

PAHALGAM ATTACK

PM MODI: 'THEY WERE SHINING THEIR POLITICS ON THE KILLING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE IN PAHALGAM', PM MODI'S BIG ATTACK ON CONGRESS

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that the Indian armed forces have taught such a lesson to the culprits of the Pahalgam attack that the masters of terrorism are still losing sleep. Responding to the two-day debate on Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor in the Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister said that the purpose of this attack was to incite riots in India and the unity of the country foiled this attempt.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi responded to the debate on Tuesday, the last day of the two-day discussion on the Pahalgam terror attack and 'Operation Sindoor' in the Lok Sabha. During this, he gave a strong message to Pakistan and attacked the Congress fiercely. He thanked the people of the country for foiling the plans of the terrorists. The Prime Minister said that the purpose of the Pahalgam attack was to incite riots in India and the unity of the country foiled this attempt.

PM Modi said that now after us the masterminds cannot sleep, they know that India will come and kill. This new standard has been set by India. We have taken action against Pakistan from 'Sindoor to Sindhu'. PM said that a lot was said here on India's foreign policy. Global support was also discussed. We got global support.

Attacking the Congress party, PM Modi said that unfortunately the valor of the brave soldiers of my country did not get the support of Congress.



AMIT SHAH SPEECH

HOW WAS IT CONFIRMED THAT THESE THREE TERRORISTS KILLED 26 TOURISTS IN PAHALGAM? AMIT SHAH TOLD ABOUT THE RIFLE CONNECTION



Diary Times Desk : Amit Shah Speech: How was it confirmed that these three terrorists killed 26 tourists in Pahalgam? Amit Shah told about the rifle connection

Amit Shah Speech News: The terrorists guilty of the Pahalgam attack were killed in Operation Mahadev. Amit Shah told the Parliament that the rifle connection and the FSL report confirmed that these terrorists were responsible for the Pahalgam attack.

Amit Shah Speech: The terrorists guilty of the Pahalgam attack were killed. Lashkar's Suleman Shah and two other terrorists were killed under Operation Mahadev. Now the question is how was it confirmed that these three terrorists killed 26 tourists in Pahalgam? Amit Shah has explained this in detail in the Parliament. He has explained through the rifle connection how the rifle's barrel and shell were matched and the FSL investigation confirmed that the terrorists killed in Operation Mahadev were the terrorists of the Pahalgam attack.

Amit Shah participated in the discussion on Operation Sindoor in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. During this, he made it clear that the three terrorists killed in Operation Mahadev were the same terrorists who attacked in Pahalgam. He said that this was confirmed by the examination of the AK-47 and M-9 carbine recovered from the terrorists. The rifles whose barrels and cartridges were recovered after the Pahalgam attack were sent to Chandigarh FSL for testing. The test revealed that the Pahalgam attack was carried out with the same weapon which was recovered from them during Operation Mahadev.

ASSAM TO CLEAR 3,600 ACRES OF ENCROACHED LAND AMID MEGA EVICTION DRIVE

Diary Times Desk : As a part of Assam's massive crackdown against land encroachment by illegal migrants, the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led government is now planning to launch a massive eviction drive in Golaghat. The move will clear 11,000 bighas (approximately 3,600 acres) of land in the Rengma Reserve forest at Uriamghat, bordering Nagaland.

The eviction drive will affect nearly 2,000 families who have allegedly encroached on the forest land and turned it into a betel nut plantation linked with the betel mafia.

Fearing the eviction, many people belonging to the Bengali-speaking Muslims who have been branded as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh had fled the area and were trying to take shelter in other places in Assam.

Nearly 700-800 police personnel, along with teams from the Forest Department and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), were stationed in and around the Rengma Forest reserve.



DELHI'S CONNAUGHT PLACE, OTHER AREAS FLOODED AFTER HEAVY RAIN

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms battered parts of Delhi on Tuesday morning, leaving several prominent areas waterlogged. One of the worst-hit spots was Connaught Place (CP), the heart of the city, which witnessed over 100.2 mm of rainfall within only two hours.

Videos circulating on social media showed a flooded CP with vehicles wading through knee-deep water. In one clip obtained by NDTV, scooters, cars, and pedestrians in CP could be seen struggling through waterlogged streets, with water visibly squirting from under the tyres of slow-moving vehicles.

The deluge, although brief, left the city reeling. "This is Delhi's Connaught Place, one of the most prime locations in the city. It just needed 1 hour of rain to get into this condition. Where is our drainage system landing?" an X user asked in a viral post. Other videos on X show a flooded CP. "That's Delhi today at CP after a few minutes of rain," a user wrote.

"SOME WERE STOPPED": IN PM'S OP SINDOOR SPEECH, A SHASHI THAROOR DIG AT CONGRESS

Diary Times Desk : The discussion on Operation Sindoor, with which the Congress had hoped to corner the government, backfired on it this evening as Prime Minister Narendra Modi ripped into the party. During his reply to the discussion, PM Modi not only brought up the burden of history and the deeds of previous Congress governments, but also piled on jibes about the current strains within the party.

Speaking of the all-party teams delegated for the Operation Sindoor outreach, PM Modi spoke of "some (being) stopped from speaking in parliament" and "those who consider themselves the sons of Congress become unhappy if you praise India" -- seen as transparent references to Shashi Tharoor's disagreements with a section of the party, which generated many a headline.

Mr Tharoor -- a career diplomat who served with the UN before he turned to politics -- was not picked by his party for the all-party delegations the Centre was sending abroad.

But the government snapped him up to lead the delegation to the US and a few other nations -- adding fuel to the ongoing Congress-vs BJP over Operation Sindoor.

