

NEWS IN BRIEF

INDIA TEST-FIRES
AGNI-5
INTERMEDIATE-
RANGE BALLISTIC
MISSILE IN MAJOR
DEFENCE BOOST

Diary Times Desk :

India on Wednesday successfully test-fired its Agni-5 intermediate-range ballistic missile from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, off the Odisha coast, marking a major advancement in the nation's strategic defence capabilities. "Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile 'Agni 5' was successfully test-fired from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha today. The launch validated all operational and technical parameters," the Ministry of Defence said. Developed by the (DRDO).

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130TH
CONSTITUTION
(AMENDMENT)
BILLCONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL PROPOSING
REMOVAL OF PM, CM & MINISTERS AFTER 30-DAY
CUSTODY IN SERIOUS OFFENCES REFERRED TO JPC

Diary Times Desk : The 130th Constitution (Amendment) Bill, which proposes to remove a Central or State Minister (including the Prime Minister and Chief Minister) from office if they are arrested and detained for 30 days in relation to an offence punishable with 5 years (or more) imprisonment, has been referred by the Lok Sabha to a Joint Parliamentary Committee.

The Bill was introduced today by Home Minister Amit Shah along with two other Bills for corresponding amendments in Union Territories' laws, that is, the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019. While the motion to introduce the Bills was met with heavy opposition by political leaders including Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM), Manish Tewari (INC), NK Premchandran (RSP), KC Venugopal (INC) and Dharmendra Yadav (SP), the Bill was eventually allowed to be introduced as a result of the voting process. A separate motion to refer the Bills to a Joint Committee was also similarly allowed.

Cumulatively, the 3 Bills propose to empower the President/Governor/Lieutenant Governor to remove a Central/State/Union Territory Minister from office if they are jailed for 30 days on allegations of involvement in a serious offence. They were referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee, consisting of 21 Lok Sabha members and 10 Rajya Sabha members. The 130th Constitution (Amendment) Bill seeks to introduce a new clause in Article 75 of the Constitution (dealing with Central Ministers), which shall provide: "A Minister, who for any period of thirty consecutive days during holding the office as such, is arrested and detained in custody, on allegation of committing an offence under any law for the time being in force, which is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or more, shall be removed from his office by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister to be tendered by the thirty-first day, after being taken in such custody".

NDA'S VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE CP RADHAKRISHNAN FILES
NOMINATION, ACCOMPANIED BY PM MODI

Diary Times Desk : The National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s Vice Presidential Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan on Wednesday filed his nomination in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union ministers - in a massive show of strength and unity ahead of the September 9 election.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Health Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President JP Nadda and Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari were among those who accompanied Mr Radhakrishnan, who is the Maharashtra Governor, to file his nomination before the returning officer.

Sources said four sets of papers were filed as part of the nomination process. PM Modi was the chief proposer in the first set of documents.

Earlier, the Vice Presidential candidate visited and paid tributes at Purna Sthal, which houses statues of iconic personalities in Parliament complex. He first bowed before the giant statue of Mahatma Gandhi and then proceeded to paying tributes to other noted personalities. Mr Radhakrishnan was picked as NDA's candidate on Sunday. The announcement was made by Mr JP Nadda during a press conference following the party's Parliamentary Board meeting held in the national capital.

LOK SABHA PASSES PROMOTION AND
REGULATION OF ONLINE GAMING
BILL BY VOICE VOTE

Diary Times Desk : The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a draft law— Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill— aimed at curbing rising instances of addiction, money laundering, and financial frauds.

The bill, which was introduced in the Parliament earlier in the day, was passed in the lower house by voice vote after brief remarks by Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw amid a protest by the opposition.

Soon after the passing of the draft law, the house was adjourned for the day amid disruption by the opposition over several demands.

The draft legislation also seeks to prohibit advertisement related to online money games as well as bars banks and financial institutions from facilitating or transferring funds for any of such games.

The bill outlaws all online betting and gambling activities -- from online fantasy sports to online gambling (like Poker, Rummy and other Card games) and online lotteries, according to PTI. The move is set to give a blow to the country's \$3.8 billion gaming industry that has drawn the attention of global investors and fostered fantasy sports apps like Dream11, Games24x7 and Mobile Premier League. The bill makes the online money gaming a punishable offence, which includes an imprisonment of up to three years and/or a fine of up to ₹1 crore.

RUSSIA OFFERS 5% DISCOUNT ON OIL TO
INDIA AMID TRUMP TARIFF TENSIONS

Diary Times Desk : Russia will continue to supply oil to India, now at a 5 percent discount, despite the pressure and sanctions on the latter from the US. Deputy trade representative of Russia to India, Evgeniy Griva said that, "There will be a 5 per cent discount, subject to negotiation, on Russian crude oil purchases to India".

Griva added that, "Despite the political situation, approximately the same level of oil will be imported by India." He said, "As for discounts, it's a commercial secret. I think, because it's usually just dialogue between businessmen and approximately usually 5%. It's fluctuating, but usually it's plus-minus 5%."

He was joined by Russian Deputy Chief of Mission Roman Babushkin, who said that although it is a "challenging situation" for New Delhi, "we have trust in our ties". He also said, "We are confident that India-Russia energy cooperation will continue notwithstanding the external pressure."

Meanwhile the US has accused India of funding the war in Ukraine by purchasing Russian oil and has imposed 50 per cent tariffs on New Delhi for buying oil from Russia. "India acts as a global clearinghouse for Russian oil, converting embargoed crude into high-value exports while giving Moscow the dollars it needs," White House trade adviser Peter Navarro had said. India had condemned the "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable" move by the US, which is likely to hit sectors such as textiles, marine and leather exports hard. Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier said New Delhi would not back down in the face of economic pressure. On Tuesday, Karoline Leavitt said that US President Donald Trump imposed tariffs on India to deter Russia from pursuing the Ukraine conflict.

DELHI NEWS

AAP'S "TROLL" JAB AFTER
BJP MLA SHARES 'AI IMAGE'
OF REKHA GUPTA ATTACKER

Diary Times Desk : The fallout from the assault on Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta deepened today after a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA shared an image linking the attacker to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), prompting a fierce counterattack.

The BJP's Delhi MLA Harish Khurana posted a photograph on social media, claiming it showed the attacker, Sakaria Rajeshbhai Khimjibhai, alongside AAP's Gujarat MLA Gopal Italia. Mr Khurana suggested the picture raised questions about whether the attack during Ms Gupta's Jan Sunwai at her Civil Lines residence had political backing.

"What was suspected has happened. The photo with @ArvindKejriwal's close associate @GopalItalia says a lot. It clearly seems that the attack on @gupta_rekha ji today is connected to @AamAadmiParty. Will Kejriwal ji explain the truth behind this photo? Kejriwal ji, please explain, 'What is this relationship called?' Amazing," Mr Khurana's post read.

The Gujarat unit of AAP dismissed the photograph as doctored, alleging the BJP had used artificial intelligence tools to manufacture a link. "This photo is fake and edited. It was created using Artificial Intelligence to malign AAP's image," said Gujarat AAP spokesperson Karan Barot. He pointed to an August 2 Facebook video still accessible on Gopal Italia's page, from which the screenshots had been lifted. Mr Italia himself launched a sharp attack on Mr Khurana, calling him "a petty troll" and invoking the memory of his late father.

