

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 abdominal pain
- Diarrhea
- Persistent vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool
- Redness on the face or chest

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

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“Goli Ka Jawaab Gola”: PM Modi’s strong directions to armed forces on Pak’s Cross-Border firing

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given clear directions to armed forces to respond to cross-border firing and shelling with full force, saying “Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola,” sources said on Sunday.

They said the Operation Sindoor is far from over, and India will respond



with bombs to every Pakistani bullet fired from across the Line of Control (LoC).

They said that the PM has said enough is enough, “Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola chalega.”

(If they fire bullets from there, we will respond with bombs). The turning point was the attacks on the air bases, they said.

“If they fire, we will fire, and if they attack, we will attack,” sources added.

The sources also informed about India’s stand on Kashmir, saying that the country doesn’t need anyone to mediate and there was only

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If Pakistan dares take action, they know what we are going to do: Armed Forces issue strong warning

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NEW DELHI, MAY 11

Director General Naval Operations Vice Admiral A N Pramod on Sunday said the Indian Navy has full maritime dominance and is prepared to deliver a massive blow in response to any provocation from Pakistan, under the ongoing framework of Operation Sindoor.

Vice Admiral Pramod issued a clear warning to Pakistan stating, “This



time, if Pakistan dare take any action, Pakistan knows what we are going to do, that’s all,” he said.

Speaking in Delhi, the Director General Naval

Operations said, “I will make few sentences and leave it for your imagination. First of all, we have quantitative and qualitative edge to deliver a mas-

sive blow to our adversary. And we completely dominate in the maritime front.”

He added that the Navy’s role is part of a broader joint operations plan. “Indian Navy’s action is part of the escalation ladder mechanism which we have worked out amongst three services.”

Earlier, The Indian Armed forces on Sunday held a detailed news conference addressed

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LG Manoj Sinha pays tribute to martyred soldier Rfn Sunil Kumar



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JAMMU, MAY 11

The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha paid tributes to Army Braveheart Rfn Sunil Kumar, who laid down his life in the

line of duty for the Nation. Rfn Sunil Kumar attained martyrdom during unprovoked firing by Pakistan in R.S Pura area, Jammu. The Lieutenant Governor has

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India inflicted heavy losses on Pakistan military: Armed Forces

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

India on Sunday said it inflicted tremendous losses to the Pakistan military, including downing its fighter jets featuring latest technologies and damaging key military installations close to even capital Islamabad, during the three-day confrontation between the two sides.

Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai said 35-40 Pakistani military personnel were killed in the



combat and New Delhi achieved its desired objectives and that Pakistan will have to pay a very heavy price if it resorts to any misadventure.

At a media briefing, senior military officials of

the Army, Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy provided details of Operation Sindoor, including how India repelled Pakistani attempts to target Indian military installations and civilian areas.

To a question, Air Marshal AK Bharti said India definitely downed a few Pakistani planes but refused to hazard a guess on the numbers.

“Their planes were prevented from coming inside our border. So we do not have the wreckage with us but definitely we have downed a few planes,” he said.

Asked about reports in the foreign media of losses of Indian fighter jets, Air Marshal Bharati said, “We are in a combat

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LG Sinha visits GMC Jammu, meets civilians injured due to unprovoked shelling by Pakistan



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JAMMU, MAY 11

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today visited Government Medical College Hospital Jammu to enquire about the health

of the residents of Jammu, Rajouri and Poonch, who sustained injuries during unprovoked shelling by Pakistan.

Team of doctors briefed the Lieutenant

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We have the capability to target every system at Pakistan’s bases: Air Marshal AK Bharti on measured strikes

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NEW DELHI, MAY 11

Air Marshal AK Bharti on Sunday emphasised the country’s military capabilities, stating that India has the ability to target every system at Pakistan’s bases.

This statement comes amid heightened tensions between the two nations, following India’s recent military operation, Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir.



India’s military operation involved precision strikes on nine sites identified as terrorist infrastructure, including militant camps in Muzaffarabad, Kotli, and Bahawalpur.

Addressing a press briefing about the Indian Armed Forces’ decision to strike back after a mass drone raid by Pakistan on the night of the 8th and 9th, which began as early as 22:30 hours, Air Marshal Bharti said, “We have the capability to target every system at these bases and more. However, it was only a measured response to instil good wisdom to our adversary to refrain from further escalation. IAF’s

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LG Manoj Sinha Pays Homage to BSF Martyr Sub Inspector Md. Imteyaz



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha laid a wreath and paid homage to BSF

Braveheart Sub Inspector Md. Imteyaz, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the motherland.

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LG visits family of Late ADDC Rajouri Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha, today visited the family of Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, in Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor offered his condolences to the bereaved family members and paid homage to the distinguished public servant who worked assiduously to fulfill the aspirations of the people.

“Dr. Thapa’s contri-



but ion to the processes of J&K’s development is immense. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and

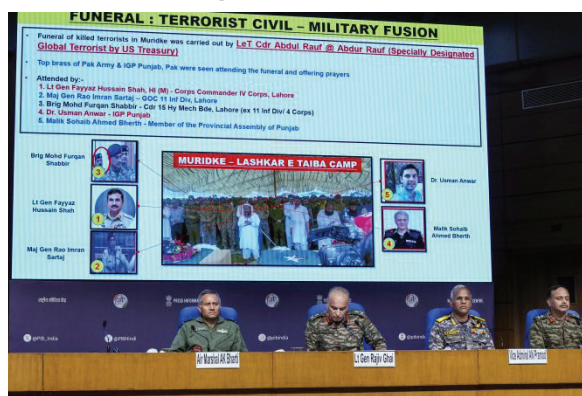
numerous admirers in this hour of grief. I pray for peace of the departed soul,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

At least 35 pak army personnels killed on LoC: DGMO Rajeev Ghai

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NEW DELHI, MAY 11

Director General Military Operations on Sunday said that at least 35 Pakistani army personnels were killed on the Line of Control (LoC) between May 7 and 10. He added that there would be more casualties, which are being assessed, since the Indian army used heavier weapons in response to air intrusions by the neighbouring country’s army.

“There are various means to ascertain (the loss of lives). There is information from various agencies. From the Line



of Control (LoC), there are other ways to determine the effects. I mentioned 35-40 on the Line of Control. Please remember that once Operation Sindoor was launched, the

responses of the Pakistan Army were also on the Indian Army or the Indian Armed Forces infrastructure,” Ghai told reporters in a press conference.

“Our targets were ter-

ror-oriented, and later, once they launched air intrusions and air operations on our infrastructure, we used heavier weapons, and there would have been casualties, but those are still being assessed,” he added.

The DGMO said that some of the air fields and dumps witnessed repeated attacks in waves from the air, which were prevented by the armed forces.

“Some of the air fields and dumps saw repeated attacks in waves from the air. All were thwarted. The Pakistan Army has reported to have lost

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Security at scientific installations along western border stepped up: Jitendra

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

In the wake of an armed conflict with Pakistan, the government has decided to step up security at scientific installations across the country, particularly along the western border, Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said.

Singh reviewed the security preparedness at scientific and technical installations across the country on Saturday and issued directions for an upgrade, particularly in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat.



The sites of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in Srinagar and Leh and the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine in Jammu will also get a security upgrade, the minister said in a post on X.

Singh specifically reviewed the preparedness and security mechanisms at the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative

Medicine (IIIM), Jammu; CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), Chandigarh; CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRRI), Jalandhar; CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh; DBT-Biotech Research Innovation Council (BRIC), National Agri-Food and Bio-manufacturing Institute (NABI), Mohali.

All scientific institutions have been directed to review and enhance their current security protocols in light of the prevailing situation, an official statement said.

Singh also asked the

institutions to immediately inform the respective district administrations to ensure seamless coordination and protection.

The minister asked each institution to develop and circulate standard operating procedures (SOPs) for an emergency response to ensure that both the staff and local authorities are well-prepared.

To avoid putting students and researchers, who may have returned to their home states, at disadvantage, Singh said all upcoming examinations and research proposals are to be postponed until further notice.

Show must Go On: Natrang stages 'Topian'

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JAMMU, MAY 11

Keeping the theatre spirit alive and endorsing the belief 'Show must go On', Natrang amid tensions staged a hard hitting political satire 'Topian' written by Mani Madhukar and directed by Neeraj Kant here at Natrang studio theatre. It is pertinent to mention that Natrang is performing non stop theatre every Sunday since last 22 years which is a record in the country.

Most appropriate and timely presentation on the contemporary political scene of the country, the play is a dig on the lusty politicians who can change colors faster than a chameleon just to ensure that they remain in power. For them, the mission is to befool the public and for that they have the requisite theatrical art, know-how, expertise and the excellence to transform themselves to any color or attire as per the situation and the requirement. Human civilization has witnessed a lot of social and political revolutions, each time thinkers and philosophers have sold new political thoughts and doctrine of governance. But ironically the same faces have made their way to power just by hiding real faces in new masks. They have been changing



the color of their caps and not their mind set.

In the backdrop of the story of two neighbors who pledge to change the political scene are shown looking for alternatives. Each time they come across a person they meet only those wearing different caps and attire offering them a variety of manifestos. Each time they identify him as a different person and expect a different ideology from him. This way they succumb to his tactics. Over time when they find that nothing is changing, the slogans of socialism are furthering the divide between rich and poor, quality of life is deteriorating day by day and the security of life and property is at the mercy of God. Both muster courage and strip the person selling those dreams. Surprisingly inside clothes they find that he is the same person and every time he

used to come to them in different attire.

The playwright has successfully portrayed that the politicians are the same; they only change their caps and their colors just to befool the public. They can be friends and enemies at the same time, their equations and confrontations change for lust of power. This absurd play posed a big challenge before the young actors of Natrang but interestingly their handling of the characters surprised many. Aryan Sharma played the central character of the play who frequently changes into different colors was beautifully portrayed by him. The two neighbors were played by Adaksh Bagal and Kartik Kumar. Both gave engrossing performances. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

Indian Army hosts veteran & Veer Nari Meet at Gando

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Indian Army organised a Veteran/ExSM/Veer Nari/Matas meet at Gando on 10 May 2025 reaffirming its deep respect and gratitude towards the brave Ex-Servicemen who have served the nation with dedication and honour. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of numerous veterans and their dependents highlighting the enduring bond between serving personnel and retired soldiers. This impactful initiative celebrated the unparalleled sacrifices of our veterans as well as the bravehearts who have sacrificed their lives for the country. The meet was a testament to the Indian Army's commitment to its veterans and their families. It provides a unique opportunity for them to come together, share experiences, and celebrate their spirit of camaraderie and sacrifices.



The gathering served as a platform to strengthen the bond between serving personnel and veterans share experiences and address welfare related concerns. The various sessions were held such as post-retirement benefits, healthcare schemes, pension updates and resettlement opportunities. The event featured an open forum where veterans could voice their concern and offer suggestions directly to Army leadership ensuring their

voice continue to shape the future. The meet successfully concluded with assurances of working positively towards alleviating the problems of Ex-servicemen. Overall, the interaction provided an opportunity to understand the problems being faced by the Ex-servicemen and reassuring them that the organization will continue to work for their welfare. A total str of 56 Ex-Servicemen and 07 NCC Cadets attended the event.

Senior congress leaders pay tributes, attend cremation of Dr Thapa

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

Senior Congress leaders today attended the cremation & paid rich tributes to former ADDC Dr Raj Kumar Thapa who was martyred in a shell attack at his official residence at Rajouri yesterday.

Former Deputy CM and Working President Tara Chand, Former minister and Working President Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Former minister Mula Ram, Gurnachan Kumari, Former MLA Th Balwan Singh, Th Hari Singh Chib, Former minister Yash Pal Kundal, Adv Shah Mohammed Chaudhary, DDC T S Tony, Narinder Sharma, Gajan

Singh, Ashok Bhagat, Sanjeev Panda, Neeraj Gupta, Rajveer Singh, Balbir Balli, S Parvinder Singh Rajesh Bittu Shah, Sushil Sharma, Vijay Guru, Suraj Langeh, Raj Kumar Meenia, Yash Pal Sarangal & several others attended the cremation.

Paying rich tributes to the martyr, Former Dy CM and Working President JKPC described Dr Thapa as one of the best officers who served the people to best of his dedication, as he knew Dr Thapa personally. Dr Thapa had served as OSD to Dy CM, when Tara Chand was on this post, who paid best tributes to him and urged for suitably recognition of his services to the nation.

Working President Raman Bhalla also

described him as very capable and dedicated officer who was always available to the common people for help. His martyrdom and dedication should be recognized by the government suitably.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma while paying rich tributes to Dr Thapa said that he was a people friendly officer and commanded great respect amongst people. He sacrificed his life for the nation in line of his duty, government should give him status of martyr & award him posthumously for his dedication.

The entire Congress leadership shared the grief of family members and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Indian Army provides humanitarian aid to displaced civilians in Lasana

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In a heartwarming display of compassion and commitment to the well-being of civilians from the area, who had sought refuge in the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Lasana, the Indian Army sprang into action to ensure their safety and comfort. The Indian Army's prompt response to the situation has been exemplary. By offering food to the civilians in the GHSS Lasana, the Army has provided a safe haven for those in need. Moreover, the Army's provision of food to the displaced families demonstrates its dedication to the welfare of the local population. The Indian Army's actions in Lasana reflect its broader strategy of winning the hearts and minds of the people. By engaging in humanitarian activities, the Army aims to build trust and foster a sense of security among the local



population. This approach not only helps to strengthen the bond between the Army and the community but also underscores the Army's commitment to protecting and serving the people. The Indian Army's efforts in Lasana have had a profound impact on the community. By providing essential support to those in need, the Army has demonstrated its role as a guardian and protector of the people. This initiative has also helped to reinforce the Army's reputation as a force for good, working tirelessly

to ensure the safety and well-being of civilians. The Indian Army's humanitarian efforts in Poonch serve as a shining example of its dedication to serving the nation and its people. By providing shelter and food to displaced civilians, the Army has shown that it is not just a defender of the country's borders but also a guardian of its citizens' well-being. This initiative is a testament to the Army's commitment to winning the hearts and minds of the people and reinforcing its bond with the community.

Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals Police arrests 5 persons in Awantipora

J1 NEWS SERVICE
AWANTIPORA, MAY 11

In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, Police in Awantipora have arrested 05 persons & seized 03 vehicles & 01 JCB used in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals.

Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, a Police party of Police Station Awantipora headed by SHO Police Station Awantipora DySP (P) Atif Zahoor under the supervision of SDPO Awantipora seized 03 tippers bearing regis-

tration numbers JK015-1405, JK13B-0811 & JK04-7922 and 01 JCB without registration numbers and arrested 05 persons. They have been identified as Muzafer Ahmad Shah son of Ab Hamid Shah resident of Bahoo Awantipora, Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Sultan Dar and Ubaid Ahmad Dar son of Farooq Ahmad Dar both residents of Aghangipora, Abdul Rashid Dar son of Mohd Jabar Dar resident of Larkipora Padgampora and Mehar Ud Din Chachi son of Ghulam Noorani chachi resident of Dadoo Marhama.

Accordingly, a case vide

FIR NO. 108/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Awantipora and further investigation has been initiated.

Police is committed to take action against violators who are taking undue advantage of night hours by extracting minerals illegally to the detriment of people health, the ecology and the revenue of the government. Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding illegal mineral-related activities in their neighbourhood.

BJP reviews J&K situation, urges cadre to stay proactive



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 11 MAY 2025:

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP alongwith Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), chaired a crucial meeting at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting focused on the review of the present situation in the Jammu & Kashmir region and the role of BJP cadre.

Veenu Khanna, Secretary, J&K BJP, Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Dy Mayor, Arun Dev Singh, President, BJYM, Nand Kishore Sharma, District President, senior leaders Narain Singh, Munish Khajuria, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Ved Sharma, Parduman Singh, Puneet Mahajan, Rekha Mahajan, Neha Mahajan, Reema Padha, Brijesh Gupta, and others attended the meeting.

Sat Sharma, while

addressing the meeting, focused on the ever-ready and pro-active approach to be adopted by the BJP cadre as a whole. He said that the region along with all the border states of India has witnessed continuous irresponsible aggression by Pakistan. He said that after suffering severe blow in the retaliation by the Indian forces, Pakistan requested for a ceasefire but soon violated the trust factor.

Sat Sharma said that in wake of these recent activities, although the ceasefire is in effect, the party has decided to keep going with the preparations to assist the public and the administration in a proactive mode.

"Under the strong and decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India will vouch for the Peace, and work for its preponderance in the world, but never on the

cost of its pride and lives of innocent citizens," said Sharma.

He gave a go ahead to the party cadre to help the needy, the displaced, those who are injured, the sick and all those who have suffered any type of damages in Pakistan's misadventure.

"A BJP activist will not rest until they are satisfied that the nation and society have been truly served", said Sharma.

Ashok Koul, prompted all the party leaders to work in unison with the people and the administration and also work to counter the misinformation campaigns that are being promoted in the media, and social media by the adversaries. He asked the party leaders to keep their preparations on the full-on mode, not taking rest, till complete normalcy is announced by the government.

Cluster University of Jammu receives AICTE Approval for BBA and BCA programs

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

Cluster University of Jammu is proud to announce that it has received the prestigious approval of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for its Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) programs with a total intake of 180 in BBA (SPMR college, MAM College) and 240 in BCA (SPMR College, GGM Science College, MAM College) and 10% over and above seats for EWS students.

Vice Chancellor, Prof KS Chandrasekar while announcing the same mentioned that it is the land-mark achievement for the university, as it marks the first time that AICTE approval has been granted for these programs, despite their successful implementation in the constituent colleges for over two decades. The formal recognition by AICTE now positions the University to offer these courses under a nationally recognized framework, ensuring enhanced academic and professional opportunities for students.

Prof Naveen Anand, Dean Academic Affairs, who took a lead role along with Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Deans, Finance officer, Planning section, IT Cell and members of the academic sec-

tion in complying to bring the AICTE approval, first of its kind for the University. Ms. Ankur Mahajan, Registrar informed that it was a long drawn meticulous process through which the application was filed during the month of January 2025 and praised all the administrative and academic staff for the same.

Prof Naveen Anand mentioned that AICTE approval was the need of the hour. It not only validates the quality and relevance of BBA and BCA programs but also opens the door to several national-level opportunities for our students.

The Vice Chancellor also praised the efforts made by Prof Rajinder Singh, Principal, SPMR Col-lege, Prof Romesh Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College, Prof BB Anand, Former Principal, MAM College for making more awareness among the students on the benefits of this approval.

With this approval, students enrolled in the BBA and BCA programs will now be eligible to apply for numerous AICTE-sponsored schemes such as internships, scholarships and funding opportunities, student development initiatives, credit transfer, and industry-academia partnerships. This will significantly enhance the employability and practical exposure of students on a national basis.

J&K Students association welcomes India-Pakistan ceasefire agreement

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) on Sunday welcomed the announcement of a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, describing it as a much-needed step towards de-escalating tensions and restoring peace along the borders.

In a statement, the National Convener of the Association, Nasir Khuehami, said, "This ceasefire is a much-needed respite for thousands of families residing in border areas who have lived under the shadow of shelling, displacement, and trauma for past several days. Most importantly, it rekindles hope among students and youth who have been the silent sufferers of intermittent violence and instability."

He said that, "For students living in the border belts of Jammu and Kashmir, the ceasefire brings not only physical safety but also psychological relief. Many young students in these regions have had their education interrupted, dreams deferred, and ambitions limited due to the recent escalation. Schools turning into bunkers, examinations disrupted by fear of shelling, and the lack of stable internet or electricity have been harsh realities. This ceasefire offers them a fresh chance to focus on learning, growth, and building a dignified future."

He asserted, "Peace must not remain confined to diplomatic announcements alone. It must translate into real change on the ground, better access to education, uninterrupted schooling, trauma healing, and development that empowers the next generation. Border children and students deserve books, classrooms, and opportunities not bunkers and sirens."

He noted that, "Had this been announced a few days earlier, several lives could have been saved. While we cannot bring back those who lost their lives, we hope that airports can now be reopened quickly and civil flights can resume, enabling students to return to universities and colleges to appear for their exams."

Yudhvir, Dr. Pardeep inaugurate Blood Donation camp by The Church of Prayer and Wonders & Jammu Blood Donors Welfare Society

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 11 MAY 2025:

In a heartwarming display of communal harmony and selfless service, a Blood Donation Camp was successfully organized today at Christian Colony, Ward No. 07, Jammu.

Yudhvir Sethi, Vice-President, J&K BJP & MLA Jammu East and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP inaugurated the camp.

BJP leader Amit George Sotra, Church Pastor Zion Richard, Lilly Rose, Delight Dujohn organized the camp, which was jointly spearheaded by The Church of Prayer and Wonders in collaboration with the Jammu Blood Donors Welfare Society.

A total of 28 units of blood were donated during the camp. Notable among those who extended their support were Dr. Navneet Kour, Social Reformer J&K (NGO-SUP-PORT), Dr. Varun Padha,



Vishal Arora, Pankul Abrol, and Angelina Stephen, among others.

Yudhvir Sethi lauded the efforts of the organizers and termed the initiative as a noble act that transcends all boundaries of caste, creed, and religion. "Blood donation is the highest form of goodwill that one human can offer another. He said that the border states of India especially the Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed the unruly behavior of Pakistan claiming lives of many and injuries to the others. Undertaking the

drive to donate blood at this crucial juncture of time, is a Godly act which every religion teaches. He said that BJP has already pursued the Blood donations on a mission base in the present time and expressed his happiness to see the enthusiasm from all quarters of society.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, in his address, extended heartfelt gratitude to the Church and the Donor Society on behalf of the entire BJP family and the people of India. He underscored India's inclusive and secular fabric, empha-

sizing that citizens from all religious and regional backgrounds have always come forward in service of the nation. "Our collective strength lies in our unity and our commitment to humanity," he remarked.

Pastor Zion Richard delivered an inspiring message, reminding attendees that the core teachings of Christianity—and indeed all religions—center around service to humanity. "For a true Christian, the nation always comes first. Donating blood is one of the many ways we can serve both God and country," he stated.

Amit George Sotra concluded the event by expressing sincere thanks to all blood donors, volunteers, medical staff, and dignitaries for their unwavering support. He reiterated that such events not only help save lives but also reinforce the social and spiritual commitment of the community.

Police observes "Thana Diwas" in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MAY 11

Police in Ganderbal today observed "Thana Diwas" in the jurisdiction of Police Station Safapora. The event was presided by SSP Ganderbal Shri Khalil Ahmad Poswal-JKPS which was attended by GOs and other senior Police officers of the district.

The respectable citizens, community members, farmers, Auqaf Committee representatives, Numberdars, Chowkidars, Teachers, members of various traders and other participants belonging to adjacent areas of Safapora participated in the event wholeheartedly.

SSP Ganderbal Shri Khalil Ahmad Poswal-JKPS attentively listened to the grievances and concerns put forth by the participants. Speaking on the occasion, SSP Ganderbal ensured that Police shall remain accessible to the people, and that their grievances relating to Police will be addressed immediately and in an effective manner and the grievances pertaining to civil administration will be taken up with the concerned departments to resolve them on priority.



He further stressed upon the Zero tolerance policy of Police towards drugs and requested the participants to come forward with any information regarding the menace of drugs in their neighbourhood and assured them of immediate action. The

participants were requested to co-operate with Police in maintaining law and order in the area and identifying Anti-National and Anti-Social Elements who always try to disrupt the peaceful environment.

Participants in the event expressed their gratitude

for the initiative of Police to organise the event and making it an interactive session, which they deemed essential for building trust and cooperation between Police and the Public. Finally, the event concluded with the vote of thanks from both sides.

Aryans Institute of Nursing in association with Lions Club Rajpura organises free Health Check Up Camp

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, 11TH MAY

Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh in collaboration with Lions Press Club Rajpura, successfully organized a free health check-up camp for the local community. MLA Neena Mittal graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. Dr. Rajpreet Singh Brar, Dr. Malwinder Singh, Dr. Apaarjot Kaur, Dr. Nipundeep Kaur, Dr. Shreya Gupta, from



Park Hospital, Patiala and Dr. Navdeep Walia, Dr. Surinder Kumar, Mr. Vinod Taneja conducted this health check up. Specialists from Park

hospital Patiala, including Kidney Specialist, ENT Specialist, Team from Gian Sagar Hospital and from Modern Diagnostic Laboratory Raj-

pura offered free health check-ups, including vital sign monitoring, Basic medicines, blood pressure checks, and consultations with experienced nursing professionals from Aryans along with Aryans Nursing Students including B.Sc Nursing, GNM, ANM. The event was well-attended, with many community members benefiting from the services provided. Aryans students checked approximately 45 patients' blood pressure.

J&K Civil Society & other Organizations condemn Pakistan for ceasefire violations hours after ceasefire agreement

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

Various Social and other organizations led by President J&K Civil Society Kiran Wattal today condemned Pakistan for ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC) and the international border in Jammu and Kashmir hours after ceasefire agreement. They attribute Pakistan's continuous ceasefire violations to frustration over Indian security forces killing militants and preventing them from pushing fresh terrorists into Indian territory. Ceasefire violations have been reported in various sectors resulting in casualties and injuries to civilians and security personnel. These incidents highlight the fragile nature of the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan. They saluted the



exceptional coordination and close liaison between the Army, Navy, and Air Force, which has taught Pakistan a much-needed lesson. They commended the Indian forces for their bravery and strategic planning, which has dealt a significant blow to Pakistan's proxy war and terrorism.

Organizations attended meeting included Vishwa Kashmiri Samaj, Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra Welfare Society represented by Ravi Bakshi, Secre-

tary, Secretary, Global Solace Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society by Pintu Ji Pandita, President, All Kashmir Peace Forum by Prem Sharma, Secretary, Sarv Shakti Sena by Rajan Gupta and United Hindu Front represented by Kuldeep Luthra. They welcomed this positive development and hopes that it will lead to a more peaceful and prosperous future for all residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kiran Wattal speaking on the occasion said that it would sound quite unbelievable and strange but its true that Sanatan followers of this region are bewildered at the absence of torch bearers of Hinduism. He questioned where are they? Have they deserted their Organization and escaped to a hideaway a safe haven along with their families in the hour of crisis? Where

are these leaders whom the people and the Organization reposed their faith and trust in?

He criticized certain leaders and affluent individuals belonging to social organizations and Sangathan for abandoning the region during times of crisis. These so called leaders of Sangathan who own hotels and resorts, were accused of fleeing to safer areas, such as hill resorts, when Pakistan launched shelling attacks following the Pahalgam incident. Wattal demanded that the high command investigate the behavior of these leaders and instead promote those who are genuinely committed to serving the public cause. Wattal called for promoting leaders who are genuinely committed to serving the public cause and demonstrating leadership during challenging situations.

Ritika led Subhadra Society Members visits GMC to inquire about health of injured in Pak's shelling

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Subhadra Society, led by its President Mehak Trehan, Vice President Ritika Trehan, General Secy. Gesu Gandotra, Priyanka Bali, Arti Kllirla, Leela Chhtri visited the Govt Medical College and Hospital Jammu to inquire about the health of patients injured in Pakistan's shelling on the borders. The society's visit demonstrates its commitment to ensuring the well-being of those affected by the conflict.

Ritika Trehan took feedback from doctors about the patients' health and urged them to provide the best possible treatment. She praised the bravery and resilience of border residents who have consistently supported the Indian Armed Forces in their actions against Pakistan.

Ritika said Subhadra



Society's visit highlights the importance of providing quality healthcare to those injured in the line of duty. We commend the bravery of border residents and the dedication of medical professionals in providing care to those in need. The visit aimed to assess the medical care provided to patients and express solidarity with those affected by the conflict. Subhadra Society

remains committed to supporting the well-being of border residents and promoting peace in the region, added Ritika.

Ritika Trehan expressed her admiration for the Indian Armed Forces, stating that they have played a crucial role in saving lives and bringing Pakistan to the negotiating table for a ceasefire. According to Ritika, the bravery and strategic actions of

the Indian Armed Forces have resulted in significant destruction on the Pakistani side, ultimately leading to Pakistan's decision to agree to a ceasefire. She noted that the destruction caused by the Indian Armed Forces on the Pakistani side has been significant, forcing Pakistan to reconsider its stance and agree to a ceasefire.

