

UTTARKASHI FLASH FLOOD

9 ARMY PERSONNEL MISSING IN UTTARKASHI DISTRICT FLASH FLOOD

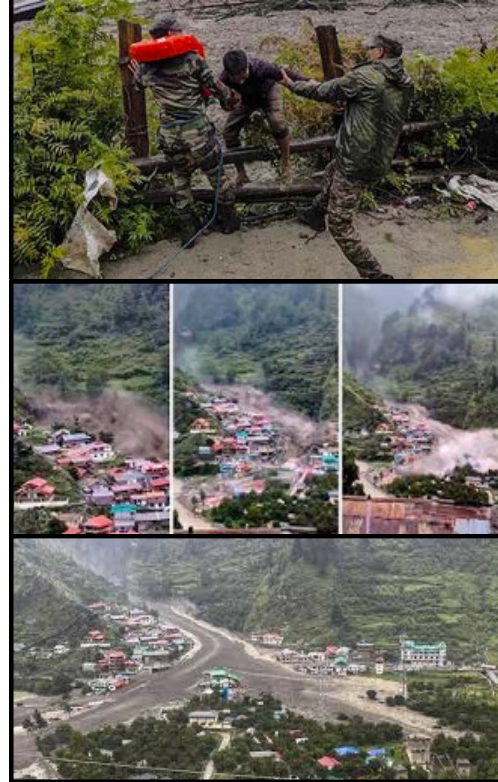
Diary Times Desk : Nine Indian Army personnel are still missing in the devastating flash flood in the Kheer Ganga river that led to large-scale destruction in Dharali village, 4 kilometres from Harsil on the Gangotri highway and also struck the army camp in the area, said officials.

Lt Col Manish Shrivastava PRO (Defence) Dehradun said two army personnel who were missing after the flash flood have been traced and rescued. "Despite being cut off and unit base adversely affected and 9 personnel feared missing, the team continues to operate with unwavering determination," he said.

He said Col Harshvardhan, commanding officer of 14th Battalion Rajputana Rifles, was personally leading 150 personnel in critical rescue and relief operations in the wake of the devastating mudslide at Kheer Gad, Dharali.

"Torrential rain and collapsed connectivity hasn't deterred their resolve to safeguard every civilian. Their grit under extreme adversity reflects the true spirit of the Indian Army, resilient, selfless and always ready to serve the Nation. In the meantime, additional columns are being moved to be pressed into rescue operations", he added.

Earlier in the evening, Brigadier Mandeep Dhillon, Brigade Commander, IBEX Brigade said "Rescue operations are underway. We reached the site within ten minutes as our unit in Harsil Camp is nearby. Those who are injured are receiving treatment. Unfortunately, the mudslide and cloud burst also struck the Indian Army camp and portions of our rescue columns.



TARIFF THREAT

'INDIA FUELLING WAR MACHINE': TRUMP'S 24-HOUR 'SUBSTANTIAL' TARIFF THREAT



Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said that he would increase the tariffs charged on Indian imports "very substantially" over the next 24 hours because of India's continued purchases of Russian oil.

"India has not been a good trading partner, because they do a lot of business with us, but we don't do business with them. So we settled on 25 percent but I think I'm going to raise that very substantially over the next 24 hours, because they're buying Russian oil," he told CNBC in a televised interview.

This comes a day after Trump said that he would "substantially" raise US tariffs on India and had accused the South-Asian country of buying oil from Russia and selling it for profits.

As a response to that India had criticised the United States and European Union for singling out Indian refiners over their exports of crude.

The foreign ministry said that while India's imports are "a necessity compelled by the global market situation", the nations criticising it are themselves "indulging in trade with Russia" even when "such trade is not even a vital compulsion".

"Europe-Russia trade includes not just energy, but also fertilisers, mining products, chemicals, iron and steel and machinery and transport equipment," read an official statement.

India had said in a statement that it would take all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests and economic security.

The foreign ministry said the EU conducted 67.5 billion euros (\$78.02 billion) in trade with Russia in 2024, including record imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) reaching 16.5 million metric tons.

DEATHS, DESTRUCTION AND HORRIFIC VISUALS: UTTARKASHI
CLOUDBURST

Diary Times Desk : At least four people were killed and several remain missing due to the flash floods triggered by a massive cloudburst in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi on Tuesday.

Following the massive cloudburst, rescue teams by the Army, ITBP, SDRF and NDRF were deployed in the region. However, during these operations, 11 Army soldiers have also been reported missing.

As the search and rescue operations continue, the India Meteorological Department has also issued a red alert over Uttarakhand, with more rainfall expected in the state.

- 100 people, including Army soldiers, missing - As per Union MoS Defence Sanjay Seth, around 100 people are missing, of which some are Army soldiers involved in the search and rescue operations.



INDIAN ARMY SAYS NO VIOLATION OF
CEASEFIRE AFTER REPORTS OF
PAKISTANI FIRING



Diary Times Desk : The Indian army on Tuesday said there had been no violation of ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) that separates Indian-controlled and Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, after some Indian media reported that Islamabad had violated the truce by opening fire.

"There have been some media and social media reports regarding ceasefire violation in Poonch region. It is clarified that there has been NO ceasefire violation along the Line of Control," the army said.

