

AIR INDIA CRASH

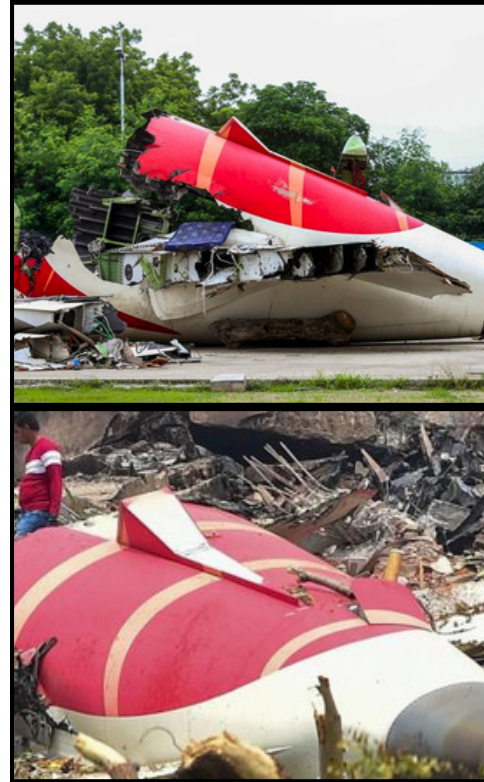
AIR INDIA CRASH REPORT: 1 SECOND TO DISASTER, CO-PILOT WAS FLYING PLANE, CAPTAIN MONITORED

Diary Times Desk : The preliminary Air India crash report by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, released on Saturday, recommended no action for now for the operators of Boeing 787-8 planes. At the time the aircraft took off, the co-pilot was flying the plane, while the Captain was monitoring.

Both switches feeding fuel to the two engines of Air India flight 171 were cut off followed by pilot confusion before the plane crashed in Ahmedabad, seconds after taking off, the first investigation report into the crash has revealed. It said that one pilot asked why he had shut off the fuel, and the other responded he didn't do it.

The crash on June 12 was the first fatal disaster involving a Boeing 787, killing a total of 260 people -- all but one of the 242 people on board the aircraft died -- when the plane ploughed into a medical college hostel.

"The aircraft achieved the maximum recorded airspeed of 180 Knots IAS at about 08:08:42 UTC and immediately thereafter, the Engine 1 and Engine 2 fuel cutoff switches transitioned from RUN to CUTOFF position one after another with a time gap of 01 sec," the report said. As per the report, the engine N1 and N2 began to decrease from their take-off values as the fuel supply to the engines was cut off. "In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why did he cutoff. The other pilot responded that he did not do so," it said.



CJI GAVAI

INDIAN LEGAL SYSTEM FACING UNIQUE CHALLENGES, NEEDS FIXING: CJI GAVAI



Diary Times Desk : Noting that the Indian legal system faced unique challenges and delays in trials could sometimes go on for decades, Chief Justice of India BR Gavai on Saturday said it's in bad need of fixing.

Delivering the convocation address at Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad, Justice Gavai said, "Our country and our legal system are facing unique challenges. Delays in trials can sometimes go for decades. We have seen cases where someone has been found innocent, after spending years in jail as an undertrial. Our best talent can help us resolve the problems that we are facing."

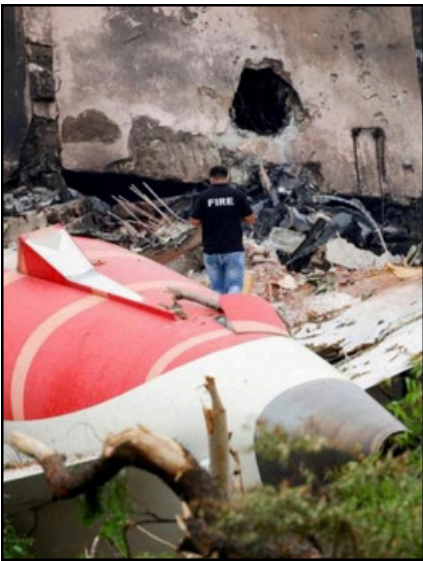
Quoting from "Why the Innocent Plead Guilty and the Guilty Go Free: And Other Paradoxes of Our Broken Legal System", a book by Jed S. Rakoff, a senior federal district judge in the United States, the CJI said, "Even though I conclude that our legal system is in bad need of fixing, I remain cautiously optimistic that my fellow (citizens) will rise to the challenge."

Noting that the pressure to pursue a master's degree abroad has become a symbol, a brand and a passport to validation, he advised law students to go abroad for studies on scholarships and avoid putting pressure on family finances.

"If you wish to go—go. It broadens your horizons. It teaches you how the world thinks. But please, go with scholarship and funding. Go with purpose. Not pressure. I see young graduates or lawyers taking loans of 50 to 70 lakhs for this. Do not put yourself or your family under the burden of loans amounting to 50–70 lakhs just for a foreign degree. A foreign degree alone is not a stamp of your worth."

AIR INDIA CRASH'S PRELIM REPORT REVEALS 'NO DEFECT IN FUEL CONTROL SWITCH'

Diary Times Desk : The preliminary investigation into the recent Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad has ruled out any defect in the aircraft's fuel control switch. According to the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau's (AAIB) preliminary report released on Saturday, a thorough scrutiny of maintenance records and historical advisories confirms that the component -- the fuel switch -- was functioning as intended. However, the report also reveals that seven years ago, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had flagged a potential disengagement issue with the fuel control switch. "The FAA issued Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) No. NM-18-33 on December 17, 2018, regarding the potential disengagement of the fuel control switch locking feature," an excerpt from the report read. Air India's affected aircraft, a Boeing 787-8 registered as VT-ANB, uses a similar fuel control switch design, part number 4TL837-3D.



FAMILIES OF PULWAMA ATTACK MARTYRS SEEK ANSWERS FROM GOVERNMENT

Diary Times Desk : Families of at least 20 CRPF soldiers who were martyred in the 2019 suicide bombing attack -- which occurred in J&K's Pulwama -- gathered at Congress' 24 Akbar Road. The attack had taken place after a terrorist belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammed terror group rammed his vehicle into the CRPF convoy that was moving on the highway on the fateful day. The attack left 40 soldiers martyred, leaving India-Pakistan on the brink of war. Families of martyrs' hailing from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan were present, said Congress leader Col Rohit Chaudhry, who is also national chairman of the party's ex-servicemen department. He said today's 'Pulwama Shaheed Samman Programme' was part of the series started by the party to honour martyrs. He said that although the loss is irreparable and can never be compensated, the programme was called to honour .

