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DALAI LAMA

'YOU'RE SHOOTING YOURSELF IN THE FOOT': CHINA'S WARNING TO INDIA OVER DALAI LAMA AHEAD OF JAISHANKAR'S VISIT

Diary Times Desk : With India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar set to visit China for a high-level security meeting, a familiar tension has resurfaced: the Dalai Lama's succession. Beijing has once again lashed out, calling it an 'internal affair of China', and warning India against what it describes as playing the 'Xizang card'.

The Tibetan spiritual leader, who has lived in exile in India since 1959, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Senior Indian leaders, including Minister Kiren Rijiju, attended the event in Dharamshala.

During the celebrations, the Dalai Lama reiterated that only he and his religious office can decide his reincarnation, directly rejecting China's claim that the process must be approved by Beijing. This sparked an angry response from the Chinese embassy in New Delhi, which called the issue a "thorn in China-India relations".

"The reincarnation and succession of the Dalai Lama is inherently an internal affair of China," said Yu Jing, spokesperson for the Chinese embassy in India, on X. She criticised unnamed Indian strategic commentators and officials for making "improper remarks" and warned that playing with the issue would be "shooting oneself in the foot." India has officially maintained a cautious line. On July 4, just before the Dalai Lama's birthday, the Ministry of External Affairs said India "does not take any position" on matters related to religion or faith.



TEJASHWI
YADAV'SUTRA KO MUTRA...': RJD'S TEJASHWI YADAVTURNS DOWN BIHAR ILLEGAL VOTERS CLAIM



Diary Times Desk : Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav was on Sunday seen slamming a journalist for citing "sources" over a query on the possible presence of illegal migrants in Bihar electoral roll and said such sources he considers as "mutra" (urine).

In a press conference on Sunday, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav raised concerns about voter verification and possible deletion of names from the electoral rolls.

During the press conference, Tejashwi Yadav was asked about reports of possible presence of foreign illegal migrants in electoral rolls across India, something that the Election Commission plans to carry out an intensive review over.

On this, Tejashwi Yadav asked the journalist about the origin of the news. The journalist then can be heard saying "sources" to Tejashwi Yadav's query. Tejashwi Yadav then replies, "hum wo sutra [sources] ko mutra samajhte hain... iska koi adhaar nai hai. [We consider these sources as urine, waste]."

Election commission officials on Sunday claimed that field-level functionaries of the ECI have found "a large number of people" from Nepal, Bangladesh, and Myanmar during house-to-house visits made for the ongoing intensive review of the voters' list in Bihar. Addressing the press conference in Bihar's Patna, Tejashwi claimed that if even one per cent of voters are left out during the verification process, nearly 7.9 lakh voters across the state could lose their right to vote.



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UJJWAL NIKAM, SADANANDAN MASTER, SHRINGLA, MEENAKSHI JAIN NOMINATED TO RAJYA SABHA

Diary Times Desk : Illustrious lawyer Ujwal Deorao Nikam, BJP Kerala leader Sadanandan Master, distinguished diplomat Harsh Vardhan Shringla and Indic historian Meenakshi Jain were on Sunday nominated to the Rajya Sabha by President Droupadi Murmu. Nikam, known for securing death penalties, including for the lone surviving perpetrator of the dastardly 26/11 Mumbai terror attack Ajmal Kasab, had in 2024 unsuccessfully contested the highprofile Mumbai North Central seat as a BJP candidate. The BJP had dropped its twoterm sitting MP Poonam Mahajan to nominate Nikam, famous for advocating capital punishment and for his line that "only the corrigible can be reformed". Nikam has handled several high-profile cases, including the 1993 Bombay blasts, Gulshan Kumar killing, Pramod Mahajan murder, Marine Drive rape case and the 2008 Mumbai terror attack among others.



PILOTS' GROUPING ALPA-INDIA MULLS LEGAL COURSE TO BE PART OF AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH PROBE



Diary Times Desk : Pilots' grouping ALPA-India on Sunday said it is mulling legal recourse to have its members as part of the investigation into the Air India's Boeing 787-8 plane crash, a day after alleging that AAIB's preliminary report suggests a bias towards pilot error. The Airline Pilots' Association of India (ALPA-India) represents over 800 pilots of airlines and helicopter companies in the country. It is a member of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Association (IFALPA), which claims to have one lakh pilots from across 100 countries as its members. Against the backdrop of the AAIB's preliminary report, representatives of ALPA-India will meet officials of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Monday to discuss various issues. "The preliminary report by the AAIB has been put up on the website. It does not have anyone's signature on it. We want transparency. We had asked for our representation in the investigation panel," ALPA-India president Sam Thomas told PTI.

INDIA STILL LOOKS 'SAARE JAHAN SE ACHA', SAYS SHUKLA AS **HE BIDS FAREWELL TO ISS**

Diary Times Desk : Even today, India looks 'sare jahan se accha' from space, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla said on Sunday as the Axiom-4 mission crew prepares to bid farewell to the International Space Station (ISS). In his farewell address to the ISS, Shukla said that the two-anda-half-week journey has been incredible. He said that today's India looks ambitious, fearless, confident and proud. Referring to Rakesh Sharma, first Indian who went to space, Shukla said, "41 years ago an Indian went to space and said how India looks from space. We all want to know how India looks today. Today's India looks ambitious, fearless, confident and proud." He said that the mission is an example of what humanity is capable of when different countries join hands to achieve a common goal. "It has been an incredible journey. I did not imagine all this when I started on Falcon 9 on June 25. It has been made incredible because of all the people involved. It was an incredible joy to be here.





