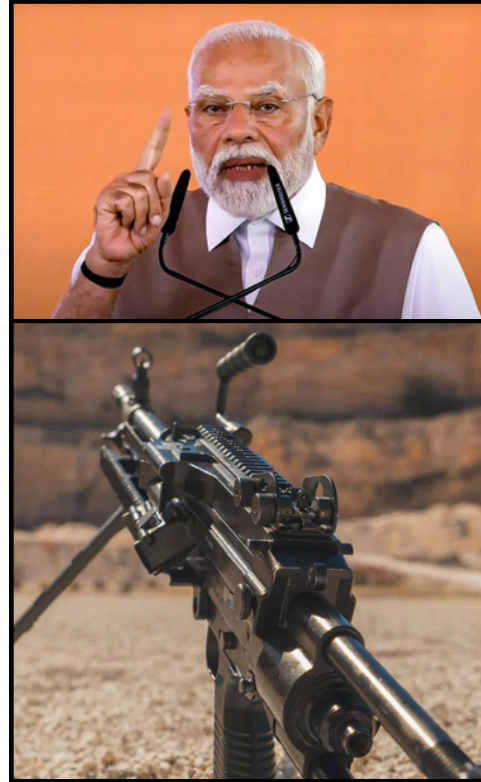


OPERATION SINDOOR

OPERATION SINDOOR: 'INDIGENOUS WEAPONS PLAYED A BIG ROLE IN DESTROYING ENEMY POSITIONS', SAID PM MODI

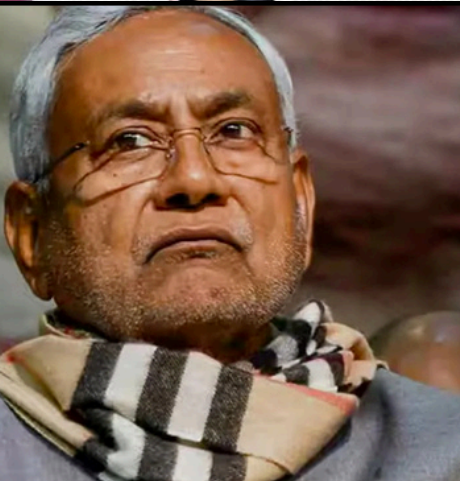
Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that weapons manufactured under the 'Make in India' initiative played an important role in destroying enemy targets and giving sleepless nights to the enemies during Operation Sindoor. In his address after inaugurating several projects in Tamil Nadu, he promised a developed India and a developed Tamil Nadu. He said that infrastructure and energy are the backbone of the development of any state. Our focus on these in the last 11 years reflects our commitment to the development of Tamil Nadu. On the FTA with Britain, PM Modi said that the FTA with Britain accelerates our vision of a developed India, developed Tamil Nadu. About railways, he said that it is the lifeline of industrial development.

Earlier, PM Modi said that today is Kargil Vijay Diwas, first of all I salute the heroes of Kargil, pay tribute to the martyrs. It is my good fortune that after a four-day foreign stay, I got the opportunity to come directly to this holy land of Lord Rameshwar. PM Modi said that the inauguration of the new advanced terminal at Thoothukudi airport today is another big step in this direction. Built at a cost of Rs 450 crore, this terminal will now be able to handle more than 20 lakh passengers annually, whereas earlier its annual capacity was only three lakh passengers. Today we have also dedicated two major road projects to the nation in Tamil Nadu. These roads, built at a cost of about Rs 2,500 crore, will connect two major development areas to Chennai. These roads will significantly improve connectivity between the delta districts and Chennai.



CHIRAG PASWAN

WOMAN FAINTS DURING RECRUITMENT EXAM IN BIHAR, 'GANG-RAPED' IN MOVING AMBULANCE; CHIRAG SLAMS NITISH GOVT



Diary Times Desk : Moments after the Bihar shocker involving the alleged gang rape of a 26-year-old woman in a moving ambulance, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan, a ruling NDA ally at the Centre, again slammed his coalition's own government in the state.

The woman, who had fainted during a Home Guard recruitment drive in Gayaji, was allegedly gang-raped while being transported to a hospital in an ambulance. The alleged assault happened on July 24, during a recruitment test held at the Bihar Military Police Grounds in Bodh Gaya.

According to the FIR registered based on the woman's complaint, the assault took place while on the move. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) and a forensic team have been deployed to probe the incident.

Bihar police have arrested two suspects, the ambulance driver and the technician on board. Officials confirmed that CCTV footage has confirmed the route taken by the ambulance and the timeline narrated by the complainant.

Chirag Paswan attacked Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led NDA government in the state for a second time in nine days. The Union minister said he was "sorry to support" a government which was failing to manage law and order. President of LJP (Ram Vilas) -- a constituent of the BJP-led NDA, Paswan was speaking to reporters in Patna before leaving for Gayaji, where he will address a rally. "I have heard claims that the recent spurt in violent crimes is linked to the upcoming Assembly polls, and there are attempts to defame this government.

CASH AT JUDGE'S HOUSE: SC TO TAKE UP JUSTICE YASHWANT VARMA'S PETITION ON MONDAY

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court will take up on Monday Allahabad High Court judge Yashwant Varma's petition challenging an in-house inquiry committee report that indicted him for recovery of unaccounted cash at his official residence in Delhi during a fire incident on March 14 when he was away in Madhya Pradesh. Justice Varma's petition is listed before a Bench of Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice AG Masih on July 28, sources said. Chief Justice of India BR Gavai had on July 23 said he will constitute a Bench to hear Justice Varma's petition seeking a declaration that the May 8 recommendation by the then CJI Sanjiv Khanna to the President and the Prime Minister for initiating the process for his removal was "unconstitutional". The recommendation followed his indictment by an in-house committee. He has contended that Justice Khanna's recommendation was in breach of the established constitutional mechanism envisaged under Article 124 read with Article 218 of the Constitution of India." He has also urged the top court to quash.



