

BIHAR SIR

BIHAR SIR ROW: INCLUSION OF CITIZENS, EXCLUSION OF NON-CITIZENS FROM VOTER LIST WITHIN EC'S REMIT, SAYS SC

Diary Times Desk : As petitioners challenging the June 24 notification on Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in poll-bound Bihar alleged that the Election Commission was unauthorisedly deciding citizenship of voters, the Supreme Court on Tuesday clarified that the poll panel has the power to take a call on exclusion of non-citizens from electoral rolls.

"The law of granting or taking away citizenship has to be passed by Parliament...But inclusion and exclusion of citizens and non-citizens from the electoral rolls is within the Election Commission's remit," a Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said.

The top court's comment came after senior counsel AM Singhvi, representing one of the petitioners, contended that the poll panel cannot determine citizenship of people. "The Election Commission was never intended to be the policeman of citizenship," he submitted.

"Yes, I can be stopped till I apply and get citizenship, but if I am on the roll already...The EC is forgetting that we have already voted in five to six elections...What is happening here is de facto deletion. Non-inclusion is the clever word being used here," Singhvi said.

The Bench, however, said that inclusion in a summary revision electoral roll did not give a carte blanche inclusion into the intensive revision of electoral rolls.



H-1B VISA OVERHAUL

SETBACK FOR INDIANS? TRUMP'S WH APPROVES MAJOR H-1B VISA OVERHAUL, SET TO PRIORITIZE HIGHER WAGES OVER LOTTERY SYSTEM



Diary Times Desk : The White House's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has adopted a proposed regulation that could change the way H-1B visas are distributed to workers in specialty occupations, as per Bloomberg Law report. The move implies that the new regulation might soon be made public.

The new rule is anticipated to relaunch a Trump administration plan that would prioritize H-1B applicants based on earnings rather than the existing random lottery system. However, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has not yet released information regarding the regulation.

At present, there is an annual cap of 85,000 visas under the H-1B program, which is widely used by the tech sector. On an annual basis, a random lottery selects which employers may file visa requests. In 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recommended allocating H-1B visas based on earnings, separated into four categories, to prioritize higher-paying positions.

DHS attempted to switch from a random selection procedure to a wage-priority approach under the Trump administration. The suggested regulation would put applications based on wages promised, with higher-paying positions given preference in accordance with the administration's "Buy American, Hire American" program, which was designed to guarantee that highly qualified foreign workers who were paid significantly better were given preference for H-1B visas.

HYDERABAD TO SEE HEAVY RAIN FOR 4 DAYS, WORK FROM HOME SUGGESTED



Diary Times Desk : Heavy to very heavy rain is forecast for Hyderabad and the rest of Telangana for the next few days. The India Meteorological Department has issued a severe weather warning, putting Hyderabad city and its surrounding areas under an orange alert. Residents have been advised to be prepared for significant weather disturbances and potential flooding.

According to the latest forecast from the weather department, a new low-pressure area is expected to form over the west-central Bay of Bengal, which will intensify monsoon activity across the region. This weather system, combined with an existing cyclonic circulation, is expected to bring widespread downpours and thunderstorms to Telangana.

Several parts of Hyderabad have already experienced moderate to heavy rainfall today, leading to waterlogging and traffic congestion.

TRUMP SAYS TARIFFS ON INDIA OVER RUSSIAN OIL A "BIG BLOW" TO MOSCOW

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has stated that America's steep tariffs on India over its import of Russian oil have dealt a "big blow" to Moscow's economy, which he said was not performing well. Speaking from the White House, Trump claimed Russia's economy has been severely disrupted due to ongoing global pressures and the imposition of US tariffs on several countries, including India.

"I think Russia has to get back into building their country. It's a massive country... They have tremendous potential in Russia to do well. They're not doing well. Their economy is not doing well right now because it's been very well disturbed by this," he said."Doesn't help when the President of the United States tells their largest or second-largest oil buyer that we're putting a 50 per cent tariff on you if you buy oil from Russia. That was a big blow," Trump said, in an apparent reference to India.

INFOSYS PUSHES EMPLOYEES TO ADOPT BENGALURU METRO YELLOW LINE TO DODGE GRIDLOCK

Diary Times Desk : Bengaluru's newly inaugurated Yellow Line metro has found an early corporate champion in Infosys, which is urging its employees to swap road commutes for the "efficient" rail corridor to curb traffic congestion. According to a TOI report, the IT giant circulated an internal email highlighting the benefits of the metro, particularly during peak hours, while detailing seamless last-mile connectivity for staff.

The 19.143 km elevated line, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, opened to the public on Monday, linking RV Road in Jayanagar to Bommasandra via Electronic City.

Infosys has positioned itself as a key beneficiary with feeder shuttles, operated by ELCITA, synchronised to train arrivals to ferry employees between Konappana Agrahara Station and its satellite offices. A dedicated skywalk from the station also leads directly to the Infosys Metro Plaza, where ID checks grant access to the campus.

"BIG RELIEF FOR DELHI": MINISTER AFTER SUPREME COURT BREATHES ON OLD VEHICLES




Diary Times Desk : Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa has welcomed the Supreme Court's order stopping the impounding of diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than 15 years in Delhi-NCR, calling it "a big relief for the people of Delhi".