IN WHICH LANGUAGE SHOULD I CONGRATULATE YOU? PM MODI **ASKS NIKAM ON PHONE**

Diary Times Desk : Amid a raging row over Hindi versus Marathi in NDA-ruled Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called up newly nominated Rajya Sabha MP Ujwal Nikam and asked him in which language should he speak with him. "Marathi mein bolun ya Hindi mein?" PM Modi asked Nikam and went on to talk to the leading lawyer in Marathi. BJP general secretary organisation BL Santosh shared the anecdote on his X handle, with the Thackeray brothers working to mobilise local Marathis around the issue of Hindi language imposition. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had to recently recall a government order mandating the teaching of three languages-Marathi, English and Hindi in primary sections of all schools. The order was retracted after a massive backlash against imposition of Hindi. The state government has now formed a committee to suggest the best way to apply the three language formula prescribed.

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Today, you will meet old friends, which Today you will get success as your long will refresh old memories. Emplo people may be fired from the job du 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.

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.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will 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.

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.

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 iob 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.

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.

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.

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 face h due in the workplace. People doing business increased difficulties ue to arguments may fa business business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.

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.

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.

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 face difficulties in repaying ess loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

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 PRADESH: 1200 APPLE TREES AXED IN CHAITHALA IN TWO DAYS, 38 HUNDRED TREES WILL BE CUT

Diary Times Desk : The action against illegal occupation by the Forest Department in Chaithala village continued for the second consecutive day. After the court orders, this campaign is being run peacefully in the presence of three contingents of the administration, forest department and police. According to information received from sources, so far about 1200 apple trees have been removed from the forest land in two days. During this time 15 Khasra numbers have been completely vacated. While 175 Khasra numbers are still to be vacated. A total of 190 Khasra numbers in Chaithala were illegally occupied by the villagers. The most notable thing was that the local villagers showed peace and cooperation in this action. Due to which the work could be carried forward without any dispute. On Sunday morning at 9:00, three contingents of the administration, forest department and police reached the spot. The work of evacuating the forest land continued till afternoon. After this, due to rain, there were some interruptions in this process. After the rain stopped, the action was started again. This action will continue in this manner for a few days until 3800 apple trees are cut from 275 bighas. Meanwhile, SDM Kotkhai Mohan Sharma said that the court orders are being followed.

HIMACHAL NEWS: KULDEEP SINGH PATHANIA SPOKE TO THE LOK SABHA SPEAKER, PLEAD WITH THE **PM FOR GENEROUS FINANCIAL AID**

Diary Times Desk : State Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Pathania apprised him about the terrible situation created by landslides and cloudbursts in Mandi district and other districts. He also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to advocate for liberal financial assistance to the state. Pathania said that the state has suffered losses worth crores of rupees due to floods, landslides and cloudbursts. Pathania is going to attend the meeting of the Presiding Officers Committee to be held in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh. After reaching New Delhi, the Assembly Speaker paid a courtesy visit to Om Birla at his official residence in New Delhi. Pathania also honored Birla by presenting him a bouquet, Himachali cap and shawl. During this meeting of about 25 minutes, the two discussed economic, political and legal issues of the country and the state. On this occasion, the two stalwarts also discussed how to strengthen the parliamentary system.

HIMACHAL TOURISM: 20 TO 50 PERCENT DISCOUNT IN HOTELS TO BRING TOURISM BUSINESS BACK ON TRACK

Diary Times Desk : After the huge loss to the tourism business due to the natural disaster, the Tourism Development Corporation and private hotel operators have started the exercise to bring the business back on track by issuing off-season discounts. While the Tourism Development Corporation has issued 20 to 40 percent discounts to attract tourists during the rainy season, private hotel operators have announced discounts of 30 to 50 percent. To increase the number of tourists in the state, some hoteliers have halved the room rent. Tourists will be able to take advantage of the monsoon discount issued by the Tourism Development Corporation from July 15 to September 12. Private hotel operators say that tourists will be given discounts till the Durga Puja tourist season in October. The tourism sector was badly affected due to the disaster in some parts of Himachal recently. The movement of tourists had reduced due to damage to roads, bridges and other infrastructure. This had a direct impact on hotels, guest houses, taxi operators and other stakeholders associated with the tourism business. To compensate for the losses and to attract tourists back to Himachal, private hotels along with the Tourism Development Corporation have announced attractive discounts.

ANURAG SINGH THAKUR: 'MODI GOVERNMENT IS WITH HIMACHAL IN THE HOUR OF DISASTER, EVERY NECESSARY STEP IS BEING TAKEN FOR REHABILITATION

Diary Times Desk : Former Union Minister and Hamirpur Lok Sabha MP Anurag Singh Thakur on Sunday met the affected families in the villages of Sed, Bhadrana, Tanhed, Dharampur Bazar, Vanal, Syathi and Padchhu Bridge of Dharampur Assembly constituency of his parliamentary constituency and consoled them and promptly heard their problems. Anurag Sinah Thakur visited the affected areas and gave necessary instructions to the officials regarding relief and rehabilitation work. Anurag Singh Thakur said that this natural disaster in Himachal has given us deep wounds. It is very painful for anyone to become homeless despite having a home and it is painful to be separated from loved ones during a disaster. In this hour of grief, the BJP has made continuous efforts to remain active on the ground to help the people. We have helped in the form of relief material like ration, utensils, medicines, treatment of people and will do so in the future. On a personal level, all of us who are elected representatives have made our efforts and will do so in the future too, as far as help from the Center is concerned, we have received help from the Army, NDRF in the past too, the Center has helped. In the past too, whenever disasters struck, the Modi government at the Centre has helped.