MAHARASHTRA MINISTERS ALLEGEDLY SWITCH OFF PHONES AMID TAPPING FEARS

Diary Times Desk : NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar has claimed that some ministers in the Maharashtra government have switched off their phones out of fear that they are being tapped. Hitting back, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar demanded proof of the allegations. "Phone numbers of some ministers are not reachable. The whispers are that they have switched off their phones out of fear of being tapped. The coming days will tell whether this is a fact or mere whispers," Pawar stated on X on Friday. Rohit Pawar, a second-time MLA from Karjat Jamkhed, is the general secretary of the Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP). "Everyone has the right to make allegations, but while doing so, they should give proof to substantiate the allegations," Ajit Pawar told reporters. The phone tapping allegations surfaced amid claims by Shiv Sena (UBT) that a Cabinet reshuffle is on the cards and at least five to six ministers, most of them from Shiv Sena.

INDIA NOT AFRAID OF CARBON-BORDER TAX: PIYUSH GOYAL DAY AFTER INKING FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH UK



Diary Times Desk : The government on Saturday said that India was not afraid of issues like the carbon border adjustment mechanism and would deal with them when required. India may also consider taking away certain concessions granted under the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement if the UK imposes non-tariff barriers like the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM), a government source said on Friday. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said that he was a vocal critic of CBAM, and even European traders had privately thanked him for this criticism. "Carbon border adjustment mechanism is a non-issue. It is anyway being postponed. The EU has also not imposed it yet, nor has the UK. In fact, Europe is also worried that it will make infrastructure, housing, and manufacturing costs high. So even Europe is concerned about CBAM," he said after India and the UK signed a historic Free Trade Agreement.

NALSA LAUNCHES 'VEER PARIVAR SAHAYATA YOJANA 2025' TO PROVIDE LEGAL AID TO SOLDIERS' FAMILIES



Diary Times Desk : Soldiers protecting the nation's borders need not worry about legal problems faced by their families. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Executive Chairman Justice Surya Kant on Saturday launched 'NALSA Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana 2025' in Srinagar to relieve soldiers from the domestic legal burdens while they served in harsh terrains and far-flung regions. Under the new initiative, legal assistance will be provided for the first time to families of soldiers to relieve them of domestic legal burdens. The message is: 'You serve the country at the borders, we will take care of your family at home', sources said. It provides for establishing legal services clinics in Rajya and Zila Sainik Boards for rendering legal services and assistance to Veer Parivar, they said. The event was attended by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt General Pratik Sharma and others.



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.



HIMACHAL WEATHER: ALERT OF HEAVY RAIN FOR FOUR DAYS IN MANY PARTS OF HIMACHAL, 211 ROADS INCLUDING TWO NHS BLOCKED IN THE STATE

Diary Times Desk : Yellow-orange alert has been issued for four days of heavy rain in many parts of Himachal Pradesh. Heavy rain occurred in Mandli on Saturday. Shimla and Kangra received light rain in the morning. The weather remained dry in other areas. This has increased the humidity. 211 roads including two NHS are blocked in the state, while 31 electric transformers are out of order. Drinking water supply is stopped due to 141 drinking water schemes also being disrupted. Maximum 85 roads are still closed in Seraj. Traffic is stalled due to NH 03 being blocked at Banog between Mandi Kotli. According to Meteorological Center Shimla, there is a possibility of rain at some places on 26th July. There is a possibility of light to moderate rain at many places on 27th, 30th, 31st July and 1st August. There is a forecast of light to moderate rain at most places on 28th and 29th July. Orange alert for heavy rain has been issued for Chamba, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi districts on 29th July. There is a yellow alert in many areas for 27, 28 and 30 July. There is no possibility of any major increase in maximum temperature during the next 24 hours.



HP CABINET MEETING: CABINET MEETINGS WILL RUN FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN HIMACHAL, BIG DECISIONS ARE EXPECTED

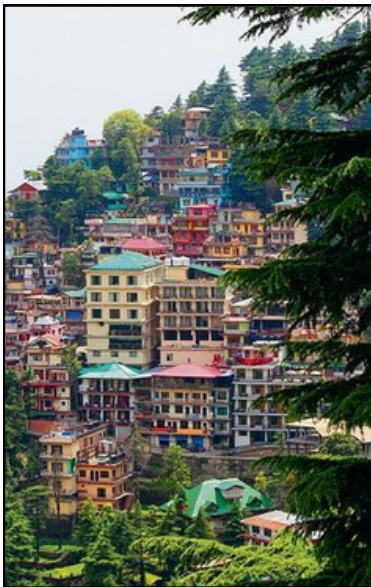
Diary Times Desk : This time the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet meetings will be held for four consecutive days from 28 to 31 July at the State Secretariat. This is the first time in the history of the state that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has called cabinet meetings for four days. The main agenda of the cabinet meetings will be to declare a special disaster relief package for the people affected by the recent natural calamity in Mandi and other areas. Besides this, a decision on pending compassionate jobs may also be taken in the meeting. The matter of the state government not getting royalty as per rules from the power projects in Himachal Pradesh will also be placed in the meeting. There will also be a discussion in the meeting on fixing the dates of the monsoon session. If the ministers will sit in the secretariat for four days, then people will also be able to contact them. If the ministers will sit in the state secretariat for four days.

