of Thunag from Sarkaghat by an army helicopter, where he met the affected people, understood their problems and assured them of all possible help. If his helicopter take-off had been delayed by even five minutes at the Rain Galu helipad, the flight would not have been possible due to bad weather and he could have been stranded there. He had received information that the road connectivity of Thunag area has been cut off and food supplies have been exhausted there. In such a situation, he directed the district administration to immediately send relief material by air. Due to the recent cloudburst incidents in Thunag and Janjheli sub-divisions, the road route has been completely disrupted. In view of this situation, action has been initiated to send relief material by air.



HIMACHAL : CONGRESS PRESIDENT MALLIKARJUN KHARGE SAID- GIVE THE PENDING DISASTER RELIEF AMOUNT TO HIMACHAL SOON

Diary Times Desk : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has accused the Centre of giving step-motherly treatment to Himachal. He demanded the central government to immediately release the pending disaster relief funds to the state. He also expressed grief over the loss of many lives due to heavy rains and landslides in the hill state and urged Congress workers to help the affected people in every possible way. He said in a post on X, We demand from the central government that the pending disaster relief amount for Himachal for the last few years be released with immediate effect. Even before this year's rains, the Himachal government had demanded a relief package of Rs 9000 crore from the Centre. In the 2023 tragedy, the Congress state government had released special assistance of Rs 4500 crore, while the Modi government at the Centre gave only Rs 433 crore to the state. Now the Modi government has recently announced Rs 2000 crore for 2023 in a hurry.

HIMACHAL: ALLEGATIONS OF GRABBING MBBS SEATS THROUGH FAKE BONAFIDES WILL BE INVESTIGATED, CM GAVE ORDERS TO HEALTH SECRETARY

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has shown seriousness on the allegations of use of fake bonafide certificates in MBBS quota. He has directed the Health Secretary to conduct a thorough investigation of the matter. The family members of a NEET UG candidate met the Chief Minister and alleged that candidates from outside states are snatching the rights of Himachal students on the basis of fake certificates. The Chief Minister took this complaint seriously and directed to confirm the facts and take action. Two years ago, the state government had imposed the condition that to be eligible for MBBS state quota seats, the student should pass at least two classes out of 10th, 11th and 12th from a recognized school in Himachal. The purpose of this rule was to ensure that the benefit of 85 percent seats goes to only those students who are educated from Himachal. The family members told the Chief Minister that students from states like Delhi, Punjab have taken admission in Himachal's medical colleges by using suspicious domicile certificates (bonafide). They also submitted evidence of fake document to the Chief Minister and demanded an inquiry.

HIMACHAL NEWS: PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER VIKRAMADITYA SINGH SAID- IIT ROORKEE WILL AUDIT THE DANGER TO THE BUILDINGS

Diary Times Desk : There will be an audit of the danger to buildings due to the construction work being done by NHAI in Himachal. This audit will be done by IIT Roorkee. Where cutting will be done in residential areas, the place will also be audited before that. Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh gave this information while chairing a meeting with NHAI officials. Buildings are being endangered due to the construction of NHAI. Dumping is being done more at selected places. Due to this, water sources are drying up. There is forest land at many places in Himachal. The local public has the right over it. In such a situation, there is a need to take the public into confidence while doing construction work. He said that a coordination committee has been formed by the state government. Engineer-in-Chief of Public Works Department and Water Power Department and NHAI officials are members in it. A meeting of the committee will be held soon. The construction work of NHAI will be reviewed in it. After this, the report will be sent to the Union Ministry of Surface Transport. A five-storey building has collapsed in Bhatkuthafar. The spot has been inspected. Many buildings are in danger here. The woman whose house has collapsed. They will not only get compensation from the government, but the issue of compensation will also be strongly raised by sending a report to the Union Ministry of Surface Transport.



HP CLOUD BURST: 34 PEOPLE MISSING AFTER CLOUDBURST IN THE STATE, CM SUKHU TOOK STOCK OF THE DAMAGE IN DHARAMPUR

Diary Times Desk : 34 people are missing after cloudburst at 17 places in Himachal Pradesh last Monday night. Search operation is being conducted by NDRF and SDRF to find the missing people. Cloudburst occurred at 15 places in Mandi district, while one each in Kullu and Kinnaur districts. Mandi district suffered the most damage due to cloudburst, rain and landslides. Houses were reduced to dust. 18 people have lost their lives in the entire state including 16 people in Mandi. Death of five people in Gohar subdivision, three in Thunag and one each in Jogindernagar and Karsog has been confirmed and the administration is identifying the dead. More than 332 people have been rescued from various places and saved their lives. In Mandi district alone, 24 houses and 12 cowsheds have been razed to the ground. 30 animals have died. Patikari project near Kuklah has been washed away. Many bridges have been destroyed. After the cloudburst, communication services in the area are also badly affected, making it difficult to contact. This monsoon season, 51 people have died from 20 June to 1 July due to cloudburst, floods and landslides. 103 have been injured and 22 are missing. Now the loss has been Rs 28,339.81 lakh.