HIMACHAL: TOBACCO **CONSUMPTION IS SPOILING** THE TEETH OF THE YOUTH, THERE IS A RISK OF CANCER: **98% OF THE PATIENTS ARE** MFN

Diary Times Desk : In Himachal Pradesh, diseases related to teeth and gums are becoming a threat to health. Earlier, these problems were mostly limited to the elderly, but now the youth and middleaged are also getting affected by it. According to health statistics, tobacco, gutkha, cigarette and alcohol habits are becoming the main reason for this. Due to smoking and tobacco consumption, the grip of gums is getting loose and teeth are getting damaged. In the Tobacco Care Center established in Government Dental College and Hospital Shimla (IGMC), 538 people came for treatment in six months whose teeth have been damaged due to smoking and tobacco. Out of these, 60.6 percent patients were below 50 years of age while the remaining 39.4 percent were above 50 years of age. 60 percent patients were from urban areas and 40 percent came from rural areas. Out of these, 98 percent were men and only 2 percent were women. In this, 95.8 percent patients were those who smoked and 4.2 percent were tobacco chewers. Principal of Government Dental College and Hospital Shimla, Dr. Ashu Gupta urged people that the more they stay away from things like tobacco, the better it is.

HIMACHAL NEWS: SPU DECLARED BA FINAL YEAR EXAM RESULTS, 85.67 PERCENT PASSED

Diary Times Desk : Sardar Patel University (SPU) Mandi declared the BA final year exam results on Saturday. 85.67 percent of the students have passed. The result of 180 students is still pending due to the evaluation of practical and internal assessment. Due to this, the list of topper students will be updated on Monday. 9,506 students from SPU Samriddh Mandi, Kullu, Kangra, Chamba and Lahaul-Spiti gave the final examination in April-May. Out of these, 8,144 students have passed the examination and the remaining 1,362 students will have to appear for the re-appear examination. Students can check the exam results by visiting the official website of Sardar Patel University Mandi (https://spumandiexam.in/). The Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Lalit Kumar Awasthi has congratulated all the passed students. He said that the list of toppers will also be released on Monday.



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J&K GOVERNOR HANDS JOB ORDERS TO TERRORISM VICTIMS IN BARAMULLA

Diary Times Desk : Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday that although the Constitution of the country guarantees freedom of expression, it does not mean those glorifying terrorism through speeches and statements can go scot-free. а Addressing gathering at Baramulla town where he handed over government job orders to victims of terrorism, L-G Sinha said, "Although the Constitution of the country guarantees freedom of expression, it does not mean that those glorifying terrorism through their speeches and statements can go scot free. "If somebody tries to terrorism for political alorify prospects, he/she will have to pay for it. Let me tell those people that enough is enough. Kashmir has seen too much bloodshed, and now is the time to wipe tears from the eyes of those whose pain was not even heard under the threat of terrorism." "After the April 22 cowardly attack in Pahalgam, the spontaneous widespread condemnation of that heinous act by Kashmiris has left no doubt in my mind that the people have given up supporting terrorism and they are looking forward to progress, education, peace and a better tomorrow," he said

"WON'T SPARE ANYONE": BROTHER OF ODISHA STUDENT WHO'S FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE

Diary Times Desk : A day after a woman student from Odisha set herself on fire over inaction on her complaint of sex harassment against a professor, her brother told NDTV he "will go to any length" to ensure she gets justice. The student Balasore's Fakir of Mohan Autonomous College is undergoing treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Bhubaneswar. Her condition is said to be critical. "Two days ago, she told me on phone that 'bhaiya, we are going to protest, will take a statement from the principal'. I told her to get the statement, any statement from the principal, after which we will go to the police," her brother told NDTV today. Yesterday again, she called her brother before she went to the college. "She said she will try to get a statement from the principal again. I spoke to her at 11 am. At 1 pm, I heard about what happened... We took her to a hospital, from where she was taken to AIIMS," the brother said. He criticised the college authorities strongly for not taking her complaint seriously earlier. "See, everyone knows.

BIHAR SURVEY FINDS MANY VOTERS FROM NEPAL, BANGLADESH, MYANMAR: SOURCES



Diary Times Desk : The door-to-door survey part of the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Bihar's voter lists has found that many people originally from Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar are currently living in the poll-bound state, sources in the poll body have said. The sources have said these people managed to obtain Indian documents such as Aadhaar, domicile certificates and ration cards in their name, apparently through illegal channels. Block Level Officers going house to house for the survey have identified many such individuals, and these cases will be probed in detail between August 1 and August 30. If the allegations are proved, the names of these voters will be struck off the voter list, the sources said. The development is likely to stoke further the raging debate in the poll-bound state over the ongoing revision of voter rolls months ahead of the Assembly election. Launched on June 24, the Special Intensive Revision aims to add the names of eligible citizens.

GOT UNCONSCIOUS AFTER BEING RUN OVER: DELHI AUDI INCIDENT VICTIM RECALLS HORROR

Diary Times Desk : In the victim account of the Delhi Audi drunk driver case, 35-year-old Narayani, has spoken to ANI about being run over by a speeding car and becoming unconscious following the incident. Narayani, who is among the five people hospitalised for injuries, said that she "got unconscious after being run over and sustained injuries on the chest and neck." "We have been sleeping here (on the footpath) for many years," she added further. Another victim of the incident, Ramchander, 45, said that all five of them were sleeping on a footpath in Delhi's Vasant Vihar area when the car, allegedly driven by a drunk driver, ran over them. He said that the incident happened around lam when the car hit them. He said that his wife's ear was also injured, and her rib was broken. "The police took us to the hospital.. there should be action against the driver," Ramchander said. Meanwhile, Delhi police released a photo of the accused driver, Utsav Shekhar, who was allegedly behind the wheel.

