

SUPREME COURT

SUPREME COURT RELIEF FOR MAMATA BANERJEE ON HIGH COURT'S "SUPRISING" OBC ORDER

Diary Times Desk : The Calcutta High Court interim stay on notifications issued by the West Bengal government - with regard to reservations for Other Backward Classes, or OBCs - was "surprising" and "prima facie erroneous", the Supreme Court said Monday morning.

The Supreme Court stayed the High Court order and issued a notice on Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's government's plea, and said it would hear the matter after two weeks.

"This is surprising. We will issue notice in this. How can the High Court order a stay? Reservation is a part of the functions of the Executive. Since Indira Sawhney (referring to the landmark 1992 case that focused on reservations for OBCs) the Supreme Court has said this."

At first the bench led by Chief Justice BR Gavai considered placing this hearing before a different bench of the Calcutta High Court, but ultimately listed matter after two weeks.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the Bengal government, mentioned this matter before Chief Justice Gavai. "A writ petition was filed... challenging the new list, saying we have to legislate it, which is contrary to all judgements," he said.

To this the Chief Justice stressed that "right from (the Indira Sawhney judgement) the position is that the Executive can do (this)".

Mr Sibal also asked for a contempt petition that had been filed in the High Court be stayed. "Let the matter get listed," the Chief Justice said.



LOK SABHA

MONSOON SESSION: PARLIAMENT ALL SET FOR 16-HOUR FIERY DEBATE TODAY ON OPERATION SINDOOR. WHO WILL SPEAK?



Diary Times Desk : The Lok Sabha on Monday, July 28, will hold a discussion on Operation Sindoor, India's military response to the Pahalgam terror attack, during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament.

Union minister Kiren Rijju said the Business Advisory Committee had taken the decision to hold a special discussion on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

He said while the Opposition wanted to address several issues, it was agreed that the debate on Operation Sindoor would be held first.

The Opposition parties, including the Congress, had written to the government demanding a discussion on Operation Sindoor before the commencement of the Parliament's Monsoon Session.

Here are the key points about the Operation Sindoor debate set to be held in Parliament.

- **Monsoon session debate on Operation Sindoor: Top updates**
 - Operation Sindoor will be discussed for 16 hours in the Lok Sabha on Monday, and for the same duration in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.
 - During the discussion, the Opposition might seek the government's clarification on United States President Donald Trump's repeated claims of brokering a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, a key issue which has been raised by them multiple times.

INDIA NEARS COMBAT DRONE DEAL WITH US, FIRST TECH-TRANSFER PUSH IN DEFENCE

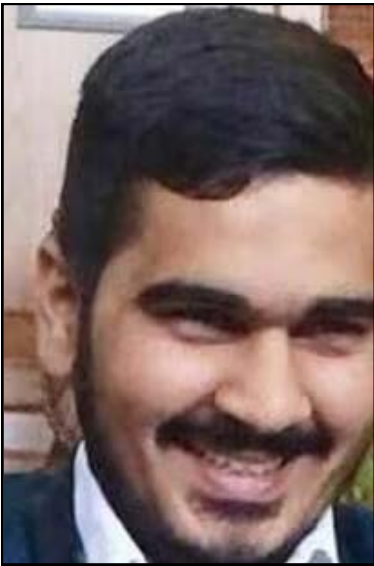
Diary Times Desk : India is considering a combat drone deal with a built-in localization blueprint, potentially marking a pivotal moment in how the country procures and produces high-end military technology, according to a report by Mint.

Under a \$4.5 billion emergency procurement programme launched soon after Operation Sindoor, the Defence Ministry is in advanced talks with US-based Shield AI to improve its V-Bat combat drones for the Indian Air Force, while also laying the groundwork for local manufacturing through a joint venture with JSW Defence, part of the multi-industry conglomerate JSW Group, the same publication added.

As part of the partnership, the JSW Group will invest around \$90 million in the next two years, with \$65 million allocated in the first 12 months to establish JSW's global compliance program, a manufacturing facility to ensure proper technology licensing and training of manpower.



CHANDIGARH STALKER VIKAS BARALA'S NAME DROPPED FROM HARYANA LAW OFFICERS' LIST



Diary Times Desk : Ten days after he was appointed an assistant advocate general for Haryana, Vikas Barala, an accused in the 2017 Varnika Kundu stalking case, was dropped by the Nayab Singh Saini-led BJP government on Monday.

According to sources, Vikas did not join following the controversy that erupted after the notification on the appointment of law officers was issued on July 18.

On Sunday, the development comes a day after 45 retired IAS officers wrote an open letter to Saini against the decision to appoint Vikas, who is the son of Rajya Sabha member and former Haryana BJP chief Subhash Barala. "We are shocked to learn that a stalking accused has been named AAG by your government. He will work as the state legal officer when he himself is on the wrong side of the law. By appointing him, you have gone against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Beti Bachao slogan.

BJP VS P CHIDAMBARAM BEFORE PARLIAMENT'S BIG DEBATE ON OPERATION SINDOOR



Diary Times Desk : Countering the BJP's attack over his remarks on the Pahalgam terror attack, Congress veteran P Chidambaram has said the "worst kind of troll" is one who suppresses a full interview and uses two sentences to paint the speaker black.

"Trolls are of different kinds and use different tools to spread misinformation. The worst kind is a troll who suppresses the full recorded interview, takes two sentences, mutes some words, and paints the speaker in a black colour," the former Home Minister said amid the massive row over his remarks in an interview with The Quint.