'ENTIRE SELECTION WAS
COMPROMISED': SUPREME
COURT REFUSES TO REVIEW
QUASHING OF WEST BENGAL
SSC RECRUITMENTS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court has dismissed the review petition filed by the State of West Bengal against the April 3 judgment that invalidated nearly 25000 teaching and non-teaching staff appointments made by the West Bengal School Selection Commission (SSC) in 2016.

A bench comprising Justice PV Sanjay Kumar and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma observed that the April 3 judgment was passed "after hearing extensive and exhaustive arguments and upon considering all aspects, factual and legal." The bench stated that the judgment was passed after duly considering the illegalities in the selection process brought out by the reports of the Justice (Retd.) Bag Committee and the Central Bureau of Investigation along with the admissions made by the West Bengal Central School Service Commission and the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education in their counter-affidavits. Also, the bench noted that the failure on the part of the West Bengal Central School Service Commission to retain the original physical OMR sheets or at least the mirror copies was a significant factor which weighed with the High Court and with the Supreme Court.

PRASHANT KISHOR BACKS NDA BILLS ON PM, CM REMOVAL:
'CONSTITUTION MAKERS MAY NOT HAVE IMAGINED...'

Diary Times Desk : Election campaign strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor, who is fighting to emerge as a non-NDA, non-INDIA bloc choice in poll-bound Bihar, on Wednesday spoke in favour of three contentious bills brought in by the NDA's central government to remove ministers if they face serious criminal allegations.

"When the Constitution was drafted, the people who created it and the country's founders may not have anticipated that those in power would become so corrupt and criminal that they would have to go to jail. Moreover, that these leaders would not relinquish their positions even after imprisonment," Kishor said, as per ANI.

I believe the bill is good because if a leader is accused and sent to jail, they cannot continue running the government from jail," he added.

Prashant Kishor's assertions were similar to those made by union home minister Amit Shah, who introduced the bills in the Lok Sabha.

Shah posted on X: "When the Constitution was framed, its makers could not have imagined that in the future, political leaders would refuse to resign on moral grounds even after being arrested."



"MISPLACED": INDIA REJECTS DHAKA'S
'ANTI-BANGLADESH ACTIVITIES' CLAIM

Diary Times Desk : India in a statement on Wednesday strongly rejected claims made by Bangladesh that members of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League were carrying out "anti-Bangladesh" activities on Indian soil. The statement dismissed the allegations as "misplaced".

"The Government of India is not aware of any anti-Bangladesh activities by purported members of the Awami League in India or of any action that is contrary to Indian law. The Government does not allow political activities against other countries to be carried out from Indian soil. The Press Statement by the Interim Government of Bangladesh is thus misplaced," the statement by the Foreign Ministry read.

India also highlighted in the statement that "free, fair and inclusive" elections should be held in Bangladesh at the earliest to reflect the will and mandate of its people.

SET UP TEAM TO PROBE RAHUL GANDHI'S VOTE THEFT
CLAIMS: PETITION IN TOP COURT

Diary Times Desk : A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking the constitution of a special investigation team headed by a former judge to inquire into allegations of electoral roll manipulation in Bengaluru Central and other affected constituencies and cited the August 7 press conference by Rahul Gandhi where he presented data to buttress these claims.

The plea also sought the top court's direction that no further revision or finalisation of electoral rolls be undertaken until compliance with the court's directions and the completion of an independent audit of the rolls.

The petition, filed by advocate Rohit Pandey, referred to the August 7 press conference by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Gandhi where he had made explosive claims of a "huge criminal fraud" in polls through "collusion" between the BJP and the Election Commission and had cited an analysis of voter rolls in a constituency in Karnataka last year.

Soon after Mr Gandhi levelled the charge asserting that "vote chori" (vote theft) is an 'atom bomb on our democracy', the Chief Electoral Officers of Karnataka and Maharashtra had asked the former Congress chief to share names of electors he claimed were "wrong" in the voters' list along with a signed declaration for poll authorities to initiate "necessary proceedings" in the matter.

'EASY TO CONVINCE AKBAR, NOT STATE GOVT': HC REJECTS JAIN
COMMUNITY PLEA SEEKING CLOSURE OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES



Diary Times Desk : The Bombay High Court on Wednesday refused relief to members of the Jain community seeking closure of slaughter houses in the city for ten days during the Paryushan Parv festival.

The Paryushan Parv will be observed by the Digambar community from August 20 to 27, and by the Shwetambar community from August 21 to 28.


While noting that it respects the community's sentiments, a bench of hief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Sandeep Marne questioned from where the community derives the right to seek the shutting down of slaughter houses for ten days.

"We respect your sentiments. But tell us from where do you derive the right to ask for slaughter houses to be closed for 10 days," the court inquired.

The petitions in the HC had challenged an order passed by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner on August 14 allowing for the closure of slaughter houses for two days, with the reasoning that the population of the Jain community in Mumbai was low.


The court said that no case was made out by the petitioners. The court had earlier issued notice to the BMC and listed the matter for hearing.

Appearing for one of the petitioners, counsel Prasad Dhakephalkar said on a lighter note, "Emperor Akbar had banned slaughter in Ahmedabad for six months. It was easy to convince emperor Akbar, but not the state government and the corporation."



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.

Taurus

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

Gemini

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

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.

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.

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"Look, the president has put tremendous public pressure to bring this war to a close. He's taken actions, as you've seen, sanctions on India and other actions as well. He's made himself very clear that he wants to see this war end, and he has scoffed at the ideas of others that have been raised that we should wait another month before any meeting takes place," she said. Earlier, Trump met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at the White House, with the former signaling his openness to a trilateral meeting with Putin to negotiate an end to the war in Ukraine.

INDIA-CHINA TO BEGIN
DELIMITATION EXERCISE
FOR DEMARCATION OF
FINAL BORDER

Diary Times Desk : India and China have recorded a significant forward movement on boundary resolution with both sides ready to begin work on delimiting the less contentious parts of the border and work towards permanent demarcation of the India-China border. The two sides agreed to the Indian proposal during the 24th round of India-China Special Representative talks between National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and his visiting counterpart Wang Yi on Tuesday.

While both sides are tight-lipped about the specific movement forward, NSA Doval and Foreign Minister Wang Yi have identified the less contentious areas: the three sectors of the border for delimitation and then demarcation of the border. First step towards this will be setting up of a technical expert group under the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border affairs (WMCC), headed by a MEA joint secretary. Second step will be identifying pieces of land on the border where there is minimum friction from both sides. Third step will be the delimitation of these tracts of land on the border. Final step will be demarcation of the border with placement of pillars for the international boundary.

DAY AFTER 2 MUMBAI MONORAIL TRAINS
BROKE DOWN, INFRA BODY'S SAFETY
MEASURES



Diary Times Desk : A day after nearly 800 passengers were stranded on two stalled monorail rakes amid heavy rain in Mumbai, the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) and its operating arm, Maha Mumbai Metro Operation Corp Ltd (MMMOCL), on Wednesday announced a detailed set of safety measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

The MMRDA, which operates the monorail, said one of the trains "exceeded its original design capacity of 104 tons" due to overcrowding, which led to the disruption of the power supply.

"Clear instructions have been issued to MMOCL to strengthen safety systems and operational vigilance," a statement by the metropolitan development authority read, outlining short-term and long-term measures to ensure passenger safety.