KANWAR YATRA: PLEA IN SC AGAINST UP/UTTARAKHAND GOVT DIKTAT TO FOOD SELLERS TO DISPLAY QR CODE ABOUT OWNERS' DETAILS



Diary Times Desk : An application in the Supreme Court has challenged directives issued by the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments to the food sellers along the Kanwar Yatra route to display QR code stickers to enable pilgrims to access owners' details. Filed in an already pending petition by Apoorvanand, the application sought a stay of all directives requiring public disclosure of ownership/employee identity of food vendors along Kanwar Yatra routes in the two states on the ground that these directions went against the top court's interim order passed last year that said sellers can't be forced to disclose their identities. The matter is likely to come up for hearing before a Bench of Justice MM Sundresh and Justice NK Singh on July 15. Terming it as an attempt to circumvent the top court's order, applicant Apoorvanand alleged that the authorities issued new directions mandating the display of QR codes on all eateries along the Kanwar Yatra route to reveal names and identities of food sellers.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF AIR INDIA PLANE CRASH SEEKS PSYCHIATRIC HELP TO OVERCOME TRAUMA

Diary Times Desk : Many would think of him as one of the luckiest persons alive in the world. But for Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, the sole survivor of the June 12 Air India plane crash, it has been a struggle to get over the monumental tragedy. He is now taking a psychiatrist's help to find a way of coping with the traumatic experience, his cousin said. When the London-bound Boeing 787 Dreamliner came down seconds after the take-off from the Ahmedabad airport, 40-year-old Vishwas, an Indian-origin British citizen, was the only passenger who walked away alive. His brother Ajay was among the 241 others onboard who perished along with 19 persons on the ground. The memories of the scenes of the crash site, his miraculous escape and his brother's death still hound Vishwas, said his cousin Sunny. "Many people, including our relatives living abroad, call us to enquire about Vishwas's well-being. But he does not talk to anyone. He is yet to overcome the mental trauma of the crash and the death of his brother.



YOUR HOROSCOPE

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

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

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

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

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

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.

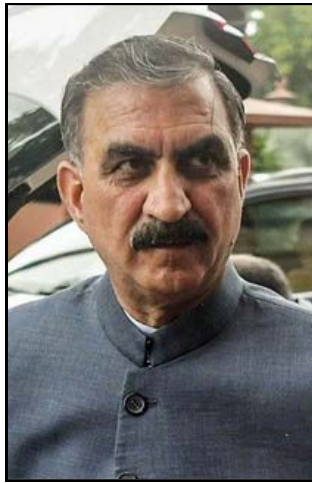
Aquarius
Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase 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: RS 2-2 CRORE RELEASED TO RESTORE ROADS, CM WILL GO TO DELHI TOMORROW FOR RELIEF PACKAGE

Diary Times Desk : In view of the extensive damage caused to roads in the state due to heavy rains, the government has released immediate relief of Rs 50 lakh each for every assembly constituency. Rs 2 crore each has been released to restore roads in the disaster-affected assembly constituencies. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will be on a visit to Delhi from July 14 to 16. During this, the Chief Minister will meet the Union Ministers and inform them about the damage caused by the natural disaster in the state. He will also raise the demand for a special economic package for Himachal and permission to build houses on forest land. The state has suffered a loss of Rs 800 crore so far due to cloudburst, floods and heavy rains. Chief Minister Sukhu will leave for Chandigarh from Shimla on Sunday afternoon. The Chief Minister will go to Delhi by air from Chandigarh on Monday morning. It is proposed to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and some other ministers during the Chief Minister's Delhi visit. A demand for a special economic package for the state will be made in the meeting with Union Minister Amit Shah. A demand will be made to the Finance Minister to increase the loan limit in view of the adverse conditions of the state.



HIMACHAL WEATHER: LIGHT SNOWFALL ON THE PEAKS OF LAHAUL, 95 PEOPLE HAVE DIED SO FAR IN THE MONSOON, 252 ROADS ARE BLOCKED

Diary Times Desk : Rain continues in many parts of Himachal Pradesh. There was light snowfall on the peaks along with rain in the Lahaul valley at night. The farmers and gardeners of Lahaul have heaved a sigh of relief due to the rain. Due to drought-like conditions, other crops including peas were getting damaged here. The high peaks of the valley have turned white due to snow and the cold has also increased. Kullu district also received heavy rain throughout the night. The water level of the rivers and streams of the district along with Beas has increased. 252 roads including two national highways remained blocked in the state till Saturday evening. Apart from this, 327 electricity transformers and 787 water supply schemes are affected. The maximum number of 203 roads, 102 electricity transformers are affected in the disaster-prone Mandi district. At the same time, 612 water supply schemes are affected in the sub-divisions of Dharamshala, Narpur and Dehra of Kangra district.

HIMACHAL: GROUPING SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT POSTS REVISED, NOW ONLY THESE WILL GET GAZETTED STATUS

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh government has amended the group classification of posts in government services. According to the office memorandum issued by the Finance Department, now the classification of posts has been done afresh on the basis of pay matrix level, due to which only the posts falling under Group-A will get gazetted status. The pay level of Group-A will be from 16 to 31 (from 10300 to 34800 plus 5000 grade pay to 37400 to 67000 plus 10000 grade pay). The pay level of Group-B will be from 12 to 15 (from 10300-34800 plus 4200 to 4800 grade pay). The pay level of Group-C will be from 3 to 11 (from 5910-20200 plus 1900 grade pay to 10300-34800 plus 3800 grade pay). The pay level of Group-D will be 1 and 2 (4900-10680 plus 1650 and 1800 grade pay). The memorandum issued on 7 September 2022 before this amendment has been repealed. This decision of the government has received the consent of the Department of Personnel on 24 June 2025. It has been clarified in the notification that now only the post holders falling in Group-A category will get the status of gazetted officer. This will not only make the administrative structure more clear, but will also strengthen the definition of responsibility.