Mr Chidambaram said in the interview that the government is unwilling to disclose the work NIA has done in the aftermath of the terror attack. "Have they identified the terrorists? Where they came from? I mean, for all we know, they could be homegrown terrorists. Why do you assume that they came from Pakistan? There's no evidence of that," he said.

'AGAINST ISLAMIC VALUES': MUSLIM CLERIC DEFENDS REMARKS ON SP MP DIMPLE YADAV

Diary Times Desk : Amid backlash over his remarks against Samajwadi Party MP Dimple Yadav, All India Imam Association (AIIA) president Maulana Sajid Rashidi on Sunday defended his comments, claiming he was being unfairly targeted and had received threats.

He said he would approach the police and file a complaint against Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Dimple Yadav, alleging that their party workers were behind the threats.

"The way she (Dimple Yadav) was sitting inside the mosque, I object to it based on Islamic beliefs," Rashidi told ANI.

"According to Islamic principles, sitting in that manner is not appropriate, and the best example is Iqra Hasan, who was seated right next to her. Dimple should have learnt from her that this is how a Muslim woman sits, and she should have done the same," Rashidi said.

He asked whether action would be taken against those who circulated the image.



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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 PRADESH: REVENUE MINISTER SAID- GOVERNMENT WILL CONFIRM THE DATA RELATED TO HOUSE COLLAPSE OR DISASTER, THEN HELP WILL BE RELEASED

Diary Times Desk : The facts of the data of damage caused during the disaster will be reconfirmed. For this, the state cabinet has decided that Tehsildar, Junior Engineer, Patwari and other teams will go to the places where houses have been destroyed. There will be a correct assessment of how much damage has been done. After the state cabinet meeting, Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi said that the central government has sent two teams. The Himachal Pradesh government is giving the package from its own resources. The data that has come about the damage that has happened will also be confirmed. For this, it will not be that the data that has come from the field should be considered 100 percent correct. Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi said that the Chief Minister and the State Cabinet have released the disaster relief package on the lines of 2023 and 2024. Disaster relief is being given again. The special thing in this package is that if the house is damaged, it is still given Rs 1,30,000 in the relief manual of the Center.



MINJAR MELA 2025: SPECIAL AND COMMON PEOPLE SIT TOGETHER AND WATCH MINJAR MELA, SPECIAL TRADITION MAKES IT DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS

Diary Times Desk : There are different traditions in the fairs and festivals celebrated in Himachal Pradesh. The unique tradition of the International Minjar Fair differentiates it from the fairs and festivals of the state. Here, from common to special, people enjoy the cultural evening programs by sitting on the ground. Whereas, in the cultural evenings organized during Kullu Dussehra, Rampur's Lavi Mela and other big fairs, from the chief guest to other Vashisht guests watch the cultural programs and traditional rituals by sitting on sofas and chairs.

Many fairs and festivals are celebrated across the state, but the International Minjar Fair of Shivbhoomi Chamba has its own identity across the country. The city of Chamba was settled on the banks of the Ravi River by Raja Sahil Varman at the behest of his daughter Princess Champavati.

HIMACHAL NEWS: NOTIFICATION ISSUED TO SHIFT HPTDC HEAD OFFICE TO DHARAMSHALA



Diary Times Desk : Notification has been issued to shift the headquarters of Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) from Shimla to Dharamshala. This office will run in Dharamshala Hotel Kashmir House. The cabinet and the board of directors of the corporation have already approved the transfer of the office in the meeting. Now the zonal office will be in Shimla. This office has been running in a rented building in Shimla since 1972. Notices were coming to vacate it. There are about 75 officers and employees in the headquarters, who will go to Dharamshala. MD, GM, AGM and other staff will sit in Dharamshala itself.

HIMACHAL NEWS: JAIRAM THAKUR MET PRIME MINISTER MODI, INFORMED ABOUT THE LOSS; ASKED FOR AREA SPECIFIC PACKAGE



Diary Times Desk : Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday morning and informed him about the loss in the disaster affected areas of Himachal Pradesh. The Prime Minister took detailed information about the loss caused by the disaster and assured all possible support in reconstruction and rehabilitation in the disaster affected areas.

Jairam Thakur said that we told the Prime Minister that in this disaster not only people's houses but also their lands were washed away, now they do not even have space to build a house. In such a situation, concessions should be given in the 'Forest Conservation Act' to give them land so that the homeless people can be resettled in safe places.

HP CABINET DECISIONS: APPROVAL OF SPECIAL RELIEF PACKAGE FOR DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS, KNOW THE MAJOR DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

Diary Times Desk : The meeting of the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu. Many major decisions have been taken in the meeting. In the cabinet meeting, the disaster relief package was approved to compensate for the losses caused by cloudburst and floods in this monsoon. The state cabinet has decided to give a special relief package for disaster-affected families across the state. Under this package, the compensation of Rs 1.30 lakh for a completely damaged house has been increased more than five times to Rs 7 lakh. Apart from this, the compensation of Rs 12,500 for a partially damaged house has been increased to Rs one lakh. Ministers Jagat Singh Negi and Yadavendra Goma gave information about the decisions of the cabinet.

