

NEWS IN BRIEF

EX-VICE
PRESIDENT
JAGDEEPDHANKHAR WANTS
MLA PENSION,
HALTED IN 2019,
RESTORED

Diary Times Desk :

Former vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar has applied for a pension as a former member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, officials said on Saturday. The Rajasthan Assembly secretariat has said that his application has been accepted, and the pension will start soon. Dhankhar represented Rajathan's Kishangarh constituency as a Congress MLA from 1993 to 1998. He received a legislator's pension until July 2019, when the benefits stopped after his appointment as governor of West Bengal. Following his resignation as vice-president on July 21, Dhankhar has now approached the Rajasthan Assembly secretariat for the restoration of his pension. Officials said the process of restoring his pension has begun, and the benefits will be payable from the date his resignation as vice-president was accepted.

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One of the two terrorists who were killed in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Gurez sector last week has been identified as Bagu Khan, popularly known as 'human GPS'. Bagu Khan, also called 'Samundar Chacha', was wanted by security forces for decades as he was involved in more than 100 infiltration bids since 1995. According to officials, he knew all the infiltration routes and used to facilitate them without getting caught - hence getting the name 'human GPS'. Officials found his identity card, which mentioned that he was a resident of Pakistan. 'Samundar Chacha' was also associated with terrorist Hizbul Mujahideen, sources said. He was killed on August 23 as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC). According to the Army, alert troops spotted suspicious activity and challenged the intruders, which resulted in the terrorists opening.

PM MODI
IN CHINAPM MODI REACHES CHINA FOR FIRST VISIT IN
7 YEARS, TO MEET XI AND PUTIN, ATTEND
SCO SUMMIT

Modi flew to the Chinese city of Tianjin, the venue of the SCO Summit, from Japan, where he and Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba unveiled several initiatives to ramp up economic cooperation. This includes a target of Japanese private investments amounting to \$68 billion over a decade, and an Economic Security Initiative, amid the uncertainty created by US trade policies. Soon after landing in Tianjin, Modi posted on social media: "Looking forward to deliberations at the SCO Summit and meeting various world leaders." External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said Modi's visit is a "testament to our constructive and proactive role in SCO."

Modi and Xi, who last met two days after India and China reached an understanding on ending the face-off at the border in October, will hold talks on Sunday afternoon. Further measures to normalise India-China ties, including active management of the border to ensure peace, and preserving the global economic order amid the turbulence created by US trade policies, are expected to feature in the meeting, people familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity. This meeting is a follow-up to Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi's visit to India this month, when the two sides agreed on several initiatives, including an "early harvest" in delimiting the disputed border, early resumption of direct flights, and promoting trade and investment flows, the people said.

In the context of the border, the situation has been "broadly stable," with both sides recognising the need to maintain peace on the LAC through active management measures. The two sides are now expected to discuss ways to build on the progress made since last year, the sources added. While the two sides have agreed on the resumption of direct flights, this is still linked to an updated air services agreement, which is now in the final stages of negotiation, the sources said.

"US BRAND IN TOILET": WHITE HOUSE EX-OFFICIAL BLASTS
TRUMP'S INDIA TARIFFS

Diary Times Desk : A former White House official has ripped into President Donald Trump's hefty tariffs against India and blamed him for damaging the reputation of the American brand. Jake Sullivan, who was the National Security Adviser (NSA) to former President Joe Biden, also warned that such tariffs are making China look "more responsible" than the US.

"China has moved ahead of the United States in popularity in a whole lot of countries, and that was not the case one year ago, where countries now are basically, you know, saying the US brand is in the toilet and China is looking like a more responsible player," Sullivan told Tim Miller on The Bulwark podcast. President Trump has raised tariffs to 50% on goods imported from India, blaming what he has called unfair trade practices and New Delhi's refusal to halt the import of Russian crude oil. There have been reports, however, that the tariffs aimed to punish India for denying Trump's claim of mediating in its recent conflict with Pakistan, rather than balancing trade. Sullivan, who was the Director of Policy in the Obama administration, underscored the dangers of such tariffs. It risks pushing New Delhi closer to Beijing, he said, highlighting the strains in ties with India. "We were working to try to build a deeper, sustainable relationship with India, and the China challenge loomed large in that. President Trump executed a massive trade offensive against them, and the Indians are saying, I guess maybe we have to go show up in Beijing and sit with the Chinese because we've got a hedge against America," he said.

AHEAD OF PM MODI'S MEETING WITH
PUTIN IN CHINA, A PHONE CALL
FROM ZELENSKY

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation on Saturday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy ahead of the SCO summit, where they discussed the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and expressed India's full support for efforts to restore peace and stability.

"Thank you, President Zelenskyy, for his phone call today. We exchanged views on the ongoing conflict, its humanitarian aspects, and efforts to restore peace and stability. India extends full support to all efforts in this direction," PM Modi wrote on X.

In his statement, President Zelenskyy shared details of the conversation, which also covered talks with President Trump and Ukraine's ongoing efforts to engage in peace discussions with Russia. He reaffirmed Ukraine's readiness to meet with Russia's head, despite Russia's continued attacks on civilian targets.

"I spoke with Prime Minister of India @NarendraModi. I informed him about the talks with President Trump in Washington, with the participation of European leaders. It was a productive and important conversation, a shared vision among partners on how to achieve real peace. Ukraine reaffirmed its readiness for a meeting with the head of Russia," Zelenskyy said.

VAISHNO DEVI YATRA HALTED FOR FIFTH DAY
AFTER LANDSLIDES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Diary Times Desk : Vaishno Devi Yatra remained suspended on Saturday for the fifth consecutive day following landslides triggered by incessant rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir.

Many devotees from other parts of India are still staying in Katra, hoping that the yatra will resume soon and they will be able to get the darshan.

"I had hoped to do darshan of Mata, but I am getting disappointed... I hope she hears my prayers and I can do the darshan... I will stay for 2 to 4 days. I will not go until I can do the darshan. I am very hopeful, I came here for the first time," a devotee named Saroj Singh told ANI.

"I visit here every year... I believe in Mata. I will not go until I have done the darshan... There was a little anguish this time. I will not return until I have done the darshan... No matter how many days I have to stay, I will. I pray Mata ji can grant those who lost their lives a space in her feet and cure those who were injured," another devotee named Ramesh Sharma told ANI. Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has ordered the constitution of a high-level three-member committee to investigate the causes of the landslide that occurred on August 26 near Adhkuwari en route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Jal Shakti, Jammu and Kashmir, will head the committee, which includes the Divisional Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police, Jammu. According to an official order, the committee also includes the Divisional Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police, Jammu.

MARATHA PROTESTERS

UDDHAV ACCUSES
MAHARASHTRA GOVT OF
FAILING TO PROVIDE
FACILITIES TO MARATHA
PROTESTERS

Diary Times Desk : Mumbai, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday accused the Maharashtra government of failing to provide basic facilities to Maratha protesters in the city and appealed to his party workers to help them access water, food, and toilets.

Thackeray also spoke to Maratha quota movement leader Manoj Jarange over the phone when his party colleague Ambadas Danve visited the activist at the Azad Maidan in south Mumbai. The former chief minister has already extended support to Jarange's agitation.

"From every corner of Maharashtra, our Marathi brethren have gathered in Mumbai, numbering in the thousands. Braving rain, water, and mud, they are struggling for their just demands.

