

TRENDING NOW

'MAKE THE CALL...': NATO CHIEF'S 100% TARIFF WARNING FOR INDIA, CHINA AND BRAZIL OVER RUSSIAN TRADE

Diary Times Desk : NATO secretary general Mark Rutte has issued a new warning to countries engaging in trade and business with Russia. Warning of 100 per cent tariffs and more sanctions, the NATO chief focused on India, China and Brazil as he called on the three countries to halt trade.

Rutte's remarks come after his meeting with US President Donald Trump, who recently expressed his growing frustration and disappointment with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

After the meeting with Rutte, Trump issued a 50-day deadline for Vladimir Putin to implement a peace deal with Ukraine and end the four-year war.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, the NATO chief warned of secondary sanctions and 100 per cent tariffs for buyers of Russian exports unless a peace deal was reached in the next 50 days.

"My encouragement to these three countries, particularly, if you live now in Beijing, or in Delhi, or you are the president of Brazil, you might want to take a look into this, because this might hit you very hard," said Rutte.

Focusing on the BRICS nations, Rutte urged India, China and Brazil to "make the phone call to Putin."



AIR INDIA PROBE

PILOT ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS SELECTIVE APPROACH OF AIR INDIA PROBE REPORT, ASKS PUBLIC NOT TO LEND IT CREDENCE



FEDERATION OF INDIAN PILOTS



Diary Times Desk : The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) on Wednesday expressed serious concern over the preliminary findings as well as the public discourse over the tragic crash of Air India flight AI-171 in Ahmedabad.

Its president Captain C S Randhawa, expressed the federation's dissatisfaction over the aspect that pilots were excluded from the investigation process.

He alleged, "The report as released, lacks comprehensive data and appears to rely selectively on paraphrased cockpit voice recordings to suggest pilot error and question the professional competence and integrity of the flight crew. This approach is neither objective nor complete."

He appealed to the federation members and the general public not to lend credence to such premature conclusions.

"Assigning blame before a thorough, transparent, and data-driven investigation is both premature and irresponsible," he said.

It undermines the professionalism of highly trained crew members and causes undue distress to their families and colleagues, the release added.

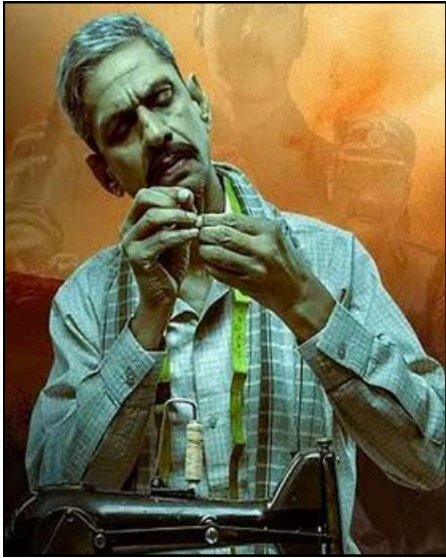
It also called upon all stakeholders – including the media, commentators and authorities – to refrain from disseminating partial narratives of making unfounded assumptions.

"RIGHT TO LIFE OVER RIGHT TO SPEECH": TOP COURT ON
RELEASE OF UDAIPUR FILES

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Centre's committee to take its decision in petitions related to the controversial movie "Udaipur Files: Kanhaiya Lal Tailor Murder", "immediately, without loss of time", considering the urgency expressed by the makers of the film.

When the filmmakers contended that the Delhi High Court erred in stalling the film's release as the stay order violated the makers' right to freedom of speech and expression, the top court remarked that Article 21 (Fundamental Right to Life) will precede Article 19 (Fundamental Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression).

The Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi asked filmmakers to await the Central government's decision, which is scheduled to hear objections against the movie later in the day, as it adjourned the hearing of the petitions related to the matter to next Monday.



ELGAR PARISHAD CASE: SC
ALLOWS HANY BABU TO
APPROACH TRIAL OR HIGH COURT
FOR BAIL

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Wednesday (July 16) granted liberty to former Delhi University Professor Hany Babu to approach either the trial court or the high court to seek bail in the Bhima Koregaon-Elgar Parishad conspiracy case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act over alleged Maoist links, LiveLaw reported.

The top court also granted him permission to seek revival of his earlier special leave petition (SLP) filed in the SC which was withdrawn.

A bench comprising Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice PB Varale dismissed Babu's miscellaneous application seeking a clarification that his earlier withdrawal of the SLP did not prevent the high court from hearing his bail matter.

WHO ARE ROADKILL, BENJI, REFERENCES MADE IN BOMB
THREAT MAILS TO DELHI SCHOOLS



Diary Times Desk : At least 10 Delhi schools and one college have received bomb threats via email in the last three days. Each email carrying the threat was signed off by two cryptic names: Roadkill and Benji. These unusual aliases are more commonly seen in fictional series or online gaming circles.

Who Are 'Roadkill' And 'Benji'?

Roadkill is commonly understood as a term for animals killed on roads, but it is also used metaphorically to describe someone defeated or discarded.

In pop culture, 'Roadkill' is the title of a British political thriller TV series that aired on BBC One in 2020.

It stars Hugh Laurie as Peter Laurence, a charismatic and controversial UK government minister whose life begins to unravel due to scandals, secrets, and political rivalries.

In digital spaces like online gaming and hacker forums, 'Roadkill' often appears as a dark or edgy username.

