

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

- Severe and continuous headache
- Joint and muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Present vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Dizziness
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool
- Redness on face or chest

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK FALLOUT

'Operation Sindoor': Armed forces destroy 9 terror camps in POJK, Pakistan

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NEW DELHI, MAY 07 (KNO)

In a decisive and calculated response to the deadly Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives on April 22, the Indian Armed Forces launched 'Operation Sindoor' in the early hours of Wednesday, targeting nine key terrorist camps located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

Addressing the media in New Delhi this morning, Foreign Sec-

retary Vikram Misri, according to the news agency said, "Operation Sindoor was launched to bring the perpetrators and planners of the Pahalgam terror attack to justice. Despite a fortnight having passed, there has been no demonstrable step from Pakistan against terrorists' infrastructure in its area."

The 'Operation Sindoor', which commenced around 1:44 AM, was meticulously executed based on precise intelligence inputs, and successfully neutralized all identified terror

camps without causing any civilian casualties or targeting military installations.

The terror outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), through its proxy The Resistance Front (TRF), had claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack, where gunmen indiscriminately opened fire on tourists in front of their families. It was the deadliest attack on civilians in India since the 26/11 Mumbai carnage.

Misri said that the assault was designed to derail peace

and tourism in Jammu and Kashmir, which has seen over 2.5 crore visitors in the past few years, and to incite communal discord.

"Pakistan continues to be a breeding ground for terrorism, sheltering and supporting terror outfits like LeT and Jaish-e-Mohammed under various aliases," Misri asserted.

The strikes were termed as a "non-escalatory, precise, and responsible" step. Military officials including Colonel

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CBI arrests 2 PWD employees from Surankote for accepting bribe

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 07 (KNO)

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday said to have arrested two employees of PWD, Surankote for demanding and accepting separate bribe of Rs 20,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively from the complainant for processing and

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Don't approve any leave: Govt to Admin Secretaries, HoDs

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

The Jammu and Kashmir government has ordered the Administrative Secretaries and Heads of Departments not to approve

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Sgr Airport temporarily closed, two Hajj flights cancelled

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

Amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan, the Jammu and Kashmir Hajj Committee has cancelled two scheduled Hajj flights for May 7 and

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>> 'Operation Sindoor'

PM Modi, Union Cabinet, Rajnath hail armed forces



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and the Union Cabinet have hailed the Indian armed forces for carrying out targeted strikes at terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

The Prime Minister, according to the news agency chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet, hours after 'Operation Sindoor' was launched to destroy terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

Soon after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh informed the Cabinet about Operation

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LG attends high-level security meeting chaired by Home Minister



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today attend-

ed the High-Level meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah through virtual mode.

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Amid Indo-Pak escalation, CM Omar chairs back-to-back meetings in Srinagar



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday chaired back-to-back meetings to assess the situation and directed for immediate measures to ensure the safety of citizens.

As soon as the dawn broke, the Chief Minister, as per the news agency, chaired an emergency meeting with Deputy

Commissioners of all border districts to assess the situation.

The Deputy Commissioners were directed to take immediate measures to ensure the safety of citizens. The directions were passed to strengthen infrastructure with regard to providing shelters and bunkers for the public in border areas.

While the cross border shelling along the Line of Control resulted in the loss of

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Indo-Pak Tensions

24x7 control rooms set up in Srinagar, Jammu Sopore, Baramulla

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

As a response to the prevailing situation in the Kashmir Valley, authorities have set up round-the-clock control rooms in Srinagar, Jammu, Sopore and Baramulla to ensure effective coordination, real-time monitoring and prompt public

assistance.

As per the news agency, a Joint Control Room has been established at the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) within the DC Office Complex in Srinagar, under the overall supervision of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA).

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>> BLOOD AND SMOKE REPLACE PEACE ALONG LOC

Four children among 13 killed, dozens injured in Pak shelling on J&K border villages

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

Twelve civilians and an Army soldier were killed while at least 50 have been injured as Pakistan resorted to shelling along the Line of Control (LoC) in several areas of Jammu and Kashmir after India carried out precision air strikes inside Pakistan and PoJK in response to Pahalgam terror attack, offi-



cials said.

Amid an escalating situation, the Indian Army said it is closely monitoring ceasefire violations by the Pakistan Army along the LoC, defence officials said.

An official told the news agency that 13 people were killed and 38 injured after Pakistan resorted to heavy artillery shelling along the

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Pak resorts to midnight shelling, 4 years of peace ends overnight in frontier villages

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH/URI, MAY 07 (KNO)

At midnight, Pakistan's shelling struck border villages in Poonch and Uri areas along the Line of Control (LoC), forcing hundreds of civilians to flee their homes in fear and uncertainty, leaving behind a devastating trail of death, destruction, and widespread damage.

Residents in multiple villages along the Line of Control (LoC) were evacuated early Wednesday after intense shelling overnight killed at least 10 civilians and injured more



than 50. The families from Poonch, Mendhar, Uri and parts of Rajouri left their homes in the dark as the mortar shells hit

residential areas.

Notably, these are the first major civilian casualties along the Line of Control since February 2021, when India and

Pakistan issued a joint statement through their Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) reaffirming adherence to the 2003 ceasefire agreement.

POONCH-RAJOURI During last night's cross-border shelling, the Poonch-Rajouri belt, one of the most affected border areas in Jammu and Kashmir witnessed the death of 12 people and injuries to at least 38 others. Locals said property worth crores was reduced to ashes.

Locals described the situation as war-like during

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Outrage after Poonch shelling kills four Sikhs, damages Gurdwara

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 07 (KNO)

Many Sikh organisations and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann condemned the killing of innocents on Wednesday after the Pakistan Army initiated unprovoked shelling in several sectors along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir, which also targeted Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha.

According to details obtained by the news agency, the shelling in Poonch resulted in the tragic loss of four

lives from the Sikh community and caused significant damage to the Central Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, along with the destruction of several properties, severely impacting the Sikh community.

Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargajji, officiating Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, condemned the shelling in Poonch, saying the Central Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha was hit during Pakistan's retaliatory shelling in Poonch, following India's Operation Sindoor.

Three Sikhs, Bhai Amrik

Singh, a raagi; Bhai Amarjeet Singh, a retired army soldier; and Bhai Ranjit Singh, a local shopkeeper, were killed in the attack, he said.

Also, reports have confirmed the death of a Sikh woman, Ruby Kaur, in the Mankote area. Other civilian casualties have also been reported.

The Jathedar expressed condolences and offered prayers for the spiritual peace of the deceased and strength for their families to cope with the loss.

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Conduct on-ground review of progress in UP's aspirational districts: Yogi

AGENCIES
LUCKNOW, MAY 7 (UNI)

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday directed the senior officials to conduct on-ground assessments of the progress made in Uttar Pradesh's aspirational districts and development blocks.

During a high-level review meeting, the CM directed eight Principal Secretary and Secretary-level officers to conduct a three-day visit to the eight aspirational districts. "Likewise, 108 Special Secretary-level officers will be assigned to inspect progress in 108 aspirational development blocks. The visits aim to evaluate the tangible changes from the inception of these initiatives to the present and compile detailed reports. The CM Office will finalise the list of designated officers," he said.

He emphasised that the government's priority, aligned with NITI Aayog's vision, is to ensure that development reaches the last person in the queue. Describing the programmes as an embodiment of the 'Antyodaya' philosophy, he stressed the need for continuous monitoring and outcome-driven strategies to accelerate progress at district and block levels.

Highlighting the positive outcomes of sustained efforts and monitoring, Yogi said that six districts from UP now feature among the top ten aspirational districts nationwide.

"Balrampur, Siddharth Nagar, Chandauli, Sonbhadra, Shravasti and Fatehpur have outstand-



ing health and nutrition performance. Similarly, in education, Balrampur, Sonbhadra, Shravasti, Siddharth Nagar Chitrakoot have secured positions among the top ten. Siddharthnagar ranks fifth nationally in the financial inclusion and skill development category," he said.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of aspirational development blocks. It was stated that the successful implementation of the Block Development Strategy has led to significant improvements.

In March 2024, the average performance of 108 aspirational blocks across 21 indicators surpassed the state average; by March 2025, this had improved across 24 indicators.

Besides, all 108 blocks outperform the state average in three indicators and the number of blocks showing low progress across 19 indicators has decreased significantly.

Terming this a significant achievement, the CM directed the officials to sustain the momentum and continue pushing for

measurable, inclusive development.

He underscored the importance of ensuring clear responsibility and accountability for CM Fellows deployed in aspirational development blocks. He directed that their work be monitored every week.

Highlighting that it has been over two and a half years since their deployment, he directed that a comprehensive performance ranking be prepared upon completion of their three-year tenure.

He also announced that weightage would be given to CM Fellows in future government recruitment processes and rules are being drafted to facilitate this.

During the review meeting, Yogi said that key positions such as Block Development Officer (BDO), Chief Development Officer (CDO), Medical Officer, Veterinary Officer, ADO Panchayat and Block Education Officer must not remain vacant in aspirational districts and development blocks.

He directed that immediate appointments be made wherever vacancies exist to ensure seamless execution of development schemes.

He called for micro-planning and consistent monitoring to effectively implement government programmes in these regions.

He also stressed the importance of regular meetings of the District-Level Bankers Committee (DLBC) and State-Level Bankers Committee (SLBC), highlighting the need for strong coordination with banks to promote financial inclusion.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, Yogi said that no district, block or individual should be left out of the development process.

He said that the Aspirational District and Development Block initiatives have become powerful tools to translate the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas into reality, positioning UP as a national model for inclusive growth.

Akhil Bhartiya dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti organized prayer for India's Victory

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

Today, Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti organized special prayer at Shri Ram Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu for India's Victory in the ongoing operation against terrorist outfit in the neighbouring country. Sunil Sharma, National Co-ordinator of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti graced the occasion with his esteemed presence along with Swami Mahesh Pandey from Ayodhya.

The program commenced with the recitation of Vedic mantras, Prarthna "Hey Prabhu Anand-data Gyan Humko Dijiye" and thereafter Samoohik Path of Shriram-stuti and Hanuman Chalisa, in which a large number of devotees



participated along with family members. Specially young generation also attended the event, adding to its significance. After the path, the speakers highlighted the devotion of Lord Hanumanji, his incredible contribution towards society, and his selfless service to Lord Rama. They emphasized how Hanumanji's exemplary deeds in difficult circumstances continue to inspire society and remain relevant today.

After the completion of Shri Ram stuti and

the Samoohik Hanuman Chalisa, a Satsang session was held where devotees gained spiritual knowledge and inspiration from the Acharya Mahesh Kumar coming from Ayodhya. The gathering provided the attendees with an opportunity to engage deeply in worship, fostering inner peace and devotion to Lord Ramji and Hanumanji.

The National Co-ordinator of the Samiti Sh. Sunil Sharma informed that the main resolution of today's prayer is that India should be victorious, the enemies

should be destroyed in the ongoing battle against terrorist outfit in the neighbouring country over the years, many initiatives have been launched by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti to expand the knowledge of the sacred scripture- Bhagwat Gita which can infuse the feelings of love for humanity and God in every body.

The event saw active participation from key figures such as Kewal Krishan Sharma Bhuvneshwari Sharma, Aayushman Sharma, Om parkash Sharma, Manmohan Sharma, Sanjay Yadav, rahul yadav, Vimbo Devi, Seema jamwal, Sonia Kuma-ri, Darshan Tagotra, shalini devi, Sawitri Sharma, vimal kumar, srinjan devi whose active contributions were pivotal in making the event a grand success.

Dr K Laxman urges UP CM for land allocation in Ayodhya, Kashi to support Telugu pilgrims

AGENCIES
HYDERABAD/LUCKNOW, MAY 7 (UNI)

In view of the growing number of Telugu-speaking devotees visiting the sacred places of Ayodhya and Kashi, Rajya Sabha MP and BJP OBC Morcha National President Dr K Laxman has appealed to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to allocate land for the development of essential infrastructure to support these pilgrims.

During a meeting with the Chief Minister in Lucknow on Wednesday, Dr Laxman submitted a formal request for land allotment ranging from 2,000 square yards to 1 acre in both Ayodhya and Kashi.

The proposed land would be used to construct dedicated facilities for pilgrims from the Telugu states, including accommodation, food services, parking spaces, and public toilets—all aimed at offering safe, affordable, and respectful amenities.

"The number of devotees from Telugu states visiting the Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and



the Kashi Vishwanath Temple is increasing significantly. To make their pilgrimage more comfortable, I have proposed the development of facilities specifically for them," Dr. Laxman stated.

He also informed the Chief Minister that the construction of these facilities would be undertaken using MP LAD (Local Area Development) funds or other appropriate funding sources. Emphasising the cultural and spiritual

ties between the Telugu people and these holy cities, Dr Laxman said, "This initiative is being taken with the interests of devotees from the southern states, especially Telangana, in mind."

Dr Laxman expressed satisfaction over the positive response from CM Yogi Adityanath, describing it as "gratifying" and a step forward in strengthening the spiritual connection between regions. "This effort will not only

ease the pilgrimage experience for Telugu devotees but also serve as a matter of pride for our community," he added.

The proposed facilities are expected to significantly enhance the pilgrimage experience for thousands of Telugu devotees, reinforcing Ayodhya and Kashi's status as inclusive and accessible centres of spiritual heritage, a statement said.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu Visits Suchetgarh Border, Praises Government Efforts and Operation Sindoor

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

In a significant visit, Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji, the Sangathan Mantri of Jammu Kashmir Sant Samaj Nayas, along with local Panchs, Sarpanchs, and Lambardars, toured the Suchetgarh Border area in Jammu. This tour org by sarpanch Surjeet Singh. The delegation inspected newly constructed bunkers built for the safety and convenience of the border residents. They also visited various temples and religious sites in the area, reviewing the arrangements made by the government. Mahant Rajesh Bittu praised the government's efforts, calling the infrastructure and support provided at the border and religious places commendable.

During the visit, the Sant Samaj Nayas extend-



ed heartfelt gratitude to the government, particularly for the successful execution of Operation Sindoor, in which Indian forces destroyed multiple terrorist bases across the Pakistan border. Addressing the media, Mahant Rajesh Bittu specifically

thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Dr. Jitendra Singh from the PMO for their leadership and commitment to national security.

Notable attendees during the visit included

Sarpanch Surjeet Singh, Panch Choor Singh, Naib Sarpanch Ashok Chaudhary, Surender Kumar, Jyoti Sharma, Chandan Mathur Singh, and Shri Mahendra Chaudhary. The event highlighted unity and support for the armed forces and the nation

BJP demands action against Prof Sujatha for remarks on Op Sindoor

AGENCIES
HYDERABAD, MAY 7 (UNI)

The BJP on Wednesday strongly condemned the remarks made by Professor Surapelli Sujatha, a member of the Telangana State Education Commission and faculty member at Satavahana University, regarding the Centre's anti-terror operation "Operation Sindoor," calling her comments derogatory, irresponsible, and an insult to national sentiment.

In a release issued by BJP State Spokesperson and Media In-charge N.V. Subhash, the party expressed outrage over Professor Sujatha's alleged characterisation of the operation as "corpses, fragments, blood vermillion."

The BJP said such comments, made in the context of a tragic terrorist attack that claimed the



lives of 26 innocent individuals, not only trivialise the seriousness of the incident but also undermine the courage and sacrifices of the Indian armed forces.

Subhash stated that while the nation is united in pride over the success of "Operation Sindoor," such mockery by an indi-

vidual holding a government-appointed position is both shocking and unacceptable.

He further added that allowing such a person to continue in official roles could mislead the public, particularly youth and students, and send the wrong message about patriotism and constitutional respon-

sibility.

The BJP demanded that immediate action be taken against Professor Sujatha, including her suspension from Satavahana University, removal from the Telangana State Education Commission, and arrest for making statements that allegedly insult national security efforts. Subhash also called on Telangana Chief Minister A Revanath Reddy to prove his commitment to the country by ensuring that individuals holding anti-national views are not encouraged or protected in positions of power.

He warned that if the Congress-led state government fails to act decisively, it risks alienating itself from the sentiments of patriotic citizens who stand firmly in support of the armed forces and national security initiatives.

18 Naxals killed in Chhattisgarh-Telangana border

AGENCIES
JAGDALPUR, MAY 7 (UNI)

Security forces have achieved a significant breakthrough in the ongoing anti-Naxal operation in the Korregutta hills on the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border. The operation, which has entered its 16th day, has yielded the recovery of 18 Naxalite bodies so far.

The operation, led by Chhattisgarh's additional director general of police (Naxal operations) Vivekanand Sinha, Central Security



Force's inspector general Rakesh Agrawal, and Bastar Range's inspector

general P Sundar Raj, involves personnel from the Central Security

Force, COBRA battalion, Special Task Force, and District Reserve Police Force.

ADG Vivekanand Sinha said that the security forces have recovered 18 bodies of Naxalites so far, and the exchange of fire was continuing.

Meanwhile, Bastar Range's IG P Sundar Raj stated that the operation is expected to yield good results and that all security personnel are safe and committed to maintaining peace and security in the Bastar region.

Telangana Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar urges vigilance, assures Hyderabad citizens after Operation Sindhur success

AGENCIES
HYDERABAD, MAY 7 (UNI)

Telangana Transport and Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar expressed pride in the Indian Armed Forces following the successful completion of Operation Sindhur, stating "Jai Hind."

"We are proud of our armed forces." He reassured the people of Hyderabad that there is no need to worry about the current situation on the country's borders.

Addressing the media on Wednesday, Minister Prabhakar emphasised that the Telangana State Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is taking all necessary steps to ensure public safety and security.

He urged citizens to remain calm but vigilant, and to report any suspi-



cious activity to the nearest police officials immediately.

As part of preparedness measures, a mock drill is scheduled to be conducted at 1600 hours in Secunderabad Cantonment, Kanchan Bagh, and Nanal Nagar.

The Minister noted that all efforts are being made to fortify the city through coordinated actions in and around the cantonment areas.

He stated that no one

needs to panic and encouraged citizens to remain courageous and cooperative. "We fully support every step being taken by the Telangana Government and the Congress Party to safeguard national sovereignty—whether it concerns internal affairs or border security," he said.

Minister Prabhakar added that the central Congress leadership has also resolved that the government must act firmly

on matters of internal security. Regular reviews are being conducted with Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand and other senior officials, including the Hyderabad District Collector, to monitor the situation and respond promptly.

A review meeting was held earlier today where Minister Prabhakar met with district administration and police officials to assess readiness. He advised the public to remain vigilant and directed the police to maintain heightened alertness at all times to prevent any untoward incidents.

