

PARLIAMENT SESSION

TRUMP'S CEASEFIRE CLAIMS, PAHALGAM ATTACK AMONG INDIA BLOC'S MONSOON SESSION AGENDA

Diary Times Desk : The monsoon session of Parliament, set to begin on July 21, is expected to open under intense political heat, with the opposition INDIA bloc gearing up to confront the government on a raft of issues it claims are being mishandled or suppressed.

From national security concerns to alleged electoral irregularities, the alliance plans to use the floor of the House to mount a coordinated offensive.

Restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Pahalgam terror attack, US President Donald Trump's repeated claims of brokering a 'ceasefire' between India and Pakistan, and alleged voter suppression in Bihar through the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls are among the key issues that the INDIA bloc plans to raise during the session.

At an online meeting held on Saturday, leaders of 24 opposition parties finalised a joint strategy to corner the government over at least eight major issues, including alleged foreign policy failures, atrocities in Gaza, the delimitation process, and the rising incidence of crimes against SCs, STs, women, and minorities. Congress MP and deputy leader in the Rajya Sabha, Pramod Tiwari, said the opposition would demand the prime minister's presence in Parliament and urge him to respond to the issues raised.



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CENTRE TO BRING MOTION TO IMPEACH JUDGE IN CASH ROW; 100 MPS SIGNED: KIREN RIJJU



Diary Times Desk : Union Minister Kiren Rijju on Sunday confirmed that the government will bring an impeachment motion against Allahabad High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma in the upcoming session of Parliament. Speaking to reporters, Rijju said that more than 100 Members of Parliament have already signed the motion.

"The government will bring an impeachment motion against Justice Yashwant Varma in this session. MPs have signed the motion for impeachment," Rijju stated. When asked about the timeline, he said, "Timeline can't be told right now, we will decide and tell you later."

The controversy surrounding Justice Varma dates back to March 2025, when a fire broke out at his official residence in Delhi. Following the incident, a large quantity of burnt or partially burnt cash was allegedly recovered from the premises. The discovery triggered widespread speculation and criticism, prompting calls for investigation and accountability. Justice Varma, who was then serving with the Delhi High Court, has consistently denied any connection to the cash found at his residence. He has described the episode as a conspiracy to frame him, asserting that he has no links to the money and has been falsely implicated. Justice Varma, who was transferred back to the Allahabad High Court from the Delhi High Court following the incident, has not been allotted any judicial work since. He has neither resigned nor taken voluntary retirement and continues to claim the process against him is "fundamentally unjust". Just recently, Justice Yashwant petitioned the Supreme Court seeking to quash an in-house inquiry report that found him guilty of misconduct.

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: LOUDSPEAKERS, DRUMS BANNED IN NAINA DEVI TEMPLE DURING SHRAVAN ASHTAMI FAIR IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

Diary Times Desk : According to a statement issued on Sunday, the use of loudspeakers, drums and bands has been banned in the Shri Naina Devi complex during the Shraavan Ashtami fair, which will run from July 25 to August 3. According to the orders, District Magistrate Rahul Kumar has also banned the use of bamboo baskets for offering halwa, coconut and prasad in the temple premises. This decision has been taken keeping in mind convenience, safety and hygiene. The statement said that the District Magistrate has imposed a complete ban on the use of loudspeakers, drums, bands and other sound amplifying devices in the Shri Naina Devi Mela premises during the fair. Necessary public messages or announcements will be broadcast only through the control room. The district administration has appealed to the devotees to follow the rules laid down by the administration during the fair and cooperate in maintaining a peaceful and disciplined environment in the temple premises.



HIMACHAL NEWS: CM SUKHU SAID- HINDI FORMAT OF JAMABANDI HAS BEEN SIMPLIFIED, URDU-PERSIAN WORDS HAVE BEEN REMOVED

Diary Times Desk : The government has made large scale reforms in revenue matters. The Revenue Department has also started the paperless registry system (My Deed). Under this, people can apply for registry to the Tehsildar anytime and from anywhere. The Hindi format of Jamabandi has also been simplified, in which traditional Urdu and Persian words have been removed. Online Intakal Register will also be linked to this system. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that the Revenue Department is also working on a Jamabandi module signed through digital medium, which will get rid of going to the Patwar Khana again and again to get 'Fard'. Apart from this, there is also a plan to prepare an online Intakal module, which will speed up the registration process of Intakal and it can be directly linked to Jamabandi. In a statement issued on Sunday, the CM said that Lok Revenue Courts are being organized at the sub-tehsil and tehsil level to settle revenue matters.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO FORM A MULTI-SECTORAL CENTRAL TEAM

Diary Times Desk : On Sunday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has directed the formation of a multi-sectoral central team in view of the frequency and intensity of natural disasters in Himachal Pradesh. The central team comprises experts from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) Roorkee, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) Pune, a geologist and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore. The Union minister's direction comes after a recent meeting in which he was informed that Himachal Pradesh has witnessed an increase in the frequency and intensity of cloudbursts, flash floods, landslides and torrential rainfall, leading to massive loss of life and property, damage to infrastructure, livelihoods and environmental degradation. Further, in view of floods, flash floods and landslides during the southwest monsoon 2025 in various parts of the state, the Centre has already deployed an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) to make a first-hand assessment of the damages on the spot, without waiting for his memorandum.