HIMACHAL NEWS: PANCHAYATI RAJ MINISTER ANIRUDH SINGH SAID- ALLEGATIONS OF BEATING OF OFFICERS ARE WRONG, SHOW PROOF

Diary Times Desk : Panchayati Raj Minister Aniruddh Singh said that the allegations of beating on me are wrong. Those making allegations should show proof. A five-storey building has collapsed in Bhattakufar due to the negligence of NHAI. The officials did this to cover up the matter. An FIR has been registered against me, I will face it. I do not know about the talk of beating of the officer. The officer has not been admitted to the hospital, the medical report can be seen for this. He left the hospital after half an hour. He said in the press conference that I will meet Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and expose the deeds of NHAI officials. He wants to ask how many people got compensation. He also raised questions on disaster management officials that they keep holding meetings only. They do not go to the field and inspect the real situation.

DELHI MAN SAYS "FORCED TO
SELL RANGE ROVER" FOR
PEANUTS DUE TO 10-YEAR
RULE

Diary Times Desk : A Delhi man was forced to sell his luxury SUV due to the government's newly enforced "end of life" (EoL) vehicle policy in the national capital. Ritesh Gandotra, the owner of an 8-year-old diesel Range Rover car, said the vehicle was parked for two years during the Covid lockdown and has over two lakh km of potential life left. On X, Mr Gandotra said that his premium car was a well-maintained vehicle with just 74,000 km on the odometer. Now, he is forced to sell his vehicle, which he bought for Rs 55 lakh in 2018, at a throwaway price due to the diesel ban. He wrote, "My car is in its 8th year, a diesel vehicle, meticulously maintained, with just 74,000 km on the odo. It spent two years parked during Covid and easily has over 2 lakh km of life left. But thanks to the 10-year diesel ban in NCR, I'm now forced to sell it and that too to buyers outside NCR, offering throwaway prices." The new vehicle in the same segment now comes with a steep cost, he said. Mr Gandotra wrote, "To make it worse, buying a new one comes with 45% GST + cess. This isn't a green policy. It's a penalty on responsible ownership and common sense."

AFTER SIVAGANGAI
CUSTODIAL DEATH, NEW
TAMIL NADU POLICE
BRUTALITY VIDEO EMERGES

Diary Times Desk : A video showing Tamil Nadu police's brutality has surfaced, just days after the custodial death of 27-year-old Ajith Kumar in Tamil Nadu's Sivagangai. The video of an accused being beaten by a policeman inside a station in Theni district was obtained by a lawyer via RTI. The CCTV footage, which is six months old, shows a man being assaulted inside Devanathanpatti police station. The accused, identified as Ramesh, an autorickshaw driver, was detained on January 14, 2025, for allegedly causing public nuisance while drunk. The video shows police officials brutally beating Ramesh inside the station premises. The footage has now come to light after lawyer Pandiarajan, who had accessed it through the Right to Information (RTI) Act for a different case, chose to release it. He said the intention was to show how police brutality continues to be a recurring problem in Tamil Nadu. The Madras High Court had slammed the Tamil Nadu police over Ajith Kumar's death, calling it a "brutal act" and said bluntly that "the state has killed its own citizen." The post-mortem report revealed 44 injuries on Ajith's body, with chilli powder applied to his back, mouth, and ears.

5 NATIONS, 8 DAYS: PM MODI BEGINS LONGEST
DIPLOMATIC TOUR TO BOOST ATLANTIC TIES



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday departed on an eight-day diplomatic tour covering five nations across Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean with a focus on boosting ties with the Global South and deepening cooperation in trade, energy, technology and multilateral engagement. During this tour, PM Modi will visit Ghana, Trinidad, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia from July 2 to July 9. PM Modi said that the tour will reinforce India's partnerships across the Global South, enhance its footprint on multilateral platforms and foster ties across both sides of the Atlantic. In his departure statement, PM Modi said that he will visit Ghana on July 2-3 at the invitation of President H.E. John Dramani Mahama. The prime minister will also address Ghana's Parliament. "I look forward to my exchanges aimed at further deepening our historical ties and opening up new windows of cooperation, including in the areas of investment, energy, health, security, capacity building and development partnership," the prime minister said in the statement.

'BEST MOMENT': LAWYER REACTS AS
MOHAMMED SHAMI'S WIFE HASIN JAHAN
WINS BIG ALIMONY BATTLE

Diary Times Desk : Indian pacer Mohammed Shami's estranged wife, Hasin Jahan's lawyer, on Wednesday confirmed that the cricketer will pay a monthly alimony of ₹4 lakh to Jahan and her daughter and added that she had been running from pillar to post since 2018. "It was the best moment for Hasin Jahan. From 2018 to 2024, she had been running from pillar to post. Ultimately, it was pronounced in open court yesterday that ₹1.5 lakh would be provided for Hasin Jahan, ₹2.5 lakh for the daughter (both to be paid monthly), and that any time the daughter requires assistance, it would be provided by Md Shami," lawyer Imtiaz Ahmed told ANI. A bench of Justice Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee at the Calcutta high court on Tuesday directed the Indian cricketer to pay ₹1.5 lakh to her wife and ₹2.5 lakh to her daughter monthly. Jahan had approached the high court against a district sessions court's order directing Shami to pay ₹50,000 to her wife and ₹80,000 to her daughter in 2023. She had sought a compensation of ₹7 lakh per month for herself and ₹3 lakh for her daughter before the court.