THOUSANDS JOIN VIJAY'S PROTEST SEEKING JUSTICE FOR CUSTODY DEATH VICTIMS

Diary Times Desk : In the party's first public demonstration, Tamil actor and founder-president of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), Vijay, led a protest on Sunday, July 13, demanding justice for the 24 custodial deaths that occurred under the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's (DMK) rule over the past four years. The protest took place at Swami Sivananda Salai in Chennai, where thousands of TVK cadres gathered and raised sloaans demanding accountability. While addressing gathering, the Viiav criticised Chief Minister MK Stalin for offering an apology only to the family of Ajith Kumar, a temple security guard who died in police custody in Tamil Nadu's Sivaganga district. "There is nothing wrong in saying sorry to Ajith Kumar's family. But what about the other 24 people who died in custody under your rule? Why haven't you apologised to their families? Why haven't you given them compensation? Say sorry to them too, and compensate them," Vijay said.

ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN ERROR 'DEEPLY INSENSITIVE': PILOTS' BODY AFTER AIR INDIA CRASH REPORT

Diary Times Desk : In the wake of the Air India crash report, the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association has raised its concerns regarding the accusations against the pilots of flight AI 171. In an official statement, the ICPA called the accusations and allegations against the pilots and flight crew a "gross violation" and "disservice to the profession." In the aftermath of this incident, we are deeply disturbed by speculative narratives emerging in sections of the media and public discourseparticularly the reckless and unfounded insinuation of pilot suicide," said ICPA. "Let us be unequivocally clear: there is absolutely no basis for such a claim at this stage, and invoking such a serious allegation based on incomplete or preliminary information is not only irresponsible-it is deeply insensitive to the individuals and families involved," it added further. Any mention of pilot error or suicide "in the absence of verified evidence is a gross violation of ethical reporting and a disservice to the dignity of the profession."

'FEEL LIKE FAILURE': MISSING TRIPURA GIRL'S FAMILY FINDS NOTE IN HER DELHI HOME

Diary Times Desk : A week after 19-year-old Delhi University student Sneha Debnath went missing, her family has reportedly discovered a handwritten note in her room that suggests she may have taken her own life by jumping off Delhi's Signature Bridge. The letter, written in Sneha's handwriting, said, "I just feel like a failure and burden and it was getting unbearable to live like this," reported NDTV. It further adds, "I had decided to end my life by jumping from Signature Bridge." The note also states that there was "no foul play" involved and that it was "my decision." Sneha, originally from Sabroom in Tripura, was a student at Delhi University's Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College. She went missing on July 7 after last speaking to her family on Monday morning, shortly before her phone was switched off.



INTERNATIONAL

IRAN'S PRESIDENT WAS INJURED IN ISRAEL'S NASRALLAH-STYLE **ASSASSINATION PLOT: REPORT**

Diary Times Desk : Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian was lightly injured in an Israeli airstrike on June 16, Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)-affiliated Fars News Agency reported on Sunday. Pezeshkian sustained a leg injury when an Israeli missile landed on a building in the western part of Tehran, where a meeting of Iran's Supreme National Security Council was taking place. Apart from President Pezeshkian, Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Judiciary chief Mohseni Ejei, and other senior officials were also attending the meeting, the report said. According to the report, the Israeli operation was modelled after the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut. Six missiles targeted the building's entry and exit points to block escape routes and disrupt airflow. The Iranian officials were present on the lower levels of the building. After the explosions, power to the floor was cut. However, an emergency hatch was prepared in advance, and the officials managed to escape through it after the attack, the Fars report said.

PAKISTAN PLANS ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC GIMMICK: EYES KASHMIR SPOTLIGHT AS UNSC PRESIDENT

Diary Times Desk : As Pakistan's month-long presidency of the UN Security Council (UNSC) nears its end, the country is reportedly resorting to its familiar tactics by planning an open debate on unresolved global disputes, according to a report by The Times of India. The debate will be followed by a call for member states to utilize existing mechanisms for the peaceful resolution of disputes. Although Pakistan is unlikely to mention Jammu and Kashmir directly in the resolution fearing a potential vet this move is widely seen as yet another attempt to draw attention to the issue. However, Jammu and Kashmir remains an integral part of India. A UNSC resolution can only be adopted if it secures at least nine votes and avoids a veto from any of the five permanent member "This will likely be a broad, conceptual resolution focused on general principles rather than specific issues, to avoid objections," says Syed Akbaruddin, former Indian Ambassador to the UN. Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

HINDU TRADER LYNCHED IN BANGLADESH. ATTACKERS DANCE ON HIS BODY



Diary Times Desk : At least seven people have been arrested so far, and a nationwide combing operation was launched in Bangladesh on Sunday in connection with the killing of a scrap trader here, Home Affairs Adviser Lieutenant General (retd) Jahanair Alam Chowdhury said. Chowdhury said the operation was launched to maintain law and order and ensure pre-election stability following the gruesome murder of Lal Chand alias Sohag near Mitford Hospital on July 9, Prothom Alo reported. "The murder that took place in Mitford, the capital, is extremely tragic and barbaric. Such incidents have no place in a civilised society," he said, adding that the Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested two more accused in the case on Saturday night. He said the intelligence agencies were working tirelessly to arrest the other accused and that none would be spared, irrespective of their political identity.

US AUTOPSY TECHNICIAN REVEALS BIZARRE WAYS PATIENTS HAVE DIED, SHARES 6 THINGS TO AVOID

Diary Times Desk : An autopsy technician in the US has warned elderly people to avoid eating steak due to the choking hazard it poses. According to her experience at a Colorado morgue, she has seen multiple cases where individuals have died from choking on meat. The technician attributes this to the difficulty older adults may have in chewing and swallowing properly, which can lead to fatal consequences. "You can't chew anymore. You're going to choke and die, and then you end up in the morgue. And I have to retrieve it from your oesophagus. It is disgusting," Dolly told Newsweek. The autopsy technician also advised people to avoid getting into physical altercations, citing her experience with numerous cases where individuals have ended up dead after violent confrontations. She specifically warned against taunting others with phrases like "What are you gonna do? Stab me?"

