

PM MODI AT BRICS

GLOBAL SOUTH IS VICTIM OF 'DOUBLE STANDARDS': PM MODI AT BRICS SUMMIT

Diary Times Desk : The Global South has often been a victim of "double standards" and nations that make major contributions to the world economy are deprived of a seat at the decision-making table, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday as he pressed for urgent reforms of the key bodies, including the UN Security Council.

In an address at the BRICS Summit, Modi said two-thirds of humanity has not received adequate representation in the global institutions formed in the 20th century. Without the Global South, these institutions seem like a mobile phone with a SIM card but no network, he said.

The annual BRICS Summit began with a group photo of the leaders of the bloc's member nations followed by an address by Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. "The Global South has often been a victim of double standards. Whether it is about development, distribution of resources, or security-related issues," Modi said.

In his remarks at the first plenary session, the prime minister rued the Global South has often received nothing but token gestures on issues like climate finance, sustainable development and technology access. "Countries that have a major contribution to today's global economy have not been given a seat at the decision-making table," he said. "This is not just a question of representation, but also of credibility and effectiveness," he added.



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HIMACHAL NEWS

23 FLASH FLOODS, 19 CLOUD BURSTS AMID HEAVY DOWNPOUR IN HIMACHAL PRADESH



Diary Times Desk : The heavy downpour in Himachal Pradesh has wreaked havoc, with the state reporting 23 flash floods, followed by 19 cloud burst incidents and 16 landslides till today.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had issued a warning for "Extremely Heavy Rain, Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall" for July 6. For tomorrow, the IMD forecasts "Very Heavy Rain, Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall".

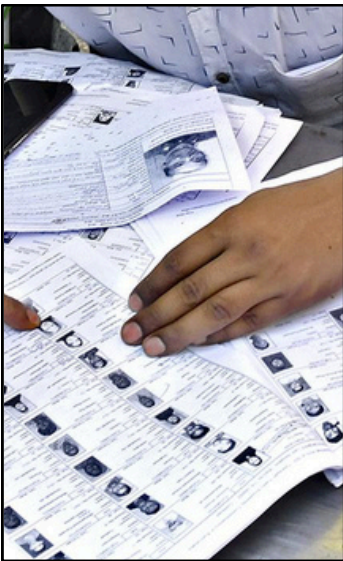
The weather department has predicted heavy rains for July 8 and 9. According to a report issued by the Himachal Pradesh government, at least 78 people have lost their lives in Himachal Pradesh since the onset of the monsoon on June 20.

According to the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), of these, 50 deaths were caused by rain-related incidents such as landslides, flash floods, and cloudbursts, while 28 fatalities were reported in road accidents.

"The cumulative toll due to various monsoon-related disasters in Himachal Pradesh has reached 78 as of July 6," the State Disaster Management Authority stated. The rain-induced tragedies include 14 deaths from flash floods, eight due to drowning, eight from electrocution and accidental falls, and smaller numbers in landslides, lightning strikes, and snake bites. Mandi district reported the highest number of rain-related deaths at 17, followed by Kangra with 11. Other severely affected districts include Kullu (3 deaths), Chamba (3), and Shimla (3).

AFTER ADR, MAHUA, YOGENDRA, PUCL MOVE SC AGAINST
REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS IN BIHAR

Diary Times Desk : TMC MP Mahua Moitra, activist Yogendra Yadav and People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) have moved the Supreme Court challenging the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls (SIR) in Bihar ahead of assembly polls in October-November, 2025 even as the Election Commission (EC) asserted that it will go ahead with it. The EC had on June 24 ordered an SIR in Bihar --- first since 2003 --- to weed out ineligible individuals and ensure only eligible citizens were included in the electoral rolls. The exercise was necessitated by rapid urbanisation, frequent migration, young citizens becoming eligible to vote, non-reporting of deaths, and inclusion of the names of foreign illegal immigrants, it said. In a statement issued in Patna, the EC clarified that while voters were required to "submit their documents any time before July 25, 2025", those who failed to do so would get an opportunity "during the Claims & Objections period also". It urged people to "beware of statements being made by a few persons, who without reading the SIR order dated 24 June 2025... are attempting to confuse the public with their incorrect and misleading statements".



UK ENGINEERING TEAM ARRIVES IN
KERALA TO REPAIR STRANDED F-35 JET

Diary Times Desk : After remaining stranded here for about a month following a technical issue, a British Royal Navy fighter jet was on Sunday moved to a designated facility for British engineers to assess it, airport sources here said. An engineering team from the UK arrived at the international airport here on Sunday to assess and repair the British Royal Navy F-35B Lightning fighter jet which made an emergency landing at the airport nearly a month ago. A British High Commission spokesperson confirmed the arrival of the engineering team at the airport. "A UK engineering team has deployed to Thiruvananthapuram International Airport to assess and repair the UK F-35B aircraft, which landed following an emergency diversion," the spokesperson said in a statement. It further said that the UK has accepted the offer of a space in the Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility of the airport.

EX-CJI CHANDRACHUD OVERSTAYING IN OFFICIAL
RESIDENCE, SC ADMIN WRITES TO CENTRE, SEEKS REMOVAL



Diary Times Desk : In an embarrassment to former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, the Supreme Court administration has asked the Centre to get the official residence of the CJI occupied by him vacated as he has stayed beyond the permissible period. In a letter written to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), the Supreme Court administration on July 1 asked the ministry to urgently return Bungalow No. 5 on Krishna Menon Marg occupied by Justice Chandrachud to the top court's housing pool, sources said. This is for the first time that such a step has been taken by the Supreme Court administration with regard to a former CJI. The permission for retention of the bungalow expired on May 31, 2025, and the period of six months provided under relevant rules expired on May 10, 2025, they said. Justice Chandrachud—the 50th CJI—demitted the office on November 10, 2024. However, he continues to occupy the Krishna Menon Marg bungalow even today and the extensions given to him have already expired, they said, adding former CJIs have in the past allowed extensions for a limited period.

