

## NEWS IN BRIEF

RAVICHANDRAN  
ASHWIN RETIRES  
FROM IPL

## Diary Times Desk :

Former India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has announced his retirement from the IPL. Ashwin broke the news on the social media platform X and said he will now explore playing in leagues around the world. Ashwin finishes as the fourth-highest wicket taker in the Indian Premier League, with 187 wickets from 221 matches. He represented several franchises during his 14-year-long career, including Chennai Super Kings, Rising Pune Supergiant, Punjab Kings, Delhi Capitals and the Rajasthan Royals; however, it was only fitting that his last season was with CSK, a team he made his IPL debut with in 2009. Ashwin had already told CSK a couple of weeks ago that he wanted to part ways with the franchise.

JASPRIT BUMRAH  
TOLD HE'S 'NOT  
BIGGER THAN THE  
GAME OF CRICKET':  
'IF A PLAYER IS  
NOT FIT FOR ALL  
FIVE TESTS...'

## Diary Times Desk :

Former India batter Manoj Tiwary minced no words as he criticised Jasprit Bumrah for not playing all five Tests against England. Ever since the conclusion of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the 31-year-old No.1-ranked Test bowler has been slammed for not being available for the entirety of the series in the UK. Bumrah featured in three Tests, taking 17 wickets with two five-wicket hauls. However, the chatter around the speedster grew following the conclusion of the series. Mohammed Siraj bowled more than 185 overs, finishing as the leading wicket-taker across the two teams with 23 wickets to his name. Looking at his performance, several pundits raised questions about Bumrah and why he couldn't have played all five matches. Bumrah was also released from India's squad on Day 2 of the Oval Test. His participation in just three Tests was known beforehand, and there was no surprise element to this. Tiwary believes that a player once picked should be available for all the games, and there shouldn't be a case of picking and choosing. Jasprit Bumrah told he's 'not bigger than

PM  
MODIFROM QUAKE-SAFE BULLET TRAINS TO AI  
AND SECURITY: PM MODI'S BIG JAPAN  
AGENDA

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Japan from 29th to 30th August 2025, his eighth visit to the country. Along with his Japanese counterpart, Shigeru Ishiba, PM Modi will hold the 15th India-Japan annual summit on Friday.

"The 15th summit will give both the prime ministers the opportunity to do an in-depth review of the bilateral ties, take stock of progress in the last few years across multiple domains, and, of course, as is usual, exchange views on regional and global issues of importance," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said on Tuesday.

"This will also be an opportunity to launch several new initiatives to build greater resilience in the relationship, and to respond to emerging opportunities and challenges."

According to a statement, the two Prime Ministers will review the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between India and Japan, which includes defence and security, trade and economy, technology and innovation, and people to people exchanges, and will also discuss issues of regional and global importance. Prime Ministers Modi and Ishiba are also expected to travel to Sendai, a city known for its semiconductors, in a bullet train.

On their first together, Prime Ministers Modi and Ishiba will explore Japan's participation in future bullet train projects in India, beyond the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route.

After the initial agreement that the E5 series bullet trains in use in Japan would be sent to India for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route, Tokyo offered to launch the new E10 series bullet trains simultaneously in both the countries.

PM MODI AVOIDED 4 CALLS FROM TRUMP AMID TARIFF  
TENSION: REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi refused to take four calls from American President Donald Trump in recent weeks, against the backdrop of the tariff row, German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ) has reported, citing sources. The report suggests that this was the result of the "depth of his [Modi's] anger, but also his caution".

A Japanese newspaper, Nikkei Asia, has made similar claims, saying Prime Minister Modi was avoiding Trump's calls, "heightening Trump's frustration."

Ties between New Delhi and Washington have been tense after President Trump doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a staggering 50 per cent, the highest for any country other than Brazil. This includes a 25 per cent additional duty for India's purchase of Russian crude oil.

India has asserted that it is prepared to stand firm against US pressure, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowing he would "never compromise" the interests of the country's farmers.

The German publication has reported that the US-India trade clash illustrates that New Delhi will not bow to Washington's pressure. "There are signs indicating that Modi felt insulted," FAZ reports, adding that PM Modi's unwillingness to talk to Trump demonstrates the extent to which the premier is irritated by the US president's actions.

36 KILLED IN FLOODS, LANDSLIDES  
AS JAMMU SEES HIGHEST RAINFALL  
SINCE 1910

**Diary Times Desk :** The rains and thunderstorm that have been ravaging Jammu for two days -- causing floods, landslides and massive damage -- appear to be gradually weakening. The water level in the region's raging rivers have dropped, but the scale of damage has been devastating, especially in areas like Peerkho and Nikki Tawi, where entire residential areas have been washed off.

The number of deaths in rain-related incidents went up to 36 on Wednesday, with most being the result of a landslide on the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route.

Jammu recorded 380 mm of rainfall in 24 hours -- the highest since 1910, when the weather observatory was established.

The water level is on way down in Tawi river that flows through the Jammu city. The water level in Chenab, though, is yet to abate. Jhelum is still flowing over danger mark in Srinagar, Anantnag. But the marginal respite has been enough for the rescue and relief work, which has started in full swing since morning. The army, national and state relief forces working in tandem, evacuated more than 5,000 people from low-lying flooded areas to safety. Schools, colleges, universities, training institutes and government offices in Jammu remain closed. Similar action has been taken in Srinagar, Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag in Kashmir Valley.

FLOOD SITUATION TURNS GRIM IN PUNJAB;  
RAVI, BEAS AND SUTLEJ RIVERS IN SPATE

**Diary Times Desk :** The flood situation in Punjab worsened on Wednesday, with the Ravi river overflowing and causing a breach in its banks in Amritsar district. As a result, many areas of the district near Ajanala, along the river banks, submerged under water.

The holy city, meanwhile, continued to experience rain till early morning, causing widespread flooding on roads and streets and throwing normal life out of gear. According to information available, the water level in the Ravi river was recorded at 4.60 lakh cusecs early Wednesday morning, causing flooding in areas of both Gurdaspur and Pathankot districts, besides Amritsar.

With the water level in the Ranjit Sagar dam on the Ravi river having crossed the danger mark of 527.91 meters, the water from the reservoir will continue to be released in a controlled manner. Around 1.95 lakh cusecs of water was released from the dam on Tuesday. More water is expected to be released from the dam today. Controlled water releases from two other dams -- Bhakra and Pong-- will also be effected. The flood situation also remained grim in Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Fazilka where both the Beas and Sutlej rivers were in spate. While schools across the state have been closed till August 30 because of floods caused by incessant rains, the state government has already issued warnings to people residing in villages along the river to be prepared for any eventuality. Civil administration, Army, police, and state disaster relief force are all on alert. Relief camps have also been set up to evacuate people from flood-hit areas.

## USA TARIFF

"WILL PUT TARIFFS ON YOU  
THAT ARE SO HIGH..."  
TRUMP'S WARNING TO INDIA,  
PAK

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump once again doubled down on his claim of playing a catalyst in the truce between India and Pakistan following military conflict in May. The American President claimed he personally intervened between the two nuclear-powered neighbours and used trade and tariff threats to force Prime Minister Narendra Modi into agreeing to a ceasefire with Islamabad.

"I am talking to a very terrific man, Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi. I said, What's going on with you and Pakistan? The hatred was tremendous," Trump said, recounting his supposed exchange with PM Modi.

India has dismissed Trump's claims and consistently maintained that the understanding on cessation of hostilities with Pakistan was reached following direct talks between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of the two militaries. The US President claimed tensions between India and Pakistan have been going on "for a hell of a long time, like, sometimes with different names for hundreds of years."

India and Pakistan only became independent states in 1947, when the British decided to end their 200-year-long rule in the Indian subcontinent and to divide it into two separate nations. Before that, the area was divided into several smaller kingdoms. Trump claimed that to broker a peace between the two Asian neighbours, he threatened PM Modi with Washington holding back trade and slapping New Delhi with high tariffs.

