

PUTIN TO VISIT INDIA

PUTIN TO VISIT INDIA THIS YEAR AS TRUMP TARGETS NATIONS OVER RUSSIAN OIL

Diary Times Desk : Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to visit India soon, National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval said on Thursday. Doval, who is in Moscow, did not specify the dates, but Interfax news agency reported it's likely to take place later this year.

"We have got a special, long relationship, and we value this relationship. We have had high-level engagement, and these high-level engagements have contributed very substantially. We are very excited and delighted to learn about the visit of President Putin to India. I think the dates are almost finalised now," the NSA said.

So far, there has been no official statement from Moscow about the visit. But the tour's announcement comes amid heightened tensions between New Delhi and Washington over India's trade relations with Russia. US President Donald Trump has accused India of aiding Moscow's war on Ukraine by purchasing Russian energy, derailing trade talks between India and the United States.

On Wednesday, Trump signed a new executive order, imposing an additional 25 per cent tariff on imports from India, over New Delhi's continued purchase of Russian oil. The US President has also threatened to hit purchasers of Russian oil with secondary tariffs unless Moscow agrees to pause the war in Ukraine, which is now in its fourth year, by Friday.

India and Russia have shared a long-standing relationship, with bilateral trade and investment ties dating back to the Soviet era.



TRUMP'S TARIFFS

AMID TRUMP'S TARIFFS, NETANYAHU'S "INDIA-US TERRIFIC FRIENDS" REMARK



Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday, gave his support to India amid the latter's ongoing trade tensions with the United States. He said that there is a "basic understanding in Washington DC that India is a solid partner." Netanyahu highlighted India's standing on the global stage and said that it is a country that "stands out in Asia". He went on to describe the relationship between the US and India as "two terrific friends with so much common ground" adding that "a resolution is possible". His comments come as he unveiled his plan to increase military strikes on Gaza to eliminate Hamas.

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced an extra 25 per cent tariff on Indian exports as 'penalty' for New Delhi continuing to import Russian crude oil. Earlier, the US had imposed 25 per cent tariffs on Indian exports on July 20.

Dammu Ravi, Secretary of Economic Relations at the Ministry of External Affairs said, "This is a unilateral decision. I don't think there is any logic or reason in the way it is done."

Responding to the tariffs, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today that India would not compromise on the interests of farmers, fishermen and livestock rearers.

"India will never compromise on the interests of its farmers, livestock rearers, and fishermen brothers and sisters. I know personally that I will have to pay a heavy price for this, but I am prepared for it. India stands firmly with its farmers, and I am ready to face whatever it takes for their welfare," PM Modi said.

SC JUNKS JUSTICE VARMA’S PLEA AGAINST IN-HOUSE
INQUIRY, CJI’S RECOMMENDATION

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed the petition filed by Justice Yashwant Varma challenging the legality and findings of an in-house judicial inquiry that affirmed “strong inferential evidence” of his involvement in the discovery of sacks of charred currency at his official residence in Delhi this year. Delivering the judgment, a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and AG Masih affirmed the legality and constitutional validity of the inquiry mechanism, holding that it did not violate fundamental rights or constitutional provisions. “With these observations, we have dismissed the petition,” Justice Datta said in court. The ruling came days after the court had reserved its verdict, having heard extensive arguments from senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Mukul Rohatgi for Justice Varma.

In its ruling, the apex court framed six legal and constitutional questions and answered all against Justice Varma. While noting that his conduct “did not inspire confidence,” the bench said, even as it proceeded to examine the matter due to the important legal issues raised.



“KEPT MASTURBATING”: GURUGRAM
WOMAN CATCHES MAN FLASHING HER,
SHARES VIDEO

Diary Times Desk : A model and digital content creator has alleged she was sexually harassed while waiting for a cab in Gurugram. The incident took place last Friday, at around 11 am, when the woman, returning from Jaipur, was waiting for a cab. Soni Singh recorded the incident on her phone. She allegedly called the police and the women’s helpline but didn’t get any response. A First Information Report (FIR) was registered after Ms Singh shared the ordeal on social media.

On August 2, Soni Singh was dropped off at Rajiv Chowk, from where she had booked a cab to her home. While waiting for her ride, she noticed a man approach her.

“He was circling, and he was constantly staring at me. Initially, I ignored it, but then I noticed his pant was unzipped. He kept staring and started masturbating in front of me,” Ms Singh said in a video posted on social media.

3 CRPF JAWANS KILLED, 10 INJURED AS VEHICLE OVERTURNS IN
J&K’S UDHAMPUR

Diary Times Desk : Three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans were killed and 10 were injured on Thursday in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir’s Udhampur district.

Officials said that three CRPF jawans were killed and 10 others injured after the vehicle in which they were travelling plunged into a deep gorge in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur district.

The CRPF vehicle was on its way to a location in the hilly terrain when it went out of the driver’s control, skidded off the road, and rolled down into a deep gorge, leading to casualties, the officials said.

The rescue operation was immediately started, and all the injured were evacuated from the accident site.

Five among the 10 injured are critical and have been shifted to a hospital for advanced treatment.

“Three CRPF jawans died on the spot in this fatal road accident,” the officials said.

