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INDIA-US 'SCIENTIFIC HANDSHAKE' TO TRACK DISASTERS, CLIMATE VIA NISAR SATELLITE

Diary Times Desk : A couple of days ahead of the launch of the NISAR satellite, Union Minister for Space Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday described the mission as a "scientific handshake".

"NISAR is not just a satellite; it is India's scientific handshake with the world," Dr Singh remarked, adding that the NISAR satellite is scheduled for launch on 30 July from Sriharikota.

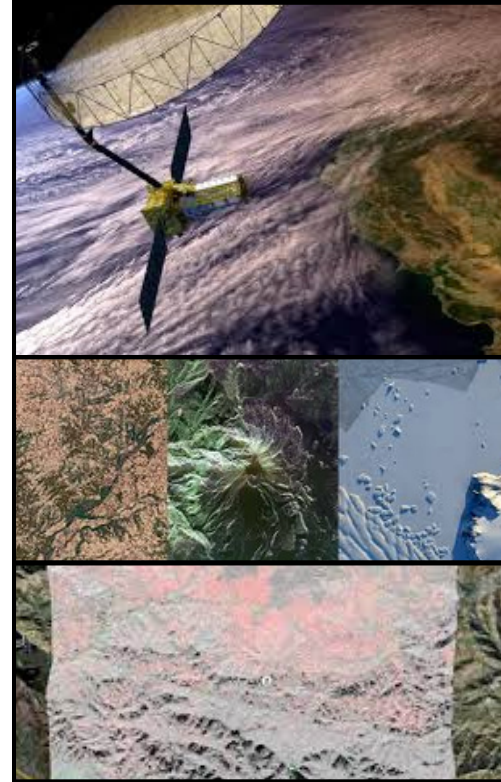
During a media briefing, Dr Singh explained that NISAR is designed to deliver critical global data related to natural disasters, agriculture, and climate for the benefit of the entire world.

Calling it a global benchmark in Indo-US scientific collaboration, he emphasised that, as the first joint Earth observation mission between ISRO and NASA, the launch will mark a significant milestone in the history of Indo-US space cooperation, as well as in ISRO's broader international engagements.

He further stated that the mission will be launched aboard India's GSLV-F16 rocket. The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite will provide observations that will be made available to policymakers worldwide, aiding in the formulation of more effective responses to challenges posed by climate change.

Dr Singh said the mission embodies Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of India becoming a 'Vishwa Bandhu' – a global partner contributing to the collective good of humanity.

"NISAR will not only serve India and the United States but will also provide critical data for countries around the world.



ILLEGAL SURROGACY

COUPLE FINDS SURROGATE BABY HAS NO GENETIC LINKS TO THEM, DOCTOR AMONG 10 ARRESTED IN HYDERABAD



Diary Times Desk : A case of illegal surrogacy and sperm trafficking racket has been busted in Secunderabad, leading to the arrest of ten people, including a doctor - Dr Namrata - who was the manager of Universal Srushti Fertility Centre in Regimental Bazaar.

The crackdown comes after a complaint from a distraught couple who discovered, through independent DNA testing, that the child born to a surrogate arranged by the clinic was not genetically related to them.

Hyderabad North Zone DCP Rashmi Perumal said the operation allegedly involved luring poor people into surrogacy and the illicit inter-state transfer of reproductive materials.

The elaborate cheating racket came to light when a couple from Rajasthan, now residing in Secunderabad, lodged a formal complaint with the police. They had paid Rs 35 lakh to the Srushti Fertility Centre last year for a surrogacy procedure. However, upon the birth of the baby this year, their request for DNA verification of the surrogate mother was repeatedly delayed by Dr Namrata.

The couple then arranged for independent DNA tests in Delhi. The results confirmed their worst fears: the child shared no genetic link with them.

In June, when confronted with the DNA evidence, Dr Namrata reportedly admitted to a "mix-up" and requested time to resolve the issue. However, she subsequently disappeared, prompting the couple to approach the Gopalapuram police.

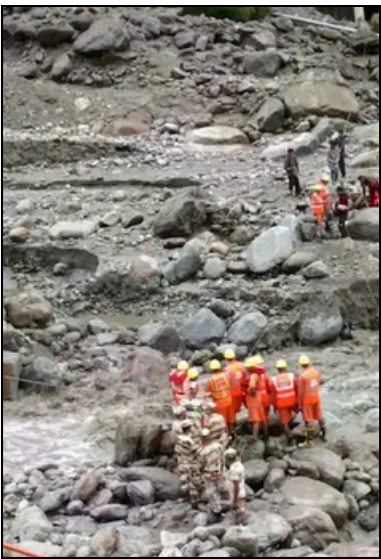
Acting swiftly, the police conducted late-night raids at the Universal Srushti Fertility Centre, interrogating staff until the early hours of the morning. During the operation, crucial documents were seized, and sperm samples were preserved for forensic examination.

HIMACHAL PRADESH SUFFERS LOSSES OF OVER RS 1500
CRORE DURING ONGOING MONSOON SEASON

Diary Times Desk : Since the onset of monsoon in the state on June 20 till date, Himachal Pradesh has suffered losses of over Rs 1,500 crores, officials said on Sunday.

So far, 88 people have died and 35 have gone missing in rain-related incidents, and 1,316 houses have been fully or partially damaged in the state. The state has experienced 42 flash floods, 25 cloudbursts and 32 landslides during this monsoon, according to the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC).

The local Met office on Sunday issued an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rains accompanied with thunderstorms and lightning in isolated areas in four districts - Kangra, Kullu Mandi and Shimla - for Tuesday. Light to moderate rains lashed some parts of the state in the past 24 hours since Saturday evening. Dharamshala received 35 mm of rainfall, followed by Malraon 26.4 mm, Kangra 26 mm, Dhaulakuan 17.5 mm, Kahu 14.5 mm, Manali 11 mm, Jot 10.8 mm, Jubberhatti 10.4 mm, Bajaura 10 mm, Jogindernagar 6 mm and Narkanda 5.5 mm.