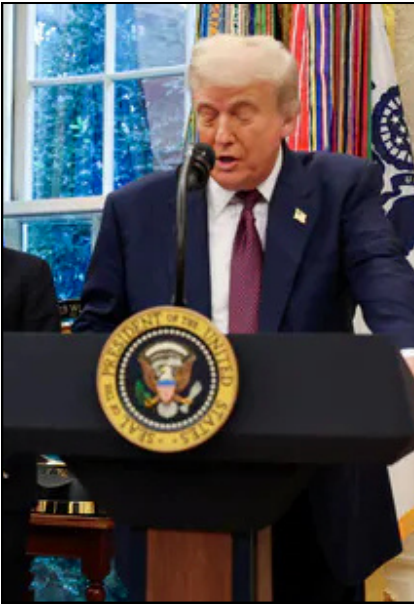
"SHAME ON YOU":  
VIRENDER SEHWAG, BCCI  
BLASTED OVER VIRAL  
INDIA-PAKISTAN ASIA CUP  
PROMO

**Diary Times Desk :** Sony Sports Network, the official broadcast partner of the upcoming Asia Cup, has come under the scanner after it released an India vs Pakistan promotional advertisement. The promo, featuring India captain Suryakumar Yadav, Pakistan pacer Shaheen Afridi, and legendary batter Virender Sehwag, was aimed at generating excitement ahead of the high-octane clash between the two arch-rivals on September 14. However, the promo has sparked a storm on social media, with fans sharing strong reactions to express their displeasure. Calls have been made to boycott the Asia Cup by fans and experts in the backdrop of the April 23 Pahalgaon terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 civilians.

Similarly, fans have now raised their voice to boycott Sony Sports Network, while also criticising the BCCI and Sehwag for promoting the India vs Pakistan clash. Ahead of the tournament, Sehwag remains hopeful about India's chances of standing triumphant in the Asia Cup. "We are world champions. We just won the World Cup, T20 World Cup, and I am sure that we are the best team in the Asia Cup."

### NEW EXPORT MARKETS AS CURE TO US TRADE BARRIERS

**Diary Times Desk :** Indian exports to the US will now attract a 50% tariff, among the highest for all of US's trading partners. Half of this 50% tariff is on account of India buying crude oil from Russia which the Trump administration has described as a major funding of the "Russian war machine". The move is blatantly unfair. It is China, not India, that is the biggest buyer of Russian crude. Trump has imposed no such tariffs on China. European countries still buy a lot of gas from Russia, and were among the major secondary buyers of Russian crude refined in India. The US itself has not suspended its necessary trade with Russia, which includes difficult to procure commodities such as uranium. If these examples were not enough to show how unfairly the US is treating India, reports say that US oil major Exxon is now talking to Russian oil companies to resume business, including production in Sakhalin, that was stopped after the Russia-Ukraine war in 2022. These reports, including in The Wall Street Journal, have said the talks were conducted in secrecy and Exxon had Trump's approval to begin the dialogue.



### THE GLARING OMISSIONS: WOMEN JUDGES OVERLOOKED BY SUPREME

**COURT COLLEGIUM, CENTRE**  
**Diary Times Desk :** In August 2021, for the first time, three women judges were elevated to the Supreme Court of India in one single swoop.

With the elevation of Justices Hima Kohli, BV Nagarathna and Bela Trivedi, the top court, for the first time in its 70-year history, had four sitting women judges, including Justice Indira Banerjee, who was already serving as a judge at the time. Back then, the Collegium's recommendation to elevate the women judges and the Centre's quick notification of their appointment was lauded and celebrated as a historic moment for gender representation in the top echelons of India's judiciary. This was a remarkable moment considering the fact that only 8 women had graced the Supreme Court until then. But time has proven that it was too early to celebrate. While the individual women judges shattered the proverbial glass ceiling.

### TWIST IN NOIDA DOWRY CASE, NIKKI BHATI'S SISTER-IN-LAW MAKES BIG ALLEGATION

**Diary Times Desk :** The Noida dowry death case has taken a dramatic turn with fresh allegations surfacing against the victim's family. Nikki Bhati's family had accused her husband and in-laws of dowry harassment, but now a similar accusation has emerged against her own family. Nikki Bhati's sister-in-law Minakshi, estranged wife of her brother Rohit Payla, has alleged that she too faced dowry harassment by her in-laws. Rohit and Minakshi, 31, got married in 2016. Minakshi, who is from Palla village, has claimed that her family had given a Maruti Suzuki Ciaz as dowry, but her in-laws had sold it, calling it "inauspicious." The Paylas, family of Nikki Bhati, had then demanded a new model of Scorpio SUV and cash, Minakshi's family claimed. On being denied, Minakshi alleged that her in-laws sent her back to her parents' house. The matter was taken to the village panchayat, where it was reportedly advised that either Rs 35 lakh (the amount spent on their wedding) be returned to Minakshi's family so that she could be remarried, or that the husband's family accept her back as their daughter-in-law. **JOBS, EXPORTS, GROWTH AT RISK: HOW US TARIFFS MAY IMPACT INDIA**



**Diary Times Desk :** A dissonance among the armed forces over theatre commands came out during the Ran Samvad dialogue here. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan welcomed the frank discussion and opinions but said the final decision would be reached in the best interests of the nation. "Let me talk about 'jointness' a little bit... as CDS, I actually set out to promote 'jointness' among the three services. And today, I can say with a kind of pleasure and confidence that we can speak about our differences in a very conducive kind of environment..." CDS Gen Chauhan said Wednesday at the Ran Samvad, an ongoing tri-service seminar on military affairs at the Army War College, Mhow. "...openness to patiently listen to others, with different and alternate points of view, without the temperatures rising." CDS Gen Chauhan added, "Even if you disagree with a point, there could be hundreds of points we can discuss over here... There can be a difference [in opinions] among the three services, yet we can listen to those points. I think that thing is very, very important. And, I am hopeful that something of that might have rubbed off on the veterans, who are over here. They hold, actually, an even larger desire to protect their respective turfs," the CDS added.

#### 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MK STALIN TO PARTICIPATE  
IN RAHUL GANDHI'S VOTER  
ADHIKAR YATRA IN BIHAR  
TODAY

**Diary Times Desk :** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday left for Bihar in a special chartered flight to take part in Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra.

Mr Stalin is scheduled to join Rahul Gandhi at a public rally in Darbhanga and deliver an address before returning to Chennai in the evening.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, accompanied by his sister and Thoothukudi MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, departed from Chennai at around 7:30 am. According to the Chief Minister's office, Mr Stalin and Mr Kanimozhi will join the Voter Adhikar Yatra on National Highway 57, where Rahul Gandhi will lead the day's march and address the gathering.

A large public meeting has been organised as part of the programme, where Mr Stalin is slated to speak in solidarity with Mr Gandhi's campaign.

3 MEN IN HYDERABAD  
INAPPROPRIATELY TOUCH  
WOMEN WITH PEACOCK  
FEATHER, BYSTANDER  
INTERVENES

**Diary Times Desk :** A disturbing video of street harassment in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills area has gone viral on social media. The incident shows three youths on a bike following girls, using a peacock feather to touch them inappropriately. However, the situation was defused when a brave bystander, Aniketh Shetty, intervened to stop the harassment. According to him, the three youths on a motorcycle followed two women near Neeru's signal in Jubilee Hills, attempting to touch them with a peacock feather.

The video shows Mr Shetty and his wife confronting the bikers from their car, shouting, "Aey, kya kar rahe ho? Kyun sata rahe ho inko?" ("Hey, what are you doing? Why are you teasing them?"). Meanwhile, his wife, who was recording the incident, assured him that she had gotten the license plate number on camera and would report it to the police.

"These 3 pieces of s\*\*t were following the girls in front of them and touching them with the peacock feather till I pulled down the window & yelled at them. Would've chased them further, but the car in front of me didn't give way," the tweet was captioned. Mr Shetty also tagged the Hyderabad Police and revealed the license number of the motorcycle and the location.

GURDWARA KARTARPUR SAHIB IN PAKISTAN  
ALMOST COMPLETELY SUBMERGED IN FLOOD  
AFTER HEAVY RAIN

**Diary Times Desk :** Heavy rainfall in Pakistan has led to severe flooding at the Gurdwara Sri Kartarpur Sahib, which falls in Narowal, about 4.5 kilometres from the international border. Visuals showed Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara almost completely submerged in floodwater.