HIMACHAL: FIR AGAINST 65 PEOPLE INCLUDING CD BANK CHAIRMAN FOR SHOWING BLACK FLAGS TO MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : The police have taken a tough stand in the case of throwing black flags and shoes at the car of Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi. Congress leader Jagdish Reddy and another person Virendra have lodged an FIR against 65 people including the chairman of CD Bank, three Zila Parishad members through three separate complaints in Janjheli police station. Reddy has accused 57 people in one complaint that these BJP-supported people blocked the way of Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi outside Thunag Rest House and showed black flags to the minister by raising slogans against the government. In the second complaint, Jagdish Reddy has alleged that a person Murari Lal threw stones at Minister Jagat Singh Negi and threatened his life, abused him and threatened to kill him. In the third complaint, Janjheli resident Virendra Kumar has alleged that when the Horticulture Minister left for Dharampur from Thunag Rest House, 7 women Geeta, Reena, Monica, Dola, Savitri, Rukmani and Bishma stopped the minister's convoy near Thunag bridge and threw black flags and shoes at his car. Jagdish Reddy and Virendra have demanded strict action from the police.

HIMACHAL: GEOLOGICAL AND STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT MANDATORY FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, GOVERNMENT TAKES DECISION

Diary Times Desk : Geological and structural design reports will now be mandatory for building construction in urban areas of Himachal Pradesh. Development plans are being prepared in Shimla, Kullu, Dharamshala, Una, Kinnaur Mandi, Solan, Una, Nahan and Chamba cities. It is necessary to have structural design and engineer's report in it. This report has been made mandatory in government buildings. Buildings are being constructed under this. Now this scheme is being implemented in urban areas as well. Government and private buildings are being damaged due to natural disaster in Himachal. This matter was also discussed in the meeting held between the central team and Himachal officials in the secretariat. Natural disaster has been wreaking havoc in the state since the year 2018. Dozens of houses are collapsing every year. There is huge loss of life and property in the state, especially in the hilly areas. Due to this, the TCP department is implementing this scheme. The main reason for the houses that have collapsed or been damaged in the natural disaster in Himachal is said to be not consulting structural design and engineers. Permission has been given to construct three to five storey buildings in Shimla Planning Area. Where there is a five metre road, people can construct buildings up to five storeys. Where there is no road facility, two storey buildings and attics can be constructed.



HIMACHAL NEWS: UNDER-12, 14 AND 19 SPORTS COMPETITIONS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD TOGETHER, SCHEDULE CHANGED

Diary Times Desk : Now in Himachal Pradesh, sports competitions for under 12, 14 and 19 schools will be held together. The education department has made changes to complete all the competitions within a month. This decision was taken in the meeting of the School Sports Association held on Friday in the state secretariat under the chairmanship of education secretary Rakesh Kanwar. Departmental officials said that sports competitions for boys and girls will be separate. The schedule of competitions will be decided in such a way that all the categories can be organized within a month. By having competitions for all categories together, players will not have to waste extra time to prepare for the competitions. Studies will also not be affected by this. By having competitions together, time and budget will be saved. Currently, two to three months are wasted due to different competitions. Teachers are also engaged in this work.

HIMACHAL: SPU WILL FILL PG, B.ED SEATS IN COLLEGES THROUGH ONLINE COUNSELING FOR THE FIRST TIME

Diary Times Desk : The path to admission in postgraduate classes in the colleges coming under Sardar Patel University (SPU) will be easy. Candidates will not have to visit the colleges again and again for counseling. For the first time, online counseling will be done simultaneously for seats in all the colleges. In this, along with merit, the roster will be taken care of. Candidates will be able to check their status in counseling sitting at home. On confirmation of the seat, the letter will be issued to the candidate online. After three phases of online counseling, if seats remain vacant in the college, then the college management will be able to fill the seat at its own level as per the instructions of the university administration. Sardar Patel University is going to adopt the same pattern for filling B.Ed seats as well. If seats remain vacant after three rounds of counselling of B.Ed, then the university administration will fill the seats at its own level. Candidates will be able to apply for counselling of B.Ed along with postgraduate.

STUDENTS WARNED ABOUT RAJASTHAN SCHOOL ROOF, TEACHER WAS BUSY EATING 'POHA'

Diary Times Desk : One of the students who witnessed the deadly school building collapse in Rajasthan's Jhalawar has said that she had flagged to her teacher that gravel was falling from the roof, but was "ignored". Seven children were killed and 27 others injured when a portion of their government school building collapsed on Friday, minutes before the morning assembly. The victims were identified as Payal (12), Priyanka (12), Kundan (12), Harish (8), Kartik and a brother and sister -- Meena (12) and Kanha (6). "When we reached school, the teacher asked us to wait in the classroom for morning prayers. Then some pieces of gravel started falling from the roof. A student immediately informed the teacher, who said, 'Nothing was falling.' The roof later collapsed. I was able to escape, but others were trapped," a student told reporters while recounting the horrifying incident. Another student said the teacher was having 'poha', a staple breakfast snack, when the roof collapsed.