"COULD TERRORISE...": WHAT COPS TOLD COURT ABOUT MONOJIT MISHRA IN RAPE CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Kolkata Police, investigating the rape of a law student in Kasba's South Calcutta Law College, has added five new sections - including those related to kidnapping and wrongful confinement - against Monojit Mishra and the two students who are among the accused in the case. The police have also told the court that Mishra is very influential and, if he is let out, could hamper the investigation by terrorising the survivor and witnesses. In its four-page petition before the court of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate in Kolkata, accessed by NDTV, in which it sought the extension of police custody of Mishra and the two students - identified as 19-year-old Zaib Ahmed and 20-year-old Pramit Mukhopadhyay - the Kolkata Police said all three attempted to mislead investigators.



SIDDARAMAIAH ISSUES FINAL
WARNING TO MINISTERS
AGAINST LEADERSHIP TALK, SAY
SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : Amid growing murmurs of leadership change within the Karnataka Congress, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reportedly issued a stern warning to his cabinet colleagues. During the cabinet meeting at Nandi hills on Wednesday, the Chief Minister directed ministers to stop airing internal matters in public and cautioned them against making any statements to the media, as per sources. Siddaramaiah reportedly told ministers that the Congress High Command is closely watching the developments and taking the situation seriously. He warned that this should be treated as the final warning, making it clear that public discussions over party leadership will not be tolerated. The warning comes at a time when discontent among Congress MLAs is becoming increasingly visible, with speculations about leadership change gaining momentum. The Chief Minister's message was aimed at putting a lid on the growing factionalism.

MUMBAI TEACHER GAVE HER STUDENT
ANTI-ANXIETY MEDS, SEXUALLY
ASSAULTED HIM

Diary Times Desk : A 40-year-old female teacher of a prominent Mumbai school has been arrested on charges of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old male student on multiple occasions in the past one year, police said. The woman, who is married and also has children, has been charged under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and the Indian Penal Code. There was no immediate comment from the school on the case at the time of filing this report. According to the police, the accused woman is an English teacher and taught the student when he was in Class XI. She told police that she got attracted to the teenager during various meetings to set up a dance group for the annual school function in December 2023. She also made sexual gestures to the student in January 2024. As the survivor was initially reluctant and began avoiding her, the teacher approached one of her female friends - who is not from the school - for help, a police officer said on condition of anonymity. The accused's friend, who has also been charged.

**PUTIN AND MACRON DISCUSS UKRAINE
CONFLICT AND MIDDLE EAST TENSIONS
IN FIRST CALL SINCE 2022**

Diary Times Desk : Russian President Vladimir Putin held a telephone conversation with French President Emmanuel Macron, marking their first direct contact since September 2022, RT reported, citing the Kremlin press service. The call focused on the situation in the Middle East and the ongoing Ukraine conflict. According to RT, Putin told Macron that the Ukraine conflict was "a direct consequence of the policies pursued by Western states, which for many years ignored Russia's security interests," and had created an "anti-Russian bridgehead" in Ukraine. He reiterated that any settlement must "be comprehensive and long-term, address the root causes of the Ukrainian crisis and be based on new territorial realities." The leaders also discussed the recent escalation between Israel and Iran. As per the Kremlin's statement, both agreed that diplomacy remains the only viable path forward and pledged to stay in touch for the "possible coordination of positions," RT reported. The two heads of state also acknowledged a "special responsibility" to preserve "peace and security" and to uphold the global nuclear non-proliferation regime.

**"SO TEMPTING TO ESCALATE": MUSK
RESPONDS TO TRUMP'S DEPORTATION
THREAT**

Diary Times Desk : Billionaire Elon Musk reacted to his simmering feud with US President Donald Trump over the Republican's flagship spending legislation, saying he was "tempted" to escalate the tensions but would "refrain for now." Tech mogul's remarks came after Trump threatened to deport him to South Africa for criticism of the divisive One Big Beautiful Bill-- that was approved by the Senate on Tuesday. "So tempting to escalate this. So, so tempting. But I will refrain for now," Musk wrote on X, reacting to a video of Trump threatening to deport the tech tycoon and strip federal funds from his businesses. Musk, the world's richest person, was Trump's biggest political donor in the 2024 election. The two became inseparable allies during Trump's initial months back in the White House as Musk headed the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). But since the SpaceX and Tesla boss left his DOGE position in May.