The Kartarpur Corridor was also seen inundated with water. The Kartarpur Corridor provides a visa-free passage, facilitating access to this historic Sikh shrine.

Heavy rainfall in Pakistan has prompted the evacuation of tens of thousands of people to safer areas after India released water from overflowing dams and swollen rivers into low-lying border regions. Earlier, New Delhi alerted Islamabad about possible cross-border flooding.

Nearly two lakh people were evacuated from flood-prone areas to safer places across Pakistan's Punjab province till Tuesday as authorities issued warnings and alerts regarding rising water levels in almost all eastern rivers.

Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority said it had issued an advance alert to its Punjabi counterparts about a surge in the Sutlej River and the risk of flooding, and that evacuations from various districts in the eastern Punjab province are underway, AP news agency reported.

ARMY CHOPPER LANDS ATOP  
CRUMBLING BUILDING TO RESCUE CRPF  
PERSONNEL

**Diary Times Desk :** The Indian army's aviation wing on Wednesday landed a chopper on top of a crumbling building in Jammu, that was surrounded by floodwaters to rescue 22 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel, three civilians and a canine, officials aware of the matter said adding that within an hour of the rescue, the building was swept away by the flood water.

The army in a statement said that it was a "high-risk helicopter rescue operation, in which army pilots landed their helicopter on a building that was already on the verge of a collapse."

CRPF officials said that on Tuesday evening, due to the flood in the nearby Lakhampur barrage, most major components of the force's D/121 company along with controlled stores were shifted to another location across National Highway 44.

DK SHIVAKUMAR RECITING  
RSS ANTHEM CLOSED  
CHAPTER, HE APOLOGISED:  
MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

**Diary Times Desk :** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday termed Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's recitation of the RSS anthem in the Karnataka Assembly a "closed chapter" following his apology. Speaking to reporters here, Mallikarjun Kharge said he would not reopen a 'closed case'. "The matter is over after apologising. You (media) should not latch onto it," the Congress chief said.

The Congress chief warned that such an act should not be repeated in the future. "He shouldn't have said that but he uttered it. Now he has apologised. I will not give much... i mean I will not reopen a closed case," the opposition leader in the Rajya Sabha said.

The storm began brewing in the Congress party in Karnataka after Shivakumar, who is also Congress state unit president, sang the RSS anthem 'Namaste Sada Vatsale Matrubhoomee...' inside the state assembly during a discussion on the stadium stampede that killed 11 people.

DELHI HIT-AND-RUN: CCTV SHOWS TEEN  
DRIVER HALTING, THEN SPEEDING OFF,  
DRAGGING VICTIM FOR 600 METRES

**Diary Times Desk :** A 16-year-old boy was apprehended for allegedly mowing down a factory worker with his car in Delhi's Samaypur Badli and dragging him for a substantial distance, an officer said on Wednesday.

Preliminary probe and CCTV showed that the victim came under the front portion of the car on Saturday evening and was dragged for around 600 metres before he was dumped near the NDPL office gate number 5.

The CCTV footage of the incident captures a chilling sequence in which the accused, driving a red car, is seen ramming into the victim and dragging him along the road as the latter desperately tries to break free.

The visuals further show the car coming to a brief halt for a few seconds, only for the driver to accelerate once again at high speed, leaving behind the victim's shoes scattered on the road.

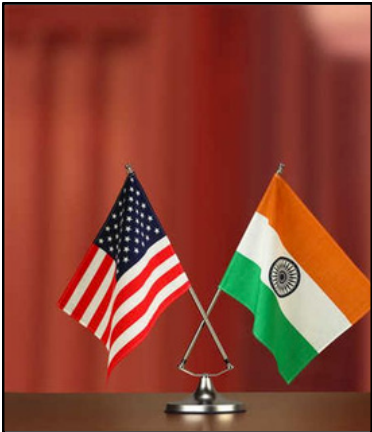
COMMUNICATION CHANNELS OPEN TO RESOLVE INDIA-US TARIFF  
ISSUE: GOVT SOURCES

**Diary Times Desk :** Communication channels remain open between India and the US and efforts will continue to resolve the ongoing tariff issue, government sources said on Wednesday.

The US government has imposed a total of 50 per cent tariffs on Indian exports to America, barring a few sectors, beginning Wednesday.

"The impact (of the tariffs) is unlikely to be as severe as feared given the diversified nature of Indian exports," sources said, adding the communication lines are open between India and the US to resolve the issue.

Sources said there is no cause for panic as far as exporters are concerned, stressing "it is a temporary phase in a long-term relationship" between India and the US.



**WARNING FOR IMMIGRANTS,  
'COMFORT FOR AMERICANS'? US  
CITIZENSHIP VETTING PROCESS TO  
REINSTATE DECADES-OLD POLICY**

**Diary Times Desk :** Amid enhanced vetting processes for immigrants and nonimmigrants, US authorities continue reminding applicants, "immigration benefits, including to live and work in the United States, remain a privilege, not a right." Several warnings against petitioners' ties to "terrorists," supposed criminal ties, drug convictions, immigration fraud (including falsifying information to obtain advantages like green cards), and 'anti-Americanism,' among other red-flagged violations have repeatedly been brought into focus via recent official memos, press releases and social media updates.

One such update spotlighted by a brand-new X post shared this morning (IST) extended "comfort" to Americans, who, in turn, have amplified their hate calls against immigrants in the US recently. Just days ago, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) updated its memo on the naturalisation process by stressing upon an applicant's "good moral character" while vetting their citizenship requests. The government agency appears to have revised their policy yet again to include "neighbourhood checks" as part of the verification protocol.

**WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT MASSIVE  
DUST STORMS CALLED HABOOBS IN  
US SOUTHWEST**

**Diary Times Desk :** Massive walls of dust and debris called haboobs that roll through the U.S. Southwest can be awe-inspiring and terrifying, especially for motorists caught in their path. Thunderstorms spawn the phenomenon and can create a wall of dust thousands of feet tall and several miles wide, reaching speeds of 60 mph (97 kpm) or more. Here's what to know:

Thunderstorms can produce strong downdrafts that hit the ground at 50-80 mph (80-129 kph) and then spread in all directions, said Sean Benedict, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's Phoenix office. The winds stir up loose dust and dirt, including from arid areas and farm fields, that get blown along in front of the approaching storm cell.

**TRUMP'S TARIFF GAMBLE ON INDIA:  
HOW HE QUIETLY BENT THE RULEBOOK  
TO KEEP DUTIES ON DELHI AFLOAT**

**Diary Times Desk :** When Donald Trump first announced tariffs on Indian imports in April 2025, his administration claimed it was acting under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) of 1977. The law was designed after Watergate to give presidents sweeping powers during national emergencies, usually to sanction hostile states or freeze foreign assets. What it never mentioned was tariffs.

Attorneys quickly noted that no president had ever interpreted IEEPA this way. A federal appeals panel shared the scepticism. "IEEPA doesn't even mention the word 'tariffs' anywhere," Circuit Judge Jimmie Reyna said during an August 4 hearing. Trump's own lawyer, Brett Shumate, admitted "no president has ever read IEEPA this way" but still claimed it was lawful.

The Liberty Justice Center, a non-partisan advocacy group, sued in a New York court just days after the baseline 10 per cent tariffs took effect. They argued Trump had simply exceeded his authority.

**INDIAN NATIONALS COMMIT HIGHEST  
SEXUAL OFFENCES IN UK: REPORT**

**Diary Times Desk :** Indian nationals in the UK recorded the highest growth in sexual offence convictions since 2021, according to new data from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

Convictions rose 257 per cent between 2021 and 2024, increasing from 28 cases in 2021 to 100 in 2024. Nigerian nationals saw a 166 per cent increase, while convictions of Iraqi nationals rose 160 per cent over the same period. The MoJ clarified that the figures relate to sentencing occasions rather than individual offenders. Indian nationals also experienced the third-highest increase in serious offence convictions among foreign nationals, with cases rising 115 per cent, from 273 in 2021 to 588 in 2024. Algerians and Egyptians recorded higher percentage increases for serious offences. Home Office data indicates 293 Indian nationals arrived illegally via small boats in 2024, with 206 arrivals in the first half of 2025. Despite this, Indians remain a small share of irregular migration, with the largest groups coming from Afghanistan, Iran, and Syria. As of June 2025, Indians accounted for 15 per cent of illegal arrivals at UK ports. Of 5,474 asylum applications by Indian nationals, roughly 4,000 were submitted by legal visa holders (mostly study visas), 400 via small boats, and the remainder through other channels. Initial asylum decisions show 2,691 refusals, 20 grants, with the rest pending.