"WHY SUCH BIG FUSS?" POLL BODY ON
ROW OVER BIHAR VOTER ROLL
REVISION

Diary Times Desk : The Election Commission of India (ECI) has strongly criticised "some persons" for spreading misinformation about the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise that was carried out in Bihar to clean up the electoral rolls. The election to the Bihar assembly is scheduled around November.

The ECI pointed out that the list that recently came out was clearly a draft list, as was mentioned in public. However, some people are trying to give an impression that the draft list was the final list, the ECI said in a statement.

"ECI is not able to understand that when a full one month period from August 1 till September 1 is available to point out wrongful inclusion or wrongful exclusion of any name, why are they creating such a big fuss now," the ECI said in a statement, without naming anyone.

"Why not ask their 1.6 lakh BLAs to submit claims and objections from August 1 till September 1?" the ECI said, referring to booth level agents.

WHY CENTRE BANNED 25 OTT PLATFORMS



Diary Times Desk : The government has blocked 25 over-the-top entertainment platforms for hosting obscene, vulgar and pornographic content, in a sweeping crackdown on unlawful digital entertainment that officials say violates multiple laws and degrades women. The blocking order, passed on July 23 by the ministry of information and broadcasting (MIB), targets both established and emerging platforms including Ullu, ALTT, Big Shots App, Desiflix and 21 others. The action covers 26 websites and 14 mobile applications, with nine apps removed from the Google Play Store and five from the Apple App Store.

The ministry acted under section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, which empowers the government to direct intermediaries to remove access to unlawful content when they fail to respond to official notices, two MIB officials told HT.

BJP ORCHESTRATED VP JAGDEEP DHANKHAR'S EXIT OVER
JUSTICE VARMA: CONG



Diary Times Desk : The Congress on Saturday accused the BJP-led government of orchestrating former Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar's resignation to maintain control over the Justice Yashwant Varma impeachment process, alleging his only "mistake" was showing independence in constitutional matters.

Senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi questioned the government's decision to restart the impeachment motion in the Lok Sabha despite Dhankhar having already initiated the process in the Rajya Sabha, calling it "institutional sabotage and constitutional transgression."

"His real mistake was the showing of some minimal independence in office," Singhvi said at a press conference, describing Dhankhar's resignation as the "wrapping up" of a political exit disguised "as a constitutional lie."

The party also hit out at the BJP-led NDA government for its "remarkably eloquent silence" on the Justice Varma case.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
28-07-2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



BIJLI MAHADEV ROPEWAY: MLA SUNDER SINGH THAKUR SAID – TREES WERE CUT, MACHINES WERE ORDERED, NOW THE ROPEWAY WILL BE INSTALLED

Diary Times Desk : The political temperature in Kullu is high regarding Bijli Mahadev Ropeway. After inaugurating the double lane RCC bridge in Bhuntar, Kullu on Sunday, MLA Sunder Singh Thakur replied to those opposing the ropeway. He said that all the trees that were to be cut have been cut. Machines worth Rs 100 crore have been ordered. Now the ropeway will be installed. Thakur said that the leaders opposing the ropeway are fighting for supremacy. Dev Niti is being used. Towers have been installed in Bijli Mahadev, they are not removing them for many years. They are making excessive efforts to stop something that has not been installed yet. The former MP had no words, the public was misled by shedding tears. I will drag to court by filing a defamation case against those who accuse me regarding the Bijli Mahadev Ropeway. Before this, Milkfed Chairman Buddhi Singh Thakur also surrounded those opposing Bijli Mahadev Ropeway. He said that we are with development. APMC Kullu and Lahaul-Spiti Chairman Ram Singh Mian also expressed his views on Bijli Mahadev Ropeway.



HIMACHAL PRADESH: OFFICIALLY SHRIKHAND MAHADEV YATRA CONCLUDED, RESCUE TEAM MEMBERS CALLED BACK FROM BASE CAMPS

Diary Times Desk : A total of 7,442 devotees participated in the yatra this year to visit Shrikhand Mahadev. The last batch of devotees who set out on the yatra on Sunday reached base camp Singhgad first. Now the yatra has been completely stopped. The administration has warned that if anyone sets out on the yatra secretly, legal action will be taken against him and a case will be registered. The last batch of devotees was sent on the Shrikhand yatra on 23 July, which returned to Singhgad after visiting Lord Shiva on Sunday. Shiva devotees from various parts of the country and the state arrived in the 35 km long religious yatra on foot from 10 to 23 July. On the first day of the yatra, on 10 July, the maximum number of 1005 devotees set out to visit Shrikhand Mahadev. The minimum number of 48 devotees went on the yatra on 21 July. This year a total of 7,442 devotees participated in this difficult yatra.

HIMACHAL HIGH COURT: BIG RELIEF TO SHASTRI

CANDIDATES, HIGH COURT EXEMPTS B.ED CONDITION

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh High Court has ordered to continue the recruitment of TGT Sanskrit (Shastri) as per the recruitment and promotion rules before 19 February 2025. A division bench of Justice Sandeep Sharma and Justice Ranjan Sharma has issued notices to the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) including the state government. The court has directed all the respondents to file a reply within four weeks. The state government has made B.Ed mandatory to become TGT Sanskrit. The government has issued a notification on 19 February 2025 by changing the recruitment and promotion rules regarding this. A challenge has been filed against this in the Himachal High Court.

In a petition filed in the Himachal High Court on behalf of Sanskrit and Sanskriti Sanrakshan Sangh, it has been told that the changes made by the state government in the recruitment and promotion rules regarding the qualification of Shastri posts in the year 2023 are wrong. In the notification, B.Ed has been made mandatory for those doing Shastri. The petitioners have done Shastri before 2023.