MARCO RUBIO'S BIG PRAISE FOR "BUSY MAN" S JAISHANKAR AT QUAD

Diary Times Desk : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio was all praises for Foreign Minister Dr S Jaishankar as he hosted counterparts from India, Japan and Australia for the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting on Tuesday. Rubio noted the Indian leader was a "very busy man", continuing India's diplomatic efforts across the globe. "I've seen him a number of times in just six months on the job. I was just telling him, he travels so much. Every time I see the news, Dr Jaishankar is in a different part of the world. He's a very busy guy," the American leader said in his opening remarks ahead of the four-country meeting. Rubio also called the Quad countries important strategic partners and said it was time to "deliver action" on specific issues. Quad, or the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, is a strategic dialogue between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States, focused on promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific region, ensuring maritime security, and fostering economic cooperation. After Tuesday's meeting, Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said on X that the proceedings had been "very productive". Jaishankar also held a bilateral meeting with Rubio.

**MICROSOFT TO LAY OFF OVER 9,000
EMPLOYEES, 2ND BIG JOB PURGE IN MONTHS:
REPORT**

Diary Times Desk : Microsoft is laying off as many as 4%, or roughly 9,100, of its employees in the largest round of job cuts since 2023, the Seattle Times reported on Wednesday. The company, which had about 228,000 employees worldwide as of June 2024, did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. The tech giant was planning to cut thousands of jobs, particularly in sales, according to a Bloomberg News report in June. Microsoft had also announced layoffs in May, which affected around 6,000 employees. Corporate America has kicked off a series of job cuts across sectors as companies attempt to streamline operations amid economic uncertainties, following similar cutbacks seen last year.

**ISRAEL AGREES TO CONDITIONS FOR 60-DAY
GAZA CEASEFIRE DEAL, SAYS TRUMP**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday that Israel has agreed "to the necessary conditions to finalise" a 60-day ceasefire in Gaza — a potential breakthrough in the ongoing conflict that has devastated the region for years. In a statement posted on Truth Social, Trump claimed, "My Representatives had a long and productive meeting with the Israelis today on Gaza. Israel has agreed to the necessary conditions to finalise the 60 Day CEASEFIRE, during which time we will work with all parties to end the War. "The Qataris and Egyptians, who have worked very hard to help bring Peace, will deliver this final proposal," he said. Trump urged Hamas to accept the proposed ceasefire deal for the sake of peace in the Middle East. He warned, "I hope, for the good of the Middle East, that Hamas takes this Deal, because it will not get better — IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" The president's declaration comes amid rising international pressure to bring an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict, which has resulted in thousands of casualties and humanitarian destruction in the region.

**WOMAN, WITH TIES TO INDIA,
NOW ON FBI'S TOP 10 MOST
WANTED FOR SON'S MURDER**

Diary Times Desk : US citizen Cindy Rodriguez Singh, who has ties to India and Mexico and is wanted for the alleged murder of her six-year-old son, has been added to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)'s Ten Most Wanted list, authorities said. The US law enforcement agency has also increased the reward from \$25,000 to \$250,000 for information on the 40-year-old, who was charged with capital murder of her son Noel Alvarez in 2023. Singh was last spotted in Texas on March 22, 2023, when she, her husband Arshdeep Singh and six children were boarding an international flight to India. Authorities said Noel was not present with the family and did not board the flight. "The disappearance and suspected death of Noel Alvarez is still fresh in the minds of everyone in Everman as well as throughout North Texas. The addition of Cindy Rodriguez Singh to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List is an opportunity to bring this case to the eyes and ears of citizens across the country and around the world," FBI Dallas Special Agent in Charge R. Joseph Rothrock told a press conference on Tuesday.

**"WILL NOT ACCEPT
INTIMIDATION": ZOHRAN
MAMDANI TO DONALD TRUMP
OVER "ARREST" THREAT**

Diary Times Desk : New York's Indian origin mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani refused to be "intimidated" by US President Donald Trump, after the Republican said his administration would have the Democrat arrested if he stops Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from doing its work in America's most populous city. Rising star of American socialism, Mamdani, officially became the Democratic candidate for mayor of New York City on Tuesday and will face the general election in November. Following his official confirmation as the Democratic candidate, Trump denounced Mamdani profusely, calling him a lunatic and a communist as he called for his arrest. The President also raised doubts over the legality of Mamdani's citizenship, who came to the US in 1998 when he was seven years old. Mamdani issued a statement on Tuesday following Trump's threats, saying he "will not accept this intimidation" by the President. "The President of the United States just threatened to have me arrested, stripped of my citizenship, put in a detention camp and deported. Not because I have broken any law but because I will refuse to let ICE terrorise our city.



BIKRAM SINGH MAJITHIA'S VIGILANCE REMAND EXTENDED BY FOUR DAYS

Diary Times Desk : A Mohali court on Wednesday extended Bikram Singh Majithia's remand by four days. Arrested in a disproportionate assets case, Majithia was produced before a court in Mohali after his seven-day vigilance remand ended on Wednesday. Heavy police deployment was made outside the Vigilance Bureau (VB) office and the district court complex in Mohali. The special public prosecutor said an alleged benami property of around 400 acres had been found at Mashobra in Shimla district. He will be produced in court again on Sunday. Apart from amassing wealth beyond his known sources of income, Majithia has been accused of laundering Rs 540 crore of drug money. Majithia, 49, was brought to the court in a cavalcade of vehicles amidst tight security around 10:40 a.m. The SAD leader's arrest has polarised state politics, with the opposition calling it a blatant misuse of power while the ruling AAP is justifying it as a decisive action against 'big fish' in their fight against the drug mafia. Meanwhile, SAD workers started gathering at Amb Sahib gurdwara to stage a protest against the 'vendetta politics of the AAP government' since morning. Several workers had started reaching Mohali from different parts of the state. Police detained a few workers on their way to Mohali to prevent any law and order situation.