AFTER 'PADMAN' ROW, RAHUL STEERS CONGRESS' SHIP IN
POLL-BOUND BIHAR BY PUTTING FOCUS ON CRIME

Diary Times Desk : A day after the Congress' "padman strategy" stirred a row in Bihar, Leader of Opposition (LOP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday steers the party's ship again in the poll-bound state while raking up its crime rate. While targeting Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led JDU-BJP coalition government in the state, the LOP alleged that crime had become the new normal in the state. To underscore his statement, he highlighted the recent killing of BJP leader in Bihar and businessman Gopal Khemka. Khemka was shot dead outside his home in Patna on July 4. The incident took place near the 'Panache' hotel in the Gandhi Maidan police station area when Khemka was on his way home. He lived in the 'Twin Tower' society, which is adjacent to the hotel. Congress leader Rahul's remarks came after the party's key election strategy in Bihar, inspired by the film 'Padman', to woo women voters by distributing sanitary pads, triggered a controversy after criticism by the BJP.



YOUR HOROSCOPE
07-07-2025

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.

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.

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: KANGANA REACHED SERAJ, SAID- I WILL ASK FOR SPECIAL RELIEF PACKAGE FROM THE CENTER, CALLED THE STATE GOVERNMENT CORRUPT

Diary Times Desk : BJP MP from Mandi and actress Kangana Ranaut visited the disaster-affected areas of Seraj assembly constituencies on Sunday. During this, former CM and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur was also present with her. Kangana took stock of the damage to Thunag market and tried to share their grief by meeting the affected people here. Talking to the media, Kangana said that Seraj area has suffered heavy losses due to the disaster. People here have nothing left. People are looking at their destroyed houses with great despair. This is such a shocking scene that is disturbing the mind. Today these disaster-affected people need the help of all of us. Kangana said that she will demand a special relief package for the disaster-affected people from the central government and will also appeal for rehabilitation and resettlement of the affected people. Kangana also targeted the state government fiercely.



HIMACHAL NEWS: THIS TIME COUNSELING WILL BE ONLINE IN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY HAMIRPUR, FIRST PROCESS FROM JULY 15

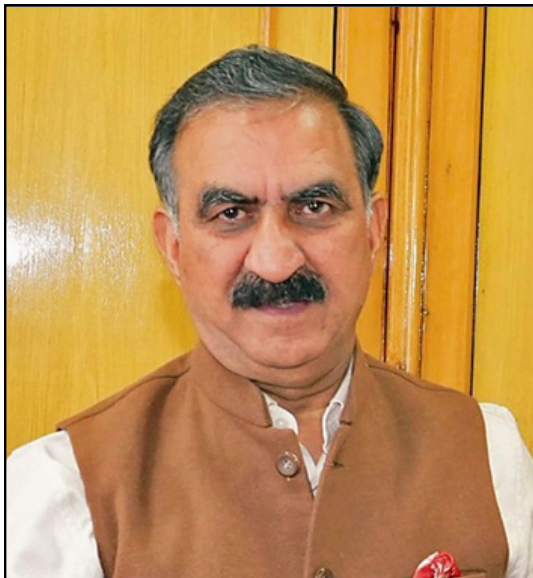
Diary Times Desk : This time counseling for B.Tech and B.Pharmacy Lateral Entry will be online in Hamirpur Technical University. The university has released the schedule of online counseling to be held in three phases. Last year only B.Pharmacy Lateral Entry counseling was done online. This time counseling for B.Tech Direct Entry will also be done online. The first counseling will be held on July 15 on the basis of entrance examination for B.Pharmacy Lateral Entry and candidates will have to report to the concerned institute by July 17. The second counseling will be held on July 21 and the last date for reporting will be July 23. The third counseling will be held on July 25 and the report will have to be done by July 28. Counseling for B.Tech Direct Entry will be done on the basis of JEE Main and HPCET. Its first counseling will be held on July 19 and reporting will have to be done by July 22. The second counseling will be held on July 24 and reporting will have to be done by July 26, while the third counseling will be held on July 29.

HIMACHAL: LEADER OF OPPOSITION JAIRAM THAKUR SAID- HELP WILL COME FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SPEED UP RELIEF WORK

Diary Times Desk : Former CM and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur says that the Central Government will soon provide help for the disaster that has struck Mandi district, but before that the state government should speed up the relief work here. While talking to journalists in Thunag on Sunday, Jairam Thakur said that he is constantly in touch with the PMO and has also held talks with many Union Ministers on this subject. The Central Government has assured all possible help and this help will definitely be provided. He said that now the weather is also supporting, so the state government needs to speed up the relief work. Ration and other relief materials need to be delivered to the far-flung areas as soon as possible. He expressed hope that the state government will work with full seriousness and speed up the relief work. So far more than 45 people are missing in Seraj, Nachan, Karsog. So far the bodies of 11 people have been recovered in Seraj. This figure will increase further. Regarding Kangana Ranaut's visit, Jairam Thakur said that she had come to share the pain and suffering of the people as a public representative. An MP does not have any such provision to make any announcement but she has talked about help through the MP fund.

HIMACHAL NEWS: CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU WROTE A LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI, MADE THIS REQUEST

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has urged the Central government to explore the feasibility of opening the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY) from the Shipki-La route in Himachal Pradesh. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said the Shipki-La region has served as an important Indo-Tibetan trade route before the modern boundaries. He said it has also been a cultural corridor for Tibetan Buddhism and ancient pilgrimage paths, reflecting India's enduring civilisational links with Kailash and Mansarovar. He said the Kinnaur region of Himachal Pradesh is semi-arid and located in a rain shadow region like Spiti, so it is less prone to monsoon obstructions, making the route accessible most of the year. He said the route from Shipki-La via Gartok to Darchen and Mansarovar is shorter than the one on the Tibetan side. He said Shipki-La also provides a more stable and clear corridor, making it suitable as a long-term, reliable corridor for pilgrimage and cross-border connectivity.