AXE FELL ON APPLE TREES: FOREST DEPARTMENT TOOK ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENT, 100 TREES CUT; 3800 SAPLINGS TO BE REMOVED

Diary Times Desk : The campaign to remove illegal encroachments has started in Kotkhai and Kumarsain of Shimla district. On the orders of the Himachal High Court, 100 apple trees planted on forest land in Kotkhai's Chanthala village were cut on Saturday. About 320 apple, pear and cherry trees were cut in Kumarsain's Sarahan village. A total of 3800 apple trees are to be cut in Chanthala village. At the same time, apple trees planted on forest land are also to be cut in Kumarsain. Earlier also, apple trees planted illegally on forest land have been cut in Upper Shimla on the orders of the High Court. According to the information, in Kotkhai's Chanthala village, people have planted illegal orchards on about three hundred bighas of forest land. About 3,800 apple trees are planted on forest land here. On Saturday, on the first day, 100 trees were cut under the campaign launched to remove illegal encroachment. These trees had fruits on them. The High Court had recently passed orders to remove encroachments. The forest department team was busy cutting apple trees in the rain the whole day under the supervision of the police and administration. A 15-member team is engaged in removing encroachment with five cutting machines. On the instructions of the High Court, six police squads have been deployed on the spot by the government for security.



SHIMLA: CM SOUGHT PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE CAMPAIGN TO DEAL WITH NATURAL DISASTERS, SAID- DONATE TO THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has appealed to contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund to help the people affected by the natural disaster in the state. Bank account numbers have also been issued for this. In the appeal issued by the Chief Minister, it was said that everyone knows that the whole country is struggling with natural disasters. Himachal Pradesh is also not untouched by these disasters. Mandi district has been badly affected in this. The state government is running a campaign to help the public on a very large scale to deal with these natural disasters. Running this campaign alone is not only difficult but also impossible. Public cooperation is also expected in this. In such a situation, the state government has opened accounts in Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank, State Bank of India and HDFC Bank to deal with these natural disasters.

HIMACHAL: CENTRAL UNIVERSITY WILL HAVE FOUR NEW COURSES, MSc AND BTECH AS WELL, CLASSES WILL START FROM AUGUST 1

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Central University is going to start four new courses from the academic session 2025-26. It will offer MSc in Remote Sensing and GIS and Geology, MTech in Science and Technology of Nano Materials and BTech in Computer Science and Engineering. According to the university administration, there will be a total of 129 seats in these courses. There will be 38-38 seats in Remote Sensing and GIS and Geology, 20 in MTech and 33 in BTech program. The special thing is that CUET score will not be required for admission in these courses. Interested candidates can apply online till 5 pm on July 23. The first merit list will be released on July 25 and the second list on July 29. Document verification and classes for selected candidates will start from August 1. Remote sensing and GIS are modern geospatial technologies. Remote sensing is the collection of information from the earth's surface through satellites or sensors, while GIS is a computer-based system that stores, displays and analyses geographic data. The combination of these two techniques is proving useful for policy decisions. Engineering courses are being started in Himachal Pradesh Central University. For this, an application fee of Rs 500 will be charged.

'WE EXPECT A POSITIVE RESPONSE': HUSBAND OF KERALA NURSE ON YEMEN DEATH ROW

Diary Times Desk : Tomy Thomas, husband of Nimisha Priya, the 37-year-old Indian nurse from Kerala who faces execution in Yemen on July 16 after being convicted of murder in June 2018, informed about the ongoing efforts to save her life. Thomas met with the Kerala Governor, Rajendra Arlekar, recently, who offered support to Nimisha's mother through video conferencing. According to Thomas, the Central government, the State government, and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) are making efforts to secure Nimisha's release. While speaking to ANI, Thomas said, "I am in contact with Nimisha. It is possible to send text and voice messages to her. I met the Governor yesterday, who offered all support to Nimisha's mother through video conferencing.." "The Central government, State government and the MEA have been making efforts, and we expect a positive response. Our advocate is doing everything possible....", Thomas added. Earlier, Communist Party of India (CPI) Rajya Sabha MP Sandosh Kumar wrote to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, seeking immediate diplomatic intervention to save Nimisha Priya, an Indian national facing execution by Yemeni authorities on July 16.

'UNLESS YOU WIN, IT WON'T MATTER': SALMAN KHURSHID ON BIHAR SIR ROW

Diary Times Desk : Amidst the ongoing political turmoil in Bihar due to the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls being conducted by the Election Commission of India (ECI), Congress leader Salman Khurshid on Saturday said it doesn't matter if anyone raises questions on the EC, as in the end, winning the election will only matter. "Whoever is raising questions (on the Election Commission), let them... The reality is that, ultimately, unless you win the election, your point will not matter", Salman Khurshid told ANI. Salman Khurshid's statement has come at such a time when many of his senior party members are strongly opposing ECI's move to conduct a revision of electoral rolls in Bihar. On Friday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday called the Bharatiya Janata Part "chori ki sarkar, choron ki sarkar" (forming a government of thieves) in Maharashtra by manipulating voter rolls, and a similar manipulation of electoral rolls is happening with the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Bihar ahead of the elections. While speaking at the 'Samvidhan Bachao Samavesh' event.

EXPERT CLAIMS PILOT MAY HAVE DELIBERATELY CRASHED AIR INDIA FLIGHT



Diary Times Desk : A leading aviation safety expert has suggested that the fatal crash of Air India Flight 171 may have been the result of deliberate human action, raising, for the first time, the possibility of a pilot-induced crash. Captain Mohan Ranganathan, one of India's leading aviation experts, has pointed to the sequence of fuel cutoff switches and cockpit audio to suggest that the crash may have stemmed from deliberate actions taken in the cockpit, potentially even suicide. When NDTV asked if one of the pilots intentionally switched off the fuel, fully aware that doing so could cause a crash, Captain Ranganathan said, "Absolutely." "It has to be manually done," Captain Ranganathan told NDTV when asked if there is any way fuel can be shut off to the engines of the Dreamliner. "It cannot be done automatically or due to a power failure because the fuel selectors are not the sliding type. They are designed to stay in a slot, and you have to pull them out to move them up or down.