CENTRE PROPOSES ZERO GST
ON HEALTH, LIFE INSURANCE
FOR INDIVIDUALS



Diary Times Desk : The Centre has proposed exempting life and health insurance premium from GST, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and convenor of insurance GoM Samrat Choudhary said on Wednesday. Currently, health and life insurance premium attracts 18 per cent GST. The Group of Ministers (GoM) on life and health insurance will submit its report to the GST Council. The report will also include views and concerns expressed by some state finance ministers, he said. "The Centre's proposal is clear that the insurance sector's individual and family (policies) should be exempt from GST. This has been discussed and the GoM report will be presented to the Council," Choudhary told reporters here after the meeting.

PARTIALLY BURNT BODY OF
KARNATAKA STUDENT FOUND, COPS
PROBING RAPE ANGLE

Diary Times Desk : A five-judge Constitution Bench of the SupremeThe partially burnt body of a 20-year-old woman, who went missing, was found in Karnataka's Chitradurga city on Tuesday, police said.

The woman was identified as Varshitha, a second-year BA student at Government Women's First Grade College and staying in SC/ST hostel.

According to the police, on August 14, the student submitted a leave letter at the hostel and left. After which she was missing. Her phone was switched off, and she could not be traced.

Her parents, Tippeswamy and Jyothi, were about to lodge a missing complaint when news of the body's recovery reached to them.

The parents were then called at the district hospital to identify the woman.

Police is looking into the possibility of the girl being sexually assaulted before being murdered.

RUSSIA TO KEEP OIL SUPPLIES FLOWING TO
INDIA AT 5% DISCOUNT AMID TRUMP
TARIFFS

Diary Times Desk : Russia said it will continue supplying crude oil to India at a discount, even as Washington ramps up tariffs and sanctions in an attempt to curb New Delhi's imports from Moscow. Evgeniy Griva, Russia's deputy trade representative to India, confirmed that future supplies would carry an agreed reduction, saying, "There will be a 5% discount, subject to negotiation, on Russian crude oil purchases to India." Evgeniy Griva suggested the arrangement was stable despite the broader political climate.

"Approximately the same level of oil will be imported by India," he said, describing discounts as "a commercial secret" but typically "plus-minus 5%".

He was joined by Roman Babushkin, Russia's deputy chief of mission in New Delhi, who said Moscow trusted its longstanding partnership with India.

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In a CCTV footage, Nayan can be seen walking into the school with his hand on his stomach, covering the wound. The student was taken to a private hospital in Maninagar, where he died of his injuries.

The police have registered a case of attempt to murder and arrested the minor accused in the case. The cops have obtained the CCTV footage and recorded statements of other students present at the time of the incident.

A large group gathered at the Seventh-Day Adventist School this morning to protest the crime. The protest escalated quickly, with enraged parents and ABVP (Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad) workers reportedly vandalising school property and assaulting school staff.

**CHINA TO SHOWCASE NEW
MILITARY HARDWARE AT
SEPTEMBER PARADE**

Diary Times Desk : China will unveil a slate of new domestically produced military hardware that will showcase its "powerful capability to prevail in modern war" at a parade next month, officials said Wednesday.

The event, marking 80 years since the end of World War II, will see President Xi Jinping inspect troops in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and other world leaders expected to attend.

Millions of Chinese people were killed during a prolonged war with imperial Japan in the 1930s and 40s, which became part of a global conflict following Tokyo's attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

The ruling Communist Party has held a series of blockbuster events in recent years to commemorate its wartime resistance.

On September 3, China's military will showcase its latest equipment, "reflecting the evolution of modern warfare", said Major General Wu Zeke, an official at China's military commission.

"All of the weapons and equipment taking part in this review were selected from domestically produced, currently active main battle systems, with a significant proportion being newly unveiled equipment," Wu told reporters at a briefing.

These will include strategic heavy weapons, hypersonic precision systems, as well as unmanned and counter-unmanned equipment making their first public debut, he added.

The parade, which will last around 70 minutes, will "fully showcase our military's powerful capability to prevail in modern war", Wu said.

It will also feature ground troops marching in formation, armoured columns, aerial echelons and other high-tech fighting gear.

The Kremlin has confirmed Putin will attend, and Chinese officials said other world leaders are also expected to take in the scene.

**NETANYAHU ACCUSES AUSTRALIAN PM
OF 'BETRAYING' ISRAEL**

Diary Times Desk : Israel's prime minister has accused his Australian counterpart of having "betrayed Israel" and "abandoned" Australia's Jewish community, after days of growing strain between the two countries.

Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday that history would remember Anthony Albanese "for what he is: a weak politician".

Australia barred a far-right member of Netanyahu's ruling coalition from entering the country on Monday, and Israel in turn revoked the visas of Australian representatives to the Palestinian Authority.

Australian Immigration Minister Tony Burke said Netanyahu was "lashing out" over Canberra recently announcing it would join the UK, France and Canada in recognising a Palestinian state.

"Strength is not measured by how many people you can blow up or how many people you can leave hungry," Burke told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation on Wednesday.

Albanese later told reporters he does not "take these things personally".

"I treat leaders of other countries with respect, I engage with them in a diplomatic way," he said.

**CHINA IN "OPPORTUNISTIC" MOVE,
POUNCES ON CHEAP RUSSIAN OIL, AS
INDIAN DEMAND DIPS**

Diary Times Desk : Chinese refineries have ramped up their crude oil purchases from Russia as demand from India has weakened. US President Donald Trump has threatened to impose secondary tariffs on goods from countries importing Russian oil in a bid to pressure Moscow to end the war in Ukraine.

Muyu Xu, senior crude oil analyst at Kpler, which tracks commodities and shipping data, said that China's buying shows an "opportunistic" side, as the price of Russian oil is at least \$3 per barrel cheaper than oil from the Middle East.

Indian state refiners paused Russian oil purchases last month, per a [Reuters](#) report. They have backed out Russian crude imports by approximately 600,000 to 700,000 bpd, according to Energy Aspects' Jones.

**TORTURED, ABUSED BY 2
OTHERS FOR DAYS ON LIVE
STREAM, FRENCH
INFLUENCER DIES**

Diary Times Desk : A French streamer known for participating in extreme online challenges has died, prompting a judicial investigation. Raphael Graven, 46, also known online as Jean Pormanove or JP, was found dead at his home in Contes, near Nice, following a live broadcast.

According to reports, Graven had endured "10 days and nights of torture," including severe physical violence and sleep deprivation. His followers raised the alarm after noticing him lying unresponsive on a mattress during the live stream. One viewer reportedly saw a man throw a water bottle at him while he remained motionless.

French newspaper Le Monde reported that Graven had been involved in online content involving humiliation and violence. Authorities say he was subjected to ongoing abuse and public humiliation in recent months.

The news portal reported that Raphael, a former soldier, was routinely beaten and abused by two fellow influencers during livestreams.

Clara Chappaz, a government minister, called the case an "absolute horror" and confirmed a judicial probe is underway.

**SHOCKING MOMENT CAR
CRASHES INTO YOUTUBERS
EATING FOOD AT
RESTAURANT: VIDEO**

Diary Times Desk :

A horrifying footage has emerged showing two social media influencers narrowly avoiding a deadly end after a car rammed into a restaurant where they were recording themselves eating food. Influencers Nina Santiago (known online as NinaUnrated) and Patrick Blackwood were creating content for a YouTube food series at Cuvee Culinary Creations in Houston, Texas, when the incident took place.

The duo had several plates of food in front of them when Mr Blackwood had just taken a big bite out of what appeared to be a burger when an SUV struck the window. Such was the force of the collision that the restaurant window shattered completely while the table was nearly sent flying.