**TRUMP THREATENS  
CHARGES FOR GEORGE  
SOROS, FREQUENT TARGET  
OF FAR-RIGHT IRE**

**Diary Times Desk :** United States President Donald Trump has advocated for George Soros, a billionaire financier and philanthropist who has become a central figure in right-wing conspiracies, to face criminal charges.

In a social media post on Tuesday, Trump said that Soros and his son Alex should be indicted for supporting violent riots in the US, a baseless claim that the president has pushed before.

Trump recommended that they be charged under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, a federal law often used against organised crime.

"George Soros, and his wonderful Radical Left son, should be charged with RICO because of their support of Violent Protests, and much more, all throughout the United States of America," Trump wrote in the post.

"Soros, and his group of psychopaths, have caused great damage to our Country! That includes his Crazy, West Coast friends. Be careful, we're watching you!"

**MEDITERRANEAN WILDFIRES  
ARE NO ACCIDENT**

**Diary Times Desk :** From Turkiye to Greece, from France to Spain, this summer's Mediterranean wildfires make one thing clear: Something has changed. These are no longer occasional dry spells or extreme seasons. The so-called sixth-generation fires are fuelled by a climatic and social logic deeply embedded in the machinery of global disaster capitalism.

The scale is staggering. By August 26, more than one million hectares (3,860sq miles) had burned across the European Union in 2025 – four times the historical average of the past two decades. In Spain, the devastation jumped from 40,000 to more than 416,000 hectares (155 to 1,606sq miles) in just a matter of weeks, making 2025 the year with the largest area burned this century, while fire-related emissions reached the highest annual total in the record dating back to 2003. The fires have forced tens of thousands of people to flee and claimed at least eight lives, among them firefighters and volunteers. Critical infrastructure, including the rail link between Madrid and Galicia, was disrupted. And beyond the flames, the toll of heat itself is just as brutal: As of August 22, the Spanish National Research Council's MACE system.

**TEENAGER DIES AFTER EATING 3 PACKETS OF RAW INSTANT NOODLES:  
GASTROENTEROLOGIST WARNS ABOUT DANGERS OF DRY RAMEN**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a heartbreaking incident, a 13-year-old boy from Cairo, Egypt, died after consuming three packets of raw instant noodles, reported Daily Mail. The teenager started experiencing symptoms like severe stomach pain, sweating, and vomiting within 30 minutes of finishing his snack; he soon passed away.

While it was earlier feared that the product didn't meet the safety standard, upon investigation it was found that the noodles were not poisoned, as per the report.

The report added that the boy died of acute intestinal problems or digestive obstruction after consuming a large quantity of raw noodles.





BLAIR JOINS WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH TRUMP ON POST-WAR GAZA

**Diary Times Desk :** Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair will take part in a meeting in Washington, chaired by US President Donald Trump, to discuss plans for post-war Gaza, the BBC has confirmed. The Axios website reports that Trump's son-in-law and former senior adviser, Jared Kushner, will also be at the meeting, which will include discussions on increasing aid to the Palestinian territory. Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff has said the US is putting together a "very comprehensive" plan on "the next day" after the conflict. The meeting comes after the Israeli military warned Palestinians that the evacuation of Gaza City was "inevitable", as its forces prepare to conquer it. Israeli tanks pushed into a new area of the city overnight, destroying houses and forcing more residents to flee, witnesses said. Thousands of people have already moved because of recent Israeli advances - mostly to other parts of the city, where about a million Palestinians still live.



"AVERAGE GREEN CARD HOLDERS EARN...": TEAM TRUMP SIGNALS BIG CHANGE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Trump administration has signalled a massive shift in its H-1B visa and green card programme, which is likely to impact millions of foreign workers and students living in the US. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has called the H-1B visas a "scam" and said that it is going to change. "The current H-1B visa system is a scam that lets foreign workers fill American job opportunities. Hiring American workers should be the priority of all great American businesses. Now is the time to end unfair American," he said in an online post. Speaking to Fox News, Lutnick shared that he is part of the massive change that will impact the H-1B and green card programme. Justifying its need, the senior US official pointed to pay inequality among the average Americans and green card holders. "I am involved in changing the H-1B programme because that is terrible. We are going to change the green card. The average American makes \$75,000 a year, and the average green card recipient \$66,000. So, we are taking the bottom quartile. Why are we doing that? That's what Donald Trump is going to change. That's the gold card that's coming. We are going to start picking the best people to come into the country," he said.

TRUMP SAYS HE IS PREPARED TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA

**Diary Times Desk :** President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he is prepared to impose economic sanctions against Russia if Vladimir Putin fails to agree to a ceasefire, warning of serious consequences. "We want to have an end. We live in a global village today. No country can live in isolation, and we are dependent on each other for one or another commodity. As per the announcement by US President Donald Trump, an extra tariff on India has been implemented from 27<sup>th</sup> August, which amounts to a total of 50 per cent on goods exported from India to the US such as garments, gems and jewellery, footwear, sporting goods, furniture and chemicals - among the highest imposed by the U.S. and at par with Brazil and China. An extra tariff of 25 per cent on India is a penalty for buying crude oil from Russia, though it does not match the numbers in reality, which shows that India is not the largest importer of Russian Oil. This will make Indian goods costlier in the US, which will reduce the demand for Indian goods in the US where whereas in India, this will impact the production structure by raising the supply of goods in the home country. As a result of this, due to an increase in supply, producers will have to clear the stock of commodities by lowering the prices and stopping the further production of the commodities, which will impact the income, output and employment in the home country, whereas US people will have to pay high prices for the Indian commodities. As of now, India has a balance of payment surplus, which will now contract after reducing the supply to the US. India will now have to find new markets for its commodities in Europe, Africa or the Asian continent and to protect the interests of the domestic producers. If a market is not found, then it will have to provide subsidies so that the price may not increase by 50%. But this is not a long-term solution. India will have to reduce its dependence upon us for its exports by finding new markets for India can enter into a new trade strategy with us by using the Rupee-Ruble payment system. Another strategy could be to raise the tariffs on US exports to India. The US has always tried to keep India away from China, but this move by the US will bring India closer to China and Russia.

U.S. ENERGY GIANT EXXON PLOTS RETURN TO RUSSIA WHILE INDIA SLAPPED WITH 50% TARIFFS; WHAT'S TRUMP'S UP TO?

**Diary Times Desk :** Earlier this month, US President Donald Trump trained his guns on India, lambasting it for buying cheap Russian oil. He claimed that India's purchase of oil from Moscow was fuelling Putin's war against Ukraine, and gave India until August 27 to end the purchase or face an additional 25% tariff, which would make Indian exports to the US uncompetitive. "I don't care what India does with Russia," Trump later claimed on Truth Social, his social network, last month. "They can take their dead economies down together, for all I care." Later, the White House Trade Advisor, Peter Navarro, stated that India was the Kremlin's "laundromat," arguing that India did not need Russian oil. India's Minister for External Affairs (MEA) called the tariff an unfair targeting, citing the examples of China and Europe, which buy more oil and LNG from Russia, respectively. On a trip to Moscow earlier this month, S. Jaishankar stated that it was Washington that encouraged India to help stabilise global energy markets by purchasing Russian oil. In a nutshell, New Delhi has indicated that it is in no mood to end its purchase of Russian oil, which is crucial for its energy security.

LIST OF PLACES SUSPENDING SOME US PARCEL SHIPMENTS GROWS AS TARIFF EXEMPTION ENDS

**Diary Times Desk :** Japan, Australia and Taiwan have joined a growing list of places suspending some parcel shipments to the United States following the implementation of new rules under President Donald Trump's administration that will end tariff exemptions. The "de minimis" exemption, which allowed shipments of goods worth \$800 or less to enter the United States duty free, will be eliminated starting Friday. The change by the Trump administration is aimed at slowing the pace of low-cost imports in a bit to bolster domestic manufacturing but has triggered global disruptions to postal networks and e-commerce supply chains. Countries like India, Thailand, South Korea, and New Zealand have already announced service suspensions until further notice, citing logistical challenges and uncertainty over the US's tariff policies.