HIMACHAL NEWS: FIRING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT IN UNA, YOUTH GETTING A HAIRCUT IN A SALON KILLED; POLICE INVESTIGATING THE CASE



Diary Times Desk : Two unknown youths shot dead a youth getting a haircut in a salon in Lower Basal Bazaar on Chandigarh-Dharamshala National Highway Una. The deceased has been identified as Rakesh Kumar alias Gagi Upper Arni District Una. He was sitting in the salon and getting a haircut when two unknown youths riding a bike on the National Highway shot at him. This led to his death.

The youth was rushed to the Regional Hospital Una. Where doctors declared him dead. The police has also left for the spot and is investigating every aspect related to the case thoroughly.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: CHITTA SMUGGLING BUSINESS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH IS ALSO RUNNING THROUGH DARK WEB AND VIRTUAL NUMBERS

Diary Times Desk : The black business of Chitta is now running from the dark web i.e. the dark world of the Internet. Chitta smugglers are running a drug network using new technology and it becomes very difficult for the police to catch them. Apart from interstate Chitta smugglers Sandeep Shah and Shahi Mahatma gang, about 50 such cases have come to light in Shimla district, in which the illegal business of Chitta smuggling was being run by the kingpin using dark web and virtual numbers. In this, the gangs provide location based delivery to the buyers. Not only this, the strings of such cases are also connecting with foreign countries. Police and intelligence agencies are also investigating this.

Investigation of Chitta smuggling cases has revealed that the big kingpins of smuggling use virtual numbers only.

HIMACHAL NEWS: CAR BREAKS THE RAILING OF THE BRIDGE AND FALLS INTO THE PABBAR RIVER, ONE TEACHER DEAD, ANOTHER INJURED

Diary Times Desk : A car lost control and fell into the Pabbar river near Badiyara bridge on Saturday morning under sub-tehsil Jangla on the Chidgaon-Rohru road. One teacher died in the accident, while the other is injured. Only two people were in the car at the time of the accident. The seriously injured teacher is undergoing treatment at IGMC.



According to the information received, two people were going from Rohru to Badiyara in the car. After the driver lost control, the car broke the railing and fell into the Pabbar river. Hitendra son of Mithar Sain village Diswani and Sanjeev Kumar son of village Gharshaal Devidhar were in the car. With the help of local people, injured Hitendra was taken out of the river and taken to Rohru. From here, after first aid, he was referred to IGMC Shimla.

EIGHT DEAD, SEVERAL INJURED
IN STAMPEDE AT HARIDWAR'S
MANSA DEVI TEMPLE;
MAGISTERIAL PROBE ORDERED

Diary Times Desk : The death toll in the tragic stampede at Mansa Devi temple in Haridwar has risen to eight, officials confirmed on Saturday. Vinod Kumar Suman, Secretary of Disaster Management, Uttarakhand.

The stampede occurred on the pathway leading to the temple on Sunday morning, initially claiming six lives. According to preliminary reports, the chaos was allegedly triggered by a rumour of an electric current on the route, causing panic among the devotees. Several people were injured in the incident, which has cast a shadow over the religious pilgrimage.

Among the deceased is a 12-year-old boy, while a 4-year-old girl is counted among the injured, five of whom are reported to be serious.

What began as a routine spiritual journey for hundreds quickly turned into a nightmare. Devotees were making their way to offer prayers or returning after their 'darshan' when a sudden and unfounded rumour about an electric current spreading through the railing area allegedly caused immediate panic.

OBITUARY; TARA MURALI,
SENIOR ARCHITECT AND
PUBLIC ISSUES ACTIVIST

Diary Times Desk : Senior architect and an activist on public issues related to heritage, architecture and consumer rights, Tara Murali, passed away late on July 26. She was a resident of J. J. Road, Alwarpet.

She was 75 years old and was ailing for some time.

Tara was the wife of N. Murali, a director of The Hindu group and president of The Music Academy. She was a student of Sacred Heart School, Church Park, of Stella Maris College and of School of Architecture and Planning (SAP), Chennai.

She practised as an architect for over four decades.

Tara was an activist in many fora; mainly on the city's heritage issues where she was at the lead in campaigns to conserve the core blocks of the headquarters of the TN Police on the Marina and the famed Queen Mary's College.

She was also a trustee of Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG).

Tara was also president of the TN Table Tennis Assn. and headed a TT players' welfare body..

A note in The Hindu said – the cremation will be at the Besant Nagar crematorium on Monday (July 28, 2025).

OPERATION SINDOOR PROVED THERE IS NO
SAFE HAVEN FOR TERRORISTS: PM MODI IN
TAMIL NADU



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said Operation Sindoor had demonstrated to the world how India would respond if its sovereignty was attacked, adding that the cross-border military offensive had instilled a new sense of self-confidence across the country.

Operation Sindoor also proved that there are no safe havens for enemies and terrorists targeting India, Prime Minister Modi said at an event in Tamil Nadu held to honour Chola emperor Rajendra Chola.

The event marked the birth anniversary of the iconic Chola king Rajendra Chola-I, which is celebrated as the 'Aadi Thiruvathirai' festival, named after the king's birth star, Thiruvathirai, in the Tamil month of Aadi.

Regarding Operation Sindoor, Modi said, "The world saw how India responds if someone attacks its security and sovereignty."

PM MODI HAILS ASTRONAUT SHUKLA'S
RETURN, PRAISES INDIA'S SPACE,
INNOVATION SURGE

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's recent return from space, calling it a moment of national pride that has ignited new enthusiasm for science among young Indians.

In the 124th episode of Mann Ki Baat, Modi said Shukla's safe landing sparked "a wave of happiness" across the country, especially among children now inspired to dream of careers in space science. "Little children now say, we too will go to space, we too will land on the moon," he said.

