

BHARAT BANDH

OVER 25 CRORE WORKERS TO OBSERVE BHARAT BANDH ON JULY 9, PUBLIC SERVICES LIKELY TO HIT

Diary Times Desk : More than 25 crore workers engaged in sectors ranging from banking, insurance, postal to coal mining, highway and construction are expected to go on a nationwide general strike on Wednesday, potentially disrupting services across the country. A forum of 10 central trade unions and their associates has called for a general strike or 'Bharat Bandh' to "oppose the anti-worker, anti-farmer and anti-national pro-corporate policies of the government".

In a statement, the forum has called for making "the nationwide general strike a grand success", and said preparations have been taken up in earnest by unions in all sectors of formal and informal/unorganised economy. "More than 25 crore workers are expected to take part in the strike. Farmers and rural workers will also join the protest across the country," said Amarjeet Kaur from All India Trade Union Congress. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu from Hind Mazdoor Sabha said that banking, postal, coal mining, factories, state transport services will be affected due to the strike. The forum had last year submitted a charter of 17-point demand to Labour Minister Mansukh Mandavia, the workers' union forum said in its latest statement. It further said that the government has not been conducting the annual labour conference for the last 10 years and continues to take decisions in contravention to the interest of labour force, attempting to impose four labour codes to weaken collective bargaining, to cripple unions' activities and to favour employers in the name of 'ease of doing business'.



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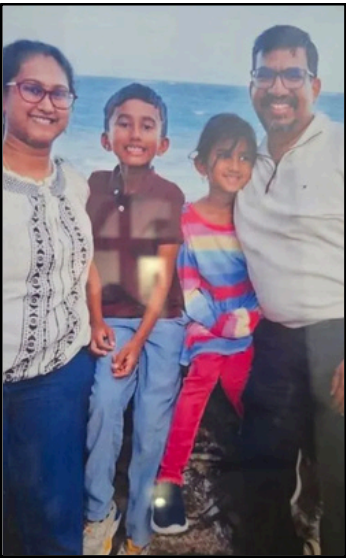
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The report will be released to the public later this week, officials said. While the contents of the preliminary report are not known, it is believed that it will give critical information about what caused the crash.

On June 12, the Air India plane flying to London from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport crashed within 32 seconds of take-off, and 241 people on board, including 10 cabin crew members and two pilots, were charred to death. Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani was one of the victims of the horrific crash. Only one person, sitting in seat 11A, survived the tragedy. The black boxes of the plane - the cockpit voice recorder (CVR) and flight data recorder (FDR) - were recovered in the days that followed, one from the rooftop of a building at the crash site on June 13, and the other from the debris on June 16. A week after the incident, at least three Air India training pilots on the airline's Boeing 787 fleet attempted to recreate likely scenarios in Mumbai that resulted in the accident. The pilots attempted to simulate electrical failures that could cause a dual-engine flame-out, resulting in an inability of the aircraft to climb post takeoff. However, they were unsuccessful. The pilots also replicated the precise trim sheet data of AI-171 - a document used in aviation to calculate and record an aircraft's weight and balance, ensuring the center of gravity is within safe limits for takeoff, flight.

4 OF HYDERABAD FAMILY, INCLUDING 2 KIDS, CHARRED TO DEATH IN CAR CRASH IN US

Diary Times Desk : Four members of a family—a couple and their two children—from Hyderabad have died in a car crash in Greene County, Alabama, in the United States, their relatives said here on Tuesday. A truck speeding in the wrong direction hit their car on Saturday night (local time) when the family was returning to Dallas after visiting one of their relatives in Atlanta, a relative told a TV channel. “The family—my brother’s daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren were living in Dallas for the last three years,” he said. As per media reports, the victims were identified as B Srivenkat, his wife Tejaswini and their two children. He said as per the information they received, the car was completely burnt in the accident, and the family was charred to death. “As per the information given by the local police to our relatives there, some half-burnt certificates were found through which their (the family’s) identities were being established. We have been informed that their teeth and bones were found. They have been sent for forensic examination, and the report is likely to come out in 48 -72 hours,” he said. “It is a big tragedy for us. We came to know that there were 26 calls to the police.



INDIAN NURSE NIMISHA PRIYA SET TO BE EXECUTED IN YEMEN ON JULY 16

Diary Times Desk : An Indian national Nimisha Priya — who is on death row after being convicted for the murder of a Yemeni national — will be executed on July 16. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) sources informed that the ministry is closely following the matter. “We have been in touch with local authorities and her family members and rendered all possible assistance. We continue to closely follow the matter,” sources said. Priya, who hails from Kollengode town in Kerala’s Palakkad, worked as a nurse in UAE. Her death sentence was approved by Yemen’s President on December 30 last year. She is married and mother of a girl child. She moved to Yemen in 2011. There she met Yemeni national Talal Abdo Mahdi. Her husband and daughter returned to India in 2014 due to financial reasons. The same year, Yemen was engulfed in civil war, and Priya could not go back, as the country stopped issuing new visas. Mahdi is said to have helped Priya set up a clinic in Yemen’s capital Sanaa.

X CLAIMS IT RECEIVED ORDER TO BLOCK 2,355 ACCOUNTS IN INDIA, GOVT DENIES ISSUING BAN ORDER



Diary Times Desk : A fresh row has erupted between the Indian government and social media platform X (formerly Twitter) over the temporary blocking of prominent international news handles, including Reuters and ReutersWorld, with both sides offering sharply differing versions of events. X, in a public statement, claimed that on July 3, 2025, it received a government order under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act to block 2,355 accounts in India. The platform said the directive included global news organisations and came with a stern warning of criminal liability for non-compliance. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), according to X, demanded action within an hour and offered no justification for the blocks. However, following a public outcry over the temporary restriction of news accounts such as @Reuters and @ReutersWorld, the government allegedly asked X to lift the blocks on these handles.