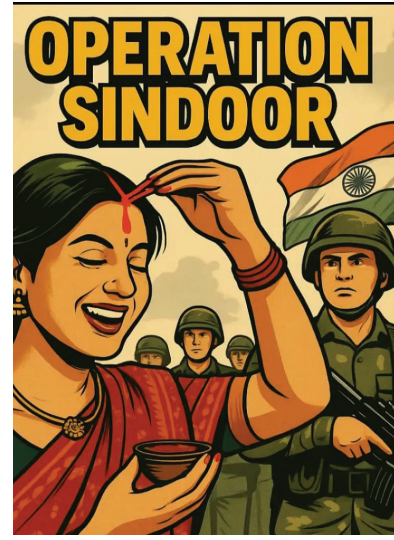
If anything unusual is observed, the Minister appeals to the public to promptly inform the police so that swift action can be taken. "Our priority is to ensure that the people of Hyderabad remain safe and do not face any inconvenience," he added.

Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, J&K hails Op 'Sindoor' to smash terror network

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

The Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu and Kashmir, under the esteemed leadership of Narendra Trehan, firmly stands in support of the Government of India and the Armed Forces for the successful and strategic strikes conducted today on terrorist camps operating from across the border in Pakistan. These operations were a resolute and necessary response to the recent Pahalgam attack, orchestrated with the support of Pakistan-based elements.

The Sabha believes that India's action was both measured and justified, aimed solely at neutralising the infrastructure of terror that poses a grave threat to national security and civilian life. Such tar-



taking a firm yet responsible approach in addressing these provocations. It is a clear demonstration of the nation's zero-tolerance stance on terrorism and its commitment to ensuring peace and stability within its borders.

The Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu and Kashmir extends its unwavering solidarity to the brave men and women of our armed forces. Their dedication inspires confidence across the country and reinforces our collective resolve to stand united in the face of any threat.

geted operations reflect the maturity and strength of our defence forces, who continue to uphold the dignity and sovereignty of the nation with unparalleled professionalism and courage.

We commend the Government of India for

Power shutdown

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 07

Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Meen and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 08 from 6 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Samba-1st, Samba-2nd, PHE Dhani, Hospital Samba and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 08 from 6 am to 9 am.

District Police Jammu issue advisory for social media users

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 07

The District Police Jammu today issued a public advisory for social media users and other public platforms. "All citizens of District Jammu are strictly advised not to share, upload, or circulate any content related to security deployments, operational movements, or sensitive locations on social media or any other public platforms" the advisory stated.

"Such actions pose a serious threat to public safety and national security, and will attract strict legal action under relevant laws. District Police Jammu urges everyone to act responsibly and refrain from activities that may compromise the effectiveness of security operations or endanger lives. Your cooperation is crucial at this juncture for maintaining peace and public order," It added further.

IUST launches University-Level NEP Implementation seminar with Inaugural Lecture delivered by Vice Chancellor

JINNEWS SERVICE
AWANTIPORA, MAY 7

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) formally launched its University-Level NEP Implementation Series with an inaugural lecture delivered by Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST. The series aims to enhance awareness and encourage effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 across departments, centres and academic units of the University.

In his address, Prof. Romshoo highlighted various initiatives already undertaken by IUST in line with NEP 2020, including the Design Your Own Degree (DYOD) programme, the introduction of Skill Education modules, FYUGP, incubation centres, promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship and the establishment of the Kalam Academy of Skill Training. These, he noted, are steps toward creating a flexible, multidisciplinary, and student-centric learning environment.

Emphasizing the importance of faculty engagement, Prof. Romshoo urged teachers to actively enrich their understanding of the NEP and integrate its guiding principles into their teaching, curriculum design, and departmental activities. "NEP implementation is a continuous process," he stated, "and teachers, as the primary stakeholders, must take the lead in shaping the academic future envisioned in the policy."

Stop ecotourism project in Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary, HYC tells Union Minister

AGENCIES
SHILLONG, MAY 7 (UNI)

The Hynniewtrep Youth Council (HYC), a pressure group in Meghalaya, has urged the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to stop the proposed ecotourism project in Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary in Ri-Bhoi district.

In a letter to Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav, the HYC president Roy Kuper Synrem expressed deep concern over the Rs 23.70 crore project being implemented by the Eco-Development Society of Meghalaya.

The project reportedly includes the development of tourist dwelling places, glass skywalks, and even a water-sports arena within the sanctuary.

The Council highlighted the ecological significance of the Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary, established in 1981, emphasising

ing its pristine value and its role as a vital habitat for a rich biodiversity.

Synrem said that the sanctuary is home to over 50 species of mammals, including the Clouded Leopard, Leopard, Hoolock gibbon, Elephant, and Gaur, as well as 25 species of reptiles and numerous endangered fish and bird species.

Moreover, he also informed the Union Minister that several species within Meghalaya have been recorded for the first time within this area.

"National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries are legally protected areas crucial for biodiversity conservation and that any activities within them should only be considered under "most exceptional circumstances," carefully assessing the potential impact on the area's flora and fauna," the HYC said.

"Despite the ecological sensitivity of the area, the

Eco-Development Society of Meghalaya has floated a tender worth Rs 23.70 crore to develop ecotourism infrastructure inside the sanctuary," Synrem stated.

Synrem expressed deep concern that these developments would severely disrupt the sanctuary's delicate ecosystem and the wildlife that depends on it for survival.

The HYC further raised concerns regarding the lack of mandatory approvals and cited Section 29 and the provision under Section 33 (a) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

"Prior approval from the State Board for Wildlife and the Standing Committee of the NBWL is required for any diversion of land or construction of commercial tourist facilities within a sanctuary," it said.

Moreover, the HYC president also referred to the 2002 Supreme Court directive that such proposals also necessitate the

Supreme Court's approval based on the NBWL's recommendation.

Synrem stated that, to their knowledge, no such approvals have been obtained for the Nongkhylllem project.

The HYC warned that the proposed tourism activities would severely impact the animals, birds, reptiles, and insects that rely on the sanctuary as a refuge, potentially leading to their death or displacement.

They fear that the project could decimate the biodiversity of an area recognized as a global hotspot under the Eastern Himalayan Endemic Bird Area.

The HYC urgently appealed to the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) to immediately halt the "Eco Tourism Works" project and to withhold any permissions for tourism activities within and around the Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary.

Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament kick-starts at Zone Bhalla Doda

JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 07

An Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament was today inaugurated here at Zone Bhalla under the guidance of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Pritam Singh.

The tournament has been organized by the office of I/C Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) and hosted at Government Higher Secondary School Berreru.

The event featured competitions in multiple disciplines including Volleyball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Chess, Carrom, and Badminton. A total of 275 U-14 boys from different schools participated in the tournament, showcasing their athletic talents and team spirit. The matches were conducted in a vibrant atmosphere, promoting sportsmanship



and camaraderie among the youth.

Principal of the host school Anjeeel Thakur graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and commended the students for their dedication and passion for sports. He encouraged the young athletes to continue pursuing excellence both on and off the field.

I/C ZPEO Bhalla, Subash Chander served

as the Nodal Officer for the event and played a key role in ensuring its smooth execution. The dedicated contributions of all Physical Education Lecturers (PELs), Physical Education Masters (PEMs), Physical Education Teachers (PETs), Rehbar-e-Khel (REKs), and National Youth Corps (NYCs) members were instrumental in the successful conduct of the tournament.

J&K seals berth in finals of KIYG; thrashes Manipur in semis



JINNEWS SERVICE
PATNA, MAY 7

Getting the better of Manipur in three straight sets in the semifinals, Jammu and Kashmir Men's Volleyball team sealed berth in the finals of the prestigious Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) at Patna today.

Jammu and Kashmir defeated Manipur by 27-25, 25-21, 26-18 in straight sets.

Earlier, in the league matches, Jammu and Kashmir drubbed formidable Uttarakhand in a close contest by (3-2), blanked Bihar (3-0) and lost to Uttar Pradesh by (1-3).

Now, J&K will lock

horns with Uttar Pradesh in the summit clash at the same venue tomorrow.

The matches were played on May 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Javid Ur Rehman (JKAS), Sports Officer Central J&K Sports Council as CDM, while Jugal Kishore,

Senior Judo Coach and Incharge Manager Sports Stadium Akhnoor is the Nodal Officer.

Naresh Kumar from the Department of Youth Services and Sports and Prateek Kumar from Sports Authority of India (SAI) are accompanying J&K team as the Coaches.

Distt admin Srinagar organizes awareness camp on New Criminal Laws



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SRINAGAR, MAY 07

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Uddin Bhat, District Administration Srinagar today organized an awareness camp at Harwan Block to sensitize the general public

about the three new criminal laws.

The event was attended by Deputy Director Prosecution Srinagar, Block Development Officer (BDO) Harwan, along with other Resource persons, who shared valuable insights with the gathering.

During the camp, speak-

ers elaborated on the key features of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. They highlighted the citizen-centric reforms, simplified procedures, and measures to strengthen the criminal justice system under the

new legal framework.

The programme witnessed active participation from the local residents, who lauded the efforts of the District Administration for taking proactive steps to spread legal awareness among the masses.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-AUCTION NOTICE		
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/FS, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division.		
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EAFZR-SLR25-67	22/05/2025 at 11:00 Hrs.	Allotment of contract for leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 14601/F2, 14614/R1, 12032/F1, 20498/F1, 14601/R1, 14601/F1, 12412/F1, 14508/F1, 19612/F1 & 15212/F1.
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'Operation Sindoor'...

Sofiya Quresh and Wing Commander Yomika Singh, who briefed the media alongside Misri, emphasized that Operation Sindoor was a mission for justice. "All nine targets were destroyed. Our forces exercised utmost restraint and precision to avoid civilian harm," they noted.

India has provided detailed inputs on TRF, LeT, and JeM to the UN monitoring team, highlighting their operations through new proxy fronts. The UN Security Council (UNSC) has already issued a statement condemning the Pahalgam attack and calling for the perpetrators to be held accountable.

While India has chosen to respond proportionately, government sources warned of intelligence inputs indicating possible future terror attempts by Pakistan-based groups. "India has shown patience, but our armed forces remain fully prepared to defend our people and respond as needed," Misri said.

According to the details accessed by the news agency the terror camps that were targeted during "Operation Sindoor" are as follows:

MARKAZ SUBHAN ALLAH, JAISH-E-MOHAMMAD

Bahawalpur, Punjab, Pakistan, located at NH-5 (Karachi-Torkham Highway) on the outskirts

According to the officials this is main centre of JeM for training and indoctrination of youth which is spread over a 15-acre area.

This Markaz serves as the operational headquarter of JeM and associated with terrorist plannings including Pulwama attack on Feb 14, 2019. Perpetrators of Pulwama attack were trained at this camp.

The Markaz also consists of residences of JeM Chief Maulana Masood Azhar, de-facto Chief of JeM Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar, Maulana Ammar and other family members.

Maulana Masood Azhar remains to be the de-jure chief of JeM and under the protective custody of Pak authorities at an undisclosed location in Islamabad/Rawalpindi while the actual operations of JeM are carried out by Mufti. JeM conducts regular arms, physical and religious training for its cadres at Markaz Subhan Allah. Senior JeM functionaries such as Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar (de-facto head, JeM) and other brothers of Maulana Masood Azhar, chief of JeM and his brother-in-law, Yusuf Azhar @ Ustad Ghouri, head of JeM's (armed) wing reside in this premises.

Besides the residences of these important JeM functionaries, the complex also houses more than 600 cadres.

Maulana Rafiqullah, former religious trainer at Markaz Usman-o-Ali is chief instructor at this Markaz since mid-2022.

The Markaz Subhan Allah was built with the help of both the provincial and federal governments of Pakistan, apart from funds raised by JeM from some Gulf and African countries including the UK. It is operational since 2015.

In March 2018, a gymnasium was established inside the Markaz. It also has a swimming pool since July 2018 for imparting rigorous swimming and deep-water diving courses for JeM cadres. The JeM also imparts 6 days archery training to its cadres and Shura members at the Markaz.

In 2019, a new 'Al Hijama' Centre (Treatment by use of Pressure Cupping) was established inside the Markaz. Horse stables and Riding Ground were built in May 2022.

Recently, On Nov.30, 2024, Maulana Masood Azhar addressed JeM cadres at Markaz Subhan Allah after a gap of two years. Anti-India rhetoric, including taking revenge for Babri Masjid demolition reiterated during the address, were raised by him. The event was attended by Maulana Talha Saif (younger brother of MMA), Mohammad Abdullah Bin Masood (s/o MMA) and other JeM operatives.

Before this, MMA last reported appearance at Khatme-Bukhari at MarkazSubhan Allah on on February 13, 2022. During July 2023, MMA performed 'Eid-ul-Azha' proceedings along with his family, brothers and senior JeM functionaries.

It is located at an aerial distance of 100.4 km (approx.) from IB opposite of Khajuwala, Bikaner, Rajasthan.

The JeM commanders associated with their Afghan operations also visit this Markaz for terrorist plannings and meetings with senior JeM functionaries.

Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar (MARA) arranges for the consignments of weapons, including recently acquired M4 Rifles left by NATO forces in Afghanistan, through KPK based smugglers from this facility.

The most important fidayeen terrorists including close relatives of JeM Chief Maulana Masood Azhar such as his nephews Talha Rasheed, Usman, Umar and Mohammad Ismail @ Lambu were indoctrinated for fidayeen attack at this facility and sent to Balakot for arms training.

The JeM has been proscribed as a terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) in Oct 2001.

The organization has also been designated as a terrorist organization by various countries. Among others, these include the USA (October, 2001), UK (October, 2001), Australia (August, 2015), Canada (November, 2002) and UAE (November, 2014). JeM was listed as a terrorist organization by the UN in October, 2001.

The chief of the organization, Maulana Masood Azhar was also designated under UNSCR 1267 in May, 2019.

The organization was ostensibly banned by Pakistan in January, 2002 under international pressure after the group carried out a terror attack on the Indian Parliament in December, 2001.

The JeM continues to carry out its terror activities from its headquarters in Markaz Subhan Allah, Bahawalpur which is serves as a hub from terror indoctrination and training.

MARKAZ TAIBA, LASHKAR-E-TAIBA

Muridke, Punjab

The officials said that this facility was established in the year 2000, Markaz Taiba is the 'alma mater' and the most important training centre of LeT located in Nangal Sahdan, Muridke, Sheikhpura, Punjab, Pakistan.

The complex spread across 82 acres, comprises of madrassa, market, residential area for terror entities, sports facility, a fish farm and agricultural tracts.

The complex holds arms and physical trainings facility, as well as for dawa'h and radicalisation/indoctrina-

tion for terror entities both from within Pakistan and abroad.

There is a Sufa Academy, located in the Markaz catering to religious indoctrination for male cadres and a separate Sufa education centre for women.

This markaz serves as mushrooming ground for radicalisation of students to motivate them to pick up arms. It can be compared to a terror factory.

This markaz enrolls around 1000 students in different courses annually there by highlighting the role of this markaz in churning out terror entities for LeT annually. LeT/JuD also conducts periodical training for its entire leadership in this facility.

Osama Bin Laden had financed Rs 10 million for construction of mosque & guest house within the Markaz Taiba complex in the year 2000.

At the behest of Pakistan's ISI, all the perpetrators of 26/11 Mumbai attack including Ajmal Kasab were imparted 'Daura-e-Ribat' (intelligence training) at this facility. David Coleman Headly & Tahawwur Hussain Rana, the prime conspirators of 26/11 Mumbai attacks, had visited Muridke along with Abdul Rehman Sayed @ Pasha, Haroon and Khurram (co-conspirators) on instructions of Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi.

LeT ideologues Amir Hamza, Abdul Rehman Abid and Zafar Iqbal reside in the premises of this Markaz.

LeT commanders Khubaib, Isa and Qasim frequently visit this Markaz.

Other than these ideologues, Hafiz Saeed and other terror entities of LeT, including Zaki Ur Rehman Lakhvi, have houses in this facility. They regularly visit to supervise the radicalisation activities being conducted from this Markaz.

Pertinently, this Markaz is considered fountainhead for LeT terrorism, as Dawa'h from other sects of Islam to Ahle Hadith (being followed by LeT) is being conducted here only. This markaz provides the strategy to LeT, and also religious justification for Ghazwat-ul-Hind.

LeT is designated as a terrorist organisation by many countries including UK(2001), USA (2001), India (2002), Australia(2003). Further after the Mumbai attack (2008) LeT was placed on the consolidated list established by UNSC Resolution 1267.

Despite the global ban on LeT, Pakistan has allowed the organisation and its leaders to go about their terrorist activities and organisation to flourish.

SARJAL / TEHRA KALAN FACILITY

Jaish-e-Mohammad, Shakargarh, District Narowal, Punjab, Pakistan

This facility, the officials said, is the main launching site of JeM for infiltration of terrorists into J&K. It is located in the Shakargarh Tehsil of Narowal District in Punjab, Pakistan. This facility is located inside the premises of a Primary Health Center in Tehra Kalan Village of Sarjal area so as to conceal its real purpose.

The terror backers, Pak ISI have facilitated setting up of such launch facilities along IB & LoC in Govt buildings to hide/conceal terror infrastructure. In-fact, a number of other facilities of JeM and HM in Punjab, Pakistan operate from basic health units/ primary health centre, which has been facilitated by ISI.

This JeM facility holds special prominence due to its close proximity of around 06 km from IB in Samba Sector of Jammu, J&K.

It serves as the base for the digging of cross-border tunnels for infiltration of terrorists.

Pak ISI and JeM have developed a network of underground tunnels in Shakargarh area which is used for infiltration of JeM cadres into India.

All the tunnels which have been dug across the IB in Arnia-Jammu Sector are handiwork of the handlers from this facility.

The Sarjal facility also serves as the launching base for drones by which arms/ammunition/narcotics and warlike stores are dropped into Indian territory. The JeM has also been planning use of drones for infiltrating JeM terrorist into India aerially using drones.

This facility therefore serves as an important terror base. It has a control room also, in which the HF radio receivers and other communication facilities being used by the terrorists of JeM and Hizbul-Mujahideen are located. Instructions to terrorists operating in J&K are communicated through encrypted mode from the facility.

The complex consists of single storey buildings wherein 6/7 rooms near first entrance are used by doctors and staff members of PHC for health check-up of patient/public.

The two quarters near the parking and a hall are being used by JeM for their operational commanders and cadres. 20 - 25 JeM terrorists usually remain stationed at this JeM facility to supervise infiltration attempts and terrorist activities of infiltrated terrorists in India.

Despite international pressure and purported ban by Pakistan government, JeM continues to carry out its terror activities from its facilities including Sarjal facility.

MEHMOONA JOYA FACILITY, SIALKOT

Mehmoona Joya facility of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) is located near Kotli Bhutta Govt Hospital in Head Marala area of Sialkot District of Punjab, Pakistan, officials said.

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In-fact, a number of other facilities of JeM and HM in Punjab, Pakistan operates from Basic Health Units/ Primary Health Centre, which has been facilitated by ISI.

This facility is used for infiltration of HM cadres into Jammu region of J&K. HM cadres are also given training for terrorist operations and handling of weapons by the senior commanders at this facility.

Mohammad Irfan Khan @ Irfan Tanda is commander of this facility.

Tanda has been involved in carrying out several attacks in Jammu region, especially in capital city of Jammu, particularly series of blasts carried out by Tanda on 26 Jan 1995 in Maulana Azad Stadium of Jammu leaving 8 persons dead and 50 injured. The then J&K Governor K.V.Krishna Rao narrowly escaped the attack.