URDU BEING VIEWED VIA COMMUNAL LENS A DANGEROUS
TREND: PDP

Diary Times Desk : Para expressed concern over the CAT's (Central Administrative Tribunal) order staying the requirement of basic Urdu knowledge for the naib tehsildar exam, calling it a worrying sign of judicial forums succumbing to political pressure

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Tuesday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of viewing Urdu through a communal lens after the BJP launched a campaign to remove Urdu as a mandatory qualification for naib tehsildar posts in Jammu Kashmir. Following a court judgment that cancelled the Urdu requirement, the BJP has been celebrating the decision as a victory.

"BJP's attempt to view Urdu through a communal lens marks a dangerous and disgraceful new low in our political discourse in J&K. Urdu is not a symbol of any religion but the throbbing pulse of Jammu Kashmir's identity, echoing collective memories and soulful struggles of our people over centuries.



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 NEWS: EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS TO BE INSTALLED IN HIMACHAL, HELICOPTERS TO BE HIRED FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Diary Times Desk : Early warning systems will be installed in Himachal. On Wednesday, the Cabinet Sub-Committee has approved this proposal for disaster management. Through this system, information about weather monitoring, forecast and warning etc. will be available from time to time. Its smooth operation and timely precautions will reduce the impact of disaster and reduce loss of life and property.

The sub-committee also decided to hire helicopters to expedite relief and rescue work during disasters. The meeting was chaired by Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi. In this meeting, relief and rehabilitation work under the recent cloudburst and flood incidents in the state was reviewed. The meeting also discussed the repair of essential infrastructure like restoration of blocked roads, reconstruction of bridges and repair of water supply schemes in the affected areas.



SPU MANDI: STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO SELL BOOKS ONLINE AFTER COMPLETING THEIR STUDIES, SPU STUDENTS ARE PREPARING A NEW PROJECT

Diary Times Desk : The students studying in Sardar Patel University (SPU) coming from rural areas have decided to educate other students as well. For this, they are preparing a new project these days. It is being prepared to launch this month. Through the project, students who have studied in SPU, HPU and other big universities will be able to sell their online books to other students at half the price. The project is being prepared by Lakshya Guleria, Chandni Thakur, BCA students of SPU Mandi and Gaurav Sharma, Mokshika and Richa of MCA department.

They believe that many students are not able to buy new books. After the completion of this project, they will be able to buy books at half the price through the online website. For books on the website, SPU students are taking information about books from the students who have completed their studies.

HIMACHAL NEWS: STUDENTS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO STUDY MBA IN HINDI FROM IGNOU, APPLICATION WILL BE DONE TILL JULY 31; KNOW

Diary Times Desk : Indira Gandhi National Open University has started this facility for students wishing to study MBA in Hindi. IGNOU has started the process of online application for admission in MBA course in Hindi. For this, students can apply online till July 31. In the July session, students can take admission in MBA degree program in 'Healthcare and Hospital Management, Construction Management, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Agribusiness Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Finance Management, Operation Management, Banking and Finance Management' in the university. All these MBA courses are recognized by AICTE.

Students will not have to give any entrance exam for admission in these courses. For admission in MBA course, the eligibility condition of the candidate is 50 percent marks in general category and 45 percent marks for reserved category candidates in graduation degree in any faculty from any recognized university, institute. The minimum period to complete this course will be 2 years. It can be completed in a maximum of 4 years without any additional fee.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: HIMACHAL PRADESH WILL GET 18% ROYALTY FROM KADCHAM-WANGTU, BIG VICTORY IN SUPREME COURT

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh government has got a big victory in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has given a historic decision in favor of the state government regarding royalty from the Kadcham-Wangtu hydroelectric project. Now JSW Energy Company will give 18 percent royalty to the state instead of 12 percent from this 1,045 MW capacity project. With the dismissal of the decision of the Himachal High Court in the Supreme Court, the state will now get an annual income of Rs 250 crore.

The power company will have to make the payment from September 13, 2023. After 40 years, the project will come under the Himachal government. On Wednesday, a division bench of Supreme Court Justice Pamiidhantam Sri Narasimha and Justice Jaymalya Bagchi gave this decision. Apart from this, this decision of the Supreme Court will also be a milestone for other projects that have completed 12 years and the state government hopes that this decision will bring more than Rs 250 crore per year to the treasury. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu took this issue on personal priority and made firm efforts to ensure the state's rights over the state's natural resources. This decision will not only increase the income of the state, but will also provide the people of Himachal the real benefit of their resources. This decision of the Supreme Court cancels the order of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in May 2024, in which the company was allowed to pay only 12 percent royalty. According to the agreement between the state government and the company in the year 1999, 12 percent royalty was fixed for the first 12 years of the project and then 18 percent for the remaining 28 years. After the operation of the project started in September 2011, the company paid 12 percent royalty for 12 years, but refused to pay an additional 6 percent royalty from September 2023. The dispute reached the Himachal Pradesh High Court and the company won, but the state government challenged the decision of the High Court in the Supreme Court.

HIMACHAL: EDUCATION MINISTER ROHIT THAKUR SAID - SCHOOL BUILDINGS WILL NO LONGER BE BUILT NEAR RIVERS AND STREAMS, MADE THESE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE CENTER

Diary Times Desk : After the natural disaster in Himachal Pradesh, the Education Department has banned the construction of school buildings near rivers and streams. In future, no school building will be built near rivers and streams. Education Minister Rohit Thakur said that in view of the way clouds are bursting and causing heavy damage, the Education Department has taken this decision. He said that other departments should also not build buildings around rivers and streams.