ANURAG SINGH THAKUR: 'RAHUL GANDHI- CONTROLLED CONGRESS DEFENDS PAKISTAN ON TERRORISM, SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO THE COUNTRY'

Diary Times Desk : Former Union Minister and Hamirpur Lok Sabha MP Anurag Singh Thakur launched a scathing attack on the statement of former Home Minister and Congress leader P. Chidambaram, in which he had said that there is no evidence of the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam terror attack coming from Pakistan. Anurag Singh Thakur questioned the pro-Pakistan attitude of the Congress and said that the 'Rahul-controlled Congress' defends Pakistan as much as Pakistan itself does not.

Anurag Singh Thakur said that whenever it comes to Pakistan and terrorism, even Pakistan does not defend Pakistan as much as the 'Rahul-controlled Congress' does. Every argument, every method of defense is ready. Somewhere or the other, Congress stands to save Pakistan, what is the compulsion that Congress has to support Pakistan? Today, when the Pahalgam terror attack is being discussed in Parliament, the statement of senior Congress leader, former Home Minister Chidambaram ji.

JAISHANKAR SLAMS
OPPOSITION DURING OP
SINDOOR DEBATE, ASKS
'WHICH ONE OF YOU...'

Diary Times Desk : External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Monday invoked the strikes on terror camps in Pakistan to underline the Modi government's resolve in responding to cross-border terrorism. "It was a commitment made by the Prime Minister, to the people of India, that we would hit those symbols, those sites, those planning places," Jaishankar said in the Lok Sabha. Jaishankar questioned the Opposition parties, asking if any of them had ever imagined that terror hubs like Bahawalpur and Muridke could be hit the way they were.

"So today, when I hear many questions from across the A, I want to say, which one of you would imagine that Bahawalpur and Muridke would be brought down the way it was. Which one of you thought?" he asked. Jaishankar said the opposition never even considered such strikes during their tenure and stressed that the May 7 operation sent a strong message to Pakistan to stop supporting terror.

"RAHUL-OCCUPIED
CONGRESS": BJP'S ANURAG
THAKUR'S SHARP ATTACK IN
LOK SABHA

Diary Times Desk : BJP MP Anurag Thakur on Monday launched a scathing attack on Congress MP and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi during a debate on Operation Sindoor in the Lok Sabha, claiming India fought a "two-and-a-half front war" with the "half front" being the "Rahul-Occupied Congress." "India fought on two and a half fronts, everyone knows about the two fronts, but in this half front, there is also a Rahul Occupied Congress," Anurag Thakur said, adding, "Look at the social media, in the last two months, Rahul Occupied Congress has made disgusting and insulting cartoons against the Prime Minister and the Indian Army...Rahul Occupied Congress called the Army chief a roadside goon. Rahul Gandhi should apologise to the entire country and the Indian Army..." Anurag Thakur went on to target Rahul Gandhi personally, calling him the "poster boy" of Pakistani propaganda. "Let me tell you, the leader you talk about, twice the people of the country did not even give him enough votes to become the leader of the opposition... He has become LoB from LoP (Leader of Opposition). LoB stands for Leader Opposing Bharat. Opposing India and the Prime Minister is his agenda.

PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK MASTERMIND
KILLED IN SRINAGAR ENCOUNTER, SAYS INDIAN
ARMY



Diary Times Desk : Three terrorists, including Suleiman Shah, the alleged mastermind of the deadly April 22 Pahalgam attack, were killed by security forces on Monday, July 28, during a joint anti-terror operation by security forces on the outskirts of Srinagar. The operation, codenamed Operation Mahadev, was launched in the Lidwas area near Dara, close to the Dachigam National Park, based on specific intelligence inputs. Teams from the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out the mission, officials said. The Chinार Corps of the Indian Army confirmed the killings in a statement on X (formerly Twitter), saying, "Three terrorists have been neutralised in an intense firefight. Operation continues." While official confirmation on the identities is awaited, according to reports, one of the slain militants is Suleiman Shah, also known by his alias Hashim Moosa. He has been on the run since the April attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 people, most of them tourists.

TRUMP CREDITS HIMSELF FOR WORLD
PEACE, CLAIMS HE STOPPED SIX WARS
INCLUDING BETWEEN INDIA AND PAK

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Monday asserted that the world would have witnessed six major wars, including a conflict between India and Pakistan, had he not been in the White House. Speaking during a meeting with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer at his scenic Turnberry resort in Scotland, Trump claimed his leadership was the key factor that prevented multiple wars across the globe. "If I weren't around, you'd have, right now, six major wars going on. India would be fighting with Pakistan," Trump reportedly said, according to The Guardian. Trump suggested that his diplomatic interventions, often through trade leverage, played a pivotal role in preventing escalations. His comments come as Thailand and Cambodia recently announced a ceasefire. Speaking in the Lok Sabha earlier today, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar also vehemently asserted that Washington did not play any role in ending the India-Pakistan conflict.

"VERY DISTURBING, ALARMING": SUPREME COURT ON RISING STRAY DOG BITE CASES

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday took suo motu cognisance of a media report about incidents of dog bites leading to rabies and called it "very disturbing and alarming". "The news item contains some alarming and disturbing figures and facts," a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said. It said every day, hundreds of dog bites were being reported in Delhi and on its outskirts, leading to rabies and ultimately, children and the aged were "falling prey to the dreadful disease". "Let this order be placed along with the news report before the Chief Justice of India for appropriate orders," the bench added. Congress MP Karti Chidambaram, who has been raising the issue, welcomed the move.

