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Diary Times Desk : Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday tendered his resignation from his post "to prioritise health care and abide by medical advice." The resignation is effective immediately and was submitted in accordance with Article 67(a) of the Constitution.

Jagdeep Dhankhar was serving as the Vice President of India since 2022. He previously served as the governor of West Bengal from 2019 to 2022. In a letter addressed to the President, Jagdeep Dhankhar expressed deep gratitude to the Prime Minister, and members of Parliament for their support during his tenure.

"To prioritise health care and abide by medical advice, I hereby resign as the Vice President of India, effective immediately, in accordance with Article 67(a) of the constitution," Jagdeep Dhankhar said in his letter addressed to the President. "I extend my deepest gratitude to Your Excellency - the Hon'ble President of India for her unwavering support and the soothing wonderful working relationship we maintained during my tenure," Dhankhar said in the letter. I express my deep gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the esteemed Council of Ministers. Prime Minister's cooperation and support have been invaluable, and I have learned much during my time in office," he added. He also thanked Members of Parliament, saying, "The warmth, trust, and affection I have received from all the Hon'ble Members of Parliament would ever be cherished at and embedded in my memory".



MAMATA BANERJEE

MAMATA SOUNDS 2026 POLL BUGLE, CALLS FOR 'LANGUAGE MOVEMENT' AGAINST BJP'S 'LINGUISTIC TERRORISM'



Diary Times Desk : Sharpening her 'Bengali asmita' pitch ahead of the 2026 polls, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday accused the BJP of unleashing "linguistic terrorism" on Bengalis, asserting that the fight for identity and language will continue until the saffron party is defeated.

Addressing a massive Martyrs' Day rally in Kolkata, Banerjee gave a clarion call to defeat the BJP in the Assembly elections and eventually oust it from power at the Centre, declaring, "If this linguistic profiling doesn't stop, our resistance movement will reach New Delhi. If needed, there will be a second language movement against the BJP's terrorism on the Bengali language... From July 27, a movement will start in Bengal in protest against the attack on Bengalis, Bengali language and 'Bhasha santras' (linguistic terrorism)," she announced.

The first Language Movement was in 1952 in erstwhile East Bengal (now Bangladesh), where people demanded that Bengali be made one of the official languages of Pakistan. The United Nations had announced February 21 as International Mother Language Day to honour the Bengali Language Movement.

"We must win more seats in the 2026 Assembly polls and then march to Delhi to defeat the BJP," she said. Banerjee gave her party workers the slogan "Zobdo hobe, stobdho hobe. Amader darshon, tomader bisorjon," (They will be seized, they will be silenced. Our ideology, your downfall), as a rallying cry for the 2026 Assembly elections. "The BJP wants to erase our identity, language, culture and pride. But, I promise you, till the time we oust them from the Centre, our fight will continue," she said.

AIR INDIA PLANE VEERS OFF RUNWAY AT MUMBAI AIRPORT AFTER IT EXPERIENCES HEAVY RAIN DURING LANDING

Diary Times Desk : An Air India aircraft from Kochi veered off the runway while landing in heavy rain at the city airport, following which operations at one of the runways were temporarily suspended on Monday morning. All passengers and crew are safe. "There are minor damages reported to the airport's primary runway - 09/27. In order to ensure continuity of operations, the Secondary Runway 14/32 - has been activated," Mumbai airport said in a statement. According to sources, three tyres of the plane suffered a burst besides damage to the engine due to the incident. "Engine sucked up a bunch of dirt after getting into the mud," the source added. An airline spokesperson said the flight AI2744, operating from Kochi to Mumbai, experienced heavy rain during landing, resulting in a runway excursion after touchdown. The aircraft taxied safely to the gate and all passengers and crew members have since disembarked. The aircraft has been grounded for checks," the Air India spokesperson said in a statement. A source said operations on one of the airport's runways were shut after the excursion and then restarted.



9 SHOW-CAUSE NOTICES TO AIR INDIA IN 6 MONTHS FOR SAFETY VIOLATIONS: GOVT

Diary Times Desk : A total of nine show-cause notices were issued to Air India in connection with five identified safety violations in the last six months and enforcement action has been completed with respect to one violation, the civil aviation ministry informed the Rajya Sabha on Monday. Last month, Air India's Boeing 787-8 aircraft enroute to London Gatwick from Ahmedabad crashed soon after take-off, killing 260 people. Following the fatal accident, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) ordered additional checks of the airline's Boeing 787-8/9 aircraft. As many as 81 people were injured in the accident. "Out of total 33, 31 operational aircraft have been inspected wherein minor findings were observed in eight aircraft. These aircraft have been released for operation post rectification. The remaining two aircraft are under scheduled maintenance," Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said in a written reply.



FIRST JOINT SATELLITE OF ISRO AND NASA TO BE LAUNCHED ON JUNE 30

Diary Times Desk : Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Monday informed that the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR), the first joint satellite of ISRO and NASA will be launched on July 30. "NISAR, the first joint satellite of ISRO and NASA will be launched by ISRO's GSLV-F16 on July 30, 2025, at 1740 hrs IST from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota. GSLV-F16 (launch system) will inject the NISAR satellite into a 743 km Sun-synchronous orbit," ISRO said. NISAR, weighing 2,392 kg, is a unique Earth observation satellite and the first satellite to observe the earth with a dual frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (NASA's L-band and ISRO's S-band). NISAR's large deployable antenna will be used in a unique operating mode known as SweepSAR to provide wide area coverage and fine spatial resolution at the same time. It will observe Earth with a swath of 242 km and high spatial resolution. The satellite's ability to see through clouds and light rain, day and night, will enable data users to continuously monitor earthquake- and landslide-prone areas.