'JETS WELCOMED WITH NIMBU-MIRCH': AKHILESH'S BIG QUESTION ON OP SINDOOR

Diary Times Desk : Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday questioned the government on Operation Sindoor, over the aircraft used in the military action, a day after defence minister Rajnath Singh slammed the opposition for questioning how many jets India lost and not how many of enemy jets were shot down.

Addressing the Lok Sabha, Yadav said that the government boasts of Indian jets destroying terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and asked, "How many of our best aircraft, that were welcomed with nimbu-mirchi, flew?" The Samajwadi Party chief also said he was proud of the Indian Air Force, which has the "best pilots", and also heaped praise on the erstwhile Samajwadi-led government, saying they constructed roads where the landing of Air Force planes could be facilitated.

The sessions court later set aside the jail term, releasing Patkar on probation.

The high court declined to interfere with the sessions court's decision.

"Thus, keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, when the appellate court is satisfied about the character, antecedents, the order on sentence does not warrant interference by this court in its revisional jurisdiction. Moreso, the report of the district probation officer has already been summoned simultaneously by the appellate court," justice Kaur said.

The high court, however, modified the condition that required Patkar to appear in person before the trial court in Delhi every three months.

"However, the condition of the probation that the petitioner shall appear before the trial court every three months during consideration of the periodical supervision report is modified to the extent that the petitioner is at liberty to either appear physically or through video conferencing or to be represented by an advocate during such appearances before the trial court. Nonetheless, all the other conditions do not require any interference by this court. The petitioner to appear before the court vide order on sentence dated 8/4/2025, within three weeks from today," the court said.

The defamation case stems from a press release issued by Patkar on November 24, 2000, titled "True Face of Patriot."

YOUR HOROSCOPE

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Aries

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

Gemini

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

Leo

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

Libra

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

Sagittarius

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

Aquarius

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

Taurus

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

Cancer

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

Virgo

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

Scorpio

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

Capricorn

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

Pisces

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



HIMACHAL NEWS: APPLICATIONS FOR TGT RECRUITMENT TILL THURSDAY, NUMBER OF CANDIDATES CROSSES 65 THOUSAND; DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TWICE

Diary Times Desk : Applications can be made till Thursday for 937 posts of TGT recruitment. So far 65,189 applications have been received for recruitment. The application process for TGT (Trained Graduate Teacher) recruitment conducted by Himachal Pradesh State Selection Commission is now in the final stage. Candidates can apply online till 11:59 pm on July 31. 14,087 applications have been received for TGT Non Medical, 38,629 for TGT Arts and 11,937 for TGT Medical. The Selection Commission is going to fill 343, 437 and 169 posts respectively in these categories.

The last date of application fixed till July 3 has been extended twice by the Commission. In view of natural disaster and heavy rainfall, the date was first extended to July 17 and then to July 31. The Commission will now take forward the process of conducting the examination. The entire recruitment process is being conducted online. It includes all the stages from application to Computer Based Test (CBT).



HIMACHAL NEWS: KULDEEP SINGH RATHORE SAID- BJP IS TRYING TO MISLEAD THE GARDENERS ON MIP

Diary Times Desk : All India Congress Committee spokesperson Kuldeep Singh Rathore has said that BJP is trying to mislead the gardeners on MIP. He said that although it has no legal recognition, the state BJP leaders had claimed in the press about MIP that the central government had talked about increasing the MIP on apples from Rs 50 to Rs 80, while the central government has clarified in the Parliament that the government does not have any such proposal.

On Tuesday, the party's national spokesperson and Theog MLA Rathore said that it is clear from this that the BJP is misleading the gardeners of the state. Expressing concern over the natural disasters, cloudbursts and floods in the state, he said that somewhere tampering with nature, unscientific excavation of land, illegal mining and excessive cutting of trees can also be considered the reason for this.

HIMACHAL NEWS: PM MODI TOLD GOVERNOR SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA - WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE HELP TO THE DISASTER AFFECTED

Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday and apprised him of the extensive damage caused by cloudburst and landslides in Mandi district. He informed that due to these disasters, the houses and agricultural land of the affected have suffered heavy losses. The Prime Minister assured the Governor that all possible assistance will be provided to the affected to ensure rehabilitation work. On this occasion, the Governor apprised the Prime Minister about the developmental initiatives of the state and the progress of the Drug Free Himachal campaign.

Informing the Prime Minister about the state-level Drug Free Himachal campaign, the Governor said that this campaign is being implemented up to the Panchayat level. Important steps have been taken to create awareness against drug abuse and to increase community participation in the effort to make Himachal a drug-free state. The Governor shared the details of the National Conference 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Developed India' organized recently by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in Kashi (Varanasi), Uttar Pradesh.

HP CABINET DECISIONS: 1,386 JAL RAKSHAKS TO BECOME PUMP ATTENDANTS IN HIMACHAL, MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF APPLE AND MANGO IS RS 12

Diary Times Desk : The State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, on Tuesday decided to appoint 1,386 eligible Jal Rakshaks (Water Guards) who have completed 12 years or more of service by December 31, 2024, as pump attendants in the Jal Shakti Department. The State Cabinet has approved the purchase of apples at the rate of Rs 12 per kg under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for the year 2025. Under this scheme, it has also been decided to purchase B and C grade Kinnow, Malta and Orange at Rs 12 per kg, Galgal at Rs 10 per kg and Ankur, Kalmi and Kachha Achaari Mango at the rate of Rs 12 per kg.