OPPOSITION PROTESTS
AHEAD OF OP SINDOOR
DEBATE, HAS A BIHAR VOTER
LIST CONDITION

Diary Times Desk : The special discussion on Operation Sindoor in the parliament has hit a delay amid vehement Opposition protests. While the much-awaited debate was set to begin at noon, a fresh demand by the Opposition and an expected government refusal led to a deadlock - and two successive adjournments, till 2 pm. The demand is related to the controversial Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls in Bihar - a burning issue in the state where assembly elections are due this year-end. Just before the special discussion, the Opposition sought a one-line assurance from the government that the Bihar SIR would be taken up for discussion immediately after the debate on Operation Sindoor. The government refused, calling it a deception. "We were all ready for the discussion. Just 10 minutes before the discussion was to start.

ON CAMERA, 25-YEAR-OLD COLLAPSES,
DIES PLAYING BADMINTON IN HYDERABAD

Diary Times Desk : In a tragic incident, a 25-year-old man collapsed and died of a heart attack while playing shuttle badminton at Nagole Stadium in Hyderabad. The man, identified as Gundla Rakesh, was reportedly employed at a private company in Hyderabad. He was the son of Gundla Venkateswarlu, a former Deputy Sarpanch from Tallada in Khammam district. CCTV footage of the incident, which has gone viral, shows Rakesh participating in a doubles badminton match at Nagole Stadium around 8:00 pm on Sunday. Moments after bending down to pick up the shuttlecock, he suddenly collapses on the court. Fellow players immediately rush to his side, with one individual seen attempting chest compressions in an effort to revive him. The sudden death of such a young and seemingly active and healthy individual has once again raised concerns about cardiac arrests in young people during physical activities like playing games or at the gym. Health experts warn about regular health checkups to get an alert about underlying heart conditions, lifestyle factors, and the importance of early detection.



**THAILAND AND CAMBODIA AGREE TO
'IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE'**

Diary Times Desk : Thailand and Cambodia have agreed to an "immediate and unconditional ceasefire" after five days of fighting at their border killed at least 33 people and displaced tens of thousands.

"This is a vital first step to a de-escalation and a restoration of peace and security," said Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, flanked by his Thai and Cambodian counterparts, as he announced that hostilities would end at midnight.

Thailand initially rebuffed his offer to mediate but agreed after US President Donald Trump said tariff negotiations would not proceed until "fighting STOPS".

Tensions over the century-old border dispute had ramped up in May after a Cambodian soldier was killed in a clash.

Thailand imposed restrictions on citizens and tourists heading into Cambodia via land, while Cambodia banned some imports from Thailand, including fruits, power and internet services.

**VIDEO SHOWS FINAL MOMENTS OF
GUNMAN AFTER MASS SHOOTING AT
BANGKOK MARKET**

Diary Times Desk : At least six people were killed in a mass shooting at a popular fresh food market in the Thai capital, Bangkok, on Monday. The attack reportedly took place at Or Tor Kor Market, a short distance from Chatuchak Market, which is a major tourist destination in Bangkok and attracts throngs of visitors every weekend.

According to police, an unidentified gunman fatally shot five people, including four security guards and a woman, at the market before killing himself.

The security camera footage from a shot at the market shows people scrambling to save themselves as a string of gunshots rang out.

Another clip shows a man, reportedly the shooter, holding a handgun and running through a car park from the market's entrance gate.

"Police are investigating the motive. So far it's a mass shooting," Worapat Sukthai, deputy police chief of Bangkok's Bang Sue district, where the incident took place, told news agency AFP.

**ANGRY FRANCE SLAMS US TRADE PACT
'SUBMISSION' AS EU PEERS BREATHE
SIGH OF RELIEF**

Diary Times Desk : France denounced the trade agreement between the European Union and the U.S. as a "submission" on Monday though other EU states largely backed a deal they acknowledged was lopsided but which averts an economically damaging trade war with Washington.

The framework deal, announced on Sunday between two economies accounting for almost a third of global trade, will see the U.S. impose a 15% import tariff on most EU goods from next month, but offers some protection for critical industries like cars and pharmaceuticals.

That is half the rate Washington had threatened, though much more than Europeans hoped for.

U.S. President Donald Trump, who has sought to leverage tariff threats to reshape global trade since returning to the White House this year, feted the accord on Sunday during a trip to Scotland, calling it "the biggest deal ever made".

But France, Europe's second largest economy, poured scorn on the agreement.

"It is a dark day when an alliance of free peoples, brought together to affirm their common values and to defend their common interests.

**"PREVENT DYING OF STARVATION":
BARACK OBAMA ON GAZA
HUMANITARIAN CRISIS**

Diary Times Desk : Former US President Barack Obama on Monday called for immediate action to stop what he described as the "preventable" starvation in Gaza amid the escalating humanitarian crisis in the Strip.

"While a lasting resolution to the crisis in Gaza must involve a return of all hostages and a cessation of Israel's military operations, these articles underscore the immediate need for action to be taken to prevent the travesty of innocent people dying of preventable starvation," Obama said, linking to a US media article. He asserted that aid "must be permitted" to reach the people in the Gaza Strip.

"There is no justification for keeping food and water away from civilian families," the former US President said.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Sunday warned that the malnutrition rates are reaching "alarming levels" in Gaza, adding the "deliberate blocking" of aid was entirely preventable and had cost many lives. Out of the 74 recorded malnutrition-related deaths this year, 63 had occurred in July - including 24 children under five, one child aged over five, and 38 adults, it said.