Irfan Tanda has led several infiltration bids from this HM facility into J&K and handles transportation / smuggling of weapons for valley based terrorists from this facility.

Other important HM commanders who operate from this facility are Atta Al Rehman Alfezey @ Abu Lala and Maaz Bhai, who are both actively leading infiltration of

HM terrorists into J&K from this facility. HM terrorist Irfan Ghuman also operates from this facility and has been involved in orchestrating BAT action against Indian security forces in Jammu - Samba sector.

The facility consists of single-story concrete building having three rooms, one kitchen and one bathroom respectively. Quarters of the near-by hospital in the vicinity of facility is used to accommodate HM cadres. This facility can accommodate approximately 50 cadres at a time and around 20 - 25 terrorists are usually present at this facility at any point of time overseeing infiltration bids and terrorist operations in India.

Despite ban the organisation is continuing to openly use its facilities like the Mehmoona facility to carry out terrorist training/ activities in Pak/PoJK and in order to execute terrorist operations in India.

MARKAZ AHLE HADITH BARNALA

Lashkar-e-Taiba Bhimber District, PoJK

According to the officials this is one of the important Markaz of LeT in PoJK and is used for infiltration of LeT terrorists and arms/ammunition into Poonch - Rajauri - Reasi sector.

The Markaz is situated at outskirts of Barnala town on Kote Jamel road and is at a distance of 500 metres from Barnala town and 200 metre from Kote Jamel road. Markaz Ahle Hadith, Barnala can accommodate 100 -150 cadres and around 40 - 50 cadres are usually present at this Markaz, supervising terror activities being organised from this Markaz.

This Markaz is also utilized as staging centre for LeT terrorists before infiltrating into Indian territory.

LeT terror operatives Qasim Gujjar @ Mahrore, Qasim Khanda, Anas Jarar operate from this Markaz and reside in its vicinity. Khubaib @ Mohammad Amin Butt also visits this Markaz regularly. Qasim Gujjar and Khubaib have been designated under UA (P) Act by Indian Government. Saifullah Sajid Jutt and Abu Qatal Sindhi (killed in March 2025) planned and executed attacks targeting civilians including attack (Jan 01, 2023) in Dhangri, Rajouri killing 7 civilians and attack (June 09, 2024) on bus carrying pilgrims in Reasi, killing 9 civilians from this facility of LeT.

MARKAZ ABBAS KOTLI, Jaish-e-Mohammad

This JeM terror facility, the officials said, is located in Mohalla Roli Dhara Bypass road, Kotli, PoJK. This Markaz is located approx. 2 km south-east of Kotli Military Camp. This building can accommodate around 100 -125 JeM cadres and 40 - 50 JeM cadres are always present within premises of this Markaz at any point of time.

Residence of Qari Zarrar Markaz Abbas, Hafiz Abdul Shakoor @ Qari Zarrar, is head of this Markaz. Qari Zarrar is a Shura member of JeM Council. Qari Zarrar is one of the founding members of JeM and part of the Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HuM) terrorists who had left HuM and founded JeM along with Maulana Masood Azhar. Qari Zarrar lives in the three-storey building located adjacent to Markaz Abbas. Qari Zarrar is directly involved in planning and execution of terrorist attacks in J&K.

Qari Zarrar is wanted accused by NIA for attack on Indian Army Camp near Baleeni Bridge, Nagrota, Jammu on Nov

29, 2016. He is also involved in fund raising for JeM through his contacts in Afghanistan.

Other JeM terrorists based at Markaz Abbas include Qari Maaz (son of Qari Zarrar), Mohammad Maviya Khan, Tahir Nazir and Abu Bakr.

After Pathankot attack, arms & ammunition stores of JeM, earlier stored in Daska Markaz in Sialkot, were transferred to Markaz Abbas in Kotli, PoJK.

Qari Zarrar himself carries arms and ammunition to Sialkot in his vehicle(s), whenever required.

Muaz @ Qari Maaz, son of Qari Zarar, formerly associated with JeM's Afghanistan chapter, is person in-charge of a launching detachment in North Kashmir. Muaz returned from Afghanistan during October 2018.

MASKAR RAHEEL SHAHID-- KOTLI, POJK

Hizbul-Mujahideen

Located at approximately 2.5 kms from Mahuli Puli (a bridge on Mahuli Nalla on Mirpur-Kotli road) in Kotli District, PoJK, Maskar Rahil Shahid is one of the oldest facilities of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), the officials said.

It is a secluded facility and accessible only via a kuchcha track. The camp is located in hilly area and comprises of barracks, four rooms being used for keeping arms & ammunition, office and for residential purpose for terrorists.

A new facility for accommodation of cadres and instructors has been constructed in this campus.

A special designated electricity line is provided to this camp in this otherwise secluded area. This camp is located in heavy forest cover.

It can accommodate around 150 - 200 HM terrorists. Around 25 -30 HM terrorists are usually present at this facility supervising terrorist activities being organised at this camp.

Pertinently, HM terrorists visit this facility particularly for taking arms firing training and specialized physical training. In addition to providing conventional arms / physical training, this camp specializes in training cadres for BAT/ sniping actions.

Terrorist cadres are taken to nearby hilly area for training regarding fighting in hilly area. Survival training is also imparted at this camp.

Fresh construction activities have been noticed in this camp with an aim to accommodate more cadres. Large amount of propaganda material including posters, photos and videos of slain HM terrorists are kept at this camp and used to radicalize and motivate HM cadres to carry out violent 'Jihad' against India.

Despite USA declaring (June2017) HM Chief & Chairman of United Jihad Council (UJC), Syed Salahuddin a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) and the proscribing of HM outfit by USA (August 2017) and European Union (Nov 2005), the organisation is continuing to openly use its facilities like the Mehmoona facility to carry out terrorist training/ activities in Pak/PoJK and in order to execute terrorist operations in India.

SHAWAI NALLAH CAMP

Lashkar-e-Taiba, Muzaffarabad, PoJK

It is one of the most important camps of LeT and is used for recruitment, registration and training of LeT cadres, the officials said.

This camp has been functional since early 2000.

The camp is located near Chelabandi bridge on

Muzaffarabad-Neelum Road, Muzaffarabad, PoJK. This camp is also known as Huzaifa Bin Yemen and Bait-ul-Mujahideen camp.

This camp includes a firing range, training ground, LeT Madrassa for cadres, and around 40 rooms.

Shawai Nallah Camp has a large accommodation for LeT cadres along with residences for LeT terrorist commanders & instructors. This facility is used as base camp for imparting Daura-e-Aam training, which includes religious indoctrination, physical training, tactical training regarding use of GPS, map reading and arms training for rifles and grenades.

After completion of initial training at this camp, cadres are sent to other LeT camps for further terrorist training.

Shawai Nallah Camp is also used from time to time to organize specialized weapons training for LeT cadres.

The LeT has been using this camp for organizing refresher courses for its already trained commanders/ cadres. Pak-ISI also facilitates holding trainings at this camp by providing trainers of Pak Army to provide weapons training to LeT terrorists

Shawai Nallah Camp can accommodate 200 -250 cadres, and around 50 - 100 cadres are usually present at this camp undergoing various terror activities being organised at this camp.

Pertinently, Ajmal Kasab and other terrorists involved in 26/11 had undergone training in this camp. This camp forms a very important infrastructure for initial indoctrination and training of LeT terrorists.

LeT commander, Abu Dujana is in-charge of the camp and is assisted by Qamar Bhai, who looks after training schedules for cadres. This camp is frequently visited by several senior LeT commanders.

Office of LeT's front organisation Jamaat-ud-Dawa located in Chela Bandi, Muzaffarabad facilitates operations of this camp.

SYEDNA BILAL MARKAZ

Jaish-e-Mohammad, Muzaffarabad, PoJK

According to the officials it is the main centre of JeM in PoJK, located opposite Red Fort, Muzaffarabad. JeM's Office cum Transit Camp is located on the first floor adjacent to the building of Syedna Bilal Masjid.

The Masjid building consists of a three-storey building (from hill slope side)/ two stories from front wherein the 'Hijama Centre' (pressure cupping medical therapy) is located on the ground floor. This facility is spread over 08-10 Kanals. This facility has family quarters, office building and office of Al-Rehmat Trust, charity wing of JeM. This facility is used as a transit camp for JeM terrorists prior to their launching into J&K. At any point of time 50-100 cadres resides in this facility.

Additionally training by Pakistani Special Forces, SSG, is imparted here, as indicted from the photographs retrieved from phones of killed JeM terrorists.

The JeM operational commander and JeM head of PoJK, Mufti Asghar Khan Kashmiri is in-charge of the facility. Abdullah Jehadi@ Abdullah Kashmiri and Aashiq Nengroo (Indian Fugitive) also operate from this centre.

Mufti Asghar Khan Kashmiri and Abdullah Jehadi are wanted accused in Nagrota Attack, 2016 as they had planned and executed the Nagrota attack in which terrorists entered into the Army Camp at Nagrota, near the Baleeni Bridge and started indiscriminate firing upon the army personnel.

Ashiq Nengroo is an Indian fugitive and a wanted accused in IED attack on Convoy of CRPF personnel at Lethpora, Pulwama J&K, 2019 in which 40 CRPF personnel lost their lives. He is absconding and had possibly ex-filtrated and taken shelter under patronage of Pak-ISI and JeM in Pakistan.

Aashiq Nengroo is carrying out these terror operations in India from his base in Syedna Bilal facility of JeM.

The JeM commander, Abdul Rehman @Saad @ Shahid (r/o Poonch) who was arrested (May 16, 2016) in Baramulla for his involvement in expanding JeM network in J&K had exfiltrated into PoJK and visited Markaz Syedna Bilal, Muzaffarabad in 2013 prior to his arms training at JeM's Training center at Balakot, KPK.

The JeM Commander Sarfraz present also operates from Markaz Syedna Bilal. KNO

Outrage after Poonch...

He said both nations must make sincere efforts to restore peace. "War always harms humanity, often resulting in the deaths of many innocent people," he said. "Every possible effort must be made to resolve the situation peacefully."

The Jathedar said both India and Pakistan have endured great losses since 1947, especially the Hindu and Sikh communities in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, due to ongoing hostilities.

He urged residents in border areas to support one another during these challenging times and seek solace in Gurbani. The Jathedar prayed to Akal Purakh (the Timeless One) for peace and strength to overcome the difficult period.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann condemned the shelling in Poonch.

In his statement, CM Mann expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of life, particularly the deaths of Bhai Amrik Singh, Bhai Amarjeet Singh, Bhai Ranjit Singh, and Ruby Kaur, who were caught in the crossfire of the ongoing hostilities between India and Pakistan.

He called for immediate action to ensure the safety and security of civilians living in conflict zones, especially those along the Line of Control (LoC). He urged both governments to engage in dialogue and take concrete steps toward de-escalating the violence to avoid further loss of innocent lives.

"The people of Punjab and the Sikh community stand in solidarity with those affected by the violence in Jammu and Kashmir," Mann said. "We must all work toward a peaceful resolution to prevent further suffering."

The chief minister expressed heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased, offering them support and prayers during their time of grief. He said peace should be prioritised above all else. "It is crucial to protect the lives of innocent civilians from the ravages of war," he said. KNO

All India Kabaddi Referres Exam Mir Alam, Majid Khan, Nazarat Bhatti, Tanvir Iqbal and Anita Sharma appeared in 2nd Batch



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

General Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta told that 2nd Batch All India Kabaddi Examination for fresh-er has been conducted by Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) from 4th to 8 May 2025 at Jaipur, Rajasthan. Wherein all State/UT officials have undergone in the said Examination, among them Mr. Mir Alam, Majid Khan, Nazarat Bhatti, Tanvir Iqbal and Anita Sharma from Jammu & Kashmir have undergone 2nd Batch All India Kabaddi

Referree's Examination which will definitely boost the Kabaddi Game during officiating of matches in Jammu & Kashmir as Technical officials. They have to officiate local tournament district championship U.T.championships, School Nationals Games, Inter College and University Games, Police Games and National Championships in near future. The President of the association Mr. Anil Gupta has appreciated blessed and welcome to the 2nd batch undergone Technical Officials in the Kabaddi family and hope they will perform their duty with dedication and honesty

in the welfare of Kabaddi Game and particularly they will devote their time to officiating the more and more Kabaddi matcher to gain more experience and perfection. The Validity of the Fresher Course in three years from the date of Examination and needs to be renewed accordingly to sustain the eligibility for officiating Kabaddi tournaments. The amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) has provided free accommodation and food facility to all participated officials from the different part of the country.

DLSA Budgam organizes awareness programme at Central Jail Srinagar



JNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, MAY 07

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam, today organized an awareness programme on the rights of under trial prisoners (UTPs), jail inmates, convicted persons etc. at Central Jail Srinagar. The programme was held under the chairmanship of O.P.Bhagat, Chairman DLSA (Pr.Dist. & Sessions Judge) Budgam and supervision of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam. On the occasion, Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel of DLSA Budgam, Lateef

Ahmad Khan and Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsels, Javaid Ahmad Mir and Nazir Ahmad Wagay were deputed as resource persons on behalf of DLSA Budgam to Central Jail Srinagar. The resource persons spoke on the subject and apprised the under trial prisoners, convicts, jail inmates etc, about ways and means of obtaining free and competent legal aid from legal services institutions to defend their cases at various levels free of cost. They also interacted with the UTP's and apprised them about the

progress of their cases and heard their concerns regarding pending court cases. The inmates were also informed about the services and schemes of DLSA meant for UTPs, and also imparted awareness regarding the legal provisions etc. Programme witnessed active participation of Shahbaz Hussain, Incharge Superintendent Central Jail Srinagar, officials of Prison Legal Aid Clinic and PLVs existing at Central Jail Srinagar, police personnel, jail inmates, PLVs of DLSA Budgam etc.

Appeals invited for Electoral Rolls in respect of 27-Budgam and 77-Nagrota ACs

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

After house to house field survey by 323 Booth Level Officers (BLOs), draft Electoral Rolls were published on 8th April 2025 by the respective Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) in the two Assembly Constituencies viz; 27-Budgam and 77-Nagrota, for inviting

claims and objections. All Political Parties together appointed 279 number of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) for verifying the draft electoral rolls in these two constituencies. After addressing all claims and objections, the final electoral rolls were published by the respective Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) on 5th May 2025 and a copy was handed to

all political parties. As per Section 24 (a) of the Representation of People Act 1950, anyone can now file an appeal against the decision of the concerned ERO to the respective District Magistrate. In case anyone is not satisfied with the decision of the District Magistrate, an appeal can still be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer, UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rahul Gandhi speaks to Karra over border situation, asks for all sorts of help to affected people

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU/SRINAGAR MAY 7

Leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Shri Rahul Gandhi today spoke to JKPC President Tariq Hameed Karra to enquire about the situation on the borders and asked the party cadres to render all sorts of help and assistance to the civilian people affected in Pakistan shelling besides extending full cooperation to our forces and administration in the situation.

He shared the grief and pain of the families of those martyred and prayed for recovery of the injured.

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has lauded the

armed forces for the brave action against the terrorist camps in POJK and Pakistan and said that entire nation is behind our forces to eliminate terrorism.

Expressing pain and shock over the loss of number of precious lives and injuries to several civilians, in the heavy Pakistan shelling in several areas all along the LOC especially in Poonch, Rajouri, Kupwara and Baramulla Districts, JKPC Chief Tariq Hameed Karra alongwith Working Presidents Shri Tara Chand and Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder and other senior leaders have strongly condemned Pakistan for targeting civilian population as

well as religious places violating all international norms. The international community should take cognizance of Pakistan's violations and targeting of civilian population out of frustration and condemn it in Strongest manner besides imposing sanctions on her, the party urged.

Party has shared the grief of the families of those martyred in Pakistan's action and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

PCC President has asked party cadres along the border areas to render all possible help to the affected population and the forces as well administration at this juncture. All young turks have been

asked to organize the volunteers for all sorts of assistance in any situation.

He also directed young turks in the party to volunteer for blood donations and all other necessary help to the needy in different areas. PCC President spoke to several senior leaders in the addwcted border belt to discuss the current situation.

Our senior party leaders in border belt are visiting the injured and rendering possible help to the affected people, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said, adding that groups of volunteers being organised and activated for necessary help.

The party leaders saluted the brave forces

and asked them to give befitting response to the terrorism and Pakistan in the strongest & best possible manner. Pakistan is a factory of terrorism and our people can no longer tolerate terrorism and are fully behind the forces and government at this juncture they added.

The signatories include former MP Ch Lal Singh, Mula Ram. Th Balwan Singh, Yogesh Sawhney, Jahangir Mir Ex Chairman Leg Council, Ved Mahajan Dr Manohar Lal Sharma, Yash Pal Kundal, MLA Rajouri Iftikhar Ahmed, DCC President Rajouri Shabir Ahmed Khan, President DCC Poonchh Rajinder Singh Kaka, Bhushan Dogra and others.

Poonch Administration spurs up designated Public shelter camps with adequate amenities

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With arrangements already in place for relocating people to safer locations amid prevailing situation, the District Administration Poonch conducted a detailed review of preparedness at various designated shelter camps.

A team of senior officers, including Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), CPO, and Tahsildar Haveli, visited the proposed camp sites to assess the readiness of facilities and ensure all logistic and support systems are operational.

The locations designated as shelter camps for those willing to relocate are Caramel School, Chandak, Dingla University Campus, Ishat ul Uloom Chandak, Higher Second-



ary School (HSS), Chandak, GHSS Lassana, Government High School (GHS) Sanai, Government Middle School (GMS) Sanai, GHSS Seri Khawaja, Polytechnic College, Sathra

The administration assures the public that essential services including accommodation, food, and medical assistance are available at all these shelter sites. People are being encouraged to make use of these facilities if they wish to relocate.

Op Sindoor just a trailer, target is PoK: Shiv Sena

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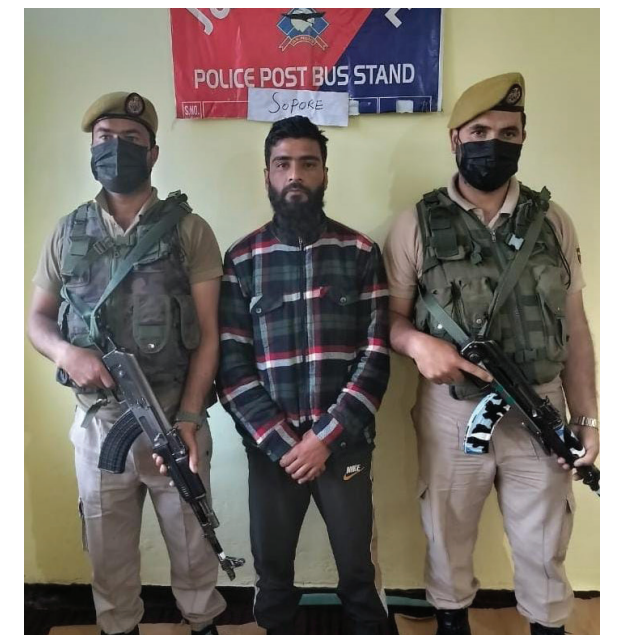


Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit called Operation Sindoor the most successful and just a trailer against terrorism and said that POK is yet to be taken.