Speaking to the media at the State Secretariat on Wednesday, the Education Minister said that government schools have also suffered a lot in the disaster. He will soon visit the Seraj assembly constituency. He said that about ten schools here have been completely damaged. These schools will be started soon. For this, private buildings will be rented there. He informed that assistance of about Rs 2000 crore has been received from the Central Government for the disaster of the year 2023. Out of this, the education department has received about Rs 30 crore as the first installment, but this amount is also old.

HIMACHAL NEWS: US SENATE PASSES DALAI LAMA'S COMPASSION DAY RESOLUTION, DEDICATION CEREMONY ALSO ORGANIZED

Diary Times Desk : The US Senate unanimously passed a resolution to commemorate the 90th birthday of Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader 14th Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso. The resolution reiterates America's long-term support to the Tibetan people and celebrates the 90th birthday of the Dalai Lama as Compassion Day.

During the resolution, more than 200 Tibetan-Americans and Tibet supporters had reached Washington to garner support for the resolution. Tencho Gyatso, president of the International Campaign for Tibet, said that the resolution passed in the US Senate on July 14 is a symbol of America's deep and lasting support for the human rights and democratic freedom of the Tibetan people along with the Dalai Lama's message of compassion and non-violence.

IN RACE TO SAVE NIMISHA PRIYA, WORRIED ACTIVIST CLAIMS 'WE HAD SETBACK'

Diary Times Desk : Efforts to save Nimisha Priya - sentenced to death by Yemen for killing Talal Abdo Mehdi, her husband, whom she had accused of harassment - may have suffered a setback because of media reports focusing on 'blood money', or cash offered to his family in exchange for a pardon.

Samuel Jerome, a social worker in Yemen battling to bring the Kerala nurse home, told NDTV Mr Mehdi's brother was angry after media reports seemed to show the family more interested in the money than justice. But, Mr Jerome said, he is working to repair and restore relations with Mr Mehdi's family.

This, Mr Jerome, said was after reports from India claimed \$1 million would be paid in 'blood money' to Mr Mehdi's family, who would then forgive Ms Priya and lift the death sentence over her.

"... it is not about the money. There is no money deal at all. If we cannot be in the shoes of Mr Abdelfattah Mehdi (Mr Mehdi's brother) we cannot ask for forgiveness... we cannot seek forgiveness."

9-YEAR-OLD FAINTS IN RAJASTHAN SCHOOL, DIES; DOCTORS SUSPECT HEART ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : Prachi Kumawat was just nine years old, studying in Class 4 in Sikar's Danta town. But in a bizarre turn of events, the seemingly healthy girl sat down for lunch during break time on Tuesday morning, only to open her tiffin and fall unconscious. Teachers rushed to her aid and took her to the nearest community health centre. The doctors there said they tried their best to revive her. She had no pulse, her blood pressure had fallen, and she was breathless - showing symptoms of a cardiac arrest .The family took her to a bigger hospital in Sikar, but she did not make it. Prachi was absent from school for the last two-three days as she had a slight cold, the principal of Adarsh Vidya Mandir School, Nand Kishore Tiwari, told NDTV. When she came to school on Monday, she appeared to be in good health and also took part in morning prayers and assembly, before she fell unconscious during lunch hour. "We did our best to revive her, but then realising her condition was not getting better, we called an ambulance and referred her to a hospital in Sikar.

GOVT LAUNCHES 6-YEAR SCHEME TO BOOST FARMING IN 100 LAGGING DISTRICTS



Diary Times Desk : The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the launch of the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) to boost farming in 100 districts where agricultural activity has been flagged as lagging. The scheme aims to revitalise India's agricultural sector and will be implemented over a six-year period starting from the current financial year (FY26).

The 100 districts were identified based on low agricultural productivity, low cropping intensity, and inadequate credit disbursement.

What is PM-DDKY?

The PM-DDKY targets districts with low crop productivity, poor irrigation, and weak access to farm credit. Every state and Union territory will have at least one district on the list. Districts are being chosen based on net cropped area and the number of farms.

RAHUL GANDHI'S J&K STATEHOOD PUSH IN LETTER TO PM AHEAD OF MONSOON SESSION

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Congress boss Mallikarjun Kharge have urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring a law in the upcoming Monsoon Session of the Parliament to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a joint letter, the Congress leaders said that downgrading a state to a Union territory lacks precedent in independent India and reminded the Prime Minister of his promises of restoring J&K's statehood.

The Prime Minister has "on multiple occasions, personally reiterated the government's commitment to restoring statehood," the letter read, pointing out at least two instances last year when PM Modi promised to restore the region's status.

For the past five years, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have consistently called for the restoration of full statehood, the Congress leaders said, calling their demand both legitimate and firmly grounded.

MAMATA BANERJEE'S MARCH IN RAIN OVER 'HARASSMENT' OF BENGALI MIGRANTS

Diary Times Desk : With the Election Commission gearing up for a Special Intensive Revision of voter lists in West Bengal, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has claimed that people whose names are not on the voters' list will be jailed and urged people to ensure their names are on the list, even if they need to skip work for the verification.

The Trinamool Congress leader has earlier accused the Election Commission of India of "acting like a stooge of the BJP" and wondered if the voter list revision was a "backdoor attempt to implement the National Register of Citizens".Assembly polls in Bengal are due next year and the poll body has decided to conduct a Special Intensive Revision of voter lists in the state. Such a revision is currently being done in Bihar. Ms Banerjee has alleged that this is part of a conspiracy to delete the names of valid voters, especially the migrants and the underprivileged.