The Cabinet approved the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub-Committee constituted on Disaster Management and Rehabilitation. The sub-committee, constituted under the chairmanship of Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, aimed to examine and suggest measures to strengthen the state's disaster preparedness and rehabilitation mechanism. The sub-committee has recommended conducting structural safety audits to assess the disaster-resistance capacity of buildings across the state. Based on these audits, reconstruction measures will be taken to reduce the risk of structural damage during disasters.

Emphasising the importance of disaster-resilient infrastructure, the committee has also recommended making earthquake-resistant and disaster-resilient construction mandatory across the state. To enhance the efficiency of disaster response, the sub-committee has also suggested integrating Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire Services and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) with the Disaster Management Cell of Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), aimed at ensuring coordinated and prompt response during emergencies. The Cabinet also approved transshipment of 325 trees under the first phase of development of Durgesh-Aranya Zoological Park at Bankhandi, Dehra in Kangra district.

SHIMLA NEWS: 6 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT, FINE OF 14 LAKHS IN CHEQUE BOUNCE CASE

Diary Times Desk : The district court has convicted Ishwar Das Walia, a resident of Solan district, in a cheque bounce case and sentenced him to six months imprisonment. He will also have to pay a fine of Rs 14 lakh.

The court of Judicial Magistrate Vibhuti Bahuguna has given this verdict. In case of non-payment of the fine, the convict will have to undergo simple imprisonment for one month. The convict Ishwar Das had taken a loan of Rs 13.50 lakh from RP Chauhan, a resident of New Shimla, to purchase land, which he was unable to repay.

According to the complainant, the accused took a loan of Rs 13.50 lakh to buy land in Solan in the year 2014. Out of this, an amount of Rs 1.50 lakh was repaid. A cheque was issued in favour of the complainant on 31st March 2014 for payment of the remaining loan amount of Rs. 12 lakhs but on 14th June the cheque was returned from the bank without payment. After this a legal notice was issued to the accused to pay the amount. On 2nd August 2014, on not repaying the loan within the stipulated time, the complainant filed a case before the court under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. During the case in the court, arguments were presented by both the sides and on the basis of evidence the court has given this verdict declaring the accused guilty.

SHIMLA NEWS: FIVE YOUTHS ACQUITTED BY COURT ON CHARGES OF CHITTA

Diary Times Desk : Shimla News: Five youths acquitted by court on charges of chitta

The District and Sessions Court acquitted five youths in three separate NDPS cases for not being proven guilty. The court of Special Judge gave this verdict. The case was registered in the Baluganj police station area of the capital on 13 August 2019. The police team recovered 35.40 grams of chitta from the possession of Gulshan Sharma (Sanjauli), Sahib Singh (Sanjauli) and Navindra Kanwar (Sunni) during the investigation of a vehicle in Taradevi. On the other hand, on 26 May 2018, the police arrested Guman Singh, a resident of Tehsil Jubbal, in a case of 10.95 grams of chitta and 15.60 grams of hash registered in Dhali police station. The third case is from Sunni police station area of the district. The police team arrested Rajender Sharma alias Kaku with 21 grams of chitta.

GUNS, MADE-IN-PAK CHOCOLATES: AMIT SHAH LISTS PROOF ON PAHALGAM KILLERS

Diary Times Desk : Three terrorists involved in the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack were gunned down by security forces in Operation Mahadev in Jammu and Kashmir yesterday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah confirmed in Parliament this morning.

Addressing the Lok Sabha during the Operation Sindoor debate, Mr Shah said three terrorists identified as Suleiman, Afghani and Gibran, were killed in a joint operation of the Army, CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir police yesterday. Suleiman, he said, was a top Lashkar commander and security agencies have evidence of his involvement in the Pahalgam attack that left 26 innocents dead. Afghan and Gibran, too, were "A-listed" terrorists.

"I want to tell the Parliament and the nation that those who murdered our citizens in Baisaran Valley, these three were among them and they were killed," he said, congratulating the security personnel on their success in Operation Mahadev.

The Home Minister said he landed in Srinagar hours after the terror attack in Pahalgam and chaired a security meeting that night and the next morning. "We ensured that the terrorists could not escape to Pakistan," he said.

CASH-FOR-JOBS: SC PULLS UP TAMIL NADU GOVT FOR NAMING 2500 ACCUSED TO PROLONG TRIAL

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday pulled up the Tamil Nadu government for naming 2,500 accused in a cash-for-jobs case allegedly involving former state minister V Senthil Balaji. It said such "modus operandi" was a complete fraud on the system to ensure the trial does not conclude in Balaji's lifetime.

The observation came as the court heard a petition of a victim of the cash-for-jobs, who challenged a March 28 Madras high court order allowing clubbing of four charge sheets against Balaji.

The Supreme Court said there are 2,000 accused in one set of cases and 500 in another. These accused are the alleged bribe givers who complained they did not get jobs as promised despite paying bribes.

A bench of justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi sought clarification on the consequence of the clubbing of the cases. "...While implicating these bribe-givers, 2,500 persons have been named as accused."

The bench referred to the accused named in the four charge sheets and asked: "

'WORLD STOOD WITH INDIA, CONGRESS DID NOT': PM MODI ON OP SINDOOR



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress, accusing it of failing to back the government after the Pahalgam terror attack and India's subsequent military retaliation, Operation Sindoor.

"While the world stood with India, the Congress did not," Modi said, addressing Parliament as it concluded a two-day debate on the incident. "No world leader asked India to exercise restraint. Everyone supported our soldiers. But, sadly, the Congress could not rise above politics."

He also hit out at the opposition party for allegedly targeting him personally. "They accused me of politicising the deaths of innocents. But they themselves chose not to support the bravery of our forces," the Prime Minister said.