HOW MANY WARS HAS PRESIDENT TRUMP REALLY ENDED?

Diary Times Desk : As President Donald Trump tries to broker an end to the Russia-Ukraine war, he has been highlighting his track record in peace negotiations since starting his second term in office.

Speaking at the White House on 18 August, where he was pressed by European leaders to push for a ceasefire, he claimed: "I've ended six wars... all of these deals I made without even the mention of the word 'ceasefire'."

The following day the number he cited had risen to "seven wars".

The Trump administration says a Nobel Peace Prize is "well past time" for the "peacemaker-in-chief", and has listed the "wars" he has supposedly ended.

Some lasted just days - although they were the result of long-standing tensions - and it is unclear whether some of the peace deals will last.

Trump also used the word "ceasefire" a number of times when talking about them on his Truth Social platform.

BBC Verify has taken a closer look at these conflicts and how much credit the president can take for ending them.



U.S. PREPARED TO USE AIR POWER TO SUPPORT PLANNED EUROPEAN FORCE IN UKRAINE

Diary Times Desk : President Trump signaled on Tuesday that the U.S. is prepared to use air power to support a European security force in Ukraine but ruled out deploying American ground troops. Planning of the multinational force to be sent to Ukraine if a peace settlement is reached accelerated Tuesday, a day after Trump discussed the idea at the White House with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and other European leaders.



INDIA, 5-NATION EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION DECIDE TO NEGOTIATE FTA

Diary Times Desk : India and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) – a five-member post-Soviet bloc that includes Russia – agreed on Wednesday to negotiate a free trade agreement (FTA). India and EAEU, comprising Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation, signed the terms of reference (ToR) to launch the FTA negotiations in Moscow, the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement. "Shri Ajay Bhadoo, #India's Chief Negotiator, signed the Terms of Reference with the EAEU, clearing the pathway for FTA talks with a combined bloc of US\$6.5T GDP," the department of commerce said in a social media post on X. Bhadoo also met with Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) trade minister Andrei Slepnev to discuss next steps for trade, industry cooperation and export diversification, the post added. EEC is the permanent regulatory body of EAEU. The board of EEC consists of 10 members, two ministers from each member state and one of them is the chairman.

BUS CARRYING AFGHANS DEPORTED FROM IRAN CRASHES, KILLING DOZENS

Diary Times Desk : A bus carrying Afghans recently deported from Iran crashed and burst into flames Tuesday, killing dozens of men, women and children. At least 76 people were killed after a collision on a highway in the city of Herat, governor spokesperson Mufti Mohammad Yousuf Saeedi told CNN. The bus, which had departed from Islam Qala, a town near Afghanistan-Iran border, was heading toward capital Kabul, when it crashed, Saeedi said. Video from the site shows the bus engulfed in flames with thick plumes of smoke billowing into the sky. Photos show the vehicle charred as people gather around it. The burned bodies of the passengers were transferred to a provincial hospital, according to Ahmadullah Muttaqi, Director of the Information and Culture Department in Herat Province. At least 17 children were killed in the crash, Muttaqi said. The devastating crash comes as Iran has intensified the deportation of undocumented Afghan migrants. Tehran had previously declared its intention to remove the millions of undocumented Afghans who carry out lower-paid labor across Iran, often in tough conditions.

RUSSIA SAYS TALKS ON UKRAINE SECURITY GUARANTEES MUST INCLUDE MOSCOW

Diary Times Desk : Russia has warned that attempting to resolve security issues relating to Ukraine without the participation of Moscow is a "road to nowhere", days after European leaders met United States President Donald Trump to discuss security guarantees for Kyiv. "We cannot agree with the fact that now it is proposed to resolve questions of security, collective security, without the Russian Federation. This will not work," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Wednesday. "I am sure that in the West and above all in the United States they understand perfectly well that seriously discussing security issues without the Russian Federation is a utopia; it's a road to nowhere."

The minister's comments come two days after Trump hosted Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy alongside prominent European leaders at the White House, and days after Trump met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska.

Trump is trying to steer Putin and Zelenskyy towards a settlement more than three years after Russia invaded its neighbour, but major obstacles remain.

The Russian official said any summit between Putin and Zelenskyy "must be prepared in the most meticulous way" so the meeting does not lead to a "deterioration" of the situation around the conflict.

CHINA FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS AFGHANISTAN



Diary Times Desk : Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi arrived in Afghanistan on Wednesday for an official visit, according to a statement from his ministry. Wang is also there to attend a China, Afghanistan and Pakistan trilateral foreign ministers' meeting.

US TO SCREEN FOR 'ANTI-AMERICANISM' IN IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS, A MOVE CRITICS LIKEN TO MCCARTHYISM

Diary Times Desk : People applying to live or work in the United States will now be screened for "anti-Americanism," including having their social media checked, authorities announced on Tuesday, in a tightening of restrictions that has alarmed immigration advocates and lawyers.

Immigration officers will be able to look at whether applicants have had "any involvement in anti-American or terrorist organizations," or whether there is any "evidence of antisemitic activity," said the policy update by US Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).

Social media vetting, already introduced into immigration screening in June by the Trump administration, will be expanded to include searches for any "anti-American activity," it said.

It's the latest step in the administration's crackdown on immigration regulations, with many new actions likely to deter immigrants and international students from coming to the US.



KREMLIN PLAYS DOWN ZELENSKY TALKS AS TRUMP WARNS PUTIN MAY NOT WANT TO MAKE DEAL

Diary Times Desk : The Kremlin has played down talk of an imminent summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky, as Donald Trump renewed his call for the two leaders to meet to discuss ending the war in Ukraine. The push for a bilateral meeting comes after the US president met Putin in Alaska last week, and welcomed seven European leaders and Zelensky to the White House on Monday. Trump admitted the conflict was "a tough one" to solve and conceded it was possible the Russian president was not interested in ending hostilities. "We're going to find out about President Putin in the next couple of weeks," he said on Tuesday. "It's possible that he doesn't want to make a deal." Putin faced a "rough situation" if that were the case, Trump added, without offering any details. Despite initially pushing for a three-way summit with Putin and Zelensky, Trump is now suggesting "it would be better" if the two leaders initially met without him. He added that he would attend a meeting with them "if necessary", but wanted to "see what happens".



GUNMEN IN NIGERIA KILL MUSLIM WORSHIPPERS IN 'REPRISAL ATTACK'

Diary Times Desk : Gunmen in north-west Nigeria have stormed a mosque, killing Muslim worshippers in what the local government has called a "reprisal attack". Police in Katsina state said 17 worshippers were shot dead by the assailants - known locally as bandits - but other reports from the region say the death toll is higher. The mosque, located in the village of Unguwan Mantau, was attacked on Tuesday because local residents had ambushed and killed a number of "bandits" two days earlier, Katsina state official Nasir Muazu said. Banditry is rife in north-western Nigeria, where armed gangs target locals, often for financial gain. Muazu, Katsina state's commissioner for internal security, said the attack occurred during morning prayers and that the gunmen shot "sporadically". As of Wednesday afternoon, the attackers remained at large. Muazu said the police and military personnel had been deployed to find them. Despite the reprisal, Muazu said the local government "reaffirms its unwavering support for community-based security initiatives".

IS UKRAINE CLOSER TO PEACE AFTER TRUMP'S MEETINGS WITH ZELENSKY, PUTIN?