"The government has failed to provide them with basic facilities. In such times, I appeal to all Shiv Sainiks to stand united and work tirelessly to provide water, food, and toilet facilities to these brothers and sisters. This is our Maharashtra Dharma," Thackeray said.

Jarange, who has been on hunger strike since Friday, has been demanding a 10 per cent quota for Marathas under the Other Backward Class category. He wants Marathas to be recognised as Kunbis, an agrarian caste included in the OBC category, which will make them eligible for reservation, though OBC leaders are opposed to it. Thousands of Maratha protesters, who have arrived in south Mumbai from across the state, have complained about the lack of basic amenities and the unavailability of water and food at the venue.

BIHAR'S YATRA TO BECOME
COUNTRY-WIDE MOVEMENT
AGAINST 'STEALING' OF
VOTES: RAHUL GANDHI

Diary Times Desk : Asserting that the Dalits, minorities and women have the right to vote, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said the ongoing 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar will become a country-wide movement against the alleged stealing of votes.

Addressing a public rally during the Congress' yatra in Ara, the district headquarters of Bhojpur, Gandhi criticised the central government for the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, claiming that the exercise was an "attack on the Constitution and the democratic system of the country".

"The 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' that started from Bihar will become a country-wide movement against the stealing of votes of people," he said. He accused the BJP, the RSS and the Election Commission of "indulging in vote chori" (stealing of votes) in the country. "The NDA government succeeded in stealing votes in Maharashtra and other parts of the country. But we will not allow the BJP and the EC to steal even a single vote in Bihar," Gandhi, the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha, claimed.

FROM BULLET TRAINS TO RAJASTHANI WELCOME IN TOKYO:
PM MODI'S JAPAN VISIT

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday concluded his two-day visit to Japan and said that he would remember this trip for the 'productive outcomes' that will benefit the two countries, as he thanked his Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba.

"This visit to Japan will be remembered for the productive outcomes which will benefit the people of our nations. I thank PM Ishiba, the Japanese people and the Government for their warmth," said PM Modi, while sharing a video from his Japan visit on 'X'. On day 2 of his Japan visit, PM Modi and Ishiba visited a semiconductor factory - Tokyo Electron Miyagi Ltd - in Sendai, which is 300 km away from Tokyo. The two leaders took a bullet train ride to reach Sendai, where PM Modi received a rousing welcome from the locals upon his arrival.



The visit to TEL Miyagi, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, underscored the shared vision of India and Japan to develop robust, resilient and trusted semiconductor supply chains. It must be noted that TEL Miyagi, a leading firm in semiconductors, is planning to collaborate with India. "The semiconductor sector is a key area for India-Japan cooperation," said PM Modi, "In the last few years, India has made many strides in this sector. A lot of youngsters are getting associated with it as well."



INDIA HAS "WALKED AWAY" FROM US TRADE TALKS DUE TO
TARIFFS: EX-TOP OFFICIAL

Diary Times Desk : Former Finance Secretary Subhash Garg has hit out at US President Donald Trump's repeated claims that India is "profiteering" massively from discounted Russian oil, calling the charge "political theatre, not economic reality." Speaking to NDTV, Mr Garg said a new CLSA report has already debunked the "windfall" narrative, showing India's actual savings from Russian crude are closer to \$2.5 billion annually, not \$25 billion. "You can put any number, it makes no difference. Trump is using this as a sword to punish India," Mr Garg said. According to Mr Garg, the true effective discount India enjoys on Russian barrels is now just \$3-4 per barrel, once shipping, insurance, and blending costs are factored in. "If Trump wants to use it as a political tool, he can pick any figure. The reality is, India is buying Russian oil well within the global price-cap framework. There's no violation of any international agreement," he stressed. Mr Garg also warned that backing off Russian crude purchases would be counterproductive, "Any reduction in crude costs is worth it for India. Walking away would only embolden the US, not serve India's interest."

'PRIDE OF KARNATAKA' NO LONGER? WHY BOOKER PRIZE WINNER
BANU MUSHTAQ IS IN THE EYE OF A STORM



Diary Times Desk : When Banu Mushtaq won the 2025 Booker Prize, there was a barrage of congratulatory messages from all sections of Kannadigas. She was referred to as the 'Pride of Karnataka', with no mention of her being Muslim. But this was short-lived. Soon after Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah announced her to be the chief guest at this year's Dasara event, her identity as a Muslim became the focal point of every reference made about the 77-year-old writer. Among those who wished her when she won the Booker, but have since changed their position, is former BJP MP Prathap Simha. "Make Banu Mushtaq, who has received the Booker Prize, the president of the All India Kannada literature conference, but is it appropriate to invite her for the inauguration of Dasara, which is a symbol of (Hindu) religious belief and practice?" Simha said in a post. This triggered a debate around Dasara, the alleged Hinduisation of Kannada, Muslim appeasement and various other issues that stirred the communal cauldron.

MAN ARRESTED FOR ABUSING PM MODI
AT BIHAR RALLY FROM BJP? NO,
UNRELATED IMAGE SHARED WITH
MISLEADING CLAIM

Diary Times Desk : A major row erupted after a viral video showed a man using indecent language for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his late mother at the Opposition bloc's Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar's Darbhanga on August 27, 2025. The accused, Mohammad Rizvi, a resident of Singhwara locality in Darbhanga, was arrested by the Bihar police on August 29.

However, soon after this, several social media users claimed that the person arrested was, in fact, affiliated with the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP). Showing a picture of Rizvi after his arrest and another one, allegedly of him, in the presence of BJP leaders, users suggested that the BJP made up the entire fiasco. X user @DrNimoYadav shared the images with the claims on August 29. The post received over 93,000 views before it was deleted. (Archive)



YOUR HOROSCOPE
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Aries

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

Gemini

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

Leo

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

Libra

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

Sagittarius

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

Aquarius

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

Taurus

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

Cancer

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

Virgo

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

Scorpio

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

Capricorn

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

Pisces

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

PM MODI PRESENTS UNIQUE GIFTS TO JAPAN'S SHIGERU ISHIBA AND WIFE, CELEBRATING CULTURAL TIES



Diary Times Desk : During Narendra Modi's visit to Japan, the prime minister gifted ramen bowls made of precious stone with silver chopsticks to his Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba. During his visit, Modi also presented Ishiba's wife with a pashmina shawl in a papier-mache box. Officials said the vintage precious stone bowls set with silver chopsticks blend Indian artistry and Japanese culinary tradition, news agency PTI reported.

SCBA FLAGS LOW NUMBER OF WOMEN JUDGES IN SUPREME COURT, HIGH COURTS; URGES CJI TO TAKE CORRECTIVE STEPS



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) on Saturday passed a resolution recording its "grave concern" over the disproportionately low representation of women judges in the higher judiciary. The resolution, adopted by the SCBA Executive Committee led by President Vikas Singh, pointed out that across the country, nearly 1,100 High Court judgeships are sanctioned, but while about 670 are occupied by men, only 103 are held by women. It also highlighted that several High Courts including Uttarakhand, Tripura, Meghalaya and Manipur currently have no women judges at all. The Bar body expressed "strong disappointment" that the recent round of appointments to the Supreme Court did not include a single woman from either the Bar or the Bench. The resolution noted that no woman judge has been appointed to the Supreme Court since 2021, and at present, only one woman judge is serving on its Bench. The resolution also pointed out that President Vikas Singh had written to the Chief Justice of India on May 24 and July 18 this year, pressing for proportional representation of women in judicial appointments.