Ms Banerjee today took out a march in rain-soaked Kolkata to protest the alleged harassment of Bengali speakers in BJP-ruled states. Accusing the BJP-led central and state governments of targeting Bengali migrants, she said Bengal fought for India's freedom, and BJP should be ashamed. Countering the BJP's charge of her government backing Bangladeshi infiltrators, she said, "The border is under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Why aren't they stopping infiltrators?"

"LEFT GOA WITHOUT INFORMING ME": HUSBAND OF RUSSIAN WOMAN FOUND

LIVING IN KARNATAKA CAVE
Diary Times Desk : The husband of a Russian woman found living in a remote cave with their two daughters in Karnataka's Gokarna has said that she left Goa without informing him. Dror Goldstein, a resident of Israel, on Wednesday said he first met Nina Kutina in Goa about eight years ago, and then fell in love with her.

"We spent seven months in India together, and then we spent more time in Ukraine," he said.

Goldstein said he has been visiting India for the last four years to meet his daughters, Prema (6 years) and Ama (5 years).

"A few months ago, she (Nina) left Goa without informing me, and I didn't know where they were," he said.

Goldstein said he filed a missing complaint and found Nina and their daughters living in Gokarna.

"NOT GUILTY": SUPREME COURT ACQUITS MAN ON DEATH ROW AFTER 11 YEARS IN JAIL

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court in an important judgment today set aside the death sentence of Baljinder Kumar from Kapurthala, who has been in jail for over 11 years in murder cases of his wife, two toddlers and sister-in-law.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sanjay Karol and Sandeep Mehta concluded there were several deficiencies and contradictions in accounts of witnesses and evidence.

"When at stake are human lives and the cost is blood, the matter needs to be dealt with utmost sincerity," the judgment said.

The Supreme Court said that given the facts and circumstances of the case, it cannot hold the accused guilty of the charged offence as his guilt has not been proved beyond a reasonable doubt. The Supreme Court set aside and quashed the trial court's conviction and death sentence order as well as the high court order which affirmed it.

ISRAEL BOMBS DAMASCUS, WARNS SYRIA OF 'PAINFUL BLOWS' AS FOOTAGE SHOWS HIT ON DEFENSE MINISTRY

Diary Times Desk : Israel launched a series of airstrikes on central Damascus early Wednesday, targeting what it called key Syrian military infrastructure, including the Syrian Defense Ministry headquarters and a facility near the presidential palace.

The attack marked one of the most direct Israeli strikes on the heart of the Syrian capital in recent years.

Three people have been killed and another 34 injured in the strikes, according to the Syrian Health Ministry.

Video footage released by both Israeli forces and Syrian media show the moment the airstrikes hit the building in central Damascus, sending pieces of debris high into the air alongside large plumes of smoke. "The warnings in Damascus have ended - now painful blows will come," Israel's Defense Minister Israel Katz warned before the strikes.

TRUMP CALLS EPSTEIN CONSPIRACY A 'HOAX' AND TURNS ON MAGA 'WEAKLINGS'

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump has lashed out against his own supporters, calling them gullible "weaklings" for questioning the transparency of a secretive government inquiry into the late high-profile socialite and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The US president is struggling to contain a political crisis within his usually loyal Make America Great Again (Maga) base over suspicion that the administration is hiding details of Epstein's crimes to protect the rich elite Epstein associated with, which included Trump.

In a lengthy post on his social media website, Truth Social, Trump accused his voters on Wednesday of falling for what he called a "radical left" hoax by the opposition to discredit him. "Their new SCAM is what we will forever call the Jeffrey Epstein Hoax, and my PAST supporters have bought into this 'bullshit,' hook, line, and sinker.

INDIA ADVISES CITIZENS TO AVOID NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL TO IRAN

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Embassy in Iran issued a travel advisory on Wednesday, urging Indian nationals to avoid non-essential travel to Iran.

The advisory comes amid rising security concerns in the region over the past several weeks.

"In view of the security-related developments over the past several weeks, Indian nationals are advised to carefully consider the evolving situation before undertaking non-essential travel to Iran," the Indian Embassy said on X.

Further embassy also "advised to continue to monitor the latest regional developments and follow updated advisories issued by the Indian authorities." For Indian nationals currently in Iran who wish to return, the embassy has noted that options are available. "Indian nationals already in Iran, and interested in leaving, may avail the commercial flight and ferry options which are available right now," it said.

ASIM MUNIR CAN REPLACE ASIF ALI ZARDARI AS NEXT PAKISTAN PRESIDENT: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : The latest meeting of Pakistan's top civilian and military leadership has once again fuelled rumours of a possible change in the country's political landscape amid speculations of the army chief possibly aspiring to be the next president. This is the third time this month that there have been widespread speculations about the change in presidency, with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif himself last week dismissing rumours that President Asif Ali Zardari may be forced to step down and army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir to assume his post. The latest round of rumours came after Field Marshal Munir called on Sharif at the PM House shortly before the latter met Zardari at the president's house on Tuesday, The Express Tribune reported.

RUSSIA MONITORING WESTERN WEAPONS DELIVERIES TO UKRAINE, KREMLIN SAYS

Diary Times Desk : Moscow is closely monitoring the West's supply of weapons to Ukraine, the Kremlin's spokesperson says shortly after United States President Donald Trump announced the resumption of arms deliveries to Kyiv.