HIMACHAL NEWS: BINDAL SUKHU LASHED OUT AT THE GOVERNMENT IN THE JOB TRAINEE CASE, SAID- A NEW TRAP TO CHEAT UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

Diary Times Desk : BJP State President Dr. Rajiv Bindal, while cornering the Congress government on the Job Trainee issue, said that this is a new trap to dupe the unemployed youth of Himachal Pradesh, this is a one year lifeline for the government so that the issue of jobs does not arise. Bindal said straight away that the Congress government only works to dupe and exploit the youth. Dr. Bindal said that in the history of democracy and republic, perhaps a government like the Congress has never come before and will never come. First of all, it does not take a single decision and the decision it takes is anti-people. Dr. Bindal, referring to the video of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, said that the Congress had laid a trap for the youth to gain power and Priyanka Gandhi, Rajiv Shukla, Bhupesh Baghel, Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, Mukesh Agnihotri and all the leaders had gone to every nook and corner of the state and said that 63000 posts are lying vacant in the state and as soon as we come to power, we will create 37000 new posts and along with this, as soon as we come to the first cabinet, we will give one lakh permanent jobs, that too of 58 years, meaning neither outsourcing nor on contract, permanent job of 58 years.



MP KANGANA'S HARSH WORDS, SAID- A MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE HIT MANDI; GOT TROLLED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Diary Times Desk : Actress and Mandi MP Kangana Ranaut is once again in the news for her statement. In an interview given to an agency in Delhi, Kangana described the disaster in Mandi parliamentary constituency as a massive earthquake. Due to this, she is once again on the target of social media users and Congress. In the interview, Kangana said that she is excited about the Parliament session. She also praised PM Narendra Modi. Describing the disaster in Mandi parliamentary constituency as a massive earthquake, she said that work is being done to meet different ministries in this regard. She also expressed happiness about Operation Sindoor and India's position worldwide. Let us tell you that earlier Kangana was on the target of social media and Congress leaders for not being in Mandi in the midst of the disaster. Later, while visiting the disaster-affected area Seraj to handle the situation, her statements to the media were very much discussed. In her statement, she had said that there was no fund for the disaster.

HIMACHAL: A GROUP OF BRILLIANT STUDENTS OF PM SHRI SCHOOLS LEFT FOR AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR, 15 ESCORT TEACHERS ALSO INCLUDED

Diary Times Desk : A group of 248 brilliant students and orphan children of PM Shri Schools of Himachal Pradesh left for an educational tour of Chandigarh, Delhi and Agra today. This group will visit the historical, cultural and educational heritage of the country during the five-day educational tour. 15 escort teachers and district nodal officers are also accompanying the group. This educational tour is being organized under the guidance of Samagra Shiksha Director Rajesh Sharma and is being organized by Samagra Shiksha in collaboration with the Education Department. The purpose of this tour is to take the students out of the four walls of the classroom and connect them with experiential learning, so that they can understand India's cultural diversity, history and national institutions through direct experience. This group of students will reach Chandigarh today, where the children will visit major places like Sukhna Lake. After this, the group will leave for Delhi and Agra. In Delhi, the students will get a chance to see many places.

ARMY TO GET 1ST BATCH OF APACHE CHOPPERS ON JULY 22 AFTER 15-MONTH DELAY: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : After a delay of over 15 months, the Indian Army is finally expected to receive the first batch of Apache AH-64E attack helicopters, marking a significant step towards bolstering its combat capabilities along the western border in the wake of Operation Sindoor. According to sources aware of the delivery schedule, the first three helicopters are likely to be handed over to the Indian Army's Aviation Corps on July 22. The Indian Army had signed a USD 600 million deal with the United States in 2020 for six Apache attack helicopters, with delivery initially expected between May and June 2024. However, repeated delays due to supply chain disruptions and technical issues faced by the US pushed the delivery timeline to December 2024. As per the original plan, the six helicopters were to arrive in two batches of three. While the second batch is expected later this year, the first batch has yet to reach India despite the deadline having passed over a year ago. The Army Aviation Corps raised its first Apache squadron at Nagtalo, Jodhpur, in March 2024. Pilots and ground staff were trained and ready for flight operations, but the squadron has remained without the attack helicopters since its raising.

INDIGO STARTS OPERATIONS AT HINDON AIRPORT WITH DAILY KOLKATA FLIGHTS

Diary Times Desk : IndiGo airline on Sunday connected Kolkata and Hindon airport in Ghaziabad with daily direct flights. The flight 6E 2588 will operate on the Kolkata-Hindon route daily, the airline said in a statement. It will depart from Kolkata at 5.50 am and reach Hindon at 8 am. The return flight will take off from Hindon at 8.50 am and reach Kolkata at 11 am. According to the statement, the airline has taken a strategic leap in strengthening its offerings from the National Capital Region (NCR) by commencing operations from Hindon Airport in Ghaziabad, its second airport in the NCR after Delhi. The airline said it will also operate flights from Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Goa, Indore, Mumbai, Patna, and Varanasi to Hindon airport. This development offers convenient travel options for millions of residents in Ghaziabad, Noida, East and Central Delhi, and parts of Western Uttar Pradesh, the airline statement said. "We are committed to enhancing the aviation infrastructure across India to enable seamless and convenient service connecting the smallest towns.