MoS (PMO), Jitendra Singh said on X, “Disturbing to receive the news of a road accident involving a CRPF vehicle in the Kandva–Basantgarh area. The vehicle was carrying several brave jawans of the CRPF. I have just now spoken to DC Ms. Saloni Rai, who is personally monitoring the situation and keeping me updated.

DHARMASTHALA CASE: SC TO HEAR PLEA AGAINST KARNATAKA
HC ORDER LIFTING MEDIA GAG

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court would hear on Friday a plea challenging a recent order of the Karnataka High Court quashing a media gag on reportage surrounding the controversial Dharmasthala mass burial case.

“Around 8,000 YouTube channels are running defamatory material against the Dharmasthala temple,” an advocate submitted before a bench headed by Chief Justice B R Gavai and sought urgent listing of an appeal against the high court order. Harshendra Kumar D, Secretary of the Dharmasthala Temple body, moved the apex court seeking removal of what he alleges is defamatory content targeting the family that manages the temple.

“I think it’s already listed for tomorrow,” the CJI said.

On July 23, the CJI-led bench declined to hear another petition filed by YouTube channel Third Eye challenging a sweeping gag order that restrained media houses from reporting on matters related to the brother of Dharamadhikari D Veerendra Heggade of Dharamsthal in Karnataka.

The gag order was over reports on the alleged murders of women in Dharmasthala in the state’s Dakshina Kannada district.

The plea, filed against an ex parte interim order of a local court, questioned the legality of the directive which directed as many as 390 media houses to remove nearly 9,000 links and stories related to the Dharamsthal burial case.

The CJI had questioned the petitioner for not moving the high court.

“You go the high court first,” the CJI said.

The gag order was passed in Kumar’s defamation suit alleging spread of false and defamatory online content, despite the absence of specific allegations against him or the temple authorities in any FIR.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
08-08-2025

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.



CAR CAUGHT FIRE AT PETROL PUMP IN GHUMARWIN, FIRE BROKE OUT AFTER FILLING PETROL AT DAKRI CHOWK; ACCIDENT AVERTED

Diary Times Desk : Under Nagar Parishad Ghumarwin, late on Wednesday night, a commotion broke out when a car suddenly caught fire inside a petrol pump located at Dakri Chowk. The accident happened when the driver was coming out of the pump after filling petrol. Seeing smoke coming out of the car, people shouted and within a few moments flames started rising. Fortunately, the local youth present there controlled the fire with water and fire extinguishers without any delay. If it had taken a few more minutes, the fire could have reached the petrol tank.

According to eyewitnesses, Mohan Kumar runs a shop in Dakri Chowk itself. As soon as he came out of the pump after filling petrol in his car at around 9 pm, smoke was seen coming out of the engine. Before he could understand anything, flames started coming out of the bonnet of the car and within no time the entire car was engulfed in flames. The black smoke rising along with the flames created panic in the entire area for some time.



HIMACHAL BJP: BJP WILL RUN HAR GHAR TIRANGA ABHIYAN FROM 10 TO 15 AUGUST IN HIMACHAL PRADESH, KNOW

Diary Times Desk : BJP will run Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan from 10 to 15 August in Himachal. A meeting was organized on Thursday at the BJP state headquarters regarding the Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra. BJP state president Dr. Rajiv Bindal, organization general secretary Siddharthan and BJP state general secretary Bihari Lal Sharma were specially present in the meeting.

Bihari Lal Sharma said that all the brave warriors will be remembered in the campaign. On August 10, BJP will also organize Tiranga Yatras at 171 organizational mandals. On August 12 and 13, cleanliness campaign programs will also be organized at martyr memorials in each assembly constituency. He said that Partition Horrors Memorial Day program will be organized on August 14. On this day, India and Pakistan were divided, at that time how crores of Hindu brothers and sisters were tortured and Hindu families were massacred, it will be remembered.

MANIMAHESH YATRA: REGISTRATION WILL HAVE TO BE DONE AT THE ENTRY GATES, A FEE OF RS 20 WILL BE CHARGED; MANIMAHESH YATRA WILL START FROM 16TH

Diary Times Desk : For the Manimahesh Yatra, Shiv devotees coming from outside states or states including Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Delhi, Mumbai, Haryana will now have to register by paying Rs 20 at the registration centers located at Langer, Lahadu and Tunnuhatti on the borders of Chamba district. Registration centers will be set up from August 9. The Yatra will start from August 16.

Once registered for the Yatra, no registration fee will be charged from the devotees anywhere during the Yatra. Provided, devotees will have to keep a hard copy or photo of the registration receipt on their mobile. After showing it, no fee will be charged from them. The district administration has taken this initiative to reduce the crowd at the registration centers established within the Bharmour area.

UNA NEWS: TWO FEMALE NURSES REACHED UNA HOSPITAL IN HIMACHAL PRADESH AFTER CONSUMING ALCOHOL, UPROAR AT NIGHT, SETTLEMENT THE NEXT DAY

Diary Times Desk : Una News: Two female nurses reached Una hospital in Himachal Pradesh after consuming alcohol, uproar at night, settlement the next day

Regional Hospital Una has once again come into the limelight for its functioning. The latest case is of Tuesday night, when two female staff nurses posted in the hospital were found drunk. In a state of intoxication, both of them vomited in the hospital premises itself.