RUSSIAN WOMAN FOUND LIVING IN CAVE WITH 2 DAUGHTERS IN KARNATAKA

Diary Times Desk : A Russian woman and her two young daughters were found living in a remote and dangerous cave atop the Ramatirtha Hill in Karnataka's Gokarna. During a patrol, the Gokarna police discovered the three in a makeshift dwelling deep within the forest. The incident came to light on July 9 around 5:00 PM, when Inspector Sridhar SR and his team from Gokarna Police Station were patrolling the Ramatirtha Hill area to ensure the safety of tourists. While combing through the forest, they noticed movement near a cave located in a hazardous, landslide-prone zone. Upon investigation, they discovered Nina Kutina (aged 40), a woman of Russian origin, residing inside the cave with her two daughters Prema (6 years, 7 months) and Ama (4 years). When questioned, Nina claimed that she had travelled from Goa to Gokarna seeking spiritual solitude. She explained that she chose to live in the forest cave to engage in meditation and prayer, away from the distractions of urban life.

'RADHIKA WANTED TO MARRY...': NEIGHBOUR SAYS DEEPAK YADAV WAS UNHAPPY WITH DAUGHTER'S CHOICE FOR MARRIAGE

Diary Times Desk : As the investigation into the murder of tennis player Radhika Yadav progresses, new details have emerged on the disagreements between the father and daughter over the choice of her partner. According to an old neighbour of the Yadav family, who wished to remain anonymous, Radhika's father, Deepak, was reportedly unhappy with Radhika's choice of partner as she decided to marry outside their caste. "Radhika wanted to marry someone outside her caste, but her father wanted the marriage to be within her caste. He was old school and conservative," the 47-year-old neighbour said. Deepak Yadav, 51, allegedly shot his daughter Radhika Yadav, a state-level tennis player, four times in the back while she was cooking breakfast in the kitchen of their three-storey home in Block-G of Sushant Lok-2 around 10.30 am on Thursday, police said.



'NO RAPE, SHE FELL OUT OF AUTO': FATHER OF WOMAN 'ASSAULTED' AT IIM CALCUTTA

Diary Times Desk : The father of the woman who was allegedly raped by a student at the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, has denied that anything of the sort happened and said his daughter fell out of an auto rickshaw. The lawyer of the accused student, who has been arrested, told a court in Kolkata that the woman was a counsellor. He said the two had connected online and the woman had gone to the student's hostel at IIM-C to provide counselling. Speaking to reporters on Saturday, the father said he received a call at 9:34 pm on Friday informing him that his daughter had fallen out of an auto and lost her senses. He was told she was admitted to the neurology department of SSKM hospital and that the police had rescued her and taken her there. He said his daughter told him no sexual assault had occurred. "The police told me they have registered a case and arrested someone. My daughter said the police told her to say something during the medical exam, and she did not," the man said.

TEACHER ASKS FOR SEXUAL FAVOURS, STUDENT SETS HERSELF ABLAZE IN ODISHA

Diary Times Desk : Harassed by her head of department, who allegedly repeatedly asked her for sexual favours and threatened to destroy her future if she did not comply, a student set herself ablaze at a college in Odisha's Balasore. The woman has suffered 95% burn injuries and a fellow student who tried to save her also suffered 70% burns. The head of department has been arrested. He and the college principal have also been suspended by the higher education department. "Strict action will be taken against them," said the state's higher education minister Suryabanshi Suraj. The woman, who was a student of the integrated B.Ed programme, had filed a complaint on July 1 to the internal complaints committee of the Fakir Mohan College. She had alleged her head of department, Samir Kumar Sahu, had been asking her for "favours" and had also threatened her. Sources said the student was assured that action would be taken in seven days, but nothing happened.

**'NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS':
TRUMP VISITS FLOOD-RAVAGED
CENTRAL TEXAS**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump visited flood-stricken central Texas, where devastating flash floods have claimed the lives of at least 120 people, including 36 children, and left over 170 others missing. During his visit, he praised both state and federal authorities for their response efforts, describing their work as "incredible." President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump traveled to the Hill Country region of central Texas to meet with first responders, families of victims, and local officials, one week after a rain-swollen river devastated the area - sweeping away homes, cabins, vehicles, and residents. "This is a tough one. I've never seen anything like this," Trump said at a roundtable meeting in Kerrville, in the worst-affected Kerr County. "I've gone to a lot of hurricanes, a lot of tornadoes. I've never seen anything like this. This is a bad one." Prior to the roundtable, Trump, and First Lady, conducted an aerial survey and boarded a helicopter to Kerrville to see the flooding aftermath from the air particularly along the Guadalupe River, which forecasters say surged by more than 20 feet in hours.

**BOEING SETTLES WITH CANADIAN MAN
WHOSE WIFE, 3 CHILDREN DIED IN 737
MAX CRASH**

Diary Times Desk : Boeing reached a settlement Friday with a Canadian man whose wife and three children were killed in a deadly 2019 crash in Ethiopia, averting the first trial connected to a devastating event that led to a worldwide grounding of Max jets. The jury trial at Chicago's federal court had been set to start Monday to determine damages for Paul Njoroge of Canada. His family was heading to their native Kenya in March 2019 aboard Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 when it malfunctioned and plummeted to the ground. The wreck killed all 157 people on board. Njoroge, 41, had planned to testify about how the crash affected his life. He has been unable to return to his family home in Toronto because the memories are too painful. He hasn't been able to find a job. And he has weathered criticism from relatives for not traveling alongside his wife and children. "He's got complicated grief and sorrow and his own emotional stress," said Njoroge's attorney.

US-INDIA TRADE DEAL MAY CAP TARIFFS BELOW 20% AS BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TALKS

Diary Times Desk : The US is in talks with India to finalise an interim trade agreement that could bring down proposed tariff rates to below 20 per cent, Bloomberg reported. This puts India in a better position compared to several of its regional peers who are facing higher levies. Unlike many other countries that received official tariff demand letters this week, India does not expect one. Instead, the agreement is likely to be announced through a joint statement, the report said. This interim deal is expected to create room for further negotiations, giving New Delhi time to settle pending issues before a more comprehensive agreement is announced later this year, Bloomberg reported. The joint statement may fix a base tariff level of under 20 per cent - down from the initially proposed 26 per cent. The language of the statement is expected to keep the door open for continued talks on the final tariff rates. While the exact timeline of the interim deal remains uncertain, such a development would put India among a small group of nations that have reached trade understandings with the Trump administration, Bloomberg reported.