PURI TEEN SET AFIRE RAN WITH HANDS TIED, MOUTH GAGGED, WITNESS TELLS NDTV



Diary Times Desk : The 15-year-old girl set on fire in Odisha's Puri yesterday was running on the road as the flames burned her skin away. Her hands were tied and her mouth gagged as she ran through a neighbourhood, her eyes screaming for help. Dukhishyam Senapati, an eyewitness who helped douse the flames and contacted the girl's family, recounted the horrifying sight he witnessed in an interview with NDTV. "The girl was on fire when she came running towards my house. Her hands were tied and she had suffered serious burns. My wife, daughter and I doused the flames and gave her new clothes. Then, I spoke to her. She told me she lived in a nearby village." Asked if he had heard any screams before he spotted the girl, he said the criminals had tied up the girl's hands and gagged her mouth. "We heard nothing. She was gagged, and her hands were tied. She told me that three men on two bikes forcibly brought her here, poured kerosene and set her on fire," he said.

CENTRE READY FOR OP SINDOOR DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT, WON'T SHY AWAY: KIREN RIJJU

Diary Times Desk : Union Minister Kiren Rijju on Sunday said the government is ready to hold discussions on key issues, including Operation Sindoor, during the monsoon session of Parliament, which begins Monday, July 21. He assured that the Centre will not shy away from any topic and is committed to running the House smoothly. Speaking after an all-party meeting, Rijju said, "We are open to discussing important issues like Operation Sindoor in Parliament. There must be coordination between the government and the Opposition to ensure proper functioning of the House." When asked about the Opposition's plan to raise US President Trump's ceasefire claims, Rijju responded that the government will address all questions inside Parliament, not outside. "We will respond appropriately during the Parliament," he said. Rijju also stressed the importance of constructive debate, adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is always present in Parliament whenever important matters arise.

PM MODI TO VISIT BRITAIN, MALDIVES; TO SIGN INDIA-UK TRADE DEAL

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Britain and the Maldives this week for meetings with the leadership of both countries to take forward bilateral relations and to formalise the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA). Modi will travel to the UK during July 23-24 and then go to the Maldives from July 25 to 26. He will be the guest of honour at the Indian Ocean archipelago's Independence Day, marking a turnaround in bilateral ties that had turned frosty because of the policies of Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu. The India-UK trade deal, which was finalised in May, is expected to be formally signed during Modi's visit, people familiar with the matter said. The FTA is set to boost Indian exports of textiles, leather and engineering goods and cut levies on British whisky, automobiles and medical devices. The two sides have been engaged in the legal scrubbing of the deal since May. The FTA is expected to double bilateral trade by 2030 from the current level of \$60 billion. Another attractive feature of the deal is an exemption for employers of Indian workers from paying social security contributions in the UK for three years under the Double Contribution Convention.

CENTRE SLAMS WESTERN MEDIA FOR 'VESTED' COVERAGE OF AIR INDIA CRASH, LAUDS PROBE

Diary Times Desk : Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu on Sunday said the government will wait for the final report on the Air India crash in Ahmedabad before making any conclusions. He urged western media to avoid speculation and lauded the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) for successfully decoding the black box data in India. "AAIB has made an appeal to all, especially Western media houses, which may have a vested interest in the kind of articles they are trying to publish. I believe in AAIB. I believe in the work that they are doing. They have done a wonderful job in decoding the whole black box and getting the data out in India itself," Kinjarapu said. He called it a major achievement, pointing out that earlier, the black box had to be sent abroad to retrieve data. "It was a huge success for us because previous incidents, whenever the black box was seen to be damaged, it was always sent abroad to get the data out. But this is the first time that successfully AAIB has decoded everything.

YSRCP MP MIDHUN REDDY HELD IN ₹3,200-CR LIQUOR CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Andhra Pradesh police, which has been probing the ₹3,200 crore liquor scam that allegedly happened during the previous YSR Congress party regime, arrested senior party leader and parliamentarian Peddireddy Midhun Reddy on Saturday, officials familiar with the matter said. After grilling the MP for nearly seven hours at the Crime Investigation Department (CID) office at Mangalagiri, the SIT authorities informed his family members about his formal arrest. "Reddy will be produced before the local court in Vijayawada on Sunday," an official privy to the development said. Midhun Reddy, named as accused number 4 (A-4) in the liquor scam case, was summoned by the SIT for questioning on Saturday, after the Supreme Court on Friday rejected his petition seeking anticipatory bail in the case. "The SIT authorities questioned him extensively about the flow of commissions received from liquor manufacturers into various alleged shell companies and from there to ultimate beneficiaries.