According to the information received, one of these nurses was posted in the medical ward, while the other in the surgical ward. It is being told that in a state of intoxication, both of them were not aware of their duty, due to which there was a stir among the patients and their relatives. According to sources, when the matter escalated, the hospital management handled the situation. After this, a local public representative also reached the hospital on Wednesday morning and after a lot of efforts, the matter was pacified. This was the reason that this matter could not reach the police.

Reliable sources say that this matter was also brought to the notice of the Deputy Chief Minister of the state, Mukesh Agnihotri, who reprimanded the hospital management. It is being told that one of these nurses was posted in Una hospital on deputation from the sub-division level hospital, but after this incident she has been sent back to her original posting. At the same time, when we tried to talk to the hospital's Chief Medical Officer SK Verma over the phone in this regard, he did not pick up the phone.



WILL EDUCATION MINISTER ROHIT THAKUR BECOME THE PRESIDENT OF HIMACHAL CONGRESS? HE SAID - IF I GET A NEW RESPONSIBILITY, I WILL NOT STEP BACK

Diary Times Desk : Will Education Minister Rohit Thakur become the President of Himachal Congress? He said - If I get a new responsibility, I will not step back

Speculations about the appointment of Education Minister Rohit Thakur as the State Congress President have heated up politics. Talking to the media after reviewing the departmental work at the State Secretariat on Thursday, Education Minister Rohit Thakur said that no one can deny the order of the high command personally. All the leaders have put their point in front of the high command. He said that he is satisfied with the current responsibility, but if the high command gives any responsibility, he will not step back from it.

Rohit said that all the ministers have put their point in front of the former national president of the party and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in Delhi. All the ministers are satisfied with their current responsibility. If the high command gives any responsibility to anyone, they cannot refuse it. Rohit Thakur admitted that the party is suffering losses due to the lack of organization of Congress for a long time. He said that the formation of the executive is very necessary before the upcoming Panchayat and urban body elections.

HIMACHAL NEWS: MP ANURAG SINGH THAKUR SAID - MANY IRREGULARITIES IN NHM, GOVERNMENT SHOULD CLARIFY THE SITUATION

Diary Times Desk : Former Union Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur on Thursday raised the matter in Parliament under Rule 377 and raised the issue of mismanagement of National Health Mission (NHM) funds by the Himachal Pradesh government.

In the Lok Sabha, Anurag raised the question that a worrying mismanagement of National Health Mission funds by the state government has come to light recently. The Himachal High Court has also pointed out serious irregularities in the use of Rs 521 crore allocated for 2024-25. The affidavit of the Himachal government was not even up to the level of improving rural healthcare infrastructure.

UTTARAKHAND FLOODS: SATELLITE IMAGES SHOW DISAPPEARANCE OF BUILDINGS, ROADS

Diary Times Desk : The National Remote Sensing Centre's post-flash flood satellite images of the upper reaches of Uttarakhand indicate the accumulation of debris in and around Dharali, the disappearance of buildings, roads, and plantations, and sediments and debris covering a stretch of Bhagirathi and Kheer Ganga rivers. A bridge and what appear to be orchards are also inundated.

Experts from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) have said they were examining the possibility that a glacier collapse upstream of the channel feeding the Kheer Ganga triggered the floods.

Anil Kulkarni, a distinguished visiting scientist at the Indian Institute of Science's Divecha Center for Climate Change, said past satellite images have helped understand the glacier dynamics. "Kheer Ganga river originates from glaciated terrain. Satellite imagery from September 2022 was analysed. It is useful imagery as during this time snow had mostly melted and glacier ice and landforms can be seen clearly."

"PRODUCER SPENT LIFE EARNINGS...": DELHI HIGH COURT ALLOWS RELEASE OF 'UDAIPUR FILES'

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi High Court on Thursday refused to stay the release of movie 'Udaipur Files', based on tailor Kanhaiya Lal murder case, that is scheduled to hit the screens tomorrow.

A bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela passed the order while dismissing a plea seeking movie's stay, saying the petitioner failed to establish a prima facie case in his favour.

"Producer has already spent life earnings in the film and if the movie is not released the balance of convenience will be disturbed. Once a film has been certified by the Board and trial is not likely to be effected by exhibition, we find ourselves unable to agree to prayer for staying release of movie," the bench said.

On Wednesday, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) dismissed all revision petitions challenging the certification of the controversial film 'Udaipur Files: Kanhaiya Lal Tailor Murder', thereby clearing the path for its public release.

RAHUL GANDHI'S "VOTER FRAUD" POWERPOINT AT INDIA BLOC DINNER MEET

Diary Times Desk : The dinner meet of the INDIA Bloc, called to discuss the Special Intensive Revision or SIR in Bihar, Vice-Presidential elections and other issues on Thursday evening, became the stage for Rahul Gandhi's second presentation of the day on what he called the BJP's "vote theft" in Karnataka with the connivance of the Election Commission.

Armed with a powerpoint presentation that included photo evidence of fake voters, Mr Gandhi took 50 leaders from 25 parties through the irregularities that took place, he claimed, in Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Earlier today, Mr Gandhi had sparked a massive row with his allegations, pushing the Election Commission to demand that he formally seek an investigation or submit a declaration under oath.