TOLL COLLECTIONS VIA FASTAGS JUMP 19.6% TO RS 20,682 CRORE IN Q1 FY26: NETC DATA

Diary Times Desk : Toll collections across state and national highways through FASTag rose by 19.6 per cent to Rs 20,681.87 crore in the first quarter of 2025-26, as per National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) data. According to NETC data, the number of toll users also increased 16.2 per cent to 1,173 million in the April-June quarter compared to 1,009.87 million in the year-ago period. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) increased toll charges by an average of 4-5 per cent on highway sections across the country from April 1, 2025. Recently, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said the government will introduce a FASTag-based annual pass, priced at Rs 3,000, for private vehicles effective August 15 in a step towards hassle-free highway travel.



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.

Gemini

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

Leo

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

Libra

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

Sagittarius

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

Aquarius

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

Taurus

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

Cancer

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

Virgo

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

Scorpio

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

Capricorn

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

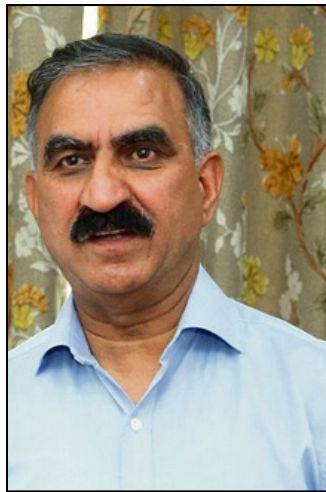
Pisces

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



HIMACHAL : CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU SAID- WILL GIVE RELIEF PACKAGE TO THE DISASTER AFFECTED, WILL BRING PROPOSAL IN THE CABINET

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that so far Himachal Pradesh has suffered a loss of Rs 700 crore due to the disaster. The natural disaster has caused the most havoc in Mandi district. He said that the government will issue a disaster relief package to provide relief to the people. The matter will be brought to the cabinet soon. The CM urged the BJP leaders not to stop the money from New Delhi. There is a huge loss due to the four-lane construction, he will talk to Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari regarding this. Talking to journalists in Bhattakufar on Tuesday, the Chief Minister said that the government is working towards providing relief to the people. In rural areas, the affected people are being given five thousand rupees as fare, while in urban areas they will be given 10 thousand rupees. He said that he himself went to the disaster-affected area of Mandi with ration by helicopter, at that time even the BJP leaders did not go to the spot. Ration and essential goods were delivered by mules. BJP leaders are only making statements in this difficult time, which will not work. The money received on the recommendation of the teams of the Centre for inspection is very less even after two years.



SHIMLA: VIRBHADRA SINGH'S STATUE WILL NOT BE UNVEILED ON JULY 15, THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO DISASTER

Diary Times Desk : The inauguration of the statue of former Chief Minister late Virbhadra Singh at the Ridge Maidan in the capital Shimla will no longer take place on July 15. Congress State President Pratibha Singh said that this ceremony has been postponed. It has been postponed due to the disaster. Pratibha said that earlier the inauguration ceremony of Virbhadra Singh's statue was to be held on June 23, but due to some reasons it could not happen. After this, the program was fixed on July 15. For this, time was taken from the National President of Congress Mallikarjun Kharge from the Center. Priyanka, Rahul and Sonia Gandhi said that they will come on July 15. At present, an emergency situation has arisen in the state due to the disaster. A lot of damage has been done and many people have also lost their lives. Everyone has thought that it should be postponed a little. People will also not be able to gather at such a time.

SHIMLA NEWS: CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU INSPECTED THE SENSITIVE SITES OF SHOGHI-DHALI FOUR-LANE PROJECT

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday inspected various sensitive sites of the 27 km long Shoghi-Dhali four lane road under construction in Shimla district. He visited Bhattakufar, Sanjauli, Dhali, Lindidhar and surrounding areas to take stock of the situation and listen to the problems of the local people. Local residents expressed deep concern over the hill cutting activities by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) due to which incidents of landslides have increased in the area. This has caused damage to the private properties of the people and poses a threat to life and property. Sanjay Sharma, a resident of Chalonthi, while sharing his pain said that earlier I used to give houses on rent, but now I have become a tenant myself as my building has become unsafe. Another resident in Lindidhar said that the NHAI officials do not listen to us. We have suffered huge losses to our properties and now danger looms over our heads all the time. He demanded the government to intervene and solve this problem soon. Taking the problem of the people seriously, the Chief Minister directed the concerned departments to take immediate necessary steps and ensure public safety. He assured the affected families of all possible help.

HIMACHAL : CHIEF MINISTER WILL VISIT THE DISASTER AFFECTED AREAS OF MANDI TODAY, WILL STAY THE NIGHT IN THUNAG

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will visit several disaster-affected areas of Mandi district on Wednesday. He will stay overnight in Thunag. If the weather is clear, he will go by helicopter. He will first go to Bagsyad relief camp. After that he will visit the disaster-affected areas. He will go to Janjheli and meet the people affected by the disaster. After overnight stay in Thunag, the CM will go to Bada Panchayat. He will return on July 10. In case of bad weather, he will leave by road. Earlier, the CM had a program to go from Shimla to Mandi on Tuesday as well, but it was postponed by a day. The CM will take stock of the relief and rehabilitation work in the disaster-affected areas and will also distribute relief material. On Wednesday, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will visit several disaster-affected areas of Mandi district. He will return on July 10.