GOVT RECOVERED 610 STOLEN ANTIQUES IN 5 YEARS; 559 REPATRIATED FROM THE US

Diary Times Desk : The government has recovered a total of 610 stolen antiques from various countries over the last five years, with the United States accounting for the majority of recoveries - 559 items. Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha, informed that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) maintains updated records of thefts from protected monuments, sites and museums under its jurisdiction. According to the minister, seven antiques were reported stolen within the country over the last five years. In 2020, a copper kalasa was stolen from Sadashiva Temple in Karnataka and remains untraced. In 2021, three artefacts - a Nandi sculpture from the Golingeswara group of temples in Andhra Pradesh, a Shiva Linga from Bhairav Temple in Uttarakhand and two Buddha sculptures in Bhumisparsha Mudra from an excavation site in Jharkhand - were stolen but later recovered.



YOUR HOROSCOPE

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Aries

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

Gemini

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

Leo

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

Libra

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

Sagittarius

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

Aquarius

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

Taurus

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

Cancer

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

Virgo

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

Scorpio

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

Capricorn

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

Pisces

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



PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION 2025: RAJYA SABHA MP SIKANDAR KUMAR RAISED THE ISSUE OF INCREASING INFLUENCE OF DRUGS IN THE HOUSE

Diary Times Desk : Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state general secretary Dr. Sikandar Kumar on Monday raised the issue of increasing drug addiction among the youth and its effects in the House on the first day of the monsoon session in Parliament. He said that at present, the scope of challenges related to the problem of drug addiction is continuously increasing in many states including Himachal Pradesh. Drug abuse and drug trafficking have become a serious problem among the youth. The Rajya Sabha MP urged the central government to seriously consider this subject and demanded the provision of strict policy and stringent law to solve this problem. He also demanded to include the chapter on drug addiction, its effects and de-addiction as an important course in the field of education. Dr. Sikandar Kumar wanted to know from the Coal and Mines Minister through the House whether the government has issued any instructions to the State Mining Department regarding ignoring regulatory violations in cases of illegal sand mining without obtaining mandatory environmental clearance in the industrial town of Baddi in Himachal Pradesh?



HIMACHAL: CM SUKHU SAID- MPS SHOULD DEMAND A SPECIAL DISASTER RELIEF PACKAGE FOR HIMACHAL IN THE MONSOON SESSION

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that the monsoon session of Parliament has started from today. There will be a meaningful debate on public issues in the country's largest panchayat. CM released a post on social media in this regard on Monday. CM wrote - All of you MPs will be aware that the state is going through a terrible natural disaster. In this disaster, people's homes were destroyed, lives were lost, people are in pain due to lifelong capital and hopes being buried under the rubble. He has urged the MPs representing the state in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to become the voice of Himachal in this session. Demand a special disaster relief package for the state. Along with this, a concrete initiative should also be discussed to know the reasons for the recurring disasters and to prevent them. The identity of our democracy and humanity is that the whole country stands with a state when it is in grief and pain. Rivers and drains are in spate due to continuous heavy rainfall in many parts of the state since last night.

HIMACHAL: CHIEF MINISTER SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID- HIGH RESOLUTION TESLA MRI MACHINES WILL BE INSTALLED IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

Diary Times Desk : High-resolution 1.5 Tesla and 3 Tesla MRI machines will be installed at IGMC Shimla, Lal Bahadur Shastri Medical College Mandi, Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar Medical College Nahani, Medical College Chamba and AIMSS Chamiana. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that two state-of-the-art CT imaging machines, five mobile digital radiography (DR) units, two ceiling-suspended DR X-ray machines, two high-end ultrasound machines with colour Doppler, one mammography unit and one picture archiving and communication system (PACS) will be provided in six medical colleges and AIMSS Chamiana. The Chief Minister said that a PACS unit will also be set up at Kamla Nehru Hospital, Shimla for the convenience of patients. Each medical college will get four portable ultrasound machines and one radiology work station, equipped with 3D software. These state-of-the-art equipment will provide prompt, accurate and reliable.

SHRIKHAND YATRA: REGISTRATION CLOSED TILL THE WEATHER CLEARS, APPEAL TO DEVOTEES- STAY WHEREVER YOU ARE IN SHRIKHAND YATRA

Diary Times Desk : Due to bad weather, Shrikhand Yatra has been stopped for a day on Monday. Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra Trust Chairman and SDM Nirmand Manmohan Singh said that the devotees who have set out on the yatra have been instructed to stay where they are. Heavy rains have been falling in the area since Sunday night. Due to this, the path of Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra has become slippery. The flow of water has also increased in many drains and waterfalls on the way. Due to this, the journey can be risky. SDM Manmohan Singh said that it has become very cold in the high altitude areas. Due to getting wet in the rain and feeling cold, the risk of hypothermia (lowering of body temperature below normal) increases in the pilgrims. He said that keeping all these reasons in mind, offline registration for the yatra has been stopped till the weather clears. Instructions have been given to the devotees to stay at the halts and safe places established by the administration. The journey to Shrikhand Mahadev, situated at an altitude of 18,570 feet, is very difficult. For the safety of the pilgrims, a base camp has been set up in Singhagad.