Citing the growing momentum in India's space sector, the Prime Minister noted that the number of space-related start-ups in the country has surged from fewer than 50 to over 200 in just five years.

Modi also highlighted the impact of India's recent space missions, particularly Chandrayaan-3, in fuelling scientific curiosity. He mentioned the INSPIRE-MANAK initiative, which promotes grassroots innovation among schoolchildren, reporting that participation has doubled post-Chandrayaan.

'WHAT HAPPENED DURING
MAHARASHTRA ASSEMBLY
POLLS...': FADNAVIS ON RAJ'S
'MATOSHREE' VISIT

Diary Times Desk : Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday said that Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) supremo Raj Thackeray's visit to 'Matoshree', the residence of Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray, has no political significance, and what happened during the 2024 assembly elections in the state will be repeated during the local body polls.

Fadnavis made the remarks while speaking to reporters in Nagpur.

"That the two met is a matter of joy. Why should it be viewed from a political angle? He (Raj) went to extend his birthday greetings. Our greetings are also with Uddhav ji," he said.

"What is in the minds of the people of Maharashtra was reflected in the Assembly elections, and it will be reflected again in the upcoming local body polls. To say that what is in the minds of certain party leaders is also in the minds of the people of Maharashtra would be a very big statement," he added.

'HIGHER VACANCIES': CONGRESS SAYS
CENTRE 'WEAPONISING' NFS TO DENY
SEATS TO SC, ST, OBC APPLICANTS

Diary Times Desk : The Congress on Sunday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Central government over its claim that it does not collect data on the prevalence of Not Found Suitable (NFS) during the recruitment for faculty positions.

Congress general secretary in-charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, cited the Union ministry of education's response to a question in the Rajya Sabha on the use of NFS in Central universities faculty appointments to say that it revealed staggering level of vacancies among SC, ST, and OBC reserved faculty positions in Central Universities.

Ramesh said the data shared by the education ministry is clear evidence of the issue that Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has raised – "that NFS is being weaponized against SC, ST, and OBC candidates to deny them fair employment opportunities". He said this is being done to subvert the Constitutional provision for reservations in public employment.

TAMIL NADU CM STALIN DISCHARGED FROM CHENNAI HOSPITAL AFTER THERAPEUTIC
PROCEDURE

Diary Times Desk : Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin was discharged from a private hospital in Chennai on Sunday evening after undergoing a successful therapeutic procedure to treat variations in heart rate, the hospital said.

On July 21, Stalin experienced dizziness during his morning walk and underwent medical examination, followed by a procedure performed by a team of expert doctors.

According to the Apollo Hospital, where the CM was admitted, Stalin has been declared fit for discharge and has been advised to resume his regular activities after three days of rest. After experiencing mild dizziness. Even after being hospitalised, CM Stalin continued reviewing government programmes and initiatives from the hospital room, PTI news agency reported. He also underwent an angiogram earlier, after which no blockage was found in the blood vessels, senior DMK leader and Minister Duraimurugan told PTI.



ISRAELI AID AIRDROP INJURES
PALESTINIANS IN NORTH GAZA; HAMAS
CONDEMNS MOVE

Diary Times Desk : At least 11 Palestinians have been injured due to aid airdrops in northern Gaza as one of the pallets fell directly on tents where displaced people are living, medical sources say.

The Israeli military on Saturday announced that it “carried out an airdrop of humanitarian aid as part of the ongoing efforts to allow and facilitate the entry of aid into the Gaza Strip”. But local sources in Gaza told Al Jazeera some of the aid pallets hit tents near al-Rasheed Road, a main road that runs along the coast of the enclave from north to south.

Many other pallets were dropped in areas far from the displacement sites in northern Gaza and close to where the Israeli military is stationed.

Meanwhile, after months of international pressure, the Israeli military on Sunday began a daily “tactical pause” of its operations in parts of Gaza and established new aid corridors.

TRUMP MEETS EU PRESIDENT FOR TRADE
TALKS AFTER ROUND OF GOLF

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump has met with the EU Commission president for trade talks after playing a round of golf on the second full day of his visit to Scotland.

The US president shook hands with Ursula von der Leyen in the ballroom of his luxury Turnberry resort, saying he expected to agree the “biggest deal” either had ever struck.

Von der Leyen agreed, saying Trump was known as a “tough negotiator and deal-maker” and that she looked forward to discussions.

Journalists also asked Trump whether Israel should be doing more to allow food into Gaza, where more than 100 people have died from malnutrition since the war began.

Trump did not answer the question directly, instead saying the US had given \$60m two weeks ago for food “and nobody even acknowledged [it]”. “You should at least say thank you,” he added.

THAILAND AND CAMBODIA AGREE TO
TALKS IN MALAYSIA AFTER FOUR DAYS
OF FIGHTING

Diary Times Desk : Thailand and Cambodia have agreed to hold talks in Malaysia on Monday in an attempt to negotiate an end to a conflict that has lasted four days.

Thailand said on Sunday a delegation led by acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai would attend, after US President Donald Trump called the leaders of both countries on Saturday to press for an immediate ceasefire.

The Thai government said it had been told by Malaysia that Cambodian Prime Minister Hum Manet would also attend.

At least 33 soldiers and civilians have been killed while thousands of Thai and Cambodian nationals have been displaced since border fighting broke out on 24 July.

At the beginning of a private visit to his Scottish golf courses, Trump wrote on Truth Social that both nations “have agreed to immediately meet and quickly work out a Ceasefire and, ultimately, PEACE!”

‘NOT EATING FOR DAYS’: GAZA’S
WORSENING STARVATION CRISIS

Diary Times Desk : The hunger that has been building among Gaza’s more than two million Palestinians has passed a tipping point and is accelerating deaths, aid workers and health staff say.

Not only Palestinian children – usually the most vulnerable – are falling victim to Israel’s blockade since March, but also adults.