Ritika also appreciated the resilience and support of border residents, who have stood by the Indian Armed Forces during this challenging time. Ritika's statement highlights the importance of the Indian Armed Forces' role in maintaining peace and security in the region. Their actions have not only saved lives but also sent a strong message to Pakistan about India's commitment to protecting its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Dr. Karan Singh welcomes India-Pakistan Ceasefire

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Dr. Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir and former Member Parliament has welcomed the understanding between India and Pakistan and also urged the government to ensure adequate compensation to the people affected by cross-border shelling in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a handout issued



today, the former Member Parliament said "The India Pakistan ceasefire which came on the verge of the conflict further escalating to a lethal level has been a great relief. Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi

wisely gave the Armed Forces a free hand to conduct "Operation Sindoor".

"I congratulate him and all ranks of the Armed forces for the efficient manner in which they conducted the whole operation including the lethal strikes on terrorist's headquarters in mainland Pakistan as well as their attacks on Pakistan's military bases, right up to Rawalpindi itself. The operation was conducted in a very

matured and professional manner and achieved its objective," he said.

"I would call upon the Jammu & Kashmir Government to assess all the damage that was done to the State particularly in the Poonch-Rajouri area and to expeditiously provide compensation and support to those affected. My deep condolences to the families who lost their loved ones during the conflict over the last few days," he said.

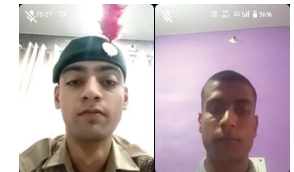
GGM Science College organised online seminar for NCC cadets explaining duties of NCC cadets during war

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Today, the NCC cadets of GGM Science college held a web seminar with the aim of educating NCC cadets about their duties and responsibilities, especially during times of war. The session

was held under the guidance of Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta (Principal GGM Science College) and Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma (ANO GGM Science College). The highlight of the seminar was a detailed lecture delivered by the SUO Yuvraj Singh Parihar, who

emphasized the crucial role cadets can play during wartime, including support in logistics, first aid, communication, and civil defense. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta (Principal GGM Science College) addressed the cadets with an inspiring message on the importance of



leadership, discipline, and national service in shaping responsible citizens.



Emphasizing the role of youth in nation-building, the Principal encouraged



cadets to uphold the values of unity and integrity in every circumstance.



Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma (ANO GGM Science College) further motivated

the cadets, offering words of encouragement and motivation to remain courageous, disciplined, and committed during tough and challenging times.

The seminar aimed to instill a sense of readiness, discipline, and patriotism among the cadets.

'Op Sindoor' demonstration of strong willpower, determination of Armed Forces: Rajnath

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LUCKNOW, MAY 11

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday described 'Operation Sindoor' as a demonstration of India's strong willpower against terrorism and the capability and determination of the armed forces, which ensured justice to the innocent families who lost their loved ones at the hands of anti-India and terrorist organisations on the Indian soil.

While virtually addressing the inauguration of BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, the Minister said, "Operation Sindoor was not just a military action, but a symbol of India's political, social and strategic willpower."

He termed Operation Sindoor as a proof that whenever India acts against terrorism, even the land across the border is not safe for terrorists and their masters. "Through the surgical strikes after the Uri incident, air strikes

after Pulwama attack and now multiple strikes after Pahalgam attack, the world has witnessed what India can do if terror attacks are carried out on its soil. Following the policy of zero-tolerance against terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that this New India will take effective action against terrorism on both sides of the border," he said.

Rajnath further said that the operation was launched to destroy terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pak-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and innocent civilians were not targeted. "However, Pakistan targeted the civilian areas in India and tried to attack temples, gurudwaras and churches," he said.

He said, "Our armed forces displayed valour and restraint and gave a befitting reply by attacking many military bases of Pakistan. Not only did we take action against military bases adjacent to the border, but the indignation of our armed forces reached even Rawalpindi, where the Pakistani

military headquarters are located."

On the BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre, the Defence Minister said it will strengthen India's efforts towards 'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in defence and contribute to the socio-economic development of the region by generating significant direct and indirect employment.

He described the inauguration on National Technology Day as a landmark moment, which reflects India's growing innovative energy and aligns with the rapid global transformation in critical, high end and frontier technologies.

Rajnath called BrahMos as not just one of the world's fastest supersonic cruise missiles, but a message of the strength of the Indian Armed Forces, a message of deterrence to adversaries and a message of the nation's unwavering commitment to safeguarding its borders.

He said that BrahMos is a confluence of top defence technologies of India and



Russia.

Quoting the Missile Man of India and former President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam who had said 'Unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us. In this world, fear has no place, only strength respects strength', he said that India is one of the most powerful nations today and the centre will help in further strengthening the country's power.

Terming the facility as a matter of pride for the UP Defence Industrial Corridor

have been signed in UPDIC with a proposed investment of Rs 34,000 crore and an investment of Rs 4,000 crore has already been made. Major investments have been made in aircraft manufacturing, UAVs, drones, ammunition, composite and critical materials, small arms, textile and parachute."

He said, "The highlight is that the participation of both public sector and the private sectors are being witnessed. In Lucknow itself, titanium and super alloy material plants are being started by PTC Industries Limited. In addition, the foundation of seven additional critical projects is being laid. This would accelerate the pace of India's self-reliance in the defence sector."

The Minister reiterated the government's vision of 'Make-in-India, Make-for-the-World', stressing that self-reliance not only means catering to India's own security needs, but it also envisages making the country a key exporter of defence equipment to the

global market.

Citing a recent report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, which said that global military expenditure has risen to 2,718 billion dollars in 2024, he said that such a massive market is an opportunity India must seize. "The launch of the BrahMos facility is a firm stride towards making India a significant player in the world's defence production ecosystem," he said.

Rajnath appreciated the efforts of the UP government, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, DRDO scientists, engineers and other stakeholders for completing the project within 40 months. "Given the current circumstances, it is crucial that we continue to achieve our goals in a time-bound and efficient manner," he said.

He credited the state government for creating a strong development ecosystem and implementing initiatives such as setting up of UPDIC, establishment of DRDO's Defence Technology and Test Centre in Lucknow and hosting DefExpo

in 2020.

The 200-acre BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow will have integration of booster sub-assemblies, avionics, propellant, ramjet engines. The programme centre with Design & Administrative blocks are also being planned in the complex.

The approximately Rs 300 crore complex will pave the way for skill development for industry and entrepreneurs in a long way. The entire defence ecosystem of ancillary and sub-assemblies will be developed in the vicinity to support the complex. It will help in a big way in industrialisation and skill development of students of ITI, supervisors, engineers. It will ensure that people are not forced to migrate to look for job opportunities.

Brahmos Aerospace has selected 36 trainees for the operation of the facility. Five of these newly selected trainees were felicitated by the UP CM as part of the inauguration.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

'Goli Ka Jawaab Gola': PM...

one issue at hand, which was the return of Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

"We have a very clear position on Kashmir, there is only one matter left - the return of Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK). There is nothing else to talk. If they talk about handing over terrorists, we can talk. I don't have any intention of any other topic. We don't want anyone to mediate. We don't need anyone to mediate," the sources were quoted as saying.

Following India and Pakistan's agreement for the cessation of hostilities, the Indian Air Force informed that the tasks assigned to it in Operation Sindoor had been completed with "precision" and "professionalism."

They further informed that the operations are still ongoing and have not finished. According to their post on 'X', a special briefing regarding the same will be conducted in due course.

The Indian Air Force also urged everyone to refrain from speculation and disseminate unverified information.

"The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully executed its assigned tasks in Operation Sindoor, with precision and professionalism. Operations were conducted in a deliberate and discreet manner, aligned with National Objectives. Since the Operations are still ongoing, a detailed briefing will be conducted in due course. The IAF urges all to refrain from speculation and dissemination of unverified information", the Indian Air Force posted on X.

Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 to strike multiple terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir after a deadly attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam last month. (Agencies)

If Pakistan dares...

by the Director Generals of Military operations, Naval operations and Air operations, detailing the success of Op Sindoor in eliminating terror targets deep inside Pakistan.

Vice Admiral A N Pramod informed that the Indian Navy's operational edge at sea played a decisive role in Pakistan's "urgent request for ceasefire."

Vice Admiral Pramod said, "Along with the kinetic actions by the Indian Army and Indian Air Force, the overwhelming operational edge of the Indian Navy at sea contributed towards Pakistan's urgent requests for a ceasefire yesterday."

Additionally, Vice Admiral Pramod said the Indian Navy executed a swift and calibrated maritime response after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, deploying major combat assets within 96 hours.

"In the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attacks, on innocent tourists by Pakistani-sponsored terrorists, the Indian Navy's carrier battle group, surface forces, submarines, and aviation assets were immediately deployed at sea with full combat readiness in concert with the joint operation plan of the Indian Defence Forces," Vice Admiral said during a press briefing.

The Vice Admiral stated that weapon firings were conducted in the Arabian Sea to refine procedures and validate readiness. "The aim was to revalidate our crew, our armament equipment and platform readiness to deliver various ordnance on selected targets precisely," he added.

Following the drills, forces remained forward deployed in the northern sea region. "Our forces remained forward deployed into the Northern Sea in a decisive and deterrent posture with full readiness and capacity to strike select targets, including Karachi, at a time of our choosing," the Vice Admiral informed.

Vice Admiral Pramod said Pakistan's naval and air assets remained largely inside harbours or close to shore. "The forward deployment of the Indian Navy compelled the Pakistani naval and air units to be in a defensive posture, which we monitored continuously,"

he said.

He emphasised the Navy's operational awareness throughout. "We had and continue to have good battlespace transparency, using our maritime domain awareness grid."

India's response, he said, was deliberate. "Our response has been measured, proportionate, non-escalatory and responsible from day one."

"The calibrated approach considered all options, including the ability of the Indian Navy for offensive action from and at sea," Vice Admiral Pramod said.

He said that the use of naval force was part of a larger, integrated plan.

"As part of this escalation control mechanism, the application of force by the Navy was planned in a synchronised manner, in coordination with the Army and Air Force," he added.

He highlighted the inter-service cooperation, noting, "The highlight being teams from the three services working closely in an integrated manner."

Vice Admiral Pramod said, "As we speak, the Indian Navy remains deployed at sea in a credible deterrent posture to respond decisively to any inimical action." (Agencies)

LG Manoj Sinha...

posted on X:

"Paid tributes to the Army Braveheart Rfn Sunil Kumar, who laid down his life in the line of duty for the Nation. India will never forget his selfless service and supreme sacrifice. We stand in solidarity with the bereaved family."

India inflicted heavy...

situation and losses are part of combat." "All I can say is that we have achieved our objectives that we selected and all our pilots are back home," he said.

DGMO Lt Gen Ghai also paid tribute to five Indian fallen heroes and civilians who "tragically lost their lives" during Operation Sindoor.

"We have thus far exercised immense restraint and our actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory. However, any threat to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and safety of our citizens will be met with decisive force," he said.

On losses to the Pakistani military, the DGMO said there are reports of 35-40 fatalities.

The DGMO said it was his Pakistani counterpart who made a call to him last afternoon, requesting a way out to stop the hostilities.

The two DGMOs on Saturday afternoon agreed to stop all firing and military action on land and in the air and sea with effect from 1700 hours Indian Standard Time.

The Indian military suggested that the Pakistani DGMO's call came after Indian Armed Forces launched a fierce counter-attack on several Pakistani military installations including Rafiqi, Murid, Chaklala, Rahim Yar Khan, Sukkur and Chunian on Saturday morning.

The strikes were launched after the Pakistani military attempted to target major Indian military installations on the night of May 9-10.

Lt Gen Ghai said over 100 terrorists, including high-value targets such as Yusuf Azhar, Abdul Malik Rauf and Mudasar Ahmed, who were involved in the hijacking of IC 814 and the Pulwama blast, were eliminated during Operation Sindoor on May 7.

Nine terror targets were identified after careful deliberations and they were hit using precision weapons, he said.

Operation Sindoor was launched on early May 7 to destroy nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir in retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack. All subsequent retaliations to Pakistani offensives were carried out under Operation Sindoor. (Agencies)

LG Sinha visits GMC...

Governor on the health condition of the injured and medical procedures being followed.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Hospital Administration for ensuring the best possible medical care and treatment. He prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and assured the affected families all possible assistance.

We have the capability...

response was directed only at military installations, avoiding civilians and collateral damage."

Air Marshal AK Bharti revealed that Pakistan launched a massive drone attack on Indian cities, including Srinagar and Naliya, on the night of May 8-9, starting at 22:30 hours. According to Bharti, Indian air defense forces were prepared and successfully countered the drone attacks, preventing any damage to intended targets.

"A decision was taken to strike where it would hurt and towards that in a swift, coordinated, calibrated attack, we stuck its Air bases, command centers, military infrastructure, air defence systems across the entire Western Front. The bases we stuck includes Chaklala, Rafiq, Rahim Yar Khan, sending a clear message that aggression will not be tolerated. This was followed by strikes at Sargodha, Bhulari, and Jacobabad."

Pakistan launched its own military operation Operation Bunyanun Marsoos, targeting several key bases in India. Reports suggest that around 300-400 drones were used in the attack, targeting 36 Indian locations, including military bases and religious sites.

The drones were reportedly of Turkish origin, specifically Asisguard Songar drones. India responded with precision strikes on Pakistani air defense sites, including military installations and surveillance radar sites in Lahore and Gujranwala.

"On the night of 8th and 9th, starting as early as 22:30 hours, our cities had a mass raid of drones, unmanned aerial vehicles, starting right from Srinagar going right up to Naliya...We were prepared and our air defence preparedness ensured that there was no damage on the ground or to any of the intended targets that the enemy had planned for...In a measured and calibrated response, we once again targeted the military installations, surveillance radar sites at Lahore and Gujranwala...Drone attacks continued till morning which we countered," said Air Marshal AK Bharti.

Bharti highlighted that Pakistan allowed civilian aircraft to fly out of Lahore during the drone attacks, including international passenger aircraft, which posed a significant challenge for India's response.