"ACT AS NGOS": SUPREME COURT'S ADVICE TO OPPOSITION ON BIHAR VOTER LIST ROW

Diary Times Desk : Political parties should "act as NGOs (non-governmental organisations) at this time", the Supreme Court said Tuesday morning as the Bihar voter list row rolled over into another day. The court - asked for a stay on the Election Commission's 'special intensive revision' before November's Assembly poll - suggested opposition parties hit the ground and bring evidence of their concerns, i.e., the exclusion of genuine voters, to add weight to their complaint.

The petitioners were assured that the court will step in if there is mass exclusion of voters.

"We are overviewing the (process) as a judicial authority. If there is mass exclusion, we will immediately step in. Bring 15 people saying they are alive," Justice Joymalya Bagchi said.

These remarks were made after the EC said 65 lakh people - whom the poll panel said were either dead or had moved out of the state - been excluded from a draft roll.

"WHENEVER I SPEAK OF NEHRU...": PM MODI, AMIT SHAH'S TWIN JABS AT CONGRESS

Diary Times Desk : The Congress - and its former Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru - was tag-teamed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday evening at the end of a vociferous two-day Lok Sabha debate on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

After Mr Shah ripped into the Congress (and Mr Nehru) - blaming them for Pakistan's illegal occupation of Kashmir and the ceding of territory in Aksai Chin to China - the Prime Minister fired jabs of his own, accusing them of also giving away territory in Punjab and Tamil Nadu.

The reference was to Kartarpur and Kachchatheevu Island, which were given over to Pakistan (in 1947, as part of the British boundary-drawing) and Sri Lanka (by Indira Gandhi in 1974).

"The people who have been asking us why we don't take back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir... I want to ask, 'whose government let the enemy capture PoK'? The answer is clear..."

CONGRESS CHIEF'S 'VISHWAGURU'S DAAWAT' DIG AFTER AMIT SHAH ATTACKS GAURAV GOGOI OVER PAKISTAN VISIT

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, speaking during the monsoon session of Parliament, on Tuesday launched a veiled attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his visit to Pakistan and accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of hypocrisy in dealing with Pakistan and running a "factory of lies".

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Addressing the Upper House during a debate on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, Kharge said, "We have always condemned Pakistan. But while we condemn them here, you attend their 'daawats' and hug them. You have a habit of going places uninvited."

DELHI HC UPHOLDS CONVICTION OF MEDHA PATKAR IN CRIMINAL DEFAMATION CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi high court on Tuesday upheld a trial court verdict convicting social activist Medha Patkar in a criminal defamation case filed in 2001 against her, ruling that she was convicted in 2024 after due consideration of the evidence on record and the law. The defamation case was filed by lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, who headed a non-profit at the time, against Patkar, who led the Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) that mobilised protests against the construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam.

"Upon careful perusal of the record, appreciation of the arguments advanced by both sides and a thorough examination of the evidence, this court finds no perversity, illegality or material irregularity in the findings recorded by the learned trial/appellate court," justice Shalinder Kaur, reading out the operative portion of her verdict reserved on July 14.

"The order under challenge appears to have been passed after due consideration of the evidence on record and the applicable law. The petitioner has failed to demonstrate glaring defects in following the procedure or manifest error on the point of law resulting in flagrant miscarriage of justice, that justifies interference by this court while exercising revisional jurisdiction," justice Kaur said.

**30 DEAD, THOUSANDS EVACUATED
AFTER HEAVY RAIN, LANDSLIDES IN
CHINA**

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain killed more than 30 people and forced authorities to evacuate tens of thousands as swathes of northern China were lashed by torrential downpours that sparked deadly landslides, state media said Tuesday.

Weather authorities have issued their second-highest rainstorm warning for the capital Beijing, neighbouring Hebei and Tianjin, as well as ten other provinces in northern, eastern and southern China, state news agency Xinhua said. The rains are expected to last into Wednesday, it added.

As of midnight Monday, "the latest round of heavy rainstorms has left 30 people dead in Beijing", Xinhua said, citing the city's municipal flood control headquarters.

The death count was highest in Miyun, a suburban district northeast of the city centre, it said.

"This time the rain was unusually heavy, it's not normally like this," a resident of Miyun, surnamed Jiang, told AFP as water streamed down the road outside her house.

"The road is full of water so people aren't going to work," she said.

At a village called Xinanzhuang visited by AFP journalists, murky water submerged homes, cars and a road leading onto a highway.

**COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING PEACE IN
UKRAINE: KREMLIN AFTER TRUMP'S NEW
DEADLINE**

Diary Times Desk : Russia is still committed to achieving peace in Ukraine, the Kremlin said Tuesday, in the first reaction to US President Donald Trump cutting his deadline for Moscow to cease fire in the conflict.

"We have taken note of President Trump's statement yesterday. The SVO continues. And we remain committed to the peace process to resolve the conflict.

**WESLEY LEPATNER KILLED IN NYC MASS
SHOOTING: ALL ABOUT BLACKSTONE
EXECUTIVE'S HUSBAND AND KIDS**

Diary Times Desk : Wesley LePatner, 44, was more than a top executive at Blackstone: she was a dedicated wife and mother of two. The Yale University graduate was killed in the fatal mass shooting that took place on Monday, July 29, at 345 Park Avenue.

According to a DailyMail report, Blackstone confirmed the passing of the CEO of firm's Real Estate Income Trust (BREIT), stating that she will be dearly missed by the company and the team.

Wesley's husband, Evan LePatner, is a partner at private equity firm Courizon. The couple met each other during their freshman year at Yale University. They got married in 2006 and share two children together. Wesley was residing with her family in a 7-million-dollar apartment on the Upper East Side in Manhattan.