HIMACHAL: NAUNI UNIVERSITY STUDENT GREW CATERPILLAR FUNGUS ON RICE GRAINS, ONE KILO COSTS 80 THOUSAND RUPEES

Diary Times Desk : A student has grown rare and valuable Keeraajadi found in the Himalayan regions on brown rice grains. This claim has been made by Satvik Chauhan of Dr. YS Horticulture Parmar and Forestry University Nauni. He has shown the youth the path of self-employment by growing half a kilo of Keeraajadi mushroom within three months. Its market value of one kilo is up to 80 thousand rupees. Satvik Chauhan of Bhawana (Pudg) village of Kotkhai tehsil near Shimla did this experiment along with studies under the Chief Minister's Startup Scheme. After doing BSc in Forestry from the university, he is now doing MBA in Agri Business Management. Satvik started working on this project in December last year. For this, he was given a room in the university's Mushroom Research Center to work on this venture. The university itself provided him with equipment and chemicals to grow Keeraajadi mushroom. Satvik Chauhan has just started it on an experimental basis. He will also start it commercially. He will get 25 thousand rupees monthly.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: CLOUD BURST IN CHAMBA, COUPLE DIED, YOUNG MAN SWEEP AWAY IN MANDI; 398 ROADS INCLUDING THREE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS CLOSED

Diary Times Desk : Due to the continuous heavy rains since last night, life has been disrupted in Himachal Pradesh. Landslides have been reported from many places. 398 roads including three national highways remained blocked in the state till 9:00 pm on Monday. Apart from this, 682 electricity transformers and 151 water supply schemes are affected. The maximum 310 roads and 390 electricity transformers are closed in Mandi district. There has been heavy damage due to cloudburst in Chamba's Chadi Panchayat. The house collapsed due to the debris and the newly married couple present inside died after being hit by it. The deceased have been identified as Pallavi wife Sunny and Sunny. The woman had come to her maternal home with her husband and during this time this accident happened. On receiving the information, the villagers reached the spot and also informed the administration. It has been decided to keep the school closed today in the assembly constituency Churah. Deputy Commissioner Chamba Mukesh Repswal said that the education department has taken this decision keeping in view the safety of the children.



MUMBAI WATERLOGGED AFTER HEAVY RAIN, ANDHERI SUBWAY SHUT, ALERT ISSUED

Diary Times Desk : Heavy, continuous overnight rain has brought Mumbai to a standstill, leaving many areas waterlogged and disrupting transport services on Monday morning. Vehicular traffic was affected after low-lying areas were waterlogged, including a usually-busy subway in Andheri - which has now been closed. Visuals showed the subway submerged in floodwaters, while a local train passed over it. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an 'orange' alert for extremely heavy rainfall in Mumbai and Raigad today. A 'yellow' alert for heavy rain has also been issued in Mumbai, Thane, and Palghar. Intermittent heavy rains are likely to continue in Mumbai and Konkan for the next 24 hours, the weather office said. IMD, in its advisory, has advised the people of Mumbai and nearby areas not to go near the seashore and to avoid travel unless necessary, as the city is witnessing a high tide rising to 3.88 metres since 9:19 am. The next high tide will be at 8:31 pm - rising to 3.42 metres.

"2 DIFFERENT VIEWS ON CHINA'S BRAHMAPUTRA MEGA DAM": ASSAM CHIEF MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said there are two "scientific aspects" to China building a mega dam across the Brahmaputra - a \$167.8 billion project - including one could actually help by reducing the amount of flooding that affects the northeastern state every year. Trying to alleviate fears over China's efforts to build the world's largest dam - construction of which began Saturday - he said he does not foresee any immediate reason for worry for the people of Assam as the river is fed mainly by tributaries in Bhutan and Arunachal Pradesh. Speaking at an event in Guwahati, he said the impact of the dam would only be known once it is built and hoped the central government is in touch with its Chinese counterpart on this matter. "I am not immediately worried because Brahmaputra is a mighty river and it is not dependent on a single source of water," the Chief Minister said, "Brahmaputra gets most of its waters from Bhutan, Arunachal Pradesh, and the rainwater and other forms of water from our state itself." On the two possible 'scientific aspects', he said, "First - if the flow is disturbed by China then there may be less water and biodiversity will be affected. But there is also a counter view - if less water comes it will act as a 'flood cushion'. But I don't know which one is correct."

'COMRADE VS', KERALA'S GRAND OLD COMMUNIST LEADER, DIES AT 101



Diary Times Desk : Former Kerala Chief Minister and the icon of Communist movement VS Achuthanandan died on Monday, after a long hospitalisation. The 101-year-old was admitted to a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram on June 23 after he suffered a cardiac arrest at home. He had been on ventilator support in the intensive care unit since. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and CPM state secretary MV Govindan have rushed to the hospital to meet the family. A steady stream of political leaders are already making a beeline for the hospital to pay their respects. A lifelong fighter for the rights of disadvantaged sections and a towering presence in state politics, Achuthanandan had withdrawn from public life after he suffered a minor stroke in 2019. In January 2021, he had quit as the Chairman of the Administrative Reforms Committee and had been staying alternately with his son or daughter in Thiruvananthapuram since.

"JUSTICE MUST PREVAIL": FAMILIES OF MUMBAI BLASTS VICTIMS DEMAND CBI PROBE

Diary Times Desk : Hours after the Bombay High Court acquitted all 12 men convicted in the 2006 Mumbai train blasts case, families of the victims on Monday voiced strong concerns and demanded a fresh investigation, urging the Centre to hand over the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The victims questioned the integrity of the initial investigation and called for accountability, expressing fear that justice may have been denied to the 189 people who lost their lives and over 800 who were injured in the devastating attack. Speaking to IANS, Radhe Shyam Dubey, one of the injured in the blast, said, "There must be a proper re-investigation. The CBI should take over the case. Those responsible should not be allowed to go free. There seems to be serious collusion in this matter. I urge the government to act - this case should go to the Supreme Court. Around seven coordinated blasts happened that day. So many families were destroyed."

"WESTERN MEDIA PROMOTING OWN VIEWPOINT": AVIATION MINISTER ON AIR INDIA CRASH

Diary Times Desk : Union Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu has called for calm as investigations continue into the June 12 Air India plane crash in which 274 people, including 19 on the ground, were killed. "There are multiple theories (about the crash) floating... but let us respect the process of investigation," he said. "The AAIB (Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau) is carrying out the investigation in a transparent manner... I have seen multiple articles, not only by Indian media, but also by Western media trying to promote their own viewpoint," he told the Lok Sabha Monday. "The way we (i.e., the government) are seeing the investigation is through facts. We want to stand by the truth. And that will only be revealed when the investigation is complete."