Mr Gandhi has alleged that a survey in Karnataka has found that six main irregularities were at play - same voter appearing multiple times in rolls, same voter in multiple states, non-existent addresses, bulk voters at a single address, indistinguishable photo on voter IDs and misuse of Form 6 for first-time voters.

Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi called the meeting "positive". "Rahul Gandhi made a power point presentation, he gave several examples. He also said what is happening in Bihar today can happen anywhere in the country," he was quoted as saying by news agency Press Trust of India.

"The way opposition parties have been united in Parliament in national interest and have cornered the government, the same unity was visible in the meeting as well," Mr Gogoi said.

"GIVE THE BULLY...": CHINESE AMBASSADOR SLAMS TRUMP OVER 50% TARIFFS ON INDIA



Diary Times Desk : Chinese Ambassador to India, Xu Feihong took a jab at US President Donald Trump after his tariff imposition on countries, including India.

"Give the bully an inch, he will take a mile," the Chinese envoy to India wrote on X. With the text, he also added a post quoting an excerpt from the talks between Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi and Celso Amorim, the Chief Advisor to Brazilian president Lula.

The post said, "Using tariffs as a weapon to suppress other countries violates the UN Charter, undermines WTO rules and is both unpopular and unsustainable."

FAKE ODISHA DOCTOR KILLED, BURIED OVER WITCHCRAFT SUSPICION, 8 DETAINED

Diary Times Desk : A man was allegedly killed by a group of villagers and buried in a forest on suspicion of practising witchcraft in Odisha's Gajapati district, police said on Thursday.

The incident took place at Kusumpur village under Mohana police limits in the district on the night of July 28, police said, adding that the deceased, Karunakar Dalai, was working as a quack.

The matter came to light on Wednesday after Karunakar's sister-in-law, Sabita, filed a complaint at Mohana police station.

"Around 6 pm on July 28, some people called him (Karunakar) and took him with them. The villagers held a meeting with him at the anganwadi kendra, following which he went missing. When I enquired, I was told that the villagers beat him," Sabita told reporters.

During preliminary investigation, it was found that Karunakar prescribed ayurvedic-like medicines to villagers, Gajapati SP Jatindra Kumar Panda said.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: ARE THESE NDA FACES IN RACE TO SUCCEED DHANKHAR?

Diary Times Desk : Race for the post of vice president of India is set to gain pace with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on Thursday authorising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadda to pick the ruling bloc's candidate for the election.

It was a unanimous decision, Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said on Thursday after a meeting of key BJP leaders and their allies was held at the Parliament complex where the decision was taken.

Union ministers Rajnath Singh chaired the meeting, with Amit Shah JD(U)'s Lalan Singh, Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde, TDP's Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, and Chirag Paswan of LJP (Ram Vilas) among those who attended it.

The vice president post remains vacant after Jagdeep Dhankhar's sudden resignation on July 21, citing health reasons. Since then the next vice president of India remains a common question, with several names floating as contenders for the post.

POLICE CONDUCT RAIDS ACROSS J&K AFTER GOVERNMENT BANS 25 BOOKS

Diary Times Desk : Book stores across Kashmir were raided by police today following a ban on 25 books by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Most of these books are written by acclaimed writes and historians on Kashmir. The government claims the books were "propagating false narrative and secessionism and terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir".

The authors of the banned books include Booker prize winner Arundhati Roy, AG Noorani, Maulana Maududi, Victoria Schofield, Sumantra Bose, Christopher Snedden, David Devdas, Anuradha Bhasin, Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal.

In Srinagar city, dozens of bookstores were raided. Policemen were seen searching bookshops and looking for the banned publications.

The police also conducted raids at Chinar book festival in Srinagar where around 200 book stalls have been set up. Interestingly, the nine-day book fair was inaugurated by the Lt Governor last week.



**"NO ANNEXATION": NETANYAHU
EXCLUSIVE ON ISRAEL'S BIG GAZA PLAN**

Diary Times Desk : Israel will increase its military operations in the besieged Palestinian territory of Gaza but will not annex it entirely, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told. Instead, Israel is preparing to establish a new 'security perimeter' inside Gaza -- which is already heavily barriered with just one crossing point controlled solely by the Israeli government. In response to a specific question from Vishnu Som on the potential loss of life from any expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza, Prime Minister Netanyahu said that Israel is aiming for the elimination of Hamas and is working towards the return of hostages. The plan involves significant military movement but stops short of a complete territorial takeover. The Prime Minister added that Gaza would eventually be handed over to a transitional governing authority. The Israeli plan also involves the setting up of a security perimeter in Gaza to prevent future incursions.

**WHY TRUMP-PUTIN TALKS UNLIKELY TO
BRING RAPID END TO UKRAINE WAR**

Diary Times Desk : The war in Ukraine, sparked by Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, shows no sign of abating.

In the east of Ukraine, Russia presses on in a grinding and bloody advance. Deadly aerial strikes are a nightly occurrence across the country, while Russia's refineries and energy facilities come under regular attack from Kyiv's drones.

It is against this backdrop that the Kremlin confirmed a meeting between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin was being planned and due to take place soon. "I'm here to get [the war] over with," the US leader said on Wednesday.

Three rounds of talks between Russia and Ukraine held at his behest between May and July have failed to bring the two sides any closer to peace, and Trump may hope that taking the situation into his own hands could finally result in a ceasefire.