Addressing journalists at the party's state central office today, state chief Manish Sahni said that Pakistan started the war by killing 28 innocent people in Pahalgam on April 22. After the diplomatic and economic attacks of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our soldiers have given a befitting reply to Pakistan with Operation Sindoor.

Sahni said that this was just a trailer, the real picture is yet to come. Our target is to free POK from the illegal occupation of Pakistan and get entire Jammu-Kashmir. In a warning tone, Sahni warned Pakistan to stop its nefarious and cowardly activities and said that the next target of Indian soldiers will be Pakistan Army and ISI.

Police Books Notorious Drug Peddler Under PIT NDPS Act in Sopore



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SOPORE, MAY 7

Continuing its relentless drive against the drug menace, Police in Sopore have booked a notorious drug peddler, Nazir Ahmad Shah @Bedan son of Mohammad Yousaf Shah resident of Neharpura Sopore, under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act. The accused has been lodged in Udhampur Jail following the execution of the PIT-NDPS detention warrant.

Nazir Ahmad Shah was a habitual offender involved in multiple cases of drug peddling and was operating in and around Sopore, posing a serious threat to public health and order, especially targeting vulnerable youth. His continued involvement in the illicit

drug trade despite repeated warnings and legal actions made it imperative to proceed under the stringent provisions of the PIT-NDPS Act.

This action reflects J&K Police's zero-tolerance policy toward drug trafficking and its firm resolve to break the supply chain of narcotics. We are committed to identifying, tracking, and taking the strongest possible legal action against individuals and networks involved in drug smuggling and distribution.

The drug menace is a grave threat to our society, particularly to the younger generation, and it demands a united response. J&K Police appeals to the general public to come forward with any information regarding drug-related activities in their areas.

Vikram Randhawa holds Public Darbar at BJP headquarters



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JAMMU, 07 MAY 2025:

Choudhary Vikram Randhawa, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Bahu Assembly Constituency, held a Public Darbar at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The Public Darbar witnessed a strong turnout from various areas of the constituency, with citizens and deputations presenting a range of grievances related to civic, infrastructural, and individual matters.

Among the reported issues, a deputation from sector 7 extension Trikuta Nagar requested for clearance of drain, extension of side drain and installation of new street lights. Deputation from Hajipura Last Morh requested for shifting of Municipality Trol-

ley. A person from Nanak Nagar requested for registration of Plot. An individual from Sanjay Nagar requested for clearance of DPC. Deputation from Gandhi Nagar requested for construction of Lane/Drain in Last Morh. Deputation for Channi complained about shortage of water supply. Deputations from Dilli and Nai Basti requested for installation of new and repair or old street lights.

MLA Randhawa gave a patient hearing to all the attendees and immediately took up most of the issues with the concerned department officials. For the remaining matters, he issued written communications to ensure timely follow-up. He assured the public that necessary actions would be taken without delay.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Randhawa emphasized that the Public Darbar reflects the BJP's commitment to people-centric governance. "The Modi Government has maintained a strong connection with the grassroots. The BJP has always been the voice of the people, and this Darbar is a clear example of our dedication to resolving issues and bringing meaningful change," he said.

He further underscored the commitment of BJP in addressing the region's challenges, and reaffirmed the party's commitment to ensuring every citizen's voice is heard.

Er. TK Sharma, co-convenor Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, J&K BJP coordinated the darbar proceedings. BJP District President, Jammu South Naresh Singh Jasrotia was also present on the occasion.

EDITORIAL

The northern sea route emerges as a climate-friendly trade corridor

Step back from the brink

The brutal terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed 26 innocent lives, has jolted the conscience of a nation and rekindled tensions between two nuclear-armed neighbours – India and Pakistan. In swift retaliation, the Indian military launched precision strikes under Operation Sindoor, targeting nine terror sites across Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and Pakistan proper, including Bahawalpur, a known stronghold of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in acknowledging the operation's success, asserted India's right to respond, emphasizing that only those responsible for the terror attack were targeted. As the situation teeters on the edge, world leaders have intervened to call for calm. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres expressed deep concern over the military escalation, urging both nations to exercise "maximum restraint" and warning that the world cannot afford a military confrontation between India and Pakistan. US President Donald Trump echoed this sentiment, hoping the hostilities would end "very quickly." These appeals are more than ceremonial diplomacy – they are urgent warnings aimed at averting a potential catastrophe. A war between India and Pakistan is not merely a bilateral issue; it is a global threat. Both nations possess nuclear capabilities, and any miscalculation could trigger an uncontrollable chain reaction with devastating consequences across South Asia and beyond. The Indian government finds itself under immense domestic pressure. Public anger is justified – 26 civilians lost their lives in a cowardly act of terror. There is a moral and sovereign imperative to act. Yet, amidst the grief and fury, it is crucial that India's response remain measured and strategic. History has repeatedly shown that military escalation with Pakistan rarely leads to lasting peace or security. Instead, it fuels cycles of violence, derails economic progress, and pushes diplomacy into the shadows. Pakistan, having raised the issue at the United Nations Security Council, appears to be seeking international validation. However, the global community has largely shifted its stance from taking sides to advocating de-escalation. The emphasis is now on restraint, dialogue, and the dismantling of terror networks that threaten regional stability. India's targeted strikes, carefully executed to avoid civilian casualties, demonstrate both strength and restraint. But even this calculated use of force risks drawing the region into deeper conflict if not accompanied by sustained diplomatic engagement. Military victories, no matter how surgical, are not substitutes for political solutions. It is time to confront the uncomfortable truth: there is no military solution to Kashmir. The path forward lies in hard, patient diplomacy – in building trust, fostering backchannel dialogue, and addressing the socio-political roots of the unrest. The international community must also do more than issue statements; it must facilitate meaningful engagement between the two nations, exert pressure on terror sponsors, and support regional stability initiatives. The lives lost in Pahalgam demand justice. But true justice will not come through more bloodshed. It will come when leaders choose wisdom over provocation, and diplomacy over destruction. The world watches – not just with concern, but with hope that India and Pakistan will step back from the brink and choose the harder, nobler path of peace.

RUDRA PRASAD PRADHAN

Rising global temperatures have created a major new trade opportunity: the Northern Sea Route (NSR). Interest in the NSR stems from geopolitical, economic, environmental, and cultural factors. Its growing cargo traffic and infrastructure are boosting its strategic, economic, and logistics significance.

Addressing the participants of the 6th International Arctic Forum, "The Arctic: Territory of Dialogue", which took place on 26-27 March in Murmansk, Russian President Vladimir Putin noted that one of our key priorities for the development of the Arctic is the improvement of people's quality of life. He stressed that, to this end, it is vital to improve the region's transport network, including the NSR.

In 2018, the Russian Government appointed Rosatom the Northern Sea Route infrastructure operator. This logistics corridor is being developed due to the cargo shipping organised on a regular basis, the construction of new nuclear icebreakers, and the modernisation of the relevant infrastructure. Climate change is unlocking new opportunities for Arctic development.

Countries like China and India are showing renewed interest in this remote region, thanks to sustained growth and a shared view of the NSR as a crucial maritime corridor. As the shortest route between Western Eurasia and Asia-Pacific, the NSR can significantly reduce travel time. The NSR is also rich in natural resources.

According to the US Geological Survey, the Arctic holds 13 per cent of undiscovered oil and 30 per cent of undiscovered gas reserves. The global push for decarbonisation encourages a shift to a "green economy" and the search for eco-friendly energy sources. Hydrogen and nuclear technologies are key options. Palladium, required for hydrogen production, is abundantly found in the Arctic, which also contains rare earths like lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese, and graphite. These are critical for supporting the world's transition to cleaner energy and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

The Russian Arctic is not only strategic but also offers major economic potential. Besides mineral and raw material potential, it poses extensive resources of hydrocarbon raw materials, ores, and coal, as well as 40 per

cent of global palladium production.

This makes it vital for the global shift towards renewable energy, aligning with the IMO's 2050 net-zero target. While climate change has facilitated easier access to this route by reducing ice coverage, the NSR itself presents opportunities for emission reduction. It aligns with the International Maritime Organisation's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, as shorter travel distances significantly reduce carbon emissions from shipping. As traditional maritime routes like the Suez Canal experience congestion and disruptions, the NSR emerges as a critical "highway of the seas", promising greater supply chain efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and optimisation. Furthermore, global carbon markets such as the EU Emissions Trading System could enable NSR users to financially capitalise on their reduced emissions, enhancing the route's economic appeal.

Though future navigation may become simpler as ice recedes, icebreakers remain essential today. Nuclear-powered vessels, which operate up to seven years without refuelling, ensure safe year-round passage. The use of nucle-

ar energy further enhances the NSR's sustainability profile by minimising operational emissions.

INSTC as an Alternative The current geopolitical landscape is characterised by significant turmoil, particularly illustrated by the recent Houthi missile strikes, which have resulted in a nearly 50 per cent decline in vessel traffic through the Red Sea. Consequently, many maritime operators have opted to reroute their vessels via the Cape of Good Hope, a course that entails a longer duration and increased expenses. In this environment, the 7,200 km International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), which connects India, Iran, Russia, and Europe, has emerged as a strategic favourable alternative.

The INSTC seeks to establish a direct link between Mumbai Port and St Petersburg through Chabahar and Baku. Furthermore, new initiatives such as the International Multimodal Transport and Economic Corridor (IMEC), proposed during the G20 Summit in Delhi, further highlight the global search for secure, efficient, and resilient transport routes.

INSTC to NSR Vessel Traffic Emerging Profile

These corridors link the Indian Ocean with St. Petersburg and other parts of Europe, creating strong synergy with the NSR. Vessel traffic along the NSR is steadily increasing, offering a viable alternative to traditional routes. In 2024, the NSR handled a record 37.9 million tonnes of cargo, an increase of 1.6 million tonnes from 2023. Additionally, over 90 transits transported 3 million tonnes of cargo, marking a 150 per cent annual increase. This trend signifies a safer and more direct shipping route between Asia and Europe. This growth highlights that a safer, faster, and more direct trade route between Asia and Europe is firmly taking shape.

India-Russia Partnership in INSTC & NSR

The INSTC is a key India-Russia initiative benefiting several ports and cities. Integrating the Northern Sea Route (NSR) into this network can help India meet growing energy and commodity needs, including coal, LNG, fertilisers, and container cargo. Indian PSUs like ONGC already hold stakes in oil and gas assets in Sakhalin and Tomsk. A bilateral working group is exploring Arctic cargo transit, joint shipbuilding,

and training Indian sailors in polar navigation.

India is particularly focused on the NSR and the Eastern Maritime Corridor. A Memorandum of Understanding between Chennai and Vladivostok on "Smart Port Cooperation" is also underway. With bilateral trade rising from USD 7.5 billion to USD 65 billion in seven years, these maritime links are now vital.

Learnings Ahead

Rising geopolitical volatility has deepened India-Russia ties into a robust, multi-sectoral partnership. As the INSTC, NSR, and the Eastern Maritime Corridor become operational, they may pave the way for a multi-ocean circular transport network spanning the Indian Ocean, the Arctic Sea, and the wider Indo-Pacific region. Such an expansion could redefine global shipping routes, enhance energy security, and foster new trade opportunities for all stakeholders involved.

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How India redefined deterrence without pulling a trigger

RAJIV MALHOTRA

I have spent thirty-five years in uniform, and one truth has stayed with me: the side that controls psychology and preparation wins half the war before the first shot is fired. Today, that truth works in India's favour. Panic races through television studios in Lahore; Cabinet ministers in Islamabad delete midnight tweets about "imminent Indian aggression."

On our side of the fence, we tighten boot-laces, rehearse drills, and wait. Today, panic ricochets in Lahore TV studios. Also discernible across the fence is hypothetical hysteria – hashtags, deleted tweets, and nocturnal Cabinet huddles – because India is now speaking in the one dialect Islamabad cannot spoof: credible readiness fused with national will. Within seventy-two hours of the Baisaran Meadows massacre, New Delhi suspended the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty. For six decades, we treated that as sacrosanct – even amid the wars of 1965 and 1971, it did not lose its sanctity.

Touching it now signals that no previous restraint is automatically renewable once Indian civilians are at stake. The reservoirs may still brim, but the psychological shock wave crossed Wagah before dawn. Days after the killings, India instructed the Army, Navy and Air Force Chiefs to decide the timing, place and shape of a response to their convenience and comfort. There was not an iota of movement from our side, yet Pakistan redrew psychological terrain overnight. Islamabad's irrigation ministry plunged into emergency sessions before dawn, TV anchors in Lahore rehearsed nuclear threats, and a midnight tweet from Pakistan's Information Minister predicting an "imminent Indian attack" vanished almost as quickly as it appeared. The spectacle captured a larger truth: long before the first shell is fired, India is already a stride ahead. History supplies the first measure of Islamabad's unease. In 1947-48 India blocked the tribal invasion

of Kashmir; in 1965 it repelled Operation Gibraltar; in 1971 it split Pakistan in two; in 1999 it clawed back the Kargil Heights under a global spotlight; and in 2016 and 2019 it executed a surgical strike and a deep-penetration air raid for minimal loss and maximum deterrent effect.

The pattern is brutally consistent. Islamabad flirts with proxy warfare, Delhi answers with calibrated escalation, and the diplomatic scorecard inches towards the Republic every cycle. Suspension of the Indus pact announces that the ceiling of Indian restraint – once thought permanent – can be raised whenever civilians die.

In strategic terms, that message is louder than the thunder of artillery. Material power underwrites the new tone. The Indigenous Aircraft Carrier 1, INS Vikrant, now manoeuvres in the Arabian Sea with a deck of Tejas fighters and a screen of guided-missile destroyers, placing Karachi within BrahMosrange. Rafales armed with Meteor missiles conduct pop-up drills over Rajasthan; Sukhoi-30MKIs practise night penetrations over Punjab; and Integrated Battle Groups disperse along the frontier under the "cold-start" doctrine of rapid, shallow thrusts designed to punish without triggering nuclear thresholds. India's deterrent triad – Agni ballistic missiles on land, Arihant-class submarines at sea, and a modernised air fleet overhead, is bolstered by a digital layer that would have been science fiction a decade ago. Machine-learning modules parse satellite feeds and social media chatter in real time; loitering drones lope across target areas for hours; quantum-encrypted links secure command loops; and 5G battle nets move sensor data faster than an adversary can jam. Deterrence, once measured only in megatonnage, now includes petaflops. These capabilities rest on an economy large enough to finance them. A 3.5-trillion-dollar GDP fuels spare parts, surveillance constellations and smart munition lines under the Atmanirbhar Bharat banner, while Pakistan's foreign

exchange reserves barely cover a month of imports. War, as Sun Tzu noted, is often won when the enemy's will collapses; in the twenty-first century, spreadsheets accelerate the collapse. Each week of mobilisation drains Islamabad's reserves, spooks its credit-rating agencies and shrinks the rupee's purchasing power on the streets of Rawalpindi. Diplomatically, Delhi moves in wider orbits.

The United States, the European Union, Japan and Australia cite Article 51 of the UN Charter and endorse India's right to self-defence; Gulf monarchies, mindful of refinery stakes and expatriate remittances, quietly prefer Indian stability to Pakistani brinkmanship; Beijing, hedging between Belt-and-Road assets and a booming trade ledger with India, confines itself to boilerplate peacemaker lines.

Even the Taliban Government in Kabul, once described as Pakistan's "strategic depth," condemned the Pahalgam killings and reopened talks on road links that bypass Pakistani ports altogether. It is difficult to find a more explicit sign that alliances are fluid and influence is fungible. Why, then, does Pakistan flinch? Political economists such as Daron Acemoglu would call its institutions "extractive": a praetorian Army that doubles as landlord and conglomerate; civilian ministries that collapse under seasonal intrigue; courts that oscillate between activism and intimidation; and a fiscal pipeline that survives on IMF ventilators. Under external stress, those institutions emit contradictory communiqués, fuelling the impression of a cockpit without a clear pilot. In the present crisis, missile threats and calls for dialogue tumble out of the same press conferences within hours, leaving foreign observers puzzled and domestic audiences anxious. Irony compounds anxiety: cash machines in Islamabad flash "No USD available" while prime-time anchors promise nuclear Armageddon. In police slang, the loudest suspect is usually the weakest. None of this means India can afford

complacency. A cornered adversary might attempt lone-wolf attacks, cyber pranks or disinformation blitzes, making vigilance the watchword from Srinagar's bunkers to CERT – In's server rooms.

City surveillance grids are refreshed, railway stations rehearse evacuation, and botnet fingerprints circulate across the cyber shield. Victory, when it comes, will not resemble a ticker-tape parade; it will resemble a continuous patrol – sometimes dull, often invisible, always essential. Still, the broader balance remains stark.

The Indus Treaty suspension shattered the illusion that water is off limits; the freedom given to Service Chiefs erodes Pakistan's confidence in predictable escalation ladders; the presence of a carrier group off Karachi's coast signals a fourth border under Indian supervision; high-velocity economics and new-age technology multiply Delhi's options without requiring headline-grabbing offensives. Meanwhile, Islamabad confronts a shortage of hard currency, a surplus of militant proxies and a diplomatic bench that whispers "restraint" while the world listens for "results." Weak institutions amplify every shock wave; strong institutions absorb it, decide, and act. That difference is visible from space, whether via satellite imagery of forward deployments or the quiet routes taken by foreign capital. From a nationalist vantage, this alignment of factors feels like vindication: resolve in Delhi, preparedness along the front, global opinion leaning away from terror apology. Yet the true measure of patriotism lies not in triumphalism but in disciplined purpose. India's objective is not regional humiliation for its own sake; it is the irreversible rollback of cross-border terrorism, the assurance of civilian safety and the demonstration that democracy can wield hard power without slipping into adventurism.

If credible pressure – legal, economic, informational, military – forces Islamabad to dismantle its proxy infrastructure,

then the campaign's first goal has been met without a brigade crossing the river. Should that pressure fail, the infrastructure supporting Indian retaliation is already in motion, from forward airbases to encrypted command rooms. In that sense, half the war is indeed won, though not by jingoistic proclamation. It is won when a hostile state's nerve falters because every pathway forward looks costlier than the one behind. It is won when international sympathy coagulates around the victim rather than the aggressor. It is won when the stronger economy can keep its factories humming while the weaker counts down its reserves.

And it is won – perhaps most decisively – when a nation's soldiers, engineers, coders, farmers and vendors align spontaneously behind a shared conviction that their borders, whether terrestrial, maritime, aerial or digital, are lines that will hold. Across those lines, the mood in Pakistan vacillates between bravado and foreboding, a pendulum powered by uncertainty. In India, the mood is steadier: calm, watchful, quietly confident that preparedness and proportionality leave little room for blackmail.