SOLAN: DRUG CONTROL ADMINISTRATION HIMACHAL AND CDSO BUSTED A RACKET SUPPLYING FAKE API

Diary Times Desk : A racket supplying fake active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) has been busted in a joint raid by officials of Drug Control Administration, Himachal Pradesh and Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). Based on specific intelligence, the inspection team conducted a surprise raid at a premises located near Paonta Sahib bus stand in Sirmour district. The premises have a valid license for wholesale drug trade till December 25, 2028. Two types of APIs Thiocolchicoside and Azithromycin, suspected to be fake, were recovered from here. Drug Controller Dr Manish Kapoor said that the seized drug is Thiocolchicoside, which is commonly used in inflammation and muscle spasms. Azithromycin, which is a widely used antibiotic. The licensee and owner of the concerned premises could not produce any purchase receipt for the said drugs, due to which the team detained them. Preliminary investigation also revealed that these fake APIs were being supplied from Uttarakhand, from where two more arrests have been made. Intensive investigation into the case is underway and further revelations are likely.

DALAI LAMA BIRTHDAY: UNION MINISTER KIREN RIJJU SAID- DALAI LAMA IS A BRIDGE BETWEEN ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE AND THE MODERN WORLD

Diary Times Desk : Speaking at the 14th Dalai Lama's 90th birthday celebrations at the Tsuglagkhang temple in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, Union Minister Kiren Rijju praised the spiritual leader's global influence. Rijju called him a living bridge between ancient wisdom and the modern world and pledged to follow his decisions and traditions while honouring his presence in India. "Your Holiness, you are much more than a spiritual leader. You are a living bridge between ancient wisdom and the modern world. We feel blessed by his presence in our country, which he considers as his 'Aryabhumi'," Rijju said. He reaffirmed his unwavering support to the Dalai Lama's decisions and the spiritual institution he represents. He said, "As a devotee and on behalf of millions of devotees across the world, I would like to state that whatever decision His Holiness takes, whatever the established traditions and conventions, we will fully abide by it."

WILL URGE SC TO ALLOW UNIFORM RULES ON OVERAGE VEHICLES, SAYS DELHI CM REKHA GUPTA

Diary Times Desk : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday said her government will urge the Supreme Court to allow uniform rules on overage vehicles in the national capital in line with those followed across the country. Last week, the Delhi government urged the Centre's air quality panel to immediately suspend the fuel ban on overage vehicles and said it will make "all-out efforts" to resolve issues related to restrictions on the movement of end-of-life vehicles on city roads. Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, in his letter to the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) chairman Rajesh Verma, said the fuel ban is not feasible and cannot be implemented due to technological challenges. Talking to reporters on the sidelines of an event here, Gupta said the government will echo the sentiments of the people before the Supreme Court. "We will tell the Supreme Court about the pollution control measures taken by the government. The parameters that are applicable in the entire country should also apply to Delhi. We want Delhiites not to face any inconvenience," she said.

"IRRATIONAL": DELHI LT GOVERNOR SLAMS ORDER ON END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES

Diary Times Desk : It is irrational to imagine that a 10-year-old diesel vehicle has reached its end of life despite remaining roadworthy in Delhi, Lieutenant Governor (L-G) VK Saxena has said, as he urged Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to file a review petition in the Supreme Court against its 2018 order that banned diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than 15 years in the national capital. In a letter to Ms Gupta recently, the L-G flagged key challenges in the Commission of Air Quality Management (CAQM)'s restrictions on the movement of such vehicles on the city's roads, and raised concerns over the "inconsistencies, practical hurdles, and disproportionate socio-economic impacts" of such curbs, particularly on the middle class. He said he has received "innumerable representations, calls and messages" from citizens, public representatives and environmental experts, all of whom have questioned the feasibility and fairness of the order. The fight against air pollution is non-negotiable but its policy implementation must be "proportionate, non-arbitrary and grounded in legal and environmental rationale", he added.

BRITISH F-35 FIGHTER JET, STRANDED AT KERALA AIRPORT FOR WEEKS, BEING TOWED



Diary Times Desk : The Royal Navy's F-35B stealth fighter jet which has been parked on the tarmac in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram airport for three weeks has been towed to a hangar. British technicians have been trying to repair the malfunction in the jet all this while. They are considering taking the F-35B home in a C-17 Globemaster military transport aircraft. A fresh team of engineers arrived in an Airbus A400M Atlas aircraft. The engineers will check whether it can be repaired locally or will have to be dismantled to fit inside a cargo aircraft for the journey home. The F-35B fighter jet is valued at over \$110 million, and is the most expensive fighter jet in terms of development cost. Engineers from HMS Prince of Wales initially assessed the situation and determined that additional technical expertise and equipment from the UK were required. The first ever F-35 wing removal and shipment via air transport took place in May 2019. An F-35 Lightning II was airlifted by a C-17 Globemaster at Eglin Air Force Base.

REUTERS' X ACCOUNTS BLOCKED IN INDIA, CENTRE DENIES INVOLVEMENT

Diary Times Desk : The X accounts of Reuters and Reuters World have been blocked in India since Saturday evening. The message upon opening the international news agency's handles said: "@Reuters has been withheld in IN in response to a legal demand." However, an official spokesperson of the IT ministry clarified that there is no requirement from the government to withhold Reuters' handle, and that they are "continuously working with X to resolve the problem." People aware of the matter within the IT ministry said that it seemed like a technical issue. At the time of Operation Sindoor, a four-day high-stakes military engagement between India and Pakistan, the government had sent over 8,000 orders to X to block access of several Pakistani, non-Pakistani news and other accounts, but even then blocking orders for Reuters was never sent, clarified an IT ministry official. According to this official, X seems to have now acted on that request and blocked Reuters' X handle "out of blue" last night. The government has also sent a written response to X.