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IN A TWIST, CONGRESS REPLACES AMER ALI KHAN WITH AZHARUDDIN IN MLC NOMINATIONS

Diary Times Desk : In a new twist to the MLC nominations under the Governor's quota, the Congress government has decided to nominate Prof. Kodandaram Reddy and Mohammed Azharuddin.

The State cabinet, which met here on Saturday, decided on this, replacing Amer Ali Khan with Azharuddin in the wake of the Supreme Court annulling the nominations of Prof. Kodandaram and Khan recently. Interestingly, the former cricketer had contested from the Jubilee Hills constituency in the 2023 assembly elections on Congress ticket but lost. However, the State unit appears to have different plans with a BC candidate to be reportedly fielded from Jubilee Hills. There were also chances of the AIMIM raising objections over Azharuddin being fielded from the constituency, a senior Congress leader said.

TRUMP 'NO LONGER HAS PLANS' TO VISIT INDIA FOR QUAD SUMMIT: NYT REPORT

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has "no longer plans" to visit India for the Quad Summit later this year, The New York Times reported Saturday, outlining how relations between Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have deteriorated in recent month.

The New York Times, in its report titled "The Nobel Prize and a Testy Phone Call: How the Trump-Modi Relationship Unraveled", sources familiar with Trump's schedule revealed that after initially assuring Prime Minister Modi of a visit to India for the Quad Summit later this year, Trump now has no plans to make the trip in the fall.

There has been no official comment from the US on the NYT claims. Meanwhile, A spokesperson of the US embassy in New Delhi said, "we have received no official information on this matter. We refer you to the White House for details on the President's schedule."

IF ANIMALS HAD RELIGION, HUMANS MIGHT BE THE DEVIL: NALSA-KELSA CONFERENCE ON HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT KICKS OFF IN KERALA

Diary Times Desk : A two-day legal conference aimed at addressing the growing challenges of human-wildlife conflict in the country kicked off in Kerala on Saturday. The conference organised by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KeLSA) was inaugurated at the State capital Thiruvananthapuram and was attended by Supreme Court and High Court judges. Speaking at the event, Supreme Court Justice MM Sundresh said that the conflict is one caused by human beings in the pursuit of boundless development. He used a WhatsApp message he received to frame the issue saying, "If animals could have a religion, man would be devil." Supreme Court Justice BV Nagarathna highlighted the situational awareness of animals using an incident from Mangalore reported a few years ago.

"NO PERMANENT FRIENDS OR ENEMIES": RAJNATH SINGH AMID TARIFF ROW

Diary Times Desk : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that there are "no permanent friends or enemies" -- only permanent interests. Mr Singh's remarks come against the backdrop of tariff tensions with the United States. Here are the Defence Minister's top quotes from the summit: There could not have been a better timing for this conclave. The world today is changing so rapidly that new challenges are emerging before us every day. Be it pandemics, terrorism, or regional conflicts, this century has proven to be the most unstable and challenging on every front so far. In such circumstances, if we talk about today's strategic requirements, it becomes clear that atmanirbharta (self-reliance) is not an option in today's time; self-reliance is not just an advantage but has become a necessity.



JAPAN'S TRADE NEGOTIATOR
CANCELS US VISIT OVER RICE ISSUE

Diary Times Desk : Japan's top trade negotiator Ryosei Akazawa abruptly canceled his trip to Washington on Thursday because there remains a gap between the two sides on the issue of rice, Nikkei reported.

Japanese officials are unhappy that a US presidential order would include plans for Japan to increase purchases of American rice and a reduction of tariffs on agricultural products, the report said Friday. Japan objects to the order that would be sent to US government agencies as some points have not been resolved, Nikkei said, citing unidentified Japanese officials. Akazawa said on Friday that he expects to visit the US at least once more before the Trump administration issues an executive order that would formally lower tariffs on goods imported from Japan. Japanese staff are currently in the US discussing the matters with their US counterparts, he said, adding it has become clear that more administrative talks were needed.

US CONGRESSMAN CALLS TRUMP'S
TARIFFS 'ILLEGAL', URGES
LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Diary Times Desk : Gregory Meeks, senior Democrat and ranking member of the US House Foreign Affairs Committee, on Saturday said that the tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump are "illegal", citing recent court rulings. He reiterated that resolutions questioning the powers of the President on imposing these tariffs must be put through the legislative grind. In a post on X, Meeks tagged a court order stating the tariffs have been declared illegal. He mentioned the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) used by Trump to impose tariffs and said the court said the IEEPA was not for imposing tariffs.

Meeks, a longtime advocate for strong India-US ties, stated: "Both trial and appellate courts told Trump his tariffs are illegal, as I argued in amicus briefs with my colleagues. IEEPA's not a tariff statute." "Speaker (Mike) Johnson must stop covering for Trump's lawlessness and put my resolutions on the floor to end the tariffs," he said.

TRUMP WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY AFTER
VISIBLE SWELLING AND BRUISES. HOW SERIOUS IS IT?

Diary Times Desk : Distasteful rumours about the death of US President Donald Trump trended on social media after the MAGA chief remained out of the public eye for more than 72 hours amid mounting concerns about his health. Hashtags like #trumpisdead #whereistrump and #hesdead trended on X as Trump was not seen after the three-hour White House cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

Speculations and rumours about the 79-year-old President went triggered by concerns about his health over the past few weeks. Many TV cameras have shown him with bruises and purple patches on his hands and swollen legs and ankles, sparking concerns about the President's health. In July, the White House announced that President Trump has been diagnosed with chronic venous insufficiency (CVI) after public speculation grew over visible swelling in the president's legs and bruises on his hands. Trump is the oldest person to serve a second term, has faced intensifying scrutiny over his age and cognitive fitness. Though his physician recently declared him "fully fit" after a comprehensive physical that included a perfect score on the Montreal Cognitive Assessment.



TRUMP MOVES TO CUT \$5 BILLION IN
CONGRESSIONALLY APPROVED FOREIGN
AID



Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has moved to cut nearly \$5 billion of congressionally-approved foreign aid, the White House said Friday -- raising the likelihood of a federal shutdown as Democrats oppose the policy. The \$4.9 billion in cuts target programs of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Trump wrote in a letter to the House of Representatives. The president "will always put AMERICA FIRST," the White House Office of Management and Budget said on social media, releasing a copy of the letter. Democrats have warned that any attempt to reverse funding already approved by Congress would doom negotiations to avoid budgetary paralysis, the so-called shutdown, later this year.

3 DEAD, 5 INJURED IN INDONESIA AFTER
MOB SETS FIRE TO REGIONAL
PARLIAMENT BUILDING

Diary Times Desk : An angry mob set fire to a local parliament building in an Indonesian provincial capital, leaving at least three people dead and five others hospitalised, officials said.

The blaze in Makassar, the capital city of South Sulawesi province, began late Friday. Television reports showed the provincial council building ablaze overnight, causing the area to turn an eerie orange colour. Rescuers retrieved three bodies by Saturday morning, while five people were hospitalised with burns or broken bones after jumping from the building, said Fadli Tahar, a local disaster official.

Protesters in West Java's Bandung city also set a regional parliament ablaze on Friday, but no casualties were reported. In Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city, protesters stormed the regional police headquarters after destroying fences and torching vehicles. Security forces fired tear gas and used water cannons, but demonstrators fought back with fireworks and wooden clubs.