"While the drone attacks were being launched from somewhere closer to Lahore, the enemy had allowed their civilian aircraft also to continue to fly out of Lahore, not only their own aircrafts but also international passenger aircraft which is quite insensitive and we had to exercise extreme caution..." he added.

According to Bharti, the methods chosen had the desired effects, but the primary aim wasn't to inflict casualties. Instead, the focus was on hitting targets accurately, leaving the enemy to assess their losses.

"Whatever methods and whatever means we have chosen, it had the desired effects on the enemy targets. How many casualties? How many injuries? Our aim was not to inflict casualties, but in case there have been, it is for them to count. Our job is to hit the target, not to count the body bags," he added.

Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Sindoor in the early hours of May 7, targeting nine terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoK).

This operation was a retaliatory response to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in the deaths of 26 civilians, including

one Nepali national.

Following India's operation, the conflict between India and Pakistan deepened, which resulted in increased cross-border shelling from Pakistan and retaliatory action from the Indian Armed Forces.

Areas across the border were set up on high alert and there were blackouts whenever attacks from Pakistan took place.

However, both countries agreed to a cessation of hostilities on May 10 when US President Donald Trump, on his Truth Social, announced a "ceasefire" between India and Pakistan.

On Saturday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri confirmed that Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations contacted his Indian counterpart earlier this and the two sides agreed to halt all military actions, on land, at sea, and in the air, effective from 5 pm.

Misri noted that instructions have been issued to enforce the ceasefire, with another round of DGMO-level talks scheduled for May 12 at noon.

However, hours after both countries agreed to stop all firing and military action on land, in the air, and sea, reports came of Pakistan violating the cessation of hostilities with India's air defence intercepting Pakistani drones amid a blackout in Srinagar.

Red streaks were seen and explosions heard as India's air defence intercepted Pakistani drones amid a blackout in Udhampur. A blackout was also enforced in Pathankot and Ferozepur in Punjab and Jaisalmer and Barmer in Rajasthan.

At a special briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said India takes "very serious note of these violations". India called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility. (Agencies)

LG Manoj Sinha...

Sub Inspector Md. Imteyaz was martyred during unprovoked firing by Pakistan along the International Boundary in R.S Pura area, Jammu.

"I salute the supreme sacrifice of our BSF braveheart Sub Inspector Md. Imteyaz. His valour and sacrifice will never be forgotten. The entire nation stands firmly with the family of the martyr in this hour of grief," the Lieutenant Governor said.

At least 35 pak army...

approximately 35 to 40 personnel in artillery and small arms firing on the Line of Control between May 7 and 10," Ghai said.

He further stated that the armed forces practised caution not to target civilian establishments and remained bound by self-imposed restrictions to target only terrorists. Ghai added that some of the terror camps were in PoK while others were located in Punjab province in Pakistan.

The DGMO said that Muridke, a city in Sheikhpura district of Pakistan's Punjab, has been the hub of Lashkar-e-Taiba, which has bred infamous characters such as Ajmal Kasab and David Headley, accused in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

"There was also a term of reference and our own binding self-imposed restriction to target only terrorists and thus, prevent collateral damage. There were nine camps you are now familiar with, which were confirmed by our various intelligence agencies to be inhabited. Some of these were in PoJK, while there were others that were located in the Punjab Province in Pakistan. Nefarious places such as Muridke, the hub centre of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, have over the years bred infamous characters such as Ajmal Kasab and the likes of David Headley," Ghai added. (Agencies) (Agencies)

Arvind felicitates GMC Jammu Medical Staff for exemplary service amidst border tension

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Senior BJP Leader and MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta today felicitated the doctors, specialists, Heads of Departments (HODs), and the medical and paramedical staff of Government Medical College & Hospital (GMC) Jammu for their unwavering commitment and exceptional service during the recent war-like situation.

The felicitation ceremony took place at GMC Jammu in the presence of Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal GMC Jammu; Dr. Verinder Trisal, Medical Superintendent; and Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Deputy Medical Superintendent. Medical professionals and specialists from various



departments were also in attendance.

Addressing the gathering, Arvind Gupta lauded the tireless efforts of the entire medical fraternity, stating, "At a time when fear and uncertainty gripped the region, the staff of GMC Jammu stood as a pillar of strength. Their

courage, professionalism, and dedication are an inspiration to us all."

He further emphasized the critical role played by medical personnel in ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens, highlighting the importance of continued support and recognition for their services.

The MLA also asked the people of Jammu to remain vigilant and cooperate with the administration during such challenging times. He appealed to citizens to stand united, support the armed forces and civil authorities, and extend all possible help to ensure peace, safety, and stability in the region.

Arvind Gupta also said that the country is in the safe hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the brave security forces, who are fully capable of tackling any challenge posed to the nation's integrity and sovereignty. He expressed confidence in the Modi government's strong leadership and urged the people to maintain faith in the system while staying calm and alert.

SSH leaders visit border refugees in Bishnah, distribute food items to children among refugees

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Under the leadership of Pt Rajesh Kesri, President of Shiv Sena Hindustan, J&K, SSH team visited the Government Girls' High School in Bishnah, where refugees from border areas such as Triva, Jhoria, and Arnia Town are temporarily sheltered due to the ongoing Pak shelling. Prominent among those who accompanied Kesri included Balbir Kumar, Balwant Fouji, Vishwanath, Raj Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Darshana Devi, Neeru Devi, Muskaan and other Shiv Sainiks.

Kesri during visit observed that the government has made satisfactory arrangements for the refugees, providing timely meals and proper accommodations. The refugees were found to be peaceful and content with the arrangements, with many engaging in bhajans and kiirtans, and praying for



the safety of our soldiers. Kesri interacted with the refugees, listening to their concerns and empathizing with their situation. Many expressed worry about their livestock and properties left behind in their villages.

Kesri appreciated the government's decision to enforce a ceasefire and announced that arrangements are being made to

transport the refugees back to their homes using government vehicles. Kesri demanded that the government provide a permanent solution for these refugees, such as allocating small plots of land where they can build homes. This would not only reduce the burden on the government but also provide the refugees with a sense of security.

Kesri distributed food items to the children among the refugees, bringing smiles to their faces. Shiv Sena Hindustan commends the refugees for their patience and resilience during this challenging time. We appreciate the government's efforts in providing support and look forward to a permanent solution for these displaced families.

Movement Kalki legal cell vows free legal aid for Amarnath Pilgrims

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A meeting of the Legal Cell of Movement Kalki (Future Thinkers) was held today under the leadership of senior advocate Shri Sumeshwar Kohli. In the meeting, it was unanimously decided that free legal assistance will be provided to Amarnath pilgrims this year as well.

It is worth mentioning that Movement Kalki has been offering this free legal assistance to Amarnath pilgrims for the past two years, benefiting thou-



sands of devotees during their spiritual journey.

Several prominent members of the legal team were present in the meeting, including:

Advocate Uma Kapahi, Advocate Harmeet Singh, Advocate Raghav Kohli, Advocate Bilal, Advocate Nitin, Advocate Gourav, Advocate Kunak Kohli, Advocate Nikunj Sharma, Advocate Manav Dogra, Advocate Lucky Singh, and others.

In addition to the discussion on legal assistance, the Legal Cell of Movement Kalki also expressed satisfaction over the ceasefire situation in the country. They acknowledged that timely and precise decisions by strong leadership play a vital role in guiding

the nation forward.

Referring to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, where innocent civilians were killed, the Legal Cell stated that India has given a befitting reply, and such cowardly acts by Pakistan must never be repeated. They urged the government to remain vigilant, and warned that if Pakistan dares to repeat such an act again, war will become inevitable.

The Legal Cell of Movement Kalki stands firmly with the nation and continues its commitment to justice and service.

Director Agriculture Jammu conducts inspection of seed stores in Border areas to ensure timely supply for Kharif season

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In a proactive step to ensure the timely and uninterrupted supply of seeds in Border Areas for the upcoming Kharif season, Director Agriculture Jammu, Sh. Arvinder Singh Reen, today conducted a comprehensive inspection of seed stores located in the border areas of Jammu district. Accompanied by Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs),

Director Agriculture Jammu visited several key locations including Bishnah, Chak Hasal, Arnia, Dablehar, Dharap, Kirpind and other adjoining Zonal Seed Stores of Sub Division R.S Pura.

During the visit, Director A.S Reen reviewed the availability of quality seeds and infrastructure readiness at each facility. He emphasized the importance of seamless seed distribution to the farming community, particularly in the sensitive border belts,

and issued clear directions to ensure the instant and adequate supply of seeds, especially during peak demand periods.

To further support the farming community, Director Agriculture instructed all seed stores in the border areas to remain operational even on holidays, ensuring farmers face no delays in procuring agricultural inputs. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Director Agri-

culture (Inputs), reiterated the department's commitment to farmer welfare. He highlighted ongoing efforts to maintain adequate seed stocks and ensure logistical preparedness for the Kharif season. Sub-Divisional Level Officers, Agriculture Extension Officers (AEOs), Junior Agriculture Extension Officers (JAEOs), Agriculture Extension Assistants (AEAs), and other departmental staff were also present during the inspection.

S.O.S. Int'l defers PoK March, condemns India's Ceasefire with Pakistan as a missed opportunity for National Security

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S.O.S. International, a prominent organization advocating for the rights of refugees displaced from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoK), convened an urgent meeting of its office bearers and district heads today at Jammu, focused on the organization's response to the India-Pakistan ceasefire and the ongoing struggle for the liberation of PoK.

On May 6, 2025, S.O.S. International, led by Chairman Rajiv Chuni, announced a peaceful march from Jammu to PoK to demand reclamation of ancestral lands from Pakistan's illegal occupation. Mr. Chuni highlighted Pakistan's use of PoK as a terrorist hub, enabling cross-border attacks that have killed countless Indians. "PoK is not just a territory; it is our homeland," he asserted. The announcement galvanized PoK refugees and supporters who saw this as a matter of justice and sovereignty. However, military tensions between India and Pakistan forced a halt to the plan.

After India's targeted military strikes on terrorist camps in Pakistan and PoK, war erupted between the nations, compelling S.O.S. International to postpone the march for safety. "Our intention was to assert our rights peacefully, but the



outbreak of war necessitated a temporary pause," said Mr. Chuni.

On May 10, 2025, India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire, halting hostilities. Though the ceasefire ended active conflict, it was met with outrage from PoK refugees and S.O.S. International, who saw it as a premature compromise that ignored the core issues of occupation and terrorism.

At the Rehari Colony meeting, Mr. Chuni expressed deep disappointment over the ceasefire, stating it was accepted without achieving the liberation of PoK or dismantling Pakistan's terror infrastructure. "This war presented a historic opportunity to reclaim PoK and eradicate the terror ecosystem that threatens our security. The government has prioritized short-term political interests over long-term national welfare and justice for PoK

refugees," he said.

Chuni questioned the rationale behind the ceasefire, highlighting that Pakistan's occupation and terror support remain untouched. "Why did our government stop short of smashing the terror camps and reclaiming our land?" he asked. "This decision risks prolonging the suffering of PoK refugees and emboldens Pakistan."

He added that the central leadership had vowed to sacrifice their lives for PoK, and now, after 78 years, a genuine opportunity had emerged to retrieve it but all in vain. "The leadership has always said Kashmir is our internal issue—then why has India allowed US interference this time? Most of the people killed in cross-border firing in Poonch were refugees from PoK. That means we are just living to die. This is clearly not acceptable to us," he stated.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir
EXHIBITION GROUNDS (KASHMIR HAAT), SRINAGAR

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Abbreviated e-Tender Notice.
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E-Tender Notice No: - 02 of 2025-26 **Dated: - 10-05-2025**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT Jammu and Kashmir, Bids are invited from registered/authorized dealers / firms having GST registration for supply of Raw material items and Tools / equipment for use in Handicraft & Handloom Training Centres of Kashmir Division for the year 2025-26. The bids should be accompanied with the earnest money equal to the 3% of the estimated cost (cumulative for all quoted items) in the shape of CDR/FDR drawn on any scheduled Bank of India pledged to the Accounts Officer, Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir. However, registered MSE's (Micro Small Enterprises only) are exempted for the same.

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1	Procurement of Raw material items & Tools/Equipments for use in Training Centres of Kashmir Division for the year 2025-26.	Registered / authorized dealers/ firms having GST registration .	3% of the estimated cost (cumulative for all quoted items). Registered MSE's (Micro Small Enterprises) are exempted.	11.00 Lacs	Rs 1000/- only in the form of treasury Challan/receipt.	Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir

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EDITORIAL

Put safety of border dwellers on top priority

The trail of destruction left behind by Pakistan's unprovoked retaliation to Operation Sindoor is a grim reminder that the true cost of cross-border hostilities is borne not just on battlefields, but in the homes of innocent civilians. With 13 lives lost in the Poonch sector, homes reduced to rubble, and even places of worship such as the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara targeted, the brutality of recent shelling lays bare Pakistan's blatant disregard for international norms and civilian life. Unlike India's targeted strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir – carefully planned to avoid civilian casualties – Pakistan's military has chosen to recklessly escalate tensions by firing indiscriminately at civilian areas. The tragic death of a senior officer, holding the position of Additional Deputy Commissioner in Rajouri, highlights the high cost of this aggression. This disturbing pattern is not new. Since the Pahalgam terror attack, Pakistan has been violating the 2021 ceasefire agreement with impunity, exposing the fragility of any diplomatic understanding with a neighbour that continues to harbour and support terror networks. However, while India has sent a clear message of zero tolerance towards terrorism, it must now turn its immediate focus to those caught in the crossfire: the border villagers. The safety, rehabilitation, and welfare of residents living near the LoC must now be treated as a national emergency. These are people who, despite being relentlessly targeted, remain steadfast in their loyalty to the nation. Their displacement, loss of property, trauma, and daily fear must not be reduced to mere footnotes in the larger geopolitical narrative. Temporary shelter, food, medical aid, and psychological support must be mobilised at a war footing. The Union Territory administration, in coordination with the armed forces, must ensure that evacuation efforts are swift, orderly, and compassionate. Additionally, long-term measures such as the construction of reinforced shelters, underground bunkers, and secure communication lines in vulnerable villages must be prioritized. India must also pursue diplomatic avenues to highlight Pakistan's repeated ceasefire violations on international platforms. The targeting of civilian spaces, including religious institutions, must be condemned unequivocally in global forums, reinforcing the moral contrast between India's strategic restraint and Pakistan's aggression. While Operation Sindoor may have restored a sense of national pride and security, it must not come at the expense of those who live under the constant shadow of violence. As the nation celebrates its military resolve, it must also show equal resolve in protecting the lives and dignity of its border residents – the unsung sentinels in the line of fire. Their safety is not just a regional concern; it is a national responsibility.