KCR'S PARTY ACCUSES CHIEF MINISTER REVANTH REDDY OF ILLEGAL PHONE SURVEILLANCE

Diary Times Desk : Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy has accused Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of orchestrating widespread illegal phone surveillance. In a press conference, Padi Kaushik Reddy made a dramatic claim that the phones of prominent BRS leaders, including former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), KT Rama Rao (KTR), and T Harish Rao, are being illegally tapped. He also asserted that phones of leaders from the Congress and BJP, as well as private citizens and even female celebrities, are under surveillance, with private hackers allegedly being hired for this purpose. Kaushik Reddy shockingly claimed that the Chief Minister himself had admitted to phone tapping, stating it was necessary to know "what was going on." He also alleged that his wife's phone was being tapped and that Revanth Reddy had used information gleaned from tapped conversations between two ministers to reprimand one of them. Demanding an investigation by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Kaushik Reddy questioned why a case had not been registered on his earlier complaint regarding phone tapping. These accusations from Padi Kaushik Reddy come on the heels of similar claims made by BRS working president K T Rama Rao.

PM MODI AT MALDIVES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH PRESIDENT MUIZZU



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday attended the 60th Independence Day celebrations of Maldives, being organised at Republic Square in Male. President Mohamed Muizzu and several ministers welcomed Modi, who was Guest of Honour at the event. Modi later posted on X that he was "deeply honoured" to have witnessed the celebrations. "The productive talks with President Muizzu will add significant energy to our bilateral relations," his post read. At teh event, Modi sat next to Muizzu and watched the over 50-minute event. It featured a military parade and cultural performances by children and other artistes. The top political and military brass of the Maldives were present. Members of PM Modi's delegation, including external affairs minister S Jaishankar and foreign secretary Vikram Misri, attended the event too, PTI reported. Modi's visit marks a significant reset in India-Maldives relations after a brief spiral as Mohamed Muizzu came to power while running an 'India Out' campaign.

GURUGRAM'S MISSING MAIDS AND SANITATION WORKERS LINKED TO IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN: REPORTS

Diary Times Desk : The sudden disappearance of domestic workers and sanitation staff in parts of Gurugram has led to widespread concern and speculation among residents, particularly in areas like Ardee City. A viral Reddit post titled "Maid and Cook vanished suddenly from Gurgaon," highlighted the issue, with the user noting that maids, cooks, and garbage collectors had become unreachable and absent since Sunday. "Since Sunday there is a issue we all are facing in Ardee City, the maids and cooks are vanished suddenly and their cells are not reachable as well," the user wrote in the r/gurgaon subreddit. "The garbage collection guy is not coming though. What is the reason?" they added. As the post went viral, social media users speculated that the disappearance of domestic workers might be linked to the recent immigration drive targeting undocumented immigrants, particularly from Bangladesh and Myanmar. Several users shared their experience with maids and workers at their homes and offices who had stopped coming in the last few days.

TRUCK LOSES CONTROL ON MUMBAI-PUNE EXPRESSWAY, RAMS 20 CARS

Diary Times Desk : A major accident happened on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway near Khopoli in Raigad district, involving around 20 vehicles. According to preliminary information, the incident was triggered when a container truck reportedly suffered brake failure while descending a slope. The out-of-control truck rammed into multiple vehicles ahead of it, causing a massive pile-up The accident took place on the Mumbai-bound lane, in the jurisdiction of Khopoli police station. The affected stretch spans from the new tunnel to the Food Mall hotel area, where several four-wheelers and heavy vehicles were hit. No fatalities have been reported so far. However, several people were injured. Many vehicles have suffered extensive damage. Emergency services are on-site. The driver of the container trailer truck lost control of the vehicle after brake failure. It hit at least 20 vehicles, including luxury cars like BMW and Mercedes, resulting in serious injuries to 19 people. They were admitted to a private hospital in Navi Mumbai," an official said. The truck driver has been taken into custody. A medical examination showed he was not under the influence at the time of the accident.

ONE-YEAR-OLD BITES COBRA IN BIHAR, BOY SURVIVES, SNAKE DIES

Diary Times Desk : In a shocking incident from Bihar's Bettiah district, a one-year-old boy bit a cobra mistaking it for a toy while playing at his home. The child fell unconscious after biting the serpent and rushed to a hospital. While the snake died, the child has been admitted to the hospital and is out of danger. The incident took place in Bihar's West Champaran on Friday afternoon when the toddler, named Govinda, was playing in his home, reported live Hindustan. According to the report, the grandmother said that a two-foot-long cobra entered the house on Friday, after the child picked it up mistaking it for a toy. He then bit the cobra, ripping the reptile into two halves, after which the snake died. Locals of the village said that the cobra came too close to the child, which possibly agitated him, causing him to pick it up and bite it, an India Today report said. They called it a reflexive act where the child sank his teeth into a cobra, killing it instantly.



**MONTHS AFTER PAHALGAM ATTACK,
US THANKS PAK'S 'PARTNERSHIP IN
COUNTERING TERROR'**

Diary Times Desk : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Friday met Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, who is in Washington to discuss bilateral ties between US and Pakistan. The US official shared some details of what the two leaders spoke about, adding that he thanked Ishaq Dar for "Pakistan's partnership in countering terrorism and preserving regional stability". He also said that the two discussed expanding bilateral trade and enhancing collaboration in the minerals sector. Rubio's remarks come just days after he announced that the US would designate TRF, a front for Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), as both a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). The front had claimed responsibility for the deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, that left 26 civilians dead. Islamabad had earlier said that the India-Pakistan ties would come up for a discussion during Ishaq Dar's visit to Washington. "Exchange of views will also take place on the Pakistan-India question," Foreign Office spokesperson Shafqat Ali Khan said on Thursday.