"The Delhi govt had filed a plea before the court, arguing that the 'end of life' for a vehicle should be determined not by its age, but by the pollution it emits and the number of kilometres it has run," Mr Sirsa said.


He credited Chief Minister Rekha Gupta with leading the legal fight. "Chief Minister Gupta fought this battle on behalf of the people of Delhi. We hope that in the days to come, we will be able to bring permanent relief to the residents of Delhi," he added.

"While we remain committed to cleaning Delhi's air, we will also ensure that the rights of our citizens are safeguarded. We will succeed in saving people's beloved vehicles, as well as improving the environment and air quality of Delhi," Mr Sirsa 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.



NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN UNA TO KANGRA WILL BE SURVEYED SOON, UNION RAILWAY MINISTER ASSURED

Diary Times Desk : Union Railway Minister Ashwani Vaishnav has assured to conduct a survey of the new railway line from Una to Kangra via Kunah soon. During a meeting with Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur and Kangra MP Rajiv Bhardwaj in New Delhi on Tuesday, the Railway Minister said that this new railway line connecting Una, Hamirpur and Kangra parliamentary constituency with the whole country will provide special benefits to students, devotees, traders, soldiers and tourists.

MP Anurag told the Union Railway Minister that construction of a new railway line between Una to Kangra via Kunah is very important for the convenience of the public. This railway route to be built in the form of Devi Circuit will also connect major pilgrimage sites like Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple, Maa Jwalamukhi, Maa Chintapurni, Maa Baglamukhi, Maa Bajreshwari, Maa Chamunda Devi, Masroor Temple and Baba Balaknath Temple. Crores of devotees come here from all over the country throughout the year. This railway line will also benefit thousands of students and teachers studying in many institutions like NIT, IIT, Medical College, Central University.



CHIEF MINISTER SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID - LOAN FACILITY STARTED FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OF ORPHAN CHILDREN

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said - Loan facility started for higher education of orphan children

The government has made a provision of loan up to Rs 20 lakh for the higher education of 6,000 'Children of the State' orphan children announced by the government. Such children will get this loan at 1 percent interest. Eligible youth can apply for this. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said this in a program organized on International Youth Day at Peterhof. He said that under Dr. YS Parmar Student Loan Scheme, financial assistance is being given by the government for higher education. Sukhu said that 90 percent of the state's population lives in villages, but farming is no longer the main livelihood. The government is promoting natural farming and providing minimum support price for wheat, maize, raw turmeric and barley.

HIMACHAL'S TANUJA WILL PLAY THREE ODIs AGAINST AUSTRALIA

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Women-A cricket team on tour to Australia will play three ODIs and one Test match. In these matches, Himachal cricketer Tanuja Kanwar has got a place in the one-day and test team of India-A. Earlier, in the three T-20 matches played against Australia-A women's team, bowler Tanuja Kanwar got a chance to play in two matches. Tanuja Kanwar's performance in this was not special. Tanuja returned to the pavilion after scoring zero runs in one match and only one run in the second match. Now the first ODI will be played with Australia-A on August 13. In this, Tanuja Kanwar can get a place in the playing eleven. If Tanuja performs well in the ODIs, then she can also get a place in the Indian team in the Women's Cricket World Cup to be held in the coming days. In Australia, the Indian Women-A team has to play the first ODI on August 13, the second on August 15 and the third on August 17.

HIMACHAL NEWS: NOW HIMACHAL'S CHILGOZA WILL GROW IN BHUTAN, CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU PRESENTED 5000 PLANTS

Diary Times Desk : Now Himachal's Chilgoza will grow in Bhutan too. Chief Minister Sukhu presented 5,000 Chilgoza plants to the Bhutan government. In fact, a delegation from Bhutan led by Deputy Chief of Mission Tashi Pelden and Minister Advisor Chimi Wangmo from the Royal Bhutanese Embassy met Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday and discussed mutual relations.

The Chief Minister said that relations between India and Bhutan have always been cordial. He informed that the friendship agreement was signed between the two countries in 1949, which was renewed in 2007. Strengthening these relations further, Chilgoza plants have been given to the Forest and Park Services Department of the Bhutan Government as a symbol of friendship on behalf of the people of the state. The Chief Minister said that 50 kg of pine nuts collected by self-help groups under the JICA project will also be provided to Bhutan in October. The Chief Minister said that pine nuts are found in Kinnaur district and Pangri and Bharmour areas of Chamba district.



HRTC DRIVERS-CONDUCTORS RELEASED TWO CRORES FOR OVERTIME

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh government has released Rs 2 crore for one month's overtime allowance and night overtime allowance (OTA-NOTA) to drivers and conductors. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri said that this amount was given in the recent meeting of the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) driver union considering the demands of the union. He has directed the Managing Director to release it.