ABHINAV NARAYAN

After almost two weeks of the Pahalgam massacre, India retaliated by carrying out cross-border strikes with precision and depth. According to a press release under Operation Sindoor, altogether nine terror camps and headquarters of Jaish and Lashkar were targeted in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. While India showed its strong will to strike back by carrying out cross-border strikes, the strategic message was beyond punishment this time.

Until now, India's strike-back pattern suggested punitive deterrence with a limited hitting range. Uri strikes in 2016 and Balakot Strikes in 2019 demonstrated India's capability to enforce punitive deterrence against Pakistan by sending the strategic message that any undesirable behaviour will be met with a swift and severe response. In fact, after the Parliament attacks, India launched Operation Parakram, which was also an attempt to demonstrate an act of punitive deterrence, but punitive deterrence became an ineffective strike-back option as Pakistan built a perception that India's deterrence behaviour could be sustained with the ability to counter-strike as they were credible and had a limited hitting range. Pakistan's perception was demonstrated in Operation Swift Retort when Pakistan swiftly acted the next day after the Balakot strikes by breaching India's airspace with JF-17s and attempting to carry out air strikes on non-military targets in

J&K. While the escalation ladder was in a pretty controlled state from both sides. Still, India's larger objectives of enforcing deterrence against Pakistan remain quite faint as both states resorted to punitive deterrence, almost seroing down the effectiveness of deterrence on Pakistan. Consequently, Pakistan didn't learn its lessons. It continued its terror operations in J&K and even shaped its sub-conventional tactics to such an extent that it could launch deep terror strikes with an element of plausible deniability. Creating offshoots and front organisations like The Resistance Front.

The echo to configure strong offensive deterrence was found in former Chief of Army Staff General Krishnaswamy Sundarji's vision paper – India's Army Perspective Plan 2000. He argued that for Pakistan, we have to adopt a maximised offensive deterrence ranging from seizure of territory to destruction of Pakistan's military and economic capabilities. Similarly, another former Chief of Army Staff, General Sundarajan Padmanabhan, who oversaw India's Operation Parakram, said, "Perpetrator would be punished so severely that its continuation thereafter in any form would be in doubt." Both the Generals echoed, maximum and credible deterrence against Pakistan, not aiming to punish Pakistan but to escalate deterrence and offensive measures to such extent that Pakistan's sub-conventional warfare capability gets eroded but this erosion requires continuity in delivery of credible deterrence such as

done in Operation Sindoor.

Operation Sindoor demonstrated three key swift shifts from earlier striking patterns. First, India expanded its striking horizon by going beyond Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and striking deep inside Pakistan by targeting key cities- Bhawalpur and Muridke. Second, multiple targets increase operational selectivity, which was limited to only one or two camps until now – third – Attempt to push Multi Domain Deterrence against Pakistan. India's five-pointer diplomatic strike after a few days of attack which notably included keeping the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance to isolating Pakistan's diplomatic and economic potential was an attempt to bring double squeeze strategy into play by exploiting and exacerbating Pakistan's internal weakness at one end and strategically isolating at the global stage- miserable failure of Pakistan at UNSC closed-door meeting despite launching renewed decades-old narrative of "false flag" is one testament of strategic isolation.

Earlier, India's isolatory approach towards Pakistan had demonstrated ordinary diplomatic measures, but this time India attempted to demonstrate some extraordinary diplomatic measures, adding the actual element of multi-domain deterrence. Overall, this time, India's strategic response demonstrated its capability to impose a sustained, credible and multi-dimensional deterrence against Pakistan.

Operation Sindoor echoes the beginning of a shift from

immediate deterrence to long-term credible deterrence against Pakistan. The idea of long-term credible deterrence can push Pakistan to the margins if India continues to develop its long-term deterrence by adding more credibility by precisely striking the Octopus – the head of terror outfits in future. This shift in deterrence against Pakistan will force Pakistan to realise the new strategic reality that any misadventure would be met with an overwhelming response, not limited to plain responses. India's Operation Sindoor also gives a glimpse that India is also chalking a path of integrated deterrence and gradually departing from the traditional notion of deterrence, a similar move that the United States did in its National Defence Strategy after realising increasing threats and risks to its strategic security especially after 9/11 and began to sharpen its integrated deterrence in modern time after realising increased threat from rising threat from Russia and China in a heightened strategic completion environment.

The threat of the escalation ladder spiralling is one major issue in the retaliation cycle between India and Pakistan. This gets further aggravated if the Pakistan leadership is strongly tilted towards Islamic generals- from Zia, Musharraf, Parvez Kayani, to Asim Munir. Though India has already made it clear that its actions are calculative, precise, and non-escalatory, targeting only terrorists, Pakistan has tried to play with fire when it comes to controlling escalations from unprovoked offensives at

the border to launching nuclear rhetoric. After India's thunderbolt response, Pakistan's top echelons may be in a dilemma in delivering a reaction while considering the escalation factor, as the onus of escalation is now on Pakistan. Last year, Pakistan carried out limited air strikes in response to Iran's retaliatory response against anti-Iran terror groups in the bordering region of Pakistan. Similarly, Pakistan might opt for limited air-to-cross-border strikes but may also exercise in-depth strikes. At present, Pakistan is attempting to flare up by indiscriminate shelling against civilians in J&K's bordering regions.

Poonch is one of the worst-hit areas by Pakistan's shelling.

Whatever Pakistan's response, Asim Munir must realise that he is already suffering with high costs, with his nation getting humiliated and bleeding. If Munir attempts to deliver a miscalculated response, then the escalation ladder might spiral, and he might get consumed by his fire. Pakistan must also realise that it does not have many options; it cannot afford to put its strategic security at more risk, especially when Pakistan's western frontier is almost smoked by TTP and Baloch fighters. It's high time that Pakistan realises that now, higher costs and risks are involved in coercing India after it has demonstrated a swift shift in its deterrence against Pakistan by showing both power and resolve.

(The writer is an advocate and a columnist. Views are personal)

The Power of choice and faith

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My journey into the world of mental health began early, shaped by personal experience and a natural call to care. I was just 18 or 19 when I found myself taking care of my mother, who was wheelchair-bound. At the same time, I was studying psychology at night, and it quickly became clear that nursing – especially psychiatric nursing – was where my heart belonged. Even while enjoying the life of a young adult, I was deeply curious: What causes mental illness? What pushes a person to the edge?

One case I'll never forget involved a man admitted in utter crisis. His wife had left him, his business collapsed, his home was destroyed in a fire, and his son became a paraplegic – all in a short span of time. He had reached breaking

point. But with coordinated care from social workers, financial advisors, and mental health professionals, his life began to mend. Just a week later, he walked out of the facility with a bag in his hand and hope in his heart. That experience taught me a vital truth: with the right support, people can recover-even from the depths of despair.

At 25, my path took a spiritual turn when I became a Christian. Around the same time, I developed a deep interest in natural remedies and a holistic approach to raising my children. A pivotal moment came when I was given a book called Psycho-Dietetics, published in 1976. It explored how American doctors were using minerals, vitamins, and lifestyle changes to support mental health. That book lit a fire in me. It launched a lifelong pursuit of natural, empowering,

and faith-aligned ways to support the mind.

I've always believed in raising independent thinkers – emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. I didn't spoon-feed my children; I wanted them to think, question, and grow strong from within. That same principle guides my approach to care: give people tools they can use on their own, not just within the walls of a clinic. In recent years, especially amid global upheaval and restrictions, many people have started to look inward-and upward for answers. The need for holistic self-care-mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual – has never been clearer. People are realising that healing is not just something that happens in a doctor's office; it starts with taking responsibility for one's own well-being.

Mental health is complex, but one truth

remains: our mindset matters. Depression is often a state of mind – though this may be difficult to hear, it carries weight. Therapies like Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) help us see that while we can't always change our circumstances, we can choose our responses. Gratitude, even in suffering, is one of the most powerful tools. In a world gripped by fear and uncertainty, we must remember the profound power of choice. It is central to mental freedom, parenting, and spiritual growth. When we choose to trust God in adversity, we're not simply holding onto hope- we're resisting fear itself. But this choice also reveals a deeper spiritual truth: God is not a tyrant. He gives us freedom, even when it means people sometimes choose wrongly and others suffer. Still, in reclaiming our minds from destructive patterns, this free-

dom becomes our greatest strength. We are not victims of our thoughts. We can choose what we focus on. As Dr Neil Nedley says, "The mind stayed on Him is a choice." Sometimes, that choice starts with "fake it till you make it." It may sound hollow, but it's a powerful truth-repetition creates reality. Just like going to the gym builds identity over time, practicing hope reshapes our inner dialogue.

Living in the present is also vital. We're often robbed of today by regrets or fears of tomorrow. But as one speaker said, "Love today. Love where you are. Love what's happening – because you'll never have that moment again." Gratitude brings healing. Even when self-critical, pause and reframe. Maybe your feet look odd – but they carry you. You are free.

Lastly, mental wellness is deeply rooted in the

physical laws of health, where simple, consistent habits yield profound results. Breathing through the nose, rather than the mouth, enhances oxygenation and naturally filters the air we take in, supporting clearer thinking and calmness.

Regular movement, exposure to sunlight, and quality sleep are equally vital – research shows that just ten nights of six-hour sleep can reduce brain function by up to 50 per cent. Hydration and proper nutrition, particularly with omega-3 fatty acids, form the building blocks of cognitive and emotional balance. Faith doesn't remove fear, but it gives us the courage to keep walking, step by step.

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Victory's veil: The allied legacy of moral evasion

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When President Harry Truman read the plea from Manhattan Project scientists urging a reconsideration of the atomic bomb's use on Japan, his response likely showed no moral hesitation or remorse. Instead, his actions reinforced a post-war global order based not on liberty, but on selective memory and perverse exoneration.

Eighty years after Victory in Europe Day, the dominant Western narrative continues to present the war's outcome as a triumph of virtue, ignoring the uncomfortable ethical compromises and strategic duplicities that underpinned it. The mythology of liberation has become sacrosanct, while the darker aspects – such as rendition, racial internment, scientific justification of war crimes, and indifference to colonial

sacrifice – remain marginalised or erased. The obliteration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – while dressed in the procedural lexicon of wartime necessity – was, in fact, the Western world's inaugural postbellum moral abdication. The bombings were less a denouement of global conflict and more a vulgar display of technological supremacy calculated to dissuade Soviet assertiveness. The horror, therefore, was not simply that a nuclear Rubicon had been crossed, but that it was done with an exculpatory grin, and later justified with the anti-septic language of 'strategic imperatives'. It is no longer speculative fiction but a matter of record, buried in declassified memoranda, that alternatives existed – namely, Japan's increasing willingness to consider surrender if the Emperor were retained. Truman's decision was not an exigency of war,

but a deliberate theatricality of dominance. The supposed Allied moral high ground crumbled further when Operation Paperclip was set into motion.

Over 1,600 Nazi scientists, including unrepentant perpetrators of ghastly human experimentation, were clandestinely ferried into the United States under the auspices of national security and scientific utility. Wernher von Braun, a man whose rockets were lubricated by the blood of enslaved labourers at Mittelwerk, became a lauded patriarch of American aerospace triumph. The apology was monstrously bureaucratic – his past affiliations were 'scrubbed' to sanitise his assimilation into American exceptionalism. In a 1947 CIA memo, the chilling intent is laid bare: "It is not desirable that the public or press become aware..." – a line that resounds like a

macabre hymn to state-sanctioned impunity. This institutional duplicity was not uniquely American.

The British intelligence establishment had its own euphemistically elegant form of deceit. Through the "Double Cross System," MI5 successfully manipulated German intelligence via double agents, such as the legendary Juan Pujol García, to misdirect Axis expectations about D-Day. Though tactically ingenious, this also reveals an alarming precedent: deception, once wielded in wartime, quickly transmogrifies into peacetime governance. The ability to deceive a foreign enemy soon turned inward – domestic populations were no longer sacrosanct from psychological warfare, propaganda, and informational obfuscation. Simultaneously, the West turned a wilfully blind eye to Soviet atrocities for the sake of

fragile alliances. The Katyn Forest massacre, wherein Stalin's NKVD executed over 22,000 Polish officers, was known to the Roosevelt and Churchill administrations.

Declassified communications confirm that both leaders opted for calculated silence, fearing the rupture of wartime unity. One CIA memo chillingly advised that "public disclosure not advised due to diplomatic concerns." In those words lies the DNA of postwar moral relativism: truth subjugated to expediency.

Even within the triumphant United States, the internment of over 110,000 Japanese Americans – a move unreplicated in scale or racial homogeneity for any other ethnic group – was executed under the pretence of national security, yet dripped with racial animus. The true indictment emerges not just from the camps themselves, but

from what came after. Thousands of Japanese American men volunteered to fight for a nation that caged their families. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, largely composed of these internees' sons, became the most decorated unit of its size in US military history. Their leader, Senator Daniel Inouye, once said, "We fought not just the enemy, but the prejudice of our own country. Still, we fought."

That their legacy was received with patronising nods rather than substantive restitution only amplifies the grotesquerie of their sacrifice. Meanwhile, British colonial troops – 2.5 million strong from India, Africa, and the Caribbean – were deployed across the world's war fronts, shedding blood for a Crown that had no intention of emancipating them.

In Burma, Indian troops bore the brunt of the jungle

war, their bodies discarded in the colonial ledger as expendable assets. Their gallantry was neither commemorated with equitable pensions nor with places in British collective memory. A veteran of the Burma Campaign once lamented: "We fought for the British, yet after the war, they forgot us. My medals mean little without respect." Postwar Britain, engrossed in rebuilding its own wounded self-image, had no space for the sepia-toned loyalty of its colonial wards. Simultaneously, the Soviet Union – while lionised for its monumental military sacrifice – was also the architect of unspeakable internal savageries. The Holodomor, the Great Purge, and mass deportations – these were not aberrations but policies. The Red Army's entry into Berlin was marked not only by military triumph but by a tidal wave of civilian rapes and looting,

acts that were obfuscated or trivialised in postwar historiography.