BINDAL SAID- EVEN AFTER EIGHT DAYS OF THE DISASTER, THE WORK OF REMOVING THE DEBRIS HAS NOT STARTED, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT SERIOUS

Diary Times Desk : BJP State President Dr. Rajiv Bindal targeted the government in a press conference in Shimla on Tuesday regarding the disaster in Mandi district. He said that not removing the debris even after eight days in the disaster affected area, not making arrangements for drinking water, not finding the 28 missing people is a matter of concern. This raises a question mark on the seriousness of the government. Rajiv Bindal said that due to heavy rains in various areas of Mandi district, there was a big loss and more than 1,000 houses were damaged. Out of this, 300 to 500 houses are such that are completely damaged and 500 houses are partially damaged. More than 200 apple orchards and agricultural land were completely destroyed and big rocks fell there. The projects of Jal Shakti Department have come to a standstill and there is no drinking water and the state government has not made any kind of arrangement for this.

HP WEATHER: CLOUD BURST IN CHURAH OF CHAMBA, ROAD DAMAGED, MAIZE CROP DESTROYED IN THE FIELDS

Diary Times Desk : The water level in Pangola Nallah on Nakrod-Tisa road increased due to cloudburst. This has caused damage to the Nakrod-Thalli road. Fortunately, there has been no loss of life or property in this incident. After receiving the information, the administration has issued orders to send a team of the Revenue Department to the spot to assess the damage. On the other hand, the Public Works Department has also started efforts to restore the Nakrod-Thalli road. Apart from this, the protection and other works done under MNREGA have been damaged due to the increased water level in the drain. Also, the maize crop in the farmers' fields has also been destroyed. Now the affected will get proper compensation only after the departmental damage report. According to the information, a cloudburst suddenly occurred near Pangola Nallah at around five in the morning. Due to this the water level of the drain increased. In the last three days, the incident of cloudburst has come to light for the second time in sub-division Churah.

POLL BODY SAYS MAY COMPLETE BIHAR ROLL REVISION EXERCISE BEFORE DEADLINE

Diary Times Desk : The Election Commission of India (ECI) has expressed confidence that the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar will be completed well ahead of the July 25 deadline, based on the progress recorded up to 6 P.M. on Tuesday. According to the ECI, as of now, 3,70,77,077 Enumeration Forms amounting to 46.95 per cent of the total 7,89,69,844 (approximately 7.90 crore) electors in Bihar, have been collected since the launch of the exercise on June 24. In the first two weeks, all 7.90 crore Enumeration Forms were printed, and over 97 per cent (7,70,44,990) have already been distributed to eligible electors. Furthermore, 18.16 per cent of the collected forms have been uploaded to the ECINET platform. A significant number of prospective electors are choosing to submit their Enumeration Forms along with the required eligibility documents, as per the SIR order dated June 24. With 17 days still remaining, the focus now shifts to collecting the remaining 50 per cent of the forms. In just the last 24 hours (till 6 P.M. on Tuesday, July 8) as many as 82,78,617 forms were collected -- representing 10.5 per cent of the total in a single day.

AHEAD OF POLLS, BIHAR CABINET SAYS WOMEN'S QUOTA IN JOBS ONLY FOR STATE RESIDENTS

Diary Times Desk : The Bihar cabinet on Tuesday decided that the 35 per cent quota for women in government jobs will now be restricted to only permanent residents of the state. The decision was taken with barely a few months left before the state goes to the polls, amid growing demands for the implementation of a domicile policy in government jobs. "The cabinet approved an important proposal of the General Administration Department, allowing the 35 per cent quota for women in government jobs to be restricted only for permanent residents of Bihar. The new policy will enhance financial independence and job security for permanent resident women of the state," Additional Chief Secretary (Cabinet Secretariat) S Siddhartha said. The government had introduced 35 per cent reservation for women in government jobs at all levels in 2016. Earlier, women from any state could have taken advantage of it. Ahead of the assembly elections, the demand for the implementation of a domicile policy has been growing. Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav.

"CLOSE TO MAKING DEAL WITH INDIA": TRUMP AS HE SLAPS TARIFFS ON 14 COUNTRIES



Diary Times Desk : Even as the US slapped fresh tariffs on several nations, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said Washington was close to making a trade deal with India. Trade negotiators from Washington and New Delhi are pushing to finalise a tariff-reducing deal, but disagreements over dairy and agriculture sectors are delaying the process. "We've made a deal with the United Kingdom, we've made a deal with China, we've made a deal - we're close to making a deal with India...Others we met with, we don't think we're going to be able to make a deal. So we just send them a letter," he said at the White House. Trump's remarks came after the US unveiled the first in a wave of promised letters that threaten to impose higher tariff rates on key trading partners, including Bangladesh, Thailand, South Korea and Japan, to come into effect starting August 1. "We're sending out letters to various countries telling them how much tariffs they have to pay. Some will maybe adjust a little bit depending.

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"X EXPLOITED TECHNICALITIES...": CENTRE REFUTES "PRESS CENSORSHIP" CHARGE

Diary Times Desk : The government today refuted microblogging platform X's claim that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology issued a fresh blocking order on July 3 against 2,355 accounts including international news agency Reuters and Reuters World. The government told X to unblock the news agency's handles in India immediately the moment they were blocked, a MeitY spokesperson told news agency ANI. The social media giant owned by Elon Musk, however, "unnecessarily exploited technicalities involved around the process and didn't unblock the URLs," the spokesperson said. "The government has not issued any fresh blocking order on 3rd July, 2025 and has no intention to block any prominent international news channels including Reuters and Reuters World. The moment Reuters and Reuters World were blocked on X platform in India, immediately the government wrote to 'X' to unblock them," the spokesperson said. "The government continuously engaged and vigorously pursued 'X' from the late night of 5th July 2025.