TOURIST FACES BACKLASH
FOR POURING BEER INTO
ELEPHANT'S TRUNK IN
KENYA

Diary Times Desk : A Spanish tourist is under investigation after he allegedly poured beer down an elephant's trunk at a wildlife sanctuary in Kenya. In the now-deleted video, the man, who uses the Instagram handle @skydive_kenya, can be seen drinking from a can of Tusker, a popular Kenyan beer, before pouring the remaining drink in the trunk of the elephant named Bupa.

According to a BBC report, the incident occurred at Ol Jogi Conservancy in central Kenya's Laikipia County last year but came to light recently after Kenyans slammed the tourist who captioned the video clip: "Just a tusker with a tusked friend."

"This should never have happened. We're a conservation and we can't allow that to happen," a member of the staff told the publication. "We don't even allow people to go near the elephants."

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) spokesperson Paul Udoto said a probe was ordered into the matter to identify the man who does not use his name on social media accounts.

UAE EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY
WITH POLAND, CONVEYS
CONDOLENCES OVER DEATH
OF JET PILOT



وزارة الخارجية
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Diary Times Desk : The United Arab Emirates has expressed its solidarity with the Republic of Poland and conveyed its sincere condolences over the crash of a Polish Air Force jet, which resulted in the death of its pilot.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) conveyed the UAE's sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of the victim, and to the government and people of Poland over this tragedy. (ANI/WAM). The Polish defence ministry confirmed that the pilot died when his F-16 fighter jet crashed during a rehearsal for an airshow in Radom, central Poland. The accident involved an aircraft from the 31st Tactical Air Base near Poznan, and no bystanders were injured.

INDIA BECOMES UKRAINE’S TOP DIESEL SUPPLIER IN JULY AS TRUMP SLAPS PUNITIVE TARIFFS ON DELHI OVER RUSSIAN OIL IMPORTS

Diary Times Desk : India has overtaken other suppliers to become Ukraine's largest source of diesel in July 2025, accounting for 15.5 per cent of imports. According to NaftoRynok, a Ukrainian oil market analytics firm, daily shipments averaged 2,700 tonnes, among India's highest monthly export figures this year. The sharp rise marks a dramatic shift from July 2024, when India supplied just 1.9 per cent of Ukraine's diesel needs.

Irony amid US trade tensions

The development comes at a politically charged moment. Washington recently imposed steep 50 per cent tariffs on Indian goods, citing New Delhi's continued purchase of Russian oil. The irony is striking. While the US punishes India for its energy ties with Moscow, Indian fuel is simultaneously helping to sustain Kyiv's wartime economy.



TRUMP HAS MISCALCULATED THAT INDIA IS A SOFTER TARGET THAN CHINA

Diary Times Desk : The Trump tariff of 50% on Indian goods, which officially went into effect on August 27, has cast a long shadow over one of the most important bilateral relationships in the world. Yet, even before its implementation, the mood in New Delhi toward Washington had already begun to sour. America's decision to impose punitive duties unveiled dramatically on 'Liberation Day' was followed by an additional 25% secondary tariff, bringing the total burden on Indian exports to among the highest in the world. The Trump tariff of 50% on Indian goods, which officially went into effect on August 27, has cast a long shadow over one of the most important bilateral relationships in the world. Yet, even before its implementation, the mood in New Delhi toward Washington had already begun to sour. America's decision to impose punitive duties unveiled dramatically on 'Liberation Day' was followed by an additional 25% secondary tariff, bringing the total burden on Indian exports to among the highest in the world. In India, these measures are widely perceived as being deliberately punitive rather than rational economic policy. Washington's justification, that the move was tied to India's continued purchase of Russian oil.

UKRAINE’S "LARGEST" NAVAL SHIP SUNK IN RUSSIA’S FIRST SEA DRONE ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : Ukrainian Navy's reconnaissance ship Simferopol, which was reportedly the largest ship commissioned by the country in over a decade, has been hit and sunk in a naval drone strike, the Russian Defence Ministry announced on Thursday. The Laguna-class, medium-sized ship, designed for radio, electronic, radar, and optical reconnaissance, was struck in the delta of the River Danube, part of which is located in Ukraine's Odessa Region, a Defence Ministry statement said, RT reported. This was the first successful use of a sea drone to take out a Ukrainian Navy vessel, as per a TASS report citing a UAV expert, the RT added. Ukrainian authorities confirmed that the vessel has been hit. The attack killed one crew member and injured multiple others, the Kiev Independent wrote on Thursday, citing a Ukrainian Navy spokesperson. "Efforts to address the aftermath of the attack are ongoing. The majority of the crew are safe, and the search for several missing sailors continues," it cited the spokesperson as saying.

The Simferopol was launched in 2019 and joined the Ukrainian Navy two years later.

SIKH MAN FILMED WAVING MACHETE IN LOS ANGELES, SHOT BY COPS; LAPD OPENS INVESTIGATION

Diary Times Desk : A Sikh man was shot dead in Los Angeles after he was seen waving a 27-inch-long machete in the middle of the road. The Los Angeles police department (LAPD) has released videos in connection with the fatal shooting of the 35-year-old man. As per reports, the incident took place in July when LAPD police officers shot down Gurpreet Singh, a resident of California's Arcadia, following a dramatic car chase in Los Angeles.

Singh sustained gunshot wounds on the morning of July 13. He was transported to a local hospital to be treated for the gunshot wounds, but succumbed to his injuries on July 17.

The video, which contains disturbing visuals, is a combination of the CCTV and police dashcam footage made public and shows Singh waving a 27-inch-long machete on the road towards passing vehicles and pedestrians.

TRUMP PROPOSES 90-DAY LIMIT ON VISAS FOR CHINESE JOURNALISTS

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration is proposing strict new visa limits for Chinese journalists in the US as part of a broader push to curtail stays by foreign students and reporters, in a move that prompted pushback from Beijing.

The new rule, spelled out in a Department of Homeland Security proposal released this week, would limit journalist visas for mainland Chinese citizens to 90 days, with the possibility to extend. Journalists from other countries would face a 240-day limit, scrapping the current policy that allows them to stay as long as their assignment lasts.

The 90-day limit would revive restrictions President Donald Trump sought at the end of his first term, which former President Joe Biden scrapped before they became law. The proposal will face a 30-day public comment period. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said the country opposed "discriminatory practices taken by the US against specific countries." The DHS memo spells out fresh restrictions for students and exchange visitors, limiting their stays to a maximum of four years. According to the proposal, allowing students to stay in the US without firm limits "has created incentives for fraud and abuse."

EVACUATION OF GAZA CITY UNSAFE AND UNFEASIBLE, SAYS HEAD OF RED CROSS

Diary Times Desk : The head of the Red Cross warned on Saturday that it would be impossible to keep people safe during a mass evacuation of Gaza City, as Israel intensifies its assault. Israel is pushing ahead with its plan to take full control of the whole Gaza Strip, starting with Gaza City, with the goal of destroying Hamas after nearly 23 months of war, while facing a global outcry over starvation in the besieged enclave. "It is impossible that a mass evacuation of Gaza City could ever be done in a way that is safe and dignified under the current conditions," Red Cross President Mirjana Spoljaric said in a statement. An evacuation would provoke a massive population displacement that no other area in the Gaza Strip is equipped to absorb, amid severe shortages of food, shelter, and medical supplies, Spoljaric said.



HANDSHAKES, SMILES, PERFORMANCES: HOW PM MODI WAS WELCOMED BY INDIAN DIASPORA IN CHINA

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a warm welcome from the Indian diaspora on Saturday as he arrived at Binhai International Airport in Tianjin for a two-day official visit to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in China. He was greeted by senior Chinese and Indian officials.