CONGRESS RECALLS DALAI LAMA'S 4-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH NEHRU IN 1959

Diary Times Desk : As the Dalai Lama turned 90, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Sunday recalled his four-hour conversation with then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in Mussoorie in 1959. Thereafter, the Dalai Lama went on an extended tour of the entire country, Ramesh said. In a post on X, the Congress general secretary said, "The iconic Dalai Lama turns 90 today. He had come to India first during Nov 1956-March 1957 for the 2500th birth anniversary celebrations of the Buddha. His permanent refuge in India began on March 31, 1959." "On April 24, 1959, Jawaharlal Nehru and the Dalai Lama had a conversation in Mussoorie that lasted four hours. Only the Foreign Secretary Subimal Dutt and the interpreters were present," Mr Ramesh said. Thereafter the Dalai Lama went on an extended tour of the entire country, he said. Later his establishment came up in Dharamsala followed by Tibetan settlements at various places like Bylakuppe, Mundgod, and Hunsur, Mr Ramesh said. He noted that just four months back, in his book 'Voice for the Voiceless', the Dalai Lama offered fascinating new reflections and revelations on his extraordinary life journey and his struggles.

NO CHANGE IN BIHAR VOTER ROLLS RULES: POLL PANEL SHUTS DOWN OPPOSITION

Diary Times Desk : The Election Commission on Sunday asserted that Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar was "being implemented smoothly at the ground level" and "there was no change in instructions". The poll body on June 24 issued instructions to carry out an SIR in Bihar, apparently to weed out ineligible names and ensure only eligible citizens are included in the electoral roll. In a statement in Patna, the Election Commission made it clear that while voters were required to "submit their documents anytime before July 25, 2025", those who failed to do so would get an opportunity "during the claims and objections period". The poll panel also urged people to "beware of statements being made by a few persons, who without reading the SIR order dated June 24, 2025, are attempting to confuse the public with their incorrect and misleading statements". The clarification came in the wake of several social media posts, including one by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

IMD PREDICTS RAIN, THUNDERSTORMS FOR DELHI-NCR THIS EVENING

Diary Times Desk : Delhi and the national capital region (NCR) areas are expected to witness light to moderate rainfall with light thunderstorms and lightning in the next two hours, the regional weather forecast department said. The city is under a yellow alert for Sunday. The maximum temperature in the capital is expected to settle around 34 degrees Celsius, while the minimum is likely to be at 29 degrees Celsius. The weather department's forecast is for the NCR areas of Loni Dehat, Hindon AF Station, Ghaziabad, Indirapuram, Chhapraula, Faridabad, Manesar, Ballabhgarh, Noida, Dadri, and Greater Noida. Rainfall is also likely at major places in Delhi, including Burari, Bawana, Pitampura, Lajpat Nagar, Model Town, Civil Lines, Shahadra, Vivek Vihar, Nehru Stadium, ITO, Delhi University, Kalkaji, and Rohini. The weather office said that neighbouring states of Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh are also likely to receive light to moderate rainfall at some places in the next two hours. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), light to moderate rainfall.



**TRUMP'S MAGA ALLY LAURA LOOMER
PREDICTS THESE 3 AMERICANS WILL
JOIN MUSK'S NEW PARTY**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump's MAGA (Make America Great Again) ally Laura Loomer predicted on Sunday that three famous Americans-- including Tucker Carlson, Marjorie Taylor Greene and Thomas Massie-- will join billionaire Elon Musk's new America Party. Following through on his threat, Trump's former presidential advisor and the world's richest person, announced the launch of his new political party in the United States earlier today, just a day after US President Donald Trump signed the Big, Beautiful Bill into law. Taking to X, Loomer wrote, "I predict Tucker Carlson, MTG, and Thomas Massie will join the new 'America Party' to spite President Trump." In the past, Loomer has labelled Carlson, an American conservative political commentator, a "fake Trump supporter." Geene became the MAGA leader's target after he sided with Musk over his criticism of the Big Beautiful legislation. Massie, a Musk-backed legislator, was among two Republicans who voted against Trump's signature spending bill alongside the entire House Democratic Caucus. Trump has previously called him a "pathetic loser."

**'IT'S ALL FAKE': IN BOMBSHELL CLAIM,
WHITE HOUSE INSIDER SAYS TRUMP'S
TARIFF THREATS A 'THEATRICAL SHOW'**

Diary Times Desk : With United States President Donald Trump's self-imposed deadline to reach trade deals with countries before the 'reciprocal' tariffs kick in approaching, a source inside the White House has made a big claim. The source, who is familiar with the trade talks, told Politico that the tariff threats and the talks surrounding it are "all fake". On the condition of anonymity, the insider said, "There's no deadline. It's a self-imposed landmark in this theatrical show, and that's where we are." The person further claimed that Trump knew the "most interesting part of his presidency is the tariff conversation", adding that he would not let that go "easily". The statement comes even as Trump on Friday (July 4) said that he had signed letters to 12 countries underlining the tariffs they would face. The letters are set on go out on Monday, in what Trump calls 'take it or leave it' offers.

GAZA TRUCE TALKS TO RESUME IN DOHA BEFORE NETANYAHU HEADS TO US

Diary Times Desk : Indirect negotiations between Israel and Hamas are set to resume Sunday in Doha for a Gaza truce and hostage release deal, ahead of a visit by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the White House. Netanyahu had earlier announced he was sending a team to Qatar, a key mediator in the conflict, though he said Hamas's response to a draft US-backed ceasefire deal contained "unacceptable" demands. Under mounting pressure to end the war, now approaching its 22nd month, Netanyahu is scheduled to meet on Monday with US President Donald Trump, who has been making a renewed push to end the fighting. A Palestinian official familiar with the talks and close to Hamas said international mediators had informed the group that "a new round of indirect negotiations... will begin in Doha today". The talks would focus on conditions for a possible ceasefire, including hostage and prisoner releases, and Hamas would also seek the reopening of Gaza's Rafah crossing to evacuate the wounded, the official told AFP.