'NOT RAJ THACKERAY'S MNS BUT...': PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI ON MARATHI LANGUAGE ROW

Diary Times Desk : Outrage over violence by goons from Raj Thackeray's MNS - who have attacked non-Marathi speakers with impunity over the past week, including a Rajasthani-origin Mumbai shopkeeper - should not detract from the context of the opposition's protests against the 'imposition' of Hindi, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi told NDTV Tuesday evening. She told NDTV she does not agree with the violence but asked why the media had, so far, ignored the opposition saying Class I students should not be forced to learn a third language. She also suggested provocative comments by some people, including BJP MPs - she called out the saffron party's Lok Sabha rep, Nishikant Dubey, for his crass 'tumhe patak-patak ke maareng' comment and disrespect of Maharashtra - may have led to some of the violence. "It is not the MNS that has precipitated this crisis... it is the Maharashtra government's decision to bring in an order.

E-COMMERCE PLATFORMS, ONLINE PAYMENTS ABUSED FOR TERROR FINANCING: WATCHDOG

Diary Times Desk : Global terror financing watchdog FATF on Tuesday cited the February 2019 Pulwama terror attack, which killed 40 CRPF personnel, and the 2022 Gorakhnath Temple incident to say that e-commerce platforms and online payment services are being misused for terror financing. In its 'Comprehensive Update on Terrorist Financing Risks', the FATF also flagged 'state sponsorship of terrorism' and said a variety of publicly available sources of information and delegations' inputs to this report indicate that "certain terrorist organisations have been and continue to receive financial and other forms of support from several national governments". Delegations reported on this trend by referring to the use of state sponsorship for TF (terror financing) either as fundraising technique or as part of the financial management strategy of the certain organisations engaging in terrorist acts. Several forms of support have been reported, including direct financial support, logistical and material support, or the provision of training," the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)said.



**NETANYAHU, TRUMP DISCUSS FORCED
TRANSFER OF PALESTINIANS OUT OF
GAZA**

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has met United States President Donald Trump at the White House, with the two leaders repeating their controversial proposal to forcibly transfer thousands of Palestinians out of the Gaza Strip. Trump and Netanyahu met for dinner in the Blue Room of the White House on Monday as indirect talks in Qatar between Israel and Hamas on US-backed proposals for a 60-day ceasefire to halt the 22-month Gaza war appeared to gather some momentum. Netanyahu told reporters present at the meeting that the US and Israel were working with other countries to give Palestinians a "better future", suggesting that the residents of Gaza could move to neighbouring nations. "If people want to stay, they can stay, but if they want to leave, they should be able to leave. It shouldn't be a prison. It should be an open place and give people a free choice," Netanyahu said. "We're working with the United States very closely about finding countries that will seek to realise what they always say, that they wanted to give the Palestinians a better future. I think we're getting close to finding several countries."

**VEHICLES SWEEPED AWAY IN FLASH
FLOODS ALONG NEPAL-CHINA BORDER,
18 MISSING**

Diary Times Desk : A flash flood occurred along the Nepal-China border early Tuesday morning, flooding the Bhotekoshi River and leading to the destruction of the Miteri Bridge and several parked vehicles. The heavy rainfall in Tibet is suspected to have triggered the flood, although the exact cause remains under investigation. Authorities have issued warnings to residents along the Trishuli River to stay alert. Officials have confirmed that 18 individuals, including 12 Nepalis and six Chinese nationals, are missing following the flood. The missing include three police officials and nine members of the public, reported news agency ANI. A search and rescue operation is underway, but adverse weather conditions are impeding efforts. The challenging weather has made it difficult for rescue teams to reach affected areas, further complicating the situation. The flooding has caused significant infrastructural damage.

**"THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE": TRUMP RULES
OUT EXTENSION TO AUGUST 1 TARIFF
DEADLINE**

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he would not extend an August 1 deadline for higher US tariffs to take effect on dozens of economies, a day after he appeared to signal flexibility on the date. While Trump imposed a sweeping 10 percent tariff on goods from almost all trading partners in April, higher rates customized to dozens of economies were unveiled, then halted until July 9. But the president this week again delayed their reimposition, pushing it back to August 1. Trump insisted that there would be no further delay in the tariffs. "There will be no change," he posted on Truth Social. He added that levies would start being paid on August 1, in line with letters now being sent out to trading partners. "No extensions will be granted," Trump said. On Monday night, Trump had told reporters at a dinner that the August 1 deadline was "firm, but not 100 percent firm."

**ISRAELI PM BENJAMIN NETANYAHU
NOMINATES DONALD TRUMP FOR NOBEL
PEACE PRIZE: 'HE'S FORGING PEACE'**

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday said he has nominated US President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize, personally handing him a copy of the nomination letter during their dinner at the White House. "He's forging peace as we speak, in one country, in one region after the other," Netanyahu said. "I want to present to you, Mr. President, the letter I sent to the Nobel Prize Committee. It nominates you for the Peace Prize, which is well deserved," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu added. After receiving the nomination letter, Trump responded, "Thank you very much. This I didn't know—wow, thank you very much. Coming from you... This is very meaningful." Netanyahu also praised Donald Trump's leadership, saying it is admired by Israelis, the Jewish people, and many others worldwide. "I want to express the appreciation and admiration — not only of all Israelis.