WAKE UP FROM SLUMBER, ADDRESS STAFF DEMANDS: BJP TO CM
SIDDARAMAIAH ON RTC STRIKE

Diary Times Desk : Coming down heavily on the Congress-led government in Karnataka amid the indefinite strike by RTC staffers across the state, which has severely affected commuters, the BJP appealed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to "wake up from his slumber" and immediately address the crisis.

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka, speaking to the media in Bengaluru on Tuesday, said, "We have extended our support to the just demands of the RTC staffers. State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra has also voiced support. CM Siddaramaiah must wake up from his slumber and resolve the issue immediately by holding talks with the stakeholders."

"If he is incapable of resolving the matter, he should resign and go. Don't they have any common sense? What has the government been doing for the past week? They are causing hardship to the public, and the people's curse will haunt those in power. This is a pauper government -- its coffers are empty. I urge the government to fulfil the demands of the RTC workers," Ashoka said.

He said that the bus services have come to a halt. "The state government claims to have implemented a free bus travel scheme for women, but now, no one has access to buses. They earlier claimed the state economy was strong and the treasury was overflowing. What is the reality now?" he said.

UTTARKASHI CLOUDBURST: NEVER SEEN SUCH HORRIFIC SCENE
IN LIFE, SAYS 60-YEAR-OLD EYEWITNESS



Diary Times Desk : "Everything is over" -- a victim is heard saying in one of several disturbing videos which surfaced online after a cloudburst led to flash floods on Tuesday in Himalayan village of Dharali in this district leaving behind a trail of destruction.

In a horrific video of the incident, some people were seen running and screaming to save their lives from the floodwaters coming close on their heels and finally swallowing them.

In another, a man is seen trying to walk through the slushy waters but being unable to.

The massive devastation brought back horrific memories of the 2013 deluge in Kedarnath and the Rishiganga disaster of 2021.

Like the floods in Kedarnath which silenced a place bustling with pilgrims and Rishiganga where a normal day at work turned into a fatal disaster for hundreds of workers of a hydel project, the raging waters of the Kheer Ganga river following the cloudburst swept away big hotels and houses in Dharali burying the lively place en route to Gangotri under a mound of debris.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
06-08-2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HIMACHAL HIGH COURT CANCELS LAW REGULARIZING ENCROACHMENT ON GOVERNMENT LAND AFTER 23 YEARS

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh High Court has canceled the law regularizing encroachment on government land after 23 years, declaring it arbitrary and unconstitutional. The court has rejected Section 163-A of the Himachal Land Revenue Act and the rules made under it with immediate effect. This section gave the state government the right to make rules to regularize encroachment on government land.

The court has directed the Advocate General to send a copy of the decision to the Chief Secretary and other concerned officials for immediate compliance. Also, instructions have been given to take action as per law against those revenue officers under whose supervision the encroachment has taken place. Under the Supreme Court petition of Tikendra Singh Panwar, apple laden trees will not be cut. The court has directed the government to complete the process of removing encroachment from all government lands by 28 February 2026.

A division bench of Justice Vivek Singh Thakur and Vipin Chandra Negi has given this decision in the case of Poonam Gupta and others vs Himachal Pradesh, in which the constitutional validity of Section 163-A was challenged. According to government data, there are about 57,549 encroachment cases in the state, which cover about 1,23,835 bighas of government land. Apart from this, the number of applications received for regularization was 1,67,339 till August 15, 2002. The court clarified that if any land is acquired for a public purpose and the former owner has occupied it again, then he will not be able to claim adverse possession and he will have to pay the cost of removing the encroachment as well as the fee for the use of the land.

FIRST ROBOTIC SURGERY IN HIMACHAL ON 7TH AUGUST, WILL TAKE THREE HOURS INSTEAD OF EIGHT

Diary Times Desk : A new chapter is going to be added in the health sector of Himachal Pradesh on 7th August. The first robotic surgery in the state will be done at Atal Super Specialty Medical Institute Chamiyana. The Urology Department will operate prostate stone through the state-of-the-art 'Da Vinci' robotic system. The command of this operation will be taken by the head of the department Dr. Pamposh Raina and Dr. Anant Kumar. The patient has been admitted to the hospital on Monday evening. According to the doctors, this technique will not only reduce the operation time, but patients will get benefits like less pain, less bleeding, less infection and quick recovery.

Usually the operations which take up to eight hours, can now be done in just three hours. The duration of stay in the hospital after the operation will also be reduced considerably.

DECISION ON CONGRESS ORGANIZATION IN HIMACHAL SOON, CABINET MAY ALSO BE EXPANDED

Diary Times Desk : A tourist from Maharashtra who went to visit Chandratul in Lahaul has died. His health deteriorated due to breathing problems. Death is suspected to be due to high altitude sickness. The deceased has been identified as Akash Nana Saheb Dhadge (24) son of Kaluram Dhadge, village Sarove, tehsil Bhore, district Pune, Maharashtra. Rohan Manhas, resident of village and post office Bhahwal Manjhi, tehsil Mukerian, district Hoshiarpur, Punjab, in a statement to the police said that he is an employee of a travel company and had come to Manali with a group of 18 people. All were provided bikes on rent from Manali and he himself went to Chandratul in a Bolero with other employees. Akash's health deteriorated in the camp on the morning of August 2, he was having difficulty in breathing.