**TRUMP RAMPS UP TRADE WAR, SLAPS 30%
TARIFFS ON EUROPEAN UNION, MEXICO**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Saturday announced he's levying tariffs of 30% against the European Union and Mexico. Trump announced the tariffs on two of the United States' biggest trade partners in letters posted to his social media account. In his letter to Mexico's leader, Trump acknowledged that the country has been helpful in stemming the flow of undocumented migrants and fentanyl into the United States. But he said the country has not done enough to stop North America from turning into a "Narco-Trafficking Playground." "Mexico has been helping me secure the border, BUT, what Mexico has done is not enough," Trump added. Trump in his letter to the European Union said that the US trade deficit was a national security threat. "We have had years to discuss our Trading Relationship with The European Union, and we have concluded we must move away from these long-term, large, and persistent, Trade Deficits, engendered by your Tariff, and Non-Tariff, Policies, and Trade Barriers," Trump wrote in the letter.

**DOZENS KILLED BY ISRAEL AT AID SITE IN
GAZA, CHILDREN DYING OF MALNUTRITION**

Diary Times Desk : At least 87 Palestinians have been killed since dawn in Israeli attacks across Gaza, with dozens of children dying from malnutrition during Israel's punishing months-long blockade, as ceasefire talks reportedly stall. Among the victims on Saturday, 14 were killed in Gaza City, four of them in an Israeli strike on a residence on Jaffa Street in the Tuffah area, which injured 10 others. At least 30 aid seekers were killed by Israeli army fire north of Rafah, southern Gaza, near the one operating GHF site, which rights groups and the United Nations have slammed as "human slaughterhouses" and "death traps". According to Al Jazeera Mubasher, Israeli forces fired directly at Palestinians in front of the aid distribution centre in the al-Shakoush area of Rafah. Reporting from Deir el-Balah.

**TRUMP ISSUES LETTER TO
CANADA PM, IMPOSES 35%
TARIFF ON EXPORTS TO US**

Diary Times Desk : Canada will face a 35 percent tariff on exports to the United States starting August 1, President Donald Trump said in a late-night letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney that upends negotiations between the close allies. The notice was the latest of more than 20 such letters Trump has issued since Monday as he continues to widen a global trade war, adding in an interview that countries which have yet to receive a letter from him would see a 15 percent or 20 percent levy. Canada's 35 percent tariff marks a step up from an existing 25 percent level, but products complying with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) are expected to remain exempt, a Trump administration official told AFP. Canadian energy resources are anticipated to still face a lower levy, the official said, while noting that Trump has yet to make final decisions on the matter. Trump told reporters Friday that Ottawa reached out following the release of his letter: "I think it was fairly well received. It is what we need. So we'll see what happens."

**CHINA FLAUNTS 'TANK
BOATS' IN VIRAL VIDEO AS
TAIWAN LAUNCHES LARGEST
DRILL EVER**

Diary Times Desk : A viral video showing a fleet of Chinese 'tank boats' in the sea during military drills near Taiwan has surfaced online. According to a report by the Sun, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) showcased its tanks after Taiwan launched its largest-ever military drills. "Taiwan simulates Chinese invasion while the PLA practices launching one," an X user wrote, adding that the video shows a "PLA armoured amphibious unit conducting 'naval formation training at sea' in Fujian—directly across the strait from Taiwan." The video opens to show the armoured vehicles lined up on a beach facing the sea. Slowly, the vehicles move into the water and away from the shore. A bird's-eye view shows them leaving trails as they navigate through the water in coordinated formation. According to a report by Reuters, Taiwan launched its military drills on Wednesday. As per a senior official, the war games started with simulated attacks on its command systems and infrastructure. The exercises will test how the island can handle a crippling communications attack by China. "We are learning from the situation in Ukraine in recent years and realistically thinking about what Taiwan might face... in real combat," a senior official told Reuters.

RAJPURA DISTILLERY CHALLENGES EXCISE DUTY IN PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued notice of motion to the State of Punjab on a petition filed by Rajpura-based NV Distilleries Pvt Ltd, challenging the jurisdiction and legality of a demand for excise duty running into several crores imposed on 22,936 cases of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) allegedly found unaccounted during an inspection in 2020. Appearing for the distillery, Senior Advocate Mohan Jain argued before the division Bench of Justice Lisa Gill and Justice Sudeepti Sharma that the demand was based on an arbitrary invocation of Order 1-AAA of the Punjab Excise Fiscal Orders, 1932, and Rule 37 of the Liquor Licence Rules, which, he submitted, were not applicable to distilleries and ran contrary to the Punjab Distillery Rules. Jain relied on Rule 122-D of the Punjab Distillery Rules, 1932, to contend that a distillery is permitted to manufacture up to 10 per cent of its previous year's production or up to 10,000 cases, whichever is higher, in anticipation of permit approval.



MANN'S REMARKS ON PM'S FOREIGN VISITS AN AFFRONT TO DIGNITY OF CONSTITUTIONAL POSITIONS: HARYANA CM

Diary Times Desk : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has criticised his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann for his recent remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign visits. Terming them "inappropriate" and an affront to democratic values and dignity of constitutional positions, Saini asked Mann to seek an apology from the nation. The Punjab chief minister had on Thursday criticised Modi for celebrating an honour from a foreign country with just 10,000 population while neglecting the pressing issues of his own nation with 140 crore people. Mann has faced flak from several BJP leaders for the comment. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has also expressed strong disapproval, calling the remarks "irresponsible". Without naming Mann, the MEA said that the Government of India "disassociates" itself from the "unwarranted" comments made by a "high state authority" that undermined India's ties with friendly countries. However, Mann raked up the issue again on Friday, this time in the state assembly, and asked Modi to "address the concerns" of 140 crore Indians. On MEA's reaction, he asked whether he did not have the right to question a foreign policy. Chiding Mann for his comments.