Allied complicity in whitewashing these crimes was another ethical forfeiture. The mythos of the 'liberator' prevailed, even as countless women were left psychologically eviscerated by the supposed liberators themselves. There were no clean hands in this war – not among the Allies, not among the Axis, and certainly not among the institutions that shaped the postwar order. The psychological experiments of Unit 731 in Japan, which included live vivisections and plague dissemination, should have led to Nuremberg-style prosecutions in the Pacific. Instead, many of its physicians were rewarded with amnesty by the United States in exchange for their data on biological warfare. "Data on human experimentation is valuable..." read a US Army report in 1947.

Innovation, industry collaboration new science strategy in India: Jitendra Singh

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Innovation and industry collaboration are the new science strategy being implemented in the country, said Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology.

At the 55th Foundation Day of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Singh outlined India's evolving scientific landscape.

The need is "for increased industry involvement to the extent of industry-led innovation, changes in approach and long-term innovation to position the country among leading global players", the MoS said, at the event attended by leading innovators, academicians, researchers, and former Secretaries.

Singh highlighted how the gross expenditure for research and development



has doubled in the last decade -- from Rs 60,196 crore to 1,27,380 crore.

"Science must align with market forces," he said while advocating for "industry-determined innovation research". He argued that sustainable innovation must be both driven and funded by private players.

"In India, knowledge partnerships alone don't work -- industry must have skin in the game," he said, underlining that private

sector buy-in is essential for enduring scientific success.

He also highlighted the role of the newly formed statutory body, ANRF (Anusandhan National Research Foundation), as a transformative force aimed at democratising research funding and boosting university participation.

Two major schemes -- the Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund and

the National Geospatial Mission -- are now housed under DST's leadership.

The Minister also traced the DST's journey since its inception on May 3, 1971, crediting it with catalysing India's evolution into a science and technology powerhouse.

"The founding of DST mirrors the march of post-independence India in the field of science," he said, highlighting how the department has bridged research and governance, turning vision into verifiable outcomes.

The Minister hailed DST's efforts in nurturing a nationwide research ecosystem, particularly through mission-mode programmes such as the National Supercomputing Mission, Cyber-Physical Systems, and the recent National Quantum Mission.

Hailing DST's interventions, Singh said that DST's impact is behind India's rising global rankings.

Over 900 measles cases reported in US so far in 2025: CDC

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The US is experiencing a sharp resurgence of measles, with 935 confirmed cases reported so far this year -- more than triple the total for all of 2024, according to the latest data by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

A total of 12 measles outbreaks have been recorded nationwide this year. The CDC defines an outbreak as three or more connected cases, Xinhua news agency reported.

This year's case count represents a significant surge from 2024 when 285 measles cases were recorded in the country for the entire year.

The CDC emphasises that the best way to prevent measles is through vaccination. Two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine are highly effective in



preventing the disease.

Meanwhile, 12 paediatric deaths associated with seasonal influenza virus infection were reported in the US in the week ending April 26, bringing the season total to 216 paediatric deaths, the CDC said.

This number of paediatric deaths exceeds the previous high reported for a regular (non-pandemic) season. The previous high of 207 was reported during

the 2023-2024 season, according to the weekly influenza surveillance report. The CDC noted that seasonal influenza activity continues to decline, but this season is classified as a high-severity season overall and for all age groups (children, adults, older adults) and is the first high-severity season since 2017-2018.

The agency estimates that there have been at least 47 million illnesses, 610,000 hospitalisations,

and 26,000 deaths from flu in the country so far this season.

The CDC continues to recommend that everyone ages 6 months and older get an annual flu vaccine as long as influenza viruses are circulating. There are likely several contributors to this season's severity, but a big one is that fewer children are getting flu shots, said Dr. Sean O'Leary, of the American Academy of Paediatrics.

Gene-editing therapy shows promise against advanced colorectal cancer

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The CRISPR/Cas9 gene-editing technique has shown promise in fighting advanced colorectal cancer, according to results of the first-in-human clinical trial published in The Lancet Oncology.

The trial shows encouraging signs of the safety and potential effectiveness of the treatment against metastatic gastrointestinal (GI) cancers.

In the study, researchers used CRISPR/Cas9 gene-editing to modify a type of immune cell called tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs).

They deactivated a gene called CISH and found that modified TILs were better able to recognise and attack cancer cells.

"Despite many advances in understanding the genomic drivers and other factors causing cancer, with few excep-



tions, stage IV colorectal cancer remains a largely incurable disease," said Emil Lou, a gastrointestinal oncologist with the University of Minnesota Medical School.

"We believe that CISH is a key factor preventing T cells from recognising and eliminating tumours," added Branden Moriarity, Associate Professor at the varsity.

Moriarity explained that as CISH acts inside cells, it couldn't be blocked using traditional methods. So

the team used CRISPR-based genetic engineering to block it.

The treatment was tested in 12 highly metastatic, end-stage patients and found to be generally safe, with no serious side effects from the gene editing.

Several patients in the trial saw the growth of their cancer halt, and one patient had a complete response. In this patient, the metastatic tumour disappeared over several months and did not return

for over two years.

Unlike other cancer therapies that require ongoing doses, this gene edit is permanent and built into the T cells from the start.

"This trial brings a new approach from our research labs into the clinic and shows potential for improving outcomes in patients with late-stage disease," Lou said.

The research team delivered more than 10 billion engineered TIL without adverse side effects, demonstrating the feasibility of genetically engineering TIL without sacrificing the ability to grow them to large numbers in the lab in a clinically compliant environment, which has never been done before.

While the results are promising, the process remains costly and complex, said the researchers while calling for a better understanding of why the therapy worked so effectively.

Digital Common Services Centres bridging urban-rural divide through tech: Centre

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Digital Common Services Centres are bridging the gap between urban and rural areas using technology, said Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), on Saturday.

Speaking at the CSC CSR Conclave 2025 in the national capital Tiwari revealed how CSC is strengthening India's social capital as well as rural empowerment via Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and technology.

The event marked a pivotal moment in India's journey toward inclusive growth and rural empowerment by placing technology at the heart of social transformation.

"CSC represents a radical idea bridging the urban-rural divide through technology," said Tiwari. His remarks high-



lighted the central theme of the event leveraging CSR for a sustainable tomorrow through rural empowerment and inclusive growth.

Tiwari also acknowledged the vital role of CSC Academy in advancing CSR initiatives, especially in vocational training and digital empowerment for rural populations, and praised CSC's alignment with national goals, particularly through programs like the PM Vish-

wakarma Yojana.

The Conclave, organized by CSC Academy and the Indian ESG Network, brought together leaders from government, corporate, and development sectors to discuss how CSR can drive environmental sustainability, community development, and transformative change in rural India.

Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, Chairman and Secretary of CSC Academy, said that CSCs are not just digital

access points but are catalysts for change, operated by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) who empower their communities.

"CSR is not just a statutory requirement but a strategic driver for inclusive progress," added Rakesh, emphasising the Academy's focus on scalable and measurable CSR programmes aimed at reaching underserved rural populations.

The event also featured a series of expert-led discussions that explored the intersection of CSR, environmental sustainability, and community development. Key topics included education, skilling, digital literacy, financial inclusion, women empowerment, and healthcare.

The experts renewed their commitment to utilise CSR to drive rural transformation, through digital inclusion, skill-based education, and public-private partnerships.

Unhealthy lifestyles may be ageing your heart too fast

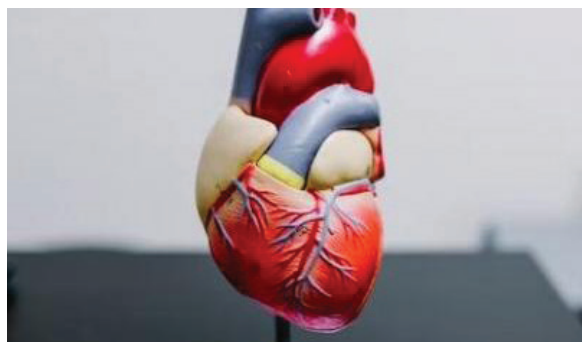
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Unhealthy lifestyles are dramatically accelerating the ageing of the heart, contributing to a global rise in several cardiovascular diseases, finds a study, led by Indian-origin researchers in the UK.

Using a new Cardiac magnetic resonance (CMR) imaging technique, also known as cardiovascular MRI scan, researchers from the University of East Anglia (UEA) uncovered the "true age" of a heart.

The MRI scan revealed how unhealthy lifestyles can dramatically accelerate the heart's functional age.

While among healthy people, the heart's age was found to be similar to the chronological age, for patients with diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and atrial fibrillation, the functional heart age was significantly higher.



"For example, a 50-year-old with high blood pressure might have a heart that works like it's 55," said lead researcher Dr Pankaj Garg, from UEA's Norwich Medical School and a consultant cardiologist at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

"People with health issues like diabetes or obesity often have hearts that are ageing faster than they should - sometimes by decades. So, this could help doctors step in early to stop heart disease in its tracks," he added.

The findings could

transform how heart disease is diagnosed -- offering a lifeline to millions by catching problems before they become deadly, said the researchers who called their cutting-edge technique a "game changer for keeping hearts healthier, longer".

"It could also be the wake-up call that people need to take better care of themselves - whether that's eating healthier, exercising more, or following their doctor's advice. It's about giving people a fighting chance against heart disease," Garg said.

The team collaborated with hospitals in the UK, Spain, and Singapore and studied MRI scans from 557 people, of which 191 were healthy individuals, while 366 had conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, or obesity.

Using advanced imaging, they measured things like the size and strength of the heart's chambers. Then, they built a formula to calculate the heart's 'functional age' and checked it against healthy hearts to make sure it was accurate.

Heart disease is one of the world's biggest killers. The new MRI method gives doctors a powerful tool to look inside the heart like never before and spot trouble early - before symptoms even start, said the team.

The research has been accepted for publication in the European Heart Journal Open.

Tobacco, marijuana use to spike heart disease deaths by 50pc in next 5 years

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Consumption of tobacco and marijuana is expected to spike heart disease death by 50pc in the next 5 years, according to twin studies.

It showed that while tobacco use is expected to raise coronary heart disease death by 40 per cent, people with cannabis use disorder are 50 per cent more likely to experience cardiogenic shock, acute myocardial infarction, and arrhythmias.

The studies were presented at the scientific sessions during the ongoing Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) 2025 in Washington, DC, US.

"Despite major public health campaigns to raise awareness for the harms of tobacco and cannabis, usage is still commonplace as we continue to see their effects on cardiovascular health," said James B. Hermiller,



SCAI President.

Ischemic heart disease, also known as coronary heart disease, is a condition where the heart weakens due to reduced blood flow from narrowed or blocked coronary arteries.

A team from Wayne State University, US, analysed data from 1999-2020 on ischemic heart disease mortality related to tobacco use in individuals aged 25 and older.

Data projected a 43.7 per cent increase in tobacco-related heart disease deaths by 2030. While the mortality trends in females decreased, males saw the opposite with a sharp uptick in deaths.

"Tobacco-related isch-

emic heart disease is not just a problem of the past. It is still a major cause of death today. If we hope to design more targeted interventions, it's vital for clinicians to recognise vulnerable groups are disproportionately affected," said Roopeesh Vempati from the varsity.

Cannabis use disorder (CUD) is a condition where individuals have a problematic pattern of cannabis use, leading to distress or impairment in day-to-day life and impacts.

Researchers from the Sinai Hospital in the US identified 1,372,419 patients who were admitted with heart failure.

The analysis revealed patients with heart failure and CUD experienced a greater risk of serious cardiovascular events like cardiogenic shock (27 per cent more likely), acute myocardial infarction (50 per cent more likely), and arrhythmias (48 per cent more likely).

However, individuals with cannabis use disorder and heart failure were found to be at a lower risk of mortality than those without the disorder.

"Despite a lower chance of death, they are at significantly greater odds of developing other related cardiovascular conditions like heart attack or irregular heartbeat. This understanding is necessary for doctors and public health professionals to warn individuals of the potential side effects of consistent cannabis use from the start, even before heart failure occurs," said Syed Ishaq, MD, Internal Medicine resident at the Sinai Hospital.B

India's military strength once again gained global recognition: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

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Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on Sunday, lauded the Indian Armed Forces for their courageous and effective response to Pakistan, stating that the nation's military strength has once again gained global recognition.

Speaking to the media, Union Minister Shekhawat said, "Last night, reports came in that Pakistan violated the ceasefire again. In line with the expectations of the 140 crore citizens of the country, the Indian military has displayed extraordinary courage and valour in its operations, and through this, India's military capability has gained a new recognition across the world."

Commenting on the recent escalation and 'Operation Sindoor', he said that Pakistan's "deliberate" provocation amid already tense border con-



ditions was unacceptable. He emphasised India's unwavering commitment to eliminate terrorism.

"Given the circumstances at the border and following 'Operation Sindoor', Pakistan once again deliberately carried out aggressive actions. Our commitment to eradicating terrorism has been clearly demonstrated over the past few days. India has proven both the authenticity and effectiveness of its stance on the global stage," he said.

The Union Minister

further informed that Pakistan's infrastructure has suffered significant damage due to India's robust counter-response.

"Yesterday, India and Pakistan reached an understanding for a ceasefire. However, fresh reports last night indicated another violation from Pakistan's side, prompting an appropriate response from India," he added.

Shekhawat, who has previously served in the border regions, said he held review meetings at district headquarters to

assess preparedness and strengthen coordination among civil and defence infrastructure.

"My work has long been associated with the border regions. In the current situation of heightened tension, we revisited all aspects from scratch, reviewed preparedness at all district headquarters, and spoke with members of the Seema Jan Kalyan Samiti and other organisations. We've also engaged with the public to boost their morale," he stated.