HEAVY RAINS AGAIN CAUSE HAVOC IN THE STATE, CLOUDBURST IN GOHAR DESTROYS MANY HOUSES, 446 ROADS CLOSED

Diary Times Desk : Continuous rains amid orange alert in many parts of Himachal Pradesh have increased difficulties. Heavy rains have flooded rivers and streams in the state and landslides have occurred at many places. Cloudburst in Gohar subdivision of Mandi district on Sunday night has caused havoc. Two houses in Lot village collapsed completely while many others have suffered partial damage. After the accident, people spent the whole night outside their homes in panic. The administration has shifted the affected to safer places and started relief and rescue operations. A tree fell on Reenu Devi, wife of Kashmir Singh, in Jahal village near this area. The woman was seriously injured. There was great difficulty in taking the injured to the hospital due to the road to the village being blocked.

HIGH COURT SUMMONS RESPONSE ON TWO HANDBALL PLAYERS FROM PUNJAB-HARYANA PLAYING FROM HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : The matter of making two women players from Punjab and Haryana play with Himachal Pradesh's handball team in the 38th National Games has reached the High Court. A petition has been filed in the court on behalf of the national handball women players of Himachal. During the hearing on Monday, the court of Judge Ajay Mohan has issued a handwritten notice to the state government, Indian Olympic Association, State Olympic Association, State Handball Association and handball coach in the case and directed them to file a reply. The case will be heard on August 18. On this day, the interim prayer of the petitioners will be considered. The court gave this order in the case of Poonam Kumari and others vs Himachal Pradesh. Allegations have been made in the petition that when the selection process of players was being done in the state for the National Games, at that time players from other states were selected in the Himachal handball team instead of the state. When the players came to know about this, they filed objections to it before the committee, but the committee did not take any action on it. It has been stated in the petition that two conditions were fixed for appointment in the team.

ROADS CLOSED AND POWER CUT IN MANY PLACES IN HIMACHAL, RAIN WREAKS HAVOC IN SERAJ-JYUNI VALLEY, THREAT OF FLOOD AND LANDSLIDE

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain has once again wreaked havoc in Seraj of Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. Due to continuous rain, the water level of rivers and streams has increased and there is a threat of flood and landslide.

Bungrailchowk, Sangalbara, Dhim Kataru, Lambathach, Chiuni, Thunag, Pakhrir, Murhag, Shikawari, Lehthach, Kandha-Bagsyad, Sharan, Bahlidhar, Shilhibagi, Bagachanogi, Bhatkidhar, Kalhani, Khablech, Jainshala, Bassi, Kuklah and Bakhli Panchayats are the most affected.

Debris entered unsafe houses in Boongrailchowk and Thunag market, putting the lives of thousands of people in danger.

Roads closed, power outage, Janjheli cut off
Continuous rain has closed all the roads of Seraj. The month-long hard work of the PWD has gone waste as the temporary culverts built in Bakhli Khad were washed away. The tourist town of Janjheli is completely cut off from the rest of the world. The entire Seraj is immersed in darkness due to the power supply being disrupted. Trouble in Juuni Valley too
On the other hand, torrential rain has also wreaked havoc in Juuni Valley of Gohar subdivision. Due to heavy rains in Devidahar, Jahal, Jachch, Karnala, Tunna and Shala, the water level of Juuni Khad is continuously increasing. People have come out of their houses in fear. Residents of Gohar, Syanj, Nandi and Pandoh have been advised to take extra precautions. Especially the people living on the banks of Juuni Khad have been asked to immediately move to safer places.



SATYAPAL MALIK, J&K GOVERNOR DURING PULWAMA ATTACK, ARTICLE 370 SHIFT, DIES



Diary Times Desk : Satyapal Malik, former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and several other states and a veteran politician, has died. He was 79. Mr Malik had been suffering from kidney-related ailments and was under treatment at Delhi's Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

A Jat leader from Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat, Mr Malik started his political journey as a student leader and was elected MLA of Chaudhary Charan Singh's Bharatiya Kranti Dal in 1974. He served as a Rajya Sabha MP and later as Janata Dal's Lok Sabha MP from Aligarh. In the coming years, he switched to the Congress, then to the Lok Dal and then to Samajwadi Party.

Mr Malik was appointed the Governor of Bihar in 2017 and later given additional charge of Odisha. In August 2018, he was named the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, then a state. Mr Malik was the Governor when the Centre revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status in 2019 and bifurcated it into two Union Territories. He was also the Governor when the Pulwama terror attack claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel. Following his Jammu and Kashmir stint, Mr Malik served as Governor of Goa and Meghalaya.

"SHOT ITSELF IN FOOT": PM MODI'S JIBE AT OPPOSITION OVER OP SINDOOR DEBATE

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday told an NDA parliamentary party meeting that the Opposition made a "mistake" by asking for a Parliament discussion on Operation Sindoor, which was launched to target terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), sources told NDTV.

He said the Opposition got "thrashed badly" and "shot itself in the foot" during the debate in Parliament's Monsoon session last week, sources said. He also said the Opposition was insistent on "self-harm".

This was the second such meeting of the BJP-led alliance during Parliament's sessions since the government was formed in June last year.

INDIA, PHILIPPINES FOCUS ON TRADE, SECURITY, ELEVATE TIES TO STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Diary Times Desk : India and the Philippines focused on enhancing cooperation in trade, defence and connectivity as they elevated their relations to a strategic partnership on Tuesday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ferdinand Marcos Jr pledging to work together to uphold a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific region. Marcos, who is in India with a delegation that includes 14 cabinet ministers, met PM Modi for wide-ranging talks that encompassed defence and security, trade and investment, healthcare, digital transformation, space and connectivity, even as warships from India and the Philippines conducted a joint exercise in the South China Sea.