**TRUMP GIVES RUSSIA 10 OR 12
DAYS TO END WAR ON
UKRAINE**

Diary Times Desk : United States President Donald Trump has set a new deadline of 10 or 12 days for Russia to end its war in Ukraine, underscoring his frustration with Russian President Vladimir Putin for prolonging the conflict.

Speaking in Scotland, where he is holding meetings with European leaders and playing golf, Trump on Monday said he was disappointed in Putin and shortened a 50-day deadline he had set this month.

"I'm going to make a new deadline of about ... 10 or 12 days from today," Trump told reporters during a meeting with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. "There's no reason in waiting. ... We just don't see any progress being made."

There was no immediate comment from the Kremlin.

The US president has repeatedly voiced exasperation with Putin for continuing attacks on Ukraine despite US efforts to end the war and has threatened both sanctions on Russia and buyers of its exports unless progress is made.

**ISRAELI HUMAN RIGHTS
GROUP: ISRAEL IS COMMITTING
GENOCIDE IN GAZA**

Diary Times Desk : Israeli-Palestinian human rights group B'Tselem has declared Israel's actions in Gaza as genocide in its latest report, titled Our Genocide.

The report, released on Monday, carries strong condemnation of Israel's war on Gaza, which has killed at least 59,733 people and wounded 144,477.

"An examination of Israel's policy in the Gaza Strip and its horrific outcomes, together with statements by senior Israeli politicians and military commanders about the goals of the attack, leads to the unequivocal conclusion that Israel is taking coordinated action to intentionally destroy Palestinian society in the Gaza Strip," the report reads.

"In other words: Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip."

An estimated 1,139 people died during the Hamas-led October 7, 2023, attacks on Israel, and some 200 were taken captive.

The report delves into Israeli violations against Palestinians, going back to the 1948 foundation of the Israeli state, which "had a clear objective from the outset: to cement the supremacy of the Jewish group across the entire territory under Israeli control".

As such, the state of Israel exhibits "settler-colonial patterns, including widespread settlement involving displacement and dispossession.

**AMERICA'S MISSILE SHIELD IS CRUMBLING: IRAN-ISRAEL WAR BURNED
THROUGH U.S. DEFENSES, LEFT CHINA SMILING**

Diary Times Desk : When Iran launched a barrage of missiles at Israel in June, the United States reacted fast. But that speed came at a steep cost. Nearly a quarter of Washington's most advanced missile interceptors were used up in just 12 days, CNN reported.

Over 100 or possibly closer to 150 THAAD interceptors were fired by the U.S. military, most of them in Israeli skies. Two out of the seven American THAAD batteries were moved into position and engaged. The report is based on people who had direct access to the operation. These are not cheap rounds or easily replaced. Each interceptor costs around \$12.7 million and production lags far behind usage.

"They cannot keep doing this. We are not producing nearly fast enough to replenish what we just fired," the channel has quoted a missile defense analyst who, it claims, has been tracking expenditures in the region.



PUNJAB AAP MP MALVINDER SINGH KANG BREAKS RANKS, ASKS PARTY TO WIN TRUST OF FARMERS FIRST

Diary Times Desk : As farmers and the Opposition in Punjab are preparing for a fight against the state's land pooling policy, ruling AAP's Anandpur Sahib MP Malvinder Singh Kang on Sunday became the first party leader to speak up against the policy.

Kang, who till recently was also the chief spokesperson of the Punjab unit of the AAP, took to social media and urged party leaders to "earn the trust of farmers" on this policy.

"The objections raised by farmer unions on the land pooling policy must, in my view, be heard with empathy and addressed through a meaningful dialogue. In the last three years, our government has ensured uninterrupted agri-power, pushed canal water to every field, fast-tracked mandi reforms and promoted crop diversification. On this, too, trust must be earned — not assumed — before any policy takes root," he wrote on X, while tagging his party. Though Kang did not respond to calls.



GANGSTER'S AIDE NABBED AFTER ARMED ENCOUNTER IN FARIDKOT; LINKED TO BHAMANWALA MURDER

Diary Times Desk : Faridkot police claimed to have apprehended a key accused in the Bhamanwala murder case after an armed encounter near Beer Sikhawala.

The accused, Chinki, an aide of absconding foreign-based gangster Gaurav alias Lucky Patial of the Davinder Bambiha gang, was injured in the crossfire and arrested.

SSP Dr Pragya Jain said the murder took place on July 22, when Yadwinder Singh of Mohali was shot dead by three motorcycle-borne assailants while accompanying Jeewanjot Chahal alias Jugnu to a religious function in Bahaumanwala village.

Police had earlier arrested Chinki and his accomplice Suraj Kumar from Sirsa, Haryana, on July 27.

During a follow-up operation, when police took Chinki to recover the motorcycle used in the crime, he allegedly retrieved a hidden .32 bore pistol from nearby bushes and opened fire on the police party.

Officers retaliated, injuring Chinki and taking him into custody.

Police recovered the weapon, two live rounds, and the motorcycle from the scene.