OVER 200 MPS SUBMIT MOTION IN PARLIAMENT TO IMPEACH JUSTICE YASHWANT VARMA

Diary Times Desk : A total of 145 MPs in Lok Sabha and 63 MPs in Rajya Sabha on Monday submitted a petition regarding the impeachment of Justice Yashwant Varma in connection with cash discovery row. The 145 Lok Sabha members who submitted the impeachment motion include Anurag Thakur, Ravi Shankar Prasad, LoP Rahul Gandhi, Rajiv Pratap Rudy, PP Chaudhary, Supriya Sule and KC Venugopal. The notice was submitted against Justice Verma under Articles 124, 217, and 218 of the Constitution. A motion for the removal of a judge has to be signed by not less than 100 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 50 in the Rajya Sabha. The motion can either be accepted or rejected by the Speaker/Chairman of the House. Earlier, Congress MP K Suresh said that the party extended its full support to the impeachment move against Justice Varma, joining hands with the INDIA bloc parties. On Sunday, Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju had said that over 100 lawmakers signed a notice for impeachment.

SUPREME COURT EXTENDS STAY ON 'UDAIPUR FILES' RELEASE UNTIL THURSDAY

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that the stay on the release of the movie Udaipur Files will remain in effect until Thursday. In today's hearing, the top court took note of the order passed by the Centre recommending six cuts in the movie before release. A bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and Joymala Bagchi stated that the filmmakers will have to implement the six cuts recommended by the Centre. Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal appearing for writ petitioner seeking stay on release said, "The Centre today informed the Supreme Court that it has passed an order in the applications seeking the revision of the certificate granted by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for the controversial movie "Udaipur Files: Kanhaiya Lal Tailor Murder." On the other hand, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting accepted the report of an expert committee which suggested the changes. The six mandated changes include a more detailed disclaimer stating that the film is a work of artistic expression and does not promote violence or defamation of any community."

OVER 90 PALESTINIANS SEEKING AID KILLED BY ISRAELI ARMY, SAYS GAZA AGENCY

Diary Times Desk : Gaza's civil defence agency said Israeli forces opened fire on crowds of Palestinians trying to collect humanitarian aid in the war-torn Palestinian territory on Sunday, killing 93 people and wounding dozens more. Eighty were killed as truckloads of aid arrived in the north, while nine others were reported shot near an aid point close to Rafah in the south, where dozens of people lost their lives just 24 hours earlier. Four were killed near another aid site in Khan Yunis, also in the south, agency spokesman Mahmud Basal told AFP. The UN World Food Programme said its 25-truck convoy carrying food aid "encountered massive crowds of hungry civilians which came under gunfire" near Gaza City, soon after it crossed from Israel and cleared checkpoints. Israel's military disputed the death count and said soldiers had fired warning shots "to remove an immediate threat posed to them" as thousands gathered near Gaza City.

SYRIA EVACUATES BEDOUINS FROM CLASHES-HIT SUWAYDA AS SHAKY CEASEFIRE HOLDS

Diary Times Desk : The Syrian government is evacuating hundreds of Bedouin families trapped inside the southern city of Suwayda, where a fragile ceasefire is holding after Druze and Bedouin fighters fought for a week. The first Bedouin families left on Monday on buses and trucks accompanied by Syrian Arab Red Crescent vehicles and ambulances. They were taken to nearby Daraa as the government plans to evacuate 1,500 people. "At least 500 people have already left on 10 buses this morning, and more are expected to exit Suwayda in the next few hours," Al Jazeera's Mohamed Vall said about noon (09:00 GMT) on Monday in a report from the capital, Damascus. The clashes between the Druze minority and Bedouin clans, which began on July 13, killed nearly 260 people and threatened to unravel Syria's post-war transition. The violence also displaced 128,571 people, according to the United Nations International Organisation for Migration. Israel intervened and launched air attacks on Syria's Ministry of Defence buildings in the heart of Damascus. Israeli forces also hit Syrian government forces.

DHAKA CRASH: ALL ABOUT F-7 AIRCRAFT, CHINA-MADE JET THAT CRASHED IN BANGLADESH



Diary Times Desk : A Bangladesh Air Force combat plane crashed onto a crowded school complex on Monday, killing at least 19 people, including the pilot, and wounding more than 160 others. The Dhaka plane crash, which is being referred to as the worst aerial tragedy in Bangladesh in recent years, involved a Chinese-built F-7 BGI that crashed just minutes after it had taken off at 1:06 pm local time. Chinese jet crashed into the Milestone School and College campus in Dhaka's Uttara during classes while the classes were going on. According to military officials and emergency responders, the reason for the crash is under investigation, but eyewitnesses reported hearing a loud sound coming from the campus grounds, military officials and emergency workers said. The F-7 BGI aircraft, one of the ageing air armadas of Bangladesh, is an upgraded variation of China's Chengdu F-7. It has its roots in the Soviet-era MiG-21.

"SO MUCH LOSS": VIETNAM SHIPWRECK VICTIMS RECALL TRAGEDY THAT KILLED 35

Diary Times Desk : The thunderstorm came so suddenly that it overturned the boat within seconds, said two survivors of the shipwreck which killed at least 35 people in Vietnam's top tourist spot of Halong Bay and left another four missing. "It had been raining for 15 minutes, then there was a thunderstorm ... and a huge wave that all of a sudden capsized the boat," said Nguyen Hong Quan, one of 10 survivors of the accident, which happened early on Saturday afternoon. "It took only a few seconds," he told Reuters on Monday, recalling one of the worst accidents in recent years to hit the UNESCO-protected archipelago, which consists of thousands of limestone islands about 200 km (125 miles) northeast of Hanoi. Of the 49 people that Vietnam's government said were on the boat, four are still missing. Weather conditions are expected to worsen in the coming hours with the landfall.