CENTRE SHIELDING BIKRAM SINGH MAJITHIA, SAYS PUNJAB MINISTER AMAN ARORA

Diary Times Desk : State AAP president and Punjab Minister Aman Arora on Tuesday accused the BJP-led Centre and the Congress of "shielding" SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia and weakening the ongoing fight against drug trafficking. Arora highlighted the recent development where the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) demanded all documents related to the new FIR filed against Majithia. "This demand by the NCB is not an act of due process, but a deliberate ploy to assist Majithia and other drug traders in building their defence. This reveals BJP's true intent of protecting drug syndicates instead of eradicating them," he said addressing mediapersons here. The AAP leader criticised BJP leaders for their "hypocrisy", citing instances when Ravneet Singh Bittu and Sunil Jakhar had "openly opposed" the state government's action against Majithia. It is clear that the Congress and the BJP, instead of supporting Punjab's fight against drugs, have repeatedly come to Majithia's defence," he remarked.

BJP BACKS DILJIT DOSANJH AGAINST CALL TO REVOKE CITIZENSHIP

Diary Times Desk : The BJP on Tuesday supported singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh against the Federation of Western India Cine Employees' (FWICE) demand to revoke the Indian citizenship of the artiste over the controversy surrounding his movie Sardar Ji 3, featuring Pakistani actor Hania Aamir. Calling the FWICE stance "shockingly disproportionate", BJP national spokesperson RP Singh posted a sharply worded defence on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), saying, "@diljitdosanjh is not just a celebrated artiste - he's a national asset and a global ambassador of Indian culture." Singh highlighted the timing of the film's production, pointing out that it started well before the Pahalgam incident. "If there is anguish, it can be expressed through a boycott or by urging that the film not be screened in India. But attacking Diljit's patriotism and demanding such an extreme.

MARITAL DISCORD ALONE INSUFFICIENT FOR ABETMENT TO SUICIDE CHARGE: HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : Disputes and misunderstandings between a husband and wife, even if frequent, cannot be treated as instigation or abetment to suicide under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) without credible and substantial evidence, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled. "Such disputes between a husband and wife may be considered part of the ordinary wear and tear of marital life and, without credible and substantial evidence, cannot be treated as instigation or abetment to suicide," Justice Sandeep Moudgil observed. The ruling came on a wife's petition seeking regular bail in an FIR registered on May 22, 2024, for abetment to suicide, criminal intimidation and another offence under Sections 306, 506, and 34 of the at Lambi police station in Muktsar. The State's stand in the matter was that the husband used to remain depressed due to alleged illicit relations of the petitioner-wife with another man. Opposing the bail plea, the State contended there were direct allegations against the petitioner. After hearing rival contentions and going through the case record, Justice Moudgil held that allegations of quarrels or strained relations alone were insufficient to constitute an offence under Section 306.

PUNJAB SHINES IN NAS 2024, TOPS NATIONWIDE ASSESSMENT

Diary Times Desk : Punjab has emerged as top performer in the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2024 as per a report released by the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on Monday. The NAS is India's most credible survey to evaluate learning achievements of students in classes III, VI and IX for providing valuable insights into educational outcomes nationwide. Punjab stood first with 80 marks in Class III ranking, surpassing Himachal Pradesh (74) and Kerala (73). For Class VI ranking, Punjab and Kerala are joint top performers with 67 marks each, followed by Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and Chandigarh, both with 60 marks. In Class IX ranking, Punjab outperformed other states and UTs with 57 marks to grab the top spot. Kerala secured the second spot with 56 marks and Chandigarh ranked third with 53 marks. Education Minister Harjot Bains said that the report reflects on the performance of Punjab schools. In the nationwide survey conducted by the NCERT in collaboration with states and UTs to assess learning outcomes and identify areas for improvement, thousands of students participated from across the country. Bains said that an impressive 845 government school students qualified the highly competitive NEET.

'GOVT CAN'T BLOW HOT AND COLD': HC RESTORES OLD PENSION SCHEME TO KU TEACHERS

Diary Times Desk : In a significant ruling likely to benefit university teachers, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has held that Kurukshetra University employees appointed against posts advertised on or before October 28, 2005, are entitled to the benefit of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) in line with the state government's office memorandum (OM) dated May 8, 2023. The assertion came as Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya's Bench imposed Rs 5 lakh costs and quashed the government's subsequent withdrawal of this benefit as "arbitrary" and "deplorable." Setting aside the impugned memo dated July 24, 2023, whereby the earlier benefit was withdrawn without assigning any reason, Justice Dahiya ruled: "Such an about-turn without any rationale smacks of high-handedness on the government's part which is deplorable, and cannot be acceded to. In the constitutional scheme of things, no executive authority can anoint to itself absolute power to act or not to act at will, without mentioning any justifiable reason; it is rather anathema to the rule of law that must permeate every executive action."