**'I MAY GO TO CHINA, BUT...': DONALD
TRUMP OVER MEETING WITH XI JINPING**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Tuesday clarified that he is not pursuing a summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping, but left the door open for a possible visit to China — provided it is at Beijing's request.

"I may go to China, but it would only be at the invitation of President Xi Jinping, which has been extended. Otherwise, no interest!" Trump wrote on Truth Social.

The statement by the US President comes when, last week too, he said he was considering the visit following an official invitation. "President Xi has invited me to China, and we'll probably be doing that in the not-too-distant future," Trump told reporters in the White House's Oval Office, reported Reuters.

**BANGLADESHI HINDU HOMES ATTACKED
AND LOOTED AFTER TEEN'S
DEROGATORY POST ON PROPHET
MUHAMMAD**

Diary Times Desk : In an alarming incident, a 17-year-old boy's Facebook post on Prophet Muhammad has caused waves of violent mob attacks in Bangladesh's Rangpur district. 15 Hindu homes were attacked in a span of two days — Saturday and Sunday, after which families left their homes, sold off livestock and belongings in distress. The ransacking took place after the boy's arrest over blasphemy.

**CHINA, US AGREE TO EXTEND
TARIFF PAUSES AFTER
'CONSTRUCTIVE' TALKS IN
STOCKHOLM**

Diary Times Desk : China and the US have agreed to continue their tariff pauses on each other, China's top trade official said Tuesday in Stockholm, following a two-day meeting with US officials.

Speaking with the press, Li Chenggang said the two sides had "constructive" and "candid" discussions and agreed to keep the tariffs at current levels — the US taxing Chinese goods at 30 per cent and China collecting 10 per cent on US products.

Li also said the two sides had "comprehensive and in-depth" discussions on microeconomic issues, agreeing to keep close contact and "communicate with each other in a timely manner on trade and economic issues." Chinese and US trade officials held their latest round of trade talks in the Swedish capital on Monday and Tuesday to try to break a logjam over tariffs that have skewed the pivotal commercial ties between the world's two largest economies.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent is expected to speak with reporters later on Tuesday.

**THAILAND ACCUSES CAMBODIA
OF VIOLATING HOURS-OLD
CEASEFIRE**

Diary Times Desk : Thailand has accused Cambodia of "deliberately" violating a ceasefire the two countries agreed on Monday to end border clashes that have killed at least 33 people and displaced thousands.

It's a shaky start for the ceasefire, which is aimed at bringing an end to five days of bombardment and rocket attacks along their shared border.

The Thai military says it stopped firing after midnight, but that it continued to receive gunfire from the Cambodian side "at multiple locations" up until this morning.

But Cambodia's defence ministry told the AFP news agency that there had been "no armed clashes" between the two sides since the ceasefire began at midnight.

Despite the accusations, meetings between local commanders from both sides took place earlier on Tuesday as part of the ceasefire agreement. They agreed to stop shooting and halt the movement of troops on the frontline. They will also allow each other to collect their dead. Tensions between the South East Asian countries over their century-old disputed border ramped up in May when a Cambodian soldier was killed in a clash.

They escalated into a full-scale conflict last week after five Thai soldiers were injured in a landmine explosion.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO REVERSE FAMINE CRISIS IN GAZA?

Diary Times Desk : A global hunger monitor said on Tuesday that a famine scenario was unfolding in the Gaza Strip, with malnutrition soaring, children under five dying of hunger-related causes and humanitarian access severely restricted.

We examine what needs to be done to reverse the crisis.

WHAT IS BEING SENT IN AND HOW?

Israel said on Sunday it would halt military operations for 10 hours a day in parts of Gaza and designate secure routes for convoys delivering food and medicine between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, says 500-600 trucks a day are needed to prevent more of the 2.1 million population people starving.

SC ASKS CENTRE TO RESPOND TO PUNJAB GOVT'S PLEA AGAINST GOVERNOR RESERVING BILLS FOR PRESIDENT'S ASSENT

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Centre on the Punjab Government's petition challenging the Governor's action in reserving Bills passed by the state legislative assembly for the President's assent. The Punjab Government has sought a declaration that the Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2023, passed by the state assembly have got "deemed assent" in terms of the top court's April 8 verdict in Tamil Nadu's case due to the 'inaction' of the President. The two Bills have been referred to the President by the Governor. Issuing notices to the Centre, Principal Secretary to the Governor and Punjab Legislative Assembly Secretary, a Bench led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai posted the matter for hearing after eight weeks. Admitting that the issue was pending before a Constitution Bench in the Presidential Reference on deadlines for assent to state Bills by governors and the President under Article 200 and Article 201 of the Constitution.



FAMILY ASSAULTED, EVICTED FROM GHALKALAN VILLAGE OVER SON'S LOVE MARRIAGE

Diary Times Desk : A family was allegedly assaulted and forcibly evicted from Ghalkalan village, Moga district, on Tuesday evening over their son's love marriage. The incident has sparked outrage, especially due to police inaction.

According to reports, Tarsem Singh's elder son had solemnised a court marriage with a girl from the same village on May 5. Following the marriage, the couple moved away from the village. However, the village panchayat had earlier passed a controversial resolution banning love marriages and declaring that anyone involved in such unions would not be allowed to stay in the village.

Targeting the boy's family, particularly his mother Jasbir Kaur, the girl's family and several villagers allegedly accused her of facilitating the marriage. Fearing for her safety, Jasbir had been living with relatives for two months. When she returned to her home this week, she was allegedly attacked by villagers, including members of the girl's family. Her house locked, she was reportedly beaten and forcibly thrown out of the village.