This marks PM Modi's first visit to China in seven years.

Members enthusiastically greeted him and chanted "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram" to express admiration and support.

Later on, PM Modi enjoyed a performance by Chinese artists playing Indian classical musical instruments like sitar, santoor and tabla at the hotel. The performers have been learning Indian classical music and dance for years.

Zhang Jinghu, a member of the dance group said,"I have learnt Odissi from my childhood days. I later also learnt it from an Indian guru...I like it. I learnt it for years and also became a performer as well as a teacher...I feel classical dance is like an ocean. If you want to learn it, you have to take it deep, you have to learn many stories...I introduced these things to China's students and they love it. They want to learn it for long and deep...It is an honour to perform in front of him (PM Modi). This is the first time I will see him. It is so exciting. This is a very good chance", per a report by ANI.

PM Modi will attend the SCO Summit on Sunday, August 31, and hold bilateral talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines. He will also meet Russian President Vladimir Putin during the summit.

RUSSIA LAUNCHES MASSIVE ATTACK ON UKRAINE, AS KYIV HITS OIL REFINERIES

Diary Times Desk : Russia has carried out a massive overnight attack on 14 regions of Ukraine, authorities have said, as Kyiv struck Russian oil refineries.

One woman was killed in the southern Zaporizhzhia region and 30 people were injured - including children - according to local officials.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Russia launched nearly 540 drones and 45 missiles, urging tough new sanctions on Moscow.

Following the attack, Russia's defence ministry said all "targets of the strike have been achieved" and "designated objects have been hit" - a claim that has not been independently verified.

Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.The latest barrage comes amid ongoing international efforts to secure a peace deal between the two warring nations - and days after the Ukrainian capital Kyiv faced the second largest aerial attack of the war so far, with at least 25 killed.

TRUMP'S TARIFF REGIME DECLARED ILLEGAL —WHAT NEXT AS CASE HEADS TO US SUPREME COURT?

Diary Times Desk : A US appeals court has dealt a major blow to President Donald Trump's trade policy, ruling that his sweeping use of emergency powers to impose tariffs was illegal. The ruling, while temporarily leaving the tariffs in place until October, has set the stage for a Supreme Court battle that could redefine presidential authority in trade. Here's a detailed look.

The court's decision

The US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in a 7-4 ruling, said Trump exceeded his powers under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).

The judgment upheld an earlier ruling by the Court of International Trade, which had also struck down the tariffs.

However, the appeals court allowed the duties to stay in place until October 14, giving the White House time to appeal.

MEET XIAO HE, HUMANOID ROBOT TO ASSIST JOURNALISTS AT SCO SUMMIT IN CHINA



Diary Times Desk : Tianjin is gearing up to host the largest-ever Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, a premier diplomatic event that will bring together leaders from over 20 nations.

This year's summit, scheduled for August 31 to September 1, promises to be a showcase of innovation and technology. A humanoid robot, Xiao He, has been positioned to provide multilingual support, answering queries and assisting journalists in multiple languages.

The robot interacted with ANI ahead of the summit and said, "I'm Xiao He, a cutting-edge humanoid AI assistant designed for the 2025 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Tianjin. As a highly specialised service robot, I provide multilingual support, real-time information processing and protocol-compliant interaction capabilities."

YEMEN'S HOUTHIS CONFIRM ISRAELI STRIKE KILLED GROUP'S PRIME MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : Yemen's Houthis have confirmed that an Israeli air strike earlier this week killed the prime minister of the group's government in the capital, Sanaa.

Ahmed al-Rahawi was killed in a Thursday strike in Sanaa along with a number of ministers, the Houthis said in a statement on Saturday.

Al-Rahawi, who served as prime minister in areas of the divided country that the group controls, was targeted along with other members of the Houthi-led government during a workshop, the statement said.

The Houthis said "several" other ministers were also killed in the Israeli attack, without offering more details.

The Israeli attack on Sanaa came as tensions in the region continue to escalate amid Israel's war on Gaza.

The Israeli military said in a statement that its forces on Thursday struck "a Houthi terrorist regime military target in the area of Sanaa".

WHY ARE ANTIGOVERNMENT PROTESTS TAKING PLACE IN INDONESIA?



Diary Times Desk : Violent antigovernment protests against a range of cost-of-living issues have roiled Indonesia, and anger boiled over after the killing of a motorcycle taxi driver who was hit by a police vehicle during a demonstration in the capital, Jakarta.

In a recorded video address on Friday, President Prabowo Subianto called for calm and asked the people to "trust the government and my leadership".

Yet, protesters pelted the headquarters of the police mobile brigade and set fire to a five-storey building near the police compound in the Kwitang neighbourhood of central Jakarta.

Despite heavy rains, demonstrations continued through the evening on Friday in the greatest test for Prabowo's presidency since taking office in October. On Saturday, authorities said three people had died in a building set ablaze, allegedly by the protesters.

WHY PUNJAB CAN'T
ESCAPE BLAME FOR
FLOODS

Diary Times Desk : Cloudbursts and flash floods in Kullu, Mandi and other catchment areas of the Beas in Himachal Pradesh this monsoon season have wreaked havoc in the lower reaches of the river in Punjab. For the past fortnight, floods have led to massive damage of crops and houses in nearly 518 villages in seven districts of the state — Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Kapurthala, Ferozepur and Fazilka.

The areas along the Sutlej — including parts of Ropar, Nawanshahr, Ludhiana and Shahkot in Jalandhar — have escaped the flood fury, for now, as there has been comparatively less rainfall in the upper catchment areas of the river in Shimla, Bilaspur and Kinnaur.

Farmers who are bearing the brunt and have their houses and farms sandwiched between the Dhussi bundh and the Beas, Ravi and Sutlej rivers, rue that the bundh “is a boon for the rest of Punjab, but is unsparing for us. Water from the overflowing rivers hits the bundh and becomes our sorrow”.

The 900-km Dhussi bundh was built in 1958-59 along the Sutlej, Beas and Ravi to contain the rivers, control their course and most important, prevent flooding. These are 10-15 feet high bumps mostly made of earth (hence the name dhussi). In some areas as in Sultanpur Lodhi, the top surface of the bundh has been metalled to add to its strength.

PETROL BOMBS
THROWN AT
SARPANCH'S
RESIDENCE

Diary Times Desk : A young man from Fatehpur Manian village in the Lambi Assembly segment allegedly threw petrol bombs at the residence of village sarpanch Kulwinder Singh and made a video go viral on Instagram. In the video, the young man is heard saying that if the sarpanch does not return the money by tomorrow, he will open fire. He further states that the petrol bombs were only meant as a warning and did not cause any damage. The video was later deleted. Lambi DSP Jaspal Singh said that he was currently occupied and would be able to comment on the matter later.

3 PUNJAB MINISTERS 'DISCUSSING CRUISE TRIPS' WHILE INSPECTING
FLOODS DRAW OPPOSITION IRE

Diary Times Desk : Opposition parties in Punjab slammed the Bhagwant Mann government on Saturday, accusing it of failing to fulfil people's expectations, after three Cabinet ministers were purportedly heard in a video discussing their cruise trips while inspecting the flood situation in Tarn Taran. The clip shared on X by BJP leader Tarun Chugh as well as Punjab Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa, showed ministers Harbhajan Singh, Barinder Kumar Goyal and Laljit Singh Bhullar discussing cruise trips in Sweden and Goa while sitting in a boat with life jackets on.