**VIDEO SHOWS LAND DISAPPEAR WITHIN
MINUTES IN DEVASTATING TEXAS FLOODS**

Diary Times Desk : Multiple flash flood warnings remained in place across central Texas in the United States, after water surged through communities, with the Guadalupe River rising by 26 feet (eight meters) in just 45 minutes. Rescuers searched Saturday for 27 missing girls who were swept away by devastating floods in Central Texas, United States, as over 50 people died, with the likelihood of finding more survivors appearing to diminish. The worst affected by torrential rains was Texas's Kerr County, where 43 people, including 15 children, died, followed by Travis County, where four people died. Two people also died in Burnet County, while another died in Tom Green County. In Kerr County, the waterways gorged by thunderstorms tore through a Christian girls' camp-- where hundreds were staying-- trapping families inside trailer homes and sweeping people into the currents. According to authorities, some two dozen campers remained unaccounted for, and there was "no cap" to the broader tally of the missing.

**CHINA'S XI JINPING TO MISS BRICS SUMMIT
FOR FIRST TIME**

Diary Times Desk : The 17th BRICS Summit kicked off on Sunday in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro, bringing together leaders from major emerging economies--but without the attendance of one of the top leaders of one of its most powerful members. China's 72-year-old President, Xi Jinping--who has used BRICS to reshape the global balance of power-- will not attend the annual leaders' gathering this year. This will be the first time since taking power in 2012 that Jinping will be absent from the BRICS stage. Beijing has given no official reason for sending the premier, Li Qiang, to the summit, other than scheduling conflicts. Jinping's absence from the two-day summit comes at a critical time when BRICS (which owes its acronym to early members Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) will be discussing ways to increase cooperation.

**SHIP ATTACKED WITH
GUNFIRE, ROCKET-PROPELLED
GRENADES IN RED SEA OFF
YEMEN: UK**

Diary Times Desk : A ship was attacked in the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen by armed men firing guns and launching rocket-propelled grenades, Associated Press quoting British military group said on Sunday. The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center said that an armed security team on the ship had returned fire and that the "situation is ongoing," the report said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack even as the authorities are investigating it. Yemen's Houthi rebel group has been launching missile and drone attacks against commercial and military ships in the region against Israeli aggression in Gaza. The Houthis have targeted over 100 merchant vessels with missiles and drones since November 2023, sinking two ships and killing four sailors.

**PAKISTAN BUILDING COLLAPSE
DEATH COUNT JUMPS TO 27**

Diary Times Desk : The death count in the building collapse in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi has jumped to 27 as rescuers retrieved more bodies, a spokesperson of the state-owned rescue organization Rescue 1122 said on Sunday. Confirming the death count, Hassaan Ul Haseeb Khan, the operation's spokesperson, told Xinhua that rescue activities are in the final stage and most of the building debris has been removed. He said at least 15 women and three children are among the victims, adding that three people are in critical condition. Heavy machinery and modern equipment were employed to clear the debris during the operation, which continued for over 48 hours, reported Xinhua news agency. According to local authorities, the collapsed structure was 30 years old and had been previously marked unsafe. A high-level committee has been formed to investigate the incident. A five-storey residential building collapsed in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Friday, killing seven people and leaving at least 10 injured, police officials said on July 4. The police officials in the area told Xinhua that over 30 people were trapped under the debris after the building collapsed in the Lyari area of Karachi, and rescue efforts are underway to recover the remaining individuals. The officials said that heavy machinery is being used to help in the removal of the rubble of the dilapidated building, which had already been marked unsafe by authorities, adding that the two adjoining buildings have also been evacuated as a precautionary measure.



AKALI LEADER BIKRAM SINGH MAJITHIA SENT TO JUDICIAL CUSTODY, TO BE IN NABHA JAIL TILL JULY 19

Diary Times Desk : A Mohali court today sent SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia to judicial custody after his four-day remand ended. Majithia has been sent to the New Jail, Nabha, till July 19. The Vigilance Bureau (VB) had arrested Majithia from his Amritsar house on June 25 in a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act. He was brought to Mohali the next day. The court had first sent him to a seven-day VB remand, which was then extended by four days. Sources said Majithia was taken to Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, on Saturday to gather evidence related to Saraya Industries. Despite it being a Sunday, heavy police presence ensured tight security in the courts complex since morning. The police also detained several prominent SAD leaders and workers in different parts of the state in the morning to prevent them from coming towards Mohali.



PUNJAB HEALTH MINISTER VISITS MOGA HOSPITAL, ASSURES JUSTICE IN ATTACK ON ACTRESS TANIA'S FATHER

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Saturday visited the Super Specialty Hospital in Moga to enquire about the health of Dr Anil Kamboj, father of popular Punjabi actress Tania, who was critically injured in a targeted shooting incident two days ago. Terming the attack "deeply unfortunate and inhuman," the Minister assured that the perpetrators of the crime would not be spared at any cost, regardless of where they try to hide. "The Punjab government is committed to upholding law and order and will ensure exemplary punishment for the culprits," he said. On July 4, two assailants disguised as patients entered Dr Kamboj's clinic in Moga and opened fire at him from a close range. He sustained serious bullet injuries and has been undergoing treatment since. The incident was captured on CCTV, and police have been probing possible links to gangster networks, particularly in light of past threats reportedly issued by gangsters like Lakhbir Landa.

GOVT TO REPAIR 19,000 KM OF LINK ROADS AT RS 3,500 CR: MANN

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said his government will spend Rs 3,500 crore in coming days to repair 19,000 km of rural link roads in the state. The CM, however, did not give any timeline for the beginning of the initiative. Addressing a gathering at Guru Nanak Dev University, the Chief Minister also accused the Centre of "withholding" Rs 6,000 crore of the state's share in the Rural Development Fund (RDF), which he said would have been enough to rebuild every road in Punjab. The RDF is a cess levied on the purchase or sale of agricultural produce, which the state procures for the Centre. The fund is used for the repair of rural roads in the state. Mann also said his government closed 17 toll plazas, resulting in daily savings of Rs 64 lakh for people. Mann said when he assumed office in 2022, only 21 per cent of canal water was being used for irrigation purposes, whereas today it increased to 75%.