INVESTIGATING OFFICER MUST FOCUS ON RECOVERY, NOT JUST PROSECUTION, IN FINANCIAL FRAUDS: HC

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that the foremost concern of victims in criminal cases involving financial fraud is not merely the conviction of the accused, but the recovery of the defrauded money. Holding that such cases are inherently criminal in nature, the Court asserted that it is the investigator's principal responsibility to take steps for recovering the proceeds of crime—making recovery not incidental, but central to the administration of criminal justice.

"Needless to say that the Court is not a recovery agent, but when the case is not in civil nature but of criminal, the primary objective of every complainant is not the prosecution of the accused but recovery of their lost money.

SGPC MOVES HC SEEKING UNIFORM GUIDELINES TO PROTECT SIKHS' RIGHT TO CARRY KIRPAN

Diary Times Desk : The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and a woman advocate today moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking the formulation and circulation of uniform regulatory guidelines to uphold the fundamental right of Sikhs to carry 'kirpan' "as a mark of their faith in Sikh religion as enshrined in the Constitution of India". Filed as a Public Interest Litigation, the petition seeks the issuance of directions to the Centre and state governments to implement in letter and spirit the fundamental rights guaranteed to the Sikh community under Article 25, which ensures freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practise and propagate religion.

One of the petitioners, advocate Armanjot Kaur, enrolled with the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, detailed in the petition how she was barred from appearing in the competitive examination for the Rajasthan Judicial Services. According to the plea, Armanjot Kaur travelled to Jodhpur to take the examination. However, she was denied entry into the examination hall on June 23, 2024, by a Judicial Officer present at the gate despite her repeated assertions.

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF ACTING AKAL TAKHT JATHEDAR DIES IN ROAD ACCIDENT



Diary Times Desk : Gurvinder Singh, the brother-in-law of the acting Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, died in a road accident on the Tarn Taran road near Gohlwarh late yesterday evening. The deceased was serving as an Assistant Sub-Inspector in the Punjab Police. According to reports, Gurvinder Singh was returning to Amritsar from his native village, Khara, in the Tarn Taran district when the accident occurred.

Eyewitnesses reported that he was riding his motorcycle at a slow speed when two stray cows, apparently agitated, suddenly ran across the road. One of the animals collided with his bike, causing him to fall and sustain critical injuries to the rear of his head. He was rushed to a private hospital but succumbed to his injuries. The President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Advocate Harjinder Singh Dharmi, expressed grief over the untimely demise.

DEATHS AT JALANDHAR HOSPITAL: OXYGEN SUPPLY REMAINED CUT OFF FOR 30 MINUTES, SAYS HEALTH DIRECTOR

Diary Times Desk : A day after three patients died at the Civil Hospital here, Punjab Health System Corporation Director Dr Anil Goyal on Monday said a glitch in the oxygen supply at the hospital lasted 25 to 30 minutes.

During a visit to the Civil Hospital, Dr Goyal said the multiple back-up mechanism for the supply of oxygen had developed a snag. He maintained, "All three patients were in serious condition. One of them had both lungs compromised. The snakebite victim was struggling for the past 10 days. The drug overdose patient was also getting repeated convulsions and was on a ventilator." He said the sudden deterioration in their condition in a short span called for an inquiry.

Two probe committees had already been formed to look into the cause of deaths. A nine-member committee under Dr Raj Kumar Baddhan, Medical Superintendent, Jalandhar Civil Hospital, is expected to come out with a report by Tuesday. A state-level committee, announced by Health Minister Balbir Singh, will be headed by the PSHC Director.

GUNFIRE ERUPTS IN ROPAR'S NURPUR BEDI AREA OVER PANCHAYAT LAND MINING DISPUTE

Diary Times Desk : In Nurpur Bedi area of Ropar district, a gang-related dispute over a mining site occurred and shots were fired at Golden stone crusher yesterday around midnight.

The police have registered a case against the shooters. According to the FIR, Gurdeep Singh, resident of Raipur Munne village, and Baljinder Singh, resident of Palasi village, Nangal, were working at the stone crusher at around 12am. Six cars approached the crusher from the direction of a nearby open liquor vend, carrying about 22-23 armed men. They began firing indiscriminately at the Golden Stone Crusher in Saidpur village. In self-defence, Gurdeep and Baljinder pelted stones at the attackers.

The firing continued for about 20 minutes. Gurdeep Singh said he saved his life by hiding, while bullets pierced the walls of the crusher complex. He added that Ajwinder Singh, also a stone crusher owner, was the first to shout at the attackers.

On the basis of statements from Gurdeep and Baljinder, the police registered a case against Ajwinder Singh Beihara, Jaswinder Singh Goldy, Jashandeep Singh alias Jashan, Daljit Singh alias Bunty, Lovepreet Singh — all residents of Beihara village; Sunny, a resident of Anandpur Sahib, Karamjit Singh alias Basu.

HIMACHAL RAIN FURY: 3 DEAD IN MANDI**FLASHFLOODS; HIGHWAY BLOCKED IN DHARAMSALA, HUNDREDS STRANDED**

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rains triggered a massive landslide near Kangra early Tuesday, blocking the National Highway to Dharamsala and stranding hundreds of vehicles. Essential services like milk and newspaper delivery were disrupted. No officials reached the site for hours, sparking public anger.

In Mandi, flash floods caused by overnight rainfall claimed three lives and left one person missing. The flood swept away vehicles and damaged homes in Tungal Colony. Rescue operations are ongoing. Several key roads, including the Chandigarh-Manali and Mandi-Pathankot highways, remain blocked.