Dmitry Peskov also noted on Wednesday that a new phone call between Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin was not currently planned but could quickly be arranged, according to Russian news reports. The comments from the Kremlin came two days after the US president showed growing impatience with Russia over its war in Ukraine.

In his sharpest rebuke of Moscow so far, Trump announced on Monday that Putin had until early September, 50 days, to accept a peace deal or his country would face steep US sanctions.

Trump said they would be secondary tariffs targeting Russia's trading partners in a bid to isolate it from the global economy.

ISRAEL PM NETANYAHU LOSES KEY ALLY, REDUCED TO MINORITY IN PARLIAMENT

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ruling coalition in Israel has been reduced to a minority in parliament as a key partner left the government on Wednesday, a report said. The ultra-orthodox party Shas, which said it won't want to cause a collapse of the government, broke up with Netanyahu over a proposed law that would water down religious exemptions from compulsory military service, Bloomberg and AP reported. Shas has 11 members, and its members' resignations will leave Netanyahu with 50 seats in parliament, short of the 61-seat majority. Another ultra-orthodox party, the United Torah Judaism Party, had quit earlier this week over the same issue, it added.

The proposed law adds conditions to waiver from army service for ultra-orthodox Jewish men, which is otherwise mandatory for all Israelis. Shas, however, said it could vote with the ruling alliance on some laws. It wouldn't support its collapse and wouldn't work to undermine the coalition once outside it, AP reported it as saying.

"INDIA WORKING ALONG SAME LINE AS US-INDONESIA TRADE DEAL": DONALD TRUMP

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump stated that India is working on a trade deal along the same lines as the one he announced with Indonesia, which will provide the US with greater access to the Indian market.

Under the deal with Jakarta, there will be a 19 per cent tariff on imports into the US, but none on exports from the US to Indonesia, he told reporters in Washington on Tuesday.

"India basically is working along that same line", he said. "We're going to have access into India".

Negotiators from India and the US are working to reach a deal before the August 1 deadline Trump has set for making deals or face arbitrary tariffs.

While he has issued letters to several countries and the European Union threatening tariffs as high as 35 per cent if they don't make a deal by that date, he has sent a similar warning to India.

It is not clear if he meant an exact duplication of the Indonesia deal, which would be a tough sell for India, or other levels of tariffs and other concessions by India.

If the bilateral trade agreement between the US and India under negotiation mirrors the Indonesian one, it would mean a 19 per cent tariff on India's exports and none on imports from the US.



PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT TRANSFERS COL BATH ASSAULT CASE TO CBI

Diary Times Desk : More than three months after the Punjab and Haryana High Court entrusted the investigation of Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath assault case to the Chandigarh Police, the Bench on Wednesday transferred the probe to the Central Bureau of Investigation on the army officer's plea. Col Bath was seeking an independent probe into the matter, preferably by the CBI, on the ground that the Chandigarh Police had failed to conduct "fair and free investigation". The direction came just about two days after Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj admonished the Chandigarh Police for its failure to arrest any of the accused Punjab Police personnel. Describing the delay as intentional, Justice Bhardwaj had asserted the conduct of the police amounted to "setting the wrong example" and protecting the accused. In his petition, Col Bath asserted the investigation of the instant case was transferred to the Chandigarh Police on April 2.



HC RAPS PUNJAB POLICE OVER FOUR-YEAR-OLD GOLD HEIST PROBE, SEEKS SSP'S AFFIDAVIT

Diary Times Desk : Expressing concern over police inaction spanning nearly four years in an armed robbery case involving about 5 kg gold and a causality, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has called for an affidavit-backed status report from Ropar Senior Superintendent of Police. The officer has been asked to furnish details of not only the investigation carried out so far, but also the names of all investigating officers and the SHOs posted at Kiratpur police station since the FIR's registration on September 20, 2021. Justice NS Shekhawat warned that appropriate action would follow, if any officer, including the SSP, was found negligent in performing his duty. The court also made it clear that the report would also contain details of the steps taken by the officers concerned so far to investigate the matter. The directions came during the hearing of a petition for grant of pre-arrest bail in the case registered for robbery or dacoity with an attempt to cause death or grievous hurt and other offences under the provisions of the IPC and the Arms Act.

WHO IS AMRITPAL SINGH DHILLON, CANADIAN NRI ARRESTED IN FAUJA SINGH ACCIDENT CASE

Diary Times Desk : Arrested Tuesday night, the Canadian NRI is accused of striking the 114-year-old athlete while driving his SUV through Punjab's Jalandhar district. The marathon runner was walking down the Jalandhar-Pathankot highway when the incident occurred, and he succumbed to injuries on Monday evening. Amritpal Singh Dhillon hails from Dasapur village in Kartarpur, Jalandhar district. His family lives abroad and he had returned to his native place recently. The fatal accident occurred on Monday, when Dhillon was driving from Bhogpur to Kishangarh. He allegedly struck Fauja Singh on the highway in the veteran runner's native village of Bias. On the day of the accident, Dhillon had sold out his phone in Bhogpur and was heading home in the speeding SUV. Dhillon has reportedly confessed to the incident, and his Toyota Fortuner SUV has been seized as part of the investigation. According to India Today, Dhillon has claimed he was unaware at the time that the victim was Fauja Singh and that he only learnt about the legendary marathoner's death through media reports.