The United Nations’ World Food Programme says nearly 100,000 women and children urgently need treatment for malnutrition, and almost a third of people in Gaza are “not eating for days”. Medical workers say they have run out of many key treatments and medicines.

The World Health Organization reports a sharp rise in malnutrition and disease, with a large proportion of Gaza’s residents now starving.

Doctors Without Borders, known by its French initials MSF, says a quarter of all young children and pregnant or breastfeeding women screened at its clinics in Gaza last week were malnourished, blaming Israel’s “deliberate use of starvation as a weapon”.

ZOHRAN MAMDANI
CELEBRATES WEDDING WITH
3-DAY BASH IN LAVISH
UGANDA ESTATE

Diary Times Desk : New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani recently celebrated his nuptials with a lavish, three-day bash at his family’s sprawling compound in Uganda, according to a report in The New York Post. The family’s private compound is located in a wealthy area outside of Kampala, the capital of the east African nation, and it saw a stream of guests coming together to celebrate the wedding of Zohran Mamdani and Rama Duwaji.

Zohran Mamdani is married to Syria-born illustrator Rama Duwaji. Zohran Mamdani is married to Syria-born illustrator Rama Duwaji. Zohran Mamdani, 33, and Rama Duwaji, 27, had hosted an engagement and wedding ceremony in Dubai in December last year. This was followed by a civil ceremony in New York City. The celebrations in NYC and Dubai were followed by three days of festivities in Uganda – the country where Mamdani was born. He moved to the United States at the age of seven and became a US citizen in 2018.

‘DON’T BE LIKE THIS FATHER’:
MAN FACES FLAK FOR SAVING
LUGGAGE ‘BEFORE KID’ AS
PLANE CATCHES FIRE

Diary Times Desk :After an American Airlines flight was forced to abort takeoff at the Denver airport, owing to a landing gear malfunction, video footage of passengers sliding down the emergency exit have gone viral on social media. In one of the clips, a passenger can be seen prioritising his luggage over their child whilst evacuating the burning plane. After a few passengers had already evacuated, the man sat on the slide with the luggage in one hand and the child clinging tightly to him. As he attempted to stand up after sliding down, the weight and momentum of the luggage resulted in him falling over. Fortunately, the man fell on his back and avoided serious injuries to the child. However, as the video went viral, social media users reacted angrily at him for trying to fetch luggage in an emergency situation and jeopardising the lives of others. “Please don’t be like this father focus on your child instead of your luggage. You can’t safely manage both, and it only leads to accidents, like the one that just happened putting others at risk too,” said one user. Meanwhile, another added: “If we are evacuating and someone starts getting a bag – I am throwing hands.”

HAMAS CHIEF’S WIDOW FLED GAZA WITH FAKE PASSPORT, REMARRIED
IN TURKEY: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Former Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar’s widow escaped Gaza and has since remarried in Turkey, according to a report by Israeli news outlet Ynet. Samar Muhammad Abu Zamar, who married Sinwar in 2011 and holds a master’s degree in theology from the Islamic University of Gaza, was reportedly smuggled out of the Strip along with her children using a forged passport.

“She’s not here anymore; she’s in Turkey with the children,” a Gazan source told Ynet. The escape, according to the source, required “logistical support, cooperation at a high level, and a lot of cash that the average Gaza resident doesn’t have.” She allegedly used the passport of another Gazan woman and left Gaza through the Rafah border crossing into Egypt.

She remarried after Yahya Sinwar’s death in October last year. The report claims that the remarriage in Turkey was arranged by Fathi Hammad, a senior official in Hamas’ political bureau. Hammad has previously been linked to efforts to move Hamas operatives and their families out of the conflict zone.



SIKH ASPIRANT BARRED FROM WEARING KIRPAN: IQBAL SINGH LALPURA WARNS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BREACH

Diary Times Desk : Iqbal Singh Lalpura, former chairman of the National Commission for Minorities and a member of the BJP's national parliamentary board, has strongly objected to an alleged violation of a Sikh judicial services aspirant's fundamental religious rights in Rajasthan. In an appeal to Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde, Lalpura has sought their urgent intervention in the matter.

The controversy surrounds Lakhwinder Kaur, a Sikh candidate who was reportedly barred from wearing the 'kirpan', a mandatory religious article of faith, while appearing for the Rajasthan Judicial Services Recruitment Examination held on June 23 at Shri Sumer Mahila Mahavidyalaya in Jodhpur. The restriction was allegedly enforced by the Rajasthan High Court's Recruitment Cell. Lalpura said that Article 25(1) of the Constitution, ensures every citizen's right to freely profess and practice their religion.



3 PATIENTS DIE AT JALANDHAR CIVIL HOSPITAL AS OXYGEN SUPPLY IS CUT FOLLOWING FAULT IN PLANT



Diary Times Desk : Three patients died at the Civil Hospital here on Sunday as the oxygen supply was snapped after the plant installed on the premises developed a fault.

Admitted to the trauma unit, the three were a snake bite patient, a drug overdose patient and a Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease patient. Medical Superintendent Dr Rankumar confirmed the deaths.

INDIA'S YOUNGEST ANALOG ASTRONAUT RETURNS TO LOVELY PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY

Diary Times Desk : In a moment of immense pride and inspiration, Lovely Professional University (LPU) welcomed back one of its most illustrious alumni, Jahnavi Dangeti, India's youngest analog astronaut and a rising star in the global space science community. Her return to campus marked a full-circle moment—coming back to the institution where her dreams of reaching for the stars first took flight. LPU vice president Aman Mittal said, Jahnavi, who has been training under elite global programs and now a candidate for the 2029 Space Mission, addressed students, faculty, and media. Her journey from the classrooms of LPU to international mission simulations has captured the imagination of aspiring scientists and young innovators across the country. "This is where it all began," Jahnavi said during her address at LPU. "LPU gave me not only an education, but also the courage to pursue opportunities beyond borders. The global exposure, practical training, and encouragement I received here prepared me to take bold steps toward a future in space."