A devastating flash flood struck Mandi district early Tuesday morning, claiming three lives, leaving one person missing, and injuring another, said Mandi DC Apoorv Devgan. The incident occurred on Jail Road Tungal colony in Mandi town following heavy overnight rainfall that triggered a sudden deluge, causing widespread destruction. According to local authorities, the flashflood washed away dozens of parked vehicles, while muck and debris entered homes and damaged property across the area. Residents were caught off guard by the sudden rise in water levels.

WATER TO BE RELEASED FROM LARJI DAM, ALERT FOR FLASHFLOODS IN MANDI

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) issued a public advisory warning of a significant increase in the water level of the Beas in Mandi district due to the planned release of around 200 cumecs (cubic metres per second) from the dam of the Larji Hydropower Project in Kullu today.

The discharge was necessitated by rising reservoir levels due to increasing inflow. Officials said that the volume of water released may go up if the inflow into the dam continued to rise. This could lead to a substantial increase in the Beas water level downstream.

The HPSEBL advised local residents, tourists, workers and fishermen to maintain a safe distance from riverbanks. As the monsoonal rain is already contributing to fluctuating river levels.

NEW HIMACHAL EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE TO GIVE UNDERTAKING THAT THEY DON'T CONSUME DRUGS

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal government has decided to seek an undertaking from all new government employees that they do not consume drugs. The decision was taken by the cabinet, which met here on Tuesday under Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu. The CM said strict action would be taken against the government employees found involved in drug-related activities. Last year, dope testing for 'chitta' had been made mandatory in police recruitment in the state. The police, social justice and empowerment, and health departments made detailed presentations on the steps being taken to combat drug menace.

**HIMACHAL CABINET OKAYS SPECIAL RELIEF PACKAGE, RS 7 LAKH FOR TOTALLY DAMAGED HOUSE**

Diary Times Desk : The state government today decided to grant a special relief package to the families that had been affected by the rain disaster during the ongoing monsoon season. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here. The Cabinet extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and expressed solidarity with all those affected by the rain disaster. Under the relief package, a compensation of Rs 7 lakh would be given for a completely damaged house and Rs 1 lakh for a partially damaged house, a major hike from the past. A compensation of Rs 10,000 that was given in the case of damaged shops or dhabas had been enhanced 10 times to Rs 1 lakh. The state government would provide an enhanced financial assistance of Rs 50,000 instead of Rs 10,000 for damaged cowsheds, Rs 70,000 for the loss of the belongings of the owners of the property and Rs 50,000 for the loss of the belongings of tenants. A sum of Rs 55,000 per animal would be granted for the loss of large milch animals instead of Rs 37,500 and Rs 9,000 instead of Rs 4,000 for the loss of goats, pigs, sheep and lambs.

SC STAYS HIMACHAL PRADESH HC ORDER ON FELLING OF APPLE TREES ON FOREST LAND

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court has stayed the Himachal Pradesh High Court's order requiring the state government to remove fruit-bearing apple orchards from encroached forest lands. The order came from a Bench led by Chief Justice of India B. R. Gavai on Monday on a petition filed by Shimla Deputy Mayor Tikender Singh Panwar and activist advocate Rajiv Rai after senior advocate PV Dinesh submitted on their behalf that the high court's erroneous finding impacted lakhs of apple growers, especially in the monsoon season.

The Himachal Pradesh High Court had on July 1 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 to the ecologically fragile state of Himachal Pradesh," the petitioners submitted.

HIMACHAL: APPLE GROWERS OUTRAGED OVER UNION MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON IMPORT DUTY

Diary Times Desk : Apple growers have taken exception to the statement of Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Jitin Prasada in the Rajya Sabha that "my ministry has not received any proposal for an increase in import duty on apple". The Union Minister stated this in a written reply to a question by BJP MP Harsh Mahajan whether the Central Government intended to increase import duty to protect apple growers of Himachal. "We have written several letters and submitted several memorandums to the Prime Minister's Office, the Union Ministry of Commerce and the Union Ministry of Agriculture, seeking a hike in import duty on apple since 2013. The Union Minister's response, therefore, is really surprising," said Harish Chauhan, convener of the Sanyukt Kisan Manch.

Kuldeep Rathore, Congress MLA from Theog, said that the reply amounted to misinforming and misleading people. "I've been raising the demand for an increase in import duty on apple for a long time. I had raised the matter in the Vidhan Sabha as well, and the government had written to the Central Government in this regard. Recently, I had written to Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to ensure there's no reduction in import duty on US apple," he added.

The MLA said that Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur had also written to the Commerce Minister about the growers' concerns and interests while negotiating tariff on apple with the US.

Meanwhile, Chauhan said that the Sanyukt Kisan Manch had submitted a memorandum to the President and the Prime Minister through the Governor for a hike in import duty on apple about two months ago. "Besides, the apple growers from Kashmir have also written to the Central Government several times for an increase in import duty," he claimed.

Lokinder Bisht, president of the Progressive Growers Association, also expressed surprise at the Union Minister's reply. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had promised to raise the import duty on apple when he came here to campaign in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. To say that there's no proposal to raise import duty on apple is absurd," he added.

Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Jitin Prasada said that the current import duty on apple was 50 per cent and the minimum import price (MIP) was Rs 50 per kg.

TEAM INDIA BREAK SILENCE ON GAUTAM GAMBHIR'S SPAT WITH OVAL PITCH CURATOR: "NEVER SEEN..."

Diary Times Desk : India head coach Gautam Gambhir was on Tuesday involved in a heated exchange of words with the Oval's chief curator Lee Fortis and was heard telling him "you don't tell us what we need to do" while pointing fingers at the groundstaff. The Oval will host the fifth and final Test between India and England from Thursday, and the Indian team has hit the ground running two days after staging a remarkable comeback to draw the fourth match in Manchester. India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak said the altercation took place after the visitors were asked to stand "2.5 metres from the wicket". However, he said the Indian team will not be filing any complaint.