RAJASTHAN LEASE HOLDER CARRIED OUT ILLEGAL MINING ON HARYANA LAND, FIR REGISTERED

Diary Times Desk : A lease holder from Rajasthan has been booked for illegally mining stone on Haryana territory, following a joint inspection by the Mining Department, Forest Department and Haryana State Enforcement Bureau at Pathrali village in Ferozepur Jhirka tehsil, Nuh district. According to the complaint filed by Surendra Singh, Assistant Mining Engineer (Mines and Predictions), the inspection was carried out on June 29 at Khasra No. 43. The team included Assistant Mining Engineer Sohrit Kumar, Forest Range Officer Rakesh Kumar, ASI from Haryana State Enforcement Bureau Nuh, Halka patwari Parvez Alam and Sakil, a representative of the gram panchayat. During the visit, officials discovered that stone mining activity was being carried out inside Haryana territory by a lease holder from Udayalkabas village, Rajasthan. "Investigation by officials of the Forest Department and Mining Department revealed that this mining was done by Pawan Kumar Jain, owner of lease number 698/2003 and resident of Ward No. 12, Ferozepur Jhirka," Singh said in his complaint. The lease holder had neither erected boundary pillars.

16 CLOUDBURSTS, THREE FLASHFLOODS WREAK HAVOC, CAUSE RS 356 CRORE LOSS IN HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : At least five persons lost their lives while 16 were missing and five injured in 16 cloudbursts and three flashfloods as a result of incessant rains that wreaked havoc across the state during the past 24 hours. Also, over the past 11 days, the state has suffered a cumulative loss of Rs 356.67 crore as a result of heavy rainfall. As per the Revenue Department, at least 406 roads in the state remain blocked, including 248 in Mandi, 55 in Kangra, 37 in Kullu, 32 in Shimla, 21 in Sirmaur, six in Chamba, four in Una, two in Solan and one each in Hamirpur and Kinnaur districts. Also, 1,515 power distribution transformers, including 994 in Mandi district, and 171 water supply schemes have been disrupted in the state. Himachal on Tuesday witnessed a few spells of heavy rain. Sandhole in Mandi district received the highest of 223.6 mm of rain, followed by Mandi (216.8 mm), Pandoh (215 mm), Karsog (160.2 mm), Palampur in Kangra district (143 mm), Chopal in Shimla district (139.8 mm), Gohar in Mandi (125 mm), Narkanda (67.5 mm), Kufri (65 mm), Shimla (55.4), Dharamsala (29.2 mm), Sundernagar (26.6 mm), Nahan (24.8 mm) and Bilaspur (15.4 mm).

CONGRESS MLA RATHORE URGES GOVERNMENT TO RETAIN APPLE IMPORT TARIFF AT 50%

Diary Times Desk : Kuldeep Rathore, the Congress MLA from the Theog Assembly constituency, has written to Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal to keep the tariff on the US apple at 50 per cent, and gradually raise it to 100 per cent. Rathore has written to the Union Minister amidst fears and speculation among the apple growers that the government is considering reducing the import duty on the US apple under the pressure of US President Donald Trump. Rathore urged Goyal to apprise Prime Minister Narendra Modi and raise the issue in the Parliament to highlight the catastrophic impact the reduction of import duty will have on the livelihood of the local apple growers. "I have also written to all seven BJP MPs from the state to raise the matter in the Parliament," said Rathore.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: ANOTHER 3-DAY HEAVY-RAIN ALERT FROM JULY 4; MANDI CLOUDBURSTS TOLL RISES TO 10, 34 MISSING

Diary Times Desk : The death toll from cloudbursts and flash flood-related incidents in the Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh has risen to 10 with the recovery of five additional bodies. The search for 34 missing people is underway, officials said on Wednesday. The state witnessed 11 cloudburst incidents, four flash floods and a major landslide on Tuesday, most of which occurred in Mandi district, disrupting normal life. Cloudbursts were reported at four locations in Gohar, three in Karsog, two in Dharampur, and one in Thunag, Mandi. Two bodies were recovered in Siyanj, Gohar, and one each in Thunag, Dhar Jarol, and Pandeev Sheel areas, officials reported. The identities of the deceased have not yet been disclosed. A total of 282 roads were closed in the state following heavy rains and 1361 transformers and 639 water schemes were disrupted. These include 182 roads in Mandi district, 37 in Kullu, 33 in Shimla, 12 in Sirmour, six in Chamba, five in Hamirpur, three each in Kangra and Una districts and one road in Solan district. Also, as many as 1,361 distribution transformer including 633 in Mandi district alone and 639 water supply schemes remain disrupted throughout the state.