MID-AIR BRAWL FORCES CANCUN-LONDON FLIGHT TO MAKE EMERGENCY LANDING IN US

Diary Times Desk: A TUI Airways flight from Cancun to London was forced to make an emergency landing in the United States earlier this week after a mid-air brawl broke out between two passengers. Their fellow passengers alleged that the brawling flyers, reportedly a couple, were "smoking in the toilet". Flight BY49, which was headed to London's Gatwick Airport, diverted to Bangor International Airport in Maine around 9.30 pm local time on Tuesday, according to the New York Post. The incident left the aircraft passengers stranded for over 17 hours. The BBC reported that the altercation occurred between two passengers. Audio recordings accessed by the BBC captured the pilot informing air traffic control: "Cockpit is secure and there are two passengers fighting, and the crew has pretty much got them under control." A spokesperson for US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) told the BBC that officers removed both individuals from the aircraft upon arrival. "Although no criminal charges were filed, CBP processed the two subjects for expedited removal," the spokesperson said.



MACRON NOT EXPECTED AT **UN SUMMIT ON TWO-STATE** SOLUTION FOR PALESTINE AND ISRAFI

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Diary Times Desk : A UN summit on a two-state solution for Palestine and Israel - postponed by the Israel-Iran war - has been rescheduled for 28 and 29 July, but it is not expected that the French president, Emmanuel Macron, will attend, making it less likely that it will trigger a series of high-profile announcements on recognition of a Palestinian state. Macron, who last week told UK parliamentarians a two-state solution was "the only way to build peace and stability for all in the whole region", has been trying to build momentum for recognition of a state of Palestine by a wide group of countries, but the lack of movement in ceasefire negotiations between Hamas and Israel is making such decisions more complex. Israel and the US both oppose recognition of a Palestinian state, and have been advising UN delegations not to attend the UN conference in New York. Israel has said that recognition would be seen as a reward for Hamas terrorism. The conference originally slated for June was postponed when the Israeli attack on Iran created a security crisis across the Middle East. The conference has a set of working parties that are designed to ease the path to a two-state solution, including plans for future Palestinian governance, economic renewal and challenging the narratives of hate.

SEVERAL IDF TROOPS HURT IN GAZA FIGHTING AS PALESTINIANS REPORTED **KILLED AT AID SITE**

Diary Times Desk : The military announced that two soldiers were moderately hurt on Saturday in separate incidents during fighting in Gaza, as fresh deaths were reported among Palestinians at an aid distribution site. One of the soldiers was hurt in the northern part of the coastal enclave, while the other was hurt in the southern part. In the latter incident, two other soldiers were lightly injured. All four were taken to hospitals, and their families were notified. The injuries came as the Israel Defense Forces said Saturday that over 250 terror targets in Gaza were hit in airstrikes since Thursday. A fresh wave of airstrikes Saturday evening hit over 35 targets in northern Gaza's Beit Hanoun, the military said. The IDF said the targets included operatives, booby-trapped buildings, weapon depots, anti-tank launch posts, sniper posts, tunnels, and other terror infrastructure. At least 143 Palestinians were killed in Gaza since Wednesday, according to statistics published by the Hamasrun health ministry on Friday.



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MANN'S AMBITIOUS SPORTS SCHEME: 12,500 PUNJAB VILLAGES TO GET PLAYGROUNDS

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today announced his ambitious scheme of building playgrounds in all 12,500 villages of Punjab to encourage youth to take up sports. In the first phase, the playgrounds will be built in 3,083 villages. The reason, said Mann, for building sports infrastructure at ground level is to ensure that youth are gainfully engaged in sports, rather than taking to drugs. This initiative is the next step in our 'War on Drugs' campaign, said Mann. "We have to give them an alternative that channelises their energy in the right direction. Youth will take to sports if the sports facilities are available and will not fall for drugs. At present, three captains of three major sports teams - hockey (Harmanpreet Singh), cricket (Shubhman Singh) and football (Gurpreet Singh Sandhu) are Punjabis and they are emerging as youth icons. This is my big initiative to ensure that youth are gainfully engaged in productive activities," said the Chief Minister, who also holds the charge of Sports Department.



FAMILY COURT CAN GRANT UNMARRIED MAJOR DAUGHTER MAINTENANCE UNDER SECTION 125 CRPC

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that an unmarried major daughter can claim maintenance from her parents under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code, if proceedings are initiated before a Family Court. The judgment is significant as her right under Section 125, otherwise, stands curtailed in a case before a judicial magistrate once she attains majority unless she is physically or mentally incapacitated. Justice Jasgurpreet Singh Puri asserted that an unmarried daughter, who attained the age of majority was not entitled to maintenance under Section 125, when the petition was tried by a Judicial Magistrate First Class, as the provision restricted such claims. But the position changed in jurisdictions where Family Courts had been established, were functional, a petition was filed under Section 125 before it and, at the same time, also under the "respective personal laws". In such cases where the unmarried daughter was entitled to maintenance from her father till she was married or gainfully employed under the personal laws, the Family Court to avoid multiplicity of proceedings could grant maintenance to an unmarried major daughter while exercising powers under Section 125.