The two sides concluded a five-year plan of action to take forward the strategic partnership, and finalised 14 agreements, including three pacts to enhance dialogue between their armed forces, a treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and an MoU for cooperation in digital technologies.

"I'm happy to share that we have decided to upgrade our ties to a strategic partnership. We have also prepared a detailed action plan to turn this partnership's potential into outcomes," Modi said at a joint media interaction with Marcos, speaking in Hindi.

Marcos noted the launch of the strategic partnership is a "momentous decision" since India is only the fifth strategic partner for the Philippines.

KARNATAKA HIGH COURT WARNS OF CONTEMPT ACTION IF KSRTC STRIKE CONTINUES

Diary Times Desk : The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday warned that it may initiate contempt of court action against relevant union officer bearers if employees of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) continue their transport bus strike [Sri Sunil J and ors v. State of Karnataka and ors].

The Court had yesterday ordered a stay on the KSRTC strike. However, KSRTC workers reportedly went ahead with their strike, bringing transport bus services in the State to a halt.

A Bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakru and Justice CM Joshi today took a dim view of this turn of events, particularly since the State has issued a notification under the Karnataka Essential Services Maintenance Act, 2013 (KESMA), declaring the strike illegal.

"As of now, this strike is illegal ... Make no issue, we are going to issue contempt against office bearers. It's not just the Court, it is the law of the land. Police have the power to arrest (under the KESMA), we will direct the arrest of office bearers... Public can't be inconvenienced in this manner.

'JUDGE HAS NO BUSINESS QUESTIONING RAHUL'S INDIANNESS': HOW CONGRESS DEFENDED GANDHI ON SC RAP

Diary Times Desk : Congress leaders from across the country have raised objections to the Supreme Court's comments on Rahul Gandhi over his comments on the Indian Army and the Chinese incursions.

Member parties of the INDIA bloc "agreed that the sitting judge has made an extraordinary observation which is unwarranted on the democratic rights of political parties", Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete posted on X on Tuesday morning.

This came just as Priyanka Gandhi, Congress MP and Rahul's sister, remarked that judged cannot decide who a true Indian is. This was in reference to the SC bench's comment that "a true India would never say this", while hearing a defamation case against Rahul Gandhi.

The SC did stay the proceedings at the trial court stage, and agreed to hear some points raised by Rahul Gandhi's lawyer.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY NOTIFICATION, JUNKS EXEMPTION CLAUSE FOR BIG PROJECTS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the January 29 notification of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, but struck down the contentious clause exempting certain large building and construction projects from prior environmental clearance.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran held projects with a built-up area above 20,000 square meter, whether industrial, educational, or otherwise, cannot be exempted from the environment impact assessment (EIA) 2006 regime.

The court clarified that the notification would also apply to Kerala.

Dictating the order, the CJI said, "It has been consistently held that natural resources are to be held in trust for the next generation. At the same time, courts have always taken note of development activities and the country cannot progress without it."

HEAVY RAINS IN HYDERABAD: PUBLIC ADVISED TO AVOID TRAVEL TELANGANA



Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall across Hyderabad led to severe waterlogging in several parts of the city, prompting authorities to advise residents to avoid travel unless absolutely necessary over the next two hours. The Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre issued a public advisory urging people to stay indoors and remain safe as emergency teams closely monitor the situation. "Due to heavy rainfall and severe waterlogging across Hyderabad city, commuters are advised to avoid travel unless absolutely necessary for the next two hours," the advisory stated.

**PAKISTAN POLICE ARRESTS OVER 200
PROTESTORS DEMANDING EX-PM
IMRAN KHAN'S RELEASE**

Diary Times Desk : Police arrested more than 200 supporters of former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday as they tried to hold rallies in cities throughout Pakistan to mark the second anniversary of Khan's arrest, a party spokesman and officials said.

The detainees included Rehana Dar, 73, a politician from Khan's party known for her fiery speeches against the government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. She was seen being thrown into a police truck in the northeastern city of Lahore.

Zulfiqar Bukhari, a spokesman for Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, or PTI, said police used batons and fired tear gas to disperse demonstrators in Lahore and the southern provincial capital of Karachi.

He said their party had planned peaceful rallies to denounce Khan's incarceration and demand justice for him. But the government responded by imposing a ban on gatherings in the capital, Islamabad, and Rawalpindi, where Khan is imprisoned following convictions in multiple cases against him that supporters say were politically motivated.

**WITH 1971 NEWSPAPER POST, INDIAN
ARMY'S DIG AT US OVER SUPPORT TO
PAKISTAN**

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Army on Tuesday took a dig at the United States by sharing an old newspaper clip from 1971 showing how the country has supported Pakistan for decades. The post comes a day after President Donald Trump threatened India over its purchase of Russian oil, saying he will substantially raise tariffs on goods from India. The clip, shared by the Eastern Command of the Indian Army, dated back to August 5, 1971. It showed how the US was supplying arms to Pakistan for decades in the buildup for the 1971 war. "This day, that year build up of war - August 5, 1971," the army captioned the post. The newspaper clip mentioned the then Defence Production Minister VC Shukla telling the Rajya Sabha about how the NATO powers and the Soviet Union had been contacted over the arms supply to Pakistan in the backdrop of Islamabad's armed aggression in Bangladesh. While the Soviet Union and the French government had denied supplying arms to Pakistan, the US continued its support, the report mentioned.