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CHIEF MINISTER SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID - RS 3,000 CRORE WILL BE INVESTED TO PROMOTE TOURISM

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said - Rs 3,000 crore will be invested to promote tourism

The state government has started tourism activities on the Indo-China border in Kinnaur district. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that this step will prove helpful in promoting tourism in the state and generating employment for the youth. While presiding over the state-level program on International Youth Day at the State Guest House Peterhoff on Tuesday, the CM said that Rs 3,000 crore will be invested in the tourism sector in Himachal.

He said that loan facility is being given at 4% interest to encourage homestay construction. Currently, about 8,000 homestays are operating in the state. Along with promoting the startup scheme, self-employment opportunities are being provided to the youth. The CM appealed to the youth to stay away from drugs and actively cooperate in making Himachal drug-free. He said that strict action is being taken against the drug mafia and the property of smugglers is being seized. He urged the youth to inform the police about drug smugglers. He also administered an oath to the youth to stay away from drugs on Youth Day.

HOW DELHI PLANS TO REMOVE STRAY DOGS WITHIN SC-SET TIMELINE, WHERE THEY'LL BE TAKEN: MAYOR SHARES OUTLINE

Diary Times Desk : Amid the outrage over the Supreme Court's order to remove all stray dogs across Delhi-NCR, Delhi Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh on Tuesday has welcomed the order and said the city is working towards its implementation. Speaking to news agency ANI, the Delhi mayor said the SC order – which calls to remove all stray dogs within eight weeks from Delhi and its adjacent cities Noida, Ghaziabad and Gurugram – will be implemented across the national capital in a “phased manner” by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The top court's order was welcomed by the Delhi government, too. As the BJP government vowed to create an action plan, several animal rights activists, dog lover and other protestors were detained at India Gate for demonstration against the SC order.

"BIHAR VOTER ROLL REVISION CAN BE SET ASIDE IF...": SUPREME COURT

Diary Times Desk : The results of the Election Commission's ongoing 'special intensive revision' of the Bihar voter list can be set aside – as late as September, two months before the Assembly election is expected in the eastern state – if illegality is proven in the process, the Supreme Court said Tuesday afternoon.

The assurance was in response to arguments about the authority of the Election Commission – which sought 11 documents from Bihar residents to re-verify themselves as voters – to establish that fact.

The EC had earlier said voters cannot use commonly accepted government IDs, like the Aadhaar (and its own identity card), to establish citizenship and re-verify themselves, as these were proof of identity only. The poll panel also noted such documents are easier to forge than those on its list.

When the top court remarked today the poll body was right in saying an Aadhaar card is not definite proof of citizenship, the petitioners argued that such was not their case. They said their case was about the illegality of the process and questions over the poll body's jurisdiction to determine citizenship. Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Rashtriya Janata Dal MP Manoj Kumar Jha, said the question was – 'does the EC have the right to establish citizenship in the first place?'

"ABHI PICTURE BAAKI HAI": RAHUL GANDHI'S TEASER AFTER VOTE ROW PROTEST



Diary Times Desk : Rahul Gandhi has repeated his criticism of the Election Commission – that it colluded with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party to commit voter fraud in Karnataka and Maharashtra last year, and is preparing to do the same in Bihar later this year via the 'special intensive revision'

Speaking to reporters outside Parliament Tuesday morning, the Congress MP said, "There are many seats... not just one or two... in which this was done. It is being done at a national level... systematically. The Election Commission knows this. Earlier there was no proof. Now there is..."

"We are protecting the Constitution... the Election Commission is not doing its duty of 'one person, one vote'. Abhi picture baaki hai (there is more to come)," he said with a slight smile.

"PROCESS OF REMOVAL SHOULD BEGIN": PROBE PANEL FORMED OVER JUDGE IN CASH ROW

Diary Times Desk : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday announced a three-member panel to probe allegations against Justice Yashwant Varma, at whose Delhi residence large piles of burnt cash were found in March this year. The committee includes Justice Aravind Kumar of the Supreme Court, Justice MM Shrivastava of the Madras High Court, and senior advocate of the Karnataka High Court BV Acharya.

Mr Birla also accepted an impeachment motion against Justice Varma signed by 146 Members of Parliament.

"The process of removal of Justice Yashwant Varma should begin. The Parliament is united against corruption. We have accepted the impeachment motion...People have faith in the judiciary," Mr Birla said.

SCORES STILL MISSING A WEEK AFTER INDIA FLASH FLOODS

Diary Times Desk : At least 66 people are still missing a week after flash floods hit the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand, according to an official statement.

Only one body has been recovered so far, the statement added, revising an earlier death toll of four.

Nearly half of Dharali village was submerged on 5 August in a mudslide caused by heavy rains and flash floods. An army camp nearby also suffered extensive damage.

Rescue operations are continuing at the site of the disaster as workers search for missing people. The work has been affected by inclement weather and the blockage of a key highway near the site due to the mudslide.

Weeks of heavy rain have pounded Uttarakhand, with Uttarkashi region – home to Dharali village – among the worst hit by flooding.