But the gulf between Kyiv and Moscow is so large that even Trump-mediated talks could make it difficult to bridge.

In a memorandum presented to the Ukrainians by Russia in June, Moscow outlined its maximalist demands for a "final settlement" of the conflict.

**"COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TAKEN
ADVANTAGE OF US...": TRUMP AFTER
TARIFFS KICK IN**

Diary Times Desk : Minutes before his administration's heavy tariffs on several countries, including India, kicked in, US President Donald Trump today said the move will lead to billions of dollars flowing into the country from those who "have taken advantage of the United States for many years".

"Reciprocal tariffs take effect at midnight tonight! Billions of dollars, largely from countries that have taken advantage of the United States for many years, laughing all the way, will start flowing into the USA," he said in a post on his social media platform, Truth Social.

"The only thing that can stop America's Greatness would be a radical left court that wants to see our country fail," he added.

This comes after Trump yesterday announced an extra 25 per cent tariff on Indian exports as a 'penalty' for New Delhi continuing to import Russian crude oil.

**IN HOUR-LONG PHONE CALL, BRAZIL'S
PREZ LULA AND PM MODI DISCUSS US'
50% TARIFFS**

Diary Times Desk : Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva dialled Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday to discuss the fallout of US President Donald Trump imposing 50% tariffs on both countries, and the two leaders pledged to deepen bilateral cooperation in areas ranging from trade and energy to defence and technology.

US tariffs on India and Brazil jumped to 50% on Wednesday, among the highest imposed by Trump, who tied new levies on Brazil to his demand for ending the prosecution of right-wing former president Jair Bolsonaro, and imposed an additional penalty on India for its purchases of Russian oil.

Modi said on social media that he had a "good conversation" with Lula, whom he met on the margins of the BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro last month. "We are committed to deepening our Strategic Partnership, including in trade, energy, tech, defence, health and more.

**"SKIN HUNG LIKE RUGS":
HIROSHIMA SURVIVORS SHARE
CHILLING MEMORIES OF THE DAY
HELL FELL FROM SKY**

Diary Times Desk : On the morning of August 6, 1945, at precisely 8:14 am, the skies above Hiroshima turned from clear blue to a sickly purple and grey. The world entered a new and terrifying era: the nuclear age.

Yoshito Matsushige, then 32, was nearly two miles from the blast centre. "There was a flash from the wires, like lightning," he said. "I didn't hear any sound. The world turned bright white, then came the blast," he told The Metro

Half-naked and wounded by the intense heat, Matsushige retrieved his camera from the rubble and began documenting the aftermath. His haunting photographs remain the only known visual record taken on that day, as per the news portal.

He walked to Miyuki Bridge, where scores of injured schoolgirls had gathered. "Their skin hung down like rugs," he recalled. "They had blisters the size of balls and burns even on the soles of their feet."

**CAMBODIA NOMINATES
TRUMP FOR NOBEL PRIZE
AFTER THAI BORDER TRUCE**

Cambodia has joined Pakistan and Israel in nominating Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize, crediting the US president with "visionary and innovative diplomacy" that ended border clashes with Thailand.

A letter from Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet on Thursday addressed to the Norwegian Nobel Committee said he wished to nominate Trump "in recognition of his historic contributions in advancing world peace".

Cambodia and Thailand saw five days of hostilities that killed at least 43 people last month as a territorial dispute boiled over into cross-border combat. More than 300,000 were displaced by the conflict that started with small arms fire and quickly escalated into heavy artillery and rocket fire, then Thailand's deployment hours later of an F-16 fighter jet for air strikes.

A truce began last week after phone calls from Trump, as well as mediation from Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim – chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) regional bloc – and a delegation of Chinese negotiators.

**UKRAINE'S ZELENSKY SAYS RUSSIA SEEMS MORE INCLINED NOW TO A
CEASEFIRE**

Diary Times Desk : Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Wednesday that Russia seemed "more inclined" to a ceasefire, but details of a potential deal are of great significance and neither Ukraine nor the U.S. should be deceived by Moscow.

President Donald Trump said his special envoy Steve Witkoff's meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin on Wednesday delivered "great progress," but Trump gave no specifics.

Following the meeting, Zelenskyy had a call with Trump, joined by European allies.

"Ukraine will definitely defend its independence. We all need a lasting and reliable peace. Russia must end the war that it itself started," Zelenskyy said on X.

Trump, who has signalled frustration with Putin in recent weeks and has given the Russian president until Friday to make peace with Ukraine or face tougher sanctions, hailed Witkoff's visit as highly productive. But a White House official said the secondary sanctions that Trump has threatened against countries doing business with Russia were still expected to be implemented on Friday.



PUNJAB PREPARES FOR FLOODS; CONTROL ROOMS ACTIVATED IN ALL 23 DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : As water level in Punjab's dams continues to rise following rains in the hilly areas, the state government has set up control rooms in all 23 districts of the state.

These control rooms will be operational round the clock and sensitive and flood-prone areas are being monitored, said a senior government official. Real-time monitoring of rivers and drainage is continuing in potential flood-prone areas, he said.

As of Thursday, the water level in the three dams though within safe limits, is rising slowly. The water level in Bhakra Dam is 1,637.4 ft (1,680 ft is maximum it can hold), Pong Dam 1,373.08 ft (maximum it can hold is 1,390 ft), and in Ranjit Sagar Dam is 1,694.64 feet (maximum it can hold is 1,731.55 ft).