**JOURNALIST READY TO PUT CAMERA,
SHIELD ON SALE FOR FOOD, AS GAZA
STARVES**

Diary Times Desk : As the war in Gaza continues with increasing intensity, the humanitarian crisis in the region has worsened dramatically. Severe shortages of food, clean water, and medical supplies are being reported across the Gaza Strip, affecting not only civilians but also journalists and aid workers. In a recent LinkedIn post, Gaza-based photojournalist Mohammed Abo Oun revealed that he is selling his camera equipment and press shield in order to buy food for his family. "I am the photojournalist Mohammed Abu Aoun from Gaza, I want to offer my equipment and the press shield for sale so that I can buy food for me and my family," he wrote. Abo Oun has contributed to major international media outlets including The New York Times, Sky News, and ABC News. The United Nations and humanitarian organisations have warned that Gaza is now facing the risk of famine, with a sharp rise in malnutrition-related deaths. According to the World Food Programme.

NASA TO LOSE ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF ITS WORKFORCE

Diary Times Desk : The US space agency NASA will lose about 3,900 employees under Donald Trump's sweeping effort to trim the federal workforce -- at the same time as the president prioritizes plans for crewed missions to the Moon and Mars. In an emailed statement, NASA said around 3,000 employees took part in the second round of its deferred resignation program, which closed late Friday. Combined with the 870 who joined the first round and regular staff departures, the agency's civil servant workforce is set to drop from more than 18,000 before Trump took office in January to roughly 14,000 -- a more than 20 percent decrease. Those leaving the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the deferred resignation program will be placed on administrative leave until an agreed departure date. An agency spokesperson said the figures could shift slightly in the coming weeks.

**CAMBODIANS FLEE BORDER WITH
THAILAND AS CLASHES CONTINUE FOR
THIRD DAY**

Diary Times Desk : Explosions reverberated in the distance along the Thai-Cambodia border, as a Cambodian soldier waited his turn for surgery to remove shrapnel embedded in his body from a Thai artillery shell. The soldier said he was injured in fighting with Thai troops on Friday near the ancient Ta Moan Thom temple along the contested border separating the Cambodian province of Oddar Meanchey and the Thai province of Surin. "I have shrapnel in my back and it hasn't been removed yet. I need surgery," the soldier told Al Jazeera, lying in bed in a hospital corridor, his wife and son seated on the floor beside him. "They took me to the military hospital first, but they didn't have an X-ray [machine]," the soldier said. "When I was hit, my clothes were blown off," he added.

**"STOP THE HORRIBLE INVASION":
TRUMP'S BIG IMMIGRATION WARNING
FOR EUROPE**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Saturday said that "immigration was killing" Europe and warned that it "needs to get its act together". Speaking to reporters on the tarmac after disembarking from Air Force One in Scotland, he said that "many" European countries need to stop this "horrible invasion". "On immigration, you better get your act together. You're not going to have Europe anymore. You got to get your act together," he said. "You got to stop the horrible invasion that's happening to Europe, many countries in Europe," Trump, whose father, Fred, and mother, Mary Anne MacLeod, emigrated to the US from Europe, said. He also said that "some" leaders have not let it happen, and they're not getting the "proper" credit. "I could name them right now, but I'm gonna embarrass other ones. This immigration is killing Europe," he added. Trump also bragged about cracking down on the US-Mexico border. "As you know, last month, we had nobody entering our country. We took out a lot of bad people that got there," he said.

**AUSTRALIA, BRITAIN SIGN 50-
YEAR AUKUS SUBMARINE
PARTNERSHIP TREATY**

Diary Times Desk : Australia's government said on Saturday it signed a treaty with Britain to bolster cooperation over the next 50 years on the AUKUS nuclear submarine partnership. The AUKUS pact, agreed upon by Australia, Britain and the U.S. in 2021, aims to provide Australia with nuclear-powered attack submarines from the next decade to counter China's ambitions in the Indo-Pacific. U.S. President Donald Trump's administration announced a formal review of the pact this year. Defence Minister Richard Marles said in a statement that the bilateral treaty was signed with Britain's Defence Secretary John Healey on Saturday after a meeting in the city of Geelong, in Victoria state. "The Geelong Treaty will enable comprehensive cooperation on the design, build, operation, sustainment, and disposal of our SSN-AUKUS submarines," the statement said. The treaty was a "commitment for the next 50 years of UK-Australian bilateral defence cooperation under AUKUS Pillar I", it said, adding that it built on the "strong foundation" of trilateral AUKUS cooperation.

**FRESH EXCHANGE OF STRIKES
BETWEEN RUSSIA AND
UKRAINE KILLS AT LEAST 3**

Diary Times Desk : Russia struck several regions of Ukraine overnight, officials said Saturday, reporting one person killed in Dnipro, while Moscow said two people died after a Ukrainian drone attack in the Rostov region. Dnipro Mayor Borys Filatov said one person was killed in a high-rise apartment complex. Across the border, Russia's acting governor of Rostov said a car caught fire following a drone strike. "Tragically, two people died," Yuri Sliusar posted on Telegram. Ukrainian officials in Dnipro, Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia all reported coming under Russian fire overnight. In Dnipro, Filatov urged people to take precautions during Russian attacks. "I understand that there aren't enough shelters, but I must say: during shelling, it is absolutely not advisable to stay on the upper floors, especially when there is an underground parking area available," he posted on Telegram. Kharkiv Mayor Igor Terekhov said that his city had come under sustained bombardment "for almost three hours". "The enemy used several types of weapons simultaneously: guided bombs, ballistic missiles and kamikaze drones," he added. In Zaporizhzhia, Governor Ivan Fedorov said several fires broke out following Russian drone attacks, one of which hit a residential building while another damaged a farm warehouse.