CENTRE SHOULD SETTLE YAMUNA WATERS ISSUE BEFORE ASKING FOR SATLUJ WATERS: PUNJAB FM HARPAL CHEEMA

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Cheema on Friday said that according to a 1954 agreement, Punjab had the right over two-thirds of the Yamuna waters and Uttar Pradesh over the remaining one-third. Cheema was speaking before the special session of the Punjab Assembly resumed. He said, "All political parties in the state, mainly the Congress and SAD-BJP, have purposely ignored the subject over the years. They consciously did not mention it." Cheema said the Centre should settle the issue of the Yamuna waters before asking for the Satluj waters. He said the Charanjit Channi government of the Congress had made a compromise by allocating Rs 50 crore for the CISF security at the Bhakra dam. Punjab's rights over the Bhakra Beas Management Board waters were compromised, he alleged. He said the SAD government also compromised the rights of Punjab on the Yamuna waters. "The 1972 Irrigation Commission clearly showed that two big districts, Sangrur and Patiala, came on the Yamuna basins. Instead of honouring the water rights of Punjab they are asking for additional water for Haryana. They need to settle the old issues before talking about the Satluj waters," Cheema said. Says the Congress and SAD-BJP have purposely ignored the subject over the years.

HARYANA, RAJASTHAN GOVT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MOVE TO DEPLOY CISF AT BHAKRA DAM

Diary Times Desk : Though the Punjab Assembly yesterday passed the resolution against deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) projects, the other partner states in the board — Haryana and Rajasthan — have supported the move. Sources told The Tribune that in BBMB's full board meeting on July 4, Punjab has objected to CISF deployment, whereas Haryana and Rajasthan supported the move. The sources said that BBMB is yet to take a final decision on the matter. However, the plan to build houses for the 296-member CISF contingent — who were to be accommodated in BBMB's Nangal township — has been put on hold. Previously, despite Punjab's opposition, BBMB had continued preparing the housing and asked its employees to vacate homes earmarked for CISF personnel. The BBMB employee organisations had also opposed the management's move to force them to vacate houses for CISF personnel. Sources said that the BBMB has put the work on hold, fearing objections of budget misuse by Punjab. The Punjab government, which has 52 per cent share in BBMB, contributes budget accordingly in the organisation. Now, the state government has announced that it would not contribute budget for deployment of CISF in BBMB.



SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2024: KARNAL BAGS NATIONAL AWARD FOR BEING AMONG CLEANEST CITIES

Diary Times Desk : Karnal city has been selected for the prestigious Presidential award for being included in the list of India's cleanest cities under the Swachh Survekshan 2024. The announcement has been made by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, marking a historic achievement for Karnal Municipal Corporation (KMC) as the first municipal corporation in Haryana to receive this honour. As per the officials of the KMC, this achievement is the result of months of dedicated efforts, innovative approaches and unwavering commitment from all stakeholders. The award ceremony will be held on July 17 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, where President of India, Droupadi Murmu, will present the award. Karnal's ranking will also be declared soon. Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta congratulated the sanitation wing, safai mitras and residents of Karnal, crediting them for their tireless efforts in achieving this milestone. "This honour is a result of the collective efforts of our sanitation workers and the cooperation of our citizens," she said. She also highlighted the significance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 2, 2014, as a transformative mission to make India clean and garbage-free.

JUSTICE AFTER 25-YEAR WAIT AS CASES PENDING FOR DECADES SETTLED IN HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT

Diary Times Desk : Old but not forgotten cases found their way under the gavel on Saturday as a legal dispute pending for 25 years finally reached closure during the National Lok Adalat held at the Punjab and Haryana High Court. It was not the only matter to emerge from the shadows of time. Among the 151 cases disposed of through mutual settlement were 73 cases pending for over five years, 50 awaiting decisions for more than a decade, 12 cases older than 20 years, and 15 matters stuck between 20 and 24 years. Altogether, the Lok Adalat witnessed settlements amounting to ₹5,77,76,000, with the majority of resolved disputes involving motor accident claim cases. Held as part of the nationwide initiative of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), the Lok Adalat at the High Court was organised with the coordination of the High Court Legal Services Committee, under the overall supervision of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, patron-in-chief of the Committee.

**DALAI LAMA EMBARKS
ON 45-DAY LADAKH
VISIT**

Diary Times Desk : The Dalai Lama has departed from his residence in McLeodganj on Saturday morning for a 45-day visit to Ladakh. Before leaving, the Tibetan spiritual leader expressed gratitude for the warm wishes extended on his 90th birthday. He said it was heartening to witness thousands of people from around the world participate in the celebrations. This marks the Dalai Lama's first visit to Ladakh in two years. Upon arrival, he would rest for a few days to acclimatise to the region's high altitude. His itinerary includes a series of public teachings and private engagements in Leh and nearby areas. A significant part of the visit would be to Zaskar, a remote and spiritually important region renowned for its ancient monasteries and preserved Buddhist heritage. Tsering Dorje, Chairman of the Ladakh Buddhist Association, expressed "great joy" over the visit, highlighting the profound spiritual and cultural importance of the Dalai Lama's presence in the Himalayan region. The association has made elaborate arrangements to give a grand welcome to their revered leader.

**249 ROADS CLOSED,
OVER 750 WATER
SCHEMES AFFECTED IN
RAIN-HIT HIMACHAL**

Diary Times Desk : A total of 249 roads are closed for vehicular traffic in Himachal Pradesh due to havoc caused by rain, 207 of them in the landslide-hit Mandi district, officials said on Saturday. The Mandi to Dharampur via Kotli stretch of National Highway 3 (Atari-Leh) is closed for heavy vehicles following heavy rain. The Mandi-Kullu stretch of the Chandigarh-Manali national highway was closed for about 10 hours following a landslide at Kainchi Mor near Pandoh dam in Mandi late Friday night. From there, vehicles were diverted to the alternate Katola-Kamand route. Commuters had a harrowing time as the traffic was stopped after debris and stones started coming down the road from the hillside. One-way traffic was opened after 10 hours after the stretch was cleared, said officials. The state has suffered losses to the tune of Rs 751 crore in the current monsoon, which hit the state on June 20.