YOUTH DIES OF 'DRUG OVERDOSE' IN KAPURTHALA VILLAGE, FAMILY ALLEGES FOUL PLAY

Diary Times Desk : A 24-year-old youth Akashdeep Singh died likely due to drug overdose in Rampur Jagir colony near Kapurthala. The incident occurred late last night that sparked the renewed outrage in the region over the unchecked drug menace. According to preliminary reports, Akashdeep allegedly administered a substance via injection after which his condition deteriorated rapidly, resulting in his death on the spot. However, his family claims he had recently returned home from a rehabilitation centre and had quit drugs. His father, Bagga Singh suspects a foul play, alleging that someone may have forcibly injected his son with a narcotic substance. This marks the second drug-related death in the same locality within a month, raising serious concerns about the scale and spread of drug trafficking in the area.

82% PUNJAB PRISONERS UNDERTRIALS, MOST STUCK AS PROCEEDINGS CRAWL

Diary Times Desk : More than 82 per cent of prisoners in Punjab's jails are undertrials, with over 30,000 inmates behind bars for years without their trials concluding. Data compiled till May 20 shows that 30,339 of 36,846 inmates are undertrial prisoners, while only 6,457 are convicts.

Men form the bulk of undertrials at 28,817, with 1,520 women and two transgender persons. Central Jail Ludhiana alone houses 3,489 undertrials out of 4,404 inmates, followed by Kapurthala (3,750) and Amritsar (2,953). Smaller jails like Fazilka and Moga have under 100 inmates, raising questions over prison resource allocation.

Though women form a small share of the total prison population, the 1,520 undertrial women reflect prolonged legal entanglements. Women-only jails such as Ludhiana and Bathinda hold exclusively female prisoners. Ludhiana women's jail houses 226 undertrials and 69 convicts. There are three transgender inmates across Punjab, with two undertrials.

One key cause of delay is the habitual absence of police officers summoned as witnesses, especially in drug cases.

DENIED ENTRY TO RAJASTHAN EXAM FOR WEARING KIRPAN, ALLEGES SIKH CANDIDATE; GARGAJ SAYS ACT OF RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

Diary Times Desk : A Sikh candidate on Sunday alleged that she was stopped from appearing for the Rajasthan High Court (Jodhpur) Civil Judge recruitment exam as she was wearing a kirpan.

In a video that surfaced online, Gurpreet Kaur of Pheloke village in Tarn Taran alleged that she was refused entry without any clear explanation regarding the permissible size of kirpan and kara.

Reacting to it, Akal Takht officiating Jathedar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj termed the incident "a grave violation of the Constitution and an act of religious discrimination against the Sikhs".

Giani Gargaj questioned the BJP-led Rajasthan Government about its claim of working for safeguarding the interests of the Sikhs.

He said the entire world knows that amritdhari Sikhs wear a kirpan as a mandatory article of faith, yet they were being repeatedly targeted in India for their distinct identity and beliefs.

SC REFUSES TO ENTERTAIN PUNJAB'S PLEA AGAINST HC ORDER OVER RELEASE OF EXTRA WATER TO HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain the Punjab government's petition against the Punjab and Haryana High Court's order requiring it to abide by the May 2 decision taken in a meeting chaired by the Union Home Secretary over the release of 4,500 cusecs of extra water to Haryana.

On behalf of the Punjab government, senior advocate Abhishek M Singhvi told a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta that Haryana was already exceeding its entitlement beyond 100% and on "humanitarian grounds" Punjab gave 4,000 extra cusecs to Haryana.

"It's a matter of emotive importance for both states," Singhvi said, adding the high court had asked Punjab to comply with the May 2 decision which says 4,500 cusecs extra water be given to Haryana.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Bhakra Beas Management Board, said a decision was taken by the board after hearing all the parties but Punjab sent a police force at the Bhakra Nangal dam site so that water was not diverted.

OXYGEN 'SUPPLY CUT', 3 PATIENTS DIE AT JALANDHAR HOSPITAL

Diary Times Desk : Among the deceased were a snakebite victim, a youth who had taken a drug overdose, and a TB patient.

Confirming the three deaths, Medical Superintendent Dr Raj Kumar Baddhan said, "Due to a technical fault in the oxygen plant in the evening, the supply was snapped. An oil leak that caused the fault was fixed but the patients succumbed."

He said, "There were five patients on ventilator support and three died. A nine-member committee has been formed to conduct a probe into the incident... The accountability will be fixed after the probe report is submitted. I have sought the report by Tuesday."

Sources in the hospital said the snapping of the supply triggers an alarm, "which can't be missed by doctors on duty".

The sources said, "Unless the response is inordinately delayed, a small fault can't cause deaths of patients."

Shivam, the brother of snakebite patient Archana, said his sister had been admitted to Civil Hospital for the past 10 days and was recovering. "This evening, the doctors said there was a technical fault... then they said she was serious. Soon after, she was declared dead."

ROADS DAMAGED, APPLE
TRANSPORTATION TO BE
A CHALLENGE IN RAIN-
HIT SERAJ VALLEY

Diary Times Desk : As the apple harvesting season begins in Seraj Assembly constituency of Mandi district, hundreds of fruit growers are facing a major challenge due to damaged roads and blocked pedestrian paths. The recent rain disaster on June 30 has wreaked havoc on the road infrastructure in the region, adversely affecting transportation of agricultural and horticultural produce to distant markets.

While the Public Works Department (PWD) has managed to restore connectivity on some main roads, around 81 village link roads in the Seraj valley remain blocked. This is causing serious delays for apple growers to start harvesting of crop in their apple orchards because they are unable to transport their horticultural produce to market, where timely delivery ensures better prices.