3 MINOR SISTERS ELECTROCUTED TO DEATH IN PATRAN



Diary Times Desk : Three sisters, all minors, were found dead in their one-room house at Patran town in a suspected case of electrocution on Wednesday afternoon. Police and electricity officials reached the spot and inspected the spot. According to the police, Nagma Khaton (7), Ruqsar (5) and Khushi (3) were home alone as their parents, who are daily wagers, were away for work. "It looks like a fan wire touched the iron bed following which the girls, who were probably sleeping, were electrocuted," said police. Locals said the girls' father, Mohammed Faruqddin, hails from Bihar and had recently come to Punjab for the paddy season. Police have sent the bodies to a government hospital and recorded the statement of the father. "We have inspected the spot and prima facie it is an accident," said the police.

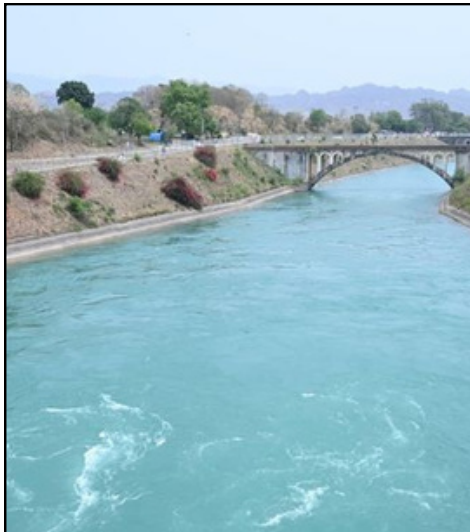
ARMY JAWAN FOUND DEAD IN PARKED CAR, POLICE INITIATE PROBE



Diary Times Desk : The body of a 28-year-old Army jawan was found inside a parked car near the water tank of the sports stadium in village Khokhran, near Chamkaur Sahib. The deceased has been identified as Kuljit Singh, a resident of Fatehgarh Veeran village. According to SHO Chamkaur Sahib Gurpreet Singh, they received a complaint about a Swift car lying unattended at the stadium grounds. On reaching the spot, the police found the body of Kuljit Singh on the driver's seat. Kuljit had joined the Army in 2017 and was currently posted in Kota, Rajasthan. He had returned home on leave about four to five days ago. His father and wife are serving police personnel and are currently posted in Jalandhar. His father told the police that Kuljit had left home around 4 PM yesterday to buy clothes from Chamkaur Sahib, but did not return. The family searched for him throughout the night. Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation to ascertain the cause of death.

NANGAL HYDEL CANAL COMPLETES 71 YEARS OF UNINTERRUPTED OPERATION

Diary Times Desk : The Nangal Hydel Canal, which draws water from the Nangal Dam and supplies it to the Malwa region of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, completed 71 years of uninterrupted operation on Tuesday. Since its inception in 1954, the canal has maintained a continuous water supply without being stopped even for a single day. According to sources, the canal has been maintained by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). Interestingly, it has also been the site of dharnas organised by the Punjab government against the release of extra water to Haryana from the Bhakra Dam projects. Chief Engineer of Bhakra Dam, CP Singh, told that while the life of concrete-lined canals is between 40 to 45 years, the Nangal hydel canal has been carrying water continuously for the past 71 years, owing to quality construction and regular upkeep. BBMB staff carry out lining of the canal whenever water discharge is reduced due to decreased demand from partner states.



LANDSLIDE RENDERS MANDI VILLAGE UNSAFE, 14 FAMILIES RELOCATED

Diary Times Desk : Kalang village in Segli panchayat of Mandi district is on the brink of collapse due to a massive landslide that has rendered the area highly unsafe for habitation. A land stretch of nearly one kilometre is sinking and around 60 bighas of agricultural land has already destroyed, raising serious concerns about the villagers' safety and livelihood. According to Chhape Ram, vice-pradhan of Segli panchayat, the situation deteriorated rapidly in the past few days. "Officials of various departments visited the site and confirmed that the area is no longer safe for living," he said. In response, the local administration took swift preventive action by relocating 14 affected families to a nearby safer location, he added. The monsoonal rain has intensified the crisis, causing continuous ground movement and increasing the risk of further damage. Residents reported loud cracking sounds and visible subsidence near the village, causing fear and panic in the community.

CHAMBA KVK ISSUES ADVISORY TO PROTECT MAIZE CROP

Diary Times Desk : To safeguard maize crops from the growing threat of fall armyworm (Spodoptera frugiperda) infestation, the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Chamba, has issued an advisory for farmers across the district. The pest, if not managed in time, can cause substantial damage to maize fields by feeding on plant leaves and leaving behind distinctive signs such as irregular holes and excessive excreta. Dr Dharmendra Kumar, senior scientist and in-charge of Chamba KVK, stated that the larval stage of the fall armyworm poses the greatest threat. Farmers can identify early infestation through symptoms like round or rectangular holes in maize leaves. The pest's eggs are covered in hair and are grey-brown in colour, making them visible and relatively easy to identify. To support effective pest management, a district-level task force has also been constituted. The task force includes Dr Dharmendra Kumar from Chamba KVK, Dr Bhupender Singh.

LANDSLIDE BLOCKS HIMACHAL'S NH 707, MORE DOWNPOUR EXPECTED

Diary Times Desk : A landslide near Shillai in Himachal's Sirmaur district on Wednesday blocked National Highway 707 (Hatkoti to Paonta) as a huge part of the mountain fell, completely blocking vehicular movement. Restoration work is underway, but debris falling from the mountain is obstructing the work, officials said. This has led to long queues of vehicles on both sides of the slide. Nearly 260 roads, including NH 707, are closed in the state, with 140 in disaster-hit Mandi district, 55 in Sirmaur and 35 in Kullu. Also, 171 water supply schemes and 151 power distribution transformers were affected as of Wednesday morning, according to the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC). The local Met office has issued an 'orange' warning of heavy to very heavy rains in isolated parts of the state on July 21 and 22 (Monday and Tuesday) and a 'yellow' warning of heavy rains in isolated areas of one to seven out of 12 districts till July 20.