DELHI POLICE NAB ANOTHER ACCUSED FROM PUNJAB IN BATALA GRENADE ATTACK CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Special Cell of the Delhi Police has arrested another accused from Punjab in connection with the grenade attack on the Quila Lal Singh police station in Batala earlier this year.

The accused, identified as Karanbir (22), a resident of Gurdaspur, is allegedly a key operative of the banned terror outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).

"He is suspected to have played a role in the April 2025 attack and was currently wanted in a case of arms trafficking," a senior Delhi Police officer said.

Just a week ago, another suspect, Akashdeep Singh, alias Bazz (22), was apprehended from Indore, Madhya Pradesh. He too is believed to be linked to the BKI and involved in the same incident.

The grenade attack occurred in April 2025, when unidentified individuals targeted the Quila Lal Singh police station in Batala, Gurdaspur district.

ISI-BACKED ARMS SMUGGLING MODULE BUSTED IN PUNJAB; 5 NABBED

Diary Times Desk : The Amritsar Rural police, in coordination with central security agencies, on Sunday claimed to have busted an ISI-backed cross-border smuggling module with the recovery of a cache of sophisticated arms, ammunition and drug money from five persons.

The accused have been identified as Jobanjit Singh alias Joban and Gora Singh of Rangharh village, Shenshan alias Shalu and Sunny Singh alias Ganna of Rasulpur Kallar in Amritsar and Jaspreet Singh alias Motu of Mugal Mangri in Rupnagar district.

"In a significant breakthrough, Amritsar Rural police, in close coordination with central agencies, dismantles a major trans-border smuggling network of sophisticated arms and drug money, operated by Pakistan-ISI backed handlers," said DGP Gaurav Yadav on X.

The police seized an AK Saiga 308 assault rifle with two magazines, two 9mm Glock pistols with four magazines, 90 live cartridges of the AK Rifle, 10 live 9mm cartridges, Rs 7.50 lakh in drug money, a car and three mobile phones.

BBMB TO CONSTITUTE COMMITTEE TO RATIONALISE EMPLOYEES' PAY SCALES

Diary Times Desk : The BBMB will constitute a committee comprising of members from all partner states for rationalisation of pay and allowances of all partner state and BBMB employees working in the organisation. The issue was decided in BBMB's last full board meeting held on July 4. The issue of rationalisation of pay scales could impact thousands of employees working in the organisation.

According to the recently released full-board minutes — a copy of which was available with The Tribune — the BBMB's special secretary placed an agenda before the Board regarding the rationalisation of pay and allowances within BBMB.

Member Punjab emphasised in the meeting that the pay scales of BBMB should be optimised but not based on the pay structure of Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL). He reiterated that BBMB follows the Punjab Government in all service-related matters and hence, the pay rationalisation should align with Punjab Government norms. He also stressed that the option of choosing any alternate or more lucrative pay scale should not be extended to employees on transfer or deputation from partner states to BBMB.

MOGA MAYOR ACCUSED OF ASSAULT BY CONTRACTOR, HIGH COURT ORDERS POLICE PROBE

Diary Times Desk : About two months after an alleged confrontation between Moga Mayor Baljit Singh Channi and former contractor Santokh Singh — over the revival of a defunct sewer line near the Kotkapura bypass — the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the Moga SSP to personally investigate and file a status report by September 11.

Santokh Singh approached the high court, alleging that the mayor attacked him, causing injuries; and that the police failed to act on his complaint.

The altercation reportedly began when Santokh Singh arrived at the site with municipal machinery to restore a sewer line that had been out of service for nearly four years. He claimed to have done so with the local MLA's knowledge to prevent the wastage of Rs 1.70 crore allocated for laying a new line.

It is alleged that the mayor opposed it, saying the sewer line was officially declared defunct and that the revival attempt was unauthorised. An argument followed, and both parties accused each other of hurling bricks and verbal threats.

REMOVAL OF APPLE ORCHARDS: SHIMLA EX-DEPUTY MAYOR MOVES SC AGAINST HC ORDER; HEARING ON MONDAY

Diary Times Desk : An ex-deputy mayor of Shimla has moved the Supreme Court challenging the Himachal Pradesh High Court's order to remove fruit-bearing apple orchards from encroached forest lands.

Filed by former Shimla deputy mayor Tikender Singh Panwar and activist advocate Rajiv Rai, the petition is likely to come up for hearing before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai on Monday.

The Himachal Pradesh High Court had on July 2 directed the forest department to remove the apple orchards and plant forest species in their place, with costs to be recovered from encroachers as arrears of land revenue.

"The petitioners submit that the said order is arbitrary, disproportionate and violative of constitutional, statutory and environmental principles, thereby necessitating the intervention of the Supreme Court to prevent irreversible ecological and socio-economic harm in the ecologically fragile state of Himachal Pradesh," the petitioners submitted.

MAN JUMPS INTO BSL CANAL TO SAVE FRIEND, BOTH DROWN

Diary Times Desk : Two men reportedly drowned in the BSL canal at Baggi in Balh tehsil of Mandi district on Friday night. Mandi SP Sakshi Verma said that the police had recorded the statement of Hardeep Singh, who was present on the spot when the incident occurred.

"Hardeep revealed that he was celebrating his marriage anniversary near the canal along with his friends Sudhir, aka Pankaj, and Ashish Gautam, a resident of Bilaspur. As Sudhir slipped into the canal, Ashish jumped into the waters to save him. Tragically, both men were swept away by the strong current of the canal," added the SP.

Sakshi said, "Efforts are underway to locate the missing individuals. Teams of the National Disaster Response Force, along with police and professional divers, are conducting intensive search and rescue operations in the area. So far, both men are untraceable."