IN BIZARRE RULE, PUNJAB'S FARIDKOT PANCHAYATS AIM TO CURB VIOLENCE BY BANNING LOCAL MARRIAGES

Diary Times Desk : In a controversial move, panchayats of Sirsari and Anokhpura villages in Faridkot district have jointly passed a resolution demanding a complete ban on intra-village marriages. The decision, signed unanimously by the panches and sarpanches of both villages, urges the Punjab Government to enact a strict law through the Punjab Vidhan Sabha to prohibit such marriages. The resolution, issued by the Gram Panchayat Sirsari and Anokhpura under the leadership of Sarpanch Gian Kaur and Baljit Singh, states that intra-village marriages are not only disrupting social harmony but have also been responsible for violent disputes and even murders in rural areas. "In recent years, several cases have emerged where intra-village marriages and affairs have led to family feuds, public fights, and in some cases, tragic killings," Gian Kaur said. "Alongside our fight against drug abuse, this is now a growing threat to the peace and integrity of our villages."



PARGAT SINGH DARES KANGANA RANAUT TO QUESTION PM MODI, GUJARAT GOVT ON DRUG ISSUE

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PUNJAB POLICE SEIZE 10 KG HEROIN, ARREST 8 IN TWO SEPARATE CASES

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Police have confiscated around 10 kg of heroin in two separate incidents in Amritsar in the past 24 hours, officials said on Saturday. While Amritsar city police seized 6.1 kg of contraband, the counter intelligence has recovered 4 kg of heroin. A total of eight persons including a juvenile were arrested by the police in two cases. "In a major strike against cross-border narco-smuggling, Commissionerate Police Amritsar busts a well-organised heroin trafficking cartel with direct links to Pakistan-based smugglers," said Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav in a post on X. He said the Chheharta police arrested key accused Sarbjit alias Joban, who was operating from the border village and was in direct contact with notorious Pakistani smuggler Rana. Sarabjit was arrested along with a juvenile for possessing 1 kg heroin. During their interrogation the police further nabbed two more smugglers - Dharam Singh and Kulbir Singh - both residents of Ajnala, with over 5 kg heroin seized.

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PUNJAB CM MANN HITS BACK AT AMARINDER SINGH FOR REMARKS ON AKAL LEADER MAJITHIA'S ARREST

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FACING BACKLASH, GURUGRAM POLICE SUSPEND DETENTION OF 'ILLEGAL' MIGRANTS

Diary Times Desk : Today, no one was detained in the four detention centres set up by the police. These centres are meant to 'hold' suspicious individuals until verification is received from their parent state. The police, however, clarified that the verification process was still on. While the police denied any harassment, Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and several MPs have termed the action as "linguistic terror", accusing the double-engine Haryana Government of political vendetta, and the state police of torture. "Misinformation is being spread, which is creating panic. We are not holding anybody, but the verification, as per rules, is continuing. Now, only those who come across as very suspicious will be detained," said Gurugram police official spokesperson Sandip Kumar. Highly placed sources claimed that the migrants in the city had received frantic messages from their village heads or public representatives to return immediately. The migrants are getting financial help from 'bigwigs' back home to arrange for their travel. Various Bengali settlements have been deserted, with migrants fleeing the city in buses plying round the clock.

3 MONTHS ON, HARYANA GOVT SET TO ROLL OUT NEW COLLECTOR RATES

Diary Times Desk : Three months after putting its order to implement new collector rates for property registration on hold, the government has now announced its implementation at the earliest. It has directed the enforcement of the new rates for immovable property registrations across the state without delay, according to an order issued by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management on July 23. The department's letter states that the collector rates under Sections 17 and 18 of the Registration Act, 1908, should be enforced at the earliest for the financial year 2025-26. An earlier notification had indicated August 1 as the implementation date. "All Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners have been instructed to act on the new order without delay," confirmed a senior department official. Initially, the revised rates were scheduled to come into effect on April 1, at the start of the new financial year. However, as the previous revision had taken place in December 2024 — and due to opposition from various quarters — the government had temporarily put the decision on hold.

NEED TO INTENSIFY FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS: HIMACHAL GOVERNOR SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA

Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla yesterday said that there was need to intensify the fight against drugs and de-addiction centres should be set up to wean the youth away from the clutches of narcotics. Shukla, while addressing mediapersons here, said that the campaign against drugs must be undertaken on a war footing as a public movement to save the younger generation. "There is only one rehabilitation centre at Kullu run by the Red Cross. It is the state government's responsibility to set up de-addiction centres in all regions. I have learnt that the government is searching for land in Sirmaur district for a de-addiction centre," he added. He said that the state government was working against drugs at its own level but he had stepped out of the Raj Bhawan to launch a fight against the menace, taking forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign. During my recent visit to Varanasi, I attended a Central Government programme 'Nasha Mukta Yuva aur Viksit Bharat' and as such Himachal should become part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan of Drug-Free India," he added.