LANDSLIDES BLOCK CHANDIGARH-MANALI HIGHWAY IN MANDI



Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain on Wednesday evening led to multiple landslides on the Chandigarh-Manali highway between Mandi and Kullu, disrupting the traffic. Landslides have been reported at four critical points — 4 Mile, 9 Mile, Kainchi Mod and Dwara — in Mandi district. The sudden road blockages have led to traffic coming to a standstill, leaving several vehicles stranded on both sides of the affected stretch. Commuters travelling from Kullu to Mandi and vice versa have been particularly affected, with many forced to wait for hours amid deteriorating weather conditions. The Mandi police have announced a temporary diversion for light vehicles through the Kamand bypass. However, heavy vehicles are being held back until the highway is cleared. The local administration is closely monitoring the situation. Efforts are under way to clear the debris, but the rain is hampering the restoration work. "The highway has been closed for all traffic as a precautionary measure. The safety of commuters is our priority," a police officer said.

BADDI POLICE LAUNCH 10-DAY CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL MINING

Diary Times Desk : In a significant push to curb illegal mining and protect the fragile environment in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh region, the Baddi police have registered 48 cases of illegal mining so far this year. A 10-day special crackdown campaign was launched today to intensify action against offenders and deter further violations. Under this drive, the police seized 29 earth excavation machines, 44 tippers (mini trucks) and six tractors, while presenting 206 challans in court under the Illegal Mining Act. Penalties amounting to Rs 26 lakh have also been imposed on violators. Baddi SP Vinod Dhiman confirmed that financial investigations are underway to identify and seize assets acquired through proceeds of this crime. Further enforcement actions this year saw the seizure of 108 tippers, 47 JCBs, 105 tractors, four trucks and a poclair—all used in illegal mining. Additionally, six excavation machines, 16 tippers and six tractors were seized under the Motor Vehicles Act. The related challans are being submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for further action.

CLEANING THE SACRED PATH: SWACHH MANIMAHESH ABHIYAN LAUNCHED

Diary Times Desk : With an aim to ensure cleanliness and preserve the natural environment along the sacred Manimahesh Yatra route, Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal on Tuesday flagged off the "Swachh Manimahesh Abhiyan" in Bharmour. The special campaign, which will run till July 30, focuses on removing legacy waste from the pilgrimage path stretching from Hadsar base camp to the revered Manimahesh Lake. Each year, lakhs of pilgrims undertake the arduous journey through the Himalayas to seek blessings at Manimahesh Lake, nestled at an altitude of nearly 13,500 feet. However, the growing influx of visitors has led to a sharp rise in plastic and other non-biodegradable waste along the route, threatening the fragile ecosystem of the region. From discarded PET bottles and food wrappers to polythene bags and leftover food, the accumulation of trash has become a pressing environmental issue. Highlighting the significance of the campaign, Repaswal said the drive is being conducted with active public participation. Local panchayats, self-help groups, volunteer organisations, environmentalists and pilgrims are playing a key role in ensuring the success of this initiative.



NEW NO.1 TEST BATTER CROWNED FOLLOWING LORD'S FINISH

Diary Times Desk : England's Joe Root has reclaimed the top spot on the ICC Men's Test Batting rankings after his stellar efforts helped the hosts to a 22-run victory over India at Lord's. Root (888 rating points) took back the number one spot off compatriot Harry Brook (862) thanks to scores of 104 and 40, as the hosts took a 2-1 lead in the five-match series. It's Root's eighth stint in the top spot and at 34 he is the oldest batter at No.1 since a 37-year-old Kumar Sangakkara held the position in December 2014. Australian Steve Smith (816) also enjoyed a one-spot bump in the top 10, thanks to a gritty effort in a low-scoring affair in Jamaica against the West Indies. Smith made 48 in the tourists' victory, with teammate Cameron Green making a 16-spot jump to 29th (619) thanks to scores of 46 and 42. Bowlers thrived under lights with the pink ball in the Caribbean, with Scott Boland's six-wicket effort in the Test (and a hat-trick) leapfrogging him to a career-best sixth spot. His 62 Test wickets have come at just 16.53 apiece, with only George Lohmann and Sydney Barnes, who played over 110 years ago, having taken more Test wickets at a better average.



JASPRIT BUMRAH SLAMMED FOR 'LACK OF INTENT' AFTER LORD'S TEST LOSS: 'WHERE WAS THAT...'

Diary Times Desk : Former South Africa cricket team batter Herschelle Gibbs took aim at the Indian cricket team and said that 'lack of intent' resulted in their loss in the third Test encounter against England at Lord's. Chasing 193, the Indian top-order batters did not perform well and although Ravindra Jadeja did score a gritty half-century to take his side close to the target, the visitors fell short by 22 runs. Gibbs took to social media to give his honest review of India's performance and made a brutal 'intent' remark on the batters. "Came close in the end but lack of intent cost India the game," he wrote on X (formerly Twitter). Although a number of social media users thought that the comment was aimed towards Jadeja, Gibbs clarified in response to an user that he was talking about Jasprit Bumrah. "Bumrah has the most runs in an over for a batsman in test cricket... where was that intent today?" Gibbs said while replying to the user.