PLANNING TO STUDY IN US? DONALD TRUMP'S NEW F VISA RULES COULD IMPACT INDIAN STUDENTS

**Diary Times Desk :** US Visa Rules Trump Indian Students F Visa Crackdown: Planning to study in the US? Students in India must take note that the Trump administration has proposed new rules to tighten the duration of visas for international students, cultural exchange visitors and members of the media, Reuters reported on Wednesday.

According to the proposed regulation, the validity of F visas for students and J visas for cultural exchange programmes will be capped at four years, replacing the current system where they remain valid for the entire duration of study or employment in the US.

The draft also seeks to curtail I visas for foreign journalists, which presently can run for years, to 240 days and in the case of Chinese and Hong Kong passport holders, to just 90 days. The proposal, however, says visa holders could apply for extensions.

The administration said the move was aimed at better "monitoring and overseeing" visa holders during their stay. US President Donald Trump has already pushed through a wide-ranging crackdown on legal immigration since taking office. The new plan would add further hurdles for students, researchers, exchange workers and foreign journalists who now face tighter timelines.

ROBIN WESTMAN: MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL SHOOTER WAS OBSESSED WITH MASS SHOOTERS, SANDY HOOK SUSPECT ADAM LANZA

**Diary Times Desk :** Police in Minneapolis, Minnesota, are investigating a mass shooting at the Annunciation Catholic Church on Wednesday morning. The shooter, identified as Robin Westman, is deceased. The police are reportedly investigating certain YouTube videos allegedly belonging to Westman, which contain detailed discussions on mass shootings. The videos reveal that the person in the video, believed to be the suspect, was particularly obsessed with Adam Lanza, the suspect in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, as per the New York Post. Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara said at a media staging that the shooter was armed with a rifle, a shotgun and a pistol, and fired through the window of the church while a group of children were celebrating Mass. Two children were killed and 17 were injured, O'Hara confirmed, adding that the deceased children were 8 and 10 years old.

Police said the shooter killed himself and did not have a criminal history. They think that the suspect acted alone. Though O'Hara did not identify the shooter, multiple reports say citing law enforcement that it is Robin Westman.

The New York Post reported that Westman's YouTube channel is being investigated by the police as they look for a motive behind what Police Chief O'Hara described as an "absolutely incomprehensible" act of violence on Wednesday. Though not yet confirmed as Westman's by the authorities, the videos on the channel have gone viral and have also reportedly caught law enforcement's attention.

REMEMBERING MARIAM ABU DAQQA, MY STRONG, BEAUTIFUL FRIEND KILLED BY ISRAEL

**Diary Times Desk :** I want to remember the beautiful smile that brightened her face. I want to remember the courageous journalist she was, the strong woman, the person who was a friend to everyone. I want to remember her striving to capture all the moments – the moments of grief, of pain, sorrow, laughter and love in Gaza. I want to remember her as the loving mother to her son, Ghaith. I want to remember her as the sister who brought happiness to her home, the daughter who was so close to her parents. She's the daughter who sacrificed and donated her kidney to her father to keep him alive. I used to look at her in that very thin body, out there in the field, going to the front lines, capturing all those unfolding events fearlessly with just one kidney in her body. I'll always remember how she always, even at the worst times when she herself was too tired to take it, would choose to comfort you.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MOUNT FUJI ERUPTS? JAPAN RELEASES AI VIDEO OF CATASTROPHIC EVENT

**Diary Times Desk :** The Tokyo metropolitan government recently released an AI-generated video of Mount Fuji to raise awareness about what could happen in the event of an eruption. The chilling simulation is the first of its kind issued by the government. Officials say it is designed to raise awareness and educate people on the potential consequences of a Mount Fuji eruption, and to call for better preparation among Tokyoites. The dramatic video shows huge grey mushroom clouds engulfing the backdrop of the Tokyo skyline as the capital is seen covered in polluted smog. It also shows Japan's famous Shibuya area blanketed in ash as pedestrians move through the streets. "Volcanic ash is made up of fine, jagged particles," the video states, according to a report by Japan Times.

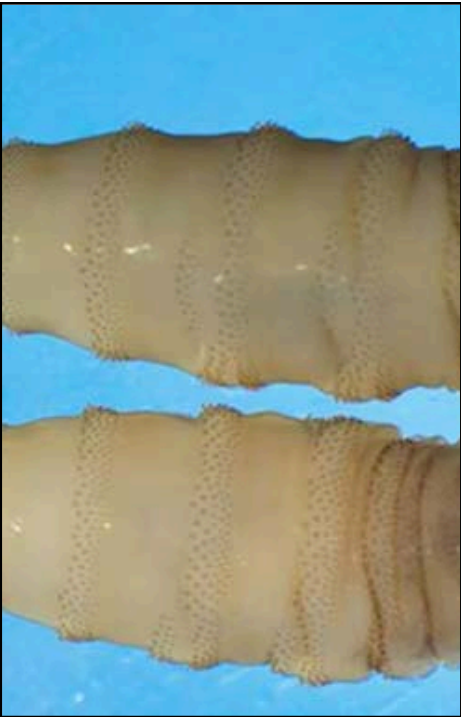
FLESH-EATING PARASITE RETURNS TO US AFTER 40 YEARS, HERE'S WHY EXPERTS ARE WORRIED

**Diary Times Desk :** A rare case of flesh-eating parasite infection has been confirmed in the United States for the first time in decades. The case involved a woman from Maryland who had recently travelled to Central America, where she is believed to have been exposed to the New World screwworm fly (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*).

According to CNN, health officials report the patient has fully recovered, and the US Department of Health and Human Services assures the public that the risk of further human transmission is very low. However, the incident has raised concerns about the parasite moving northward, which could eventually threaten US livestock and food security.

Screwworm infections occur when the fly lays eggs in open wounds of warm-blooded animals. The larvae then feed on living flesh, burrowing deeper as they grow. If untreated, the condition can be fatal. According to specialists, the maggots can cause devastating damage in a matter of days, even killing a fully grown cow within a week.

Livestock such as cattle, pigs, and horses are the most common victims, but dogs, cats, and occasionally humans can also be affected. Experts say a large-scale outbreak in cattle-heavy states like Texas could cost an estimated \$1.8 billion, as per the news portal.



RUSSIA OPPOSED TO EUROPEAN SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR UKRAINE, SAYS KREMLIN

**Diary Times Desk :** Russia is opposed to European proposals on security guarantees for Ukraine and will not allow the presence of NATO troops on its neighbour's territory, the Kremlin has said. Speaking to reporters in Moscow on Wednesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said while Moscow welcomed recent efforts by United States President Donald Trump to negotiate an end to the war in Ukraine, he reiterated that Russia would not accept a European troop deployment there as part of security guarantees for Kyiv, as that would equate to a NATO presence in its neighbour's territory – something it had long opposed.

"In fact, at the very beginning, it was the advancement of NATO military infrastructure and the infiltration of this military infrastructure into Ukraine that could probably be named among the root causes of the conflict situation that arose," said Peskov.

WILL BRICS BOOM UNDER TRUMP'S WATCH?



**Diary Times Desk :** Donald Trump has been accused of inadvertently drawing BRICS nations – a loose grouping of some of the world's fastest-growing emerging economies – closer together by imposing higher tariffs on them than on other countries.

China, the largest BRICS member, still faces the prospect of a 145% tariff if it can't cut a deal with Trump, while Brazil and India have been slapped with a 50% rate – half of India's penalty is for buying discounted Russian oil. South Africa was given a 30% levy, and even newer members like Egypt could see their tariffs go up, due to their participation in BRICS.

Trump has repeatedly warned during the first seven months of his second term of additional punitive measures against any nation aligning with what he calls "anti-American policies" – a pointed reference to the BRICS' growing challenge to US global dominance.



BHAGWANT MANN TRAVELS BY ROAD, LEAVES BEHIND PUNJAB  
GOVT CHOPPER FOR FLOOD RESCUE IN GURDASPUR

**Diary Times Desk :** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann after visiting the worst flood affected areas of Gurdaspur and Pathankot promised all help for flood ravaged districts and even left behind his official helicopter in Gurdaspur for rescue operations.