DEATHS DUE TO DRUGS IN PUNJAB'S JALALABAD SPARK ROW, 3 SHOS SHIFTED

Diary Times Desk : Under fire from the opposition parties over recent deaths of youths in Jalalabad sub-division, reportedly due to drug overdose and traffickers, the Fazilka district police has ordered transfers of Station House Officers Sachin Kumar (Jalalabad City), Amarjit Kaur (Jalalabad Sadar) and Angrej Kumar (Arniwala). Official sources, however, said the transfers were done "on administrative grounds". Former Congress minister Hans Raj Josan, SAD Jalalabad leader Raju Khera, BJP Fazilka district president Sukhwinder Singh Kamboj flagged that five persons had recently died due to drugs. People had alleged in viral videos that drugs were freely available in Jalalabad. On June 28, Akashdeep, alias Bobby (25), was found dead in a private godown in Tiwana Kalan village. A case was registered against Jarnail Singh Jaily, Harjinder Singh Sonu, Shinderpal Singh and Swaran Singh under Section 105 of the BNS. The police said that when Jarnail Singh was being taken for investigation, he tried to flee from the police custody and when he did not stop despite warning, he was shot in the leg and arrested.

SWAN RIVER WASHES AWAY TEMPORARY BRIDGE IN ROPAR, 100 VILLAGES DISCONNECTED

Diary Times Desk : After heavy rains in Himachal, the Swan River was in spate in Ropar district today. The river washed away the temporary bridge — built inside the riverbed at Algran village. As a result, about 100 villages in the area have been cut off from the main Anandpur Sahib-Garhshankar road. Villagers will have to take a 50 km detour through Nangal to travel between Anandpur Sahib and Ropar, before the temporary bridge is reconstructed. As the river swelled, many people from the adjoining villages gathered near the washed-away bridge. Kuldeep, a local farmer who was present on the riverbank, said that every monsoon the river washes it away, cutting people off from the main Anandpur Sahib-Garhshankar road. The students who attend college in Anandpur Sahib have to face the ordeal of travelling an extra 50 km to reach their colleges. "The pucca bridge over the Swan River has been lying damaged for more than two years now," he added. The villagers said that, to date, the river has not breached its banks in this area. However, during the monsoon season, people living along the riverbank always fear that it might overflow and flood their houses and fields. The bridge was damaged and closed to traffic in July 2023. Its foundation pillars — once the lifeline for about 100 villages — now lie fully exposed in the riverbed.

FORMER WFI CHIEF BRIJ BHUSHAN ATTENDS FELICITATION CEREMONY FOR WOMAN WRESTLER IN CHARKHI DADRI

Diary Times Desk : Former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on Sunday attended a felicitation ceremony for a woman wrestler in Haryana despite opposition from some khap panchayats. Singh attended the event in Bond Kalan village in Charkhi Dadri district where wrestler Rachna Parmar was felicitated. Rachna had recently won a gold in the women's 43kg category at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Vietnam. Charkhi Dadri happens to be the home district of Olympian and now a Congress MLA from Julana Vinesh Phogat, who was among wrestlers to lead a protest against Singh. The representatives of some Khap panchayats opposed Singh's visit on the grounds that he faced charges of sexual harassment by women wrestlers. The matter is still in court. Asked that some khaps and farmers outfits have opposed his visit, Singh replied, "What I have to do with this." Singh while speaking at the event hoped that the country's first Olympic gold in wrestling will be won by an athlete from the state of Haryana.

'GAALI BAND GHAR ABHIYAN' TO BE LAUNCHED IN 20 ROHTAK VILLAGES

Diary Times Desk : The Gaali Band Ghar Abhiyan (No abuse home campaign), which has earned national recognition for its contribution to social reform, will soon be launched in 20 villages across Rohtak district. The initiative aims at encouraging people to eliminate abusive language from everyday conversation, promoting respectful and mindful communication. Sunil Jaglan, professor of practice at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, and the architect of the widely praised 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign, made this announcement on Saturday. He shared that the campaign was designed using a scientific, time-bound approach to challenge social norms around verbal abuse — a root cause, he emphasized, of personal enmity, violence and even murders, especially in rural areas. "We have already run this campaign successfully in both urban and rural regions of Jind, Hisar, Gurugram and Nuh. When I came to Rohtak in February this year, I observed that abusive language is deeply embedded in everyday conversations of many people here too. That prompted me to expand the campaign here, starting with 20 villages and Rohtak city.

KAILASH MANSAROVAR
YATRA: EXPLORE
FEASIBILITY OF OPENING
SHIPKI-LA ROUTE,
HIMACHAL CM URGES
CENTRE

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday urged the Centre to explore the feasibility of opening the Shipki-La route in the state for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister mentioned that Shipki-La region has served as a vital Indo-Tibetan trade route, predating modern borders. He said that it has also been a cultural corridor for Tibetan Buddhism and ancient pilgrimage paths reflecting India's enduring civilizational ties to Kailash and Mansarovar. "Kinnaur region of Himachal Pradesh being semi-arid and situated in a rain shadow zone like Spiti, is less prone to monsoon disruptions which keeps the route accessible for most of the year. "The path from Shipki-La via Gartok towards Darchen and Mansarovar is comparatively shorter on the Tibetan side. Shipki-La also offers a more stable and unambiguous corridor, making it well suited as a long-term, dependable corridor for pilgrimage and cross-border connectivity," he said.