In the video, Harbhajan Singh could be heard saying, “I went on a cruise in Sweden. There was everything on the ship itself, hotel and all.” Punjab Water Resources Minister Barinder Goyal could be heard replying that it was the same in Goa.



PUNJABI UNIVERSITY ROW: 'INTENT
WAS NOBLE, SOUGHT ECO-FRIENDLY
WAY TO PREVENT MISUSE OF
FLAWED COPIES,' SAYS V-C,
APOLOGISES

Diary Times Desk : A day after the Patiala police registered a case against the top brass of the Punjabi University, including Vice-Chancellor (V-C) Jagdeep Singh, for allegedly “digging pits to bury” error-ridden copies of the revered ‘Mahan Kosh’, he has tendered a written apology explaining that there was no malicious intention behind the disposal.

Besides, the university authorities are also holding path in the university gurdwara expressing remorse and seeking pardon for the mistake.

On Friday, the Patiala police had booked V-C Jagdeep Singh, Dean (Academics) Jaswinder Singh Brar, Registrar Devinder Singh, publication bureau in-charge Harjinderpal Singh Kalra and others under Section 298 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, which refers to injuring or defiling a place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class. Any such violation carries an imprisonment of two years, or fine, or both.

PUNJAB FLOODS: OPPOSITION
LEADERS WRITE TO PM MODI, SEEK
AID FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Diary Times Desk : As Punjab grapples with the aftermath of severe flooding, state BJP president Sunil Jakhar and Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa on Saturday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide urgent central assistance to support relief efforts.

Jakhar has written to the Prime Minister, seeking urgent intervention to mitigate the damage caused by relentless rainfall and overflow from upper hilly regions. He highlighted that areas along the Pakistan border from Bhoja Assembly constituency to Fazilka, and districts like Kapurthala, are among the worst affected.

The state BJP chief said thousands of families have been displaced, and vast stretches of agricultural land, crucial to both Punjab's economy and India's food security, have been submerged. While acknowledging the support already extended by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Jakhar stressed that the scale of the disaster demands additional intervention, including the deployment of central assessment teams and a special relief package to aid recovery efforts.

PUNJAB FLOODS: OVER 1,000 VILLAGES AFFECTED, 11,330 PERSONS
EVACUATED

Diary Times Desk : Over 1,000 villages, maximum in Gurdaspur districts, and over 61,000 hectares of farm land have been affected by floods in Punjab, officials said on Saturday.

A total of 11,330 persons have been evacuated so far to safer places from the flood-hit areas with the combined efforts of the Army, NDRF, BSF and the district authorities.

Punjab is under the grip of massive floods, caused by the swollen Sutlej, Beas and Ravi rivers and seasonal rivulets due to heavy rain in their catchment areas in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. Villages worst-affected by the floods were in Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Fazilka, Kapurthala, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Hoshiarpur and Amritsar districts. State Chief Secretary KAP Sinha on Saturday visited the Pong dam on Beas and flood-affected areas in the Mukerian subdivision in Hoshiarpur to review the relief and rescue measures.

Accompanied by senior officials, the chief secretary inspected the dam, where he directed officials to regulate water discharge strictly on technical parameters, keeping in view the inflow, to minimise hardships for people in the downstream areas.



HIMACHAL CM
SUKHVINDER SUKHU
SEEKS EXPLANATION
FROM LAHAUL-SPITI SP

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today directed Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena to seek explanation from IPS Shivani Mehla for not joining as SP, Lahaul and Spiti. She was posted as SP Lahaul and Spiti on August 13, but she hasn't joined yet. She is currently working as ASP, Chamba.

The CM directed the Cabinet Secretary to seek explanation from the officer while he was issuing instruction from New Delhi to the administration of Chamba, Kullu, Lahaul and Spiti, Kangra and Mandi to speed up the rescue and relief operation and restore the key damaged infrastructure, including the snapped communication services. During the virtual meeting, the CM sought information about the stranded Manimahesh yatris and the relief and restoration work. He was informed that all devotees were safe and were being provided food, shelter, first aid, etc. He was further informed that the services of Jio, Airtel and BSNL had been restored in Chamba town, upon which he told the officials to restore these services in other parts of the district, particularly in Bharmour, as well.

AMENDMENT PASSED IN
HIMACHAL TO DEFER
POLL IN NEW ULBS
AMIDST BJP
OPPOSITION

Diary Times Desk : The Opposition BJP today accused the government of trying to defer elections to urban local bodies in the garb of OBC reservation considering the public sentiment being against Congress regime.

The opposition legislators today registered their strong protest against the amendment in the Himachal Pradesh Municipal (Amendment) Bill 2025, introduced in the house yesterday. The reasons cited for the amendment in the Act is to facilitate deferment of the elections in the newly constituted urban local bodies (ULB) for a period up to two years due to lack of basic infrastructure like staff, office space and financial resources.

CRACKS APPEAR IN 6 HOUSES AFTER LAND SINKS AT BADDI
VILLAGE; RESIDENTS SHIFTED

Diary Times Desk : In another case of land subsidence, at least six houses were vacated after cracks appeared at Jamun Da Dohra village in Baddi sub-division on Friday evening.

"Nearly 30-35 people, hit by the devastation, have been given refuge in adjoining safer houses. Their belongings were also being shifted in the presence of the Tehsildar and patwari concerned, who were overseeing the rescue and relief operations," said Solan Deputy Commissioner Manmohan Sharma. Two houses were completely damaged as the buildings sunk in by several inches due to land subsidence, giving no time to the inmates to save their belongings.



GREED FOR QUICK MONEY TURNS
TRAGIC FOR 7 IN NALAGARH

Diary Times Desk : Greed for easy money through illegal mining nearly turned fatal for a group of men in Nalagarh, when they were caught in the gushing waters of the Mahadev river in the early hours of Friday. Seven men, along with three earth excavation machines and an equal number of tippers, were stranded after the river suddenly went into spate, exposing once again the dangers and lawlessness surrounding illegal mining in the area.

Eyewitnesses said the drivers of the vehicles had climbed atop their machines and were crying for help as floodwater rose rapidly. The incident highlighted how illegal miners take advantage of the rainy season, when large deposits of sand and quarry material accumulate in the riverbed. Despite Nalagarh's outskirts being notorious for such activity, enforcement by authorities has remained lax, emboldening miscreants. On this occasion, however, nature dealt them a harsh blow. The sudden rise in water levels, triggered by a fresh spell of rain, left the drivers trapped and their machines submerged. Fellow operators attempted rescue but were powerless before the gushing current. Around 4.30 am.

WALL COLLAPSE AT UNA POLICE
STATION INJURES HOME GUARD



Diary Times Desk : A Home Guard jawan was injured on Friday when a wall of the Una Sadar Police Station collapsed amid continuous rainfall. The damaged portion was the station's mess where meals were being prepared. The police station, housed in a pre-Independence building with brick and clay masonry, has long been in a dilapidated condition.

Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Kumar Bhatia confirmed the injuries were minor and that the jawan was out of danger. He added that adjoining rooms, including offices, have also become unsafe. With the structure posing a risk to personnel, the district police have requested urgent relocation.

HIMACHAL RAINS: OVER 500 ROADS BLOCKED, TWO INJURED IN SHIMLA
LANDSLIDES

Diary Times Desk : 560 roads including three National Highways (NH) remain blocked for vehicular traffic while about 936 distribution transformers also remain disrupted as torrential rain continues to wreak havoc across the state.