IN US, PAKISTAN ARMY CHIEF ASIM MUNIR THREATENS TO HIT RELIANCE'S JAMNAGAR REFINERY: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : In a provocative and hostile speech laced with threats against India, Pakistan's Army chief General Asim Munir reportedly hinted at targeting Reliance Industries Ltd's Jamnagar refinery in Gujarat, in the event of any future military confrontation. This marks the first time a Pakistani military leader has signalled an intent to strike India's vital oil infrastructure. Addressing a private dinner gathering in Tampa, Florida, Asim Munir referred to a social media post featuring RIL chairman Mukesh Ambani alongside a Quranic verse, claiming he personally authorised it during a recent standoff with India "to show them what we will do next time," The Times of India reported. The verse, from Surah Al-Fil (The Elephant), is interpreted by many as an allegory for an aerial strike in the context of modern warfare. Historically, it refers to the 'Year of the Elephant' (around 570 CE.

AADHAAR, PAN, VOTER ID NOT PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: BOMBAY HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Bombay High Court on Tuesday observed that one does not become a citizen of India merely by possessing documents such as an Aadhaar card, PAN card or Voter ID card [Babu Abdul Ruf Sardar v The State of Maharashtra].

A single Bench of Justice Amit Borkar made the observation while denying bail to an alleged Bangladeshi national accused of illegally entering India and obtaining government identity documents by fraudulent means.

The accused had claimed that he had valid Indian ID documents such as Aadhaar card, Voter ID, PAN Card, and Passport, which were linked to his income tax records, bank accounts, utility payment bills and business registration.

However, the Court noted that the mere possession of these documents is not sufficient to prove Indian citizenship.

"In my opinion, the Citizenship Act, 1955 is the main and controlling law for deciding questions about nationality in India today. This is the statute that lays down who can be a citizen, how citizenship can be acquired, and in what situations it can be lost. Merely having documents such as an Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, or Voter ID does not, by itself, make someone a citizen of India. These documents are meant for identification or availing services, but they do not override the basic legal requirements of citizenship as prescribed in the Act," Justice Borkar held.

HOW TRUMP'S ROAD TO RUSSIA-UKRAINE DEAL COULD DIFFER ON PAPER AND GROUND

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Monday had said that Russia and Ukraine would have to swap land with each other as a part of a potential peace agreement. "There'll be some land swapping going on," Trump said. "I know that through Russia and through conversations with everybody, to the good of Ukraine."

He admitted that Russia has occupied "very prime territory" and that there would be efforts to take back some of it for Ukraine. He also noted that his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on 15th August in Alaska would be a "feel-out meeting" to judge whether Russia is willing to make a deal.

Currently, Russia holds 20 per cent of Ukraine's territory, while Ukraine barely holds any Russian land.

Donetsk which is a part of Ukraine is heavily under Russian control. After US special envoy Steve Witkoff's recent Moscow visit, the proposal claimed that Kyiv would have to cede the remaining parts of Donetsk in return for the fight being halted and freezing of the front line.

26 EUROPEAN UNION LEADERS CALL FOR CEASEFIRE IN UKRAINE, DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION

Diary Times Desk : Ukrainians must have the freedom to decide their own future, European Union member states said on Tuesday, seeking to weigh in ahead of talks between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday.

European leaders and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy plan to speak with Trump on Wednesday, before the summit in Alaska, amid fears that Washington, hitherto Ukraine's leading arms supplier, may dictate unfavourable peace terms to Kyiv.

"Meaningful negotiations can only take place in the context of a ceasefire or reduction of hostilities," the leaders of all EU countries except Hungary said in a joint statement, adding: "We share the conviction that a diplomatic solution must protect Ukraine's and Europe's vital security interests."

MONTANA PLANE CRASH: TWO AIRCRAFT COLLIDE ON RUNWAY, SPARK HUGE FIRE; NO CASUALTIES

Diary Times Desk : A small aircraft at crashed into a parked plane at the Kalispell City Airport of United States' Montana on Monday, leading to a massive fire but caused no serious injuries, according to authorities.

The single-engine plane was carrying four people and was attempting to land at about 2 pm at the Kalispell City Airport, Associated Press news agency quoted Kalispell Police chief Jordan Venezio and the Federal Aviation Administration.

A Socata TBM 700 turboprop aircraft collided with an unoccupied plane on the ground, according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Kalispell fire chief Jay Hagen said the impact led to a fire that spread to a nearby grassy area before being extinguished. He added that several aircraft were involved in the incident.

DONALD TRUMP SAYS HE WILL DISCUSS 'LAND SWAPPING' WITH PUTIN AT UKRAINE WAR SUMMIT

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump said he would try to get "some territory back for Ukraine" during his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska on Friday.

"Russia's occupied a big portion of Ukraine. They occupied prime territory. We're going to try to get some of that territory back for Ukraine," Trump told a news conference at the White House on Tuesday, describing the meeting as a "feel-out" session aimed at urging Putin to end the war.

He warned there could be "some swapping, changes in land" between Russia and Ukraine, though Kyiv has never claimed Russian territories. Trump said he would speak to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy first "out of respect" if Putin offered a "fair deal."

