

METRO PROJECTS

PM INAUGURATES, LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF METRO PROJECTS WORTH AROUND RS 22,800 CRORE IN BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Yellow Line of Bangalore Metro worth around Rs 7,160 crore and laid the foundation stone of Bangalore Metro Phase-3 project worth over Rs 15,610 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka today. He also flagged off three Vande Bharat Express trains at KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, he remarked that upon setting foot on the land of Karnataka, he felt a sense of belonging. Highlighting the richness of Karnataka's culture, the affection of its people, and the sweetness of the Kannada language, which deeply touches the heart, Shri Modi began by paying respects at the feet of Bengaluru's presiding deity, Annamma Thayi. Recalling that centuries ago, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda laid the foundation of Bengaluru city, the Prime Minister noted that Kempegowda envisioned a city rooted in tradition while also reaching new heights of progress. "Bengaluru has always lived that spirit and preserved it and today, Bengaluru is realizing that very dream", stated the PM.

"Today, Bengaluru is emerging as a city that has become a symbol of New India's rise", stated Shri Modi, describing it as a city whose soul embodies philosophical wisdom, and whose actions reflect technological expertise. He highlighted that Bengaluru is a city which has proudly placed India on the global IT map, crediting the success story of Bengaluru to the hard work and talent of its people.



DIG AT TRUMP

"SABKE BOSS UNABLE TO ACCEPT INDIA'S GROWTH": RAJNATH SINGH'S DIG AT TRUMP



Diary Times Desk : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh this morning made a scathing critique of the US tariffs, claiming global powers are jealous of India's rapid growth. The senior politician used a subtle "sabke boss" reference for US President Donald Trump in his pointed jibes, and his message was firm and clear - no one can stop India from becoming a superpower.

"Some people are unable to accept India's progress. They are not taking it well. 'Sabke boss toh hum hain (I am everyone's boss), how is India progressing so fast?' Efforts are now on to make Made-in-India products more expensive when they are exported to other countries," he said at an event in Madhya Pradesh.

The minister called this an attempt to make other countries shun India-made products by making them costlier. "But the pace at which India is progressing, I can assure you, no global power can stop us from becoming a superpower," he asserted.

The US has imposed over 50% tariffs on India for buying Russian oil - a move that the government has snubbed as "unfair and unreasonable".

Mr Singh this morning laid the foundation stone of the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)'s 'Bramha' Rail Hub for Manufacturing in Umaria village of Raisen district. Addressing the event, he also mentioned Operation Sindoor and the government's push to become 'atmanirbhar' or self-reliant.

On the Pahalgam attack, he reiterated that while India seeks the welfare of the world, it will not tolerate provocation: "Whoever teases us, we will not spare him."

NAGPUR-PUNE VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS FLAGGED OFF:
CHECK TIMING, ROUTE, FARE

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off three Vande Bharat Express trains during an inauguration event at Bengaluru's KSR Railway Station on Sunday. The Vande Bharat Express between Nagpur (Ajni) to Pune was among the three premium trains that were introduced by the Indian Railways. The flagging of the new Vande Bharat trains is part of the government's efforts to upgrade the railways to provide a world-class travel experience to the people. The express train will run between Nagpur and Pune on six days every week. The Nagpur (Ajni)-Pune Vande Bharat Express (26102) will leave Ajni at 9.50 am and reach Pune at 9.50 pm.

Similarly, the train no. 26101 would leave from Pune at 6.25 am and arrive in Nagpur at 6.25 pm. The Vande Bharat Express, running between Nagpur and Pune, will stop at these stations: Wardha, Badnera, Akola, Shegaon, Bhusawal, Jalgaon, Manmad, Kopergaon, Ahilyanagar and Daund Chord Line.



ARMY CHIEF SHARES HOW FORCES
REACTED TO PAHALGAM, WHAT
RAJNATH SINGH SAID


Diary Times Desk : Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi has narrated the turn of events that followed the ghastly terror attack in Pahalgam, which culminated in the 'Operation Sindoor' mega military offensive in May. While addressing a gathering at IIT-Madras on August 4, he also explained the strategic calls that the force had to take, comparing the four days of conflict with Pakistan with a game of chess. The April 22 attack had claimed 26 innocent lives. The very next day, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), along with the heads of Air Force and Navy, met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and were given a clear message: They were free to decide their line of action. "What happened on 22 April in Pahalgam shocked the nation. On the 23rd, the next day itself, we all sat down. This was the first time that RM (Rajnath Singh) said, 'Enough is enough'. All three chiefs were very clear that something had to be done.

NO CLAIMS OR OBJECTIONS OVER BIHAR DRAFT ROLL SUBMITTED
BY ANY POLITICAL PARTY, SAYS ECI

Diary Times Desk : The Election Commission of India on Sunday reiterated that no political party has submitted any claim or objection regarding the draft electoral rolls in Bihar. More than a week ago, the poll body had asked to submit claims and objections to fix any errors in the draft electoral roll, which was published on August 1. Between August 1 and August 10, not a single claim or objection has been received from any political party, according to data released by the EC. Amid the escalating row over the special intensive revision of the electoral roll in Bihar, the poll body has repeatedly affirmed that no eligible voter will be left out, and no ineligible voter will be included in the final electoral roll. In a daily bulletin on the SIR of the electoral roll in Bihar, the EC said that it has received 8,341 claims and objections directly from electors regarding the draft roll till August 10. Meanwhile, the poll body has received 46,588 forms from new electors who have attained 18 years of age or above. The ECI said that according to the rules, the claims and objections are to be disposed of by the concerned Electoral Registration Officer/Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (ERO/AERO) after the expiry of seven days.