**PASSENGERS JUMP INTO SEA AS
MASSIVE FIRE ENGULFS FERRY WITH 280
ONBOARD NEAR INDONESIA**

Diary Times Desk : At least three people died after a passenger ferry, carrying approximately 280 people, caught fire off Talise Island in North Sulawesi, Indonesia, on Sunday while on its way to Manado Port. Some passengers jumped into the sea to avoid flames, with many feared trapped on the ferry named KM Barcelona VA. "Three people died and nearly 150 were rescued. They were rescued by a combined team of rescuers and local fishing boats," Veri Ariyanto, a senior official at the provincial Search and Rescue Office, told Xinhua. Thick black smoke was seen billowing from the upper decks of the ferry. According to reports, the fire broke out at around 1:30 pm (local time). A passenger named Abdul Rahmad Agu captured the terrifying scenes through a Facebook livestream. He was among many passengers who jumped into the water, with some of them wearing bright orange life jackets. Agu was seen floating while holding a baby.

**TRUMP AGAIN THREATENS BRICS
COUNTRIES OF ADDITIONAL TARIFFS**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump reiterated his threats towards BRICS nations on Friday, just weeks after threatening additional tariffs on members of the grouping. "When I hear about this BRICS group, basically six countries, I hit them hard. If they ever really get in a meaningful way, it will end very quickly," Trump said while signing a new cryptocurrency bill into law. Trump previously accused the 11-member BRICS grouping of pushing "anti-American policies" after the BRICS leaders level summit which took place in Brazil earlier this month. A joint statement released after the meeting appeared to criticise US military strikes on Iran as well as tariff policies that had disrupted international trade. Soon afterwards, Trump announced that BRICS nations would face a 10% tariff on exports to the United States on Truth Social, his social media platform. The American President has been particularly incensed by the BRICS grouping's perceived efforts to undercut the status of the US dollar as the global reserve currency. "BRICS was put there for a bad purpose. I told them if they want to play games with the dollar.

SYRIA CLEARS BEDOUIN FIGHTERS FROM SUWAYDA CITY, DECLARES HALT TO CLASHES

Diary Times Desk : Syria's government has announced that Bedouin fighters have been cleared from the city of Suwayda and that government forces have been deployed to oversee their exit from the entire governorate. The announcement on Saturday came after Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa ordered a new ceasefire between Bedouin and Druze groups, following a separate United States-brokered deal to avert further Israeli military attacks on Syria. Shortly before the government's claim, there were reports of machinegun fire in the city of Suwayda as well as mortar shelling in nearby villages. There were no immediate reports of casualties. Nour al-Din Baba, a spokesman for the Syrian Ministry of Interior, said in a statement carried by the official Sana news agency that the fighting ended "following intensive efforts" to implement the ceasefire agreement and the deployment of government forces in the northern and western areas of Suwayda province. He said the city of Suwayda, located in the province's west, has now been "cleared of all tribal fighters, and clashes within the city's neighbourhoods have been brought to a halt".

**TSUNAMI THREAT OVER AFTER LARGE
EARTHQUAKES HIT RUSSIA'S PACIFIC COAST**

Diary Times Desk : The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) says there is no longer a danger of tsunami waves on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula after three earthquakes – the larger with a magnitude of 7.4 – struck in the sea nearby. The warning was issued earlier on Sunday after the quakes were recorded off the Pacific coast of Russia, according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The epicentres of a series of earthquakes – the others measuring 6.7 and 5 – on Sunday were about 140km (87 miles) east of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, capital of Russia's Kamchatka region, which has a population of more than 160,000. According to the USGS, the quakes hit the same area off the coast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky within 32 minutes.

**SAUDI'S 'SLEEPING PRINCE' ALWALEED BIN
KHALED DIES AFTER 20 YEARS IN COMA**

Diary Times Desk : Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Khaled bin Talal died on Saturday, two decades after falling into a coma following a serious car accident in London in 2005. He was 36. The Global Imams Council said in a statement, "The Global Imams Council extends its sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to...His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and the esteemed Royal Family, on the passing of Prince Alwaleed bin Khaled bin Talal Al Saud, who passed away after a long struggle that lasted nearly twenty years following a tragic accident." "With hearts full of faith in Allah's decree and destiny, and with profound sadness and sorrow, we mourn our beloved son Prince Al-Waleed bin Khaled bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah have mercy on him, who passed away to Allah's mercy today," his father, Prince Khaled bin Talal said in a statement. Prince Alwaleed was 15 when the accident occurred while he was studying at a military college in the UK. The crash caused critical brain injuries and internal bleeding.

**1 DEAD AFTER RUSSIA
LAUNCHES MASSIVE DRONE
AND MISSILE ATTACK ON
UKRAINE**

Diary Times Desk : Russia launched a massive overnight attack on Ukraine, firing over 300 drones and more than 30 cruise missiles, killing one person and injuring several others. The attack marks a significant escalation in Moscow's ongoing aerial campaign against Ukrainian cities. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed the strike on X, noting that the Black Sea port city of Odesa was among the hardest hit. More than 20 drones and a missile struck the city, killing one person and injuring six, including a child. A fire broke out in a residential high-rise, where five residents were rescued. Elsewhere, damage was reported to critical infrastructure in Ukraine's northeastern Sumy region. Zelenskyy thanked global allies for their continued support, emphasising the need for rapid implementation of defence agreements, including joint weapons production, drone manufacturing, and air defence supplies. Russia's recent drone activity has grown more aggressive, with analysts warning of a continued escalation. Earlier this month, Moscow launched over 700 drones in a single night, a record number.