As per the State Emergency Operation Centre, 213 roads including NH 03 are closed in Mandi district, the highest in the state, while 161 including NH 305 are blocked in Kullu district. Similarly, 60 roads are blocked in Kangra, 38 in Sirmaur, 28 in Shimla, 23 in Una, 14 in Lahaul and Spiti, 11 in Solan, and one each in Hamirpur and Kinnaur, including NH 5, also remain unavailable for vehicular traffic.

Moreover, out of total 936 distribution transformers that have been disrupted, 651 are in Mandi, 189 in Kullu, 40 in Sirmaur, 38 in Solan, nine in Lahaul and Spiti, five in Kangra and one in Kinnaur, affecting electricity supply across the state.

Additionally, 233 water supply schemes including 72 in Mandi, 52 in Shimla, 35 in Kullu, 33 in Kangra, 30 in Hamirpur and one in Solan district have been disrupted. Meanwhile, two persons sustained injuries and at least five houses in Shimla district were damaged as a result of landslides triggered by heavy rainfall in the district during the last 24 hours.



Chicago Mayor Signs Order

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson signed an executive order Saturday laying out initial plans for how the city will try to resist President Donald Trump's planned immigration crackdown in the coming days.

The mayor's order provides guidance and directives to the city's agencies and law enforcement "in the midst of escalating threats from the federal government." CNN previously reported the Trump administration is preparing to conduct a major immigration enforcement operation in Chicago as soon as next week, according to multiple sources familiar with the planning.

"We may see militarized immigration enforcement. We may also see National Guard troops. We may even see active duty military and armed vehicles in our streets. We have not called for this. Our people have not asked for this, but nevertheless, we find ourselves having to respond to this," Johnson said before signing the executive order on Saturday.

The mayor's order "affirms" that Chicago police will not "collaborate with federal agents on joint law enforcement patrols, arrest operations, or other law enforcement duties including civil immigration enforcement."

The order also "urges" federal law enforcement officers who operate in Chicago "to refrain from wearing masks, to wear and use body cameras and to identify themselves to members of the public with names and badge numbers." Johnson reiterated the city's police force will be required to wear attire that clearly identifies them.

Johnson's order also directs city departments to "pursue all available legal and legislative avenues to resist coordinated efforts from the federal government" that violate the rights of Chicagoans.

The mayor's order ultimately demands Trump "stand down" from deploying military forces to Chicago for immigration enforcement – but it's not clear how effective it will be in stopping Trump's plans.

It marks the latest effort to push back on the Trump administration's attacks on Democratic-led cities. The move comes as Trump has signaled expanding his law enforcement efforts in Los Angeles and Washington, DC to cities across the country.

CNN has previously reported that the administration's plans for Chicago would be different from the ongoing law enforcement crackdown in the nation's capital. Instead, they are expected to look like Trump's deployment of the National Guard in June to Los Angeles to quell immigration protests. Trump is currently facing a legal challenge over that deployment.

Earlier this week, Trump signed an executive order on establishing "specialized units" in the National Guard to address crime in cities, though it is unclear how the order will work in practice. The National Guard already has reaction forces that are designed to respond to incidents requiring law enforcement or security support in each state, territory and DC.

If Trump were to use certain presidential powers to deploy the National Guard and federal law enforcement agencies in US cities, it would amount to an unprecedented move that some experts and local leaders argue is illegal.

Johnson condemned Trump's possible plan to deploy federal troops to the United States' third largest city in an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper on Monday.

"This is clearly unconstitutional. It's illegal, and it's costly," he said. "Is there more work to be done? Of course, there is. Is sending military troops into cities a way to actually drive community safety? Absolutely not."



Piper Hudspeth Blackburn
Vice President JD Vance said on Thursday while visiting La Crosse, Wisconsin that the administration wants governors and mayors "to ask for help."

Volunteer Firefighter Community Pillars Detained

They have helped put out fires in neighborhoods, offered shelter, food and spiritual guidance to those in need and provided live coverage of protests and immigration enforcement to hundreds of thousands of Spanish speakers. Many are parents and the sole providers for their families.

But despite their contributions, immigration officials still detained them as part of President Donald Trump's massive crackdown on undocumented immigrants.

The arrests happened as some of these immigrants were working or commuting to and from their jobs.

Neighbors, friends and colleagues have united behind many of the community pillars taken into custody in recent months raising tens of thousands of dollars for their families and legal fees and urging immigration authorities to release them.

Here are some of the prominent community members who have been arrested by ICE in recent months:

A volunteer fireman served his community

Milton Guamarriaga is known to many in Port Chester, New York, as a family man who made a living as a marble installer and a volunteer with the local fire department.

But that life was ripped away from Guamarriaga earlier this month when United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers arrested him as he was leaving his home to go to work, according to CNN affiliate WLNy.

Many in the community are rallying behind Guamarriaga who, as of early August, was being held at an ICE field office in Michigan, according to CNN affiliate WLNy.

Port Chester Mayor Luis Marino said he has known Guamarriaga and his family for many years and wrote a letter to the federal government highlighting Guamarriaga's volunteer service to the fire department and good character. Marino said the fire department volunteers are like a family and Guamarriaga was part of it.

"He was active, and he was there when we needed him," Marino said. "He got along with everyone."

Marino said Guamarriaga immigrated to the US from Ecuador but was uncertain how long ago.

Court records show Guamarriaga was convicted twice of driving while intoxicated in New York in 2003 and 2006.

Guamarriaga's family has raised more than \$13,000 on GoFundMe to help pay for their legal fees "to ensure he receives a fair chance and that we can work toward bringing him home."

"My father has recently been detained, and our family is navigating a deeply emotional and challenging time," the GoFundMe page read. "He is a loving father, a hardworking man, and someone who has always put his family first."

"The way that they took my father ... they made it out to seem like he was a criminal when that's not even the case at all," Guamarriaga's daughter, Jocelyn Guamarriaga, told WLNy.

Journalist Mario Guevara has spent the last 20 years covering law enforcement and immigration in the metro Atlanta area. He has worked for several Spanish language outlets and founded the digital news outlet MG News which has 113,000 followers on Facebook; his personal account has 782,000 followers. INFA



Guevara, who came to the US from El Salvador in 2004, was charged with improperly entering a pedestrian roadway, obstruction of law enforcement officers and unlawful assembly. He was wearing a vest and press credentials at the time of his arrest.

John Bolton

TRUMP'S FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY



Trump later pulled out of that Iran nuclear deal, to applause from Bolton. In his second term, Trump has both pursued a new version of a nuclear deal and dispatched bombers to attack Iran's nuclear capabilities.

The FBI didn't search the home of just any Trump critic.

This is John Bolton, Washington's bête noire. The mustachioed foreign policy hawk has been on the critical end of opposition from all over the place.

His nomination as UN ambassador was filibustered by Democrats during the George W. Bush administration.

He was the subject of an alleged Iranian assassination plot during the Biden administration, likely for his work during the first Trump administration.

And in the very large pool of former aides fired by President Donald Trump, Bolton may be the loudest in his criticism of Trump's transactional way of running the White House.

None of that bears on what should concern most Americans: that the justice system is being turned on Trump's political critics. Allegations from Bolton's 2020 memoir, in which he roasted Trump's leadership and accused the president of improperly using foreign policy to his domestic political advantage, featured prominently in the first of Trump's two first-term impeachments. Trump was acquitted in both impeachments and he said that Bolton should be put in jail for what he wrote.