**CHINA MAKES ENTRY VISA-
FREE FOR 74 COUNTRIES, SEES
45% JUMP IN TOURISTS**

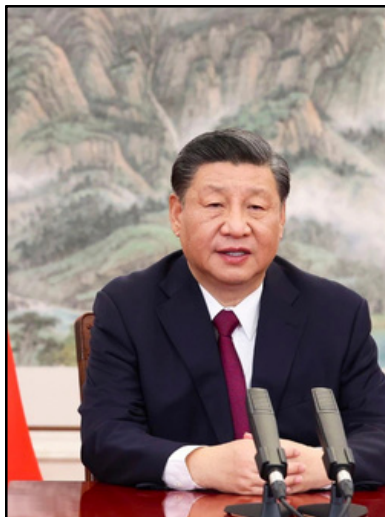
Diary Times Desk : China is seeing a surge in the number of foreign tourist after loosening its visa policies. Citizens from 74 countries can now enter China visa-free for up to 30 days - a major expansion aimed at boosting tourism, the economy of China, and soft power. Over 20 million foreign visitors entered China without a visa in 2024. This was more than double the previous year and nearly one-third of total international arrivals, according to the National Immigration Administration. The government began reopening to tourists in 2023 after lifting COVID-19 restrictions, but visitor numbers remained low at 13.8 million which is less than half the 31.9 million in 2019. Visa-free access for travelers from France, Germany, Italy, and other European nations followed in late 2023. By July 16, Azerbaijan will bring the total to 75 visa-free countries, though most are on a one-year trial basis. Latin America, the Middle East, and parts of Asia have also seen new access, but no major African countries have been included yet.

**AFTER DONALD TRUMP
IMPOSES 35% TARIFF,
BANGLADESH HOPES FOR A
DEAL**

Diary Times Desk : Bangladesh, the world's second-biggest garment manufacturer, holds hope to reduce the 35 percent tariff that US President Donald Trump said he will impose, the country's top commerce official told AFP on Tuesday. Textile and garment production accounts for about 80 percent of exports in Bangladesh and the industry has been rebuilding after it was hit hard in a student-led revolution that toppled the government last year. "There is a hope for getting a reduced rate of tariffs as USTR (Office of the United States Trade Representative) sent another draft document for review," Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman told AFP. Rahman said the South Asia nation's national security adviser and commerce adviser were "working on the issue" in the United States. Bangladesh exported \$8.36 billion worth of goods to the United States in 2024, while imports from there amounted to \$2.21 billion, according to the Bangladesh Bank and the National Board of Revenue. US clothing companies that source products from Bangladesh range from Fruit of the Loom to Levi Strauss to VF Corp -- whose brands include Vans, Timberland and The North Face. Trump hit Bangladesh with 37 percent tariffs in an April 2 announcement, but in a letter issued Tuesday.

WHY XI JINPING'S ABRUPT ABSENCE HAS SPARKED GLOBAL SPECULATION

Diary Times Desk : For over a decade, president Xi Jinping has stood unchallenged at the pinnacle of Chinese power, his grip over the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the state likened to that of an emperor. Sweeping purges, restructured institutions and a cult of personality have cemented his position as the most powerful leader since Mao Zedong. Yet, an unusual silence now surrounds Xi, sparking intense speculation. His sudden and unexplained absence from major international events, including the recent BRICS summit, has triggered alarm globally. In tightly controlled authoritarian systems, such absences are rarely accidental, often signalling either deliberate strategy or deeper instability. Xi's last confirmed public appearance was on June 24, when he met Singapore's prime minister Lawrence Wong at Beijing's Great Hall of the People. After that, he disappeared from public view for nearly two weeks. But on July 7, China's state-run Xinhua News finally released an image of Xi laying a wreath at a memorial for martyrs of the Anti-Japanese War in Shanxi province. The tightly framed photo, devoid of any broader context, was meant to quell rumours. But it only deepened the mystery.



TARGETED KILLING MODULE BUSTED, KEY OPERATIVE OF BISHNOI GANG ARRESTED IN PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk : An alleged key operative of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang has been arrested, a top Punjab Police officer said on Tuesday. Himanshu Sood, a resident of Phagwara in the Kapurthala district, was allegedly acting on the directions of Dubai-based Namit Sharma, who is a close aide of gangster Bishnoi, said Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav. Three pistols with seven cartridges have allegedly been recovered from his possession. "Recently, Himanshu Sood along with his other gang members fired gunshots at a hotelier in #Haridwar on the directions of Namit Sharma and was further tasked to eliminate other 2 targets in #MadhyaPradesh and #Kapurthala respectively," said Yadav in a post on X. Backed by human intelligence and technical inputs, the team successfully dismantled this targeted killing module, averting a serious threat to public safety, he further said. His arrest marks another significant step in the ongoing crackdown on gangster networks with international linkages, said the DGP. "Recovery: 2 pistols (one .30 bore PX3 Pistol with 04 live cartridges and one .32 Pistol with 3 live cartridges)," said Yadav. An FIR has been registered at the State Special Operation Cell police station in Amritsar.



ABOHAR BUSINESSMAN MURDER CASE: 2 ACCUSED SHOT DEAD IN POLICE ENCOUNTER

Diary Times Desk : Two alleged facilitators — arrested in connection with the murder of Abohar businessman Sanjay Verma — were killed in cross-firing that erupted between the police and other members of their gang today. In a video briefing, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Harmanbir Singh Gill said the two revealed in an interrogation that they had helped the shooters in fleeing. They had dumped the clothes they were wearing during the shootout as well as weapons on the backside of Panjpeer Dunes. When the Abohar police took the two arrested accused — Jaspreet Singh and Ram Rattan — for recovery of weapons for evidence, two other members of the gang were hiding at the location. The DIG said that on seeing the police team, the miscreants started firing. Taking advantage of the situation, the two arrested accused tried to flee and were killed in the cross-firing. City police head constable Maninder Singh sustained a bullet injury on his arm and was admitted to Abohar Civil Hospital. The DIG added that police officials have important leads in the preliminary investigation and hope to arrest other accused soon.