Om Prakash Thakur, a resident of Pakhrair panchayat, expressed his concern, stating, "Due to extensive damage to link and main roads, farmers are feeling helpless. Apples are ready for harvest, but we cannot move them to market in time."

BADDI-NALAGARH ROAD A
NIGHTMARE FOR
COMMUTERS

Diary Times Desk : Conceived to ease traffic influx, the 17-km stretch of the Baddi-Nalagarh national highway has become risky for commuters ever since the work to widen it to four lanes began in 2022. The project is marred by engineering inadequacies and slow pace and the monsoon has aggravated the situation as the road surface gets inundated with slush each time it rains. Motorists struggle to wade through the slush-ridden road; cases of emergency vehicles like ambulances getting stuck every now and then have been reported. The road looks like a stream due to inadequate seepage facilities.

Farmers, too, have been reporting damage to their crops as slushy water enters their fields at places like Bhud, Kharuni, Kishenpura, etc due to a lack of seepage channels. The poor condition of the under-construction service lane flushed with slush has made driving tough and risky.

MONSOON HAVOC CAUSES DAMAGES WORTH OVER RS 770 CRORE
IN MANDI

Diary Times Desk : According to data released by Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Dr Madan Kumar, the rain disaster that struck Mandi district on June 30 has caused widespread destruction across multiple departments, with total damages estimated at a staggering Rs 770.68 crore.

The detailed department-wise report reveals extensive losses in infrastructure, agriculture, horticulture, education, power, water and health sectors due to the monsoon rains and associated landslides, floods, and road collapses.

Among the worst-hit departments is the Public Works Department, which reported damages amounting to Rs 357.25 crore across Mandi district, in sub-divisions of Dharampur, Thunag and Karsog, mainly due to the destruction of roads, bridges and culverts. The widespread damage to road connectivity had hampered relief operations and disrupted movement in rural and remote parts of the district.



10-MONTH-OLD ORPHANED IN
HIMACHAL FLASH FLOODS DECLARED
'CHILD OF STATE', TO GET GOVT AID

Diary Times Desk : Orphaned in flash floods triggered by a cloudburst in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district, 10-month-old Neetika has been declared a "child of the state", with the government pledging to support her education and upbringing.

The infant lost her parents and grandmother after a cloudburst struck Talwara village on the intervening night of June 30 and July 1. Her father, Ramesh, 31, died, while her mother, Radha Devi, 24, and grandmother, Purnu Devi, 59, are still missing.

Ramesh had stepped out to divert the flow of water entering the house, while his wife and mother followed to help. They did not return.

Neetika has been declared a "child of the state" under the Chief Minister Sukh-Aashray Yojana of the Himachal Pradesh government, a senior official said.

Talking to PTI Videos, Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi said, "The state government takes full responsibility of the little girl's upbringing, education and future as part of a long-term plan. Whatever this girl wants to become in the future, a doctor, an engineer or an officer, the government will bear all expenses."

HIMACHAL MINISTER ACCUSES CBI OF
'INACTION' IN VIMAL NEGI CASE

Diary Times Desk : Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi today accused the CBI of inaction in the case of Vimal Negi's death. "What's the CBI doing? How many months have gone by? Is it a rocket science to find out how someone was pushed to commit suicide? Why they have not been able to prove it?" the Revenue Minister said when he was asked about the revocation of the suspension of the official named in the FIR in the Vimal Negi's death.

The Himachal Pradesh High Court had handed over the case to the CBI from the state police on May 23. Negi's body was found from the Gobindsagar Lake in Bilaspur on March 18, following which the family had levelled allegations of harassment against Negi's higher-ups at Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited.

The minister further claimed that the state was investigating the case better than the CBI. "The officials were suspended and transferred out from the department. A Special Investigation Team was formed and high-powered committee was also constituted to look into it," said Negi. "The BJP, however, kept harping on the CBI inquiry, the matter went to the court. Now, it's for the CBI to probe the matter," he said.

JAWALI: HOUSES RAZED ON COURT ORDERS, 7 FAMILIES RENDERED
HOMELESS

Diary Times Desk : Seven Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Scheduled Caste families were rendered homeless in the peak monsoon season after their houses were demolished in Bassa gram panchayat under the Jawali Assembly constituency on a local civil court's order on Saturday. In the presence of police and administration officials, JCB machines knocked down over "century-old" houses amid the cries of affected persons. As per information, the displaced persons were working as labourers to earn their livelihood. The court had issued an eviction order following a petition by land owner Ashok Kumar, a local resident. According to the affected families, Ashok Kumar's forefathers had settled them on this land around a century ago. They claimed they had been living here for four generations. The hapless families could not file an appeal against the order in the appellate court due the lack of awareness and their financial limitations.

Vijay Kumar, up-pradhan of Bassa gram panchayat, told The Tribune that the affected families had constructed slate-roof houses many years back. Government aid was granted to them to build houses as they were homeless and poor. He admitted that four houses were built with government grant released through the gram panchayat. However, neither the ownership nor the possession of the occupied land was recorded in their favour in revenue records.



DIVYA DESHMUKH BECOMES 1ST INDIAN CHAMPION, BEATS KONERU HUMPY

Diary Times Desk : 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh beat 38-year-old Koneru Humpy in an all-Indian final to become the first Indian champion of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup. Divya beat Humpy using black pieces in the second rapid tie-breaker game on Monday in Batumi, Georgia, to clinch the crown. After two days of intense classical chess ending in draws, the winner had to be decided via tie-breaker on Monday. Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh played out a draw in the first rapid tie-breaker, before Divya triumphed in the second. The win helps Divya earn the 'Grandmaster' title and also ensures her qualification to the Candidates tournament.