600 KILOMETRES IN 18 HOURS: FIRST FREIGHT TRAIN REACHES
KASHMIR'S ANANTNAG

Diary Times Desk : The first freight train arrived in the Kashmir Valley on Saturday as the Northern Railway opened its Anantnag goods shed under its larger Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project for the movement of goods, officials said. The train with 21 BCN wagons loaded with cement reached the Anantnag goods shed from Rupnagar, Punjab, they said. The journey spanning approximately 600 km culminated at the newly-commissioned goods shed in less than 18 hours, marking a significant milestone in connecting the Kashmir region to the national freight network, the officials added. The goods shed is equipped to handle both incoming and outgoing freight, offering a new and efficient transport option for businesses across Kashmir, a major step towards enhancing economic activity in the Valley, they said. The opening of Anantnag for goods traffic also comes at a time when the Valley has achieved full railway connectivity from Katra to Srinagar, including the historic completion of the world's highest railway arch bridge over the Chenab River. These developments are expected to transform logistics and trade dynamics for the entire region, the officials said. The goods shed will operate daily from 6 am to 10 pm, handling all types of goods, except petroleum products. The officials said the key benefits include better market access for Kashmir's products such as horticulture, handicrafts, and fresh produce, and lower transportation costs for local businesses and traders. It will also provide improved logistics and faster delivery, especially during the winter season when road transport is often disrupted, and strengthen Kashmir's economic ties with markets across the country, they said.



YOUR HOROSCOPE

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Aries

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

Gemini

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

Leo

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

Libra

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

Sagittarius

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

Aquarius

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

Taurus

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

Cancer

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

Virgo

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

Scorpio

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

Capricorn

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

Pisces

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



HIMACHAL NEWS: NEW MILK PROCESSING PLANTS TO BE SET UP IN NAHAN, NALAGARH, MOHAL AND ROHRU, KNOW WHAT CM SAID

Diary Times Desk : The state government has approved the setting up of new milk processing plants in Nahan, Nalagarh, Mohal and Rohru, milk cooling center in Jaladi of district Hamirpur and bulk milk cooler in Jhalera of district Una. The objective of this initiative is to modernize the milk and milk processing infrastructure of the state. This step of the state government will ensure strengthening of the rural economy including increase in the income of farmers.

Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that more than 90 percent of the state's population lives in rural areas which is fully or partially dependent on agriculture and animal husbandry and development of animal husbandry sector is the priority of the state government. He said that the establishment of new plants will increase milk procurement and animal breeders will get fair prices on milk. Along with this, the quality standards of milk procurement will also increase. To bring efficiency and ensure transparency in its operations, Himachal Pradesh Milk Federation (Milkfed) will soon launch Enterprise Resource Planning System. Through this digital platform, farmers will be able to view essential information directly on their mobile phones, including real-time updates of milk purchase, payment status, quality test results and purchase price. Under the Enterprise Resource Planning system, all transactions will be digital, which will reduce the chances of human errors. Cattle farmers will receive information about milk sales and the price received on their mobile in real time. Availability of milk purchase data through digital medium will speed up bill preparation, which will also facilitate direct transfer of money to the bank accounts of cattle farmers. The Chief Minister said that as a result of the efforts of the state government, milk purchase by Milkfed has reached record levels and the quality of milk collection has also improved.

PANCHAYATS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO DECIDE WATER RATES IN HIMACHAL VILLAGES, ALSO AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT BILLS

Diary Times Desk : The government has authorized the Panchayats to collect water bills in the villages of Himachal Pradesh. Now the Panchayats will decide the water rates in rural areas. There will be no interference of the state government in this. Before determining the water rates, a proposal has to be brought in the Gram Sabha. Rates can be fixed only after the proposal is passed in the Gram Sabha. The amount received from water bills will remain with the Panchayats. Water schemes can be maintained with this amount. At present, the government is providing free water to the people in the Panchayats. The responsibility of providing regular water supply to the villagers will remain with the Panchayat. The Jal Shakti Department will not interfere in this matter. In the ward where water supply will be given, the employees supplying drinking water will have to get the signature of the Pradhan as proof.

HIMACHAL CHILDREN PRESENTED RAKHI AND HIMACHALI ATTIRE TO PRESIDENT DRAUPADI MURMU ON RAKSHABANDHAN

Diary Times Desk : On the auspicious occasion of Rakshabandhan, eight children from Himachal Pradesh made a special visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan under Samagra Shiksha and presented Rakhi and Himachali attire to the President of India Draupadi Murmu. This meeting became an unforgettable and inspiring experience for the children.

This visit, conducted under the guidance of Samagra Shiksha Director Rajesh Sharma, included four girl students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) and four children with special needs from government schools. These included Gunjan and Diya from Portmore School, Ansh from GSSS Chail, Aarush from GMS Rabon, Santosh from KGBV Shillai-1, Aarushi from KGBV Shillai-4 and Ridhima and Prachi from KGBV Andhra.

PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION: RAJYA SABHA MP SIKANDAR ASKED THESE QUESTIONS TO THE RAILWAY MINISTER, KNOW WHAT ANSWERS WERE GIVEN; KNOW IN DETAIL

Diary Times Desk : Parliament Monsoon Session: Rajya Sabha MP Sikandar asked these questions to the Railway Minister, know what answers were given; know in detail

Dr. Sikandar Kumar, MP Rajya Sabha and State General Secretary BJP asked the Railway Minister in Parliament whether the government has considered the redevelopment of Baijnath Paprola Railway Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the state of Himachal Pradesh? Is the government aware of the serious threat to the houses of about 20 families and has the government decided to stop the tunnel construction work for the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Bari rail project and what steps have been taken for the rehabilitation of the villagers in accordance with the rehabilitation and settlement norms in Himachal Pradesh?