AUSTIN SHOOTING: ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION AT TARGET STORE OFF RESEARCH BOULEVARD, MULTIPLE SHOT



Diary Times Desk : Multiple people were shot at the Target store off Research Boulevard in Austin, Texas on Monday, Austin Police Department said. The suspect, described as a white male possibly wearing khaki shorts and a Hawaiian floral shirt, has been arrested by the Austin Police Department, Austin Police confirmed. At least four people were shot with three confirmed fatalities. Austin Travis County's official X handle reported that there were at least four victims in the shooting. The incident on the 8000 block of Research Boulevard/MoPac Expressway, in North Austin unfolded shortly before 3 p.m. on Monday afternoon. At 3:30 p.m. the suspect, who had carjacked and fled the scene, was detained, Austin PD confirmed.

AFTER 125% TARIFFS, TIT-FOR-TAT MOVES: WHY TRUMP ANNOUNCED 90-DAY PAUSE ON CHINA DUTIES

Diary Times Desk : In a policy shift, US President Donald Trump on Monday announced a postponement of the planned hike in tariffs on Chinese goods, just hours before the trade truce between Washington and Beijing was set to end.

The White House's halt on steeper tariffs will be in place until November 10.

"I have just signed an Executive Order that will extend the Tariff Suspension on China for another 90 days," Donald Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

Earlier this year, Washington and Beijing imposed increasingly steep tariffs on each other's goods, pushing them to crippling triple-digit rates and disrupting trade. However, in May, both sides agreed to scale them back temporarily.

In the executive order posted Monday to its website, the White House reiterated its position that there are "large and persistent annual US goods trade deficits" and they "constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and economy of the United States."

SHOOT THE MESSENGER TO RECLAIM NARRATIVE

Diary Times Desk : What started as Israel's just response against a Hamas-organised terrorist attack on October 7, 2023, has slipped into a genocidal war on Gaza, inviting censure and condemnation. Tel Aviv seems to blame the media for losing the battle of perception instead of ending the war that has claimed over 60,000 lives. Now, it appears to be targeting the messenger. On Sunday, six people, including four Al Jazeera journalists, their driver, and a freelance journalist, were killed in a drone attack by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) in Gaza. Tel Aviv has claimed that the Al Jazeera crew were members of Hamas without any substantial evidence.

WHY IS TRUMP SENDING US NATIONAL GUARD TO WASHINGTON, DC?

Diary Times Desk : United States President Donald Trump has announced that he is temporarily taking control of the Washington, DC, police department, while deploying 800 National Guard troops to the city. Trump said his actions are needed to "rescue" the US capital from a surge in crime.



HEAVY RAINS, HIMACHAL LANDSLIDES SEND VEGGIE PRICES SOARING IN PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk : Tomatoes, usually sold at Rs 30-40 per kilogram in summers, are now retailing at Rs 100-110 per kilogram. Capsicum and French beans, normally priced at Rs 40 per kg, have touched Rs 200 per kg or more. The steep rise is being attributed to heavy rains in the region and the resultant landslides in neighbouring Himachal Pradesh, which have blocked roads and severely disrupted transport.

How much is the shortfall

Mahmood Akhtar Shad, chairman of Farmers Federation, Malerkotla, said vegetable supply has been badly hit due to continuous rains. A vegetable grower himself, Shad said that before the onset of monsoon, around 400-500 trucks of seasonal vegetables were sent daily to various districts of Punjab. Now, the supply has dropped by about 40 per cent as crops like tomatoes, capsicum, cauliflower, and French beans have been damaged before harvest. "When the demand and supply chain is disrupted, prices are bound to increase and customers bear the brunt. This will continue until the rains stop completely," Shad said.

Wholesale traders at the local sabzi mandi echoed the concern. Lucky, from Lucky Vegetables, said landslides in Himachal Pradesh have hit supplies badly. "Business in the mandi is down by 70 per cent," he said. Transporters, too, reported disruption. Charanjit Singh Lohara, a leading transporter, said the worst-hit region was Himachal Pradesh, from where fewer trucks are arriving. "Roads are blocked. Authorities clear one side, but the next day the other side gets blocked. Trucks are taking much longer to reach here," he said.

OVER 5,000 DRUG RELATED FIRS REGISTERED THROUGH SAFE PUNJAB WHATSAPP CHATBOT: CHEEMA

Diary Times Desk : More than 5,000 drug related cases were registered in a year after the launch of 'Safe Punjab WhatsApp chatbot', where people could provide information and tips on drug peddlers and hotspots, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said on Tuesday.

The WhatsApp chatbot portal, launched by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in August 2024, achieved a commendable conversion rate of 32 per cent, he informed. It helped in transforming public input into concrete police action, said Cheema, who also serves as chairman of the anti-drug drive - 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' Cabinet sub-committee.

He said the chatbot has been instrumental in the registration of more than 5,000 FIRs in a year. The chatbot, accessible at 9779100200, has positioned Safe Punjab Portal as one of the nation's most effective public portals for police engagement, he added.

ASHU SLAMS AAP OVER LAND POOLING POLICY WITHDRAWAL; SAYS FARMERS WON'T FORGIVE 'SIN'

Diary Times Desk : Senior Congress leader and former minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu said today that the AAP government in Punjab withdrew the controversial land pooling policy only because of pressure from the Punjab and Haryana High Court, and not out of any sympathy for farmers. Reacting to the withdrawal of the policy, Ashu said AAP leaders and ministers are now trying to save face by claiming they listened to the farmers' demands. "The fact is that the AAP government wasn't left with any option after the Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed the policy," he noted.