LANDSLIDE BLOCKS CHANDIGARH-MANALI HIGHWAY NEAR MANDI

Diary Times Desk : Traffic movement on the busy Chandigarh-Manali highway came to a grinding halt this afternoon after a massive landslide struck near Four Miles in Mandi district around 3:30 pm. The incident has led to long queues of stranded vehicles on both sides of the road between Mandi and Kullu, leaving hundreds of commuters stuck for hours. The landslide, triggered by recent heavy rainfall in the region, brought down a huge amount of debris onto the highway, completely blocking vehicular movement. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has deployed its workforce and heavy machinery to clear the debris. However, officials have indicated that it will take considerable time to fully restore the highway and resume traffic. This is the second such incident on the same stretch of the highway today. In the morning, another landslide occurred at Diyod, also between Mandi and Kullu. That blockage caused a major disruption in traffic flow for few hours. Fortunately, the NHAI was able to clear the earlier debris and reopen the road temporarily before the second landslide struck in the afternoon.

**MONSOON LIKELY TO SLOW DOWN IN
HIMACHAL PRADESH FROM JULY 18**

Diary Times Desk : After wreaking havoc in many parts of the state, the monsoon is likely to slow down from July 18 onwards. According to Meteorological Department, light to moderate rainfall will continue to occur in most parts of the state with isolated spells of heavy rain in plains, low hills and adjoining mid hills, while rainfall anomaly will very likely be below normal from July 18 to 24. As heavy rain will continue across the state till July 18, the Meteorological Department has issued a yellow weather warning for various districts. Meanwhile, heavy rain in isolated areas as well as light to moderate rain in several places has been reported in the last 24 hours. Murari Devi in Mandi received 130 mm rain, highest in the state followed by 110 mm in Aghar in Hamirpur district, 80 mm in Pandoh, 53.2 mm in Mandi, 47.6 mm in Bhuntar in Kullu district, 35 mm in Sarahan, 30.4 in Sundernagar, 23 mm in Manali, 16.8 mm in Kangra, 12 mm in Narkanda, 10 mm in Una, 4.5 mm in Hamirpur, 4.2 mm in Bilaspur and 4.1 mm in Dharamshala. Till now, the state has suffered a total loss of Rs 751.95 crore as a result of 31 flash floods, 22 cloudbursts and 18 landslides, triggered by torrential rainfall. Also, as many as 252 roads, including 203 in Mandi, 25 in Kullu, 13 in Kangra, four in Sirmour, three in Una.

**LOVED ONES LOST, HOUSES
DESTROYED & FIELDS SWEEPED AWAY,
MANDI VILLAGERS IN DESPAIR**

Diary Times Desk : Devastation and despair are clearly visible as one sets foot in the Seraj Assembly constituency in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh that was ravaged by flashfloods recently. The flashfloods and landslides have destroyed what was once a happy and scenic countryside. The sight of people mourning the loss of their loved ones, some sitting by the side of their damaged or destroyed houses, and washed-away orchards and fields is painful. Almost everyone you run into has lost someone or something in the disaster. The once-peaceful Daizy village now stands as a haunting symbol of tragedy. A devastating cloudburst and flashfloods tore through the village on the midnight of June 30, sweeping away homes, hopes and hearts. Among the worst-hit were the families of Inder Singh and Mukesh, who lost 11 members in the disaster. For Inder Singh, a humble tailor, the pain is unbearable. The floodwaters stole his entire world — his wife and three daughters, all gone without a trace. What remains is a pile of debris where his home once stood.

**'MY DEED' PROJECT LAUNCHED IN HIMACHAL'S 10 TEHSILS, WILL
MAKE LAND REGISTRATION EASIER**

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today launched the 'My Deed' pilot project in 10 tehsils of the state, making land registry easier and more convenient for people. "Now, the citizens of the state need to visit the revenue office only once for getting their land registry done. They can apply for land registration anytime and from anywhere, which will save their time and effort," he said while launching the 'My Deed' project here. The project was launched at 10 places in Bilaspur Sadar, Dalhousie (Chamba), Galore (Hamirpur), Jaisinghpur (Kangra), Bhuntar (Kullu), Padhar (Mandi), Kumarsain (Shimla), Rajgarh (Sirmour), Kandaghat (Solan) and Bangana (Una). He said, "Technology should be used to improve services, help people, bring transparency and make revenue services more efficient. We should move towards a system that is paperless, presence less and cashless so that people can get government services while sitting at home." Sukhu also launched a new format of "Jamabandi", e-Roznamcha Vakyati, and "Kaarguzari" initiatives to improve the working of the Revenue Department and make the process more people-friendly and easier. He said that the new "Jamabandi" format had been made simpler in basic Hindi and Urdu and Arabic and Farsi had been removed so that common people could easily understand land records. The e-Roznamcha Vakyati would help patwaris to keep a digital record of daily events, while "Kaarguzari" would be used for marking daily attendance online.



'TYPICAL KL RAHUL INNINGS...': BIG PRAISE FROM INDIA LEGEND DURING 3RD ENGLAND TEST

Diary Times Desk : KL Rahul was clinical in his approach and played a mature knock to thwart the challenge posed by the England bowlers, especially pacer Jofra Archer, on the second day of the third Test at Lord's, said former India captain Anil Kumble. Rahul, who scored a century in the first Test, struck his second fifty of the tour -- an unbeaten 53 off 113 balls -- to keep the England quicks at bay even as he lost partners regularly. India lost Yashasvi Jaiswal (13), Karun Nair (40) and skipper Shubman Gill (16) on day 2 to be 145/3 and trailing the hosts by 242 runs in the first innings. "It was fantastic, a typical KL Rahul innings where he had to grind it out. It was a fiery spell from Jofra Archer -- especially that first spell where he clocked over 150 kmph, with steep bounce and a bit of swing early on," Kumble said on JioHotstar. "KL countered all of that brilliantly. He was clinical in his approach and looked in control. It was a very disciplined and mature knock, and I'm sure he'll be satisfied with how he played." Former England batter and current Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott said, playing with a straight back -- which Rahul did on day two -- will hold the key to India's fortunes in this Test.