Diary Times Desk : With unprecedented backing from European leaders, Ukraine seems - in theory - to have secured "very good protection" from the United States.

"We will give them very good protection, very good security," US President Donald Trump said on Monday, sitting next to his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy and seven helmsmen from Europe. The meeting followed the Trump-hosted summit in Alaska with Russian President Vladimir Putin, which yielded no ceasefire.

Many questions loom about how the collective Western aegis will help Kyiv navigate a peace deal with Moscow and shield it from the resumption of hostilities.

A Ukrainian military analyst is sceptical about the real outcome of Monday's gathering.

"No decision has been made from the viewpoint of security guarantees, the supply of arms and [the deployment of Western] troops," Lt Gen Ihor Romanenko, former deputy head of Ukraine's general staff of armed forces.

PRESIDENT XI JINPING STRESSES BUILDING MODERN SOCIALIST NEW XIZANG

Diary Times Desk : Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday urged the Xizang Autonomous Region to build a modern socialist new Xizang that is united, prosperous, civilized, harmonious and beautiful. Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks after listening to work reports from the CPC Xizang regional committee and the regional government. He emphasized that Xizang should steadily advance high-quality development and continue to make solid efforts on the four main tasks of ensuring stability, facilitating development, protecting the eco-environment, and strengthening the borders. Xi noted that since the establishment of the Xizang Autonomous Region 60 years ago, its economic and social development has achieved remarkable progress, leading to profound changes in the plateau region.

ISRAEL CALLS UP 60,000 RESERVISTS AHEAD OF PLANNED GAZA CITY OFFENSIVE

Diary Times Desk : The Israeli military says it is calling up about 60,000 reservists ahead of a planned ground offensive to capture and occupy all of Gaza City. A military official said the reservists would report for duty in September and that most of the troops mobilised for the offensive would be active-duty personnel. They added that troops were already operating in the Zeitoun and Jabalia areas as part of the preparations for the plan, which Defence Minister Israel Katz approved on Tuesday and will be put to the security cabinet later this week. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza City are expected to be ordered to evacuate and head to shelters in southern Gaza. Many of Israel's allies have condemned the plan, with French President Emmanuel Macron warning on Wednesday.

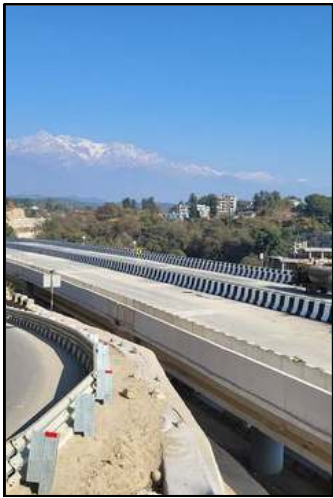
'THERE IS NO CEASEFIRE': IRAN SAYS WAR WITH ISRAEL COULD BREAK OUT 'AT ANY MOMENT'

Diary Times Desk : Senior Iranian military, judicial and government figures have warned in recent days that the fragile ceasefire with Israel could collapse, with one top commander saying war may break out "at any moment." Judiciary spokesperson Asghar Jahangir, Yahya Rahim Safavi - a senior military adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei - and Defence Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh all made statements to state-run media suggesting that the Iranian armed forces remain on alert and prepared for conflict if hostilities resume. On Wednesday, Nasirzadeh said Iran "has developed new missiles with much greater capabilities than before, which will be used in response to any possible Israeli adventurism". "Today we have manufactured and deployed missiles with far better capabilities compared to those used previously, and if the Zionist enemy embarks on another adventurism, we will definitely use these missiles," he said while speaking to Iranian state-run television. "We must be prepared for the worst-case scenario. There is no protocol between us and Israel and the US. There is no ceasefire," said Yahya Rahim Safavi, senior military adviser to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Judiciary spokesperson Asghar Jahangir also warned against trusting what he labelled as "baseless promises of its enemies".



NHAI OFFICIALS SUMMONED OVER BLOCKING OF NATURAL DRAINAGE IN PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk : The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing has summoned officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) over elevated highways leading to multiple problems for farmers in Punjab. Pointing out that elevated highways, at places as high as 10 ft, were blocking the natural drainage for agricultural land, the committee has asked the NHAI officials to produce record on the planning of the highways and arrangements made for the drainage of rainwater. The issue has been repeatedly raised by legislators in Punjab Vidhan Sabha. Among the major projects being undertaken by the NHAI in Punjab include the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra, Amritsar-Bathinda, Ludhiana-Bathinda, Sirhind-Sehna, Mohali-Sirhind, Southern Ludhiana bypass, Amritsar-Ramdass, Northern Patiala bypass. The parliamentary panel, headed by Congress Lok Sabha MP Charanjit Singh Channi, while summoning officials of the NHAI, and Ministry of Rural Development for September 2, has said that at most of the places, natural drains in agricultural fields have been closed due to the elevated highways.



OUTREACH DRIVE STOPPED, ALLEGES BJP AS PUNJAB POLICE PROBE 'ILLEGAL' DATA COLLECTION

Diary Times Desk : The BJP on Wednesday accused Punjab's AAP government of "forcibly stopping" its public outreach programme after the police launched an investigation into the collection of people's personal data by "unauthorised individuals on behalf of political parties".

The campaign — BJP de Sewadar aa Gaye ne Tuhade Dwaar — was launched by the BJP recently to drum up support ahead of the 2027 state Assembly polls. In a statement, the state government expressed concern over the drive, saying it has "received credible reports that certain private operators are illegally collecting personal data of local residents, allegedly on behalf of political parties".

The statement, however, did not mention any party's name.

It said any collection or use of personal data without consent was a punishable offence. "The local police have been directed to take strict penal action against those engaged in such unlawful activities," it added. Meanwhile, a police statement said a probe had been launched following complaints that personal data — including Aadhaar details — were being gathered by unauthorised individuals, making people vulnerable to data theft and bank frauds. The police said multiple teams had been formed to investigate the camps being held to collect personal information under the guise of promoting government schemes. The inquiry teams have been asked to visit the locations of the camps and conduct investigation as per legal protocols. A Punjab Police spokesperson urged people not to share their personal data with unauthorised persons, advising them to access government schemes only through official online platforms or authorised channels.

JUSTICE RAMESH KUMARI'S OATH PUSHES PUNJAB AND HARYANA HC TO RECORD 18 WOMAN JUDGES

Diary Times Desk : For the first time since its establishment more than a century ago, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has 18 women judges, with Justice Ramesh Kumari being administered the oath as an additional judge by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu. The previous highest number of woman judges in the high court was 13.

Justice Kumari's elevation came a little over a month after her retirement as Ropar District and Sessions Judge. Her appointment was made possible as her name had already been cleared by the high court collegium before her superannuation. With her elevation, the strength of judges has gone up to 60 against the sanctioned strength of 85. The oath was administered at a simple yet impressive ceremony attended by sitting and retired judges, bureaucrats, relatives, and members of the legal fraternity. The appointment is as part of a concerted institutional push to reduce a pendency of approximately 4,33,720 cases — an effort that the high court has been steadily pursuing over the past several months.

22 IAS OFFICERS TRANSFERRED IN PUNJAB; BATHINDA, MANSA AND SANGRUR GET NEW DCS



Diary Times Desk : As many as 22 IAS, 8 PCS and one IFS officer have been transferred in the state.

Three districts — Bathinda, Mansa and Sangrur — get new DCs. Rajesh Dhiman, Navjot Kaur and Rahul Chaba get postings as DCs of Bathinda, Mansa and Sangrur.