SIKH MAN, 70, ON WALK NEAR GURDWARA IN US BRUTALLY BEATEN WITH GOLF CLUB; FIGHTS FOR LIFE IN HOSPITAL

Diary Times Desk : A 70-year-old Sikh man, Harpal Singh, is fighting for his life after being brutally attacked with a golf club while taking his daily walk near a gurdwara in North Hollywood on August 4. Singh was found with life-threatening injuries near a 7-Eleven close to the Lankershim Sikh Gurdwara. He remains in critical condition in the ICU, having undergone three major surgeries to treat severe trauma to his head and face, reports [foxla.com](#).

During a press conference held on Monday, Singh's brother confirmed that he remains unresponsive and unable to speak following internal bleeding in his brain. The family described the attack as both horrifying and deeply traumatic for the Sikh community. "We don't feel safe anymore," said Singh's brother, visibly emotional. "He was just taking a walk, like he did every day."

GEETA BASRA EXCITED ABOUT COMEBACK WITH PUNJABI FILM 'MEHAR'

Diary Times Desk : British Bollywood actress Geeta Basra on Tuesday shared her excitement about a cinematic comeback with a Punjabi family drama "Mehar", which also marks the debut of fellow British Indian businessman-turned-actor Raj Kundra.

After almost a decade away, Basra (41) is making a return to the big screen with the film directed by acclaimed writer-director Rakesh Mehta. The actor, known for performances in films such as "The Train" and "Dil Diya Hai", had stepped away from acting nine years ago to focus on family life after her marriage with cricketer-politician Harbhajan Singh.

During that hiatus, Basra took on a few television and modelling assignments. "When 'Mehar' came to me, I just couldn't say no. It's such a deep and meaningful story, with a powerful message that speaks directly to the heart," Basra said in a statement this week. "As an artist, you wait for a film that resonates with you on every level - and 'Mehar' is exactly that. It's a blessing to be part of something that I know will connect with families everywhere," she said.

TERROR MODULE BUSTED, WAS PLANNING ATTACKS IN RUN-UP TO INDEPENDENCE DAY: PUNJAB POLICE

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Police on Tuesday claimed to have busted a terror module of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)-backed Babbar Khalsa International after it nabbed five operatives, including three juveniles, from Rajasthan.

One of the arrested was injured in an exchange of fire with police during a follow-up operation, the police said, adding the operatives were tasked by their handlers to carry out grenade attacks in the run-up to Independence Day. Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said Counter Intelligence (CI) Jalandhar, in a joint operation with SBS Nagar Police, apprehended the five operatives of the BKI terror module, including three juveniles, from Tonk and Jaipur districts of Rajasthan.

The module was being operated by foreign-based handlers Mannu Agwan, Gopi Nawanshehria and Zeeshan Akhtar on the directions of Pakistan-based BKI operative Harwinder Singh alias Rinda.

BAGHAPURANA BPEO SUSPENDED AFTER VIRAL VIDEO EXPOSES MISCONDUCT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Government on Tuesday suspended Devi Prasad, Block Primary Education Officer (BPEO) of Baghapurana, after a video of him dancing with a woman in his office went viral on social media. The act of the BPEO has been termed as professional misconduct.

He was part of the delegation that was sent by the department on a three-week training programme to Finland. The suspension orders were issued by Secretary School Education, Punjab, Anindita Mitra, after being directed by the Punjab School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains.

Though the department is verifying the antecedents of the woman in the clip, several people said the woman was his wife. Officials said the video raised serious concerns about the officer's conduct, prompting immediate intervention by the department.

WEST BENGAL PILGRIM
FOUND DEAD ON
KINNAUR KAILASH
YATRA ROUTE

Diary Times Desk : A 36-year-old pilgrim from West Bengal, who had embarked on the Kinnaur Kailash Yatra, was found dead on the trekking route between Parvati Kund and the Kinnaur Kailash peak in Kinnaur district, police said today.

The deceased has been identified as Dipankar Kirtania, son of Mahadev Kirtania, a resident of Chandiberia in South Rajarhat, Gopalpur, West Bengal. According to police, the body was spotted among boulders by the temple committee member and a Home Guard during their visit to the area on August 10. After spotting the body, they immediately informed the police. A team comprising police personnel, Quick Response Team (QRT), and Home Guards retrieved the body and brought it to Ganesh Cave. On August 11, the body was taken to the Regional Hospital, Reckong Peo for post-mortem.

HISAR MAN FOUND
DEAD IN HOTEL AT
MCLEODGANJ

Diary Times Desk : A tourist from Haryana has allegedly died under mysterious circumstances in the tourist city of McLeodganj in Kangra district, police said on Tuesday.

He was found unconscious in his hotel room, lying face down on the bed. The deceased has been identified as Gaurav Gautam (age 38 years), a resident of Hisar, Haryana. The local police took the body into custody and sent it to the Zonal Hospital at Dharamsala for a post-mortem examination, which will be conducted later in the day. His family members have been informed about the incident and are said to have arrived to take the body back. Preliminary investigations revealed that Gaurav had come to McLeodganj as a tourist and had been staying there since July 30 of this year. It has come to light that the family members were calling him on his mobile phone to return home, but the deceased told them that he was not feeling well; therefore, it would take a few days for him to return home.