In response to which, Railway Information and Broadcasting and Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnav informed that Baijnath Paprola station in the state of Himachal Pradesh has been identified for development under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and Phase-1 work has been completed, which includes improvement of station building, circulating area and parking area, platform surface, waiting room, new toilets, blocks, executive lounge, monumental flag, Divyangjan facilities etc. He said that under Amrut Bharat Station Yojana in Himachal Pradesh, so far 4 stations viz. Baijnath Paprola, Amb Andaura, Palampur Himachal and Shimla have been identified for development. At Amb Andaura station, the work of building improvement, development of circulating area, parking, executive lounge with toilets, toilet block, entry and exit gates, façade lighting and signage has been completed and work of 12 meter wide foot over bridge with ramp and lift has been started. He informed the House that Palampur and Shimla come under master planning and timelines and other details for such optimization cannot be given at this stage.

The Union Minister informed the House that development/upgradation/modernization of stations including AMRUT Bharat Station Yojana is generally funded under the scheme head-53 Customer Amenities.

LANDSLIDE ON SHALANALA FOUR LANE: CHANDIGARH-MANALI NATIONAL HIGHWAY CLOSED AGAIN, DRIVERS TROUBLED

Diary Times Desk : A big landslide occurred from the mountain near Shalanala behind Thalot on Chandigarh-Manali National Highway Mandi-Kullu road at around 6 pm on Sunday evening. A part of the four lane at that place has already broken due to floods. Now due to the landslide, the movement of vehicles from both sides has come to a complete halt. According to Police Traffic Incharge Gulzar, it may take a lot of time to remove the debris, due to which there is little possibility of the highway opening soon. If it rains, the task of removing the debris can become even more difficult. Due to the frequent closure of the highway, passengers and local people are facing a lot of trouble. The stranded drivers are waiting for the road to open for hours, while the situation has worsened due to the long jam.

JYOLI DEVI SCHOOL'S UPPER FLOOR DECLARED UNSAFE, CLASSES BEING HELD BELOW; NOT DISMANTLED

Diary Times Desk : Due to construction quality and departmental negligence, the condition of educational institutions is deteriorating. The latest example of this is the building of Rajkiya Adarsh Prathamik Pathshala Jyoli Devi. Here the first floor has been declared unsafe, despite this the students' classes are being held on the ground floor under the shadow of danger.

About two decades ago, the Panchayat had constructed the first floor of the school building, while the ground floor was constructed by the Education Department. Departmental officials had declared it unsafe a year ago, despite this it has not been demolished yet. The cement from the roof of the building has completely come off and the roof of the building can collapse anytime amid heavy rain and storm. Running classes in a dilapidated building has become a big risk for the safety of children, but the officials are not serious about the safety of children.

On the other hand, Panchayat Deputy Pradhan Amar Chand said that the work of the building was done by the Panchayat years ago. After that the responsibility of its maintenance and repair was handed over to the school management.

BRIDGE BUILT TO RESTORE
CONNECTIVITY IN FLOOD-
HIT UTTARKASHI, RELIEF
SUPPLY INTENSIFIED

Diary Times Desk : A vital bridge was constructed in disaster-hit areas of Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand on Sunday, with authorities focusing more on supplying relief materials to people who have been stranded without essentials for over five days now.

Rescuers have intensified searches to trace the missing persons and have deployed sniffer and cadaver dogs as well as thermal imaging cameras to locate them after a devastating flash floods and mudslides buried half of Dharali village and nearby areas in Uttarkashi on Tuesday.

The sixth day of rescue operations to evacuate the stranded and find the missing was delayed till 10 am on Sunday due to bad weather. By 3 pm, 177 people were airlifted from disaster-hit areas by deploying helicopters. Around 1,200 people have been rescued so far.

The district administration has confirmed four deaths in the tragedy, the recovery of two bodies and 49 people missing since the disaster.

**‘ENORMOUS MISTAKE’:
FORMER TRUMP AIDE SAYS
50% TARIFF ON INDIA
COULD BACKFIRE FOR US**



Diary Times Desk : John Bolton, former US National Security Advisor, has cautioned regarding President Donald Trump's 50 per cent tariff imposition on India. In an interview with CNN, Bolton highlighted Trump's approach as risky, leading to the deepening of India's ties with Russia and China instead of America. He called Trump's decision an "enormous mistake" and called out the president for showing bias towards Beijing over New Delhi.

Outcomes of high tariffs on India

In the CNN interview, he said, "Trump's tariffs against India are intended to hurt Russia but they could push India closer to Russia and to China to oppose these tariffs." Highlighting the bias, Ex-NSA added, "Trump's leniency on the Chinese, and heavy-handed tariffs on India, jeopardise decades of American efforts to bring India away from Russia and China."

Mr Pawar's comments coincided with the Maharashtra Congress' observance of the 83rd anniversary of the Quit India Movement.

‘PRESSURE FROM THE STATE GOVT’: RG KAR
VICTIM’S FATHER ON HOSPITAL DENYING
ADMISSION TO HIS WIFE



Diary Times Desk : The father of the RG Kar victim alleged on Sunday that his wife, who was injured in a "police lathicharge" during Saturday's protest march, was denied admission to a private hospital due to pressure from the state government.

The mother of the victim, who reportedly sustained injuries to her forehead, hands, and back, underwent a CT scan and other diagnostic tests on Saturday to assess both internal and external injuries, PTI reported.

The news agency added that the hospital officials declined to comment when contacted.

"The doctor who checked my wife on Saturday evening said that she would be admitted for treatment. But after he left the hospital, there was a sudden change in the attitude of others in the hospital. They started dilly-dallying.

HEAVY RAIN ALERT IN TELANGANA TILL
AUG 17; CM REVANTH REDDY INSPECTS
FLOOD-HIT HYDERABAD AREAS

Diary Times Desk : Hyderabad, The India Meteorological Department has issued a warning of "heavy to very heavy rainfall" at isolated locations across several Telangana districts from Sunday until August 17.