AKALI EX-SARPANCH SHOT DEAD OVER OLD RIVALRY BY NEIGHBOUR IN PUNJAB'S SAIDUPUR VILLAGE

Diary Times Desk : A former sarpanch associated with the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) was shot dead late Monday night in Saidupur village, under the Raja Sansi area of Amritsar district. The deceased has been identified as Palwinder Singh. The incident occurred around midnight, allegedly over an old rivalry in the neighbourhood. According to initial investigations, the accused has been identified as Shubham Masih, a resident of the adjacent house. Police officials stated that the murder was the outcome of a personal enmity that had escalated over time. The two families had previously clashed on multiple occasions, including arguments over car parking. Investigation Officer Baghel Singh said the latest altercation began over a ladder placed by Palwinder Singh to help an electrician fix a power issue by climbing a pole. Shubham allegedly came out of his house, threw down the ladder, and when confronted, pulled out his licensed revolver and fired seven rounds. Three of the bullets struck Palwinder Singh, killing him on the spot. The victim's son, Amritpal Singh, revealed that there had been no communication between their family and Shubham's for some time.

RISE IN OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, PUNJAB DOCTORS SEEK DOMICILE-BASED RESERVATION FOR PCMS POSTS

Diary Times Desk : Growing concern is emerging among Punjab's doctors over the state's ongoing recruitment process for Medical Officer (PCMS) posts. A sharp rise in applications and selections from out-of-state candidates, particularly from Rajasthan, has been witnessed. Local doctors fear this trend is severely undermining employment prospects for Punjab's own medical graduates and could affect the long-term stability of rural healthcare services in the state. MBBS graduates from different medical institutes in the state have approached Chief Minister and Health Minister, demanding the government to revise its eligibility criteria for PCMS recruitment, demanding preferential treatment or reservation for candidates domiciled in Punjab. Doctors alleged that the state has seen a surge in applications from MBBS graduates in Rajasthan — where the number of MBBS pass-outs exceeds 7,000 annually — many of whom are unable to secure employment within their own state due to a lack of posts. This medical workforce is now eyeing Punjab's ongoing recruitment drives, often edging out local aspirants.



PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT'S MEDIATION DRIVE OFFERS HOPE TO LITIGANTS WAITING FOR JUSTICE

Diary Times Desk : For Dr Suresh Kumar Saini, a retired State government employee from Ambala, each visit to the Punjab and Haryana High Court over the past 13 years has brought fresh anxiety. His service matter, filed in 2012, has dragged on relentlessly, derailing his retirement plans. Although his case was last listed in January, the last effective hearing took place as far back as October 2024. The delay, he knows, is not unique. A shortage of judges, coupled with a surge in case filings and increasingly complex disputes, has burdened the High Court, despite its concerted efforts that have actually produced a downward trend in overall pendency in recent months. "Cases like mine seem endless," he says. "I just want a way to end it quickly and move on with my life." Now, for litigants like him, there's new hope. The Punjab and Haryana High Court has swung into action under the "Mediation for the Nation" campaign — a pan-India initiative conceptualised to clear judicial backlogs and give litigants a faster, less expensive, and more amicable alternative to traditional courtroom battles.

HARYANA COPS SERVING OVER 91% SUMMONSES ELECTRONICALLY

Diary Times Desk : Haryana has so far trained 54,000 police personnel in the nuanced provisions of new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) —with over 91 % summons being issued electronically. Besides this, over 37,800 officers have been onboarded onto the iGOT Karmayogi platform—a Central government online training platform which promotes continuous, self-paced legal education. "One of the most extensive digital skilling drives among state police forces has been held in Haryana. A national benchmark has been set through advanced technology, upgraded forensic infrastructure and intensive training under new criminal laws and Haryana has emerged as a frontrunner in the country's justice reform movement. The impact of these sweeping changes is evident most notably in a case where a death sentence was awarded within just 140 days in the rape of a minor, exemplifying the state's commitment to fast, victim-centric justice. Spearheading an ambitious revamp across police functioning, prosecution, investigation, and courtroom procedures, Haryana's model has been lauded.

ACHIEVEMENT:**HIMACHAL'S AVINASH JAMWAL WON SILVER FOR THE COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BOXING CUP**

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh's Avinash Jamwal has won the silver medal by performing brilliantly in the World Boxing Cup. Earlier, he had also won the silver medal in the same competition in Brazil. Now he proved his strength in Astana, Kazakhstan as well. The World Boxing Cup was held in Astana, Kazakhstan from 30 June to 7 July. Avinash defeated former Olympians and host players in various matches. In the final match, Avinash faced Brazil's Yuri Falcao. Both the players displayed excellent game and strength. The match reached a thrilling turn. Ultimately, in a close bout of 2-3, Avinash had to settle for the silver medal. However, before this, Avinash defeated former Olympian Malik Hasanov of Azerbaijan in the pre-quarterfinals. Himachal Pradesh Boxing Association General Secretary SK Shandil said that by winning the silver medal at the world level for the second consecutive time, he has proved that he has become India's strong hope in international boxing.

HPTU: 79 STUDENTS ACCUSED OF CHEATING IN SEMESTER EXAMS, COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE

Diary Times Desk : 79 students have been accused of cheating in the semester examinations of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Hamirpur. Students will be given a chance to present their side on 15th and 16th July. If cheating is proved, the respective paper of the students can be cancelled. HPTU conducted semester examinations of various subjects in May-June. During this, 79 students were found cheating. Many students were cheating through mobiles and chits were recovered from many students. Cheating material was also hidden in pencils. Students were cheating through code books. Some students have also been accused of cheating through smart watches. Semester examinations were conducted in May-June. Cheating material has been recovered from 79 students in the examinations. These students will have to appear before the UMC committee on 15th and 16th July.