It is now that book, and reshaped questions over whether Bolton disclosed classified material when he wrote it, that appear to be at the center of the FBI's search of his home in Maryland and office in Washington, DC.

But there is a much longer tale of Bolton's long history at the center of Washington scandals.

The Iraq war and a failed nomination

Although Bolton worked in Republican administrations for much of his career, the first time everyday Americans might have heard his name was during the George W. Bush administration.

Bush nominated Bolton to be the US ambassador to the UN even though Bolton had at one point argued that if UN headquarters "lost 10 stories, it wouldn't make a bit of difference."

But what ultimately sank his nomination was the subtle opposition of Republicans such as former Secretary of State Colin Powell and the fact that senators said they were misled by Bolton, who failed to disclose he was questioned as part of an internal government review.

One top State Department official at the time criticized Bolton as "a quintessential kiss-up, kick-down sort of guy."

Opposition to Bolton's nomination was led by then-Sen. Joe Biden, who was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at the time.

Bush ultimately put Bolton in the role temporarily with a recess appointment, a method Trump would later employ repeatedly for Senate-confirmed positions during his first term.

A fierce critic of Obama on Iran

Bolton stayed active in foreign policy as a frequent and loud critic of the Obama administration, particularly for its involvement in a deal with other Western countries and Russia to ease sanctions on Iran in exchange for assurances it would not pursue nuclear weapons. Bolton would have preferred a more militaristic approach.



MAN UTD 3-2 BURNLEY: WHAT AMORIM AND MBEUMO SAID

Diary Times Desk : "Some moments are really decisive. Sometimes we were not playing so well, but you can see the effort of everyone on the pitch wanting to win.
On whether he will speak to the board about signings in the next couple of days: "I am always speaking with them to try and improve the team.
On his statements in the media recently: "I am really emotional, and in the last few months you can see why. I am like that, and you like that."
Goalscorer Bryan Mbeumo added: "Every game is hard and important. We had the game with us in the first half, but we had to fight every minute.
"I'm very happy, and we win as well - as a striker, it is important to be confident with goals."
On getting the win for Amorim: "We are all a team, it is not only one person. We all worked very hard for the win today."

**FIDE EASES DRESS CODE REGULATIONS AFTER MAGNUS CARLSEN'S 'JEANSGATE' CONTROVERSY**

Diary Times Desk : FIDE recently came forward and updated their dress code regulations after the controversy involving Magnus Carlsen at the FIDE Rapid and Blitz Championships. It is worth noting that eight months ago, Carlsen was asked to change his clothes at an event, a request that the Grandmaster rejected, and he was eventually fined 200 USD.

However, months after the controversy, FIDE took centre stage and eased their dress rules and regulations. The federation stated that players can wear "non-distressed jeans" in three colours: blue, black and grey.

"Appropriate jeans are now permitted as part of the official dress code. This change offers players more comfort and freedom of choice, while ensuring that the overall appearance of the event remains professional and respectful," FIDE said in a statement.

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich also came forward and talked about the changes that the federation is making. He opined that they are looking to modernise the game whilst trying to maintain proper standards.

'HOW YOU DISALLOW THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE' - WHY WAS FULHAM GOAL RULED OUT?

Diary Times Desk : King, 18, had the ball in the back of net only 22 minutes into the game only for it to be chalked off following a lengthy video assistant referee (VAR) intervention for a foul by Rodrigo Muniz in the build-up.

Chelsea went on to win the game through a Joao Pedro header and an Enzo Fernandez penalty, that came after another contentious VAR decision that went against the visitors and left Silva fuming.

"How you disallow a goal like that is unbelievable," Silva told TNT Sports after the game, which left Fulham winless three rounds into the new Premier League season.

"We have meetings with referee and people in charge, we all want to win. VAR is not here to re-referee the game.

"I would prefer not to say something more because I would be punished. I want to be on the touchline next week to help my team, I don't want to be fined.

"But it has been a difficult start to the season with some decisions."

The derby defeat follows back-to-back draws against Brighton and Manchester United for Silva's side, who finished 11th last season.
King's goal was ruled out after a lengthy review by VAR Michael Salisbury that was confirmed by referee Robert Jones after looking at the pitchside monitor, meaning eight minutes were added on at the end of the first half.

CARLOS ALCARAZ ROMPS INTO US OPEN 4TH ROUND, ELENA RYBAKINA ADVANCES

Diary Times Desk : Carlos Alcaraz surged into the fourth round of the US Open on Friday as Novak Djokovic and defending women's champion Aryna Sabalenka aimed to keep their title bids on track. Spanish second seed Alcaraz breezed past Italian 32nd seed Luciano Darderi in emphatic fashion, winning 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 on the Arthur Ashe Stadium. Alcaraz's one hour 44-minute victory sends the 2022 US Open champion into a meeting on Sunday against France's Arthur Rinderknech, who defeated compatriot Benjamin Bonzi 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Alcaraz is aiming to finish the season on a high after winning the French Open in June before losing in the final of Wimbledon last month. The five-time Grand Slam singles champion opened Friday's play on the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center's main court, and admitted he had been nervous about his early 11.30am local time start.
"I'm not an early morning person so it's difficult for me to wake up in the morning," Alcaraz said. "One of the good things today though I woke up early, did the warm up and felt good.
"Starting at 11:30 my first goal is to start well with a good energy and rhythm. I played great tennis, good performance so I'm proud of that.
Alcaraz needed a medical timeout while leading 5-4 in the second set for treatment on his right knee, but later said he had no injury concerns.

ADRIAN MANNARINO WINS A MATCH 'FROM THE TOILET' AFTER BEN SHELTON RETIRES FROM US OPEN WITH INJURY

Diary Times Desk : Ben Shelton quit during his third-round match at the US Open on Friday because of a left shoulder injury.

The No. 6-seeded Shelton, a two-time major semifinalist, stopped after dropping the fourth set against Adrian Mannarino, forcing a fifth set. The injury was perhaps caused when he landed on his left arm after tracking down a ball in the corner on the final point to win the third set.

But early in the fourth, the 2023 US Open semifinalist began wincing and said to his coach's box: "I did something to my shoulder. I don't know what it is."

'BEST TEAM IN THE WORLD' - GARNACHO SEALS CHELSEA MOVE

Diary Times Desk : The 21-year-old has signed a long-term deal at Stamford Bridge that runs through to 2032.
"It's an incredible moment for my family and I to join this great club," Garnacho told Chelsea's club website.
"I can't wait to get started. I watched the Club World Cup and to join the world champions is special - we're the best team in the world!"
Garnacho made 144 appearances for United following his senior debut in 2022, scoring 26 goals.

JACKSON 'ANGRY' AS BAYERN LOAN COLLAPSES AFTER DELAP INJURY

Diary Times Desk : Sources have told BBC Sport that the 24-year-old is angry with the collapse of his initial £13m loan deal, and attempts are expected to be made to salvage it.

The decision was made after striker Liam Delap suffered a serious-looking hamstring injury in Chelsea's 2-0 win over Fulham on Saturday, with manager Enzo Maresca saying post match that he may be out for "six to eight weeks".

It follows a remarkable whirlwind 24 hours in which Chelsea went from having four strikers to just one. First Christopher Nkunku joined AC Milan permanently for £36m, then Jackson flew to Germany to complete his move, while Delap was injured after sprinting for a ball in the first half at Stamford Bridge.