Following two days of heavy rain, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy conducted a surprise inspection of flood-affected areas in Hyderabad, where Saturday night's downpour led to waterlogging in several localities.

He instructed officials to improve drainage systems in flood-prone colonies to prevent further waterlogging. The IMD also forecast thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph at isolated locations across the state until August 13, according to its bulletin.

Amberpet recorded the highest rainfall in the city at 11 cm, followed by Himayatnagar with 10 cm, according to the Telangana daily weather report.

During the inspection of Ameerpet, Buddha Nagar, and Maitri Vanam, Reddy inquired about relief measures for residents affected by the heavy rains, a release from the CMO said.

POLL BODY FACT-CHECKS YET
ANOTHER VOTER FRAUD CLAIM
BY RAHUL GANDHI

Diary Times Desk : The Election Commission today fact-checked yet another claim made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi recently over alleged election manipulation, which has become a flashpoint between him and the poll body.

On Thursday, Rahul Gandhi shared a presentation with explosive claims alleging "vote theft". Among the many allegations, he shared the story of a 70-year-old woman who he claimed registered as a voter twice in two months, misusing Form 6, meant for first-time voters.

"Let me tell you the story of Shakun Rani. She became a first-time voter. She is 70 years old. She used Form 6 once and a few months later, she used Form 6 again. She had been listed in the voter list twice. And she is listed as a first-time voter. So did Shakun Rani vote or did someone else vote for Shakun Rani? To hide this, CCTV data is not being given to us. And, Shakun Rani's case is not the only case like this. There are thousands of people who have used Form 6 to put their names 2-3 times in the voter list," he alleged.

6 MEN POSE AS 'INTERNATIONAL COPS',
RENT OFFICE TO DUPE PEOPLE IN NOIDA

Diary Times Desk : Six men were arrested in Noida on Sunday for allegedly misleading people through a fake office and by posing as members of international police and various other organisations, officials said.

According to police, the accused are residents of West Bengal. They pretended to be government officials as well and influenced locals with the logo of the office. They had rented an office recently in sector 70 in Central Noida.

The racket was busted and six people were arrested, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central Noida) Shakti Mohan Awasthy said.

"They used to extort money from people by showing fake documents and logos. They also pretended as government officials to impress people," the officer added.

"The arrested accused made a rent agreement on June 4 and were operating the office for the last 15 days. They also had a website -- www.intlpcrbi.in -- and took donations. Further investigation is on," he said. The accused have been identified as Vibhash Chandra Adhikari (27), an arts graduate, Aranya Adhikari (26), a law graduate, Pintu Pal (27).

INDIA SHOOTING DOWN PAKISTANI AIRCRAFT FROM 300KM DEALT HUGE
PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW: MILITARY OFFICIALS

Diary Times Desk : Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh's comment about the Indian Air Force downing a large Pakistani aircraft from a distance of around 300 km reflected its unprecedented air superiority that dealt a "huge" psychological blow to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, military officials have said, reported PTI.

During an event on Saturday, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh said that the one large Pakistani aircraft destroyed during Operation Sindoor was taken down from a distance of 300 kilometres, the longest-ever recorded surface-to-air kill.

Police have seized nine mobile phones, 17 stamp seals, six cheque books, nine identity cards, a PAN card, a voter card, six ATM cards, three types of visiting cards, certificates recognised by ministries and a CPU. Four boards of the "International Police and Crime Investigation Bureau", Rs 42,300 in cash and other documents were also seized from the possession of the accused.

A case has been registered under the relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Information Technology Act and Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act at the Phase 3 police station in Central Noida.

OVER 600 PILGRIMS HOSPITALISED DUE TO CHLORINE GAS LEAK IN IRAQ

Diary Times Desk : More than 600 pilgrims in Iraq were briefly hospitalised with respiratory problems after inhaling chlorine as the result of a leak at a water treatment station, authorities said Sunday.

The incident took place overnight on the route between the two Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, located in the centre and south of Iraq, respectively.

This year, several million Shiite Muslim pilgrims are expected to make their way to Karbala, which houses the shrines of the revered Imam Hussein and his brother Abbas.

There, they will mark the Arbæen -- the 40-day period of mourning during which Shiites commemorate the death of Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Mohammed.

In a brief statement, Iraq's health ministry said, "621 cases of asphyxia have been recorded following a chlorine gas leak in Karbala".

MILWAUKEE CONTENTS WITH FLASH FLOODING, STATE FAIR AND AIRPORT AFFECTED, WITH MORE RAIN EXPECTED SUNDAY

Diary Times Desk : Floodwaters rushed through Milwaukee's fairgrounds, airport and roads Saturday, as historic rainfall led to flash flooding, water rescues and an early closure of the region's beloved state fair.

With more rain forecast for the region Sunday, officials are urging caution on the roads. The National Weather Service in Milwaukee issued several flash flood warnings for the area, which will remain in effect until Monday.

Milwaukee received 5.74 inches of rain in just hours Saturday -- a month and a half's worth of rain, setting a new daily record for the region.

Flash flooding was reported in multiple areas, including basements, creeks and streets, where some vehicles were reported stranded, according to the National Weather Service.

With numerous roads affected and a high number of flood-related calls coming in, Milwaukee first responders were sent out to conduct rescue operations.

The Milwaukee River hit a record high crest of 11.19 feet. The previous record was 10.48 in July 2010.

ARMENIANS CAUGHT BETWEEN HOPE AND DISTRUST AFTER ACCORD WITH AZERBAIJAN

Diary Times Desk : The streets were almost deserted in Yerevan Saturday because of the summer heat, but at shaded parks and fountains, Armenians struggled to make sense of what the accord signed a day earlier in Washington means for them.

The leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan, two Caucasian countries embroiled in a territorial conflict since the fall of the USSR, met Friday and signed a peace treaty under the watch of US President Donald Trump.

In Yerevan, however, few of the people asked by AFP were enthusiastic.

'Acceptable'

"It's a good thing that this document was signed because Armenia has no other choice," said Asatur Srapyan, an 81-year-old retiree.

He believes Armenia hasn't achieved much with this draft agreement, but it's a step in the right direction.

"We are very few in number, we don't have a powerful army, we don't have a powerful ally behind us, unlike Azerbaijan," he said. "This accord is a good opportunity for peace."

Maro Huneyan, a 31-year-old aspiring diplomat, also considers the pact "acceptable", provided it does not contradict her country's constitution.

"NO CHOICE BUT TO FINISH THE JOB": NETANYAHU ON GAZA TAKEOVER PLAN

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Israel "has no choice but to finish the job and complete the defeat of Hamas."

He is speaking to foreign media in Jerusalem and defending a planned military offensive. He asserts that "our goal is not to occupy Gaza, our goal is to free Gaza." He is also pushing back against what he calls a "global campaign of lies" as condemnation of the plan grows both inside and outside Israel.

Netanyahu said there is a "fairly short timetable" in mind for next steps in Gaza.

The goals there, he said, include demilitarizing Gaza, the Israeli military having "overriding security control" there and a non-Israeli civilian administration in charge.

The prime minister also said he had directed Israel's military in recent days to "bring in more foreign journalists" -- which would be a striking development as they have not been allowed into Gaza beyond military embeds.

AFGHAN FM'S PAK VISIT BLOCKED BY US OVER UN TRAVEL BAN WAIVER: REPORTS

Diary Times Desk : The United States blocked a planned visit by Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi to Pakistan by refusing to approve a United Nations Security Council (UNSC) travel ban exemption, according to a report by Dawn.

According to Dawn, Muttaqi was scheduled to visit Pakistan on August 4 as part of a recent push to improve relations between Kabul and Islamabad. The engagement followed Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar's earlier visit to Kabul, which had been facilitated by China.

Citing diplomatic sources, Dawn said that as the Afghan foreign minister is under international sanctions, he is barred from foreign travel without a special waiver from the UN sanctions committee. The committee, set up under UNSC Resolution 1988 (2011), oversees travel bans, asset freezes, and arms embargoes on Taliban-linked figures.

WHY ARE TRUMP AND PUTIN MEETING IN ALASKA AND WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

Diary Times Desk : The US and Russia have agreed to hold a meeting between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin next Friday, to discuss ways forward to end the war in Ukraine.

Trump announced the meeting last Friday, the same day of his self-imposed deadline for Russia to agree to a ceasefire or else face more US sanctions.

Three rounds of talks between Russia and Ukraine held at Trump's behest this summer have yet to bring the two sides any closer to peace.

Here is what we know about the meeting between the two leaders, taking place in Alaska -- a former Russian territory which only became a US state in 1959.

Why are Putin and Trump meeting? Trump has been pushing hard -- without much success -- to end the war in Ukraine.

As a candidate, Trump pledged that he could end the war within 24 hours after taking office. He has also repeatedly claimed that the war "never would have happened" if he had been president at the time of Russia's invasion.

Last month, Trump told the BBC that he was "disappointed" by Putin.

H-1B VISA HOLDERS' CHILDREN AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR PROTECTED LEGAL STATUS; KNOW ABOUT NEW USCIS POLICY CHANGE

The Trump administration changed its policy on Friday, allowing children of holders of H-1B visas to age out of their protected legal status as their parents apply for green cards.

In its statement, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stated that it was modifying a Biden administration regulation that shielded young adults from surrendering their legal status if a parent's petition was still processing when their children turned 21.

The move, which coincides with news changes at the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) to align regulations with President Donald Trump's orders to tighten immigration controls, may impact about 200,000 children and young adults.

The USCIS policy change impacts people covered by the Child Status Protection Act (CSPA), which was made available to certain children in February 2023 under the ex-President Joe Biden's government as soon as their parents were qualified to apply for a green card.



MANN SKIPS AAP RALLY AMID ROW OVER LAND POOLING POLICY

Diary Times Desk : Amid sparring over the contentious land pooling policy, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann skipped the AAP's Rakhar Punia rally at Baba Bakala on Saturday, despite the government earlier inviting the public to the event through advertisements published in dailies.

Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO was made the chief guest at the last moment as Mann, along with AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal, visited Tarn Taran to inaugurate an anti-drone system. Later, Mann and Kejriwal went to Amritsar. The Opposition parties, which also held political rallies on the occasion, targeted the state's AAP government over the policy.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court had on August 7 stayed the initiative after the government refused to withdraw it. The court gave the government four weeks to address the concerns. Meanwhile, the security was extremely tight on the main road leading to the Gurdwara Baba Bakala Sahib.



2 MEN OPEN FIRE AT YOUTUBER'S RESIDENCE IN PUNJAB'S HOSHIARPUR

Diary Times Desk : Two motorcycle-borne unidentified men allegedly fired shots at the residence of a local YouTuber here in the early hours of Sunday, police said.

The incident occurred at around 1 am when the accused reached the house of Simran Sikand, a Model Town local, and opened fire at the main gate with an unidentified weapon before fleeing, the police mentioned, adding that no one was injured. Two used cartridges were recovered from the spot, Model Town Police Station, Sub-Inspector (SI) Gursahib Singh stated.

He further mentioned that a few months ago, Sikand commented on a religious post on social media, which allegedly led to an online argument with Mohammad Sehyad Bhatti, a Pakistani national residing in Canada, and Dalbir Singh of Hoshiarpur. Sikand claimed that Bhatti threatened him with a grenade attack at his house, following which the YouTuber was provided police security.