CUT OFF BY RAVI, 9 PREGNANT WOMEN IN 'US-PAAR' VILLAGES RELY ON HOPE

Diary Times Desk : Nine expecting women, living in a cluster of eight villages across the river Ravi, are busy praying for divine intervention to ensure nature's fury does not strike them when the time comes for their respective deliveries. These eight hamlets, comprising 3,500 odd inhabitants, are called "Us-Paar" villages. This cluster remains cut off from the mainland when the river swells during the monsoon. A pontoon bridge, constructed by the PWD is the only link between the bunch of the villages and the mainland. The link, however, gets disconnected when the bridge is dismantled during the monsoon. Like it has been detached these days. Five of the nine women have been categorised to be in the "high-risk" category. A high-risk pregnancy is one where there is a greater chance of complications to set in for the woman and the foetus, or both. Doctors say it does not automatically translate into a negative outcome, but intensive monitoring and specialised care are constantly needed. Such facilities are not available within the cluster. Hence, the first stop for these women is the Community Health Centre (CHC) at Behrampur, across the Ravi. Here, only a general check-up can be conducted because there is no post of a gynaecologist. Consequently, they are referred to the Civil Hospital in Babri.

BJP'S ASHWANI SHARMA SLAMS CM MANN OVER REMARKS ON PM MODI'S FOREIGN VISITS

Diary Times Desk : Newly appointed Punjab BJP working president Ashwani Sharma on Sunday hit out at Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for his remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign visits, saying the kind of language used by him does not behave the post he holds. Addressing a gathering of party leaders and workers after taking over the charge, Sharma said, if the chief minister speaks "street language" then he will get a similar reply. "We know how to speak in a courteous way, but if that's the kind of language he speaks, then he will get the reply in the same coin," the Pathankot MLA said. On the occasion of assuming charge, several prominent party leaders, including Puniab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar, Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu, other leaders Manpreet Badal, Manoranjan Kalia and Preneet Kaur, were present. Sharma thanked his party leadership for entrusting him with the responsibility as the working president. Attacking the AAP government in Punjab, he alleged, "For over the last three years, not a government but a circus is running in the state. The CM does not have control over his words."



STATEWIDE PROTEST BY AAP AGAINST BJP FOR 'SUPPORTING' GANGSTERS

Diary Times Desk : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has condemned the statements made by the BJP leader Manjinder Sirsa in support of the gangsters who murdered cloth merchant Sanjay Verma in Abohar. AAP leaders and workers held largescale demonstrations in Jalandhar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Pathankot, Patiala, Abohar and other cities. An official press release by the party said ministers, MLAs and several senior party officials of the AAP participated in the protests. AAP leaders said the BJP had always acted against Punjab's interests and law. They alleged that gangster was being Lawrence Bishnoi politically protected by the BJP-led Central government. "On the one hand, the BJP claims that there is no law and order in Punjab, while on the other hand when the AAP government takes action against gangsters, BJP leaders come out in their support. This double standard will no longer be tolerated," said the release. It further said that the Mann government was eliminating gangsters and any interference by the Centre in Punjab would no longer be tolerated. They said the Akali Dal, BJP and the Congress were struggling with their diminishing existence in Punjab, which was why they were targeting the AAP.

DRUGS RACKET BUSTED; 3 ARRESTED, 1.6 KG HEROIN SEIZED

Diary Times Desk : With the arrest of three persons, the district police today claimed to have busted a racket allegedly involved in drugs. supplying Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Sangrur, Sartaj Singh Chahal said here today that the police had arrested Nigam (24), Jaspal Singh (23), both residents of Sangrur, and Satnam Singh (23), a resident of Puhla village under the Bhikhiwind police station, while one of their accomplice Gurpreet Singh (28), a resident of Sangrur, was yet to be arrested. He further said that the police had seized from their possession 1 kg and 625 gm of white powder/heroin, three pistols of 32 bore, two country-made weapons (kattas) of 12 bore, 13 live cartridges and 12 mobile phones. Chahal further said that on April 9, 2025, a case under Sections 21, 61, 85 of the NDPS Act, Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act and Sections 123, 221 of the BNS was registered at the Sadat police station, Dhuri, after the seizure of 125 gm of white powder/heroin, a pistol of 32 bore, seven live cartridaes and four mobile phones in the jurisdiction of the Sadar police station, Dhuri, from where Nigam.

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2 KILLED, 10-YEAR-OLD MISSING AS SUV PLUNGES INTO RIVER IN SHIMLA DISTRICT

Diary Times Desk: Two persons, including one from Punjab, has been killed, while a 10-year-old child remains missing after an SUV (PV 32G 8768) they were travelling in skidded into a river in Nerwa, Shimla district, the police said here today. Two others have sustained injuries in the accident. The deceased have been identified as Gurmel Lal, resident of Nawanshahr district, Punjab, and Kumar Suchi, resident of Nerwa, while the injured have been identified as Keshav Kumar and Balvinder, both residents of Nawanshahr. The accident took place on late Saturday evening near Bathal, around 14 km away from Nerwa, when the driver lost control over the vehicle and it plunged into the Shalvi river. As a result, four of them sustained serious injuries while the 10-year-old boy was swept away by the river. The police rescue the injured with the assistance of locals and rushed them to the Civil Hospital, Nerwa, where two of them succumbed to their injuries. Police officials said a search operation was on for the bov.

3 TOURISTS FROM PUNJAB AMONG FOUR RESCUED FROM JUNGLE IN MANDI

Diary Times Desk : Three tourists from Punjab and a local resident were rescued from a dense forest in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi during a joint late-night operation conducted by Mandi Police and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), officials said on Sunday. According to reports, the incident occurred on Saturday night when the tourists and the local resident from Dharampur set out on foot along a narrow trail after the main road was blocked. While following a group of local residents, the four strayed off the path and were soon left behind, eventually getting lost in the thick forest. After being stranded for nearly six hours in the forest, one of the tourists managed to contact the police, seeking help. Taking prompt action, a police team along with a team of the SDRF reached the spot and initiated a search operation. Following a two-hour search, the police successfully rescued two of the tourists from a gorge, while the other two individuals were later rescued from a nearby area. They were immediately brought.