HEAVY RAIN TO CONTINUE ACROSS HIMACHAL PRADESH TILL JULY 14

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain is likely to continue across the state as the Hydromet Division of the state's Meteorological Department has issued a flashflood warning for eight districts for the next 24 hours. As per the department, there will be low to moderate risk of flashfloods in watersheds and neighbourhoods of Shimla, Kangra, Solan, Kullu, Mandi, Sirmaur, Chamba and Una districts, resulting in inundation at some fully saturated soils and low-lying areas of these districts. Also, a yellow warning of heavy rain in isolated areas of the district till July 14 has been issued. As per the Meteorological Department, light to moderate rain is likely to continue in the state till July 14 with a few spells of heavy rain at isolated places on July 14. Meanwhile, the state experienced light to moderate rain in isolated areas of the state over the past 24 hours. Pachhad in Sirmaur district received the highest 110 mm of rain, followed by Gohar in Mandi district (90 mm), Baijnath (60 mm), Nahan (54.2 mm), Kasauli (40 mm), Rajgarh in Solan district (30 mm), Shimla (19 mm), Kangra (11.9 mm) and Mandi (11.2 mm).

**HP CLOUDBURST: SEARCH FOR MISSING PEOPLE CONTINUES IN SERAJ, 80 LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST SO FAR THIS MONSOON**

Diary Times Desk : NDRF personnel have been searching for the missing people in the disaster in Seraj, Himachal Pradesh for the last nine days. Drones are also being used to search for the missing people. The search operation has been stopped in the area from where Swarn Singh was suspected to have been swept away. NDRF personnel continued the search in the area up to Pandoh on the banks of Deji Khad. Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of District Disaster Management Authority Apoorv Devgan held a meeting with various departmental officials in Janjehli on Monday and reviewed the relief and rehabilitation campaign being run in the area. He encouraged all the colleagues for the efforts made so far in the disaster affected areas and also gave guidelines to the officials to provide all possible relief to the affected people. District Disaster Management Authority is delivering relief material on war footing in the disaster affected villages of Seraj area. Indian Air Force is also providing support in this. On Monday, about 130 boxes containing 249 tarpaulins, 170 blankets, milk powder packets, biscuits, ready-to-eat food items, spices etc were sent through helicopter to Janjheli area. Due to cloudburst, floods and landslides in the state in the past few days.

HPU SHIMLA: HPU WEBSITE STARTED FUNCTIONING 18 HOURS AFTER CYBER ATTACK, USEFUL INFORMATION STARTED APPEARING

Diary Times Desk : About 18 hours after the cyber attack on the website of Himachal Pradesh University Shimla, the website has started functioning regularly on Tuesday. On entering the website address, the main page of the website and all the options given in it have now started opening normally. Along with this, the work of providing updates on the website to the general students for the counseling and admission process of the postgraduate degree course going on these days has started regularly. Due to this, students have now started getting information related to counseling and admission from the website while sitting at home. According to cyber experts, after the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, the possibility of danger in cyber space has increased. In view of this, the National Informatics Center (NIC) had recently issued a warning to all ministries and government departments in view of the increasing possibility of danger in cyber space. Along with this, it was also asked to take necessary steps to keep government communication safe. Earlier in April also, an emergency security alert was issued.

HIMACHAL: GAGGAL AIRPORT WILL BE KNOWN AS KANGRA-DHARAMSHALA, DECISION TAKEN IN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Diary Times Desk : The meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee at Gaggal in Kangra was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Committee Chairman and Lok Sabha MP Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj. Many major decisions have been taken in the meeting. Bhardwaj said that 80 percent of the issues raised in the last meeting have been resolved. He said that it has been decided in the meeting that Gaggal Airport will be named Kangra-Dharamshala, because Kangra is a historical city and Dharamshala is a famous tourist destination. This matter will go to the state cabinet meeting for approval. For this, the responsibility has been given to Deputy Chief Whip and MLA Kewal Singh Pathania. The district administration has been asked to complete the formalities. He said that it has also been decided to make provision for connecting flights from Ahmedabad and Mumbai, because after the neighboring state of Punjab, the maximum number of tourists come to Gaggal Airport from Gujarat and Maharashtra. The state government's NOAC will be taken for these flights and help will also be taken from the Center, so that more and more tourists can reach here. Bhardwaj said that till now the visibility at Gaggal Airport is five thousand meters. Such equipment will be installed which will increase the visibility to 2500 meters.



NOVAK DJOKOVIC ACKNOWLEDGES VIRAT KOHLI'S 'GLADIATOR' SHOUTOUT AT WIMBLEDON

Diary Times Desk : Novak Djokovic, one of tennis' greatest champions, had a surprise fan cheering him on during his dramatic fourth-round win at Wimbledon—Indian cricket superstar Virat Kohli. Djokovic, fresh off a gutsy comeback against Australia's Alex de Minaur, took a moment to acknowledge Kohli's Instagram shoutout in the most Djokovic way possible: with quiet gratitude and laser focus. Kohli, clearly captivated by Djokovic's resilience on Centre Court, called the Serb a "gladiator" after watching him claw his way back from a one-set deficit, eventually taking the match 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. The Aussie looked dominant early and even led 4-1 in the fourth set, seemingly pushing the match towards a fifth. But in true champion fashion, Djokovic reeled off five straight games to seal his place in the quarterfinals. "What a win! It was business as usual for the gladiator," Kohli wrote on his Instagram story, sharing a clip from the match.



INDIAN BATTING COACH UNFAZED BY GREEN LORD'S PITCH, ACKNOWLEDGES JOFRA ARCHER'S THREAT

Diary Times Desk : India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak isn't too worried about any kind of pitch England prepare for the third Test at Lord's. With the series level 1-1, England has hinted at preparing a lot more challenging surface for Indian batters after the run fest in the first two matches. However, India are unfazed by any type of wicket they're served for the third match of the series, revealed Sitanshu Kotak. Speaking to the press ahead of the third Test set to begin on July 10 at Lord's, the Indian batting coach shared his thoughts after the first look at the pitch. Kotak revealed that the surface has a lot more grass on it than the first two Test matches, but it remains to be seen how much of it will be left by the curators for the match after the final cutting. He stated that the batters will have to spend a lot more time in the middle and get themselves accustomed to the conditions before playing extravagant shots. "I think, as you said, the pitch does seem to have a bit more grass on it — as we've seen in the last two matches.