'STEP-MOTHERLY TREATMENT': KHARGE SLAMS CENTRE OVER PENDING DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS FOR HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday accused the Centre of meting out step-motherly treatment to Himachal Pradesh and demanded the immediate release of pending disaster relief funds to the state. He also expressed grief over reports of several people losing their lives due to heavy rains and landslides in the hill state and urged Congress workers to extend all possible help to those affected. "We demand from the Central Government that the disaster relief funds pending for Himachal Pradesh for the past few years be released with immediate effect," he said in a post on X. "Even before this year's rainfall, the Himachal government had demanded a total relief package of Rs 9,000 crore from the Centre. In the 2023 tragedy, the Congress state government had released special assistance of Rs 4,500 crore, whereas the Modi government at the Centre provided only Rs 433 crore to the state." "Now, the Modi government has recently announced Rs 2,000 crore for 2023 in a hurry, and the BJP is busy taking credit for it, but the relief amount is still pending. This is the step-motherly treatment of the BJP towards Himachal," the Congress chief said. It is hoped that this time, instead of taking credit, the BJP will take action in providing help for the losses, he said. Kharge said that the news of loss of life and property due to heavy rainfall and landslides in Himachal Pradesh.

CHINA OBJECTS TO DALAI LAMA'S PLAN, SAYS 'SEAL OF APPROVAL' MUST

Diary Times Desk : A war of words has broken out between the Chinese and Tibetans after the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, announced continuation of the institution of the Dalai Lama. China on Wednesday rejected the Dalai Lama's succession plan, insisting that any future heir must receive its seal of approval, adding a new chapter to Tibetan Buddhism's decades-long struggle with the Chinese ruling Communist Party. The Tibetan spiritual leader on Wednesday said that the institution of the Dalai Lama will continue and only the Gaden Phodrang Trust will have the authority to recognise the future reincarnation. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning at media briefing in Beijing responded to the Dalai Lama's announcement saying the reincarnation must follow the principles of domestic recognition, the 'Golden Urn' process, and approval by the central government, in line with religious traditions and laws". Mao Ning said the traditional ceremony "Golden Urn" was incorporated in 2007 into China's official regulations, along with a clause explicitly banning interference by overseas individuals and parties. In New Delhi, Dhundup Gyalpo, Secretary of Bureau of Dalai Lama, countered China in post made on X calling Mao Ning's statement as "Lies, damned lies and Chinese propaganda". He said that the "Golden Urn" is a system of drawing.

CM SUKHU VISITS RAIN-HIT SERTHI VILLAGE IN MANDI, ORDERS SWIFT RELIEF EFFORTS

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today visited Serthi village in the Dharampur Assembly constituency of Mandi district to assess the destruction caused by recent heavy rainfall. The region has witnessed significant damage to infrastructure and property due to continuous downpours over the past few days. In Mandi district, at least 10 bodies have been recovered, while 34 persons are still missing in different parts of the district after cloudburst and flash flood incidents that occurred on Monday night. During his visit, the Chief Minister was accompanied by Dharampur MLA Chander Shekhar and senior officials from the district administration. They provided him with a detailed overview of the current situation in Dharampur and adjoining areas, outlining the extent of the damage and the immediate needs of the affected population. CM Sukhu issued clear directives to the administration to accelerate relief and rehabilitation efforts, ensuring that aid reaches those in need without delay. He emphasised that the relief work must be swift and effective, with all departments working in close coordination to manage the crisis efficiently.



JASPRIT BUMRAH SITS OUT AFTER 7 DAYS' REST! RAVI SHASTRI SLAMS SELECTION CALL

Diary Times Desk : Ravi Shastri has slammed the Indian team management for their decision to rest Jasprit Bumrah for the Edgbaston Test after having a week off from action. The Indian team made a host of changes for the match with Bumrah being the big name missing. The plan was always going to make Bumrah play three Tests and India coach Gautam Gambhir had said that it won't be altered despite the loss at Headingley. However, Shastri wasn't in favour of resting Bumrah for the match, which he feels is important in the context of the series. Speaking to Sky Sports, the former India coach said he finds it hard to believe that the 'best in the world' Bumrah has been rested for the game. "If you look at the run India has had, this becomes a very, very important Test match. You've lost 3 against New Zealand, you've lost 3 against Australia, you've lost the first test match here, and you want to get back to winning ways, and you have the best fast bowler in the side in the world, and you make him sit out after 7 days of rest, you know, it's something very hard to believe," said Shastri. Shastri said that the decision to rest must be taken out of the player's hand and the captain and coaching staff should make the call. Shastri feels that India need to counter-punch immediately and almost straight away.



INDIAN DELEGATION MEETS IOC OFFICIALS FOR DIALOGUE ON HOSTING FUTURE OLYMPICS

Diary Times Desk : A delegation, featuring IOA President PT Usha and Gujarat's Minister of State for Sports Harsh Sanghavi, met officials of the International Olympic Committee in Laussane to "explore the opportunity and feasibility of India hosting a future edition of the Olympic Games". The delegation was in Laussane despite new IOC President Kirsty Coventry declaring that the entire host selection process was being paused and a working group being set up to figure out the "appropriate time" to identify a future host. She had, however, made it clear that officials from India, which is seeking to host the 2036 Games, were welcome to engage in a dialogue. The delegation also included senior officials from the IOA (Indian Olympic Association), the central sports ministry and the government of Gujarat, which is positioning itself as the future host. "This crucial exchange aimed to explore the opportunity and feasibility of India hosting a future edition of the Olympic and Paralympic Games," stated a press release from the visiting delegation. "The discussions provided a vital platform for the Indian delegation to articulate their vision for hosting a future Olympic Games."