**IRAN REPLACES AIR DEFENCES
DAMAGED IN ISRAEL WAR**

Diary Times Desk : Iran has replaced air defences damaged during last month's conflict with Israel, Iran's Defah Press news agency reported on Sunday quoting Mahmoud Mousavi, the regular army's deputy for operations. During the conflict in June, Israel's air force dominated Iran's airspace and dealt a heavy blow to the country's air defences while Iranian armed forces launched successive barrages of missiles and drones on Israeli territory. "Some of our air defences were damaged, this is not something we can hide, but our colleagues have used domestic resources and replaced them with pre-arranged systems that were stored in suitable locations in order to keep the airspace secure," Mousavi said. Prior to the war, Iran had its own domestically-made long-range air defence system Bavar-373 in addition to the Russian-made S-300 system. The report by Defah Press did not mention any import of foreign-made air defence systems to Iran in past weeks. Following limited Israeli strikes against Iranian missile factories last October, Iran later displayed Russian-made air defences in a military exercise to show it recovered from the attack. During the conflict in June, Israel's air force dominated Iran's airspace and dealt a heavy blow to the country's air defences.

AAP REJECTS ANMOL GAGAN MAAN'S RESIGNATION AS KHARAR MLA A DAY AFTER SHE QUIT POLITICS

Diary Times Desk : A day after announcing her exit from politics, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Anmol Gagan Maan's resignation as Kharar MLA has been rejected by the party. The decision was conveyed to her by AAP Punjab president Aman Arora on Sunday. "Today, I met @AnmolGaganMann in a family atmosphere. The party decided to reject her resignation as an MLA, which she accepted. We asked her to continue working together for the progress of the party and the constituency. Anmol was, is and will remain a part of the family of @ArvindKejriwal ji and @AamAadmiParty," Arora said in a post on X in Punjabi. The former minister had reportedly submitted her resignation a few days ago. On Saturday, she announced her decision to quit politics and mentioned her resignation in a post on her social media handle. In a post on X, Anmol wrote, "With a heavy heart, I have decided to quit politics. My resignation from the post of MLA, submitted to the Speaker, may be accepted. My best wishes are with the party. I am hopeful that the Punjab Government will live up to the expectations of the people." The 36-year-old singer-turned-politician was inducted into the Bhagwant Mann Cabinet.



SUKHWINDER KAUR RANDHAWA NAMED SAD CANDIDATE FOR TARN TARAN BYPOLL

Diary Times Desk : Sukhwinder Kaur Randhawa, popularly known as 'Principal', has been announced as the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) candidate for the upcoming Tarn Taran by-election. The seat fell vacant following the death of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Dr Kashmir Singh Sohal last month. The Election Commission is yet to announce the polling schedule. SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal made the announcement on Sunday while addressing a gathering in Chabal. Chabal holds historical significance as the native village of Sarmukh Singh Chahal, the first president of SAD following the formation of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) in 1920. Sukhwinder Kaur Randhawa has been active in the region's political landscape for over a year as the head of the 'Azad Group'. The group participated in last year's panchayat elections and in the Tarn Taran Municipal Council elections, where it secured eight of the 25 wards.

KANWARIYAS CAUSE TRAFFIC JAM AT BASTARA TOLL PLAZA IN HARYANA'S KARNAL

Diary Times Desk : A massive traffic jam was reported at Bastara Toll Plaza late Saturday night after a group of kanwariyas brought National Highway-44 to a standstill by dancing to loud DJ music. The disruption, which lasted for around 25 minutes, caused significant inconvenience to commuters. A video of the incident, showing kanwariyas blocking traffic and dancing, has since gone viral on social media. Police officials urged the kanwariyas to clear the road due to the inconvenience caused, but the group initially refused to comply and continued their celebration, keeping traffic at a standstill. Several commuters, including families with elderly passengers, were left stranded on both sides of the highway, with many expressing frustration over the unexpected delay. Eyewitnesses stated that the group had stopped at the toll plaza, parked their vehicles, and began dancing in the middle of the busy highway. However, no public property was damaged. "Nobody seemed to care about the traffic or the inconvenience being caused to others. They were completely lost in their celebration," said one commuter stuck in the jam. Madhuban SHO Gaurav Kumar, confirmed the incident and said, "Kanwariyas caused inconvenience to the general public for some time."

IMMIGRATION FRAUD UNDER GARB OF CONSULTANCY AMOUNTS TO ORGANISED HUMAN TRAFFICKING: HC

Diary Times Desk : Holding that immigration frauds masquerading as consultancy services fall within the ambit of "organised human trafficking", the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that such rackets, preying upon desperation and dreams of unsuspecting citizens, warrant strict judicial scrutiny and deterrence. "The offence in question does not merely involve financial deceit but strikes at the very fabric of social trust, involving elements of human trafficking and cross-border immigration fraud, which are not only grave in nature but also have far-reaching consequences on public order," the High Court observed. Justice Sumeet Goel was dealing with a case registered at a police station in Mansa district where a woman, working as a teacher, was accused of cheating a van driver of Rs 42 lakh under the false pretext of facilitating his son's legal migration to the United States. The money was paid between July and August 2024 after she allegedly claimed her husband could arrange the travel. But instead of the US, the complainant's son was routed through several countries under unsafe and perilous conditions before being detained in Panama and deported to India on November 20, 2024. Describing such acts as "a part of a growing menace", Justice Goel asserted these reflected not just criminal intent.