MAN CLIMBS 70-FT POLE IN MOGA, FORCES BROTHER'S RELEASE FROM 'ILLEGAL' POLICE CUSTODY

Diary Times Desk : In an incident on Sunday along the Kotkapura-bypass road in Moga, police released a theft suspect who had been held for five days in what was deemed 'illegal' custody. The suspect was released after his elder brother climbed a 70-foot electric pole and vowed not to descend until his sibling was freed.

The protest began when Sukhwinder Singh scaled a 66 kV high-voltage transmission pole, demanding justice for his younger brother, Babaljit Singh, who had been in police custody since August 5 in connection with a house theft. Family members alleged that Babaljit had no involvement in the crime, as he was not visible in any CCTV footage, and had been illegally detained and assaulted by the police. They also accused officers of colluding with the complainants to extort money.

PUNJAB SOLDIERS KILLED IN KULGAM ENCOUNTER CREMATED WITH FULL MILITARY HONOURS



Diary Times Desk : The funeral of Lance Naik Pritpal Singh and Sepoy Harminder Singh, who were killed in a gunfight with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam, was held with full military honours at their native places in Punjab on Sunday.

The two soldiers were killed in an overnight gunfight with terrorists on the ninth day of an ongoing encounter in Kulgam district on Saturday. The encounter began on August 1 after security forces launched a cordon and search operation in a forest at Akhal in the south Kashmir district, following Intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there. Earlier in the day, the bodies of Lance Naik Pritpal Singh reached his native place Manupur village in Samrala and Sepoy Harminder Singh's body reached his village, Badinpur, in Mandi Gobindgarh.

Pritpal Singh (28) joined the Army in 2015, his brother Harpreet Singh said. He got married in February this year and returned to duty in April. He was to come home on leave this month, his brother said.

STATE LAUNCHES ANTI-DRONE SYSTEM TO TACKLE CROSS-BORDER SMUGGLING

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann along with Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal today flagged off an anti-drone system (ADS) — "Baaz Akh" (hawk eye) — to curb cross-border drug smuggling in Tarn Taran district.

Terming it "a glorious chapter in the crusade against drugs", Kejriwal said, "Previous regimes hobnobbed with drug smugglers, allowing this curse to strengthen its hold in the state.

RAKHAR PUNIA, A TURNING POINT IN SIKH HISTORY

Diary Times Desk : Rakhar Punia marks a turning point in the Punjab history as Guru Teg Bahadur was declared a Sikh Guru on this day in 1664.

Every year, thousands of devotees gather at Baba Bakala to mark the occasion. It was here that the rightful leadership of the Sikh Panth was established, helping the community stay united in a time of uncertainty. "For the Sikh Panth, Rakhar Punia is more than remembering the past. It is about reaffirming a model of leadership that still matters," said Daya Singh, a lecturer at Bhai Gurdas Gurmat Institute. "It reminds us of the historic moment when Guru Teg Bahadur was declared the Sacha Guru (True Guru)."

This event took place in 1664, after the death of Guru Har Krishan. No successor had been announced and 22 people came forward in Baba Bakala claiming to be the Guru. They used money, influence and local support to push for their claims. It was then that a wealthy trader, Makhan Shah Lubana, identified Guru Teg Bahadur as the true master. "This decision did more than settle a religious dispute. It ended a dangerous power struggle and united the Sikhs under rightful leadership," said historian Jagdeep Singh.

PUNJAB'S 'BILL LIAO INAM PAO' SCHEME HELPS IMPOSE RS 9.07CRORE PENALTY FOR IRREGULARITIES

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Sunday said since the launch of the 'Bill Liao Inam Pao' scheme in September 2023, a penalty worth Rs 9.07 crore has been imposed on entities which were found guilty of irregularities in issuing bills to consumers.

"Of this, Rs 7.30 crore has already been recovered, marking a significant step forward in ensuring fiscal accountability," said Cheema while adding that the scheme has further expanded the tax base by facilitating 135 new registrations. In a statement, Cheema said, "The scheme's focus on encouraging citizens to demand bills has had a profound impact on tax enforcement.

The finance minister said the scheme 'Bill Liao Inam Pao' (bring a bill, get a reward) — which was launched to encourage responsible consumer behaviour and strengthen tax compliance — has seen remarkable success.

POLICE RESCUE 3 MISSING
SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM
KOTKHAJ; KIDNAPPER
ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : One person has been arrested for allegedly kidnapping three 11-year-old students of Bishop Cotton School, Shimla. They were located from Kotkhai tehsil in Shimla district, police said here today.

The accused has been identified as Sumit Sood (45), a resident of Kokunala village in Kotkhai. According to reports, three students of Class VI, along with other school students, had gone for a routine outing and went missing on August 9. The students hail from Mohali, Karnal and Kullu. Taking prompt action, the school principal approached the police to register a missing complaint. A case under Section 137 (B) (kidnapping) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, was registered in Police Station, New Shimla.

MEDICAL DEVICE PARK
FACES REVIVAL AS CABINET
SUB-PANEL TOLD TO SUBMIT
REPORT WITHIN TWO
MONTHS

Diary Times Desk : The hopes of the revival of the medical device park project proposed at Nalagarh have rekindled after a Cabinet sub-committee was entrusted the task to submit a report on its development within two months.

The work on the park project, spread over 1,623 bighas at Gheed and Teliwal villages of Manjholi gram panchayat in Nalagarh subdivision, was halted in November last year due to the paucity of funds. Even a contractor, who had flattened the hill, had failed to get his dues worth crores of rupees. To lure investors, the state government was supposed to provide land to industrialists for Re 1 per square metre, electricity at Rs 3 per unit and water, maintenance and warehouse facilities for 10 years without any charges.