He met with local residents, offering support and urging them to remain strong in the face of adversity.  
“After speaking with locals, it became clear that many villagers—along with children—are stranded in their homes without ration or other essentials, unable to move due to the floodwaters,” said Mann.

“These are the same people who entrusted me with 92 seats and the helicopter. Today, I am leaving Punjab government’s helicopter here for them,” the CM said, adding that he has instructed the Deputy Commissioner to ensure that all necessary essentials, including food and supplies, are delivered promptly.



IAF DEPLOYS COPTERS,  
AIRCRAFT FOR FOOD RELIEF IN  
FLOOD-HIT PUNJAB, JAMMU



**Diary Times Desk :** Responding to floods in several parts of Punjab and Jammu, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has deployed several helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft for evacuating stranded persons and ferry essential supplies.

Five Mi-17 helicopters and one Chinook helicopter were promptly pressed into service from nearby bases in the Northern Sector, ensuring maximum rescue capability and operational reach. Additional helicopters remain on standby to join the rescue efforts. An IAF C-130 transport aircraft, loaded with relief and rescue material along with a NDRF Team reached Jammu to provide critical supplies and trained personnel for ongoing rescue efforts in the area.

In Akhnoor area of Jammu, 12 Army troops and 11 BSF personnel, including three BSF women constables were winched up to safety from flood-affected areas. IAF helicopters successfully evacuated 46 stranded civilians as flooding intensified in the Pathankot area. Further, over 750 kg of essential relief material was air dropped to support local communities.

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT  
STAYS ORDER REDUCING AMRIT KAUR,  
SISTER DEEPINDER KAUR’S SHARE IN  
FARIDKOT ESTATE

**Diary Times Desk :** More than 30 years after the last ruler of erstwhile Faridkot state Maharaja Colonel Sir Harinder Singh Brar died, Justice Deepak Gupta of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday stayed an order whereby Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur’s share in “property in dispute” was reduced to 33.33 per cent from the earlier 37.5 per cent.

The dispute in the heritage case reportedly involved property valued at about Rs 20,000 crore at one point of time. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur is one of the three daughters of Raja Harinder Singh Brar. Among other things, Justice Gupta’s Bench was told that the impugned order dated August 14 was passed by UT Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) in his capacity as the Executing Court. Appearing for the petitioner, senior advocate Sunil Chadha and counsel Akshay Chadha, Raghav Chadha and Tara Dutt contended that the dispute pertained to one-fourth share of the petitioner’s sister Rajkumari Maheep Inder Kaur, who expired in 2001 unmarried and issue-less.

VIGILANCE BUREAU ARRESTS ASST  
JAIL SUPERINTENDENT FOR ACCEPTING  
BRIBE OF RS 10,000

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its drive against corruption in the state, has arrested Bhivamtej Singla, Assistant Jail Superintendent, Central Jail, Nabha, for allegedly accepting bribe of Rs 10,000.

Disclosing this here today, an official spokesperson of the state VB said the Jail Superintendent has been arrested following an enquiry of a complaint lodged at the Chief Minister’s Anti-Corruption Action Line. He further added that a complainant from Patran town in district Patiala has alleged that the accused was allegedly harassing her husband who was lodged at Central Jail, Nabha, and demanded Rs 20,000 as a bribe. Afterwards, the complainant had forwarded Rs 10,000 as a bribe money via google pay.

The spokesperson informed that after an enquiry, the allegations levelled in the complaint were found to be true and a corruption case was registered against the Assistant Jail Superintendent at VB police station, Patiala.

RAVI RIVER IN SPATE: 20  
VILLAGES AFFECTED IN  
PUNJAB’S GURDASPUR  
DISTRICT

**Diary Times Desk :** Heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu has caused widespread flooding in Punjab, with 20 villages in the Ajnala and Ramdass belt near the Gurdaspur border severely affected because of overflowing of the Ravi.

A breach in the Dhussi Bandh has led to flooding in several villages, with Ghonewal and Machhiwala being the worst hit. Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney has been supervising the situation and rescue operations are underway with the help of police and boats. Several residents have been rescued, and relief efforts are being made to ensure their safety.

The worst-hit villages were Ghonewal and Machhiwala, while other affected villages included Nisoke, Panj Garai Wala, Ghumrai, Rurewal, Dariya Musa, Malakpur, Gilla Wali, Bedi Chhanna, Kot Rajada, Chaharpur, Kamirpura, Bal Labhe Dariya and Sahowal. SSP Amritsar Rural Maninder Singh confirmed police involvement in rescue operations.

HC PUTS BRAKES ON FILLING  
BBMB SECRETARY VACANCY  
PENDING HEARING

**Diary Times Desk :** Less than a month after the post of Bhakra Beas Management Board’s (BBMB) Secretary fell vacant with the incumbent’s retirement, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today applied brakes to the move to fill up the vacancy.

Issuing a notice of motion to BBMB and other respondents, Justice Sandeep Moudgil of the high court stayed further proceedings arising out of a communication dated July 25 inviting applications for the post. The bench also stayed the operation of another order constituting a search-cum-selection committee allegedly without the board’s approval. The direction by Justice Moudgil came during the hearing of a petition filed by Ramandeep Singh Bains and other petitioners. Among other things, the petitioners through counsel RS Randhawa, Tarranum Madan, and Ravinder Kaur argued that the proposal to invite applications for the post was pending approval with the BBMB chairman and not with the board itself. This, the petitioners argued, was in violation of Rule 9 of the BBMB Rules, 1974.

## DIST ADMN SEIZES 361 ILLEGAL LPG CYLINDERS IN SHIMLA

**Diary Times Desk :** The Shimla district administration has seized three vehicles with 361 illegal LPG cylinders from a gas agency office near in Shanan area of the town.

District Magistrate Anupam Kashyap said on a tip-off, Additional District Magistrate (Law and Order) Pankaj Sharma, along with District Controller Food Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department, raided the gas agency.

Four cylinders weighing 12 kg each and one cylinder weighing 14.2 kg were found in the agency office, while 23 empty cylinders were found in a vehicle. Besides, 240 filled cylinders (weighing 21 kg each) were found in a vehicle coming from Petro Gas Energy India Limited, Ludhiana, for supply to Shanan, Rohru and Kotkhai areas. Kashyap said despite being authorised as super stockist to store and sell these cylinders, the gas agency did not have an authorised warehouse from the department concerned for storage of cylinders.

## MIGRANTS FROM BIHAR RESIDING IN HIMACHAL CAN CHECK THEIR VOTER STATUS ONLINE



**Diary Times Desk :** The voters of Bihar, who are temporarily residing in Himachal, can check their voter status using their EPIC number on the websites of the Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar and all District Election Officers of Bihar.

The list pertaining to those electors, who were not included in the draft roll published on August 1, has also been displayed at all block offices, panchayat offices, urban local body offices and on the polling stations. Any person dissatisfied may file a claim along with a copy of their Aadhaar card. The list has been made available on the website and various offices following the Supreme Court's August 14 order.

## PRODUCERS TO BE ROPED IN TO RUN MILK COOLERS: HIMACHAL CM SUKHVINDER SUKHU

**Diary Times Desk :** Local milk producers in Himachal will be entrusted with the work of running bulk milk coolers and for this, the government will give them commission, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu told the Assembly on Tuesday. He was intervening in the matter raised by Anni MLA Lokendra Kumar about the "wastage of thousands of litres of milk due to a technical fault in the milk chilling plant" in his constituency.

In the original reply to the question, Agriculture Minister Chandra Kumar said that information was received about a sudden technical fault in the milk cooler but later it was found that there was no fault. "There was no voltage due to the single line of the Electricity Board and as a result milk got spoiled and its quality deteriorated," he said.



## HIMACHAL AGRI VARSITY LAUNCHES 16-WEEK TRAINING FOR JCOS

**Diary Times Desk :** A 16-week training programme on agroforestry, mushroom cultivation, beekeeping and goatry for Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOS) and equivalent ranks of the Indian Armed Forces commenced at Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya (CSKHPKV), Palampur. The programme will run until December 12, 2025.