RS 6 CRORE TOURIST RECEPTION CENTRE IN ANANDPUR SAHIB LIES ABANDONED

Diary Times Desk : Built with grand intentions and a hefty price tag of Rs 6 crore, the state-of-the-art tourist reception centre in Anandpur Sahib now stands abandoned, locked and unused for over six months. Designed to serve as a gateway for pilgrims and tourists visiting the historic Sikh town and the nearby Hindu shrine of Naina Devi, the centre was expected to be a vibrant hub offering hospitality and guidance to travellers. Instead, it has become a symbol of bureaucratic inertia and failed planning. Located on the bustling Anandpur Sahib-Ropar National Highway, adjacent to the city's main bus stand, the centre boasts modern amenities, a cafeteria, designated space for gift shops and office areas meant to assist and inform visitors. However, despite its prime location and design, the centre remains lifeless. According to official sources, efforts have been made by the district administration and tourism department to breathe life into the project. The plan was to outsource the facility's operations to private players. However, three rounds of tendering have failed to attract any bidders. As a result, the grand facility which could have served thousands of visitors every year lies under lock and key. When contacted, Ropar Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Singh Walia said that they have floated tenders.

3 BABBAR KHALSA OPERATIVES HELD FOR GRENADE ATTACKS ON POLICE POSTS IN PUNJAB, HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Police on Sunday said they have arrested three operatives of the terrorist outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) for their alleged involvement in two grenade attacks on two police posts in Punjab's Patiala and Haryana. Two hand grenades and two pistols were recovered from their possession, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said. "Acting on specific intelligence inputs, Counter Intelligence (CI) Patiala and State Special Operation Cell (SSOC), Mohali apprehends three operatives of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) involved in grenade attacks on police posts at Badshahpur, Patiala on April 1, 2025, and Azeemgarh, Haryana on April 6, 2025," Yadav said in a post on X. "Preliminary investigation reveals that the accused executed both attacks on instructions from foreign-based BKI operatives Manu Agwan (Greece) and Maninder Billa (Malaysia). They were acting under the direction of Pakistan-based terrorist Harwinder Singh Rinda and Pakistan's ISI," said Yadav.



SC UPHOLDS HIMACHAL'S
RIGHT TO 18% FREE POWER
FROM JSW

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court has ordered JSW Hydro Energy Ltd to supply 18 per cent free electricity to Himachal Pradesh, as per the 1999 agreement though the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) regulations cap free power at 13 per cent for tariff determination. "We hold that the CERC Regulations, 2019, do not prohibit respondent No. 1 (JSW Hydro Energy Ltd) from supplying free power beyond 13 per cent to the appellant state (Himachal Pradesh) and the implementation agreement does not stand overridden by the operation of these regulations," a Bench of Justice PS Narasimha and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, while upholding that regulations cannot override freely negotiated contracts, said in its July 16 verdict. The Bench allowed an appeal filed by the state of Himachal Pradesh against the May 28, 2024, order of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and held that the CERC tariff regulations did not override contractual obligations between a state and a generating company to supply free power beyond the regulatory cap of 13 per cent.

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CARELESSNESS: 4-LANE
CONSTRUCTION TRIGGERS
CRISIS IN KANGRA VILLAGE

Diary Times Desk : The ongoing monsoon has turned deadly for many hillside residents in Kangra district, not because of nature alone, but due to what villagers describe as reckless and unscientific four-lane construction. In Bhaali, a small village near Shahpur, the expansion work of the Pathankot-Mandi National Highway (NH-154) has left a trail of devastation, with several homes now on the verge of collapse. The village lies along the 16-km Siuni-to-Rajol stretch of the highway, where steep vertical hill-cutting — almost at a 90-degree angle — has been carried out. The result: fragile slopes have become dangerously unstable and several ancestral homes now bear deep cracks on their walls and floors. With each passing shower, the fear of a landslide intensifies. The expansion project, currently under construction, is being carried out by Gawar Construction Company under the supervision of the Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways (MORTH).

CENTRE FORMS MULTI-SECTORAL TEAM TO INVESTIGATE RISING NATURAL
DISASTERS IN HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : As Himachal Pradesh continues to reel under heavy rainfall — causing widespread floods and devastation — the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, on Sunday ordered the formation of a multi-sectoral central team. The team will investigate why natural disasters have been occurring with alarming frequency in the state over recent years. It will include experts from NDMA, CBRI Roorkee, IITM Pune, geologists and IIT-Indore. Separately, an inter-ministerial central (IMCT) team has been deputed to assess the damage caused by floods, flash floods, cloudbursts and landslides in Himachal Pradesh during the ongoing South-West monsoon. The IMCT team is currently visiting the disaster-struck state. It had reached Himachal Pradesh on July 18 for an on-the-spot assessment of the damages in the affected areas. It will remain there till July 21, official sources informed. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu met Shah last week, and sought a relief package for the state. A high-level committee chaired by the Union Home Minister has already approved an outlay of Rs 2,006.40 crore.