LATHAM TO MISS 1ST TEST AGAINST ZIMBABWE DUE TO SHOULDER INJURY

Diary Times Desk : New Zealand Test captain Tom Latham has been ruled out of the first Test against Zimbabwe with a shoulder injury. White-ball skipper Mitchell Santner will lead the team in Latham's absence, becoming New Zealand's 32nd men's Test captain.

Latham suffered the injury while fielding during a T20 match for Birmingham earlier in the month and has not recovered sufficiently in time to make it to the XI for the Test that starts on Wednesday (July 30). He will though remain with the squad in the hope to regain full match fitness ahead of the second Test starting August 7.

"It's hugely disappointing for Tom to be missing the first Test, as captain but also as an integral part of the team," said head coach Rob Walter. "It's never great when you lose your captain, who's a world-class opening batter and a great team man, but that said we're going to work really hard to have him available for the second Test. We'll continue to assess and see whether a replacement player is necessary, but at this stage we are hopeful that he'll recover in time."

Santner takes over fresh off the success in the preceding T20I tri-series, beating South Africa by three runs in a closely-fought final to stay unbeaten on this tour.

SECURITY MANAGER CHARGED FOR STEALING IPL JERSEYS WORTH RS 6.5 LAKH FROM WANKHEDE STADIUM

Diary Times Desk : A security manager has been booked for allegedly stealing 261 Indian Premier League (IPL) player jerseys worth Rs 6.52 lakh from the BCCI's official merchandise store at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai Police said on Monday.

The FIR has been registered under Section 306 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. The Mumbai police claim that the theft took place on June 13, while the complaint was officially registered on July 17.

According to the police, the complainant, Hemang Bharat Kumar Amin (44), is a BCCI employee and lives in Mahim. Amin works at the BCCI office located at the Wankhede Stadium. He has alleged that Farooq Aslam Khan (46), a security manager and resident of Gaurav Excellency, Mira Road East, entered the BCCI's official merchandise store without permission and stole jerseys of players of various IPL teams, including Delhi Capitals (DC), Mumbai Indians (MI), Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), Punjab Kings (PBKS), Gujarat Titans (GT), Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), Rajasthan Royals (RR) and Chennai Super Kings (CSK).

The estimated cost of the total 261 jerseys stolen is Rs 6,52,500, claims Mumbai Police.

SHUBMAN GILL, GAUTAM GAMBHIR STILL UNDECIDED ON JASPRIT BUMRAH, JUST 2 DAYS AHEAD OF 5TH TEST: "NO DISCUSSION..."

Diary Times Desk : Indian batting coach Sitanshu Kotak said on Tuesday that World No. 1 seamer Jasprit Bumrah is "fit" but no discussion on his playing in the fifth Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy against England starting from July 31 at the Oval. While speaking at the press conference, Kotak said, "No discussion on Jasprit Bumrah playing. Bumrah is fit now. According to his load, he has bowled one inning in the last match. So, obviously head coach, our physio and captain, will have a discussion and decide."

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

During the announcement of India's squad for the Test tour of England, chief selector Ajit Agarkar confirmed that Bumrah was advised not to play consecutive Tests as part of his workload management. The precaution around Bumrah's usage stems from a stress reaction in his back during the fifth Test against Australia in Sydney in January.

RUTHLESS AUSTRALIA COMPLETE ANOTHER CLEANSWEEP

Diary Times Desk : Australia rounded off their Caribbean tour with yet another victory after clinching the final T20I in St Kitts. Having already blanked the West Indies 3-0 in the Tests, Australia continued their domination in the T20Is as well, culminating in a 5-0 whitewash after their middle order trio of Cameron Green, Mitchell Owen and Tim David delivered again in a run chase of 171. For his remarkable consistency throughout these five games, Green was named the player of the series.

Australia had the perfect start in the powerplay after opting to bowl first. Ben Dwarshuis, returning to the XI, made quite an impact by removing both the openers. Keacy Carty then mistimed one to depart for a scratchy 8-ball 1 as the hosts struggled initially. If not for Sherfane Rutherford's boundary-laden start to his innings, West Indies's powerplay would have been a total disaster.

Even after the powerplay got over, Rutherford looked in sizzling touch as he welcomed Nathan Ellis to the crease with a couple of boundaries. But against the run of play, he got castled by a quicker delivery from Glenn Maxwell to fall for 35. From thereon, Shimron Hetmyer took charge with a flurry of boundaries but Australia kept chipping away at the other end.

INDIA TO HAND DEBUT TO 26-YEAR-OLD STAR IN OVAL TEST AGAINST ENGLAND: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh is set to make his debut in the fifth and final Test against England at The Oval, starting July 31. The 26-year-old bowled at full tilt during India's optional training session on Tuesday, having recovered from an hand injury which had ruled him out of the Manchester Test last week. According to a report in the Times of India (TOI), Arshdeep was in the management's plan for the last two Tests, but his injury, which required stitches, ruled him out of the game.

"It is understood that the management had him in the plans for the last two Tests, but his injury made him unavailable in Manchester. With Arshdeep very likely to get into the XI, India's bowling combination is set to be rejigged once again," the report said. The report added that Akash Deep, one of the heroes of India's famous win at Edgbaston, is also likely to return to the playing XI. "Mohammed Siraj and Akash Deep are likely to be the other two seamers, and a late call could be taken, if needed, on Jasprit Bumrah."