VIRAT KOHLI'S LONDON ADDRESS REVEALED? EX-ENGLAND STAR DROPS MASSIVE HINT

Diary Times Desk : Former England batter Jonathan Trott hinted that Indian cricket team star batter Virat Kohli is currently residing at St. John's Wood in London. Virat, who has reportedly shifted to London with his family for the time being, was spotted around the city in the last month. While a number of reports guessed where he might be living, his official address was never certain. A report in The Telegraph earlier claimed that Kohli was living in Notting Hill. However, during a discussion on Star Sports, Trott was talking about the star India batter and he hinted that Virat is currently living in the St. John's Wood residential area. The area, situated in northwest London, is well known for its beautiful homes. "Doesn't he live in St. John's Wood or nearby? Can he not be persuaded to come back?" he said.

SA DECIMATE ZIMBABWE TO TAKE SERIES 2-0

Diary Times Desk : South Africa only needed a little over two sessions to wrap up Zimbabwe for 220 to complete a massive innings and 236-run victory in the second Test, and a 2-0 series whitewash, in Bulawayo on Tuesday (July 8). The home team's top-order did offer some resistance but a collapse of 8 for 67 proved fatal and gave South Africa the inevitable win after their stand-in skipper Wiaan Mulder's record-breaking 367 not out. Resuming from 51 for 1 on Day 3, Zimbabwe lost Takudzwanashe Kaitano early into the session after he chipped one from Senuran Muthusamy straight to Mulder at cover to fall for 40. The South Africa's skipper's game kept getting better and he rattled the off-stump of Sean Williams to lend the hosts a mighty blow. A half-century stand ensued between Nick Welch (55) and skipper Craig Ervine (49) that kept South Africa at bay for the next 21 overs. But Muthusamy and Mulder, at first slip, combined once again to deliver a crucial breakthrough. Soon after bringing up his fifty, Welch sent a leading edge to the slips trying to clip a tossed up delivery from the left-arm spinner.

RCB'S FIRST TROPHY WINS THEM THE BRAND RACE; IPL HITS \$3.9 BILLION VALUE: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Royal Challengers Bengaluru's maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) title this year has made the Rajat Patidar-led side the most valuable brand of the world's richest Twenty20 domestic league. The famous victory, combined with bold strategic moves on and off the field, established RCB as the number one IPL brand in 2025, with a brand value of \$269 million, global investment bank Houlihan Lokey said on July 8. RCB, which ended a 17-year agonising wait to lift their first trophy in June, struck a perfect balance between continuity and reinvention, Houlihan Lokey's 2025 IPL Brand Valuation Study said. A key move was appointing Patidar as captain while retaining Virat Kohli as a senior batter and mentor — preserving the wisdom of legacy while empowering new leadership, the report added. The Mumbai Indians (MI) continue to uphold their reputation as one of the IPL's premier brands, securing the number two spot in 2025 with a brand valuation of \$242.0 million. Ahead of the season, the franchise refreshed its leadership structure, bringing in Mahela Jayawardene as head coach while entrusting Hardik Pandya to lead the side. Chennai Super Kings (CSK), which has won the IPL five times like MI, continue to be a benchmark for brand stability in the league, holding the third spot, with a brand value of \$235 million despite a forgettable outing this year.

SHUBMAN GILL'S 'FAVOURITE JOURNALIST' SPEAKS UP AFTER INDIA CAPTAIN'S BRUTAL TROLLING: "HE IS A..."

Diary Times Desk : Shubman Gill was ate his absolute best in the second India vs England Test in Edgbaston that ended on Sunday. The Indian cricket team captain slammed 269 and 161 as the side registered a 336-run win against England at the venue. After the win, Gill was naturally a jovial man and even trolled a journalist who had reminded him of the no-win record of India at the ground before the match. As Gill arrived in the press conference after etching his name in history, his eyes were keen to find the same journalist who pointed out the bitter stats in front of him during the pre-match press meet. "I can't see my favourite journalist. Where is he? I wanted to see him," Gill said, trolling the journalist during the media conference. "I even said before the Test match that I don't really believe in history and stats. Over the last 56 years or so, we've played nine matches — different teams have come here. I believe we are the best team to have come here in England, and we have the capability to beat them, to win the series from here. If we keep making the right decisions and keep fighting, I think it would be one of the series to remember," he further said.

YASH DAYAL BOOKED FOR RAPE AFTER ALLEGATIONS OF PHYSICAL EXPLOITATION ON PRETEXT OF MARRIAGE

Diary Times Desk : Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) bowler Yash Dayal has been booked for rape, the Ghaziabad police said on Monday. The development was reported by The Indian Express almost ten days after reports emerged of the pacer being accused by a Ghaziabad woman of physical exploitation on the pretext of marriage. Patil Nimish Dasharath, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Trans-Hindon), Ghaziabad, told the national daily that Dayal has recorded his statement before the police. "We have registered a case under BNS Section 69 (sexual intercourse by deceitful means, including a false promise of marriage) against him and are probing further," he said. As reported earlier, a complaint was filed against the cricketer on the Chief Minister's online grievance portal IGRS. In the FIR lodged by the woman, she stated that the two had been together for five years, during which the cricketer exploited her both mentally and physically. She also mentioned that she had substantial evidence against the pacer in the form of chat records, screenshots, video calls and photos.