The next move may well belong to Islamabad, subject as always to its contradictions. Should it reach for escalation, the response will be brisk; should it reconsider, dams will keep flowing, ports will remain intact and borders will stay patrolled rather than breached. Either way, the strategic narrative has tilted. In the new dialect of hybrid deterrence – part hardware, part software, part statecraft – India has spoken first and more persuasively. The echoes will linger.

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PM Modi...

Sindoor, the entire Cabinet hailed the action and the Prime Minister's leadership with thumping of desks.

PM Modi is also learnt to have said that his government will have zero tolerance towards terror.

The Prime Minister also separately met the Defence Minister and NSA Ajit Doval and took stock of the evolving situation.

Retaliating against the Pahalgam terror attack, Indian armed forces early Wednesday carried out missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, including the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold of Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base in Muridke.

The Prime Minister had earlier given full operational freedom to the armed forces to decide on the targets, manner and timing of the action against terror in the wake of the Pahalgam attack in which 26 civilians were killed.

OPERATION SINDOOR' BHARAT'S RESPONSE TO BRUTAL KILLINGS: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the 'Operation Sindoor' is Bharat's response to the brutal killings of innocent people in Pahalgam.

"Proud of our armed forces.#OperationSindoor is Bharat's response to the brutal killing of our innocent brothers in Pahalgam. The Modi government is resolved to give a befitting response to any attack on India and its people. Bharat remains firmly committed to eradicating," Shah wrote on X, as per KNO.

INDIAN ARMED FORCES SCRIPTED NEW HISTORY: RAJNATH SINGH

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Wednesday that the Indian Armed Forces displayed their valour and bravery in Operation Sindoor, scripting a new history, and took action against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and POJK with "precision, alertness and sensitivity".

Speaking at an event for the inauguration of 50 Border Roads Organisation infrastructure projects across six states and two UTs, Rajnath Singh said that the armed forces showed sensitivity in ensuring that the civilian population is not affected during their action.

He also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his full support to the armed forces.

"You know that today, under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, our Indian armed forces have made us all proud...Last night, our Indian armed forces displayed their valour and bravery, and scripted a new history. Indian armed forces took action with precision, alertness and sensitivity. The targets we decided where accurately demolished with precision.. Our armed forces also showed sensitivity in ensuring that the civilian population is not affected at all," Rajnath Singh said.

"In a way, we can say that Indian jawans showed precision, alertness and humanity. On behalf of the entire country, I congratulate the jawans and officers," he added.

INDIA READY TO 'RETALIATE RESOLUTELY': NSA DOVAL
Meanwhile, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Wednesday told his counterparts in various countries that India has no intent to escalate tensions but is prepared to "retaliate resolutely" if Pakistan does so.

Doval briefed his counterparts in the US, UK, Saudi Arabia and Japan about India's missile strikes against terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He also established contact with Russia and France, officials said.

"NSA briefed his counterparts on actions taken and method of execution, which was measured, non-escalatory and restrained. He emphasised that India had no intent to escalate but was well prepared to retaliate resolutely should Pakistan decide to escalate," an official said.

The conversations took place soon after India carried out Operation Sindoor at nine sites.

He spoke to US NSA and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, UK's Jonathan Powell, Saudi Arabia's Musaid Al Aiban, UAE's H.H. Sheikh Tahnoon, and Japan's Masataka Okano. "Contact was also established with Russian NSA Sergei Shoigu, Member of Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Wang Yi and Diplomatic Adviser to French President Emmanuel Bonne," the official said.

Doval will be in further touch with his counterparts in the days ahead. KNO

LG attends high-level...

The Lieutenant Governor was joined by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Mahesh Dixit, Special Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB); Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary, Home Department J&K and Pankaj Thakur, Joint Director IB at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor affirmed that the instructions of the Union Home Minister will be implemented in letter and spirit. After the meeting, the Lieutenant Governor gave instructions to the officials to take necessary steps as per guidelines of Union Home Minister and to neutralise any potential threat in time. He also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his strong leadership and vowed zero tolerance against terrorism.

The meeting was held hours after Armed Forces' 'OPERATION SINDOOR', which targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed.

The Lieutenant Governor is closely monitoring the situation in the Jammu Kashmir Union Territory and undertaking regular reviews of security scenario and leading the team for necessary actions in border villages and other areas.

The Lieutenant Governor lauded India's tri-services 24 precision missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He said the 'OPERATION SINDOOR' is an incredible example of the resolve of our brave armed forces and they have avenged the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were brutally massacred by Pakistani terrorists.

"Through 'OPERATION SINDOOR', India has also given the message that no matter where terrorists are hiding, our brave armed forces will find them and they will be punished for their heinous crimes. The training camps of terrorist groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, which were shedding the blood of innocent people in India for decades, have been completely destroyed by focused and measured action by our armed forces," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also took stock of the situation in border districts of Jammu Kashmir Union Territory with all the senior administrative, police and district officials including Deputy Commissioners of all the border districts, earlier this morning.

He reiterated that the government is fully prepared to deal with any eventuality. "We will ensure the safety of every citizen," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor has also directed the Deputy Commissioners for shifting of villagers from vulnerable areas to safer locations and ensuring boarding, lodging, food, medicare and transportation. He is continuously in touch with the

concerned officers on the ground.

"The entire administration, Police, CAPFs and Armed Forces are working together. We are alert, equipped and fully prepared to respond to any situation," the Lieutenant Governor said. KNO

Amid Indo-Pak...

lives, the Chief Minister, as per KNO, said that nobody is in favour of war. He added that Pakistan needs to lower guns as the prevailing situation was triggered by it.

The Chief Minister said that the present situation is an outcome of the Pahalgam attack on April 22. "We had to give a befitting reply. The Central Government had decided to attack the camps of those who devastated J&K for many years. It was decided to target the terror areas not military and civilian installations," he said.

He added that Pakistan has now targeted the civilian areas. "We don't want a war. We were living peacefully. It was started by them. We want to improve again, but Pakistan needs to silence its guns first," he said.

Pertinently, Indian forces targeted the headquarters of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed, Hizbul-Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Taiba in the missile attacks in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir in the early hours of Wednesday, officials said.

Moreover, the Chief Minister also chaired the cabinet meeting in which several key issues were discussed.

Later this afternoon, the Chief Minister also attended the meeting chaired by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah via video conferencing with the border states. KNO

24x7 control rooms...

"The control room will function 24x7 as a central platform for interdepartmental coordination, monitoring of ongoing developments, and public grievance redressal. Citizens can contact the Joint Control Room using the following helpline numbers: Landline: 0194-2483651, 0194-2457552, 0194-2457543," reads an order copy issued in the public interest. People can contact on 9103998355, 9103998356, 9103998357 and 9103998358 (WhatsApp numbers), a circular reads as per the news agency.

Similarly, in Baramulla, the Deputy Commissioners office also constituted a 24x7 Shadow Control Room at the DC Office with a total of eight officials from various departments having been designated to ensure round-the-clock monitoring and response.

The team comprises: Sajad Ahamd Poto, JA - 9797019933, Syed Murtaza Hameed, Assistant Store Keeper - 7006707501, Mehraj ud Din Dar, DRW PHE - 7006493646, Mushtaq Ahmad, Junior Lineman - 9797828115, Firdous Ahmad, F&ES Guard - 7006921302, Ovais Ahmad, SDRF - 7006271972, Iqbal Ahmad, MTS - 9596495307 and Mumtaz Ahmad, Helper - 6006259455.

The control room will function under the supervision of Mr. Nazir Ahmad, Section Manager, Disaster Cell Baramulla, reachable at 7780956920.

A similar 24x7 control room has also been set up at the office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore.

People have been asked to contact the following emergency numbers of the designated officials, including Irfan Nabi - 9858326600, Mukesh Kumar - 9596810295 and Mohd Amin - 7889669352.

Meanwhile, as a precautionary measure amid ongoing border tensions, a Red Cross symbol was seen freshly painted on the roof of a hospital in Srinagar - the symbol serves to mark medical facilities and ensure their identification during any potential emergency.

Moreover, authorities in addition have urged the public to remain calm and reach out to the control rooms for any assistance or information.

The district administration Jammu has established a 24x7 Emergency Operations Centre at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Jammu.

The authorities have announced the temporary closure of several major temples in Jammu, including the revered Bawe Wali Mata Temple, Raghunath Mandir, and Peer Kho Cave Temple, to the public.

This proactive measure aims to address the concerns of border communities, coordinate emergency responses, and provide timely assistance besides ensure public safety at these sacred sites during the ongoing security situation linked to Operation Sindoor and recent cross-border developments.

As per officials, the emergency operations centre is fully operational and can be reached through the following helpline numbers: 0191-2571912 and 0191-2571616. Residents are urged to contact these numbers for immediate assistance, to report emergencies, or to seek guidance on safety measures. The control room is staffed round-the-clock to ensure swift coordination with local authorities, security forces, and medical services to manage any crisis effectively.

Moreover, Bawe Wali Mata Temple, located within the historic Bahu Fort and dedicated to Goddess Mahakali, is among the most significant spiritual landmarks in Jammu, attracting thousands of pilgrims daily, especially on Tuesdays and Sundays.

The closure of these temples is a significant step, reflecting the gravity of the prevailing circumstances. The district administration, in coordination with local law enforcement, has sealed the premises of these temples and deployed security personnel to maintain order and prevent unauthorized access. Devotees are urged to refrain from visiting these sites until further notice and to cooperate with the authorities during this period.

The prevailing situation, marked by reports of cross-border shelling and heightened security concerns following the Pahalgam terror attack, has caused significant anxiety among residents of border districts such as Poonch, Rajouri, Samba, Kathua, and Jammu.

Many villagers are seeking refuge in underground bunkers, locally known as "Modi bunkers," while others have prematurely harvested crops or relocated to safer areas due to fears of escalation. The administration acknowledges the distress caused by these developments and is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents.

To address misinformation and prevent panic, the Jammu and Kashmir Police have urged the public to report any rumors or malicious content to the Police Control Room (PCR) Jammu at 0191-2542001, 2542000, 2560401, 2544581, or helpline numbers 2560244 and 100. The administration has also appealed to citizens to rely on official sources for updates and avoid spreading unverified information that could exacerbate the situation.

The Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu has been placed on high alert, with a dedicated 24x7 control room to manage medical emergencies. Critical medical supplies, emergency drugs, and lifesaving equipment are being maintained for immediate deployment, ensuring that healthcare services remain robust during this period of uncertainty.

The Jammu district administration, in collaboration with

security forces, is actively monitoring the situation and has deployed additional personnel to maintain order and provide support to affected communities. Border residents are requested to remain vigilant, follow safety protocols, and cooperate with local authorities. KNO

Four children among...

LoC in Poonch and Mendhar sectors on Wednesday morning.

He said ten civilians were also injured due to shelling from across the border in Nowpora and Kalgae areas of Salamabad in Uri, while three civilians were injured in Rajouri. The injured have been evacuated to nearby healthcare facilities.

Among the civilians killed in the intense shelling were four children and two women. Siblings Zoya Khan (14) and Zain Khan (12) lost their lives when a shell struck their home in Kalani village, while their father, Rameez Khan, was injured. Seven-year-old Maryam Khatoon died in Qazi Mohalla after being hit by shell splinters; her sister Iram Naz (10) was injured. Vihaan Bhargav (13), a resident of Dungus village, was also killed. In Mendhar's Mankote area, 35-year-old Balvinder Kour died and her daughter Ravinder Kour (12) was injured.

Two shopkeepers, Amreek Singh (55) and Ranjit Singh (48), were killed at Syndicate Chowk in Poonch when a shell landed near their establishments. Amreek was struck while inside his shop. Other deceased include Amarjeet Singh (47), Mohammad Akram (40), and Qazi Mohammad Iqbal, all residents of Poonch.

Officials said the Pakistan Army carried out heavy mortar shelling along the LoC for the 13th consecutive day. This is the first major civilian casualty count along the LoC in J&K since the February 2021 ceasefire agreement between the two countries.

Heavy mortar and artillery shelling was witnessed across multiple sectors along the LoC in J&K, severely affecting civilian areas.

In Poonch district, intense shelling was witnessed in Mendhar, Balakote, Mankote, and Krishna Ghati, with villages such as Chaffar, Kotan, and Jhallas bearing the brunt.

In Rajouri district, Nowshera and other forward areas along the LoC were also targeted, resulting in civilian injuries.

The Uri sector in Baramulla district experienced significant shelling, with reports and damage to property. Kupwara district saw intermittent firing in some areas along the LoC, adding to the tension across the region.

Meanwhile, the Indian Army said it is closely monitoring ceasefire violations by the Pakistan Army along the LoC, defence officials said.

A defence spokesperson in a statement issued to KNO said the Army chief is in constant communication with local formations regarding Pakistan Army actions.

He said Indian Army formations have been granted operational freedom to provide an appropriate response to Pakistan's use of artillery guns targeting Indian civilians.

The spokesperson said that Pakistan resorted to artillery shelling on civilian targets after the Indian Army last night attacked five terror camps in Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir using precision-guided special munitions. A total of nine targets were hit in a joint tri-services operation.

Meanwhile, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said he took stock of the situation in border districts after India launched air strikes in Pakistan to destroy terror camps in response to Pahalgam attack.

In a post on X, the LG said he is closely monitoring the situation and that the government is fully prepared to deal with any eventuality.

"Took stock of the situation in border districts of J&K UT with all the senior administrative, police & district officials including DCs of all the border districts. I'm closely monitoring the situation & govt is fully prepared to deal with any eventuality," he wrote.

The LG added that he directed the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to shift villagers from vulnerable areas to safer locations and ensure boarding, lodging, food, medicare and transportation, assuring that the safety of every citizen will be ensured.

Furthermore, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chaired an emergency meeting with officials to assess the situation in border districts amid intense cross-border shelling.

He announced Rs 5 crore contingency funds for each border district, ordered immediate medical and evacuation preparedness, and emphasised safeguarding civilians. Officials were instructed to counter misinformation and ensure essential supplies and personnel are in place.

Poonch MLA Ajaz Jan visited District Hospital Poonch to assess medical arrangements for those injured in the shelling, which he described as unprovoked. He said the situation remains tense and assured that he is in regular contact with CM Omar Abdullah. Jan praised hospital staff and affirmed his continued presence and support for residents during the crisis.

The Poonch District Administration reviewed preparedness at designated shelter camps as part of relocation efforts amid ongoing tensions.

Senior officials assessed facilities at sites like Caramel School, GHSS Lassana, and Polytechnic College, ensuring essential services like food, shelter, and medical aid are available. KNO

Pak resorts to...

the midnight shelling, with many unable to move to safer places due to the darkness. "We thought the entire Poonch-Rajouri area was destroyed due to the intensity of the cross-border shelling," said Mohammad Sabir, a resident of Poonch.

"It felt like a full-scale war, the shelling was intense and all our property was damaged within hours, costing us lakhs," said Mukesh, a resident of Rajouri. "Whenever there is tension between two nations, it's always the border residents who bear the brunt."

He said the government should consider the safety and well-being of people living along the Line of Control (LoC) before escalating to a full-scale war with Pakistan. Similarly, other locals recounted losing loved ones during Pakistan's night shelling, which also destroyed their entire settlement.

Around 160 residents of Dhaki have been forced to relocate to their relatives' homes after more than a dozen residential houses were severely damaged in the shelling.

The residents, fearing further destruction and insecurity, sought refuge with family members, as their homes were no longer safe.

GUREZ BORDER TOWN

Many families in Gurez have started migrating to safer places due to ongoing border tensions. They said that before falling prey to cross-border shelling, they would leave their homes and settlements in search of safety.

Abdul Ahad, a local resident, said that in the absence of bunkers and proper safety measures, thousands have been forced to flee their homes.

"We are the first victims of these ceasefire violations. The past four years in Gurez had been peaceful. Today, we left everything behind. The authorities must make arrangements for those who still remain in Gurez," he said.

He added that most residents have already left the area. "Only those who have livestock have stayed behind. We appeal to the nation, if this is how we must live then kill us once and for all, so we don't have to die a slow death every day."

Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, another local, said people are abandoning their homes at the peak of the agricultural season. "We appeal to the authorities to provide shelters and ensure safety arrangements for those who remain in Gurez," he said.

An official in Gurez stated that a detailed evacuation plan is in place for residents in vulnerable areas. While no villages have been relocated yet, the administration is prepared to act if necessary. He said that Gurez valley, close to the LoC, is vulnerable to shelling, with three villages particularly prone to direct impact.

URI-BORDER AREA

The border town of Uri in north Kashmir also witnessed intense cross-border shelling, in which ten people were injured and several houses were damaged.

"We were asleep when the firing started," said Ghulam Nabi, a resident of Uri. "We took shelter near a wall and stayed there for hours. No one moved. Everyone was waiting for it to stop, but it didn't."

"It's us who always suffer on the borders. We have witnessed death and destruction for decades. There were only a few years of peace, but now that is all gone," he added.

It was around 3 AM when the shelling began. We barely managed to run to a neighbour's house. Minutes later, a shell hit our home and destroyed it completely," said a resident, as per KNO, pointing at the remains of his house. "Our lives are safe by the grace of God. But what about our future? Where shall we go now?"

"Shells destroyed our house. Targeting civilians is unjustified, both Pakistan and our own government must ensure our safety," added another resident of the worst-hit Salamabad village, which now presents a deserted look, with charred walls and broken beams of several homes.

The injured were initially rushed to a nearby primary health center and later referred to GMC Baramulla for specialized treatment. Locals believe more injuries went unreported due to chaos and fear of further attacks.

Karnah-Tangdar

Similarly, the Tangdar and Karnah border areas of Kupwara witnessed widespread destruction after Pakistan initiated unprovoked shelling late at night, leaving many homes destroyed and other properties damaged.

The indiscriminate shelling, described by residents as "barbaric," came as a shock after years of relative peace along the LoC since 2021.

"It was a hell-like situation last night," said Sajad Ahmad Khan, a resident of Tangdar. He added that people were desperately seeking shelter as the shelling rattled through the area throughout the night. KNO

CBI arrests 2 PWD...

releasing complainant's GPF.

"A case was registered by CBI on 05.05.2025 against accused Assistant Accounts Officer and Junior Assistant on allegations that both accused demanded bribe of Rs 30,000 and Rs 8,000 respectively from the complainant for processing and releasing complainant's GPF of Rs 5,04,634. After negotiation, accused agreed to accept a bribe of Rs 20,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively from the complainant," a statement issued to the news agency reads.

It reads that the CBI laid a trap on 06-05-2025 and caught the both accused red-handed for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively from the complainant.

"Later, both accused were arrested. They were produced before the Special Judge for CBI Cases, Jammu on 07.05.2025 and were remanded to One day Police Custody," the statement added.

Meanwhile, the searches were conducted by CBI at the residential and official premises of the both accused at Poonch which led to recovery of some incriminating evidence, the statement reads, adding that investigation is going on. KNO

Don't approve any...

any leave, except under exceptional circumstances.