Official sources say the deputy commissioners have been asked to stay alert and ensure that timely warnings are issued in case of any emergency. "Each control room is working under the supervision of a junior engineer," said the official.



HC IMPOSES RS 50,000 COSTS FOR ABUSE OF COURT PROCESS, HIGHLIGHTS NEED TO CURB FRIVOLOUS PETITIONS

Diary Times Desk : Making it clear that forum shopping, repetitive and meritless petitions, besides dilatory tactics by litigants clog the administration of justice and undermine the foundation of the legal system, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has imposed Rs 50,000 costs for abuse of court process. The ruling came as Justice Sudeepti Sharma dismissed a contempt petition arising out of a private civil.

"The time and resources of the court are finite and must be preserved for genuine grievances deserving of judicial intervention," Justice Sharma asserted. The bench was hearing a hearing a petition seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against Punjab Chief Secretary and others for alleged wilful disobedience of a Supreme Court judgment against the disconnection of water supply.

Justice Sharma asserted the petition's careful examination made it apparent that the petitioner's grievance.

KARAN AUJLA, HONEY SINGH FACE BACKLASH OVER OBJECTIONABLE LYRICS IN 'MF GABRU', 'MILLIONAIRE'

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab State Women's Commission has taken action against Punjabi singers Karan Aujla and Yo Yo Honey Singh over allegedly offensive lyrics in their songs.

The Commission has written to the state's Director General of Police (DGP), demanding an investigation into Aujla's song "MF Gabru" and Singh's "Millionaire", both of which are trending on social media.

She has called the lyrics "objectionable" and said they demean women's dignity.

The Commission has asked for a report on the action taken by 11 AM on August 11, urging prompt legal steps against the singers.

HC PUTS CENTRE ON NOTICE ON PLEA SEEKING UNIFORM GUIDELINES ON CARRYING KIRPAN



Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday put the Union of India – among others – on notice on a petition filed by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and a woman advocate. They were 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".

The Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sanjiv Berry also fixed September 29 as the next date of hearing on the petition filed in public interest for 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 ensured 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, gave details in the petition on 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.

'RETURN TO PARTY FOLD', SAD CHIEF SUKHBIR BADAL APPEALS TO ESTRANGED AKALIS

Diary Times Desk : SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Thursday urged all the Akali leaders who left the party to return to SAD in the wake of an appeal by Akal Takht calling for unity in the "qaum" (community).

Asserting that he always followed the directions of Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of Sikhs, Badal said, "I bow my head towards the Takht. I feel it is the duty of every Sikh to obey the directives of the Singh Sahiban. I appeal with folded hands to all the Akali leaders who have parted ways with the party to return to their roots to strengthen the 'Panth' and Punjab.

HIGH COURT STAYS PUNJAB LAND POOLING POLICY, GIVES STATE 4 WEEKS TO RESPOND

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday stayed the 'Punjab Land Pooling Policy' after the State of Punjab refused to withdraw it. After hearing detailed arguments for almost two hours, the Bench of Justice Anupinder Grewal and Justice Deepak Manchanda also gave the State four weeks' time.

"We will stay the policy and give you time to address the concerns," the Bench asserted, before parting with the case. At the onset, the court reiterated its concerns regarding the lack of provision for rehabilitation of landless labourers and others dependent on land for their sustenance. The court also questioned the government for not conducting the compulsory Social Impact Assessment before identifying the land to be acquired.

Appearing before the Bench, Advocate-General Maninderjit Singh Bedi and senior advocate Gurminder Singh submitted that the policy was voluntary in nature. As a part of the process.

KHALISTAN EMBASSY OPENING IN CANADA SPARKS FRESH CRISIS IN INDIA-CANADA RELATIONS

Diary Times Desk : Indo-Canadian relations, already fragile and cautiously recovering after recent diplomatic showdowns, face a fresh crisis. The recent opening of the so-called "Embassy of the Republic of Khalistan" in Surrey, British Columbia, undoubtedly undermines India's sovereignty and even threatens to unravel hard-fought diplomatic progress, reigniting tensions between the two nations. But the vital question at this juncture is: Can India and Canada afford to let these fringe factions advance their divisive agenda, imperilling not just international diplomacy but also sowing discord within the Indian diaspora? The stakes are too high for complacency.

Located at Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara – once led by Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a designated terrorist by India, whose murder ignited severe diplomatic tensions – the Khalistan Embassy is a bold statement from radical Sikh separatist groups, particularly Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), headed by another designated terrorist, Gurbatwant Singh Pannun. While neither the federal nor the British Columbia governments have so far responded to this development, the Indian High Commission in Ottawa had earlier this week issued a statement strongly condemning the move.

537 ROADS BLOCKED IN HIMACHAL PRADESH, RAIN TO CONTINUE TILL AUG 12

Diary Times Desk : As many as 537 roads, including four national highways, have been blocked for vehicular traffic as heavy downpour wreaked havoc across Himachal Pradesh during the past 24 hours.

As many as 316 roads including two NHs (NH-21 and 3) in Mandi district, 118 including NH-305 in Kullu, 26 in Shimla, 23 in Kangra, 18 in Chamba, 17 in Sirmour, eight each in Una and Solan and one each in Bilaspur and Kinnaur district (NH-5) are blocked.