Highlighting Jodhpur's strategic importance, he said, "The city houses AIIMS, a major Army Base Hospital, a large Railway Hospital, and key civil infrastructure. Coordination and synergy among these institutions are crucial at this time. We've distributed responsibilities based on the capabilities and specialisations of each institution to ensure preparedness and avoid any panic if the need arises."

CM Yogi praises 'Operation Sindoor', says 'Ask Pakistan about the power of BrahMos'

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday hailed the success of Operation Sindoor, stating that it demonstrated the formidable power of the BrahMos missile to the world.

He said this while inaugurating the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile production unit at the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor in Lucknow.

Addressing the gathering, Yogi Adityanath said, "I would like to congratulate the Indian Armed Forces, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on behalf of the people of Uttar Pradesh for the success of 'Operation Sindoor'."

He also thanked the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister for their "efforts to develop Uttar Pradesh as a hub of



defence manufacturing."

The newly inaugurated facility, built at a cost of Rs 300 crore, is designed to produce 80 to 100 BrahMos missiles annually and is a key addition to India's indigenous defence infrastructure.

Developed by BrahMos Aerospace -- a joint venture between India's DRDO and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya -- the supersonic cruise missile boasts a range of 290 to 400 kilometres and can reach speeds up to Mach 2.8.

It can be launched

from land, sea, or air and follows a "fire and forget" guidance system.

Invoking the recent cross-border operation, CM Yogi said, "You must have seen a glimpse of the BrahMos missile during Operation Sindoor. If you didn't, then just ask the people of Pakistan about the power of the BrahMos missile. PM Modi has announced that any act of terrorism going forward will be considered an act of war."

Reaffirming India's stance against terrorism, he added, "The problem

of terrorism cannot be solved until we crush it completely. To do so, we all have to fight together in one voice under PM Modi's leadership. Terrorism can never understand the language of love. It must be answered in its own language. Through Operation Sindoor, India has given a message to the whole world."

The facility also includes an Aerospace Integration and Testing Centre from which 100 to 150 next-generation BrahMos missiles will be manufactured annually.

These upgraded missiles, expected to be ready within a year, are lighter -- weighing 1,290 kilograms compared to the existing 2,900 kilograms -- and offer an extended strike range of over 300 kilometres. The lighter design will also enable fighter jets like the Sukhoi to carry up to three missiles instead of one.

Nation won't accept anti-national voices: Giriraj Singh

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Union Minister Giriraj Singh, on Sunday, strongly asserted that the nation stands united in support of the Indian Army and the government's handling of the India-Pakistan border situation, warning that "anyone who speaks against the nation will never be accepted by the country."

His remarks come amid a wave of political reactions following the recent understanding reached on a ceasefire between India and Pakistan after days of cross-border tensions.

Commenting on the Indian Army, Singh said, "The entire nation is proud of the bravery of the Indian Army, which has demonstrated its valour. People have full faith in the country's leadership. Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Army have made the nation proud. We say with pride, we are Indians."



Interestingly, the ceasefire decision has garnered bipartisan support, with several senior opposition leaders backing the move and lauding the government's stance.

Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram described the decision as "wise" and credited Prime Minister Modi for not escalating the situation further. Chidam-

baram's support of the government's action drew considerable attention, leading to reactions across the political spectrum.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor echoed Chidambaram's sentiment, stating that the message India intended to send had already been delivered. "Prolonging the conflict was never the intention," Tharoor said, suggesting

that the ceasefire was a responsible step towards de-escalation.

Congress leader Manish Tewari also highlighted the rare political unanimity, saying, "The entire opposition has welcomed and praised the actions taken by the Indian Army. The whole nation, be it the ruling party, the opposition, or the common people, has stood united. This is a living example of India's internal strength and unity."

Mrityunjay Tiwari of the RJD welcomed the ceasefire but cautioned against complacency. "India is a peace-loving country, and any steps towards peace will be welcomed. However, the violation of the ceasefire is the real concern here. India does not start wars, but will not sit silently if attacked. Further clarity on the circumstances that led to this ceasefire is still awaited," he noted.

China backs terror, most hypocritical country: Former DGP SP Vaid

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Former Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) S. P. Vaid on Sunday launched a scathing attack on China, saying it is the most hypocritical country in the world and obstructs global efforts against terrorism.

"There is no country in the world more hypocritical than China. China supports Pakistan, which means it supports Terrorism. Supporting Terrorism means you're with terrorists," said S.P. Vaid in a strongly worded statement.

"Our diplomats must openly tell the world this truth without any hesitation. This is reality," he said.

Vaid criticised China's pattern of obstructing global efforts against terrorism, citing repeated instances where Beijing blocked UN resolutions



that sought to designate Pakistan-based individuals as global terrorists.

"China promotes terrorism everywhere, be it in Pakistan or Iran. Tell me how many times China has blocked resolutions to declare global terrorists, always stepping in to rescue Pakistan. India must expose China before the world. It may be a permanent member of the UN Security Council, but character matters more than status," he said.

He added, "China has no real value as a permanent member if it continues

shielding terrorists. India must aggressively present evidence of China's actions to the global community and call them out: 'You are a bloody rogue state. You are a dictator.' This is what India must say clearly and confidently."

These statements come just hours after the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi reaffirmed Beijing's support for Pakistan's sovereignty during a phone call with Pakistan deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar. The statement came amid fresh tensions after drone sightings were

reported in Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat, raising alarms in the region.

Vaid also expressed confidence in the Indian leadership's diplomatic strategy. "I am certain Prime Minister Narendra Modi must have insisted that Pakistan's policy of using terrorism as statecraft needs to end. India likely took assurances from the United States," he said.

Referring to a recent government statement warning that "any act of terror will be treated as an act of war," Vaid suggested this line was the result of serious diplomatic negotiations.

"There are many facts the public may not know, but our leadership is aware of. In international diplomacy, many factors are weighed. I'm confident our leadership, especially the Prime Minister, has acted in India's best interests," he said.

Pakistan using IMF loans to bankroll terror networks: Top UN ex-official

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In scathing criticism of the IMF loan to Pakistan, former Assistant General Secretary of the United Nations Laxmi M. Puri said, "The world needs to understand funding Pakistan is not supporting peace. It's subsidising terrorism."

"From 1958 to yesterday -- Pakistan has turned the IMF into a revolving credit line for chaos. Not for reforms, not for development -- but to bankroll terror networks, shield global fugitives and prop up a military that thrives on instability," Laxmi Puri lamented in a note on X.

"Pakistan has defaulted on democracy, violated every IMF programme condition, and used bailouts to underwrite bloodshed. Yet the world keeps writing cheques. Why? Fear? Fragility? Or just failure to learn?" she questioned.



Pointing out that Pakistan has borrowed from the IMF 28 times since joining in 1950. "That's not financial aid -- it's geopolitical charity. This isn't economic distress. It's strategic abuse of international goodwill," Laxmi Puri added.

India on Friday abstained from voting on extending a fresh \$1.3 billion IMF loan to Pakistan

under the Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) lending programme at the meeting at which the loan was approved.

India's representative on the IMF executive board had strongly opposed further financial assistance from the IMF to Pakistan, expressing serious concerns over Islamabad's track record and the fact that the bail-

outs were enabling the cash-strapped country to sponsor cross-border terrorism.

"While the concern that fungible inflows from international financial institutions, like the IMF, could be misused for military and state-sponsored cross-border terrorist purposes resonated with several member countries, the IMF response is circumscribed by procedural and technical formalities. This is a serious gap highlighting the urgent need to ensure that moral values are given appropriate consideration in the procedures followed by global financial institutions," India's representative Parameswaran Iyer said at the meeting.

He highlighted that Pakistan has been a prolonged borrower from the IMF, with a very poor track record of implementation and adherence to the IMF's programme conditions.

Centre to bolster security at technical and scientific installations in border areas

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The government has announced to upgrade security at technical and scientific installations located in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Chandigarh and northwest locations of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

In addition, the vital IMD installations in Srinagar and Leh will receive bolstered security, said Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology.

He convened a high-level joint meeting with senior officials and heads of scientific and technical departments to review security preparedness of technical and scientific installations across the country, in the light of the prevailing security situation.

The focus of the meeting was on reviewing security preparedness of



research and scientific facilities, especially in the border and sensitive zones of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Ladakh and the Northwestern region of India.

Dr Singh specifically reviewed preparedness and security mechanisms at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu; CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), Chandigarh; CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Jalandhar; CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh; DBT-Biotech Research Innovation Council (BRIC) - National Agri-Food and Biomanu-

facturing Institute (NABI), Mohali; Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Installations in Srinagar and other key areas; Earth Sciences Research Stations in Ladakh and surrounding zones.

Singh emphasised that scientific facilities, especially those under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), and Ministry of Earth Sciences, are key pillars of national infrastructure, particularly in the fields of weather forecasting, disaster preparedness, and critical research. All scientific institu-

tions have been directed to review and enhance their current security protocols in the light of the prevailing situation. They must immediately inform the respective district administrations to ensure seamless coordination and protection.

Each institution is required to develop and circulate Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for emergency response, ensuring that both staff and local authorities are well-prepared.

To avoid disadvantaging students and researchers who may have returned to their home states, all upcoming examinations and research proposal calls are to be postponed until further notice. Dr Singh also directed the Director General of IMD to immediately bolster security arrangements at its vital installations and data centers in Srinagar, Leh, and other key locations.

'Pak is rogue state, can never be trusted,' Army veterans slam ceasefire violations

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In the wake of ceasefire violations by Pakistan, Indian Army veterans, Retired Lt Col Anil Bhatt and Major General P.K. Sehgal, have come down heavily on Islamabad's aggression, saying Pakistan is a rogue state which can never be trusted.

Lt Col Anil Bhatt (Retd) sharply criticised Pakistan's repeated breaches of the ceasefire agreement and likened its behaviour to that of a "rogue nation."

He remarked, "They have been caught lying so many times. And secondly, it's often said, though I hesitate to use the phrase, that it's like a dog's tail, which can never be straightened. This reflects the behaviour of the entire rogue state. In English, such a country is called a 'rogue state.' Just like a crooked dog's tail remains crooked, their behaviour



doesn't change."

Highlighting India's robust countermeasures, he added, "We destroyed nine Pakistan-based terrorist bases, and then they started attacking us. We retaliated strongly and showcased the capabilities of our air defence. Pakistan never intended to accept the ceasefire. They attempt to initiate war. They are destroyed, and their army chief wants another term. When their situation collapses, they start fighting."

Major General P.K. Sehgal (Retd) echoed similar sentiments and pointed to a significant transformation in India's approach under the current leadership.

"This is the first time in the country that such justice has been served. Previously, under the old UPA leadership, there was indecisiveness, wavering leadership, and no political will. But now, there is a clear political will. The entire country was not united before, but

today the entire nation is united, both in Kashmir and across the country," he said.

On the ceasefire breach, Maj Gen Sehgal revealed, "Yesterday evening, their DGMO spoke with India's DGMO around 3:35 p.m., and by 5 p.m., the ceasefire had come into effect. However, within just 3 hours, Pakistan violated the ceasefire in Srinagar, Jammu, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Gujarat. Drones were spotted in the Srinagar region, and four of them were shot down. Pakistan has clearly and blatantly violated the ceasefire."

He added that India's new stance marks a paradigm shift. "India has firmly declared that any conspiracy or incident originating from Pakistan will be treated as an act of war. Just as we responded forcefully to the incident in Pahalgam, India will take strong and decisive action."

Ceasefire is just a means to expose Pakistan before the world: Nishikant Dubey

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BJP leader and member Lok Sabha, Nishikant Dubey, on Sunday said the ceasefire was a means to expose Pakistan before the world, which will continue with terrorism and in that case, the fight will be fierce and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir will be taken.

He said he has faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and that this will be the last battle.

In a morning post on his X handle in Hindi (loosely translated), he said, "If the newspapers are to be believed 1. Pakistan sponsored terrorism in India will be considered a war 2. What I know about Pakistan is that terrorism will continue 3. I have faith in Modi Ji that this will be the last battle, the whole of Kashmir till Muzaffarabad will be ours Ceasefire is just a means to expose Pakistan before the world then there will be no talk,



there will be war the fight will be fierce."

His post comes after Pakistan violated the ceasefire and continued sending drones and missiles in several places on the western border on Saturday night.

Following the violations, Dubey in a cryptic post wrote in Hindi, "There is no difference between a dog's tail and Pakistan".

Hours after India and Pakistan reached an

understanding on stopping military actions, Pakistani drones were sighted and intercepted in various locations in Jammu and Kashmir, including Srinagar, parts of Gujarat, and Barmer in Rajasthan. Blackouts had to be reimposed in several border areas.

India said Pakistan violated the ceasefire, adding that the armed forces were giving an "adequate and appropriate response".

Foreign Secretary

Vikram Misri, in a late-night press briefing on Saturday, stressed that India has taken "very, very serious notice of these violations."

"We call upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and handle the situation with seriousness and responsibility. The armed forces are maintaining a strong vigil on the situation and have been given strict instructions to deal strongly with any repetition of border violations along the International Border and the LoC," he said.

Later, Pakistan said that it "remains committed to faithful implementation" of the ceasefire agreement reached. Its PM, Shehbaz Sharif, said, "Pakistan believes this marks a new beginning in the resolution of issues that have plagued the region and prevented its journey toward peace, prosperity and stability."

Govt tightening rules to check gas emissions in upstream oil sector

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The Centre's new draft policy framed for the upstream oil & gas exploration and production sector aims to minimise the environmental impact of mineral oil operations, including gas flaring activities, and closer monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions and flared gas.

Routine flaring of gas takes place during production from oilfields due to the absence of facilities for gas utilisation, such as reinjection, on-site use, or transportation to market. The draft policy stipulates that all lessees and contractors shall submit reports specifying the volume of gas flared and the associated emissions on a quarterly basis in accordance with the format specified within fifteen days from the end of each calendar quarter.

The rules make it clear that every lessee and contractor



will adopt measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that take place during the course of mineral oil operations and comply with the applicable environmental laws and norms.

The draft rules state that every lessee and contractor shall submit a monitoring plan within 180 days of the commencement of production of mineral oil from the leased area for the identification of sources of greenhouse emissions from mineral oil operations, and the meth-

odology and frequency of measurements.