"RAPED ME WHILE I SLEPT, SCREAMED AT BABY": UK POLITICIAN'S WIFE EXPOSES YEARS OF ABUSE IN MARRIAGE

Diary Times Desk : Kate Kniveton, who served as Burton's MP from 2019 to 2024, has spoken for the first time about the traumatic abuse she endured during her marriage to former MP Andrew Griffiths, Metro reported. She alleges Griffiths sexually assaulted her while she slept, screamed at their newborn, and dismissed her threats to report him, saying, "Nobody would believe you." Ms Kniveton shared that she often cried during the assaults and recounted instances where Griffiths' anger led to him physically kicking her out of bed. The 54-year-old politician also spoke out about the ongoing abuse many survivors endure even after leaving abusive relationships, highlighting how family courts often fail to protect vulnerable children. Ms Kniveton, who succeeded her ex-husband, Andrew Griffiths, as MP for Burton, revealed that he once yelled at their newborn daughter to "shut the f*** up" when she cried for a feed. "People don't think it can happen to professional middle-class people - but domestic abuse has no boundaries, it can affect absolutely anybody."

TORRENTIAL RAIN KILLS 18 IN SOUTH KOREA, 9 MISSING AFTER FLOODS, LANDSLIDES

Diary Times Desk : Severe wet weather in South Korea eased on Monday following days of torrential rain that triggered floods and landslides and left at least 18 people dead, the Ministry of the Interior and Safety said on Monday. Nine people remained missing as of Sunday evening, the ministry said, with residents of the worst-hit areas in shock. At Gapyeong, some 62 kilometres (38.5 miles) northeast of the capital Seoul, some residents recalled narrow escapes from the floods after 173 millimetres (6.8 inches) of rain deluged the area over just 17 hours on Sunday. Gapyeong was among a number of places that saw a record amount of rain in a single day and broke the previous high for national daily precipitation of 156.3 mm that was set on September 30, 1998. "The ground just sank beneath me, and the water rose all the way up to my neck. Luckily, there was an iron pipe nearby. I held on to it with all my strength," said Ahn Gyeong-bun, the owner of a restaurant that was almost completely destroyed. Two people died and four were missing after a landslide engulfed homes around Gapyeong and floods swept away vehicles as of Sunday, the ministry said. For those remaining like Ahn, an uncertain future awaits.

DONALD TRUMP POSTS AI VIDEO OF BARACK OBAMA'S ARREST: "NO ONE IS ABOVE LAW"

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Monday stepped up his attack on Barack Obama by posting an AI-generated video of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) arresting the former President in the Oval Office. The video, posted on Truth Social, begins with Obama saying, "especially the President is above the law." It then features many US politicians stating, "no one is above the law." The clip then switches to an AI-generated video of Obama being handcuffed by two FBI agents in the same office he once occupied as the President. Trump can be seen sitting and smiling during the "arrest". The fake video ends with Obama standing inside jail, wearing the prison's orange jumpsuit. Trump did not issue a disclaimer for the video being fictional - a move reportedly slammed by critics, who called him "deeply irresponsible." This comes weeks after Trump accused Obama of a "high-level election fraud". Last week, US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard revealed that she has "striking" and "overwhelming" evidence of ex-Obama officials allegedly manufacturing the Trump-Russia collusion theory after the 2016 election to prevent Trump's presidency. She called for a trial of the former Obama administration.



PUNJAB CONGRESS PLANS STATEWIDE PROTEST AGAINST LAND POOLING POLICY, MOHALI DHARNA TODAY

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Congress on Sunday decided to launch a statewide agitation against the AAP government's land pooling policy, beginning with a major dharna in Mohali tomorrow. According to party leaders, the plan includes a series of rallies across Punjab and political congregations in every village where the government is supposed to acquire land under the initiative. The Mohali event is the second major programme being held by the Congress in recent days after a rally in Ludhiana, where a massive 24,000 acres of agriculture land is set to be acquired under the initiative. Reacting to it, state's ruling AAP accused Opposition parties of misleading farmers. "To counter the misleading campaign, AAP is reaching out to farmers and the villagers concerned to explain benefits of the policy under which there will be forcible acquisition," said AAP spokesperson Neel Garg. Soon after its launch in May this year, the policy has faced political backlash. Farmer outfits too have decided to launch a statewide stir against it from July 30 after Opposition parties extended support to them.



4 KILLED IN CAR-TRUCK COLLISION NEAR LEHRA BEGA TOLL PLAZA

Diary Times Desk : A car-truck collision occurred on Monday evening near the Lehra Bega Toll Plaza on the Bathinda-Chandigarh National Highway, resulting in the deaths of four young individuals. The victims were travelling in a Swift car at a high speed when a sudden tire burst caused the vehicle to veer into oncoming traffic, colliding head-on with a truck. The impact was devastating, leading to the immediate death of three occupants, while one later succumbed to injuries at a private hospital. According to available information, the deceased have been identified as — Manpreet Singh alias Mani, Jobanpreet Singh and Harman Singh, all residents of village Mandi Kalan in Bathinda district — and Ramanpreet Kaur, a resident of village Mehta in Barnala district. During the day, they had gone to ITI Bathinda to take a practical exam and were returning to their village when the unfortunate incident took place. Upon receiving information about the incident, the Cantt Police Station team rushed to the spot and began an investigation. The bodies of the deceased have been kept in the mortuary of the Civil Hospital for postmortem, which will be conducted on Tuesday. DSP City-2 Sarvjeet Singh Brar said, "The police received information about the accident around 4 PM near Lehra Bega Toll Plaza. In the mishap, three young men and a girl.