This directive, as per the news agency, comes in light of the ongoing escalating tensions between India and Pakistan.

In the office memorandum, Additional Secretary Rohit Sharma, urged strict adherence to the instruction across all government departments, stressing that no leave requests should be granted unless there are exceptional reasons.

The order has been circulated to all concerned authorities, including the Director General of Police, Chief Electoral Officer, Divisional Commissioners of both Kashmir and Jammu, as well as various heads of departments and other key officials in the state.

Notably, the decision aims to ensure that essential administrative functions are not hindered during this period, stressing the importance of maintaining operational readiness. KNO

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8, affecting the travel plans of hundreds of pilgrims.

Dr. Shujhat Ahmad Qureshi, Executive Officer of the J&K Hajj Committee, earlier informed that the flight scheduled for today has been cancelled due to the closure of Srinagar Airport.

"Due to the prevailing situation, operations have been temporarily suspended. We anticipated a cancellation, and it has now been confirmed," Dr. Qureshi told the news agency.

Additionally, the cancelled flights were set to carry pilgrims from Srinagar to Madeena. One flight with 320 passengers was scheduled for departure today. As of now, there is no clear indication of when services are going to resume.

"The closure of the airport and growing security concerns have left us uncertain about future schedules," Dr. Qureshi added.

In addition, airlines such as IndiGo and Akasa Air have issued advisories confirming the suspension of flights to and from Srinagar. IndiGo announced the cancellation of flights to and from various destinations, including Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, and others, until May 10, 2025.

Akasa Air has also cancelled all flights to and from Srinagar until further notice. The airline is offering full refunds or free rescheduling for passengers. "We regret the inconvenience caused and are closely monitoring the situation," Akasa Air stated in their advisory.

Moreover, an official from Srinagar International Airport told KNO that the total number of cancelled flights for today reached 84, with 42 departures and 42 arrivals, all scheduled for today.

Col Mahan chairs BJP Pahari Zila meeting in Billawar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BILLAWAR, MAY 7

Col (Retd.) Mahan Singh, Chairman DDC Kathua, today chaired a crucial meeting of BJP Pahari Zila (Basohli, Billawar, Bani) at the PWD Rest House, Billawar. The meeting, convened under the leadership of Gopal Krishan, Zila Adhyaksh, witnessed the active participation of Bipan Sharma, BJP Prabhari for Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, and several senior party functionaries and Karyakartas from across the region.

The agenda of the meeting focused on both organizational strengthening and addressing pressing developmental and security-related concerns of the Billawar and Lohai Malhar areas.

During the interaction, Col Mahan Singh took detailed note of the issues raised by the workers, including immediate issuance of weapon licences to locals in view of the emerging security situation along the borders; slow progress of work on CHC Billawar



project and delay in execution of key road projects, severely impacting connectivity and daily life.

Col Mahan Singh urged party workers to promote team spirit, enhance social networking, and stay connected with the grassroots to further strengthen the BJP's organizational structure in the region.

"We must stay united, vigilant, and proactive. The party's strength lies in its people, and it is our responsibility to work hand-in-hand with citizens, listen to their concerns, and ensure timely solutions," he said.

Expressing pride in the Indian Armed Forces, Col Mahan Singh applauded the precision strike on terrorist camps in PoK and

Pakistan under Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 innocent lives.

"This is a moment of resolve for the nation. I urge all residents to stay alert, remain calm, and extend full support to the Government and our Security Forces," he added.

The DDC Chairman assured that all genuine issues raised during the meeting will be taken up with relevant departments for time-bound resolution.

Among those present were Romy Khajuria, DDC Members Bikaram Singh and Tajinder Singh Goldy, Rajinder Jaswal, Sanjeet Singh, and many senior BJP leaders and local representatives.

Pakistan must learn from Air Strike, stop sending terrorists to India: Kavinder

Lauds Indian Forces for Op 'Sindoor'

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 07

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta has hailed the success of Operation Sindoor, calling it a powerful message to Pakistan and a testimony to India's firm stance against terrorism. He said that this precise and effective operation once again highlights India's zero-tolerance policy when it comes to threats against national security.

Speaking to media persons here, the BJP stalwart said, "On 22nd April, terrorists targeted 26 innocent tourists in Baisaran Valley at Pahalgam and brazenly said, 'Modi ko bol dena.' Today, Modi ji ne bata diya. This is proof of strong governance and a clear warning to those who dare to challenge India's sovereignty."

Kavinder Gupta commended the Indian



Armed Forces for their unmatched courage and professionalism in carrying out Operation Sindoor. "The Indian Army and Air Force deserve our wholehearted appreciation. Their bravery and precision have once again made the country proud and reassured every Indian that the nation is in safe hands," he stated.

He also expressed deep grief over the killing of 10 people along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch due to unprovoked firing by Pakistan forces. Calling it a cowardly and inhu-

mane act, he said such aggression against innocent civilians reflects the frustration of Pakistan and further exposes its rogue mindset on the global stage.

Kavinder asked Pakistan to abandon the path of terrorism. "Pakistan should learn from this strike and stop sending terrorists to Indian soil. India is no longer the same—under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, every attempt to destabilize our peace will be met with a strong and fitting reply," he said.

The former deputy Chief Minister reiterated the BJP's unwavering support for the armed forces and the central government, emphasizing that national security remains a top priority. "We stand firmly with our forces and the leadership that has empowered them to act without hesitation against terror," he added.

Arvind reviews War Room Setup at GMC Hosp amidst Border Tensions



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

In light of the heightened border tensions following Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the tragic terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 innocent tourists, Sh. Arvind Gupta, Senior BJP Leader and MLA Jammu West, today visited Government Medical College (GMC) and Hospital Jammu to review the preparedness of the hospital's emergency infrastructure.

Accompanied by Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal GMC Jammu, Dr. Varinder, Medical Superintendent, and Dr. Meena Sidhu, HoD Blood Bank GMC Jammu, the MLA took a detailed round of the hospital including the War Room and Blood Bank.

Speaking to the media persons, Arvind Gupta informed that a fully equipped War Room has set up within the GMC & hospital Jammu to address any medical emergency that may arise due to escalating border situations.

Around 150 beds have been prepared and over 600 units of blood have been reserved in the GMC Blood Bank to ensure immediate medical aid if required, he

said.

In a strong gesture of solidarity and public service, the MLA, along with Arun Prabhat, President BJYM J&K, also launched a blood donation drive in the hospital premises. Arvind Gupta led by example by being the first to donate blood, appealing to citizens to come forward and contribute in whatever way possible to support the nation during this critical time.

"As a public representative, I assure every possible assistance to the people of my constituency and the wider Jammu region. It is the time to stand united and extend every possible support to our brave soldiers and fellow citizens," he added.

Later in the day, the MLA also inaugurated additional blood donation camps at Jaswant Plaza and Suviddha Nursing Home, near Bee Enn Hospital Jammu.

Among those who were present included Mandal President Kushant Prajapati, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal ex Deputy Mayor, S. Prithpal Singh (Ex Sarpanch), Ayodhya Gupta, Veenu Khanna, Atul Bakshi, Karan Sharma, Ravi Kant, Deepak, Vicky, Abhishek, and several others.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the Global Conference on Space Exploration (GLEX) 2025

Space is not merely a destination but a declaration of curiosity, courage, and collective progress: PM

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NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Global Conference on Space Exploration (GLEX) 2025 via videoconferencing today. Welcoming the distinguished delegates, scientists, and astronauts from across the globe, he highlighted India's remarkable space journey at the GLEX 2025, stating that, "space is not merely a destination but a declaration of curiosity, courage, and collective progress". He emphasized that India's space achievements reflect this spirit, from launching a small rocket in 1963 to becoming the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole. "Indian rockets carry more than payloads—they carry the dreams of 1.4 billion Indians", he remarked, stating that India's space advancements are significant scientific milestones

and proof that the human spirit can defy gravity. He recalled India's historic achievement of reaching Mars on its first attempt in 2014. He highlighted that Chandrayaan-1 helped discover water on the Moon, Chandrayaan-2 provided the highest-resolution images of the lunar surface, and Chandrayaan-3 furthered understanding of the Moon's South Pole. "India developed cryogenic engines in record time, launched 100 satellites in a single mission, and successfully deployed over 400 satellites for 34 nations using Indian launch vehicles", he pointed out, underlining India's latest accomplishment—docking two satellites in space this year—calling it a major step forward in space exploration.

Shri Modi reaffirmed that India's space journey is not about competing with others but about reaching greater heights



together. He emphasized the collective goal of exploring space for the benefit of humanity. He highlighted India's commitment to regional cooperation, recalling the successful launch of a satellite for South Asian nations. He announced that the G20 Satellite Mission, introduced during India's Presidency, would be a significant contribution to the Global South. He remarked that India continues to advance with renewed confidence, constantly pushing the

boundaries of scientific exploration. "India's first human spaceflight mission, 'Gaganyaan', reflects the nation's growing aspirations in space technology", he pointed out. Shri Modi revealed that, in the coming weeks, an Indian astronaut would travel to space as part of a joint ISRO-NASA mission to the International Space Station. He further outlined India's long-term vision, stating that by 2035, the Bharatiya Antariksha Station would facilitate groundbreaking research

and international collaboration. He declared that by 2040, an Indian astronaut would leave footprints on the Moon and added that Mars and Venus remain key targets in India's future space ambitions.

Emphasizing that for India, space is not just about exploration but also empowerment, the Prime Minister highlighted how space technology enhances governance, improves livelihoods, and inspires generations. He noted the vital role of satellites in ensuring the welfare of every Indian, citing their contributions to fisheries alerts, the GatiShakti platform, railway safety, and weather forecasting. He underscored India's commitment to fostering innovation by opening its space sector to startups, entrepreneurs, and young minds. He pointed out that India now has over 250 space startups, contributing to advancements in

satellite technology, propulsion systems, imaging, and other pioneering fields. "Many of India's space missions are being led by women scientists", he proudly acknowledged.

"India's space vision is rooted in the ancient philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'", reaffirmed Shri Modi, stressing that India's space journey is not just about its own growth but about enriching global knowledge, addressing shared challenges, and inspiring future generations. He emphasized India's commitment to collaboration, stating that the nation stands for dreaming together, building together, and reaching for the stars together. Concluding his remarks, he called for a new chapter in space exploration, guided by science and the collective aspiration for a better future.

Rana welcomes Indian Army's 'Op Sindoor'

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 07

J&K Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has welcomed the "Operation Sindoor" launched by the Indian Army to destroy the terrorist camps running in Pakistan and said that the Indian Army Operation Sindoor has been completely successful and is a proud moment for India. Bahujan Samaj Party Jammu and Kashmir President Darshan Rana welcomed the "Operation Sindoor" launched by

the Indian Army and said that the government needs to take effective steps to provide security to the people living in the border areas. BSP chief Darshan Rana said that after the attack by India, Pakistan is completely panicked and can retaliate against India, in such a situation, the government needs to take effective steps to save the common people and along with taking the people to safe places, better arrangements for food and other facilities of the people need to be made.

Health and wellness top priority in changing jobs for Indian workers: Study

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI

Health and wellness has become a top priority for a majority of workers in India, planning to change jobs, according to a report on Wednesday.

The report by Aon, a global professional services firm, showed that 82 per cent of employees in India are seeking new employment in the next 12 months.

The top five valued benefits for the Indian workforce are work-life balance programmes; medical coverage; career development; paid time off; and retirement savings.

Medical coverage was one of the highest-valued benefits across all generations among those surveyed in India, with Gen X and Gen Y rating it higher



than Gen Z. Gen Z rated work-life balance as the top-valued benefit.

In addition, 76 per cent of those surveyed said they would be willing to sacrifice existing benefits for a better choice of benefits. This highlights the necessity for businesses in India to align their total rewards and benefits strategies with the changing expectations of their workforce.

"Until recently, very few companies considered how benefits, well-

ness and healthcare programmes could shape their employer brand and employee value proposition. Post-Covid, we are seeing changes as employees increasingly value these programmes, and companies are more actively branding and communicating their availability to current and future employees," said Nitin Sethi, head of Talent Solutions for India, at Aon.

"A multigenerational workforce is accelerating this change, while

advanced technology is making it easier to implement these programmes. In the next decade, companies that excel in benefits, health and wellness will have a significant opportunity to position themselves as best-in-class employers," he added.

The report is based on a global study of more than 9,000 employees across 23 geographies, including the US, UK, China, India and Australia.

It found that better than average pay (46 per cent); environmentally and socially responsible (24 per cent); support for wellbeing (22 per cent); fun place to work (21 per cent); and strong values (21 per cent) were the top five most influential characteristics to attract employees in the country.

New skin-based test to boost diagnosis of debilitating neurodegenerative disease

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NEW DELHI

Canadian researchers have developed a skin-based test that can detect signature features of progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) -- a rare neurodegenerative disease that affects body movements, including walking, balance, and swallowing.

The test could allow for more accurate and faster PSP diagnosis than current methods, said the team from the University Health Network (UHN) and the University of Toronto.

"This assay is important for assigning patients to the correct clinical trials, but it will be even more important in the future as researchers develop targeted, precision treatments for PSP," said Ivan Martinez-Valbuena, a sci-



entific associate at the Rossy Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Centre at the UHN.

"We need diagnostic tools to be developed hand-in-hand with new treatments so that as these treatments become available, we can identify the patients who would benefit most," she added.

While researchers have successfully detected mis-

folded proteins in neurodegenerative diseases, the technique has not always been accessible, and some patients are unable to undergo the procedure.

As a result, patients are typically diagnosed based on their symptoms and clinical presentation, so some patients may be misdiagnosed -- particularly for rarer neurodegenerative diseases such as PSP. This could also have a negative impact on research since patients with PSP may be misdiagnosed with Parkinson's disease and be included in a trial that targets the wrong protein, influencing the results.

The new test, described in a recent issue of JAMA Neurology, can detect a sequence of misfolded tau specific to PSP.

The results showed that "disease-associated tau

protein can be detected in the skin in living patients with high accuracy," said Gabor Kovacs, professor of laboratory medicine and pathology at Toronto University's Temerty Faculty of Medicine.

Further, examining skin biopsies of patients with PSP as well as people with multiple system atrophy, corticobasal degeneration, Parkinson's disease, and healthy controls, the team found misfolded tau in most patients with PSP, but much less frequently in other neurodegenerative diseases.

Importantly, the misfolded tau protein was not detected in patients with Parkinson's disease or the healthy controls. Overall, the researchers found the assay had 90 per cent sensitivity and 90 per cent specificity.

Through Operation Sindoor, India used its 'Right to Respond' to the attack on its soil: Raksha Mantri

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JAMMU, MAY 7

"Through Operation Sindoor, India has used its 'Right to Respond' to the attack on its soil, and the Armed Forces scripted history by acting with precision, precaution & compassion to destroy the camps used to train terrorists in Pakistan and PoK," said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh while addressing the 66th Raising Day event of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on May 07, 2025. Raksha Mantri asserted that, as per the plan, the targets were destroyed and no civilian population was harmed. He commended the Armed Forces by giving a befitting reply under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

"The whole world has witnessed what our Armed

Forces have done today. The action was carried out very thoughtfully and in a measured manner. It was limited only to the camps and other infrastructure used for training terrorists, with the aim of breaking their morale. I congratulate the Armed Forces on behalf of the whole country. I also congratulate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for providing complete support to the forces," added Shri Rajnath Singh.

The event also witnessed the virtual dedication of 50 strategically significant infrastructure projects of BRO - 30 bridges, 17 roads and three other works - to the nation by Raksha Mantri. These projects, constructed at a total cost of Rs 1,879 crore, are spread across six border States and two Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Him-

achal Pradesh, Sikkim, Mizoram, West Bengal & Rajasthan - reinforcing India's security, connectivity and development in remote regions. In the last two years alone, BRO has completed a record 161 infrastructure projects worth Rs 5,600 crore, including 111 projects last year. In the last four years, BRO has completed 456 infrastructure projects with a total expenditure of Rs 13,743 crore.

Shri Rajnath Singh exuded confidence that the projects e-inaugurated today will enhance connectivity, strengthen national security and promote economic prosperity of all these regions. "These projects will enhance defence preparedness and boost transportation, tourism & economic activity in these areas. These are not just infrastructure assets; they are pathways to a brighter future," he added.



Underlining the strategic importance of BRO's work, Raksha Mantri stated that modern defence capability depends not just on weaponry but also on the infrastructure that supports it. "You can have the fastest tank or the most advanced aircraft, but if they can't reach where they are needed on time,

they serve no purpose. BRO plays a critical role in making sure our military is always ready and well-positioned," he said, commending BRO Karmayogis who work behind the scenes and contribute to national security.

Shri Rajnath Singh emphasised on the need to build new generation

infrastructure for the Armed Forces in view of the current geopolitical scenario. BRO must ensure that the preparations are at war-level, he said.

Raksha Mantri reiterated the Government's commitment to ensure border area development, making special mention of Sela Tunnel which has become

a symbol of this resolve to enhance connectivity in strategically-important areas. He highlighted the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to revitalise border villages, stating that initiatives like the Vibrant Villages Programme under which the Government is increasing connectivity by building about 35 kilometers of roads every day.

In his address, Director General Border Roads (DGBR) Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan highlighted the growing national importance of BRO, stating that the organisation has emerged as the agency of choice for key central ministries for executing infrastructure projects in the most challenging terrains. He reaffirmed the BRO's commitment to the well-being and dignity of its workforce, including GREF personnel and Casual Paid Labourers.

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Minority Affairs Shri Kiran Rijju, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, PP/DoPT, Atomic Energy and Space Dr Jitendra Singh, Chief of the Army Staff Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh and other senior officials of Ministry of Defence were present at the venue.

Himachal Pradesh Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Par naik, Rajasthan Governor Shri Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, Mizoram Chief Minister Shri Lalduhoma, Jammu & Kashmir Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, Lt Governor Ladakh Brig. (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) joined the event virtually.

Bhalla visits border areas in RS Pura Sector, boosts morale of residents

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RS PURA, MAY 7

JPKCC Working President Raman Bhalla visited border areas in RS Pura to boost the morale of residents and review preparations for potential retaliation from Pakistan after India's air strikes on terrorist camps. He praised the Indian Air Force for Operation Sindoor, which avenged the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians. Bhalla accompanied by Bhushan Lal Dogra, Vikas Kant (Ram), Master Yash Pal, Sunil Dutt, Roop Lal, Taranjeet Singh (PoJK Activist), Capt Ghar Singh, Sarpanch Sarvan Choudhary, Sarpanch Vikram Choudhary (Rocky), Raj Kumar (Sena Medal) visited border areas Flora, Abdal, Suchetgarh, Kaloen, Korotana, Basti, Motein. Bhalla's visit aimed to show solidarity with border residents and assess the situation's

preparedness. The visit demonstrated the party's commitment to supporting those affected by the conflict.