Also, as many as 635 distribution transformers including 304 in Solan, 285 in Mandi, 41 in Shimla, three in Kullu and two in Chamba district and 266 water supply schemes, including 120 in Kangra, 88 in Mandi, 27 each in Solan and Hamirpur and four in Shimla district, have been disrupted.

MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FOREST SHOOTING INCIDENT IN MANDI'S BALH TEHSIL

Diary Times Desk : A man was seriously injured after being shot during a party in a forest area under the Balh tehsil in Mandi district yesterday evening. The incident occurred when Kamal Thakur, who had gone into the forest with two friends, was reportedly hit by pellets on his back while going for a toilet break. According to police sources, Kamal and his two friends were partying in the forest when the incident took place late yesterday evening. After Kamal went into the bushes for a short while, his friends heard a loud noise resembling a gunshot. Rushing to the spot, they found Kamal injured with pellet wounds on his back, indicating a possible shotgun firing.

The injured man was immediately taken to Nerchowk Medical College but, due to the severity of his injuries, was referred to PGI Chandigarh for advanced treatment. Initial police investigation suggests the possibility of illegal hunting activity in the forest, though officers are not ruling out other angles. A case has been registered under the Arms Act, and further investigation is underway. Police are also probing whether the group carried any weapons themselves or if there were others present in the area at the time of the incident.

'DON'T JUDGE US, THIS IS OUR LIFE': HIMACHAL BROTHERS WHO MARRIED ONE WOMAN BREAK SILENCE

Diary Times Desk : Two brothers from Shillai village in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur district have drawn national and international attention after marrying the same woman, citing an age-old tradition known as 'Jodidar Pratha'. Pradeep and Kapil Negi, residents of Thindo village in the Shillai region, married Sunita from the nearby village of Kunhat in a ceremony conducted between July 12 and 14. The marriage was performed with the consent of both families and according to local rituals and customs.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the marriage made headlines, the brothers explained that their union is part of Jodidar Pratha, a long-standing cultural tradition in parts of Himachal Pradesh and neighbouring Uttarakhand. The practice involves multiple brothers marrying a single woman and has historically served to prevent the division of family property.

**MONSOON MAYHEM: HIMACHAL SUFFERS RS 1,952-CRORE LOSS DUE TO NATURAL DISASTERS**

Diary Times Desk : Natural disasters triggered by torrential rain have caused nearly Rs 2,000 crore in losses across the state, with total damages mounting to Rs 1,952.51 crore since the onset of the monsoon.

As per the records of the State's Revenue Department, the Public Works Department has been hit the most, suffering a loss of Rs 1,040 crore, while the Jal Shakti Department has suffered a loss of Rs 661.76 crore. Similarly, the Power Department has suffered a total loss of Rs 139.46 crore so far. The horticulture as well as the agriculture sector, two of the most important contributing sectors to the economy of Himachal, have suffered total losses of Rs 27.43 crore and Rs 11.45 crore, respectively.

As many as 108 persons across the state have lost their lives due to natural disasters, including cloudbursts, flash floods, landslides, etc. Till now, the state has witnessed 58 flash floods, 51 landslides and 30 cloudbursts, including the one that occurred in Tacklech area in Shimla district on Wednesday night. However, no loss of life was reported in the incident. As per the State's Meteorological Department, light to moderate rain along with a few spells of very heavy to heavy rain is very likely to continue across the state till August 13. The department has also issued an orange weather alert for several districts.

LANDSLIDE-HIT PATHANKOT-MANDI HIGHWAY RE-OPENS AFTER 12 HOURS

Diary Times Desk : A massive landslide near Bhali, between Shahpur and Kotla, completely blocked the Pathankot-Mandi National Highway on Tuesday night, severely disrupting vehicular movement between Pathankot, Kangra, Chamba and Dharamsala.

The district administration implemented traffic diversions to ensure the safety and convenience of the commuters. The landslide resulted in long traffic jams on both sides of the highway. The vehicles travelling from Kangra to Pathankot were diverted from Sanora Chowk towards 32 Mile area. The vehicles from Chamba heading towards Pathankot were 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 sent via 32 Mile-Ranital and others via 32 Mile-Lanj-Sanora areas.

1,000 NEW BUSES TO BE ADDED TO HRTC FLEET: HIMACHAL DY CM

Diary Times Desk : Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today said that 1,000 new buses will be added to the 3,200 existing fleet of Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) in a phased manner to enhance services and improve connectivity across the state.

Agnihotri, who holds the Transport Department, said the state government was taking concrete steps to modernise and strengthen public transport infrastructure in the state. He informed that 24 new Volvo buses have already been inducted into the HRTC fleet. "Keeping in view the challenging terrain of the state, priority was being given to acquiring smaller and more accessible buses with seating capacities ranging from 37 to 42 seats. These buses would enable the corporation to extend its services more effectively to far-flung and remote areas," he said.

The procurement process was underway for 327 electric buses (including 297 Type-1 and 30 Type-3), 250 diesel buses and 100 mini-buses. Supply orders for 297 electric buses have already been issued. Plans were afoot to procure 500 more electric buses which would further boost the green mobility initiative in the state.