59 DRUGS MANUFACTURED IN
HIMACHAL DECLARED SUBSTANDARD

Diary Times Desk : A povidone-iodine solution, a widely used topical antiseptic for preventing and treating infections in wounds, besides surgery was among 59 drugs declared substandard in the monthly alert issued by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) on Friday. These drugs have been manufactured by 31 firms located in Baddi, Barotiwala, Nalagarh, Kala Amb, Paonta Sahib, Solan, etc. Various batches of Telmisartan tablet, manufactured by a Baddi-based company and drug used for hypertension, failed quality parameters. The company has been found defaulting since months on manufacturing this drug. Key issues like sterility assay, uniformity of weight, lack of assay content and presence of particulate matter have been found to be the key reasons of drug samples failing quality parameters. They comprise the grossly substandard drugs requiring immediate attention of the authorities. Quality issues have also been flagged in several injections, including methylcobalamin that is used to treat deficiency of vitamin B12 in body, tranexamic acid injection used to control or prevent excessive or heavy bleeding during dental procedures in patients with hemophilia, calcium gluconate injection used for increasing calcium level in body, vitamin C injection.

5,000 CASES REGISTERED UNDER
NDPS ACT IN THREE YEARS

Diary Times Desk : In an alarming trend, 5,004 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, were registered in the state in the past three years. As per the official data shared by the government, 2,147 cases under the NDPS Act were registered in the state in 2023 (January 1 to December 31), 1,717 cases in 2024 and 1,140 cases in 2025 (January 1 to June 30). Also, from 2023 to June 2025, the police seized 919 kg of charas, 32.9 kg of heroin, 1,632 kg of poppy husk, 89.6 kg of opium and over 1.64 lakh tablets and capsules. Furthermore, nearly 70 lakh cannabis plants were destroyed in the state. In the past two-and-a-half years, assets worth Rs 36.95 crore were attached (worth Rs 4.87 crore in 2023, Rs 25.42 crore in 2024 and worth Rs 6.66 crore till June 2025) while cases involving Rs 7.74 crore were under process for confirmation. A government spokesperson stated that two comprehensive laws had been enacted during 2025. "The Himachal Pradesh Organised Crime (Prevention and Control) Bill has been introduced with stringent provisions such as death penalty, life imprisonment, property confiscation and heavy fines to target organised crime syndicates.

DIGGING TROUBLE: ILLEGAL MINING RIPS THROUGH PALAMPUR'S GREEN HEART

Diary Times Desk : The lower regions of Palampur, including Jaisinghpur, Sulaha, Baijnath and surrounding areas, are witnessing severe environmental degradation due to unchecked mining activities along a 100-km stretch of the Neugal, Mol, Awa and Binwa rivers — all tributaries of the Beas. The relentless extraction of sand and boulders from riverbeds is not only damaging the ecology but also violating the state's mining policy. Illegal quarrying continues unabated, as tractors, tippers and earthmovers operated by the mining mafia work round the clock. While occasional crackdowns by police or the Mining Department result in brief halts and challans, the operations resume soon after. The brazen violations have drawn the attention of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, which recently took suo motu cognizance of the matter and directed the state government to submit a status report. High-level teams from the court also conducted visits to the affected areas to assess the situation on ground. Local resistance has been growing. Numerous panchayats, residents, and NGOs have staged protests against the mining, citing not only ecological destruction but also threats to drinking water sources. In particular, Neugal river — a lifeline for many villages — has become a battleground between concerned citizens and mining interests.



AKASH DEEP, ARSHDEEP LIKELY OUT OF FOURTH TEST; KAMBOJ CALLED-UP AS COVER

Diary Times Desk : India's preparations for the fourth Test in Manchester have taken a hit with two of their fast bowlers, Akash Deep and Arshdeep Singh, picking up injuries that are likely to rule them out of the match. ESPNcricinfo has learned the selectors have decided to add Haryana fast bowler Anshul Kamboj as cover for the final two Tests of the five-match series. While Arshdeep hurt his bowling hand in his follow through during a training session in Beckenham on Thursday, Akash Deep has picked up a groin niggle. The fourth Test, which starts on July 23 at Old Trafford, is vital for both teams as India could either draw level with England or lose the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, in case there is a result. India's assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate had pointed out on Thursday that Arshdeep's injury would impact India's planning, and the team's concerns have now deepened with doubts over Akash Deep. The right-arm quick played a key role in India drawing level in Birmingham with a 10-wicket match haul. In the next Test at Lord's, he picked up just one wicket, struggling to find rhythm from the Pavilion End.



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE T20 SET TO BE RELAUNCHED; ICC MULLS TWO-TIER TEST STRUCTURE

Diary Times Desk : A men's Champions League Twenty20 is set to be reintroduced as early as September next year, following strong support from key member nations at the International Cricket Council's (ICC) annual conference held in Singapore, as per The Sydney Morning Herald. The future of Test cricket is also up for discussion, with talks of introducing a two-division format gaining traction. The ICC has now formalised a working group to rework the global cricket calendar starting from 2027, and a decision regarding Test cricket's structure could be taken before the year ends, according to sources familiar with the closed-door discussions. There is a growing belief that the number of nations playing Test cricket might be capped. Only a handful of countries are able to generate revenue from the traditional format, and several others lack the infrastructure and systems to consistently build strong Test sides.