**NETANYAHU TO PROPOSE FULL REOCCUPATION OF GAZA, ISRAELI MEDIA
REPORT**

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to propose fully reoccupying the Gaza Strip when he meets his security cabinet, Israeli media say.

"The die has been cast. We're going for the full conquest of the Gaza Strip - and defeating Hamas," local journalists quote a senior official as saying.

Responding to reports that the army chief and other military leaders oppose the plan, the unnamed official said: "If that doesn't work for the chief of staff, he should resign."

The families of hostages fear such plans could endanger their loved ones, with 20 out of 50 believed to be alive in Gaza, while polls suggest three in four Israelis instead favour a ceasefire deal to return them.

Many of Israel's close allies would also condemn such a move as they push for an end to the war and action to alleviate a humanitarian crisis.

Within Israel, hundreds of retired Israeli security officials, including former heads of intelligence agencies, issued a joint letter to US President Donald Trump on Monday, calling for him to pressure Netanyahu to end the war.

**'WANT TO CELEBRATE IT LIKE EID': YUNUS
AFTER ANNOUNCING ELECTIONS IN
FEBRUARY**

Diary Times Desk : A year after former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was toppled from power and left the country, Bangladesh has announced national elections.

Professor Muhammad Yunus, the Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh has said elections will be concluded before Ramazan next year.

"Now it is the time to fulfill our last responsibility. The festival of elections. On this great day, after I make this statement before you, we will enter our final and most important phase. We will start the process of handing over power to an elected government. On behalf of the Interim Government, I will send a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner stating that the Election Commission in the month of February 2026, before the next Ramazan, arrange for the National Election," Muhammad Yunus said.

**RUSSIA'S MEDVEDEV: FROM FAILED
KREMLIN REFORMER TO TRUMP'S
BOOGEYMAN**

Diary Times Desk : Dmitry Medvedev, Russia's former president and prime minister, is back in the limelight.

Last week, United States President Donald Trump warned him to "watch his words" and ordered a repositioning of two US nuclear submarines in response to Medvedev's online threats.

The repositioning closer to Russia followed "highly provocative statements" from Medvedev, who serves as deputy head of Russia's Security Council, Trump wrote on his Truth Social network on August 1.

"I have ordered two Nuclear Submarines to be positioned in the appropriate regions, just in case these foolish and inflammatory statements are more than just that," Trump wrote, without specifying the regions or the submarines' class.

Medvedev, who, despite his title, has no power to order nuclear strikes, retorted with a gloating remark.

"If some words of Russia's former president cause such a nervous response from the oh-so-scary US president, it means that Russia is right about everything and will keep going its own way," Medvedev wrote on Telegram.

**COUNTRIES GATHER TO THRASH
OUT DEAL ON 'PLASTIC CRISIS'**

Diary Times Desk : Plastic production has exploded in the last century - to some it has been a miracle product while to others it is a pollution nightmare.

Scientists have estimated that there are nearly 200 trillion pieces floating in the world's oceans, and this could triple if no action is taken.

In 2022, countries agreed to develop a legally binding global treaty to cut the waste and the harmful chemicals some plastics contain - but after two years no agreement has been reached.

On Tuesday, the world's nations meet again at a UN conference in Geneva - could they finally agree how to curb the plastic excesses?

Why is plastic such a valuable product?

Human societies have used plastics that occur naturally in the environment for hundreds of years, in the form of rubber, horn and shellac. But the 20th Century brought the explosion of synthetic plastics, made from processing fossil fuels.

**RUSSIAN NUCLEAR
SUBMARINE BASE DAMAGED
IN LAST WEEK EARTHQUAKE:
REPORT**

Diary Times Desk : A nuclear submarine base in Russia's remote Far East region was damaged last week following one of the most powerful earthquakes to hit the area in decades, the New York Times reported on Monday, citing satellite images.

Photos captured by Planet Labs, a commercial satellite imaging firm, show damage to a floating pier at the Rybachiy submarine base on the Kamchatka Peninsula, the newspaper reported.

One section of the pier appears to have broken away from its anchor point. Aside from the damaged pier, the satellite imagery does not show any other major destruction.

Reuters could not independently verify the report. There was no immediate response from Russia's defence ministry outside business hours to a Reuters request for comment.

15 GET BURNS AS FIRE BREAKS OUT AT TEMPLE IN PUNJAB'S BARNALA

Diary Times Desk : Fifteen people suffered burns in a fire that broke out at the Hanuman Mandir, Barnewala, at Dhanaula town in Barnala district on Tuesday evening.

The fire broke out in the cooking hall of the temple where 'langar' was being prepared. Barnala DSP Satvir Singh said the fire broke out as the cook was putting fuel in the stove. He said all injured were taken to Dhanaula hospital, where six of them were referred to Government Medical College, Faridkot.

The fire brigade from Barnala and a police team from Dhanaula reached the spot and controlled the fire.