ED CONDUCTS RAIDS ON PHAGWARA-BASED PREMISES OF SAD LEADER JARNAIL SINGH WAHID

Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is conducting a search at the Phagwara-based premises of senior SAD leader Jarnail Singh Wahid since Wednesday morning. The ED sleuths initiated raids at a sugar mill, his residence and a gym owned by his family in Phagwara. Wahid earlier co-owned the mill with his NRI partner Sukhbir S Sandal, but it is now being run by Rana Sugar Mills of Sultanpur Lodhi MLA Rana Inder Partap Singh. The move against Wahid by the central agency comes on the basis of a Vigilance Bureau case lodged against him and his family two years ago for allegedly selling government land of the sugar mill. Wahid, his wife Rupinder Kaur and son Sandeep Singh had also then been arrested by the VB then. An FIR under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 166 and 176 of the IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act was lodged against them in September 2023. Wahid has had a controversial past. He was already under the ED scanner in a case pertaining to alleged money laundering through hawala in 2003.

AMRITSAR POLICE ARREST 2 OPERATIVES OF FOREIGN-BASED GANGSTER PRABH DASUWAL

Diary Times Desk : The Amritsar city police have arrested two operatives of a foreign-based gangster, Prabh Dasuwal, regarding extortion. One of them was injured in a police encounter at a secluded place in the New Amritsar area during the recovery of a weapon on Wednesday. The duo — Ravi and Joban Singh, both residents of Mohalla Nanaksar in Tarn Taran — were arrested by the police following a probe into firing reported outside the residence of a trader in the Division B police station area recently. Ravi was taken to a secluded place in the New Amritsar area for the recovery of a .30 bore pistol used in the crime when he was injured in the alleged encounter. The police authorities claimed that Ravi was injured in the leg from his own pistol when he tried to fire at the police party after recovering the pistol. He was overpowered by the cops, and during the scuffle, a bullet was fired which hit his own leg. The pistol was later confiscated. Sharing details, Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that Ravi and Joban had fired outside the residence of a trader in the Division B police station area recently.

BJP ACCUSES HIMACHAL CM OF PROVIDING MISLEADING JOB DATA, MLAS LEAVE HOUSE IN PROTEST



Diary Times Desk : The BJP legislators went out of the House on Wednesday, accusing Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu of not providing correct information on the number of jobs given by his government. Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania said the protest by the BJP was uncalled for and would not go on record.

Not satisfied with the government's response to the question on the number of jobs given, Sulah MLA Vipin Singh Parmar said there was a lot of discrepancy in the numbers provided by the government. "In July last year, the government said 34,980 jobs had been given. On August 15 this year, the Chief Minister said that 23,191 jobs had been given. How come there's a gap of around 10,000 jobs? Why is there such a contradiction?" asked Parmar.

FIRE AT BADDI MANUFACTURING UNIT

Diary Times Desk : A massive fire which erupted at a surgical equipment manufacturing unit at Katha village in Baddi caused loss worth lakhs.

However, no loss of life was reported in the incident. "Soon after receiving the information at 11:30 am, a crew of eight fire men was dispatched to the site along with three fire tenders," informed Santosh Sharma, Commandant, Home Guards, Solan.

He said even though the fire was brought under control after few hours, a fire tender was still stationed there as precaution. According to the company staff, the fire erupted from a drier. It soon spread to the other areas of the plant and gutted the raw material and machinery on the ground floor.

INDIA SHOULD NOT PLAY PAKISTAN IN ASIA CUP AMID STRAINED RELATIONS: HIMACHAL CONGRESS MLA

Diary Times Desk : Malender Rajan, the Congress MLA from Indora, on Wednesday said that India should not play with Pakistan in the Asia Cup.

Raising the concern during the Zero Hour, the MLA said that India playing Pakistan was not appropriate in view of the strained relations with Pakistan, and the permission given to the Indian team should be withdrawn. He said that a proposal should be sent to the Centre government and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) through the Assembly Secretariat to withdraw the permission given to the team to play against Pakistan.

The Asia Cup is being held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi from September 9 to September 28. India is scheduled to play Pakistan on September 14.



CEMENT TRUCK OVERTURNS ON KUMARHATTI FLYOVER

Diary Times Desk : A cement truck overturned on the Kumarhatti flyover along the Solan-Dharampur section of National Highway-5 on Wednesday morning, causing a significant traffic disruption. The incident occurred near the Neovedic hotel amidst cloudy weather and rain when the driver, Satish Dubey, attempted to apply brakes and stop the vehicle after a boulder rolled down from the hillside.

The truck, en route to Bengaluru from Narkanda carrying apples, reportedly lost control when its front wheel encountered the boulder. SP Solan, Gaurav Singh, confirmed that the driver and his co-driver sustained minor injuries and were taken to a local medical facility.

The apple-laden truck, bearing a Haryana registration, was later lifted from the highway by a crane. The fruit was transferred to another vehicle and efforts were made to clear the highway to restore smooth vehicular traffic.

UP PILGRIM DIES AFTER BEING HIT BY SHOOTING STONE IN ON KINNAUR KAILASH YATRA ROUTE IN KINNAUR

Diary Times Desk : A pilgrim from Uttar Pradesh has been killed after being hit by a shooting stone on Kinnaur Kailash Yatra route, police said here on Wednesday. Gaurav (31) was a resident of Aditya World City in Ghaziabad. According to reports, police received information on August 19 that a man sustained injuries due to a shooting stone between Maling Khata and Ganesh Gufa. Taking prompt action, a police team rushed to the spot and found him lying dead. The body was shifted to Regional Hospital, Reckongpo.

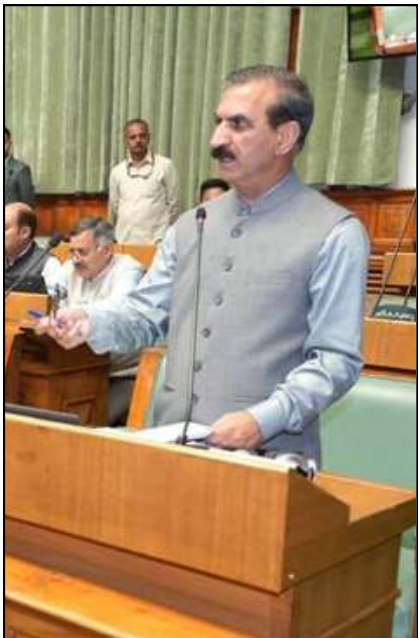
The post-mortem was conducted on Wednesday after which the body was handed over to his relatives. Kinnaur SP Abhishek Shekhar said the upper portion of the deceased was severely damaged.

HIMACHAL: CONGRESS, BJP LOCK HORNS OVER FREE TREATMENT UNDER HIMCARE SCHEME

Diary Times Desk : The BJP and the Congress locked horns in the Vidhan Sabha today over the issue of eligible beneficiaries not getting free treatment in government health institutions under the Himcare scheme.

To Nachan MLA Vinod Kumar's question, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dhani Ram Shandil informed the House that the Himcare scheme was still operational in all government hospitals. He added that Rs 231 crore had been paid while Rs 364 crore payments were still pending and would be cleared but no timeline could be given. Vinod Kumar and other BJP members accused the government of misleading the House on the Himcare scheme. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that disbursements made under the Himcare scheme during the previous BJP government were a big scam. "The main motive of the BJP government was not to provide benefit to needy patients but to benefit its party workers, as private hospitals were arbitrarily empanelled for treatment," he alleged.