BJP-AKALI ALLIANCE NEEDED TO ENSURE COMMUNAL HARMONY IN PUNJAB: SUNIL JAKHAR

Diary Times Desk : Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar on Sunday said the party's alliance with the estranged partner Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) was the need of the hour because forces inimical to the state's interests were resurfacing as these had in 1996 when the pact was first formalised to meet the imperatives of communal harmony. Flagging the potential for saffron expansion in the state, Jakhar said the BJP should aim to win hearts rather than votes in Punjab and must connect with its "emotional core". In a wide-ranging interview with The Tribune days after Ashwani Sharma's appointment as state working president signalled a change of guard, Jakhar blamed recent irritants on the "deep state and entrenched bureaucratic establishment" which, he said, was "influencing decision-making in Punjab and needs to be checked". "Punjab is not merely a geographical area. It is a highly self-respecting society where a 'pagdi' and 'dastar' don't mean just a turban but are synonymous with the sense of 'sardari' — self-esteem — which makes people resist all forms of absolute power. The BJP's challenge is to grasp the soul of Punjab and assuage the hurt it feels has been historically heaped on it," said Jakhar when asked why the BJP was struggling in the state.

BAJWA SLAMS AAP'S LAND POOLING POLICY AS 'LOOT' OF FARMERS' LAND

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa today launched a scathing attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's land pooling policy, terming it a 'loot' of farmers' land. Addressing a 'Saadi Zameen, Saadi Ma' dharna outside the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) office, Bajwa claimed the government intends to acquire 65,000 acres across Punjab, with approximately 6,000 acres targeted in Mohali alone. Bajwa highlighted that only 35 acres in Mohali have received consent so far, indicating widespread opposition to the policy. Accompanied by former Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, Vijay Sharma Tinku and other leaders, Bajwa said, "A four-member committee of non-Punjabis and a chief secretary who is also a non-Punjabi will decide the fate of Punjab farmers. Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has kept himself away from it. He will not sign any paper. Nor has Arvind Kejriwal signed any papers in Delhi for the past 10 years. His officers are behind the bars now."



MAN ARRESTED IN RS 189 CRORE CUSTOMS DUTY EVASION CASE IN LUDHIANA

Diary Times Desk : Acting on specific intelligence, the zonal unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) at Ludhiana has arrested an accused, who is a mastermind in a case of customs duty evasion of Rs 189 crore. The accused had been absconding for more than a year. The accused was engaged in diversion of duty-free imported goods from the customs bonded warehouses through dummy proprietors of three firms, an official statement said here on Monday. It said that according to the bonded warehouse licence conditions, the imported goods should have been used as raw material in the manufacturing of the export goods. The entire fraudulent activity was carried out to evade import duties on imported goods by diverting the goods to the domestic market without payment of duty, which would otherwise be 100 per cent of the value of the imported goods.

SC PROTECTS ACTOR SHREYAS TALPADE FROM ARREST IN HARYANA MARKETING SCAM CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday granted protection from arrest to actor Shreyas Talpade in a case of cheating and breach of trust against a society. A Bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and K V Viswanathan issued notice to Haryana Police and others on the actor's plea. Thirteen people, including actors and brand ambassadors Talpade and Alok Nath, were booked on the complaint of 37-year-old Sonapat resident Vipul Antil. Antil alleged both the actors "promoted the Human Welfare Credit Cooperative Society Ltd, as brand ambassadors". Additional Commissioner of Police, Murthal, Sonapat, Ajeet Singh said the complaint was against a multi-marketing company which is being investigated. About the two actors, the ACP had said, "It has been alleged that they were its brand ambassadors and victims get lured to invest because of such personalities. They were named in the complaint. An FIR has been registered. Now, it will be investigated what was their role." The FIR was registered on January 22 under Sections 316 (2), 318 (2) and 318 (4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, for various offences, including criminal breach of trust and cheating, on Antil's complaint. He alleged that the society committed a "serious crime of cheating the public through financial schemes".

HEAVY RAINFALL EXPECTED IN HIMACHAL PRADESH TILL JULY 23, ORANGE ALERT ISSUED

Diary Times Desk : The Weather Department has issued an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall in many parts of the state from July 20 to July 23. Light to moderate rainfall is likely at most places, while heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places low hills/plains, mid hills and adjoining high hills till July 23. This spell of precipitation will hit the peak on July 21. On July 21, heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places in Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Solan and Sirmaur districts. The districts of Chamba, Kullu and Shimla are likely to get heavy rainfall. On July 22, Sirmaur and Solan are likely to get heavy rainfall. Thunderstorm, accompanied with lightning, is likely in Chamba district on July 21, Kullu and Shimla on July 21 and 22, Bilaspur and Solan from July 21 to 23, Kangra and Sirmaur on July 22. Thunderstorm is expected till July 23 in Una, Mandi and Hamirpur districts.

RECURRING CLOUDBURSTS, LANDSLIDES IN MANDI SET ALARM BELLS RINGING

Diary Times Desk : Once known for its scenic landscapes and lush greenery, Mandi district in Himachal Pradesh is now gaining notoriety for something far more alarming – a relentless series of natural disasters that are causing significant human losses, extensive damage to infrastructure and widespread displacement. Over the past three years, cloudbursts, landslides and land subsidence has become increasingly frequent and intense, creating fear and uncertainty among residents. The disturbing trend began in 2023, when multiple cloudbursts across the district claimed 19 lives and damaged 857 houses. Among these, 248 houses were completely destroyed and 609 were partially damaged, leaving nearly 1,800 families homeless. Last year, a tragic incident occurred in Rajban village under the Darang Assembly segment, where 11 members of three families were washed away in a flash flood. Only one person was rescued, the others perished. The disaster struck again this year, affecting subdivisions of Seraj, Gohar, Karsog.