The government, however, was not in favour of these lucrative sops as it believed that most of the equipment manufactured in the park would be sold outside the state, thus causing a direct loss of State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) to the state exchequer.

HIMACHAL TO RECEIVE HEAVY RAIN TILL AUGUST 15; ORANGE AND
YELLOW WARNINGS ISSUED

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh is set to receive a spell of heavy to very heavy rain till August 15 as the State's Meteorological Department has issued orange and yellow alerts for various districts from August 11 onwards, resulting in enhanced rainfall activity across the state.

As per the State's Meteorological Department, light to moderate rain and a few spells of heavy to very heavy rain are likely to occur across the state till August 15. During this period, maximum temperatures are likely to fall by 2°C to 3°C while minimum temperatures will remain normal. On August 11, heavy to very heavy rain is likely at isolated places in Kangra, Chamba and Mandi districts, for which an orange warning has been issued. Similarly, heavy rain is also likely at isolated places in Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Solan districts, for which a yellow weather warning has been issued.



BLOCKED BY LANDSLIDES, KIRATPUR-MANALI
HIGHWAY REOPENS AFTER 18 HOURS

Diary Times Desk : After remaining closed for nearly 18 hours due to flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall, the Kiratpur-Manali National Highway has been restored to traffic between Mandi and Kullu today.

The closure, which began last evening, had caused severe disruption across the region. Restoration work was completed around 12 noon today, with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) deploying workforce and machinery through the night to clear debris from multiple blocked points. While the highway is now open, authorities have only allowed one-way traffic movement at key vulnerable locations, including 9 Miles, Kainchi Mod, Dwada, and Jhalogi. These areas were worst affected by landslides and water logging. Traffic police personnel have been stationed at these points to regulate flow and ensure safety. Long traffic jams are being reported, particularly at these one-way stretches.

A significant incident occurred at the Rains Nala tunnel section of the highway, where flash flooding led to the inundation of tunnels, trapping several vehicles inside. Fortunately, occupants managed to escape in time, avoiding a major disaster.

HELI-TAXI SERVICES FROM HIMACHAL'S
DHALLI OKAYED

Diary Times Desk : The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given nod to commence heli-taxi services from Dhalli heliport, situated on the outskirts of Shimla.

An indication to this effect was given by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on his return from Delhi, yesterday. "Our efforts have yielded positive results. We have been given permission to start heli-taxi services from the Dhalli heliport," said Sukhu, adding that Shimla to Chandigarh and Rampur to Chandigarh flights would commence soon. At present, the Dhalli heliport is being used by VIPs for chartered flights. Since the Jubbarhatti airport is located 25 km from the state capital, people prefer to travel to Chandigarh to catch a flight, especially in view of the erratic and undependable nature of flights from Jubbarhatti.

The DGCA had pointed out several shortcomings ever since the Dhalli heliport was constructed, which had been addressed by the Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation. However, the nod from the DGCA had been delayed, resulting in the facility remaining unused.

HC DISMISSES BAIL PLEA IN ECONOMIC OFFENCE CASE

Diary Times Desk : Economic offences are considered grave crimes as they affect the economy of the country. Such offences are to be viewed seriously. This was held by the Himachal Pradesh High Court, while dismissing the bail plea of a person, who is allegedly involved in fraudulent activities related to cryptocurrency. He enticed people to invest substantial amount(s), promising

high returns. Dismissing the bail plea, Justice Sushil Kukreja observed: "When the gravity of the offence alleged is severe, mere long incarceration in jail as undertrial is not sufficient ground to enlarge an accused on bail if facts and circumstances of the case and interest of society do not warrant for enlarging the accused-applicant on bail. The present is an economic offence. In such type of offences, while granting bail, the court has to keep in mind, inter alia, the larger interest of the public and the State. The nature and seriousness of an economic offence and its impact on society are always important considerations in such cases."

As per the prosecution story a case was registered at the Palampur police station on the basis of written complaint filed on September, 24, 2023. It was alleged in the said complaint that a group of individuals, including bail petitioner, engaged in fraudulent activities related to cryptocurrency.



SOURAV GANGULY FUELS VIRAT KOHLI-ROHIT SHARMA EXIT BUZZ AHEAD OF 2027 ODI WORLD CUP: 'DIFFICULT TO SAY. WHOEVER...'

Diary Times Desk : Former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Sunday addressed the growing chatter over the ODI futures of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, after a media report claimed India's upcoming ODI series in Australia this October could be their final international appearance in the format.

According to Dainik Jagran, the three-match series — which will mark the start of India's preparations for the 2027 ODI World Cup in South Africa — could see Kohli and Rohit call time on their ODI careers. If they aim to continue until 2027, the report added, they would need to participate in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, India's domestic List A tournament, to stay match-ready and in contention for selection. The BCCI's domestic participation condition, the report suggested, might prompt the duo to retire. Both players retired from T20Is in June 2024 after India's World Cup win in Barbados and shocked fans in May by stepping away from Test cricket within a week of each other, just before the England tour squad announcement.



DAVID, HAZLEWOOD COMBINE FOR AUSTRALIA'S 9TH STRAIGHT T20I WIN

Diary Times Desk : Tim David batted around top-order wreckage, smashing eight sixes in his whirlwind knock that pushed Australia to a winning total of 178 in the T20I series opener against South Africa in Darwin. The impressive 19-year-old pacer Kwena Maphaka's 4-20 was then eclipsed by Josh Hazlewood, as South Africa fell short in chase. This was Australia's record ninth straight win — their longest winning streak in T20Is, surpassing eight wins between February 2024 and June 2024. Mitchell Marsh kickstarted the Aussie summer with a six over extra cover off Lungi Ngidi. That paved the way for a chaotic PowerPlay where Australia lost four wickets while hitting 71 runs. Kagiso Rabada didn't let the Aussie opening pair of Marsh and Travis Head blossom beyond the second over as he dismissed the latter for just two. George Linde then saw the back of Josh Inglis for a first-ball duck. Marsh was gone by the start of the fourth over too but Tim David and Cameron Green swung for the hills when the restriction was still on. Green started off with two fours and a six against Linde in the third over and David smashed Rabada — including a disdainful six down the ground. The pair went after Corbin Bosch in an 18-over over before Green lived and died by the sword against Ngidi in the sixth over.