The Chief Minister said that the Himcare scheme had not been discontinued but was being improved and Rs 550 crore had been spent under it during his tenure. "Allocations under the Himcare scheme made during the BJP regime were a scam because of total nepotism. No effort was made to replace old and outdated MRI, CT scan and other equipment and people got tests done in private hospitals," he added.



Letter written the Titanic

Lettercard penned by one of the Titanic's most well-known survivors from onboard the ship, days before it sank, has sold for £300,000 (\$399,000) at auction. In the note, written to the seller's great-uncle on April 10, 1912, first-class passenger Archibald Gracie wrote of the ill-fated steamship: "It is a fine ship but I shall await my journeys end before I pass judgment on her."

The letter was sold to a private collector from the United States on Saturday, according to auction house Henry Aldridge & Son in Wiltshire, England. The hammer price far exceeded the initial estimate price of £60,000.

The letter is believed to be the sole example in existence from Gracie from onboard the Titanic, which sank off Newfoundland after hitting an iceberg, killing about 1,500 people on its maiden voyage.

Auctioneer Andrew Aldridge described it as an "exceptional museum grade piece."

Gracie, who jumped from the ship and managed to scramble onto an overturned collapsible boat, was rescued by other passengers onboard a lifeboat and was taken to the R.M.S. Carpathia.

He went on to write "The Truth about the Titanic," an account of his experiences, when he returned to New York City.

Gracie boarded the Titanic in Southampton on April 10, 1912, and was assigned first-class cabin C51. His book is seen as one of the most detailed accounts of the events of the night the ship sank, Aldridge said. Gracie did not fully recover from the hypothermia he suffered, and died of complications from diabetes in late 1912.

The letter was postmarked Queenstown, Ireland, one of two stops the Titanic made before sinking.

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One refusal "was met with the manly voice of a powerful man" that said "all right boys, good luck and God bless you", he reported.

He also said more than half the men who had originally reached the collapsible died from exhaustion or cold and slipped off the upturned keel during the night.

Henry Aldridge and Son said The Truth About the Titanic is "one of the most detailed accounts of the events of the evening".

The auctioneers added: "It is impossible to overstate the rarity of this lot, it is written by one of the highest profile survivors, with excellent content and on the rarest of mediums, a letter card.

"A truly exceptional museum-grade piece."



Nicquel Terry Ellis Archibald Gracie's letter from Titanic, written on April 10, 1912, was auctioned for £300,000.



Walmart Investigation

FDA Warns Against Eating

The US Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday urged the public not to eat certain bags of frozen raw shrimp sold at Walmart, citing concerns about unsanitary conditions and radioactive contamination found in shipments from the same supplier.

The FDA said that a radioactive isotope, cesium-137, was detected in a sample of breaded shrimp detained at US ports – in Los Angeles, Houston, Savannah, and Miami – from an Indonesian supplier named BMS Foods.

Those contaminated shipments never reached the US market. However, because Walmart's raw frozen shrimp came from the same supplier – and the agency said it "appears to have been prepared, packed, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with Cs-137" – officials advised consumers to avoid eating them.

The levels of cesium detected – about 68 becquerels per kilogram – were well below the FDA's intervention level of 1,200 Bq/kg. Still, regulators issued the advisory out of caution, citing the potential risks of cancer from

The recalled shrimp was sold at Walmart locations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia, and shoppers in those states were advised to be cautious.

long-term, low-dose exposure and problems at the supplier's facility.

The advisory applies to 2-pound Great Value bags of white vannamei shrimp, all carrying a best-by date of March 15, 2027. They were distributed to Walmart stores in at least 13 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia.

The agency is advising consumers who purchased the shrimp to throw it away or return it, and, said an investigation is ongoing in conjunction with Indonesian seafood regulatory authorities.

Walmart confirmed to CNN that it "immediately recalled the product from impacted stores." CNN has also reached out to the supplier for comment.

All products from the company are now banned from coming into the U.S. "until the firm has resolved the conditions that gave rise to the appearance of the violation," the FDA said.

"If you have recently purchased raw frozen shrimp from Walmart that matches this description, throw it away," the FDA said in its press release. The FDA said it is working with distributors and retailers that received the shrimp from BMS Foods "to recommend that firms conduct a recall," according to the press release.

The FDA said it determined the shrimp from BMS Foods violates the Federal Food, Drug, & Cosmetic Act "in that it appears to have been prepared, packed, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with Cs-137 and may pose a safety concern."

Cesium is a soft, flexible, silvery-white metal that becomes liquid near room temperature, but easily bonds with chlorides to create a crystalline powder, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. External exposure to large amounts of Cesium-137, according to the EPA, can cause burns, acute radiation sickness and even death.

The amount contained in the tested shipment held by the FDA was not enough to pose acute harm to consumers, exposure over time could pose an elevated risk of cancer by damaging living cells in the body, said officials from the agency.



Caesium-137 is made through nuclear reactions and is present in trace amounts in soil, food and air worldwide. It is one of the principal sources of radiation around Chernobyl in Ukraine and Fukushima in Japan.



Texas Camp

'COMMON SENSE' SAFETY MEASURES

Michael McCown sent his 8-year-old daughter Linnie to a summer camp in central Texas trusting she would be safe.

But that trust was tragically broken when Linnie and at least 26 other campers and counselors were swept after a catastrophic flood swept through Camp Mystic on July 4.

On Wednesday, McCown and several other parents sat before a Texas state Senate committee and called for stronger safety standards at youth camps in Texas.

"We did not send Linnie to a war zone; we sent her to camp," said McCown, who remembered his daughter for her gentle, playful manner. "No parent should ever go through what we are living through now."

Parents of several children who were at Camp Mystic, a nearly century-old camp for girls which largely sits in a flood-prone area, testified at the Texas Capitol on Senate Bill1, which aims to improve safety for youth camps across the state. It was the first time many of the parents spoke publicly about the death of their children and the lack of sufficient safety measures to prevent their deaths.

Among the bill's provisions are a requirement for camps to have emergency rooftop ladders in every cabin in the floodplain and flash flood evacuation plans. It also seeks to create a line of succession for local officials in the event they are absent when disaster strikes and to streamline how the justice of peace reports deaths.

"I told her camp was the safest place she could be and she would make new friends and learn new things. I lied to her. She not only wasn't safe, she died," said Carrie Hanna, mother of 8-year-old Hadley Hanna.

CNN has reached out to Camp Mystic for comment.

At the hearing, parents shared stories of their children and their grief, and expressed support for the bill with many of them saying it would prevent future camp families from their children dying in a flood.

Cece Williams Steward, whose 8-year-old daughter Cile has not been found since the flood, said she has "unwavering support" for Senate Bill 1.

"I was assured that her safety and the safety of all the young girls was paramount. ... That assurance was betrayed. Obvious common sense safety measures were absent. Protocols that should have been in place were ignored," the mother said.

Steward, who said three generations of women in her family had attended Camp Mystic and this was Cile's first year going, said summer camps in the state must be properly equipped and held accountable to protect children in the future.

"She was stolen from her family, from her future, from the world she lit up with her independence and spunk," she said.