HIMACHAL PRADESH LANDSLIDE: COUPLE KILLED IN CHAMBA, ALERT ISSUED AMID HEAVY RAINFALL

Diary Times Desk : A couple lost their lives after boulders, dislodged by a landslide, crashed into a house in Chamba district late Sunday night. The victims, who were visiting the woman's parental home, were asleep when the incident occurred. The force of the impact caused the house to collapse. Authorities have rushed a rescue team to the site. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall across Chamba and other parts of Himachal Pradesh has severely affected normal life, with rivers and streams in the district flowing in spate. The local administration has urged residents to avoid unnecessary travel and stay away from landslide-prone areas. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued heavy to very heavy rainfall in isolated areas of 2 to 7 districts in the state from July 21 to 23. 142 roads remain closed statewide, including 91 in Mandi district. 40 water supply schemes and 26 power transformers have been damaged.



HEAVY RAIN BLOCKS KEY ROUTES ON DHARAMPUR, KASAUJI ROADS

Diary Times Desk : Vehicular movement was severely disrupted across several parts of Solan district following incessant rainfall since last night, which triggered landslides and road blockages in multiple areas. Key routes, including Dharampur-Subathu, Dharampur-Kasauli, Jandauri-Pratha-Nabon, Kunihar-Totu, Wagnaghat-Mamliq, and Kasauli-Jangeshu roads were hit by landslides, with muddy water streams flowing of fragile hillsides. Uprooted trees also fell onto the roads, further obstructing traffic and causing long delays. Commuters heading to work this morning were left stranded, as mounds of earth, boulders, and fallen trees blocked several major routes. Many were forced to take long detours or abandon their travel plans altogether. Vehicles could be seen lined up on both sides of affected stretches, waiting for the roads to be cleared. A two-wheeler rider was reportedly stuck on the Dharampur-Kasauli road after a heavy downpour this morning triggered a sudden flow of muddy water, uprooted trees, and debris from the hillside. A 50-meter stretch was rendered impassable, prompting many travelers to take the alternate route via Sanawar to reach Kasauli from Dharampur.

LANDSLIDES BLOCK CHANDIGARH-MANALI HIGHWAY IN MANDI; TRAFFIC BROUGHT TO STANDSTILL

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall has triggered multiple landslides across Mandi district, severely disrupting road connectivity in the region. The Chandigarh-Manali highway, a crucial route for tourists and locals alike, has been blocked at several locations, including Dwada, Jhalogi, and near Kainchi Mod, bringing traffic movement to a complete standstill. The landslides, which occurred after continuous rainfall over the last 24 hours, have also impacted other key routes, including the Kotli-Dharampur highway and several local roads. Commuters and transport operators are facing significant delays, with long queues of vehicles reported along the highway and nearby link roads. Authorities have confirmed that while the main highway remains closed, an alternative route between Mandi and Kullu via Kamand and Kataula is currently open and being used to divert traffic. Rescue and road clearance teams have been deployed to the affected areas to restore connectivity, but continued rainfall is hampering their efforts. Local administration has urged travellers to avoid non-essential movement.

DELHI WOMAN ALLEGES RAPE IN MCLEODGANJ, ACCUSED ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : A woman hailing from Delhi has alleged that she was raped by a man posing as a hotel official at a private hotel in McLeodganj, a popular tourist destination in Himachal Pradesh, a senior police official confirmed here, today. The accused man has been arrested by the cops and investigations were in progress. According to the police, the woman had travelled to McLeodganj with a group of friends. On Sunday, she was reportedly unwell and stayed back at the hotel while her friends went sightseeing in the area. During this time, a man entered her room, allegedly identified himself as a hotel staff officer, and sexually assaulted her. After receiving the complaint, a police team arrived at the hotel and arrested the accused. His claim of being associated with the hotel was currently under verification, a local police official said. The ASP of Kangra district Aditi Singh said, "Based on the woman's complaint, a case has been registered. The investigation is underway to confirm the identity and credentials of the accused man." The incident has raised serious concerns over tourist safety and the need for stricter background checks on hotel staff in the region.



BCCI CONFIRMS REDDY OUT OF INDIA-ENGLAND SERIES, ARSHDEEP SIDELINED

Diary Times Desk : India will go into the fourth Test in Manchester two bowlers short after the BCCI confirmed that Nitish Kumar Reddy has been ruled out of the rest of the series due to a left knee injury while Arshdeep Singh has suffered a left thumb injury. Reddy will fly back to India immediately. This, in addition to the groin niggle Akash Deep is battling, means India are severely handicapped in the pace bowling department. "All-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy has been ruled out of the remaining two Tests owing to a left knee injury. Nitish will fly back home and the team wishes him a speedy recovery," the BCCI said in a media release Monday morning. "Arshdeep Singh has been ruled out of the fourth Test against England at Manchester. He sustained an impact injury to his left thumb while bowling in the nets at a training session in Beckenham. The BCCI Medical Team is monitoring his progress." The statement confirmed Anshul Kamboj has been added to the squad. Kamboj, a 24-year-old right-arm seamer, was part of the India A squad before for the two unofficial Tests against England Lions. In the second game he took four wickets apart from scoring an unbeaten 51 in a 149-run stand with Tanush Kotian.