AIFF CONFIRMS SUPER CUP TO BE HELD BEFORE INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

Diary Times Desk : After days of uncertainty over the matter, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey reaffirmed on Thursday that the 2025-2026 Indian football season would go ahead, albeit later than expected.

Following a meeting between top officials of the AIFF and representatives of Indian Super League clubs here on Thursday, Chaubey insisted that both the ISL and the Super Cup would be held. Chaubey said the Super Cup would take place as a curtain raiser for the new league campaign. Although he didn't give specifics of either the date or format of the tournament, Chaubey said that the Super Cup would be conducted "in either the second or third week of September".



BCCI INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR COACHING POSITIONS AT CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN BENGALURU

Diary Times Desk : With the old guard, including celebrated bowling coach Troy Cooley, set to bid adieu, the BCCI's Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru is gearing up for a major overhaul of its coaching staff, and applications have been invited for leading positions in the bowling, batting, sports science, and medicine departments.

Cooley, a former Australian First-Class bowler and an Ashes-winning bowling coach with England, has completed his three-year contract with the BCCI and was working on an extension. The 59-year-old was appointed NCA's bowling coach in late 2021.

Among his replacements could be former India seamer VRV Singh, who has worked under Cooley. The Centre of Excellence, which was previously called the National Cricket Academy, was inaugurated in February this year.

Several posts have fallen vacant following the exit of staff members, including the medical team head Nitin Patel, who had resigned from his position in March after being in the role for nearly three years. Spin bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule had also quit and joined Rajasthan Royals as their support staff.

BALLON D'OR: 10 NOMINATED PLAYERS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED SINCE 2014

Diary Times Desk : Congratulations to Napoli midfielder Scott McTominay, who has earned himself a place on the short list for the 2025 Ballon d'Or.

It has been quite a transformation for the Scotland international, who was deemed surplus to requirements at Manchester United and allowed to move to Napoli for €30 million last summer. Once there, he propelled them to the 2024-25 Serie A title with 12 goals and four assists from 34 games during his debut season, becoming a bona-fide cult hero in the process.

While McTominay -- or "McTerminator," as he's become affectionately known at the Diego Armando Maradona Stadium -- is obviously deserving of his Ballon d'Or nomination, he's not the first name on fans' lips when you think of the award. So we thought it might be timely to look back over the past decade and pick out a few other players you may have forgotten were ever in contention for European football's most prestigious individual honor.

LOVLINA BORGHAIN ACCUSES BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA OF DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR, INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

Diary Times Desk : Tokyo Olympics bronze-winning boxer Lovlina Borgohain's allegations of "disrespectful and gender-discriminatory behaviour" against national federation's executive director Col Arun Malik are being investigated and a report would be submitted soon, a Sports Authority of India (SAI) official has said. In a formal complaint addressed to Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Sports Authority of India (SAI) Director General, the TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) division, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), Lovlina alleged that Malik humiliated her and undermined her achievements during a Zoom meeting on July 8, which was attended by SAI and TOPS officials.

On the call Lovlina requested that her personal coach, who was also present in the online meeting, be allowed in the national camp, something that goes against the BFI policy. She also wanted the coach to be allowed to travel with her to train in Europe.

According to Lovlina, Malik responded aggressively and spoke to her in a demeaning manner.



SHUBMAN GILL TO LEAD NORTH ZONE IN DULEEP TROPHY

Diary Times Desk : India's Test captain Shubman Gill will lead North Zone in the 2025-26 Duleep Trophy, which will kick off the domestic season in Bengaluru later this month.

Seamers Anshul Kamboj and Arshdeep Singh, who were recently part of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, were also named in the North Zone squad. Harshit Rana, who made his Test debut in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy last year, will add more depth to North Zone's seam attack.

However, if Gill, Arshdeep or Harshit get picked in India's squad for the Asia Cup, Shubham Rohilla, Gurnoor Brar and Anuj Thakral will replace them for the Duleep Trophy. The Asia Cup, which will run from September 9 to September 28 will overlap with the Duleep Trophy, which will start on August 28, with the final scheduled between September 11 and 15.

ARJUN ERIGAISI WINS, NIHAL SARIN LOSES IN OPENING ROUND OF CHENNAI CHESS



Diary Times Desk : India's Arjun Erigaisi delivered a commanding performance against American Awonder Liang, while compatriot Nihal Sarin lost to Germany's Vincent Keymer in the opening round of the Chennai Grandmasters Chess tournament on Thursday. World No. 5 Erigaisi thus earned a full point in the Rs 1 crore round-robin tournament, which will be played over nine rounds in classical format across Masters and Challengers segments. One of the most anticipated contests between two Chennai Grandmasters, Pranav V and Karthikeyan Murali, ended in a well-fought draw, while the top-board clash between former world No. 6 Anish Giri and American GM Ray Robson also ended in a stalemate.

Another Indian GM Vidit Gujrathi too was held to a draw by Dutch player Jorden van Foreest.

In the Challengers section, top-seeded Indian GMs also made their presence felt.

Diptayan Ghosh, Leon Luke Mendonca, and M Pranesh registered opening round wins, setting the early pace in a tightly packed field.

GM R Vaishali, Abhimanyu Puranik, and Iniyan Pa were held to draws, while D Harika, Aryan Chopra, and Harshavardhan GB suffered opening-round defeats.