'VIRAT KOHLI, IT'S NOT TOO LATE. PLEASE COME BACK': LEGENDARY INDIA ALL-ROUNDER MAKES HEARTFELT PLEA AFTER LORD'S DEFEAT

Diary Times Desk : Virat Kohli has been sent an SOS by a former Indian legendary World Cup-winning all-rounder, urging him to relinquish retirement and make a comeback to Test cricket. The request comes on the heels of India's narrow 22-run defeat to England in the third Test of the five-match series for the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy at Lord's. Kohli announced his retirement from Test cricket two months ago in May, but has since received several requests from many former Indian cricketers to reconsider his retirement. In fact, the BCCI itself tried to talk Kohli into not retiring, but it wasn't to be. Now, as India trail England 1-2 in the series, Kohli has received another request from the former all-rounder who also served as the head coach of the Indian cricket team. The void left by Kohli has been well filled by the current India captain.

D GUKESH OPTS OUT AS R PRAGGNANANDHAA TO LEAD INDIA'S CHARGE AT LAS VEGAS FREESTYLE CHESS

Diary Times Desk : R Praggnanandhaa found himself clubbed with Magnus Carlsen in the same group, while Arjun Erigaisi and Vidit Gujrathi were bunched together in the other pool of the 16-player Freestyle chess tournament to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States. World number one Magnus Carlsen will yet again start as the favourite for the title in this edition that saw a lot of pre-event activities including participation of NBA players. The tournament-proper starts late on Wednesday. The event carries a total prize pool of USD 750,000 with 200,000 reserved for the winner. Each group has eight players in the line up and the top four will advance to the next stage while the bottom half will play against each other. World champion D Gukesh is going to give the event a miss as he will be playing the main event of the Grandmaster tour in about a month's time. The 19-year-old Praggnanandhaa will start his campaign against Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan, a player who was struggling at the previous edition of Grand Chess tour in Zagreb, Croatia. Carlsen will play the winner of the first edition, Vincent Keymer of Germany, in his opening round.

SINNER-ALCARAZ WIMBLEDON FINAL DRAWS MOST VIEWERS SINCE 2019

Diary Times Desk : Jannik Sinner's victory over Carlos Alcaraz was the most-viewed Wimbledon men's final since Novak Djokovic edged Roger Federer in a five-set thriller in 2019. ESPN said Sunday's match averaged 2.9 million viewers, a 31% increase over last year's final and its best performance since about 3.8 million watched Djokovic win a fifth-set tiebreaker in a match between two of tennis' greatest champions. The network also said Tuesday that ratings were up for the both the men's and women's semifinals. The women's semis, which included American Amanda Anisimova upsetting No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka, averaged 897,000 viewers, the most since 2015, when Serena Williams was part of the final four. The men's average of 1.31 million was the highest since 2019. Defending champions Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka, who both top the tennis rankings, led 10 former winners of the US Open who were on the entry lists for this year's tournament that were announced Tuesday. The fields include 18 past Grand Slam singles champions, the U.S. Tennis Association said. Direct entry into the final major tournament of the tennis season was based on the rankings through July 14. The cutoff was at No. 101 for the men and No. 99 for the women.

FAUJA SINGH'S LAST WISH WAS TO SPEND REST OF HIS LIFE IN BRITAIN

Diary Times Desk : World's oldest marathon runner Fauja Singh wanted to spend the rest of his life in Britain. His last wish could not be fulfilled. Fauja Singh, who had come to Punjab in 2015 for a sports event, had spoken to PTI Bhasha in an exclusive conversation at his house in Beas. "Here (Punjab), there are bad elements everywhere. Police cannot do anything. No one knows when they will stab, rob and hit someone and run away. This is not the case in London. That is why I want to spend my last time there," Singh had then said. The 114-year-old was proven right when he went for a walk on the Jalandhar-Pathankot highway in his village Monday afternoon and died in a horrific road accident. A decade ago, Fauja asserted his youthfulness. "I can never accept that I am old. I can walk faster and farther than you. As far as the last moments are concerned, the most suitable place is Britain." Fauja Singh expressed regret for never being able to win any medals for India.

ENGLAND DOCKED WTC POINTS AND FINED FOR SLOW OVER RATE AT LORD'S

Diary Times Desk : England have been docked two World Test Championship (WTC) points for their slow over rate during the slim 22-run victory in the third Test against India at Lord's. England's tally has, as a result, fallen from 24 points to 22 on the WTC points table, and the percentage points have slipped from 66.67% to 61.11%, taking them down a spot from second to third, behind Australia and Sri Lanka. England were also fined 10% of their match fees for falling short of the allotted time for over rates. As per Article 16.11.2 of the WTC playing conditions, a side is penalised one point for each over short after time allowances are taken into consideration. England captain Ben Stokes pleaded guilty to the offence, which meant there was no need for a formal hearing. The third Test, which England won to edge ahead in the series with a 2-1 lead, was a high-octane and thrilling game full of heated battles in which players often came face to face, intensity that surged towards the end of the day, individual brilliance that saw one of the fastest spells from Jofra Archer in Tests, centuries from Joe Root and KL Rahul, and a five-wicket haul from Jasprit Bumrah. The intensity of the Test went up soon after the teams went toe to toe with identical first-innings scores of 387 that reduced the Test to a second-innings showdown. Once India were set 193 to win, they took the game to the last session with vital lower-order partnerships.