WEATHER WARNING: HIMACHAL TO EXPERIENCE HEAVY RAINFALL ON

JULY 14

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall is set to continue across the state on July 14 as the state's Meteorological Department has issued an orange weather warning for Kangra and Sirmour districts, resulting in very heavy to heavy rain in isolated areas of these districts. Also, a yellow weather warning has been issued for Shimla, Mandi and Solan districts, resulting in a few spells of heavy rain in isolated areas of these districts. Yellow warning has also been issued for several districts of the state for July 15 to 17. According to the department, light to moderate rainfall is likely to continue at many places till July 19 with one or two spells of very heavy to heavy rain at isolated places from July 15 to 17. While maximum temperatures are very likely to fall by 3°C to 4°C in the state, minimum temperatures will fall by 2°C to 3°C in three to four days. Meanwhile, monsoon was weak over the state during the last 24 hours as only light to moderate rain was observed at many places. Minimum temperatures were between the range of 11°C and 27°C while maximum temperatures were between the range of 19°C and 35°C during the past 24 hours.

NALAGARH MLA HARDEEP BAWA RECEIVES THREAT CALL, POLICE PROBE BEGINS

Diary Times Desk : Pro-Khalistani elements are once again targeting the state with Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, who claims to be the head of the banned organisation Sikhs for Justice, having allegedly threatened Nalagarh MLA Hardeep Singh Bawa through a phone call on Saturday. Pannu allegedy warned him that if the Tricolour was hoisted on the soil of Himachal this time on Independence Day, it would have serious consequences. MLA Hardeep Bawa lodged a complaint in this regard at the Nalagarh police station. The police have begun an investigation. Baddi SP Vinod Dhiman confirmed the incident and said a case under Section 351 (2) of the BNS for criminal intimidation had been registered. The probe revealed that the call was made from a UK-based number +44 7537 121095 in which Pannu tried to intimidate the MLA after citing his organisation. MLA Hardeep Bawa made it clear that he won't be deterred by such threats. "This Tricolour is a symbol of our pride and freedom. We will hoist the national flag on August 15 at all costs," he said without any fear or hesitation. The police began technical investigation into the call with the help of its cyber cell.

KIDS IN SERAJ REEL FROM SCARE OF FLASHFLOODS, LOSE SLEEP

Diary Times Desk : As dusk settles over the flashflood-hit villages of the Seraj Assembly constituency in Mandi district, deep grief on the faces of children is clearly visible in the glow of lights in relief camps. These children, till a few days ago, were carefree students, reading books and playing games, but now they are survivors of horrifying flashfloods, the nerve-wrecking memories of which haunt them incessantly. The devastating flashfloods in Seraj on the night of June 30 changed everything. Around 11 pm, torrential rain accompanied by frightening thunder battered hillsides. All houses were swept away. Families fled barefoot, carrying whatever little they could. Among those who ran for their lives was Dushyant, a Class VIII student of Anah panchayat. "I was sleeping when my father shook me to waken me," he recalls with his eyes set distant. "We grabbed nothing. We just ran," he says. Dushyant is now living in the Swandigala Rest House of the Jal Shakti Department. He is a student of Jaut High School, which is closed and his books, notebooks and dreams lie buried under dehris

ONLY 45% WORK COMPLETE, CONTRACTOR OF NALAGARH HIGHWAY PROJECT OPTS OUT

Diary Times Desk : The widening of the Pinjore-Baddi-Nalagarh highway to four lanes will be further delaved as Guiarat-based Patel Infrastructure Limited, which was executing the work, has opted out after completing barely 45 per cent of it in 39 months. In a communication to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the company has cited various reasons like delay in land acquisition, impediments in the shifting of high-tension power lines, gas pipeline, etc, for opting out. The decision has not come as a surprise as the work was progressing at a snail's pace for the past several months and was unlikely to meet the extended deadline of August. Anand Dahiya, Project Director, NHAI, Shimla, said, "An assessment of the pending work has been undertaken to invite fresh bids as barely 45 per cent of the work has been completed. It will take six months to award fresh tenders though the work will not be halted." He added, "Patel Infrastructure Limited will also be directed to complete the vital safety work before it is given a foreclosure. A tender for executing the key safety and maintenance work worth Rs 5 crore has been floated and will be awarded soon."





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INDIA VS ENGLAND, 3RD TEST DAY 4: KL RAHUL SLAMS STAR ENGLAND PACER FOR CONSECUTIVE 4S; INDIA ON THE MOVE

Diary Times Desk : KL Rahul and Karun Nair keep one-down India going in the chase of 193 runs against England at Lord's, London. Jofra Archer removed Yashasvi Jaiswal early in the innings but India are making a good recovery. Earlier, a terrific piece of bowling helped India bundle out England for 192 runs. India thus got a target of 193. Notably, both India and England scored 387 each in their respective first innings. Talking about the third innings of the match, Washington Sundar shone for India with four-wickets to his name for 22 runs. Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Sirai also accounted for two wickets each. Nitish Reddy and Akash Deep got one wicket apiece.

"NOTHING SHOT": RAVI SHASTRI TEARS APART ENGLAND STAR AFTER DISMISSAL ON DAY 4

Diary Times Desk : Former India head coach Ravi Shastri felt Harry Brook's dismissal to Akash Deep while trying to sweep him on day four's play in the third Test at Lord's was a nothing shot, adding that the risk element associated with it was huge. On the third ball of the 22nd over, after scooped Akash for two fours and lofting him for a six, Brook went for an aggressive pre-mediated sweep, but his middle stump was knocked back and uprooted, as his counter-attacking knock came to an end on 23 off 19 balls. "Brook can be destructive - the impact he wanted to make with those two reverse sweeps, he did that. But I think he is too good a player to put his wicket at risk at that stage of the game. It was a nothing shot. He was only going to get one run even if he connected. The risk element was huge," said Shastri on Sky Sports' broadcast during lunch break.