MANOLO MARQUEZ QUILTS AS INDIA FOOTBALL HEAD COACH AFTER MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH AIFF

Diary Times Desk : Embattled India football head coach Manolo Marquez stepped down on Wednesday after reaching a "mutual agreement" with the All India Football Federation (AIFF), which was under pressure to fix accountability for the recent downward spiral of the national team. The AIFF Executive Committee, in its meeting, agreed to relieve the 56-year-old Marquez after he expressed his desire to do so despite one year still left in his contract. "The AIFF and Manolo decided to mutually part ways without any financial implications to any of the two parties. So, he is relieved from being India coach. The AIFF will shortly advertise for the post of head coach," AIFF Deputy Secretary General K Satyanarayana told PTI. The Spaniard was appointed as head coach in June 2024 for a two-year tenure. He worked in a dual role last year as he was also the head coach of Indian Super League side FC Goa in 2024-25 season. India lost 0-1 to lower-ranked Hong Kong in an away match of the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers on June 10, which left the country in danger of missing out on qualifying for the continental showpiece in 2027. India logged just one win from their last eight matches under Marquez's tutelage.

"INJUSTICE, SO MUCH PANIC...": INTERNET FURIOUS ON GAUTAM GAMBHIR AS IPL SUPERSTAR DROPPED AFTER JUST 1 TEST

Diary Times Desk : Team India captain Shubman Gill announced as many as three changes in their playing XI for the second Test against England at Edgbaston. Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah was rested, as expected, while Shardul Thakur and B Sai Sudharsan were also dropped. Akash Deep, Nitish Reddy and Washington Sundar replaced them respectively. For 23-year-old Sai Sudharsan, who was the top run-scorer in IPL 2025, it means that he has been left out after being given just one Test, having made his debut in the first match. Fans on the internet criticised the move made by the Gautam Gambhir-led team management to drop Sai Sudharsan. "Batting at No. 3 is the toughest, and after Pujara, India still hasn't found a permanent No. 3 batsman. But now there's Sai Sudharsan, he's young and looks like a player who can serve India for a long time. Just because he failed in one match, you're going to drop him?" commented one fan on X. "I feel it would be too harsh on him (Sai Sudharsan). Hasn't done anything wrong in the first Test. Benching a player immediately after his debut can break the morale of a player. Hope he at least gets good clarity," said another fan. "It's such a shame that talented Sai Sudharsan will be dropped after one match and Karun Nair, who can serve max 2 years to India, will be backed. Why we can't invest in youngster? Sai is the future not Karun Nair. Another bad move by Gautam Gambhir and team management," said a third.



SAMMY ASKS FOR 'RIGHT PROCESS' AFTER SEXUAL-OFFENCE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST WEST INDIES PLAYER

Diary Times Desk : West Indies head coach Daren Sammy has said that "justice must be served" in relation to allegations of sexual assault made against a West Indies player, but that "the right process" should be followed. Last week, a report in the Guyana-based Kaieteur News said that multiple women had come forward to make claims of alleged offences by the cricketer, whom ESPNcricinfo is currently not naming. It has been claimed that some offences date back to 2023. No charges have been laid. "We're all aware of what's been going on in the media," Sammy told reporters in Grenada ahead of the second Test against Australia. "I'm very close to my players. I've had conversations with them, making sure their mental space is good. "One thing I could say is that we believe in justice. We are a community that believes justice must be served. However, there's a process. We will continue to support in whatever way we can to make sure that due process and the right system is followed. As a cricketing board, for me as the head coach, I want justice for everyone."

RODRIGUES, AMANJOT HELP INDIA BREACH FORTRESS BRISTOL

Diary Times Desk : India inflicted a wounding defeat on England for the second match in succession to take a 2-0 lead in the five-match series. Jemimah Rodrigues and Amanjot Kaur dug India out of trouble with vibrant half-centuries, and the bowlers all did their bit to keep England's chase at bay despite a belligerent fifty from Tammy Beaumont. Coming off the back of a record loss in the series opener at Trent Bridge, England kept faith with the same XI - and the same tactics as Nat Sciver-Brunt put India in. England's seamers backed that call by reducing India to 31 for 3 in the powerplay, only for a fourth-wicket stand of 93 in 55 balls to emphatically wrest the game from their grasp. Rodrigues recovered from a slow start to reel off a flurry of boundaries, eventually falling for 63 off 41. Amanjot was similarly brimming with energy as she brought up a maiden T20I fifty, adding an unbeaten partnership of 57 with Richa Ghosh as India recorded the second-highest total in women's T20 internationals at Bristol. In all, the last 10 overs leaked 117 runs - India's third-highest aggregate for the second half of a women's T20I innings (where ball-by-ball data is available). Amanjot then claimed the key wicket of Sciver-Brunt as England suffered.