RISHABH PANT ENDS SILENCE AFTER BEING RULED OUT OF SERIES AGAINST ENGLAND: 'WILL BEGIN MY REHAB ONCE...'

Diary Times Desk : India vice-captain Rishabh Pant finally broke his silence on being ruled out of the remainder of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy due to a foot fracture, saying he will begin his rehab process once his fracture heals. The wicketkeeper-batter has been advised six weeks of rest after sustaining a nasty blow on his foot. The incident happened on Day 1 of the Manchester Test, where he inside-edged a reverse sweep onto his foot off the bowling of Chris Woakes.

Pant immediately went down in pain, and the physios came charging out. He was then escorted out of the field in a golf-cart-like vehicle. Subsequent scans showed a foot fracture, and hence, he was ruled out of the series. The incident happened when the left-handed batter was batting on 37 in the first innings. The southpaw, however, came out to bat in the first innings on the second day, and he went on to score a half-century before being dismissed by Jofra Archer. He was even ready to bat on the final day. However, the need did not arise as Washington Sundar and Ravindra Jadeja kept England at bay, helping India walk away with a memorable draw.

ENGLAND MEN NAME SQUAD FOR 5TH ROTHESAY TEST AGAINST INDIA

Diary Times Desk : The addition of Jamie Overton was the only change made in the England squad for the upcoming fifth Test of the series against India. The 31-year-old has featured in one Test prior to this game, where he scored 97 runs and picked two wickets.

Overton plays for Surrey in the county circuits, whose home ground is at The Oval, where the upcoming Test will be played.

Apart from familiarity with the conditions, Overton presents England with another pace-bowling all-rounder to offer support to skipper Ben Stokes.

Stokes is the leading wicket-taker in the ongoing series with 17 scalps from the four Tests so far. The England captain has bowled 140 overs for the hosts - most he has in a single Test series in his career.

The 34-year-old however, struggled on field after a pulsating first innings with the bat and only delivered 11 overs during India's second innings, putting his fitness ahead of the series decider under the scanner.

WASHINGTON SUNDAR'S FATHER BLASTS BCCI SELECTORS DAY AFTER MATCH- SAVING TON VS ENGLAND: "MY SON GETS DROPPED..."

Diary Times Desk : Washington Sundar played a key role in India drawing the fourth Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy against England that ended on Sunday. India faced huge deficit of 311 runs after England scored 669 in the first innings. But thanks to tons from No. 5 Sundar (101*), No. 6 Ravindra Jadeja (107*), captain Shubman Gill (103) and a gritty 90 from KL Rahul, India kept the series alive with one Test to go. India trail England 1-2 after the first four Tests.

After his son's fabulous display, Washington Sundar's father M Sundar ripped into the BCCI selectors for not giving him regular chances. Spin allrounder Sundar made his international debut 2017, and since then the 25-year-old has played 12 Tests, 23 ODIs and 54 T20Is.

"Washington has been doing very well consistently. However, people tend to avoid and forget his performances. Other players get regular chances, only my son doesn't get them. Washington should consistently bat at number five like he did in the second innings of the fourth Test and get five to ten straight chances. My son was surprisingly not picked for the first Test against England," the cricketer's father M Sundar told TOI.



STOKES' IRE MORE ABOUT ANGST MEANT FOR ENGLAND PLAYERS

Diary Times Desk : It was a draw that seemed like a win at Old Trafford as young India continue to impress in England. Yes, frustrate England.

This frustration became obvious in the way the match ended where in the final moments you could see Ben Stokes visibly upset, his behaviour making headlines as much as the great escape by India on the final day.

Stokes is an exceptional captain, leads from the front with impacts that change the course of the game, invariably that course being the match slipping away from England. It was business as usual for him on the final day when he got KL Rahul out and when Gill fell to the second new ball, England were set to win the Test, knowing that once the ball gets old and seamers become ineffective, his seasoned left-arm spinner Liam Dawson would take care of the rest by bowling into the rough.

As it turned out the two left-handers Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar hung together for 218 minutes, comfortably saving the game mostly by batting from the rough.

His bowlers had let him down again. But Stokes as captain is never seen visibly angry with his players on the field.

COACH GAUTAM GAMBHIR PROVIDES BIG UPDATE OF JASPRIT BUMRAH AHEAD OF 5TH TEST VS ENGLAND

Diary Times Desk : India's head coach Gautam Gambhir spoke on Jasprit Bumrah playing in the fifth Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy against England starting from July 31 at the Oval. He said there has been no decision made whether Jasprit Bumrah will play in the last test match or not. "There has been no discussion about anyone and no decision has been made whether Jasprit Bumrah will play in the last test match or not. Ultimately, whoever plays, whether they play or not, they will try and do the job for the country," Gambhir told media.

Bumrah has been the best bowler for the Indian team in the ongoing series, having grabbed 14 wickets with two fivers at an average of 26.00 and an economy rate of 3.04.

He also said, "All fast bowlers are fit, there is no injury."

Gambhir emphasized his focus on results, acknowledging India's 2-1 deficit in the series. Despite the team's inexperience, he considers it the best Indian team currently and aims to level the series to 2-2.

"You're asking someone who only believes in results. And I've always said that in the past as well. I believe in results."