INDIA, ENGLAND SLAMMED FOR 'SLOW OVER RATE' DURING 3RD TEST AT LORD'S: 'ANNOYED...'

Diary Times Desk : Former England skipper Nasser Hussain criticised the slow over rate in the third Test between India and England at the Home of Cricket, Lord's, and highlighted the issue of time-wasting. He believed umpires should be stricter to speed up the game while maintaining its quality and excitement. Nasser Hussain said on air, as quoted by Sky Sports, "They are supposed to bowl those overs by 6 p.m., but we are giving them an extra half an hour and they are still not getting through them. You can still have the pace and interesting cricket we are having, and still come down tough on time wasting. Some of the delays this week, and in general, are diabolical, and I think umpires need to come down strongly on players." Former England legend Stuart Broad, on the slow over rate, said umpires want strong relationships with the players. so there is no conversation about it. For the players, I don't think it is a conversation. For umpires, I don't think it is a conversation; they want strong relationships with the players.



RAFAEL NADAL'S SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ANISIMOVA AFTER WIMBLEDON FINAL LOSS: BE PROUD

Diary Times Desk : Amanda Anisimova may have endured one of the toughest finals in Grand Slam history, but she's walking away with encouragement from none other than Rafael Nadal. The American's dream run at Wimbledon 2025 ended in heartbreak after she was comprehensively beaten 6-0, 6-0 by Iga Swiatek in the women's singles final on Centre Court. The one-sided result made headlines as it marked the first double bagel in a Wimbledon singles final - men's or women's - in the Open Era. The match lasted just 57 minutes. Swiatek, now a six-time Grand Slam champion, was in ruthless form and gave Anisimova no breathing space. The Pole delivered 25 flawless minutes in the first set, breaking serve three times and winning 14 of the last 15 points to wrap up the second set just as clinically. But while the scoreboard was brutal, Anisimova's composure was widely appreciated - and it didn't go unnoticed by legends of the game. Rafael Nadal, who knows a thing or two about bouncing back from tough losses, reached out with a personal message on social media. The Spanish icon urged Anisimova to be proud of her run and reminded her of what it meant to reach a Grand Slam final - an achievement few in tennis ever experience.

BIG BLOW FOR ENGLAND! STAR BOWLER DOUBTFUL FOR CRUCIAL 4TH TEST AGAINST INDIA

Diary Times Desk : During India's first innings of the third Test at Lord's on Saturday, July 12, star England spinner Shoaib Bashir sustained a finger injury. During the second session of the third day of play, the 21-year-old spinner injured his left finger while bowling to Ravindra Jadeja. Bashir didn't bowl again in the first inning after being hit and departed the field. Although Bashir didn't take the field, the English camp was optimistic that he would bowl in the evening session. He bowled on a practice strip before the fourth day of play, with heavy strapping on his fourth and fifth fingers, but it's unclear if he'll be ready to bat, according to a report published in ESPN Cricinfo on Sunday. On the fourth morning, a statement from England stated, "Following his left little finger injury, Shoaib Bashir continues to be monitored and is expected to bowl in the fourth innings of this Test. A decision on whether he will bat in the third inning will be made in due course. His involvement in the fourth Test at Emirates Old Trafford will be assessed at the end of the match." Bashir, who made his England Test debut against India in Visakhapatnam last year, has taken nine wickets in the series thus far and dismissed KL Rahul.

CONWAY REPLACES INJURED ALLEN; NZ ADD TRIO AS ADDITIONAL COVER FOR TRI-SERIES

Diary Times Desk : Devon Conway has been added to New Zealand's squad for the upcoming T20I triseries in Zimbabwe that also involves South Africa. The lefthanded opener replaces Finn Allen, who is out with an injury sustained during the ongoing Major League Cricket 2025. Earlier, the NZC had named a 15-man squad that saw the return of Adam Milne and Matt Henry. "We're really gutted for Finn," New Zealand head coach Rob Walter said. "I was looking forward to working with him and to see him continue his form from the MLC but unfortunately injuries happen.We're lucky to be able to call on someone of Devon's quality to replace Finn." New Zealand have also added the trio of Mitch Hay, James Neesham and Tim Robinson to the squad as additional cover for the quartet of Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Glenn Phillips and Rachin Ravindra all of who will feature in the MLC final on Sunday. New Zealand will play their first game of the tri-series scheduled to be held from July 14 to 26, on July 16.

'STILL WANT TO PLAY TEST CRICKET' – RAHANE UNFAZED BY SILENCE FROM SELECTORS

Diary Times Desk : Ajinkya Rahane, 37, hasn't played a Test in two years now, but has reiterated his "hunger and passion" for the game and redball cricket, even though he has "got no response" from the selectors. "I still want to play Test cricket, Rahane, currently in London, told Nasser Hussain and Michael Atherton in an interview with Sky Sports. "I'm really passionate about playing Test cricket. I'm enjoying my cricket at the moment. "I'm here just for a few days. I carried my trainers and my training clothes so that I can keep myself fit. Our domestic season is starting, so preparations have just begun." When asked about the challenges of making a comeback, particularly with the team placing greater management emphasis on younger players following the Test retirements of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, Rahane said his focus remains on "controllable things." New captain Shubman Gill has taken over Kohli's No. 4 spot, with vice-captain Rishabh Pant slotting in at No. 5. Of the old guard, KL Rahul appears to be the only one still firmly in the selectors' plans. Despite the stiff competition, remains unfazed. Rahane reaffirming his dedication to domestic cricket as he works toward a comeback. Since losing his Test spot, Rahane has led Mumbai in two straight Ranji Trophy seasons.