DRUG ABUSE ON THE WANE DUE TO GOVT DRIVE, CLAIMS PUNJAB CM BHAGWANT MANN



Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday claimed that the drug problem had substantially declined in the state following his government's crackdown against it. The AAP government had launched the statewide anti-drug campaign, "Yudh Nashian Virudh", on March 1, with a three-month deadline to end the menace. The campaign was later extended after the May 31 deadline expired. Addressing a programme here, Mann admitted that though the problem had not been completely wiped out, it "significantly reduced through collective efforts of the state government and residents". Mann also honoured zone coordinators of the Nashi Mukti Yatra and members of village defence committees, which have been restructured to lead the campaign at the ground level.

The CM also alleged that the menace had increased during the previous governments. He said after AAP assumed power in 2022, it launched a battle against drugs. Referring to the arrest of SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia in a disproportionate assets case, Mann said that Congress and BJP spoke in favour of him. Apart from amassing wealth beyond his known sources of income, Majithia has been accused of laundering Rs 540 crore of drug money.

AMRITSAR TEMPLE GRENADE ATTACK: NIA SEARCHES 19 LOCATIONS IN BORDER DISTRICTS OF PUNJAB



Diary Times Desk : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at 19 locations across Punjab in connection with the terror grenade attack on a temple in Amritsar in March this year.

The NIA teams seized several incriminating materials, including mobiles/digital devices, during the searches carried out in the border districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Batala. On the night of March 14, terrorists, backed by foreign-based handlers, had hurled a grenade at Thakur Dwara Sanatan Temple, Sher Shah Road, Amritsar. The incident was one of the many recent grenade attacks carried out by operatives of different terror groups in Punjab, on the directions of their handlers based abroad.

During investigation in the case, NIA found that the attack was carried out by accused Gursidak Singh (now deceased) and Vishal Gill. Gursidak Singh was in contact with foreign-based handlers, who recruited India-based individuals and conspired to spread terror among the people by providing grenades/explosives and funds.

The handlers radicalised vulnerable youth and induced them to unleash terror in lieu of money and drugs. Gursidak Singh and Vishal Gill were involved in multiple instances of picking and dropping of grenades and weapons as per the NIA investigations, which are ongoing.

TWO YOUTHS FROM UP KILLED IN HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT ON NANGAL ANANDPUR SAHIB ROAD

Diary Times Desk : In an accident late Monday night, two youths from Uttar Pradesh lost their lives in a hit-and-run accident near Bhanupli village on the Nangal Anandpur Sahib highway.

The deceased have been identified as Rohtash and Muslin, both residents of Uttar Pradesh. According to police sources, the duo was returning from Himachal Pradesh to Uttar Pradesh on a motorcycle when a speeding Swift Dzire car rammed into them near Jindwari village. Both victims died on the spot. They were rushed to the Civil Hospital in Anandpur Sahib, where doctors declared them dead.

SSP Ropar, Gulneet Singh Khuranna, when contacted said that CCTV footage from the area helped identify the vehicle involved. The car driver fled the scene after the accident. Efforts are on to apprehend the accused, he said. Based on the preliminary investigation, the Anandpur Sahib Police Station has registered a case under Sections 281, 106(1), and 324(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against the accused driver.

32 YEARS ON, FAMILIES OF 1993 TARN TARAN FAKE ENCOUNTER VICTIMS SEE JUSTICE

Diary Times Desk : Nishan Singh was born two months after his father was among the seven police officials killed in a fake encounter in 1993. Now aged 32, he recalls how his mother endured years of hardship in a legal battle that took three decades to deliver justice.

Nishan recalls how his mother, Narinder Kaur, washed dishes and worked as a farm labourer to raise him after his father, Special Police Officer (SPO) Shinder Singh, was killed in Tarn Taran district. The family is now satisfied with the verdict of a CBI court in Mohali which sentenced five former police officials to rigorous life imprisonment in the 1993 fake encounter of seven persons of Tarn Taran district on Monday.

The court of CBI special judge Baljinder Singh Sra had found them guilty of criminal conspiracy, murder and destruction of evidence under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code on August 1.

NH-5 BLOCKED IN KINNAUR FOLLOWING CLOUDBURST; HEAVY RAIN UPROOTS TREE IN SHIMLA'S JAKHU

Diary Times Desk : National Highway-5 has been blocked in Kinnaur district due to a flash flood triggered by a cloudburst near Skibba village. The cloudburst occurred in Raldang Khad near the village in Pooh Block of the district, leading to the rise in the water levels in the Khad.

As a result of the flash flood, a large deposition of muck and boulders occurred along at least a 150-metre stretch of road, rendering it impassable for vehicular traffic. Debris and large boulders fell on the road, thus blocking it for vehicular traffic. However, no loss of life has been reported in the incident. The district administration, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and district police officials reached the spot and initiated the road clearance process.

RAINS CAUSE HAVOC IN HIMACHAL'S MANDI; LANDSLIDES, FLOODING BLOCK KEY HIGHWAYS, ROADS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall since last evening has triggered widespread landslides and flooding across Mandi district in Himachal Pradesh, causing severe disruption to road connectivity and daily life.

The Kiratpur-Manali National Highway (NH-3), a key arterial route between Mandi and Kullu, is currently blocked at multiple locations due to landslides and continuous shooting stones. The alternate route via Kataula-Kamand has also been rendered inaccessible due to similar conditions.