AUTHORITIES BUST RACKET
INVOLVING SUPPLY OF
SPURIOUS DRUG RAW
MATERIAL IN PAONTA
SAHIB

Diary Times Desk : In a crackdown on illegal drug trade, officials of the Drugs Control Administration, Himachal Pradesh, and the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) busted a racket involving the supply of spurious active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). API is the raw material used in the manufacturing of drugs. A firm owner was arrested on Saturday for stocking spurious APIs in violation of norms. Acting on specific intelligence, the regulatory teams conducted a surprise inspection on a trading premises located near the bus stand at Paonta Sahib in Sirmaur on Thursday. The premises, licensed for wholesale drug distribution with a valid licence up to December 25, 2028, was found in possession of two APIs – Thiocolchicoside and Azithromycin – suspected.

MET PREDICTS HEAVY RAIN IN HIMACHAL, ISSUES FLASH FLOOD WARNING
FOR 10 DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall is likely to continue across Himachal Pradesh as the Hydromet Division of the state's Meteorological Department has issued a flashflood warning for 10 districts of the state for the next 24 hours. As per the department, there will be a high to moderate risk of flash floods in Shimla, Kangra, Solan, Kullu, Mandi, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Sirmour, Chamba and Una districts, resulting in surface run-off and inundation at some fully saturated soils and low-lying areas of these districts. Also, an orange weather warning has also been issued for Shimla, Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmaur, Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Una districts for July 7, resulting in very heavy to heavy rain accompanied with thunderstorms and lightning in isolated areas of these districts. A yellow weather warning has also been issued for Kullu and Chamba districts, resulting in heavy rain in isolated areas of these districts. As per the state's Meteorological Department, light to moderate rain is likely to continue across the state till July 12, with few spells of heavy rain at isolated places till July 10.



MANDI CLOUDBURST: FAMILY DEAD OR
MISSING, 10-MONTH-OLD BABY LONE
SURVIVOR

Diary Times Desk : Ten-month-old Neetika is probably the lone survivor of her family, whose three members were either washed away or died in a cloudburst that hit Talwara village in Mandi district. The infant's 31-year-old father, Ramesh Kumar, was out of his house, stanching the flow of water gushing inside his home on Tuesday, when a cloudburst struck the village. His body was found in debris. Neetika's mother, Radha Devi, 24, and grandmother, Purnu Devi, 59, ventured out in Ramesh's search. Both women are yet to be traced. It was a neighbour, Prem Singh, who spotted the infant crying alone and took her to Ramesh's cousin, Balwant, a personal security officer of former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. "The baby is with us," Balwant said. He said the sub-divisional magistrate has offered to open a bank account in the name of the infant and it will be opened tomorrow. "She (the SDM) said that a lot of calls are streaming in and people are coming forward to help the child after they heard about the tragedy," Balwant said. The areas most affected by the cloudburst are Pawara, Thunag, Baidshad, Kanda, and Murad, with massive destruction in all these panchayats, where roads, water, and power schemes have suffered considerable damages.

CONGRESS WON'T RETURN TO POWER IN
20 YEARS IF RELIEF WORK GOES ON LIKE
THIS: KANGANA RANAUT

Diary Times Desk : BJP Lok Sabha MP from Mandi, Kangana Ranaut, on Sunday visited her rain-ravaged constituency and asserted that the way relief work is being undertaken, the Congress will not return to power in the state in even 20 years. She also said that as an MP, she could only apprise the Prime Minister of the situation. "I am deeply pained to see the plight of people. They have lost family members, houses have been washed away, several people are still missing, but we can only console the families who have lost their kin, and now it is time to provide relief," she said in Thunag panchayat, which was among several places in Mandi struck by a cloudburst on Tuesday. Fourteen people have died, and a search is on for 31 missing, as cloudbursts, flash floods, and landslides caused massive destruction. More than 150 houses, 106 cattle sheds, 31 vehicles, 14 bridges, and several roads have suffered damage in the disaster. A total of 164 cattle have perished. About 200 roads have been rendered out of bounds for traffic, while 236 transformers and 278 supply schemes have been disrupted in Mandi district as of Sunday morning, according to the state emergency operation centre.

FOUR DEAD, ONE INJURED AS CAR PLUNGES INTO GORGE ON MANALI-ROHTANG ROAD

Diary Times Desk : Tragedy struck on the scenic, but treacherous Manali-Rohtang road today when an Alto car (HP-01K-7850) skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge near Rahni Nala, resulting in the death of four individuals and leaving one grievously injured. According to preliminary reports, the car was carrying five local residents when it lost control, possibly due to slippery conditions or over-speeding on a sharp turn. The vehicle tumbled down the steep slope, causing severe damage and instantly killing four of the occupants. The lone survivor, who sustained serious injuries, was rescued and rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. Emergency services, including police and local rescue teams, reached the spot shortly after being alerted by passersby. Despite the challenging terrain, the bodies of the deceased were retrieved after a strenuous effort. Mandi DSP KD Sharma said that identities of victims are being confirmed. Officials from the district administration have visited the site and an investigation has been initiated to determine the exact cause of the accident. While the Manali-Rohtang road remains popular among tourists and locals alike.



AKASH DEEP TEN-FOR SEALS STATEMENT WIN FOR INDIA

Diary Times Desk : After leaving out Jasprit Bumrah, losing the toss and waiting out a storm on the morning of day five, India beat England by 336 runs in this second Test, squaring the series 1-1 and winning their first Test at Edgbaston. Fittingly, it was Akash Deep, Bumrah's "replacement", who capped off India's dominance. A maiden five-wicket haul of 6 for 99, dismissed England for 271 in their second innings. He took 10 in the match, becoming only the second Indian bowler since Chetan Sharma in 1986, to use English conditions to such devastating effect. The glory of a record-breaking Test for Shubman Gill has been enhanced ten-fold. His remarkable batting exploits - centuries in both innings, the first a double, 430 runs all in - have come in his first win as Test captain. Fittingly, Gill would take the catch for the final wicket, off Akash, both celebrating wildly themselves before meeting for a hug before both were engulfed by gleeful team-mates. The scale of defeat made a mockery of the notion England might have fancied chasing a target of 608. At no point were they in with a shout. Akash's 21.1 overs were an exhibition of unerring accuracy, use of the crease and some devastating seam movement, stating his case for a starting berth of his own come Lord's. Arriving into Sunday with Ben Duckett and Joe Root already in his back pocket, both bowled from the Pavilion End.