HIMACHAL TO RECEIVE HEAVY RAIN FROM JULY 28; YELLOW ALERT ISSUED FOR 10 DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh is set to receive a spell of heavy rainfall from July 28 onwards. The State's meteorological Department has issued a yellow weather warning for 10 districts with the exception of tribal districts Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti for July 28. As a result, heavy rain along with thunderstorms and lightning are very likely to occur in isolated places of the 10 districts in the state.

The department has also issued an orange weather warning for Shimla, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi districts for July 29, resulting in very heavy to heavy rain accompanied with thunderstorms and lightning at isolated places of these districts. A yellow weather warning has also been issued for Solan, Sirmour and Chamba districts for July 29.

As per the weather forecast, the state is very likely to experience light to moderate rain at many places till August 2 with few spells of heavy to very heavy rain from July 28 to 30.



WOMAN, MAN FALL INTO RIVULET WHILE CROSSING MAKESHIFT BRIDGE IN MANDI'S SERAJ, RESCUED

Diary Times Desk : A major tragedy was averted on Saturday when a woman and a man fell into a gushing rivulet while attempting to cross a makeshift wooden bridge in Jhud village of Seraj Assembly constituency in Mandi district.

The incident occurred when Puja Thakur (26) and Tiveder Kumar (26) were crossing a temporary bridge constructed with wooden planks by villagers. Puja reportedly lost her balance mid-way and as she fell, Tiveder, who was holding her hand, also slipped into the fast-flowing rivulet.

Alert villagers, who were waiting to cross the same bridge, immediately swung into action and rescued them. Both Puja and Tiveder are reported to be safe and did not sustain any serious injuries.

After the incident, villagers have renewed their demand for a permanent bridge across the rivulet, as the makeshift bridge poses a constant threat to life, especially during the monsoon season. "Everyday, schoolchildren and villagers carrying essential goods risk their lives to cross the temporary wooden bridge, said a local resident.

SHIFTING OF HORTICULTURE COLLEGE FROM THUNAG GOVT'S DECISION, NOT MINE: MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi today said that it was the state government's decision and not his to shift the College of Horticulture and Forestry from Thunag to Nahan and the protest by BJP supporters in Seraj on Friday was politically motivated and unlawful.

The minister said that the protesters, led by BJP leaders, were attempting to coerce him into making a statement that the College of Horticulture, Thunag, which had been shifted to Nahan considering students' safety, would be reinstated. Negi added that following the rain disaster, the college, which comes under the YPS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Naini (Solan), was initially temporarily moved to Sundernagar, as the original building at Thunag was deemed to be unsafe. The structure, located near a water stream, had been damaged twice during the monsoon season, putting the lives of students at risk. "Last year, students had a narrow escape. The site selection for the college made during the BJP's rule under former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, was flawed," he alleged.

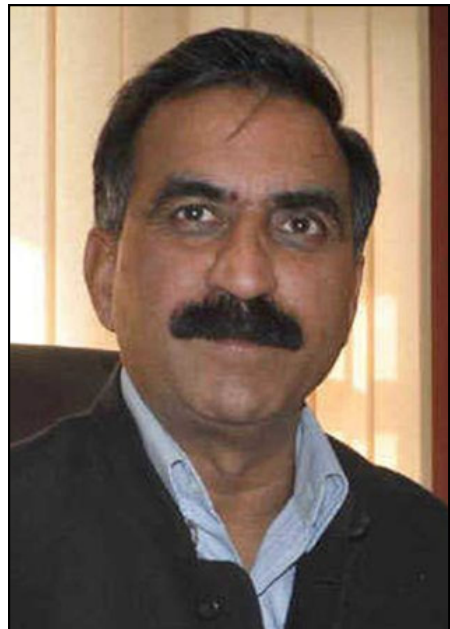
BJP WORKERS' BEHAVIOUR DURING MINISTER'S VISIT WAS UNFORTUNATE: SUKHU

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today criticised BJP leaders and workers for their alleged unruly behaviour during the visit of Revenue and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi to the disaster-affected Seraj Assembly constituency in Mandi district.

In a social media post, the Chief Minister said that the protest and unruly behaviour of the BJP leaders and workers with the Revenue Minister in Seraj was most unfortunate. "The BJP workers, as part of a conspiracy, not only dishonoured democratic traditions but also tried to create hurdles in the process of providing houses to those who had been rendered homeless," he wrote.

Negi, during a visit to Seraj in Mandi yesterday, faced the wrath of an unruly mob, which flung shoes at him and showed black flags to him. The protesters were angry with the minister for his remarks on the disaster in Mandi and also over the state government's decision to shift Horticulture College from Thunag.

Sukhu said that it appeared the BJP did not want that the flood-hit people should get houses. "If you cannot help those who have lost everything in the natural disaster, at least do not create obstacles in their rehabilitation process," he added. The behaviour of BJP workers was against humanitarian considerations, he alleged.



FIDE WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2025 FINAL: DIVYA DESHMUKH HOLDS KONERU HUMPY, TIEBREAKER NEXT

Diary Times Desk : International Master Divya Deshmukh gave nothing away and held higher-ranked Grandmaster and compatriot Koneru Humpy to an easy draw on Sunday to force the final into a tie-breaker where games of shorter duration will be played to determine the winner. Divya, who did not make utmost use of her promising opening in the first game of the match, was far more composed against a Queen pawn opening and faced little trouble playing with black pieces. Humpy, got the optical advantage with her pair of bishops out of the opening but Divya knew that if she placed her knights perfectly, white will not be able to create many problems. As it happened in the game after two minor pieces, the pair of rooks also changed hands and the queen-and-minor-piece endgame only offered little hope. Humpy tried to make some headway with a pawn sacrifice in the endgame but in the process her bishop pair was gone, and though a pawn plus, Divya had to cover some weaknesses. After the dust settled, Humpy recovered the pawn back and Divya repeated the position through checks to sign peace in 34 moves. The tiebreaker will see two games of 15 minutes each with a 10 second increment after every move is played. If the scores are still level, the players will play another set of 10 minutes per game with a 10 second increment. If the tie doesn't get resolved, it will be two more games of five minutes plus three second increment. Should the deadlock continue, one game will be played with three minutes to both players with a two second increment unless one player ends up winner.