Bhalla hailed the successful accomplishment of Operation Sindoor, a military operation conducted by the Indian Army that targeted terrorist infrastructure deep inside Pakistan. The Indian Army hit 9 high-value terror targets associated with groups responsible for the Pahalgam attack. The operation was carried out with precision, ensuring no civilian or military infrastructure in Pakistan was affected. The operation was a necessity for taking action against terrorism.

Bhalla's praise for Operation Sindoor reflects the party's support for the government's efforts to combat terrorism and ensure national security. The operation marked a significant military engage-

ment between India and Pakistan, showcasing India's assertive stance in responding to cross-border terrorism. Bhalla emphasized that the nation stands united in support of the security forces and backs the government's efforts to eliminate terrorist camps in Pakistan. This stance aims to achieve lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir and prevent further loss of life due to Pakistan's proxy war.

Bhalla highlighted the nation's solidarity with the brave security forces. The Congress party supports government actions aimed at eliminating terrorist camps in Pakistan. The ultimate goal is to establish enduring peace in Jammu and Kashmir. Bhalla emphasized the importance of stopping Pakistan's proxy war to protect precious lives. This statement reflects the party's commitment to nation-



al security and peace in the region. Bhalla expressed confidence in the capabilities of India's security forces, stating that they are trained and equipped to effectively respond to Pakistan's provocations. He asserted that the security forces can teach Pakistan a "lifelong lesson" for its misadventures on Indian

borders. Bhalla expressed faith in the capabilities and training of India's security forces. He emphasized that the security forces are equipped to effectively respond to Pakistan's actions. Bhalla's statement conveys a strong message to Pakistan, highlighting India's readiness to defend

its borders. This statement reflects the party's trust in the security forces and their ability to protect the nation's interests. Pakistan's economic struggles make a direct fight with India a daunting prospect. Given the significant disparity in GDP and military spending between the two nations, Pakistan might

struggle to sustain a prolonged conflict.

Bhalla further said that Pakistan's economy is already strained, and a war with India would likely exacerbate these issues, potentially leading to widespread poverty and instability. If Pakistan were to launch an attack on India, it would face severe repercussions, including potential retaliation from India's military, which could lead to significant damage to Pakistan's infrastructure and economy. Pakistan's actions would likely lead to international condemnation, resulting in diplomatic isolation and potential economic sanctions. Given India's military capabilities and strategic advantages, Pakistan could suffer devastating losses in the event of a war, potentially altering the country's landscape and future, added Bhalla.

Bhalla strongly condemned Pakistan's actions

of targeting civilian areas and religious places, resulting in casualties, particularly in the Poonch district. He urged the administration to ensure foolproof arrangements to address any eventuality amid Pakistan's intense shelling from across the border. He expressed deep concern for the safety and well-being of civilians in the affected areas. Bhalla asked the administration to make comprehensive arrangements to meet any eventuality and ensure public safety. The situation along the border remains tense due to Pakistan's intense shelling, and Bhalla's statement highlights the need for preparedness and caution. Bhalla's statement reflects the party's commitment to protecting the people of Jammu and Kashmir and ensuring their safety in the face of cross-border aggression.

Devote time to propagate teachings of Guru Ravidass: Balbir Ram

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Each one of us should devote time to spread the timeless teachings of Guru Ravidass, the revered 15th-century Indian saint, whose message of universal brotherhood and equality continues to shine as a beacon of hope and harmony.

Balbir Ram Rattan, National General Secretary, Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth, Indian Branch General Secretary of British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation and Member of Begampura Vishwa Mahasabha, said this while making a fervent appeal for coming forward to contribute in propagating the teachings of Guru Ravidass. He was discussing the significance of the teachings of Guru Ravidass and the need to spread his message.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that Guru Ravidass, a visionary social reformer and poet-saint of India, championed values that go beyond time and religious divisions. He advocated for a casteless society and respect for all human beings.



"It is not enough to remember and respect Guru Ravidass on special occasions but we must carry his message into our everyday lives," Balbir said, adding that each one from among us should take pride in being followers of such a great Indian saint and become active participants in spreading his message. The people should also read and reflect upon his hymns, many of which are included in the Guru Granth Sahib, and share them widely to promote mutual respect and unity.

He emphasized that engaging the youth and

educating them about the legacy of Guru Ravidass is crucial in today's times. Organizing seminars, social media campaigns, and community gatherings are some of the ways to ensure the message reaches a wider audience.

Balbir also urged the educational institutions to include teachings of saints like Guru Ravidass in school syllabus, so that the coming generations can build a more inclusive and just society. His message of dignity of labour, equality, and devotion to God remains as relevant today as it was centuries ago.

Yudhvir launches blood donation camp at Geeta Bhawan Parade

Urges people to stand with Nation amidst Border Tensions

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

Yudhvir Sethi, senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu East today inaugurated a blood donation camp at Geeta Bhawan, Parade in response to the present security situation following Operation Sindoor, which was launched after the tragic Pahalgam terror attack that took the lives of 26 innocent tourists.

The camp was organized to bolster emergency preparedness in light of heightened border tensions and to support the medical infrastructure in Jammu. A large number of party workers and volunteers participated in the drive, showing solidarity with the nation.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said, "This is a time when every citizen must rise to support the nation and stand firmly with the Union



Government. Our brave soldiers are defending the borders with unmatched courage, and it is our duty to contribute in every way possible—from donating blood to helping each other in times of need."

He emphasized that such initiatives not only help prepare for any emergency but also reflect the unity and resilience of the people of Jammu in the face of adversity.

Adv. Rajesh Gupta, district president Jammu informed that a blood donation camp will be organized tomorrow outside the Brahmin Sabha, Parade. He appealed to the people to come forward and donate blood,

emphasizing the need to stay prepared in view of any emergency.

Gupta also appreciated the efforts of medical staff and volunteers, and assured that BJP stands committed to extending all possible help to the people and to the administration in these testing times.

Prominent among those who were present included Adv. Rajesh Gupta, District President, Romesh Gupta, Vice President, Suneet Raina, General Secretary, Savita Anand Secretary, Raman Sharma Spokesperson, BJP leader Arun Sethi, Atul Sharma, Bhanu Sambyal and S Harvinder Singh,

Nation stands with armed forces: Tara Chand

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JAMMU, MAY 7

Former Dy. Chief Minister and Working President Pradesh Congress Committee, Tara Chand appreciated the action of Indian Forces targeting terrorist base camps in Pakistan & POK with well planned coordination within forces.

Termed the action as successful specific strike, Tara Chand said that it was necessary in interest of Nation and came in the wake of the barbaric Pahalgam Terrorist Attack on 22th April in which 26 tourists were killed in a daylight in presence of their kins. He reiterated Besarvan (Pahalgam) attack was cowardly and painful act and every condemnation was not enough.

Senior Congress Leader Tara Chand said that our whole leadership including leader of opposition Sh. Rahul Gandhi and Congress President Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge stand with armed forces who struck terror camps in Pakistan and POK. They also applauded their resolute resolve and courage. National Unity and Solidarity is the need of the



hour and country stands with armed forces, Tara Chand said.

He also appealed to the villagers of the Border areas to pave full support to the forces and also provide the necessary backup in this crucial time. He said during war like situation every citizen should behave like a Soldier.

Condemning the recent attack by Pakistani Rangers over civilians in Poonch Sector, Tara Chand said that Indian forces always attacked terrorist camps without harming the civilians but today morning Pakistan's unprovoked firing and mortar shelling targeted residential areas in and around Poonch City and did not spare even women and children. This kind of civilian slaughter by Pakistan should not go unanswered and Tara Chand urged the Central Government to give befitting reply to Pakistan.

Ware House Traders to provide free ration, medicines if war starts with Pakistan, SCJS organizes Workshop on Cosmos Energy Science

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

After Operation Sindoor, the way Pakistan has started heavy shelling in Rajouri-Poonch and some parts of Kashmir, the chances of war breaking out between India and Pakistan have increased. Amidst the possibility of war, Jammu and Kashmir's largest wholesale grain market Warehouse-Nehru Market has shown its nationalism and announced to provide free ration and essential medicines to the needy people. Traders Federation Ware House-Nehru Market announced on Wednesday that even if there is a war between the two countries, there is no need for the common people to panic. In such a situation, the Traders



Federation will provide free ration and essential medicines to every needy. For this, Traders Federation announced the establishment of a Ration War Room and Medicine War Room in its warehouse office and said that soon the federation will release its helpline numbers. If someone is not able to come to the warehouse to get ration or medicines, then the essential goods will be delivered to his home.

Deepak Gupta, Presi-

dent of the Federation, which provided free Ration, Medicines and Oxygen Cylinders to the needy even during the Corona epidemic, while addressing a press conference at the Federation office on Wednesday, said that the Federation is ready to serve the people of Jammu once again. Deepak Gupta said that the Federation has always helped the needy and carrying forward this legacy, it has been decided that if India-Pakistan war breaks

out, the Federation will not allow any kind of ration shortage to arise in Jammu and Kashmir. Providing relief to the general public in this time of instability, Deepak Gupta said that in view of the current situation, the prices of flour, rice, pulses and edible oils have also been reduced. He said that there is sufficient ration for the next three months in Warehouse-Nehru Market and adequate supply of ration is being made in other districts also, hence there is no need for the public to worry in any way. Dheeraj Mahajan, Sr. Vc. President, Abhimanyu Gupta, General Secretary, Rahul Gupta, Secretary and Nitish Gupta Cashier of the Federation was also present during the press conference.

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JAMMU, MAY 7

The Senior Citizens' Joy Society (SCJS) successfully organised a thought-provoking workshop on Cosmos Energy Science, featuring renowned expert Shri Ravinder Jaju from Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. Shri Jaju, an authority on Vastu Shastra, Cosmos Energy, and Agnihotra, has been practicing and promoting these disciplines for over 30 years. His deep Vedic knowledge and real-world applications have uplifted countless commercial, residential, and industrial projects across India.

Shri Ashok Gupta, President of SCJS, extended a warm welcome to Shri Jaju and the participants. He set a light-hearted tone by reciting a poem on Laughter Yoga and shared insights about the objectives and structure of the workshop.

Shri Surinder Gupta, former Chief Engineer, and Shri B. B. Sharma, two-time State President



of Bharat Vikas Parishad, felicitated the chief guest in a warm gesture of appreciation.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and Chairman of SCJS, introduced Shri Jaju to the attendees, elaborating on his extensive contributions in the fields of Scientific Vastu and Agnihotra, including lectures delivered at prestigious institutions like IIT Kharagpur, IIT Guwahati, and NBAGR Karnal.

During his keynote session, Shri Jaju provided an in-depth explanation of Vastu Shastra—the ancient Indian science of architecture that harmonises structures with

cosmic and natural energies. He highlighted its foundational principles, historical significance, practical guidelines, and modern-day relevance. He also discussed key concepts such as directional energy, the Panchabhutas (five elements), and the importance of Brahmasthan, kitchen placement, main entrance, and sleeping positions in a Vastu-compliant home.

In the second session, he demonstrated Agnihotra, a Vedic fire ritual performed at exact sunrise and sunset. Participants witnessed the process using traditional ingredients such as a copper pyramid, cow dung cakes,

pure cow ghee, and rice grains, accompanied by specific Sanskrit mantras. Shri Jaju explained Agnihotra's scientific and spiritual benefits, including its potential to purify the environment, enhance mental focus, improve soil and plant health, and promote holistic healing.

The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants including Shri H.C. Vaid, Dr. Jain, Shri Vijay Sharma, Rakesh Misra, S.K. Gupta, Yesh Paul Sharma, B.B. Sharma, Pardeep Khajuria, Abhinandan Jain, Narinder Wadhwa, C.M. Sharma, Dr. Nirmal Kamal, Meenakshi Gupta, and Anju Bansal actively engaged with the speaker.

Shri C.M. Sharma delivered the Vote of Thanks, appreciating Shri Jaju's enlightening presentation and the enthusiastic participation of the attendees.

Amit calls AI 21st Century's most disruptive Tech at MZU National Workshop

J I NEWS SERVICE
AIZAWL (MIZORAM), MAY 7

Amit Sharma, Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, Information & Communications Technology (ICT) and Cooperation Departments was today exclusively invited as the Guest of Honour in a very important National Workshop held today in Mizoram University (MZU) on the subject "AI-Driven Financial Empowerment for Mizoram".

The Chief Guest in the inaugural session of this two-days National Workshop was Governor of Mizoram, Gen (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh whereas Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University Prof Dibakar Chandra Deka was also a Guest of Honour along with Secretary ICT Amit Sharma. Apart from them, Director Transport Mizoram Er. R. Lalrammawia was a Distinguished Guest, Pro VC Prof Pravakar Rath, was a Special Guest and Dean R&D, IIT Bhubaneswar Prof Santosh Biswas was also a Special Guest in



this National Workshop. During his address in the Workshop, Secretary ICT Mizoram Amit Sharma termed Artificial Intelligence (AI) as the biggest disruptive technology of 21st Century which is still evolving. He gave lot of contemporary examples, like BOT models, Chat GPT, AI-driven financial management tools, education tools, investment solutions, robotics, drone-technology which have started replacing humans for performing various tasks in a big way.

On the ICT front, Secretary Amit Sharma described that Government of India has set-up an exclusive AI Mission,

which is constantly working towards exploring new possibilities of using AI in all major fields such as Agriculture, Medical World, Banking and Finance, Defence, Mining, Surveillance, etc wherein India has already achieved a niche spot and he expressed a great optimism about India becoming an "AI Superpower" in times to come.

Governor of Mizoram General (Dr) V.K Singh enlightened the attendees of this AI-Driven Financial Inclusion Workshop with his rich experience sharing in this filed and AI's wide scale usage in today's world. He expressed that a strong collaboration

between academics and Government departments can lead towards greater efficiency with the inclusion of AI technologies and it can help in betterment of public service delivery in the state of Mizoram.

Also, Secretary ICT Mizoram Amit Sharma assured visiting experts from IIT Bhubaneswar, who are co-organisers of this National Workshop along with the faculty of Mizoram University, towards working in close liaison and inking MoUs in all relevant areas for developing AI-driven solutions for various Government Departments in times to come, as envisioned by the Governor of Mizoram.

Prof. Jasim Mohammad backs Narendra Modi Govt's bold stand against Pahalgam terror attack

J I NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

The Chairman of the Centre for Narendra Modi Studies (CNMS), Prof. Jasim Mohammad, has lauded the Modi government for launching 'Operation Sindoor'—a bold and decisive step in response to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

Praising the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Prof. Jasim said, "The government has sent a clear and strong message that any



attack on Indian lives will not be tolerated. 'Operation Sindoor' reflects Bharat's unwavering commitment to protect its

sovereignty and fight terrorism with full force."

Former MLA Neeldaman Khatra said, "The people of India stand united behind the Modi government. This firm action gives confidence to every citizen that the safety of our nation is the top priority."

CNMS Advisory Council Members Prof. Divya Tanwar and Dr Jawaid Rahmani strongly condemned the Pahalgam attack, calling it "a shameful and cowardly act that took away the

lives of innocent people." Secretary of CNMS Nikhat Parveen said, "Terrorism has no place in a civilized society. It is time the world recognizes India's right to defend its people. The Narendra Modi government has shown that national security will never be compromised." Treasurer of CNMS Dr Daulat Ram Sharma said "There is no place for terrorism in India and in the World" The Centre for Narendra Modi Studies stands in full support of the government's mission to uproot terrorism and uphold national dignity.

Tony visits Zero Line Villages, condemns targeting of civilians of Poonch by Pak Army

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

Amidst escalating border tensions following Operation Sindoor, senior leader and DDC Suchetgarh Taranjit Singh Tony today visited several Zero Line villages to take stock of the situation and interact with residents facing displacement due to shelling threats.

During his visit, Tony expressed serious concern over the safety of civilians living along the border belt and appealed to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to personally monitor the arrangements being made at relief camps set up for evacuated border dwellers.

"The situation demands urgent and compassionate intervention from the highest level. I urge CM Omar to oversee the relief efforts himself and ensure that affected families receive proper shelter, food, medical care, and security," Tony said.



He emphasized the need for swift and coordinated action by the civil administration to avoid panic and ensure orderly evacuation wherever necessary in case of war.

Highlighting infrastructural gaps, Tony also pointed out that many bunkers constructed along the Zero Line are faulty and unfit for use, putting lives at further risk.

"It is deeply worrying that several bunkers are either incomplete or poorly built. These cannot serve their intended purpose in times of emergen-

cy," he said, demanding an immediate technical review and rectification.

Tony also issued a strong condemnation of Pakistan for deliberately targeting civilian areas in Poonch, calling it a cowardly and inhumane act.

"Targeting innocent civilians is an act of cowardice. Such actions must be exposed and condemned at every global platform," he stated.

He also paid rich tributes to the armed forces for their sacrifices and valour during Operation Sindoor.

"A big salute to the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy. The nation will forever remain indebted to the bravehearts who laid down their lives for the country. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten," Tony said.

Tony also urged residents of border villages to stay calm, not fall prey to rumours, and maintain regular contact with local authorities.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI HYDRAULIC DIVISION RAMBAN

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E-NIT NO. 04 OF 2025-26 DATED 05-05-2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (Hydraulic) Division, Ramban invites tenders by e-tendering mode on item rate from Tankers owners / firms having GSTIN/ Govt. Registered Contractors for providing water supply through Water Tankers under the jurisdiction of Jal Shakti (Hydraulic) Division Ramban District Ramban.

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Movement Kalki expresses gratitude to Indian Armed Forces, demands strong action against Pakistan



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JAMMU, MAY 7

Today, Movement Kalki organized a powerful nationalist protest at Bharat Mata Chowk and Jammu Bus Stand to express deep gratitude to the Indian Army, Air Force, and the Government of India for their strong and fitting response to the cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The atmosphere resonated with patriotic slogans like "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram". As a symbolic act, the Pakistani flag was laid on the ground and trampled underfoot—sending a clear message that the people of India will never tolerate terrorism or its sponsors. A shocking incident occurred during the pro-

test where a girl in uniform attempted to remove the Pakistani flag and allegedly shouted slogans such as "Pakistan Zindabad." Movement Kalki members strongly opposed this act, reinstated the flag on the ground, and trampled it again as a protest against such anti-national sentiments. The organization demanded strict action against individuals with such dangerous mindsets. Statement from Movement Kalki: "There is no place for those who glorify Pakistan on Indian soil. Such people are mentally deluded and should be sent to Pakistan to experience the harsh reality themselves." Many patriotic citizens from the Muslim community also participated in the

protest, stating: "We are true Indians. Terrorism has no religion, and trampling the Pakistani flag is our national duty." Movement Kalki also demanded that the Indian government respond firmly to the recent ceasefire violations by Pakistan, which resulted in the deaths of innocent civilians. They urged the government to expose Pakistan as a terrorist nation on international platforms and sever all diplomatic and trade relations with it. The event concluded with heartfelt tributes to the martyred Indian soldiers. The participants saluted their families—mothers, sisters, and wives—acknowledging that the nation is forever indebted to their sacrifice.