MONSOON NIGHTMARE: DHARAMSALA FACES RS 12 CRORE INFRA
DAMAGE

Diary Times Desk : Relentless rainfall over the past fortnight has wreaked havoc in Dharamsala, damaging nearly every major road in and around the town. Landslides, waterlogging and collapsing infrastructure have brought daily life to a standstill, leaving residents anxious as the fragile hill town struggles under the weight of the ongoing monsoon. Popular tourist routes to Kharota, Indrunag, Heeru and Khaniyara, as well as internal village roads near Thathri, Slate Godaam, Kaned, Barwala and Suder, have been hit hard. In several places, roads have caved in or turned into gushing drains, cutting off access to key areas. A major landslide has blocked the Khara Danda road – the shortcut to McLeodganj – while the Indrunag road, currently under widening, has suffered severe damage as the fragile terrain failed to withstand deep excavation. Overflowing drains in Slate Godaam and Pallan have sent floodwaters into homes, leaving residents stranded. At Khaniyara, the nullah near Indrunag temple swelled dangerously, reviving memories of a past cloudburst disaster.



SHIMLA: BROKE ALUMNUS
ABDUCTED BISHOP COTTON BOYS

Diary Times Desk : The kidnapper of three Bishop Cotton School students turned out to be an alumnus of the institution. Caught in financial trouble, Sumit Sood, a former Cottonian with an engineering background, devised a plan to abduct the students to ease his monetary woes. On Saturday, he kidnapped three Class VI students from outside the school and took them to Kotkhai, from where police rescued them the next day. Investigations revealed that Sood, who had faced repeated failures in business, had been planning the abduction for about a week and executed it on Raksha Bandhan. A senior police officer said, "Being a former student, he was familiar with the school's town-leave and day-out protocols. Parking his car at Khalini, around two km from the school, he waited for students walking towards the Mall Road. Spotting the three boys, he introduced himself as a former BCS student and offered them a lift." "Once they got in, he drove towards Dhalli instead of Mall Road. He threatened them with a revolver and took them to his house at Chaithla village, Kotkhai, about 50 km from Shimla. There, he kept them in confinement on the top floor of his multi-storeyed home. The accused used a California-based virtual number.

45-YEAR-OLD MAN MURDERED IN
DHARAMSALA VILLAGE; YOUNGER
SON MISSING

Diary Times Desk : A 45-year-old man was allegedly murdered with a sharp-edged weapon in Tarela village on the outskirts of Dharamsala city, police confirmed here on Tuesday.

The police took the body into custody and sent it to the Dr Rajendra Prasad Medical College and Hospital at Tanda for post-mortem. The deceased was identified as Vineet Kumar, who lived with his son in Tarela. He worked at Fortis Hospital in Kangra.

Preliminary investigations revealed that his relationship with his wife had been strained for the past few years and he lived separately with their two sons. Meanwhile, the younger son has been missing since his father's murder. His mobile phone was switched off, said elder brother.

HIMACHAL CM SUKHVINDER SUKHU LAUNCHES ROBOTIC SURGERY
FACILITY AT CHAMIYANA HOSPITAL

Diary Times Desk : Robotic surgery was started at the Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties at Chamiyana in Shimla district today. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the state's first robotic surgery facility and witnessed the first operation performed using the advanced technology.

The Chief Minister reviewed the functioning of the hospital at a meeting with the staff and assured them of full support in strengthening the institute. He announced that new departments would be created, lab technicians and dialysis technicians would be recruited and allocated Rs 11 crore for the construction of a hostel. A high-end 3-Tesla MRI machine would also be installed at the hospital soon. Sukhu also announced Rs 23 crore for setting up an in-house automated laboratory at Chamiyana. He recalled his own robotic surgery five years ago and said, "That was the seed of an idea and today it has become a reality. With this facility, cutting-edge medical care will now be accessible even to common people. Soon, robotic surgery facilities will be introduced in a phased manner in the IGMCI, Shimla, and medical colleges at Nerchowk, Tanda and Hamirpur."



GILL AND DUNKLEY NAMED ICC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2025

Diary Times Desk : India captain Shubman Gill and England batter Sophia Dunkley have been declared the ICC men's and women's Players of the Month, respectively, for July 2025 following an elaborate process that included votes from an esteemed selection panel as well as those of fans worldwide. Gill became the first male player to win the Player of the Month award four times after a stupendous run in England saw him score 567 runs at an average of 94.50 in the three Tests played in July. His previous ICC Player of the Month awards were in January 2023, September 2023 and February 2025.

Two women players – Ash Gardner and Hayley Matthews – have won the award four times each. The highlight for Gill during this period was his aggregate of 430 runs in the second Test in Birmingham, the second highest ever in a Test match. His scores of 269 and 161 in that Test helped level the series 1-1 and he also chipped in with a useful 103 in the second innings of the fourth Test in Manchester that helped draw the match and keep the series alive.