1 DEAD, 4 INJURED AS TRUCK CARRYING DEVOTEES FROM HARYANA OVERTURNS IN KANGRA DISTRICT

Diary Times Desk : One person was killed while 4 others injured when a truck carrying devotees overturned on the national highway near Dhaliara in Dehra sub-division of the Kangra district on Saturday morning. Preliminary investigations revealed that the devotees has come from Sirsa district in Haryana to perform langar seva in the historic shrines during the 'savan' month. The local police was told by the eyewitnesses that the truck was carrying about 25 persons from the Odhan village of Dabwali sub-division of the Sirsa district. The group was headed to Mata Jawalamukhi temple to organise a langar seva after paying obeisance at Mata Chintapurni earlier in the morning. The deceased has been identified as Baldev Singh, son of Balvindra Singh, a resident of Odhan village.

ON VISIT TO FLASHFLOOD-HIT SERAJ, HIMACHAL MINISTER NEGI FACES PROTESTS FOR EARLIER REMARKS

Diary Times Desk : Revenue and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi today got a hostile reception from BJP activists during his visit to rain disaster-affected areas in the Seraj Assembly constituency, the home turf of Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur. The minister was in Seraj to assess the damage caused by recent heavy rainfall and landslides, but his visit turned confrontational as protesters expressed their anger over his remarks made earlier. BJP supporters, led by local leader Bhisham Thakur, accused Negi of making an insensitive statement during the peak of the natural disaster in Seraj. The protesters claimed the minister had said, "Ab maja aaya Seraj ke logon ko", which they viewed as deeply hurtful and inappropriate, especially in a region that lost 29 lives and saw extensive destruction of homes and crops. Protesters also took offense to his comment directed at Jai Ram Thakur, suggesting that the former Chief Minister was now experiencing the true impact of natural disasters only because it affected his own constituency.



HIMACHAL PRADESH POWER EMPLOYEES WARN OF MASSIVE PROTEST

Diary Times Desk : The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Employees, Engineers, and Pensioners today said that it would launch a massive protest in Shimla on August 7 if the HPSEBL management did not withdraw the chargesheet against its convener Lokesh Thakur and co-convener Hira Lal Verma. The HPSEBL management has issued orders to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the two for major penalty for "issuing press statement against HPSEBL management and the government" and "leaving Shimla without station leave". Calling the order an attempt to gag the employees and an attack on the democratic rights of the registered unions, KD Sharma, president of the HPSEBL Employee Union, said thousands of employees, engineers, pensioners and outsourced employees would hit the street on August 7 if the chargesheet against Thakur and Verma was not withdrawn and their right to protest at the workplace was not restored. The JAC also reiterated the allegations they have made in the past against the board management. The JAC office-bearers alleged that a couple of officials had sidelined everyone and were running the board as per their whims and fancies.

CENTRAL TEAM ASSESSES DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLASHFLOODS IN HIMACHAL'S SERAJ, KARSOG

Diary Times Desk : A five-member multi-disciplinary Central team visited several disaster-affected areas of the Seraj Assembly constituency in Mandi district on the second day of their visit today. Yesterday, the team members visited villages that had been badly impacted by cloudbursts, heavy rain and landslides in Karsog subdivision. They conducted scientific and environmental assessment of the causes behind the recurring natural calamities that had devastated the hilly regions of the state over the past few years. The Central Government had constituted the team to study the pattern, geological triggers and long-term implications of such disasters in the region. In Seraj, the Central team inspected several affected sites such as Pandav Shila, Lambathach, Diaz village in Thunag and Bagsyad. They held discussions with Revenue and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi, who briefed them about the ground realities and the extent of the damage caused. He highlighted the growing frequency of such natural disasters in the region and called for a long-term disaster.

HEAVY RAIN TO CONTINUE IN HIMACHAL TILL AUGUST 1, YELLOW WARNING ISSUED FOR 3 DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh is likely to continue till August 1 as the state's Meteorological Department has issued a yellow warning for several districts till July 30. A yellow warning of heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning in isolated places of Kangra, Una and Sirmaur districts for July 27 has been issued. Similarly, a yellow alert for heavy rainfall has been issued for Shimla, Mandi, Una, Kangra, Hamirpur and Sirmaur districts for July 28. Also, an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rain along with thunderstorms and lightning in isolated areas of Mandi, Kangra, Chamba and Kullu districts on July 29 has been issued. As per the MeT Department, light to moderate rainfall is very likely to continue across the state till August 1 with a few spells of heavy rain at isolated places from July 27 to 30. The maximum temperatures are very likely to fall by 2°C to 3°C during the next three to four days while the minimum temperatures are expected to remain normal. Meanwhile, the monsoon activity in the state was weak as light to moderate rain was experienced at isolated places during the past 24 hours. Palampur in Kangra district received the highest 33 mm of rain, followed by Mandi (26.4 mm), Kangra (21.2 mm), Paonta Sahib (20.8 mm), Bilaspur (15.4 mm), Narkanda (13.5 mm), Kufri (13 mm), Shimla (8.4 mm), Manali (4 mm) and Dharamsala (2.1 mm).



ASIA CUP 2025 CONFIRMED; TO BE HELD IN UAE FROM SEPT 9 TO 28

Diary Times Desk : It's official. The Asia Cup is on and all roadblocks have been cleared. A championship, long mired in controversy, contention and debate, will now be played from September 9 to 28 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Cricbuzz was first to report about the imminent announcement earlier today (July 26). The announcement came from Mohsin Naqvi, the president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC). "I am delighted to confirm the dates of the ACC Men's Asia Cup 2025 in UAE. The prestigious tournament will take place from September 9th to 28th. We look forward to a spectacular display of cricket. Details scheduled will be out soon," Naqvi, who is also the president of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), said in a social media post on Saturday (July 26). India and Pakistan are in the same group (A) which means, potentially, there will be three clashes between the arch-rivals. They'll clash in the league stage on September 14 first, and assuming the two qualify for the next round - the Super 4s - on September 21. The final could potentially be their third meeting, on September 28. Following the recent Asian Cricket Council (ACC) meeting in Dhaka - initially shrouded by controversy because of geopolitical and diplomatic tensions.