MANCHESTER UNITED HAVE DONE WHAT OMAR BERRADA SAID THEY WOULD IN THE TRANSFER WINDOW

Diary Times Desk : Following their 1-0 defeat to Tottenham Hotspur in the Europa League final, Manchester United could have been forgiven for fearing the worst ahead of this summer's transfer window.

The slender reverse to their Premier League counterparts in Bilbao ended their hopes of competing in Europe this coming season and confirmed their worst season for 51 years.

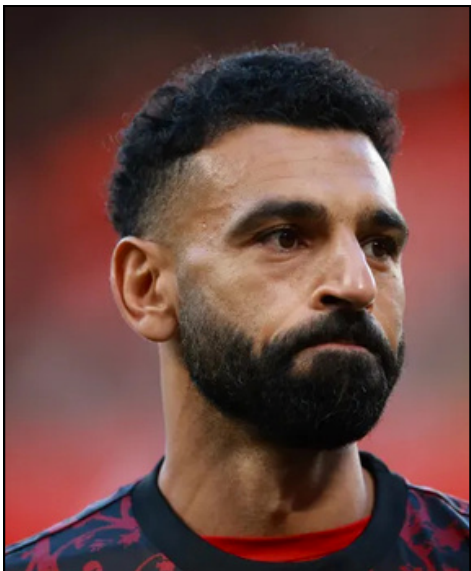
At the time, the consequences of failing to qualify for the Champions League, ahead of a transfer window of such importance, felt as though they would be catastrophic.

However, United have been able to prove they still have an ace up their sleeve that will never be taken away from them: their pulling power.

With just a week to go until their Premier League opener against Arsenal at Old Trafford, United have completed four summer signings, the latest of which, Benjamin Sesko, was unveiled to his new army of supporters ahead of Saturday's friendly against Fiorentina.

SALAH CRITICISES UEFA TRIBUTE TO SULEIMAN AL-OBEID, THE 'PALESTINIAN PELE'

Diary Times Desk : Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah has criticised a UEFA tribute to the late Suleiman al-Obeid, known as the "Palestinian Pele", after European football's governing body failed to reference the circumstances surrounding his killing this week. The Palestine Football Association said Al-Obeid, 41, was killed by an Israeli attack on civilians waiting for humanitarian aid in the southern Gaza Strip on Wednesday. In a brief post on X, UEFA called the former national team member "a talent who gave hope to countless children, even in the darkest of times". Salah responded on Saturday: "Can you tell us how he died, where, and why?" Speaking to Al Jazeera, Bassil Mikdadi, the founder of Football Palestine, said he did not expect the football body to respond to the criticism. "UEFA have not issued a follow-up, and frankly, I'd be surprised if they do," he said, citing the "complete silence" of football and players bodies since the start of the war on Gaza.



DEAN HENDERSON THE HERO AS CRYSTAL PALACE BEAT LIVERPOOL IN PENALTY SHOOTOUT TO WIN COMMUNITY SHIELD

Diary Times Desk : Crystal Palace beat Premier League champions Liverpool 3-2 on penalties to win the Community Shield after an entertaining 2-2 draw at Wembley on Sunday, with keeper Dean Henderson reprising his penalty-saving heroics from their FA Cup final triumph. Substitute Justin Devenny scored the winning spot kick to give Palace the spoils, after Mohamed Salah skied the Reds' first penalty and Henderson then saved efforts from Alexis Mac Allister and Harvey Elliott. "I love it, I love the big moments, I love being in that pressure moment," Henderson — who saved an Omar Marmoush penalty as Palace won their first major trophy against Manchester City in May — told ITV. New recruit Hugo Ekitike had put Liverpool ahead inside four minutes after he and record signing Florian Wirtz combined beautifully before the Frenchman produced a superb finish. But Palace deservedly levelled in the 17th minute, Jean-Philippe Mateta sending Alisson the wrong way from the penalty spot after Virgil van Dijk brought down Ismaila Sarr. Close-season signing Jeremie Frimpong restored the Reds' lead, as Liverpool fans marked the death of Portugal forward Diogo Jota with 20 minutes on the clock in honour of his shirt number, sending an attempted cross looping in off the post.

DEFENDING CHAMPS JANNIK SINNER, ARYNA SABALENKA MAKE WINNING STARTS IN CINCINNATI OPEN

Diary Times Desk : Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka got their title defenses off to smooth starts as they powered into the third round of the ATP-WTA Cincinnati Open on Saturday. The men's and women's top seeds, each ranked number one in the world, were both competing for the first time since Wimbledon — where Sinner lifted the title and as Sabalenka bowed out in the women's semi-finals. Sinner crushed Colombian Daniel Elahi Galan 6-1, 6-1 in steamy afternoon weather while Sabalenka beat 2023 Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova 7-5, 6-1 under the lights of the night session. Sabalenka needed 54 minutes and a service break in the final game to clinch the opening set with a stinging winner. The second set was more of a grind than the score suggested as she saved five break points for a 4-1 lead and recovered from 0-30 down in the final game before securing the win. "It's always a tough match against her," Sabalenka said of the Czech opponent she has faced nine times.