"Three generations of women in my family went to Camp Mystic. This year, it was finally Cile's turn. She was 8 years old, going for the very first time, her heart full of excitement to join the tradition of her mother, her aunt and her grandmother, her great aunt and five cousins," Steward told the panel. "For Cile, camp meant adventure, memories, friendships, and lessons to carry for a lifetime. For me, it meant watching my child grow and learn, but always under the assurance that she would be safe."

Steward added, "Joy and growth cannot exist without safety. Cile's chance to experience camp only existed because I was ensured that her safety and the safety of all the young girls was paramount. I ask you, what could have been more important than that? But that assurance was betrayed. Obvious common-sense safety measures were absent, protocols that should have been in place were ignored. As a result, my daughter was stolen from us.

Sitting next to her husband, Steward said the agonizing experience of waiting for her daughter's remains to be recovered has left her and her family in a "torture chamber of uncertainty."

"Cile's life ended, not because of an unavoidable act of nature, but because of preventable failures on just her fifth day of camp," Steward said, breaking into tears.



Ashley Ann Lora

Perry said that had Senate Bill 1 -- which will be renamed the "Heaven 27 Camp Safety Act" -- been in existence during the flood, "I have no doubt that some lives, if not all lives, would have been saved on the camp front."

DEBUTANTS DIAMOND HARBOUR BEAT EAST BENGAL TO REACH DURAND CUP FINAL

Diary Times Desk : Second-half strikes from Mikel Idiákez and Joby Justin fired debutants Diamond Harbour FC to a 2-1 win over East Bengal on Wednesday, sealing a spot in the 134th Durand Cup final against NorthEast United FC. Anwar Ali had drawn parity for the Red & Golds moments after Idiákez's spectacular back-volley had given the Diamonds the lead. The Diamonds had the better of exchanges in the first-half and nearing 20 minutes, Joby had a first shot at goal from close but was easily thwarted by Prabhsukan Gill in the East Bengal goal. Anwar then also had his first strike at goal in the 22nd minute, but just missed. East Bengal did finish the half the stronger of the two, with a Mahesh cross getting Diamantakos to head one which went out and then again the Manipuri's shot hitting the bar in the second minute of extended time. In the second half, the Red & Golds kept pressing with Bipin hitting over from close, forcing Vicuna into bringing in both fresh and experienced legs in Girik Khosla, Melroy Assisi and Angousana in place of Narzary, Sairuatkima and Samuel respectively.



RADUCANU & ALCARAZ OUT AS POLARISING US OPEN EVENT STARTS



Diary Times Desk : In a party-like atmosphere at Arthur Ashe Stadium, Britain's Raducanu and Spain's Alcaraz saw their chances of claiming a \$1m winning prize ended by fellow Briton Jack Draper and Jessica Pegula, who have reached Wednesday's semi-finals. Despite the presence of home player Pegula, it was the losing pair who were heavily backed by a sizeable crowd at Flushing Meadows. Pegula and Draper won 4-2 4-2 in the new shortened format, which is part of the US Open's "reimagination" of the mixed doubles. As well as the huge financial incentives, the event has also been moved forward to the week before the singles main draws to attract the stars.

FIROUZJA JOINS LEADERS, GUKESH BOUNCES BACK

Diary Times Desk : GM Alireza Firouzja has joined GMs Levon Aronian and Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu in leading the 2025 Sinquefeld Cup after two rounds. He survived another difficult position, against GM Jan-Krzysztof Duda, and even managed to win the 100-move marathon. World Champion Gukesh Dommaraju bounced back from the previous day's loss with a chaotic win against GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov. The other three games were drawn. GM Wesley So vs. GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave was the first to end, after a theoretical test in the Grünfeld, and there were no real chances in either Praggnanandhaa vs. GM Fabiano Caruana or Aronian vs. GM Sam Sevian. Aronian came up with probably the most interesting move seven of the day. 7.Bd3!? was an unexpected opening quirk in a Steinitz French where the main line, 7.Be3, is virtually automatic. It worked out, and Aronian got a small but lasting advantage out of the opening. Despite feeling the pressure, Sevian kept that advantage to a minimum, and eventually equalized with queenside counterplay. Although he felt his position was dangerous enough to sacrifice a pawn, the game featured no serious mistakes by either side. The pawn sac was sound, and Black had enough play to regain the pawn.

ADRIEN RABIOT, JONATHAN ROWE PUT UP FOR SALE BY MARSEILLE AFTER BUST-UP

Diary Times Desk : Marseille duo Adrien Rabiot and Jonathan Rowe were placed on the club's transfer list Tuesday after a physical altercation following the 1-0 loss at Rennes in the Ligue 1 season opener. France midfielder Rabiot and England Under-21 forward Rowe were involved in a heated exchange in the team's dressing room after Friday's match, which Rennes won with a stoppage-time goal despite playing for an hour with 10 men. Marseille called the players' behaviour "unacceptable" in a brief club statement which explained the decision to put both of them up for sale. Rabiot and Rowe were informed of the news on Monday, it said. Rabiot's mother and agent, Veronique, told RTL radio earlier on Tuesday that Marseille coach Roberto De Zerbi had taken the decision due to a "lack of commitment". Marseille initially denied reports of a fight, but a source close to the club confirmed to AFP a report from French sports daily L'Equipe that said "blows were exchanged between the two men". The 30-year-old Rabiot joined Marseille last season after five years with Juventus and helped the club qualify for the Champions League. It is not his first run-in with club or country though, having left Paris Saint-Germain in 2019 after being sidelined for six months over a contract issue.



ANANTJEET SINGH NARUKA SHOOTS GOLD AT ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Diary Times Desk : Indian shooter Anantjeet Singh Naruka fired his way to his first individual gold medal in the Asian Championships after edging out Kuwait's Mansour Al Rashidi in the men's skeet final here on Wednesday. Earlier in the day, the Indian pair of Saurabh Chaudhary and rising teenager Suruchi Inder Singh clinched the 10m air pistol mixed team bronze, beating Chinese Taipei. Naruka finished on top of the podium after prevailing over former Asian Games champion Al Rashidi 57-56 in the final. Al-Ishaq Ali Ahmed of Qatar settled for the bronze medal with 43. The 27-year-old Naruka, who has won team gold and mixed team gold in the 2023 edition of the championships, qualified for the final in second position with 119 after five rounds, while Kuwait's Abdulaziz Alsaad led the pack with 120 on their way to the final. **JANNIK SINNER WITHDRAWS FROM U.S. OPEN MIXED DOUBLES AFTER CINCINNATI OPEN FINAL ILLNESS**



Diary Times Desk : Jannik Sinner has withdrawn from the U.S. Open mixed doubles, which begins Aug. 19 in New York. The men's world No. 1 in singles retired after five games of his Cincinnati Open final against Carlos Alcaraz due to illness, and will recover before preparing for the U.S. Open singles.

Sinner was going to partner Kateřina Siniaková, probably the greatest active doubles player on earth, in a compelling alliance of the two tennis disciplines.

Siniaková, an 11-time Grand Slam doubles champion and a gold medalist at the 2024 Paris Olympics, never received a new partner. The official draw and order of play were updated Tuesday morning, but Sinner and Siniaková's place was occupied by "Qualifier / Qualifier" as of 9:12 a.m., less than two hours before the start of the event.

Americans Danielle Collins and Christian Harrison then took the pair's spot as first alternate, owing to their combined singles ranking.

Alcaraz traveled from Mason, Ohio to partner Emma Raducanu, while Iga Świątek, who won the WTA 1000 title with victory over Jasmine Paolini, also arrived on time to partner Norway's Casper Ruud.