**NEW ZEALAND EDGE SOUTH AFRICA IN THRILLER TO CLINCH T20I TRI-SERIES**

Diary Times Desk : New Zealand extended their unbeaten run to the final of the tri-series where they edged past South Africa by three runs in a tense finish. With just seven to defend in the final over following an assault from Dewald Brevis, New Zealand held on to two stunning catches to deny South Africa. A solid batting performance, highlighted by 47 each from Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra, saw New Zealand post 180/5 after they were asked to bat first earlier in the day. Chasing 181, Lhuan-dre Pretorius got South Africa underway with a boundary - a well-timed backfoot punch through midwicket. Jacob Duffy kept things extremely tight by conceding just a single in the second over but Zakary Foulkes couldn't back him up as he ended up leaking 13 in the third. The PowerPlay, in which South Africa scored 46/0, was characterised by their openers batting solidly and with a mix of caution and aggression. New Zealand's introduction of spin after the PowerPlay proved to be counter-productive. Of the 27 runs that Mitchell Santner and Michael Bracewell conceded off the 7th and 8th overs, 10 were from the five wides that either bowler was guilty of. Milne's reintroduction, in a bid to curb the scoring, didn't yield the expected results either as a well-set Pretorius picked off two more boundaries.

JASPRIT BUMRAH 'MIGHT RETIRE' FROM TESTS, HIS BODY HAS TOTALLY GIVEN UP: 'HE JUST ISN'T ENJOYING HIS CRICKET'

Diary Times Desk : Former India batter Mohammad Kaif believes Jasprit Bumrah might pull the plug on his Test career very soon. The No.1 Test bowler has been struggling a bit in the ongoing Manchester Test against England as his speeds have been down. He has been bowling consistently in the 130-135 kmph range, which is a significant reduction from the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy opener in Headingley. In the Leeds and Lord's Test, Bumrah consistently cranked it up, bowling at a speed of 140kmph. In the first innings of the Manchester Test, Bumrah has taken just one wicket so far as he dismissed wicketkeeper-batter Jamie Smith. The 31-year-old was also seen holding his ankle during the second session of the fourth Test. However, he did come back to bowl in the final session. Even commentators at that time reckoned that Bumrah was bowling well within himself and running in gingerly. Kaif reckons fans might need to prepare for life without Bumrah in the longest format of the game. Before the start of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, it was already announced that the speedster would just be playing three Tests as his workload would be managed. "Jasprit Bumrah, I don't think you will see him playing in the upcoming test matches. And he might even take retirement.

GAUTAM GAMBHIR GRILLED OVER SHUBMAN GILL'S TACTICAL BLUNDER: "I CAN'T SEE EVERYONE..."

Diary Times Desk : India captain Shubman Gill's under utilisation of spinner Washington Sundar has raised eyebrows amid the ongoing 4th Test against England in Manchester. Sundar, who picked up four wickets in the previous match, was only brought into the attack in the second session on Day 3, leading to heavy criticism of Gill. Soon after his introduction, Sundar struck twice in quick succession, but the majority of the damage had already been done by England's top-order batters Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley, Ollie Pope and Joe Root. Former India batter Sanjay Manjrekar also shared his views on the matter after the close of the day's play. He highlighted that even if it was Gill who made the call, head coach Gautam Gambhir or the senior players should've given him some inputs. "Can we assume that these decisions were taken solely by Shubman Gill? At this stage of his career, you'd expect him to get some inputs... or considering he has done so well as a batter, everybody has withdrawn, saying 'this guy is getting into the zone'," Manjrekar said on JioHotstar after Stumps. Because I can't see everyone agreeing to this kind of move. Bumrah, KL Rahul, or a Gambhir thinking Washi should not be bowled... come what may," he added.

**TIM DAVID'S 37-BALL CENTURY HELPS AUSTRALIA SECURE SERIES WIN**

Diary Times Desk : Tim David's scintillating, unbeaten century helped Australia make a total mockery of West Indies' lofty 214/4 as they chased it down with 23 balls to spare. David, who hit 11 sixes in his incredible knock, eclipsed Shai Hope's century from the first innings, to lay the foundation and eventually put the finishing touches to Australia's series-clinching win with two fixtures still to play. West Indies' strong grip on the proceedings at the halfway stage began to loosen as early as the first over of the chase, when Mitchell Marsh and Glenn Maxwell took 16 runs off Jediah Blades. They followed that up with 14 off Jason Holder to keep the home side on their toes already. Akeal Hosein, Romario Shepherd and Holder pushed back with three wickets inside the PowerPlay, sending both the openers back as well as Josh Inglis, but the platform - 65/3 in 6 overs - was set for David to consolidate upon. West Indies attempted to cramp Australia with spin through the middle as Cameron Green got stuck a touch. But David did enough to keep Australia's scoring rate hovering around and a little more than 10-an-over.

BEN STOKES' ETHICS QUESTIONED FOR BOWLING YORKERS AT INJURED RISHABH PANT: "RISKY..."

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