Authorities have launched extensive restoration efforts, but persistent rainfall and unstable terrain are hampering progress. Travellers are being urged to strictly follow the instructions issued by local authorities and on-ground personnel. The situation has been exacerbated by additional road blockages across the district. The Mandi-Dharampur highway via Kotli is blocked near Kainchi Mod, while the Mandi-Jogindernagar highway is also impassable close to Mandi.

LANDSLIDE BLOCKS PATHANKOT-MANDI NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Diary Times Desk : A massive landslide near Bhali between Shahpur and Kotla blocked the Pathankot-Mandi National Highway (four-lane) on Tuesday night, disrupting vehicular movement between Pathankot, Kangra, Chamba and Dharamsala. The district administration has made traffic diversions to ensure safety and convenience of the commuters. The landslide has resulted in long traffic jams on both sides of the highway. The vehicles travelling from Kangra to Pathankot are being diverted from Sanora Chowk towards 32 Mile area. The vehicles from Chamba heading towards Pathankot are being diverted via Dramman-Sanora Chowk-Lanj-32 Mile areas. For vehicles coming from Pathankot towards Kangra and Dharamsala, two separate diversion routes were in place -- some were being sent via 32 Mile-Ranital and others via 32 Mile-Lanj-Sanora areas. NHAI officials are on the job to clear the debris but due to the large volume of debris, it is taking time. Travellers have been advised to take the alternative routes. Kangra Deputy Commissioner Hem Raj Bairwa urged the public to avoid travel on the affected route.



148 ROADS BLOCKED IN MANDI, FARMERS STARE AT HUGE LOSSES

Diary Times Desk : Farmers in Mandi are facing hardships in transporting their produce to markets, as 148 roads are still blocked in the district following the devastating cloudburst on June 30. As the apple and tomato harvests are nearing the peak season, farmers fear that delay in the restoration of road connectivity can lead to heavy losses.

In the worst-affected Seraj region, 74 rural roads are blocked, cutting off several villages from the main road network. Farmers and orchardists are scrambling to find alternative routes to save their perishable produce. Jaiwanti, a resident of Surah Panchayat in the Seraj constituency, expressed deep concern over the fate of her tomato crop. "Tomatoes are ready for harvest, but with no road to transport the produce, they may rot in the field," she says. Her worries are echoed by other residents of the area. Bhag Singh of Cheuni panchayat says that the apple season is just a few days away. "Without road connectivity, it will be nearly impossible to take the apple produce to market in time. This is our only source of income," he adds.

DHARAMSALA, MCLEODGANJ PLUNGE INTO DARKNESS AS ALL 33 KV POWER LINES BREAK DOWN AFTER HEAVY RAIN

Diary Times Desk : The Dharamsala and McLeodganj towns and nearby areas plunged into darkness on Tuesday night as all 33KV power lines feeding these areas broke down after heavy rain.

A spokesman of the district administration claimed that the officials of the electricity board tried to restore power in some areas through an 11 KV feeder located at Daarhi area but the efforts proved futile. At the time of writing this report it was complete darkness in Dharamsala and McLeodganj towns.

A senior official of the electricity board said that amid heavy rain a big tree fell on a 33 KV power line near Daarhi breaking the supply lines. Another 33 KV power line was also damaged near Pingal nullah. These are the major supply lines of Dharamsala and McLeodganj towns. The board official claimed that their men and machinery were on the job to repair the power lines. However, he was not sure how long it will take to restore the power supply.

1965 WAR MAHA VIR CHAKA RECIPIENT'S FAMILY PRESENTS HIS MEDALS TO GARHWAL RIFLES REGIMENT

Diary Times Desk : During a ceremony held at Dharamsala to commemorate the 60th death anniversary of Captain Chander Narain Singh — who was posthumously decorated for gallantry with the Maha Vir Chakra during the India-Pakistan War of 1965 — his family presented his gallantry and other service medals to the Garhwal Rifles Regiment as a tribute to his enduring legacy.

Hailing from Garhwal, Captain Singh belonged to the Second Battalion of the Garhwal Rifles and had fought in the Poonch Sector during the war. It is the same Battalion that was awarded two Victoria Crosses in the First World War. Captain Chander was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra, India's second-highest wartime gallantry award, for his exceptional bravery and leadership, according to his citation. He was attached to Headquarters 120 Infantry Brigade when, on August 5, 1965, reports emerged of over 100 enemy infiltrators in the Brigade's area of responsibility.

Tasked with verifying the threat, he led a patrol to a high-altitude region at 4,000 feet. While flushing the area, his team came under heavy enemy fire and grenade attacks. Despite being outnumbered, undeterred, he chose to launch a night assault, during which his small team neutralised six enemy soldiers and injured several others, forcing the rest to retreat. Even after being hit in the head by enemy fire during a counterattack, he continued to lead his troops and refused evacuation, ultimately laying down his life in the line of duty. Sukhdev Singh, the late officer's brother, handed over the MVC and other service medals to Lieutenant General DS Rana, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command, who is also Colonel of the Garhwal Rifles and Garhwal Scouts. The ceremony was attended by military personnel along with veterans and serving personnel of the Regiment.

BENGALURU STOPS SALARIES AS INDIA’S SUPER LEAGUE TURMOIL DEEPENS

Diary Times Desk : Indian Super League (ISL) side Bengaluru FC have stopped paying the salaries of its first team’s players and staff amid growing uncertainty over the future of the top-flight league.