TEAM INDIA ARRIVES IN MANCHESTER AHEAD OF 4TH TEST AGAINST ENGLAND AT OLD TRAFFORD

Diary Times Desk : Team India arrived in Manchester on Sunday ahead of their fourth Test of the five-match series of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, which will take place at Old Trafford from July 23. The list of players whose arrival came to notice included team skipper Shubman Gill, vice-captain Rishabh Pant, and openers KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jaiswal. Other players like left-hand batter Sai Sudarshan, right-hand batter Karun Nair, uncapped player Abhimanyu Easwaran, and all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy also came to notice as they arrived in Manchester. The Board of Control for Cricket in India also posted the pictures of some other players as well, which included the likes of all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, and Shardul Thakur along with wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel. Fast bowlers Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, and Arshdeep were seen as well.

INDIA VS PAKISTAN CALLED OFF IN VETERANS' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF LEGENDS

Diary Times Desk : A veterans' cricket match that was to be played between India and Pakistan in the World Championship of Legends (WCL) in Birmingham on Sunday has been cancelled after the Indian players, including Shikhar Dhawan, refused to participate in it because of the "current geopolitical situation and prevailing tensions" between the two countries. There had been cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack in India in April, which had led to the temporary suspensions of the IPL and PSL. Even though the organisers of WCL said in a statement that they had planned this match in the tournament - that also involves teams from Australia, South Africa, England and West Indies - after hearing news that the Pakistan hockey team will be touring India this year and seeing a recent volleyball match between the Under-16 sides of the two nations, they cancelled the game if they had "unintentionally caused discomfort to our Indian Cricket Legends."

"COMPLETELY OUT OF...": JAMES ANDERSON FINALLY REACTS TO ANDERSON-TENDULKAR TROPHY NAMING

Diary Times Desk : England pace legend James Anderson confessed that seeing his name alongside the iconic Sachin Tendulkar on a trophy feels "completely out of place," calling it an incredible honour to be associated with "one of the greatest cricketers to have ever lived". The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has rechristened the Test series between India and England as the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, paying tribute to the two titans of the sport. Previously, the contests on English soil were played for the Pataudi Trophy, named after former Indian captains Iftikhar Ali Khan Pataudi and his son Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi. "It's not necessarily just how huge it is to have a trophy named after you, but alongside Sachin Tendulkar, who for me is one of the greatest ever cricketers to have lived. "I feel completely out of place when I see myself alongside him with the trophy. I hold him in such high regard." Anderson told 'Sky Sports'. "I watched him as a kid, played against him. He's just such an iconic cricketer who's carried the weight of a nation on his shoulders throughout his career and past it as well. So, to share something like this with him is an incredible honour." Both Anderson and Tendulkar are widely regarded as all-time greats. They are the most-capped players in the history of Test cricket. Tendulkar played 200 matches, and Anderson appeared in 188 Tests. Anderson, who claimed 704 wickets in 188 Tests, faced Tendulkar on several occasions during the late 2000s.

MARATHON LEGEND FAUJA SINGH'S LAST RITES HELD IN JALANDHAR

Diary Times Desk : The last rites of 114-year-old marathon legend Fauja Singh were held in Jalandhar on Sunday, following his tragic death in a road accident on July 14. Family members, friends, and admirers gathered to pay their respects to the iconic runner, who was fondly known as the 'Sikh Superman' and the 'Turbaned Tornado' for his remarkable achievements in marathon running. Fauja was hit by an unknown white vehicle while out on his routine walk and later succumbed to his injuries during treatment. The incident occurred on Monday around 3 pm, when Fauja Singh, a resident of Beas village under Adampur police station, stepped out for a walk after lunch. While he was walking alone towards the highway, a speeding vehicle hit him. He was immediately rushed to Shriman Hospital, but passed away during treatment at 7 pm, police said. Speaking on Fauja Singh's demise, his grandson Harleen Singh told ANI, "We found out about his accident 30 minutes after it happened. At that time, my uncle said he was only wounded in the elbows."

RISHABH PANT MUST SAVE RISKY SHOTS FOR IPL, TEST CRICKET NEEDS DISCIPLINE: ENGINEER

Diary Times Desk : Former wicketkeeper Farokh Engineer has advised Rishabh Pant to save his risky shots for the IPL (Indian Premier League) and bat in a disciplined manner in Tests. Pant has been in marvellous form in the ongoing Test series against England, being the second-highest run scorer of the series so far. The southpaw has left England bowlers frustrated with his audacious strokeplay as he's not been afraid to charge down the track against the seamers. Pant's bravado has left everyone on the edge of their seats as he's redefined batting in the longest format. However, Farokh Engineer feels that the India star should be showing a lot more discipline at the crease and save his big shots for the IPL. "Absolutely. Save those (risky shots) for IPL. Test cricket demands discipline. From a number three or four, you expect them to play proper cricket, get big scores, and build innings. Rishabh has scored centuries in both innings of a Test, which is remarkable. So yes, he could play purely as a batsman, especially with England's strong bowling lineup, now including Jofra Archer and Atkinson," Engineer told RevSportz. Furthermore, Engineer said that Pant can also play as a pure batter in the fourth Test in Manchester.