"SOMEBODY'S WIFE...": JASPRIT BUMRAH'S HILARIOUS REACTION DURING PRESS CONFERENCE GOES VIRAL

Diary Times Desk : India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah invoked laughter when a reporter's wife called as he recalled his most memorable moment and tackling with judgment during a press conference after the end of the second day's play in the third Test against England at Lord's. Bumrah headlined India's pace attack under London's scorching heat and returned with figures of 5/74. He scalped pivotal wickets of Harry Brook, Joe Root and captain Ben Stokes, forcing England to pack on 387. At the end of the day's play, Bumrah addressed the reporters and responded to their queries. While responding to one such question, a phone rang suddenly and prompted Bumrah to respond jokingly, "Somebody's wife is calling. But I will not pick it up." With a memorable five-wicket haul, the 31-year-old earned a spot on the Lord's honours board. For Bumrah, memories hold a much more special place than records and milestones. He took a trip down memory lane and reminisced about India's tour of England in 2021.

SACHIN TENDULKAR RELISHES HIS SPOT IN A FEDERER-BORG GRAND SLAM SANDWICH

Diary Times Desk : Cricket met tennis royalty in style on Friday as Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar found himself in the middle of a star-studded frame -- flanked by Roger Federer and Bjorn Borg at the All England Club. The 50-year-old gave the moment a humorous twist by referring to the photograph as being at the centre of a "Grand Slam sandwich." The post, shared across his social media handles, has since gone viral, sparking joy among fans of both sports. The iconic picture features Sachin standing between Federer -- the 20-time Grand Slam champion and eight-time Wimbledon winner -- and Borg, the Swedish maestro who clinched 11 Grand Slam titles and five Wimbledon crowns. With 31 Grand Slam titles combined between the two tennis greats, Sachin's caption offered a charming blend of wit and admiration.

IGA SWIATEK WINS WIMBLEDON 2025 AFTER AMANDA ANISIMOVA DEMOLITION IN FINALS

Diary Times Desk : Iga Swiatek finally ended her wait for a maiden Wimbledon title on Saturday and she did it in some style. The Pole demolished her American opponent Amanda Anisimova in the women's singles final and won the match in straight sets. What was even more fascinating, was the fact that she didn't lose a single game and wrapped the finale with a 6-0, 6-0 scoreline. "I'd never won this title, I was anxious about that [in previous years], but this year I really really enjoyed it and felt so comfortable," Swiatek noted after her win. It marked a special occasion as Swiatek became the first Polish to win a Wimbledon title in singles competition. Not only that this was also the first time since 1911 that the women's title was won without losing a game. Prior to this only Dorothea Lambert Chambers, a British, had managed to record the scoreline. She had defeated Dora Boothby, also an English, over a century ago. The title took her Grand Slam tally to six (4 French Open, 1 US Open, and 1 Wimbledon title). Swiatek had displayed clinical form throughout the campaign and dropped just one set en route to the final. The feat saw 24-year-old Swiatek win majors on all three surfaces and the youngest woman to do so since Serena Williams.

INDIAN ARCHERS ONCE AGAIN FALTER UNDER PRESSURE, SETTLE FOR SILVER IN ARCHERY WORLD CUP STAGE 4

Diary Times Desk : India opened their account at the Archery World Cup Stage 4 with a silver medal in the women's compound team event here on Saturday, but the result once again highlighted the team's inability to handle crunch situations. The trio of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur and 16-year-old debutant Prithika Pradeep, who had topped the qualification round with a total of 2116 points, looked well on course for gold and justify their top-billing when they led 170-169 after the third end. However, they faltered under pressure at the decisive moment, eventually going down 225-227 to Chinese Taipei. Both teams were locked at 57-all after the first end, but the Indians raised their game in the second, dropping just two points to take the end 58-56 and open up a slender 115-113 lead. They still held a narrow advantage despite losing the third end by a point after an untimely arrow found the 8-ring. The gold was well within reach, the Indians simply could not close it out in the fourth and final end. A wayward 7 in the final-end proved costly, while Chinese Taipei's trio of Huang I-Jou, Chen Yi-Hsuan and Chiu Yu-Erh held their composure to shoot a match-winning 58. The Indians, in contrast, could muster only 55 an underwhelming effort at a stage where consistency and nerves matter most.

ITALY MAKE HISTORY BY QUALIFYING FOR 2026 T20 WORLD CUP

Diary Times Desk : Italy have secured qualification for the 2026 men's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, despite losing to Netherlands at The Hague. Next year's tournament will mark Italy's first appearance at a cricket World Cup. Netherlands also qualified for the event after comfortably chasing 135. Scotland, who have featured in the last four editions of the T20 World Cup, were knocked out after suffering a last-ball defeat against Jersey earlier in the day. Despite pulling off a one-wicket heist, Jersey were also knocked out after Netherlands beat Italy. Both Italy and Jersey were level with five points, but Italy ended up progressing to the 2026 T20 World Cup, by virtue of a superior net run-rate. Italy only needed to avoid a heavy defeat, which they did by stretching Netherlands' chase to 16.2 overs. They confirmed their place in next year's T20 World Cup in the 15th over before Netherlands completed their job and joined Italy in the event. After having opted to bat, Italy lost both their openers, Justin Mosca and Emilio Gay, within three overs and when their captain Joe Burns (22) fell in the seventh over, they were 41 for 3. Wicketkeeper-batter Marcus Campopiano also fell cheaply, leaving Italy at 46 for 4 in the ninth over.

R ASHWIN SAYS "ENGLAND BETRAYED EVERYONE" IN LORD'S TEST, CALLS OUT 'PRANKBALL'

Diary Times Desk : Former India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was surprised as much as any other cricket fan as the England team snubbed 'BazBall' for 'PrankBall' in the third Test against India at Lord's. Ashwin, who has had the experience of playing against different England sides over the years, couldn't comprehend the approach displayed by Ben Stokes' men as their batters went into their shells against India on Day 1 of the match. In a video on his YouTube channel, Ashwin accused England of 'betraying everyone' by adopting an approach contradicting their cricketing philosophy. "It was a great day for England. Everyone believed England was going to continue with Bazball, but they betrayed everyone by playing Prankball instead. They usually score at a net run rate of 4, 4.5 an over, but today was different. England were going at three runs an over. I had previously discussed that Joe Root scoring runs is very important for the team. Commeth the man, Commeth the hour. His innings was a lesson in how Test cricket needs to be played.