In a statement, the 2018-19 ISL champions said they had taken the decision “in view of the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Indian Super League season”.

“Running and sustaining a football club in India has always been an uphill climb, one that we have put everything aside and made, season after season,” Bengaluru added.

“However, the lack of clarity on the League’s future leaves us with no choice but to take this step.” The ISL was put on hold after contract renewal talks between the country’s football federation (AIFF) and their commercial partners, Reliance-led Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), stalled.



PARIS OLYMPICS MEDALLIST AMAN SEALS WORLDS BERTH

Diary Times Desk : As India’s freestyle wrestling goes through a period of transition, Aman Sehrawat has single-handedly kept the flag flying. He was the only Indian wrestler to return with a medal from the Paris Olympics. The 22-year-old will again carry the nation’s hopes in the men’s section at the upcoming World Championships in Zagreb in September.

A bronze at the Asian Games (2022) and gold at the 2023 Asian Championships ahead of the Paris performance highlight his consistency at major events.

On Monday, Aman sailed through the selection trials in Lucknow, securing the berth in the 57kg category, defeating Sumit and Rahul by technical superiority.

Another prominent name in the 10-member men’s freestyle team is World Championships and Asian Games medallist Deepak Punia, who will compete in the 92kg class. The promising Sujeet Kalkal won the trials in the 65kg category.

This will be Sehrawat’s maiden appearance at the World Championships but he welcomes the pressure, saying it keeps him motivated.

“The admiration and support I receive give me the energy to perform on the mat, so I’m fine with the pressure.

SHUBMAN GILL RECEIVES STUNNING PRAISE FROM SACHIN TENDULKAR: "IF YOU'RE NOT CLEAR..."

Diary Times Desk : India captain Shubman Gill was extremely consistent with his thought process but more importantly he respected the "good balls" to amass record-breaking 754 runs against England, said Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday. While Gill (754 runs) missed breaking Sunil Gavaskar’s record of most runs for any Indian in a bilateral Test series (774), he did go past the latter’s record of most runs for an India captain in a series (732). Gill now stands second behind Sir Don Bradman (810 runs) in the all-time captains’ chart. "Shubman batted brilliantly throughout the series. He looked calm, composed and organised," Tendulkar said in a series of videos posted on Reddit.

"When it comes to quality batting, you got to have a clear head and a game plan -- how you're going to build your innings -- and he was extremely consistent as far as his thought process was concerned, because it reflects on your footwork."

"If you're not clear in your head, your body doesn't respond accordingly. His body was responding brilliantly. He looked so much in control. He had so much time to play the ball and there was precision to his footwork," he added.

Tendulkar picked Gill’s ability to react to "good balls" as a standout factor.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC WITHDRAWS FROM ATP CINCINNATI MASTERS

Diary Times Desk : Novak Djokovic withdrew on Monday from this week’s start of the ATP Cincinnati Masters, with the pullout coming a year to the day from his Paris Olympic gold medal victory. Tournament officials confirmed the news to The Athletic, meaning the 38-year-old Serb will have played no matches between his Wimbledon semi-final loss to Jannik Sinner and the US Open start in three weeks. World number one Sinner, who like Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz skipped the current ATP Toronto Masters in order to rest and recover from Wimbledon, has been in Cincinnati since the weekend.

Sinner and his team posted a golf course selfie to social media on Monday, one day after an opening practice session at the pre-US Open event.

Djokovic, winner of 24 Grand Slam singles titles, first played Cincinnati in 2005 and won the last of his three titles there in 2023 after losing five previous finals.



ENGLAND WAIT TO LEARN EXTENT OF WOAKES' INJURY



Diary Times Desk : England will discover the extent of Chris Woakes’ shoulder injury later this week after his heroics in the classic fifth Test against India.

Woakes sustained a suspected dislocation on the opening day at The Oval, yet emerged to bat with his left arm in a sling on the final day.

The 36-year-old supported Gus Atkinson as England looked for the 17 runs they needed to win, not facing a ball but running between the wickets on four occasions. England were ultimately beaten by six runs in one of the most dramatic finishes of all time.

All-rounder Woakes will have scans and further assessment on Wednesday.

"We hope the injury is not too bad, but we will have to work that out over the next week or so," said England head coach Brendon McCullum.

AFTER PRESEASON SUCCESS, ARE MAN UNITED READY FOR TOUGHER TESTS?

Diary Times Desk : The narrative around Manchester United’s summer tour of the U.S. has been largely positive. But as Ruben Amorim boarded a flight back to Manchester from Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport late on Sunday night, he did so with the feeling that the whole club -- players, staff and fans -- had been handed a healthy dose of reality.

After comfortable wins over West Ham in New Jersey and Bournemouth in Chicago, the 2-2 draw with Everton at Atlanta Falcons’ Mercedes-Benz Stadium exposed some familiar problems. Bruno Fernandes said afterwards that parts of the performance had been "lazy" and although Amorim didn’t wholeheartedly agree, he didn’t shut down his captain, either.

"I think we struggled today a little bit," said Amorim. "The feeling of not performing like we’re supposed to do, but it was OK. I think it’s the perfect feeling to go back to Carrington. We are going with the feeling that we need to do a lot of things [better]."

Amorim views himself as a natural optimist. However, he’s perfectly placed to understand the size of the challenge in taking United from their worst season in more than 50 years to something resembling a successful campaign.