The inaugural function was graced by chief guest Lt Col Satyajeet Ahlawat, who expressed gratitude to the university for conducting such programmes for armed forces personnel. He highlighted their significance in preparing participants for sustainable livelihood opportunities after service.

Sponsored by the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), New Delhi, the programme is being organised by the Directorate of Extension Education, CSKHPKV. This marks the third resettlement training initiative of the university in 2025, reaffirming its commitment to capacity-building and livelihood generation for service personnel. A total of 20 participants have joined the course, including 12 from the Army, five from the Air Force and three from the Navy.

## RAIN HAVOC: CHAMBA DISTRICT BATTLES FLOODS, DEVASTATION

**Diary Times Desk :** Heavy rains and flash floods have wreaked havoc across Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh, leaving several areas in crisis. The mobile phone and Internet services have been snapped and all roads leading to Chamba have been blocked by landslides.

A major portion of Haloon village was submerged after the Ravi river swelled due to incessant rainfall. At least nine houses have been washed away, and several others are at risk.

The local authorities said that these houses were evacuated well in time; therefore, no casualty was reported from this village.

According to social media reports, soil erosion caused by the strong current of the river has nearly destroyed half the village.

The situation in Dalhousie was also alarming, with local MLA DS Thakur reporting six cloudburst incidents in a single day. Over 50 houses were now under threat, while electricity, water supply and mobile connectivity had been disrupted for the past two days, compounding the hardships of the local residents.

## REVENUE MINISTER'S WRITTEN REPLIES WILL BE DEEMED PART OF RECORD: HIMACHAL SPEAKER

**Diary Times Desk :** Speaker Kuldeep Pathania today ruled that replies furnished by Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi in writing would be deemed to have been laid in the House, as the BJP was boycotting him and not asking him questions in the Vidhan Sabha.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu raised the issue and pointed out that a lot of time and effort go into collecting information on queries sought by the MLAs. "If the Opposition does not wish to ask questions from the Revenue Minister, allow the ruling party legislators to ask supplementary questions, which are all very important," he added.

The BJP legislators had last week announced that they would boycott the Revenue Minister both in the Assembly and outside over his provocative statements, especially against Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur.

The Speaker said that if a question was not taken up for discussion, how would supplementary questions be asked? "I agree that taxpayers' money along with a lot of time and effort by various departments go into collecting information but eventually it is the discretion of an MLA whether to ask a question or not," he added.





## Australian police hunt gunman

A manhunt is underway in southern Australia for a heavily armed gunman who police said shot dead two officers and wounded another on Tuesday as they tried to serve a warrant at a rural property in the state of Victoria.

Police said the suspect fired on a team of 10 officers in Porepunkah, about 300 kilometers (186 miles) northeast of the city of Melbourne, at around 10.30 a.m. local time (8.30 p.m. Monday ET).

In a news conference on Tuesday evening, Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Mike Bush confirmed a 59-year-old detective, and a 35-year-old senior constable had been fatally shot, and another detective was seriously injured and being treated in hospital.

He told reporters the suspect was heavily armed and dangerous, and urged the local community to stay indoors as “hundreds of police resources” conducted ground and air searches in the area.

“The suspect for this horrific event is still at large,” Bush told reporters. “We have deployed every specialist resource into this area to locate him.”

“Our priority is to arrest him to ensure that he’s held to account for the actions, but also very much to bring safety and security to this community.”

Local media outlet The Age said the officers were serving a warrant for historical sex abuse allegations when they were ambushed by the gunman, who then fled with several family members, including children.



**Mostafa Salem**  
“Today has been a day of deep sorrow and shock for our community,” Mayor Sarah Nicholas said in a statement.

Bush said the suspect had escaped the property on foot alone, and that it was unclear where his wife and two children were.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation also reported that police believed the shooter was a “sovereign citizen.” Sovereign citizens believe the government is illegitimate.

The town of Porepunkah is home to 1,000 residents and is located at the base of Australia’s alpine ranges.

“Today has been a day of deep sorrow and shock for our community,” Mayor Sarah Nicholas said in a statement.

The local council’s facilities across the town, including libraries, information centers and depots, would remain closed until further notice, Nicholas added.

Porepunkah Primary School principal Jill Gillies told ABC Radio Melbourne that the school was forced to lock down from 11.30 a.m. local time (9.30 p.m. Monday ET). ABC has since reported that the lockdown had been lifted.

The local airport also closed due to the ongoing emergency response.

Police Association Victoria Chief Executive Wayne Gatt said officers across the country were shocked by the incident, a rare occurrence in Australia.

“There’s a shocking and eerie feeling of dread and indeed a sense of not knowing what to do,” he said. “Our members today paid the ultimate price for protecting the community.”



## FDA Approves limited groups as US cases continue to rise



Deidre McPhillips

There were about 1.7 Covid hospitalizations for every 100,000 people during the first week of August, CDC data shows, with the highest rates among seniors and children under 5.

The US Food and Drug Administration approved updated Covid-19 vaccines but for a more limited group: adults age 65 and older and younger people who are at higher risk from Covid-19.

“FDA has now issued marketing authorization for those at higher risk: Moderna (6+ months), Pfizer (5+), and Novavax (12+). These vaccines are available for all patients who choose them after consulting with their doctors,” US Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said in a post on X.

Kennedy said in this post that he had promised “to keep vaccines available to people who want them, especially the vulnerable,” but the move may limit access to Covid-19 shots for people who were routinely able to get them in the past.

It may be significantly more difficult for infants and young children to be vaccinated, although they are especially vulnerable to Covid-19. Last respiratory virus season, there were 48 Covid-19 hospitalizations for every 100,000 children under 5 – nearly seven times the rate for older children and more than twice the rate for adults under 50.



Covid-19 levels have been on the rise for months in the US, with transmission increasing in most states, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Emergency use authorizations for Covid-19 vaccines are rescinded, Kennedy said Wednesday, which means Pfizer’s Covid-19 vaccine is no longer available for children younger than 5. Moderna’s vaccine is approved for children as young as 6 months, but only if they have an underlying condition that puts them at higher risk. The FDA had already approved Novavax’s Covid-19 vaccine, but only for people 65 and older and those 12 and up who have at least one underlying condition that puts them at higher risk of severe illness.

“Our health care system is now solidly anti-children and anti-science. The data are clear: young children—especially infants—remain highly vulnerable to severe illness and hospitalization from Covid-19. By restricting access to safe, evidence-based vaccines, federal leaders are choosing ideology over science,” Fatima Khan, co-founder of the nonprofit grassroots group Protect Their Future, which advocates for vaccine access for

kids, told CNN. “Denying children a critical tool to prevent avoidable tragedies will be a lasting stain on every policymaker who allowed it to happen”

In May, Kennedy announced that the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would no longer recommend Covid-19 vaccines for healthy children or pregnant women. The CDC’s immunization schedule was updated to reflect that children would be able to get the vaccines after consulting with a health care provider — what’s known as “shared decision-making.” For pregnant women, there is no recommendation.

Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics broke from the CDC to recommend Covid-19 shots for infants and young children. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists also reaffirmed support for Covid-19 vaccination during pregnancy,

FDA Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary and Dr. Vinay Prasad, director of FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, also said in May there’s not enough evidence that healthy children and adults get clinically meaningful benefit from regular Covid-19 shots.

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### EMMA HEMING WILLIS SHARES



Lisa Respers France

Heming Willis said she told their daughters early on about their father’s illness. She said she initially kept their family isolated in an effort to avoid anything that would agitate Willis’s condition, but eventually realized she needed more support.

Emma Heming Willis is opening up about the challenges facing her husband, Bruce Willis, as he lives with frontotemporal dementia.

Three years after Willis stepped away from his career after having been diagnosed, his wife spoke with ABC’s Diane Sawyer for a special titled, “Emma & Bruce Willis: The Unexpected Journey.”

According to the Mayo Clinic, frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is an “umbrella term for a group of brain disorders that primarily affect the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain. These areas of the brain are generally associated with personality, behavior and language.”

Heming Willis told Sawyer that while Willis is mobile and generally in good health, it is “his brain that is failing him.”