BREVIS BLITZ POWERS SOUTH AFRICA TO SERIES-LEVELLING WIN IN DARWIN

Diary Times Desk : Dewald Brevis smashed an unbeaten 125 off 56 balls to power South Africa to a comprehensive 53-run victory over Australia in the second T20I at Darwin's Marrara Cricket Ground. The explosive knock, laced with 12 fours and 8 sixes, not only levelled the three-match series 1-1 but also ended Australia's nine-match winning streak in T20Is. After South Africa were put in to bat, they found themselves in familiar trouble at 57/3 in the seventh over losing Ryan Rickelton (14), Aiden Markram (18), and Lhuan-dre Pretorius (10) in the space of twenty balls. However, what followed was a masterclass in T20 batting from the 21-year-old Brevis, who turned the match on its head with a breathtaking innings. Brevis found an able ally in Tristan Stubbs (31 off 22 balls), and the pair added 126 runs for the fourth wicket in just 9.3 overs. The partnership was the bedrock of South Africa's recovery, with Brevis showcasing his full repertoire of strokes. His strike rate of 223.21 reflected the carnage he inflicted on the Australian bowling attack. The young right-hander was particularly severe on Glenn Maxwell whom he launched for 6, 6, 4, 6 en route to a half-century, becoming the third youngest South African to achieve this feat. His innings never lost momentum thereafter.

BRIGHTON'S HÜRZELER DOESN'T 'FEAR' LOSING PLAYERS AMID BALEBA INTEREST

Diary Times Desk : Brighton boss Fabian Hürzeler has said he doesn't "feel fear" about losing his key players this transfer window.

Sources have told ESPN that midfielder Carlos Baleba has attracted interest from Manchester United and Manchester City while Brighton have set an asking price of €120 million (\$139.4m) for the Cameroon international who joined the club from Lille in 2023.

He was a key player in Brighton's eighth-placed Premier League finish last season that saw the club narrowly miss out on European football.

Asked on the BBC's Monday Night Club podcast if he is worried about losing his best players, Hürzeler said: "No chance. I don't feel fear.

"I'm not afraid of anything because the only thing we can do is be the best version we can be every day, like work as hard as we can.

"All the other things we can't influence, so we really have to focus on us. For sure, we can't spend the money like the big teams but one of our biggest values is togetherness.

PARLIAMENT PASSES NATIONAL SPORTS BILL AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION

Diary Times Desk : The National Sports Governance Bill was on Tuesday (August 12, 2025) passed by the Parliament with Rajya Sabha giving its nod a mere 24 hours after Lok Sabha, marking a historic first for India's sports administration that is now set to be regulated by a national board and have its own dispute resolution mechanism.

The National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, which reinforces NADA's autonomy as required by the World Anti-Doping Agency, was also passed by the Parliament. The two bills now await presidential assent to be notified as acts.

Soon after Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya moved the bills for consideration and passage in the Upper House at 3pm, there were vociferous opposition protests over revision of electoral rolls in Bihar. The opposition eventually staged a walkout led by Leader of Opposition and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, who demanded a discussion on the revision of electoral rolls in Bihar.

AUSTRALIA ODIS IN SIGHT, ROHIT SHARMA STARTS TRAINING WITH FORMER INDIA ASSISTANT COACH ABHISHEK NAYAR

Diary Times Desk : India ODI captain Rohit Sharma on Tuesday started training at a suburban Mumbai facility with former national assistant coach Abhishek Nayar amid clamour for a "youth only" policy in the 50-over format following the success of the inexperienced Test squad in England. Rohit had taken a break from the game for a couple of months post the IPL as Indian men's team embarked on a difficult tour of England. He also announced his retirement from Test cricket ahead of the five Test series in England and is now a one format player. He was on a family holiday in England and came back last week. Rohit posted an Instagram story from a gymnasium with his close friend Nayar, who also at times doubles up as his personal coach. Nayar, who has also worked the likes of Dinesh Karthik, KL Rahul, Rinku Singh and young KKR batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi, was India's assistant coach batting till Champions Trophy, following which he was sacked. However, all those who have personally worked with Nayar have spoken about the changes he has brought in their games, including Rahul, who worked with him prior to the start of the England Test series where he scored 532 runs.

ANTHONY EDWARDS DRAWN INTO \$500K CUSTODY STORM WITH EX

Diary Times Desk : The basketball court may seem like child's play compared to the legal arena where Minnesota Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards now finds himself. The rising NBA star has become entangled in an increasingly complex custody battle that threatens to overshadow his promising athletic career. Edwards faces mounting pressure from his former partner, Ayesha Howard, who has reportedly escalated her demands to include a substantial \$500,000 payment alongside a comprehensive public apology. The dispute centers on their infant daughter, Aubri, born in October 2024, and has transformed from a private family matter into a potential public relations nightmare for the young athlete. Court filings in Los Angeles County, submitted earlier this month, paint a picture of deadlocked negotiations between two parties unable to find common ground. While Howard secured sole legal and physical custody through judicial ruling in May, the finalization of their agreement has stalled dramatically.