'I'D SEE HOW MUCH NATIONALISM...': SALMAN BUTT CHALLENGES INDIA AMID WCL ROW; 'DON'T PLAY IN WORLD CUP, ICC TOURNAMENT'

Diary Times Desk : The clash between India and Pakistan at World Championship of Legends (WCL), which was cancelled, has created quite a stir - especially among the former players from across the border. Shahid Afridi was critical of India's decision to pull out of the match and now joining him is his former teammate Salman Butt. The ex-Pakistan opener challenged India to maintain the stance at high-voltage events such as World Cup or any ICC event. Butt made the remarks on his YouTube channel. "The whole world is talking about them - what message have they sent to cricket as a whole and to the fans? What are you trying to show? What are you trying to prove? Now don't play in the World Cup...don't play against us in any ICC tournament. Make this a promise. See, we understand that everything has its own place. But now that you are interlinking, don't play against us at any level or tournament. Not even the Olympics. Please do that. I would love to see. The stakes would be high, and I'd see how much nationalism they can show at that level," he said.

CHESS: INDIA SET TO HOST FIDE WORLD CUP 2025

Diary Times Desk : India is set to host the FIDE World Cup 2025, scheduled for October 30 to November 27. The tournament will feature the world's best players battling for the coveted title and qualification spots in the 2026 FIDE Candidates Tournament, according to the FIDE World Cup website. The FIDE World Cup 2025 will feature 206 players competing in a knockout format--a dynamic and unpredictable system where the losing player in each round is eliminated. The top three finishers of the 2025 World Cup will earn direct qualification for the 2026 Candidates Tournament, which determines the challenger for the World Chess Championship. India has become a dominant force in the chess world, thanks in part to five-time World Champion and FIDE Deputy President Viswanathan Anand, whose efforts.

WITH ASIA CUP IN JEOPARDY, PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD STARING AT WHOPPING LOSS OF RS...

Diary Times Desk : With the future of this year's Asia Cup T20 tournament mired in uncertainty, the Pakistan Cricket Board is bracing for a severe hit to its revenue. The Pakistan Cricket Board is expecting to earn an estimated 8.8 billion rupees this year from its share of the revenue from the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the Asian Cricket Council (ACC). According to details coming from a reliable Board source, the PCB has outlined an amount of USD 25.9 million (approximately 7.7 billion rupees) during this fiscal year as its share from the ICC. The Board is hoping to earn another 1.16 billion rupees (INR 35 crore) from the Asia Cup and 7.77 million rupees through other international cricket events. "The revenues from these two major sources (ICC and Asia Cup) are very important for the financial health of Pakistan cricket," one well-informed insider said. He said the uncertainty over the schedule and venue for the Asia Cup has increased as PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi did not travel to Singapore for the ICC meetings last weekend.

BUMRAH TO PLAY FOURTH TEST; PANT ON TRACK TO KEEP AS WELL

Diary Times Desk : With confirmation that Jasprit Bumrah will play the fourth Test against England at Old Trafford, India's team combination following their injury crisis after the Lord's fixture is falling into place. "So far, we only know that Jassi [Bumrah] bhai will play," Mohammed Siraj said in Manchester on Monday when asked about India's pace attack, which looked likely to be disrupted with injuries to Akash Deep and Arshdeep Singh. Apart from Bumrah's availability, the other good news for India two days before the Test was that Rishabh Pant, who had suffered a finger injury at Lord's, came through a training session that lasted over two hours. India are still sweating on Akash Deep's groin niggle and will give him time to recover. With allrounder Nitish Kumar Reddy, who played the second and third Tests and impressed at Lord's as the fourth seamer, now ruled out of the series with injury, specialist batter Sai Sudharsan is likely to return to the XI. Sudharsan had played the first Test at Headingley and made scores of 0 and 30 but was left out for offspinning allrounder Washington Sundar at Edgbaston and Lord's. If Sudharsan returns, India could replace Washington with Shardul Thakur if the conditions warrant a fourth seamer instead of a second spinner. Akash Deep's fitness remains the big question. He bowled at the training session on Monday, but only into bowling coach.

SIX INDIAN SHUTTLERS BARRED FROM WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES OVER ADMIN LAPSE

Diary Times Desk : The Indian badminton squad that won the mixed team bronze medal at the ongoing World University Games in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany has been hit by a controversy over selection after six of the 12 chosen players were barred from participating due to an alleged administrative lapse. Twelve players were selected and sent to represent India, but only six were allowed to compete as officials failed to submit all names correctly during the managers' meeting on July 16. "This is not just mismanagement it's career sabotage. We demand answers, accountability, and that our voices be heard. We didn't lose a match we lost our right to even participate," wrote Alisha Khan, one of the players left out, on Instagram. "This isn't just a mistake. It's career sabotage by AIU and our team officials. We demand justice." According to sources, BV Rao and Ajit Mohan were the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) officials who attended the meeting. The AIU, which is the nodal body for university-level sports in the country, acknowledged the incident.

ARJUN ERIGAI FINISHES SIXTH, R PRAGGNANANDHAA SEVENTH IN FREESTYLE CHESS GRAND SLAM

Diary Times Desk : Indian stars Arjun Erigaisi and R Praggnanandhaa finished in sixth and seventh position respectively, even as Grandmaster Levon Aronian of the United States reigned supreme in the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam in Las Vegas. Aronian survived some anxious moments before defeating compatriot Hans Moke Niemann 1.5-0.5 in the finals of the tournament. World number one Magnus Carlsen of Norway also had a similar experience as he rallied after a disappointing first game to outplay Hikaru Nakamura of the United States in the third-place play-off. Arjun went down 0-2 to Fabiano Caruana of the US, while Praggnanandhaa defeated another American Wesley So 1.5-0.5 to clinch the seventh spot among last eight remaining participants in this event. Aronian took home USD 200000 for winning the tournament, while Arjun got USD 40000 for his effort. Praggnanandhaa made sure he wasn't far behind as he pocketed a total of USD 30000 after his final round win. Praggnanandhaa played solidly as black in the first game and played out a draw while in the second he was relentless as he cruised home easily on a day when his sister R Vaishali was ousted.