“The language is going, and, you know, we’ve learned to adapt,” she said. “And we have a way of communicating with him which is just a different, a different way.”

The couple, who married in 2009, are parents to two daughters, Mabel, 13, and Evelyn, 11. Willis also has three adult daughters, Rumer, 37, Scout, 34, and Tallulah, 31, with his ex-wife, actress Demi Moore.

Heming Willis said that led her to “one of the hardest decisions I’ve had to make,” which was to move Willis to a separate, one-story home where he could receive around-the-clock care.

Not that he is disconnected from the family. As Heming Willis said she has breakfast and dinner with him daily and he still maintains a loving relationship with them all. “He’s holding our hands,” she said. “We’re kissing him. We’re hugging him.”

Heming Willis said she misses being able to talk with Willis like she used to, but knows what she would discuss with him if she could.

“Just how he’s doing, [if] he’s okay, he feels okay. If there’s anything that we could do to support him better, I would really love to know that,” she said. “If he’s scared. If he’s ever worried. You know, I just would love to be able to, just to have a conversation with him.”

The special is streaming on Hulu and Disney+. Heming Willis’s book about their family experience with FTD, titled “The Unexpected Journey,” comes out September 9.

Bruce Willis has been diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia (FTD), a condition that affects behavior, personality, and language.



Willis’ family first shared his FTD diagnosis in 2023. This condition affects behaviour, personality, and language. His biggest struggle has been the loss of language. Heming Willis told that the family has to adapt different ways to communicate with him.

During his early days of diagnosis, Emma thought she would have to handle caregiving alone all by herself. She would stay up all night to ensure her husband’s safety. She preferred keeping him away from social gatherings to make his life more comfortable. In this difficult time, she said her family still sees the glimpse of old Bruce, his smile, his smirk, and that shine in the eyes. “I’m grateful that my husband is still very much here,” she said.

She has written a new book, The Unexpected Journey: Finding Strength, Hope, and Yourself on the Caregiving Path, to guide and support other caregivers. In this difficult time, she said her family still sees the glimpse of old Bruce, his smile, his smirk, and that shine in the eyes.

CABINET APPROVES 2030 CWG BID

**Diary Times Desk :** The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved India's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad.

"The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the proposal of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for submission of bid for the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2030. It also gave its approval to sign the Host Collaboration Agreement (HCA) along with the required Guarantees from concerned Ministries, Departments and Authorities and sanction of required grant-in-aid to Gujarat Government, in case the bid gets accepted," according to a government statement on the decision.

It said Ahmedabad is an ideal host city offering world class stadiums, cutting-edge training facilities and a passionate sporting culture. "The Narendra Modi Stadium, the largest stadium in the world, has already demonstrated its capability by successfully hosting the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Final."



JANNIK SINNER, IGA SWIATEK SPEED INTO R2: TUESDAY AT THE 2025 US OPEN

**Diary Times Desk :** Just how dominant were the opening performances from Swiatek and defending champion Sinner? So swift were their victories—clocking in at a combined two hours, 39 minutes—that a third match (Linda Noskova's win against Dalma Galfi) was moved from the field courts to Ashe to extend the day session on the stadium court.

The second-seeded Swiatek opened play with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Colombian Emiliana Arango in an hour flat. The Pole, champion here in 2022 and champ in Cincinnati eight days ago, made the perfect start in her bid for a sixth major title. She lost just three points behind her first serve and did not allow a break-point opportunity.

"In 2022, it's not like I played amazing from the beginning. It was probably the toughest slam that I had to overcome a lot of challenges, and I managed to win it," Swiatek said, comparing her sensations on the court then and now. "The comfort level, it's hard to describe, because the tournament is so long. You basically are here for three weeks. So obviously it's not going to be the same every day. I feel pretty happy with my performance in Cincinnati and trying to get some confidence from that. There are a lot of positive vibes in the team, so it's all good."

CARABAO CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW - EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW...

**Diary Times Desk :** The draw consists of 32 clubs, 23 winners from the second round, plus nine Premier League clubs competing in UEFA competitions.

Two separate bowls will be utilised - one consisting of the UCL and UEL Clubs, and one consisting of the remaining 24 clubs (the UEFA Conference League - including Palace, should they qualify - doesn't start until October, so doesn't affect this draw). As the balls will be split across two pots, a pre-draw will be required first to determine whether each of the eight UCL/UEL teams will be playing home or away - this will take place live on Sky Sports during the build-up to the Grimsby-United tie.

For the main draw, the first eight ties will be drawn by alternating between one club from Bowl 1 and one club from Bowl 2, with the home/away positioning of the UCL/UEL team already pre-determined in the earlier pre-draw. Once the first eight ties featuring the UCL/UEL teams have been drawn, the remaining eight ties will then be drawn from Bowl 2 only.

Like last season, the third round will be split over the weeks commencing 15 September and 22 September. This is for clubs participating in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League - MD1 of this season's UCL is scheduled for 16-18 September, so our Carabao Cup tie will be scheduled for w/c 22 September.

GAUFF: CHASING A MAJOR, FINDING HER SERVE

**Diary Times Desk :** From the edge of the baseline on her forehand side, Coco Gauff sprinted the width of the court to the left. The crosscourt return came spinning and stayed low on the bounce. Gauff had to lunge to get there, slightly off-balance, but she connected sweetly with a two-handed backhand. The down-the-line winner was well celebrated in the Arthur Ashe Stadium by Gauff and the partisan American crowd.

With that winner, she overcame the tough challenge posed by Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic, sealing the first round of the US Open 6-4, 6-7 (2), 7-5 on Tuesday.

In many ways, the match point represented all the strengths and weaknesses in Gauff's game.

The first serve clocked 105 mph (169 kph) on the speedometer. It was a body serve but was not accurate enough to trouble Tomljanovic. The world No.79 returned with interest, needing Gauff to push back with a slice. Tomljanovic then hit a heavy forehand cross court which was replied with a short return. The Australian came up to the net and played a clever slice towards Gauff's backhand, only for the American to pull off an excellent winner on the run.



LIVERPOOL'S NEW ALEXANDER ISAK BID REVEALED AS NEWCASTLE BRACE THEMSELVES FOR £130M+ OFFER FOR STRIKER

**Diary Times Desk :** PerTBR Football, Liverpool are preparing a bid worth in excess of £130m for Isak, with the package potentially reaching £140m (\$188m) when add-ons are included. Newcastle remain insistent that they will not sell Isak, and have consistently demanded a fee worth £150m, but the Reds are adamant they will not go that high.

Isak remains keen to move to Liverpool and has told Newcastle that he wants to make the switch to Anfield before the transfer deadline next week. Newcastle are steadfast in their refusal to accept bids below their valuation, and they are also busy working on potential arrivals themselves, after seeing a £50m (\$67m) offer rejected for Wolves' Jacob Strand Larsen. They are also interested in Yoane Wissa at Brentford.

FORMULA 1: VALTTERI BOTTAS, SERGIO PEREZ CONFIRMED FOR CADILLAC FI RACING TEAM

**Diary Times Desk :** The long-awaited question has finally come to an end as Cadillac has finally announced Valtteri Bottas and Sergio Perez as the two drivers racing for the team in 2026. With this, Cadillac is set to make its debut on the F1 track. Backed by General Motors and led by former Marussia Sporting Director Graeme Lowdon, it will become the 11th team next season.

Currently, Valtteri Bottas is serving as the third driver for the Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team. Meanwhile, Checo Perez took a break from the tracks after quitting Red Bull Racing. Also, Hollywood Actor Keanu Reeves is associated with the team, as previously, Cadillac revealed that the 60-year-old actor will lead a documentary series showcasing the behind-the-scenes of the Cadillac Formula 1 Team.

Graeme Lowdon, Team Principal of the Cadillac F1 Team, said, "Signing two very experienced racers like Bottas and Checo is a bold signal of intent. They've seen it all and they know what it takes to succeed in Formula 1. But more importantly, they understand what it means to help build a team."

CEO of the Cadillac Formula 1 Team and TWG Motorsports, a division of TWG Global, Dan Towriss said, "Bottas and Checo bring the perfect balance of talent, maturity, and drive. They're not just accomplished racers, they're builders, collaborators, and professionals who will help define what the Cadillac Formula 1 Team stands for."