PIASTRI WINS RAIN-DELAYED BELGIAN GP AFTER NORRIS OVERTAKE

Diary Times Desk : The Australian swept past Norris as the race started after an hour-and-a-half delay for heavy rain and two laps behind the safety car and controlled the race from there. Norris' side of the McLaren team chose a divergent tyre strategy when the drivers pitted to switch to slick, dry-weather tyres as the track dried. The hope was that Norris would be able to go to the end on the hard tyres chosen while PIAstri, who stopped one lap earlier, would have to make a pit stop for a second set of his mediums. But PIAstri, despite expressing initial misgivings about whether his rubber would last, made it to the end without stopping again. His impressive win, mixing keen racing instinct with calm tyre management, moves him 16 points clear in the championship heading to the Hungarian Grand Prix next weekend. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc hung on ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen in the tricky opening laps on a wet track despite using a lower-downforce set-up, and was able to consolidate the final podium place in the dry part of the race. Verstappen took fourth in a largely static race and is now 81 points behind PIAstri in the championship, his hopes all but over.

"IT'S SHUBMAN GILL'S TEAM NOT GAUTAM GAMBHIR'S": SUNIL GAVASKAR FUMES AT INDIA STAR'S ABSENCE

Diary Times Desk : Who is running the Indian cricket team currently? That is the question that has emerged a lot of time during the England vs India series. Is it captain Shubman Gill or is it coach Gautam Gambhir? Who is calling the shots? From the time Gill was named the captain, one wondered whether he would be able to make his voice heard in a dressing room which had a strong personality like Gautam Gambhir. Gill's start to the captaincy journey was nothing short of fairy tale as he slammed two tons and a double century. But then his and team's form dipped. Players like Kuldeep Yadav did not get a chance and one again wondered who was talking the calls over picking the XI. Amid this discussion, India conceded a huge lead to England in the fourth Test. And yet again, the captain-coach combination of the Indian team came up for discussion on Day 4 of the fourth Test. "How easy or difficult would it be for Shubman Gill to walk to a Gautam Gambhir or one of the coaching staff and says, "Gentleman, it's my team?" Harsha Bhogle asked Sunil Gavaskar on Sony Sports."We didn't have coaches. We just had former players as managers or assistant managers of the team.

GAMBHIR COULD ESCAPE BCCI AXE DESPITE 'DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES' BUT AGARKAR MAY NOT: 'LEAVING KULDEEP OUT...' - REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Gautam Gambhir may retain his role as head coach of the Indian cricket team after the Test series against England, but the same cannot be said about the BCCI chairman of selectors, Ajit Agarkar, and his colleague Shiv Sundar Das. A report in The Telegraph has claimed that Agarkar's decision-making has caught the attention of the BCCI, but not in a good way. The Board of Control for Cricket in India is keeping a keen eye on Agarkar and his former India teammate and East Zone representative, SS Das, in the aftermath of India's poor string of performances in Test cricket. The Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy currently stands 2-1 in favour of hosts England, but the BCCI is puzzled by some of the team management's calls. The fact that Abhimanyu Easwaran has yet to make his Test debut and Kuldeep Yadav continues to warm the benches has left the BCCI with more questions than answers. Into the fourth Test of the series, and Kuldeep, India's premier frontline spinner, hasn't featured in the Playing XI yet, despite boasting an impressive record of 21 wickets from six Tests.



NITISH KUMAR REDDY BREAKS SILENCE ON REPORTS OF SUNRISERS HYDERABAD EXIT OVER 'ROLE' ROW



Diary Times Desk : Indian cricket team all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy finally broke his silence on the rumours of him leaving Sunrisers Hyderabad. Ahead of the IPL 2026 auctions, some reports emerged, stating that SRH star has expressed his desire to leave the franchise, over his role in the team. However, Reddy took to social media to clear the air. "I tend to stay away from the noise, but some things deserve clarity. My connection with SRH is built on trust, respect, and years of shared passion. I'll always stand by this team," Reddy posted on X (formerly known as Twitter).According to a report by India Today, Reddy is looking for a new start as he is not happy with his role at SRH. Reddy was retained by the Hyderabad-based franchise at Rs 6 crore ahead of the mega auction of IPL 2025.

In the 2024 season, Reddy had an amazing outing with 303 runs in 13 matches and also took three wickets. However, he failed to repeat his heroics in 2025 as he scored only 182 runs in 13 games.

SOURAV GANGULY IS 'OKAY' WITH INDIA PLAYING PAKISTAN IN ASIA CUP: 'TERRORISM MUST NOT HAPPEN, BUT SPORTS MUST GO ON'

Diary Times Desk : The 2025 Asia Cup will be held in the UAE from September 9 to 28, with India and Pakistan placed in the same group and scheduled to face each other on September 14 in Dubai. India begin their campaign against UAE on September 10, with their group consisting of Pakistan, UAE and Oman, while Group B features Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Hong Kong. As per the ACC's broadcaster agreement, India and Pakistan are to be clubbed in the same group, with another guaranteed face-off in the Super Four stage and the possibility of a third meeting if both reach the final. Although BCCI is the designated host of the event, the tournament will be held in the UAE due to the mutual agreement between India and Pakistan to play at neutral venues until 2027, in light of the ongoing diplomatic tensions. The decision to proceed with the India-Pakistan fixtures has drawn criticism from sections of Indian fans following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.