Kuwarani Ritu Singh lends her support in organizing Blood Donation Camp at GMC Jammu



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

Kuwarani Ritu Singh, Co-Founder of Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation, extended her wholehearted support in organizing a blood donation camp at Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital Jammu, as a gesture of solidarity amidst the ongoing border tensions following Operation Sindoor. On the instructions of Kuwarani Ritu Singh, a dedicated team of blood donors, led by Mr. Vikas, Manager of Hotel Hari Niwas, Jammu, participated actively in the camp and donated blood to support the hospital's emergency preparedness in view of any unforeseen situation. Dr Ashutosh Gupta Prin-

icipal GMC Jammu and Dr Meena Sidhu HOD Blood Bank GMC Jammu and Dr Aneesh Uppal, Specialist Pediatrician, appreciated the efforts of Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation for supporting the noble cause. Kuwarani Ritu Singh said "I have always stood at the forefront for the people of Jammu. In these testing times, our duty is to serve, support, and stand united with the nation." Apart from the blood donation drive, she also offered ration supplies and other essential items to those in need. She extended full solidarity with the armed forces and the Union Government, and urged the citizens to stay calm and strong, trusting the brave soldiers protecting the nation. Congratulating the Indian Forces on their successful execution of Operation Sindoor, she stated, "Our soldiers put their lives on the line to safeguard our borders and bring justice to the innocent victims of the Pahalgam terror attack. The entire nation stands proud of their bravery and sacrifice." In a spiritual gesture for peace and healing, Kuwarani Ritu Singh also initiated mass prayers at the historic Raghunath Ji Temple, leading the recitation of Hanuman Chalisa for the safety of the nation and its defenders. She said these prayers will continue on daily basis till the situation come to normal.

IIM Jammu, SDRF jointly organize Awareness and Disaster Preparedness Session

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JAMMU, MAY 7

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized a critical disaster preparedness and awareness session in collaboration with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Jammu and Kashmir, at its Jagti Campus. The session was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.



The session was conducted under the guidance of Inspector Sanjeev Kalsi along with their SDRF team. The objective was to sensitise and train the IIM Jammu community—faculty, officers, staff, and students—on essential safety measures during emergencies, particularly in air raid and air strike scenarios. Inspector Pavinder Singh, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Jammu and Kashmir delivered a comprehensive training session covering essential protocols for air raids and air strikes, the importance of pre-hospital response time, and life-saving techniques. Through live demonstrations, par-

ticipants were trained in administering CPR, managing fractures, and executing casualty evacuation procedures. The team also provided detailed guidance on actions to take during air raid alerts and airstrikes, including seeking immediate shelter, avoiding crowded areas, and adhering to blackout protocols such as turning off lights, shutting down inverters, and refraining from usage of lights. The session highlighted the significance of first-aid preparedness and community-level awareness in reducing casualties during emergencies. Various methods of transporting injured individuals—such

as single-hand and multiple-hand seats, leg crutches, shirt drag, blanket drag, and Preliminary Stabilization and Positioning (PSP)—were also demonstrated. Present during the session were Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics; CA Rajat Jain, FA-CAO; and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, along with the institute's faculty, officers, staff, and students. The session witnessed active participation from the institute community. It underscored IIM Jammu's steadfast commitment to proactive disaster preparedness and ensuring public safety in times of national emergencies.

Chhibber meets Surinder Choudhary, demands road for Dev Sathan Mandir in Village Kheri

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JAMMU, MAY 7

In a significant meeting with Surinder Choudhary, Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, R K Chhibber representative of the Chhibber Biradari, Kheri, Dharat, Tehsil Nowshera, District Rajouri, raised an urgent appeal for the construction of a 1-km road from the main road to the revered Dev Sathan Mandir in Village Kheri, located near the Line of Control (LoC).

The Dev Sathan Mandir holds profound religious significance for the Biradari across North India, attracting devotees from Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Delhi. The temple hosts two major congregations (Mails) annually in December and April, drawing thousands of devotees. However, the absence of a proper road has made access challenging, particularly during the monsoon season when the muddy, unsafe path poses significant difficulties for elderly devotees, women, and children who must walk 1 km to reach the temple. Basic earthwork for the road has been completed,



with pending work including the laying of crusher stones and blacktopping. A well-constructed road would not only ensure safe and convenient access for devotees but also benefit residents of nearby villages. Mr. Chhibber also requested arrangements for a reliable water supply to the site. On behalf of the community, urged the Deputy Chief Minister to allocate

funds and initiate construction at the earliest. The Deputy Chief Minister assured that the matter would be taken up on priority. The residents of Village Kheri and the Chhibber Biradari express their heartfelt gratitude for the Minister's commitment and remain confident that, under his leadership, this long-standing need will be addressed swiftly.

Ishant hails Op Sindoor as historic against terror; applauds PM Modi, Indian Armed Forces

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 7

Advocate Ishant Gupta, State IT Head of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir, has extended heartfelt congratulations to the Central Government and the Indian Armed Forces for the decisive and successful execution

of Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the barbaric terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22. "Operation Sindoor is not just a military operation – it is a clear message to the enemies of our nation that India will not tolerate terror in any form. The brutal killing of 26 innocent people in Pah-

algam deeply hurt the soul of the nation. Today, that soul has found justice," Advocate Gupta said. He commended the bold leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, stating that their unwavering commitment

to national security and zero tolerance for terrorism is what enables such precise and impactful missions. "I salute the Indian Armed Forces for their unparalleled courage and professionalism in striking at the heart of terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu

and Kashmir. Their bravery echoes in every corner of the nation today," he added. Advocate Gupta emphasized that the people of Jammu & Kashmir, who have endured the direct consequences of cross-border terrorism, stand firmly with the government and the armed forces. He called Operation

Sindoor a turning point in India's counter-terrorism policy and a tribute to all victims of terrorism. "Our brave soldiers have not only avenged innocent lives but have also reinforced India's sovereignty, strength, and resolve. The entire nation stands united in saluting this bold and historic action," he said.

J&K BJP pays floral tributes to Adv. Ramesh Arora

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JAMMU, 07 MAY 2025:

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, paid rich floral tributes to former MLC and senior leader Adv. Ramesh Arora in a Shradhanjali Sabha organized at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition and General Secretary, J&K BJP, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), J&K BJP, Dr. Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Ministers, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA & General Secretary, J&K JBP, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, MLA, Adv. Sunil Sethi, Chief Spokesperson, J&K BJP, Baldev Singh Billa-waria, senior leader, and others paid tributes to the former MLC. Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma remembered Adv. Arora as a life-long activist. On the occasion, he recalled his association with the former MLC, since the time, the Emergency was imposed in India. He described him as a dedicated and fearless leader who along with others devoted his life to the organization's growth in the region. "Adv. Ramesh Arora worked dedicatedly, consistently, and aggressively, for the nation and society, through-

out his life. His demise is an irreparable loss to the organization. We, as an organization, owe him a lot and remember him with the tearful eyes", said Sat Sharma. Dr. Nirmal Singh also paid glowing tributes to the late leader, recalling his active participation in various social and political agitations in Jammu. He called Adv. Arora the "epitome of activism" and highlighted his sincerity in raising issues of national and public interest with unmatched determination. Ashok Koul said that the BJP family, through this solemn occasion, reaffirms its gratitude for the services and sacrifices of Adv. Ramesh Arora and pledge to carry forward his legacy of selfless service and ideological commitment. Ch. Vikram Randhawa conducted the Shradhanjali Sabha proceedings. Adv. Purnima Sharma, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Adv. Ishant Mahajan, Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Rinku Choudhary, Prem Gupta, Inderjit, Rekha Mahajan, HS Pammi, Shailja Gupta, Asha Gupta, and others also paid tributes on the occasion. BJP leaders observed a two-minute silence, praying for the departed soul's Moksha and for strength to be granted to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

SMVDU ECE Students win IEEE YESIST12 2025 Prelims, Set to Represent India in Malaysia Finale



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A team of students from the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has earned national acclaim by winning 1st position in the Innovation Challenge Track and securing the 3rd overall position in the IEEE YESIST12 2025 Prelims. The team also received a cash prize of 5,000 for their outstanding performance. Team named "Major", consisting of students of B.Tech. (ECE)-6th semester, Harsh Raj (Team Leader), Amit Kumar Amar, Aman Singh & Nitesh Kumar Dubey and mentored by Prof. Sumeet Gupta, presented their project "Gesture Speak", which is an assistive hardware innovation that utilizes a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to translate sign language

into spoken words, significantly improving communication for deaf and mute individuals. The solution was praised for its technical depth and potential social impact. Their success in the prelims has earned them a spot in the IEEE YESIST12 2025 Grand Finale, which will be hosted in Malaysia, where they will represent SMVDU on a global stage. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU lauded the performance of the students and said "Designing innovative and state of the art solutions for the benefit of the society is the truest test of technology. I congratulate the students on their performance and hope they will compete successfully at the international level". Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, Head, School of E&CE congratulated the student team and commended them for their hard work, innovation, and dedication.

Congress to hold Triyanga Yatra in all state capitals to salute armed forces

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All India Congress Committees has decided to

hold Triyanga rallies in all state capitals to salute the armed forces and issued instructions to the PCCs in this regard.

RAMP Programme: Team of JKTPO & JKEDI Officers review ongoing ESDP Training at Reasi

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As part of the ongoing initiative to foster entrepreneurship and skill development across Jammu and Kashmir under the World Bank-funded Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) programme, Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, J&K Government, and Director JKEDI, Khalid Jahangir, along with Managing Director, JKTPO, Sudershan Kumar, visited Government ITI Reasi today to review the ongoing Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP).

The team of officers interacted with the trainees and reviewed the progress of the four-week programme, which commenced on May 5 in the



Government ITI Reasi. The batch consists of 33 participants, including 22 female and 11 male aspiring entrepreneurs.

The programme started with a welcome address by the Principal Er. Rajesh Kumar Banotra. Also present on the occasion were DNO Abhilash Kumar Braroo, Trainer Waseem Hussain Mir, Virpartap Singh (Reviewer of the

Reasi ESDP) and In-charge CNEC.

During the visit, MD JKTPO Sudershan Kumar appreciated the enthusiasm of the participants and reaffirmed JKTPO's commitment to fostering grassroots entrepreneurship. He emphasized that under the RAMP initiative, the government is making structured efforts to build entrepreneurial capacity

and create job providers across the UT.

Khalid Jahangir provided an overview of the ESDP initiative and its long-term objectives, noting that the programme plays a vital role in enabling local youth, particularly women, to become self-reliant through enterprise development.

The ESDP is a key component of the RAMP initiative in Jammu and Kashmir, with an overall budget allocation of 1.5 crore for 108 training programmes targeting 3,240 beneficiaries across all districts. The 20-day curriculum includes business management, marketing, simulations, field exposure, and enterprise planning.

The Raising and

Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) programme is a World Bank-assisted national programme aimed at enhancing the productivity, market access, and resilience of the MSME sector. In J&K, it is being implemented under the leadership of JKTPO and supervision of the Industries & Commerce Department. The programme focuses on institutional strengthening, market development, digitalization, and financial access to support micro, small, and medium enterprises.

The visit by top officials to Reasi reflects the government's commitment to fostering an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem and ensuring the effective delivery of skill-based programmes at the grassroots level.

Indian Army conducts Medical Patrol at Dhanna and Kashmiri Mohalla, Poonch

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In an effort to address the healthcare needs of residents in the remote areas of Poonch, Romeo Force carried out a Medical Patrol in the Village of Dhanna and Kashmiri Mohalla. This initiative aims to provide basic medicines to the underprivileged communities, fostering health and well-being. A Patrol moved to the villages of Dhanna and Kashmiri Mohalla undertaking the primary role of carrying out Area Domination. The Company Medical Representative part of the patrol carried out basic health check-ups and distribution of essential medicines. The Indian Army is committed to ensuring that residents in these remote areas have access to qual-



ity healthcare, promoting a healthier and stronger community. This initiative aligns with the Indian Army's ongoing commitment to serve the nation beyond defence, exemplifying their dedication to

the well-being of citizens. The free medical support highlights the Indian Army's ethos of solidarity and support, showcasing the positive impact that collaborative efforts can have on the health.

BRO celebrates 66th Raising Day, Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurates 50 Infrastructure Projects from Manekshaw Centre

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Raised on 07 May 1960, Border Roads Organisation completes 66 glorious years of raising.

Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated and dedicated 50 BRO infrastructure projects to the Nation, constructed at a total cost of 1,879 crore.

Projects enhance forward connectivity to remote and strategically vital areas across 8 border States/Union Territories.

BRO has completed a record of 161 infrastructure projects in the last two years – an unprecedented achievement.

The event highlighted BRO's role as a pioneer in nation-building, contributing to both strategic preparedness and socio-economic development.

The event also underscored welfare measures for BRO personnel and Casual Paid Labourers (CPLs), focusing on improved allowances, healthcare, and service conditions.

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) marked its 66th Raising Day on 7 May 2025 with the virtual inauguration and dedication of 50 strategically significant infrastructure projects to the nation by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh from Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. These projects, constructed at a total cost of 1,879 crore, are spread across six border States and two Union Ter-



ritories, reinforcing India's security, connectivity and development in remote regions.

On this momentous occasion, Director General Border Roads (DGBR) Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, PVSM, VSM, paid homage to all the brave personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and extended heartfelt greetings to all BRO personnel and their families and prayed for their well-being and continued success.

Reflecting on BRO's glorious journey, since its inception in 1960 with two initial projects 'TUSKER' in the East (now Project Vartak) and 'BEACON' in the North, the DGBR highlighted the organisation's unwavering commitment to constructing roads and strategic infrastructure in

the remotest parts of the country. Over the decades, BRO has transformed the impossible into possible with perseverance, dedication and courage.

During the occasion, the Director General Border Roads (DGBR) expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri for his visionary leadership, unwavering support, and significant increase in budgetary allocations.

Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh said that the Government is focused towards the development of border areas and commended BRO's effort of always being at the forefront in constructing Roads in high altitude area with hostile terrain, harsh weather, low Oxygen levels and extreme cold.

Despite these challenges BRO remains committed towards its mission of Connecting Place Connecting People.

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh lauded BRO's "Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam" ethos and mentioned about the welfare measures for personnel and casual paid labourers (CPLs), including enhanced remote area healthcare, parity of risk and hardship allowances with Armed Forces and comprehensive term life insurance.

Out of these 50 Projects constructed by the BRO, 06 infrastructure projects have been completed by Project Sampark in J&K (UT). These include 01 road and 05 bridges which are worth Rs 59.94 crore. The road project in Poonch (J&K) is worth Rs 5.63

crores. In addition, the 05 bridges at Sewal, Pesku, Dersu-VI, Birhon and Babban were constructed at the cost of Rs 54.31 crores at different areas of Jammu & Udhampur.

On the Basohli-Bani-Bhaderwah Road, out of 18 bridges, 16 have already been completed. 130 m steel superstructure Sewal bridge is now being dedicated. The balance 02 bridges are under different stages of construction.

On the Dhar-Udhampur Road, out of 28 bridges, 5 have already been completed. Pesku (40m) and Dersu-VI (24m) bridges are now being dedicated. The remaining 14 bridges on this road are under different stages of construction. The work on balance seven is likely to commence in the coming months.

On the Jammu-Srinagar Road, Birhon Bridge, is a replacement to the old bridge which had been damaged in Jul 2021. Birhon bridge of 130 m span is a PSC box girder construction and has been completed before time.

On the Rajpura-Nidhala Road, 120 m Babban Bridge, joins the missing link between Rajpura to Nidhala and provides much needed connectivity, in the region.

These six projects dedicated to the nation in the UT of J&K will contribute significantly towards enhancing connectivity in the region. The completion of these projects further reinforces the commitment of BRO towards infrastructure development in the border areas.

The Hon'ble RM reaffirmed the Government's resolve to ensure better infrastructure development in border areas keeping in view the Nation's security needs. He expressed his confidence in BRO's contribution to Nation building by promoting enhanced defence preparedness & ushering economic development in Border States through improved connectivity despite tremendous challenges of terrain & weather condition.

As BRO celebrates 66 glorious years, it rededicates itself to the service of the nation, standing firm on its motto: "Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam"

Everything is Achievable Through Hard Work."

BJP leader visits Poonch DH, met victims of border firing



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To meet the people, injured in the border shelling by Pakistan, BJP District President Poonch, S. Gurdeep Singh Khalsa today visited District Hospital in Poonch.

During the visit, Singh strongly condemned the attack by Pakistani rangers in the area and expressed solidarity with the victims and their families of the border shelling.

He assured that the border shelling by Pakistan would not go unanswered, stating that the Prime Minister would give a befitting reply on behalf of India.

Singh highlighted that Pakistan's attempts to disrupt peace and order in Poonch would have severe consequences, including affecting tourism.

He vowed to give a befitting reply, teaching them a lesson in their own language.

Indian Army organizes Amity Meeting for Awam at Peda Gali, Rajouri



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In a proactive effort to strengthen bonds with the local population and provide essential support, Peda Army Camp organized a community interaction and assistance program in the upper reaches, where residents have migrated to the dhoks with the onset of summer. This initiative aimed to connect with the people in remote areas and address their immediate needs, particularly in the sphere of healthcare. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals and served as a platform to build trust and enhance mutual understanding. A key highlight of the program was the provision

of medical assistance, a much-needed service in these inaccessible regions.

Over 30 individuals benefited from basic health check-ups, necessary treatments, and the distribution of essential medicines by medical personnel. This outreach effort not only demonstrated the commitment of Indian Army to the welfare of the local communities but also reinforced the importance of security forces as partners in development and well-being. The locals expressed deep gratitude for the timely support and assured continued cooperation. Such initiatives play a crucial role in fostering goodwill, addressing grassroots concerns, and ensuring a unified approach to community resilience.

ECI crosses milestone of training over 2,300 field-level election functionaries at IIDEM

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The Election Commission of India has now taken another unprecedented step of training field-level election functionaries from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in 'Tamil language. 293 participants comprising 264 BLO Supervisors, 14 EROs, 2 DEOs and other officials are part of this mixed-batch training programme at IIDEM, Delhi.

In his inaugural address Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Shri Gyanesh Kumar said that the BLOs are the first interface of the Election Commission of India with the voters and have a vital role in ensuring correct and updated electoral rolls. With this, nearly 2,300 participants have benefited from intensive training programmes being organised at IIDEM during the past few weeks. This 2-day training programme



is in line with the expansive training programme to train election functionaries

at all levels including over 1 lakh BLOs in the country in next few years.

The BLO supervisors are being trained through interactive sessions, role plays, to ensure accurate filling of various forms including Form 6, 7 & 8. The module includes practical training in the use of IT solutions. These BLO supervisors are being equipped as Assembly Level Master Trainers to train other BLOs. The participants were also familiarised with the provisions of first and second appeals

against the final published electoral rolls with the District Magistrate (DM or an officer of equivalent rank) under section 24(a) of RP Act 1950 and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the State/UT under section 24(b) respectively. It may be recalled that no appeals were filed from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry after the completion of the Special Summary Revision (SSR) exercise as of 6th-10th of January 2025.