NEERAJ CHOPRA CLASSIC: NEVER SEEN 15,000 PEOPLE FOR JAVELIN, SAYS GERMAN LEGEND

Diary Times Desk : Rio Olympic champion Thomas Rohler was left in awe after seeing the love for Javelin in India after taking part in the Neeraj Chopra Classic on Saturday, July 5. Rohler didn't have the best of outings, as he finished 11th in the overall standings with Neeraj taking the top spot with an 86.18 m throw in Bengaluru in tricky weather conditions. One of the most striking features of the day was to see a big crowd turn up for the first-of-its-kind event. Close to 15,000 people turned out for the NC Classic and Rohler was thrilled to see the love for the sport of Javelin in India. Speaking to India Today in an exclusive interview after the event, the German said it was a unique spectacle and he had never seen such a response before. "15,000 people only for javelin. It's unique, to be honest, I've never seen it," said Rohler. The night saw some strong winds at the Kanteerva stadium, which challenged the athletes on Saturday. Rohler said it was changing winds and it forced the athletes to adjust with each and every throw. The 2016 Olympic champion said it was a challenging event, but it was fun to throw. "It was changing winds, not only in the rows, but also like in the single attempts. So this is why all athletes needed to really adjust each.

SHUBMAN GILL'S 'BAFFLING' MOMENT CALLED OUT; FUELS TALK OF 'INDIA FEAR BEN STOKES': 'THEY'RE PLAYING ON ENGLAND'S EGO'

Diary Times Desk : India bounced back in stunning fashion from the Leeds defeat to dominate the second Test in Birmingham, with captain Shubman Gill at the heart of it. The 25-year-old piled up over 400 runs across two innings—featuring a double century and a ton—as India set England a towering target of 608. The visitors then made quick inroads, reducing England to 72/3 in just 16 overs by the close of Day 4. Despite India firmly holding the upper hand heading into Day 5, experts questioned Gill's delayed declaration, which came nearly an hour after Tea. Many felt India lost precious time to bowl England out and level the series. Speaking on Sky Sports, Ian Ward said India's hesitation likely stemmed from England's fearsome reputation as a fourth-innings chasing team in the Bazball era. That fear isn't unfounded—India had already been on the receiving end twice: first in 2022 at Edgbaston when England chased down 378, and again in Leeds last month. He said: "We always hear England and Ben Stokes say 'we'll try to chase anything to win'. India are just playing on that here, that's the only reason I can think of as to why they've declared so late.

FASTEST MAN IN INDIA: ANIMESH KUJUR SHATTERS RECORDS IN GREECE MEET

Diary Times Desk : India sprinter Animesh Kujur smashed the 100m national record with an incredible timing of 10.18 seconds at the Dromia International Sprint and Relays Meeting in Greece on Saturday. Sprinting in the second heat of the competition, the 22-year-old Kujur became the first ever Indian to register a sub-10.20 second timing in 100m, bettering Gurindervir Singh's earlier 100m national record of 10.20 seconds in the meet at Vari, a suburb of the Greek capital Athens. Sotirios Garagannis of Greece (10.23s) and Samuli Samuelsson (10.28s) were second and third respectively in the World Athletics Continental Tour silver label meet. Kujur now holds both the 100m and 200m national records. He had clocked 20.32 seconds in the men's 200m final of the Asian Athletics Championships in South Korea in May to break his own previous national mark of 20.40 seconds created at the Federation Cup earlier in the year. Earlier in the day, Asian Games silver medallist Mohammed Afsal broke his own national record and became the first Indian to run below the 1:45 minute mark in the men's 800m race at Memorial Czeslawa Cybulskiego at Poznan in Poland.



"NOT GREEDY": RISHABH PANT'S EPIC RESPONSE TO ENGLAND STAR'S TEMPTING OFFER

Diary Times Desk : The start that India wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant has had to Test cricket puts every record within his reach. As the southpaw arrived on the pitch on Day 4 of the second Test against England, another brilliant 65-run knock came off his bat, off just 58 balls. However, over the course of his stay in the middle, Pant faced several attempts by England stars to unnerve him. Harry Brook even looked to tempt Pant in chasing the fastest Test ton. Pant, however, shut him down with 'not greedy' remark. It all started as Brook asked Pant what his fastest hundred record was. Pant though the England star was asking in terms of minutes but was later informed that he meant in terms of deliveries faced. "What's your fastest 100?" Brook asked. "Test cricket? 80-90 minutes," Pant said in response. "The fastest I have done is 55 balls. You could have done that today," Brook said. The India wicket-keeper batter than gave a response that silenced Brook. "It's okay, not very greedy for records. If it happens, it happens," he said. With India cruising towards a victory in the Edgbaston Test, England batting coach Marcus Trescothick said that his team is willing to 'settle for a draw' on Day 5.

WE'RE NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK THAT YOU'VE TO JUST WIN OR LOSE: TRESKOTHICK

Diary Times Desk : England's assistant coach Marcus Trescothick asserted that his team wasn't naive enough to rule out draw as an option going into the final day of the Edgbaston Test. England have vocalised their intentions to go after any target in the fourth innings in this Stokes-McCullum era but may have to settle for only their second home draw in this period given the equation. They need 536 more runs on the final day of the Test with seven wickets in hand, a steep ask despite conditions remaining favourable for batting. The average scoring rate over the first three innings has been a very healthy 4.39 but given that England will need to score close to six an over for an entire day, they will simply need to adapt. "We all probably appreciate that it's a hell of a lot of runs to try and score. It's 550 [536] tomorrow and I don't think we've seen scoring rates quite that quick in a day, so of course it will be challenging. But we've probably about another 10 to 15 overs of the balls at the hardest point before it gets a little bit soft, and then we'll see how we're going from that point, really. "Whenever the situation is changing.