The lessee and contractor will also have to review and update the monitoring plan submitted from time to time as may be necessary.

Every lessee and contractor will also submit to the government reports of their greenhouse gas emissions in the manner as may be specified by the government from time to time.

The new draft also provides for clear steps in the authorisation for green-

house gas (GHG) sequestration, injection and storage permit.

Any lessee or contractor intending to assess the feasibility of geological storage of greenhouse gases (GHGs) within a leased or contract area shall, prior to commencement of any such activity, obtain an authorisation for such assessment from the Government.

Upon completion of such assessment, a lessee or contractor may submit an application for the issuance of an injection of GHGs permit to the government, in the format as may be prescribed from time to time.

The term of the injection permit, in the first instance, shall be two years, which may be renewed thereafter upon satisfactory performance and compliance with these rules and the terms as prescribed by the Government of India in this regard from time to time.

World saw what India is capable of: BJP leader BL Santhosh

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BJP National General Secretary B.L. Santhosh on Sunday said the world has seen what India is capable of after its successful attack on Pakistan's 11 airbases, which forced its Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) to call New Delhi.

In a post on X, Santhosh said, "11 airbases bombed within few mnts brought PAK to dial DGMO, India. This after blocking nearly every attack for 96 hours. World saw what India is capable of."

The 11 airbases he named are: Nur Khan/Chaklala (Rawalpindi), Rafiqui (Shorkot), Murid (Punjab), Sukkur (Sindh), Sialkot (Eastern Punjab), Pasrur (Punjab), Chunian (Radar/Support Installation), Sargodha (Mushaf Base), Skardu (Gilgit-Baltistan), Bholari (Near



Karachi), and Jacobabad (Sindh-Balochistan).

"With Indian forces attacking Sargodha airfield & Kirana Hills, Pakistan was bound to reach out Indian DGMO. Capacity to penetrate Sargodha airbase without interception has demonstrated the strength of our systems & shallowness of Pak claims," he said in another post.

The Indian armed

forces carried out the successful 'Operation Sindoor' against nine high-value terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on May 7.

Following the success, Pakistan, in reaction, tried to attack military installations and civilian areas in India. All the attacks were negated, and the Indian Armed Forces retaliated in equal measure.

From the various

media briefings done by the government, it has been shared that several airbases in Pakistan have been destroyed in precision retaliation, with care being taken not to cause civilian damage.

Though the Indian Air Force (IAF) has not shared the exact details of the various attacks that have been carried out in the last few days in retaliation for Pakistan's drone and missile actions, it said the assigned tasks in Operation Sindoor were successfully executed with precision and professionalism, and the operation was still ongoing.

Earlier in the day, BJP leader Amit Malviya also posted that India's 90-minute targeted strikes on major Pakistani airbases during Operation Sindoor marked a decisive shift in regional military dynamics, and it dismantled Pakistan's ability to maintain air superiority.

India's eye in the sky to get big boost with ISRO's new radar imaging satellite

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India's border surveillance capabilities and national security are poised to get a game-changing boost with the launch of the all-weather Indian Space Research Organisation's RISAT-1B radar imaging satellite, also known as EOS-09, from the Sriharikota space centre on May 18.

The RISAT-1B satellite is equipped with a state-of-the-art C-band synthetic aperture radar, which will enable it to capture high-resolution images of the Earth's surface under adverse weather conditions such as rain, fog, clouds, or at night. This is quite unlike optical camera satellites that struggle to record images when the weather turns bad or darkness sets in at night.

According to experts, coming just days after Operation Sindoor, RISAT-



1B's launch assumes great significance as it will give the defence forces a vital edge in monitoring India's sensitive borders along Pakistan and China, as well as for safeguarding the country's vast coastlines.

RISAT-1B's radar technology is particularly crucial for defence purposes. It can track enemy movements, detect infiltrations, and support anti-terrorism operations, providing

continuous, reliable intelligence.

The high-resolution radar images can detect even minor changes, such as fresh soil disturbances due to the movement of military equipment, new encampments, or vehicular movement, which conventional surveillance might miss. The RISAT-1B is an advanced version of the existing RISAT series of satellites that have been used in operations such as

the Balakot strikes.

RISAT-1B can play a key role in anti-terrorist operations as it can more accurately pick up suspicious movements on the ground as terrorists try to infiltrate across the border.

The satellite features five distinct imaging modes, ranging from ultra-high-resolution imaging, capable of detecting small objects, to broader scans for large-area observation. This wide range provides flexibility in using the satellite for both military and civilian applications such as agriculture, forestry, soil moisture monitoring, geology and keeping track of floods.

The RISAT-1B is a further advancement of the RISAT-1 satellite and is similar in configuration. It will also complement data from other satellites, such as the Resourcesat, Cartosat, and RISAT-2B Series, which will build a comprehensive Earth observation network.

Kharge writes to PM Modi, repeats Rahul's demand for Parliament session on 'Operation Sindoor', ceasefire

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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday sent a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to convene a special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, 'Operation Sindoor' and the subsequent understanding on the ceasefire.

Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's letter to PM Modi written on May 10 to seek a Parliament session, Kharge said, "Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha has already written to you again conveying the unanimous request of all Opposition parties for a special session of Parliament."

Kharge highlighted the need for discussing the entire gamut of issues related to the Operation, including "the ceasefire



announcements first from Washington DC and later by the Governments of India and Pakistan".

Rahul Gandhi's letter to PM Modi on Saturday said, "I reiterate the unanimous request of the Opposition to convene a special session of Parliament immediately."

"It is crucial for the

people and their representatives to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation Sindoor and today's ceasefire, first announced by U.S. President Trump. This will also be an opportunity to demonstrate our collective resolve to meet the challenges ahead. I trust that you will consider this demand seriously

and swiftly," wrote Rahul Gandhi on Saturday.

Addressing PM Modi, Kharge wrote: "You may kindly recall myself as Leader of Opposition Rajya Sabha and Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha requested your good self, vide our letters dated 28 April 2025, to convene a special session of both Houses of Parliament in the wake of the inhuman terror attack in Pahalgam."

"In view of latest developments, Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha has already written to you again conveying the unanimous request of all Opposition parties for a special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam terror, Operation Sindoor and the ceasefire announcements first from Washington DC and later by the Governments of India and Pakistan," he said.

Indian economy has potential to do much better than China in near future: Jim Rogers

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India is going to be one of the most exciting investment destinations in the world and it will certainly be compared to China and, maybe, even do much better than China in coming years, ace investor Jim Rogers has said.

In an interaction with IANS, he said that "I have been around the investment world for decades, and for the first time in my life, I see that the people in Delhi understand economics".

"India's rising again. I think that the people in Delhi understand what needs to be done and are trying to do it. And that would be so wonderful for India and for the world. If India can actually open up and have trade with the whole world. You cannot believe how exciting India can be in the future," said the American investor and financial commenta-

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tor.

"I don't have investments in India right now, but I really, really want to invest more in the fastest-growing economy," he added, adding that if the market goes down and stays down for a while, "I want to put more money in India".

India is poised to become the world's fourth-largest economy in 2025 with the country's nominal GDP rising to \$4,187.017 billion during the year to surpass Japan's GDP pegged at \$4,186.431 billion, according to the

IMF's latest 'World Economic Outlook' report.

On free trade agreement (FTAs), Rogers told IANS that more free trade is better for the world, especially India.

"It will be extremely exciting for the world, including foreign investors," he mentioned.

India has signed 13 FTAs with its trading partners. The country is currently negotiating the following FTAs with its trading partners: India-EU FTA, India Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), India-

Peru Trade Agreement, covering goods, services and investment, India-Sri Lanka Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) and India-Oman FTA.

India and the United Kingdom have signed a landmark FTA, momentous not only in quantitative magnitude -- encompassing reductions across 90 per cent of tariff lines -- but also in its emblematic stature as a recalibration of post-globalisation economic strategy.

The FTA signal a new global trade strategy, bypassing China's dependence, navigating US tariffs and reshaping post BREXIT Britain, according to an SBI report.

Moreover, India has also initiated review of its existing FTAs, namely, India-South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), and ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (ATTIGA).

Foreign investors infuse over Rs 14,000 crore into equity in May

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Foreign investors have invested over Rs 14,000 crore in the country's equity market in May so far amid a blend of favourable global cues and robust domestic economy fundamentals.

According to the Depository Data, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) made a net investment of Rs 14,167 crore (till May 9) in equities since the beginning of this month.

India's stock market witnessed a sharp rise in foreign investment activity in April, signalling a marked reversal from the outflow seen earlier in 2025. The momentum continued in May, too.

This positive momentum follows a net investment of Rs 4,223 crore in April. The inflow of foreign investment came last month following a back-to-back net outflow of Rs 3,973 crore in March, Rs



34,574 crore in February and Rs 78,027 crore in January.

"Due to global reasons like dollar weakness, slowing pace of US and Chinese economy and domestic reasons like strong economy, low inflation and interest rates, FPI inflow in Indian stock market has remained positive," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services.

He also highlighted that debt inflow may remain weak in the coming times.

Total FPI outflows in 2025 declined to Rs 98,184 crore after an investment of Rs 14,167 crore in May.

Vijayakumar further said, "The hallmark of FPI investment in recent times has been continuous buying by them. They bought equities worth Rs 48,533 crore through the exchanges continuously

in 16 trading days ending May 8. However, they sold equities for Rs 3,798 crore on May 9 due to the India-Pakistan tensions."

According to other experts, the investment figure crossing Rs 14,000 crore in the second week of May shows the confidence of foreign investors in the Indian stock market, and this figure may increase further in the coming time.

CAIT conference to deliberate on safeguarding India's Rs 140 lakh crore retail trade

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In view of the growing attempts by e-commerce and quick commerce companies to capture India's vibrant retail trade worth over Rs 140 lakh crore annually, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) on Sunday said it is organising a national conference next week.

More than 100 leading trade leaders from across the country will participate in the event on May 16, where former Union Minister Smriti Irani is expected to be the key speaker.

CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal stated that the conference will not only include trade leaders but also proponents of Swadeshi products, representatives from transport, small industries, MSMEs, consumer organisations, women entrepreneurs, farmers, startups, employees, and other



stakeholders of trade.

Together, they will formulate a unified strategy to expose the malicious agenda of foreign-funded companies and launch a nationwide campaign against them.

According to CAIT National President B.C. Bhartia, various sectors of trade and industry are coming together under one platform to challenge these companies head-on.

He pointed out that these companies have already caused massive

damage to several major sectors such as mobiles and accessories, FMCG, consumer durables, kirana, electronics, toys, garments, apparel, footwear, food items, restaurants, and hotels, and are now attempting to capture more segments of the Indian market.

Bhartia further stated that the time has come to resist the unethical business practices of these companies tooth and nail in order to protect the integrity and independence of India's retail

trade.

According to CAIT, the conference is expected to be a decisive step towards launching a nationwide awareness and protest campaign based on the strategies outlined during the deliberations.

CAIT, which claims to represent over 90 million small businesses across the country, said it aims to strategise and mobilise a nationwide movement against the alleged unethical and unlawful practices of these e-commerce companies.

USTR Greer to visit South Korea for trade talks this week

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US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer plans to visit South Korea this week for talks on the US new tariff scheme and other bilateral trade issues, officials said on Sunday.

Greer is scheduled to arrive in South Korea on Thursday for a two-day stay to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) trade ministers meeting, which will be held on the southern resort island of Jeju, according to government officials, reports Yonhap news agency.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Greer is expected to have high-level talks with South Korea's Industry Minister Ahn Duk-geun or Trade Minister Cheong In-kyo, as well as other counterparts, as consultations are now under way about U.S. President



Donald Trump's administration's new tariff policies.

Last month, the United States began imposing reciprocal tariffs on 25 percent duties on South Korea, only to place a pause on them shortly afterward to allow for one-on-one negotiations.

Seoul and Washington agreed to seek a package

agreement on trade and other related issues before July 8, when Trump's 90-day pause on reciprocal tariffs ends.

Given the situation, the upcoming high-level talks are expected to serve as a turning point in shaping the direction of trade negotiations, with the U.S. likely to present detailed demands and both sides coordinating schedules

and formats for future negotiations, according to experts.

South Korea has said it will approach talks with the U.S. in a calm and prudent manner, without haste, ahead of the June 3 presidential election triggered by the recent ouster of President Yoon Suk Yeol over his brief imposition of martial law in December.

Earlier, South Korea and the United States concluded two-day working-level "technical" discussions in Washington to set the contours of their full-fledged talks over trade and economic cooperation issues, a source said, as Seoul is seeking exemptions from new U.S. tariffs.

The Trump administration started imposing reciprocal tariffs, including 25 percent on South Korea, on April 9, only to place a pause on them shortly afterward to allow for negotiations.

S. Korea to decide on Google's transfer of high-precision map data by August

AGENCIES
SEOUL, MAY 11

The South Korean government will decide by August whether to allow Google to transfer the country's high-precision map data overseas amid heated debates over national security, digital sovereignty and other trade issues, officials said on Sunday.

In February, the U.S. tech giant submitted an application to the state-run National Geographic Information Institute, seeking approval for the transfer of 1:5,000-scale high-precision map data to its data centres abroad. The review panel must notify Google of the result within 60 days of the application date, with the possibility of a 60-day extension. Holidays are excluded from the review period, reports Yonhap news agency.

The initial deadline, accordingly, was mid-



May, but the government has decided to extend the review period and make a decision before the second deadline of Aug. 11, as the June 3 presidential election was designated as a temporary holiday.

The decision will be made by the map data export review panel, which involves officials from major ministries, including the defense, foreign affairs, industry and science ministries, as well as the National Intelligence Service, the officials

said.

Currently, Google provides South Korean maps using publicly available lower-resolution 1:25,000-scale map data combined with aerial and satellite imagery. This results in lower-quality mapping services compared with domestic map service providers.

Google previously made similar requests in 2007 and 2016, but Seoul rejected them due to national security concerns, citing potential exposure of mili-

tary bases and other sensitive facilities.

In 2016, the government proposed conditions requiring Google to blur out sensitive sites or host the data on domestic servers, which Google refused.

This time, Google has expressed a willingness to comply with the blurring and has requested the coordinate data for security facilities. The added request for the coordinate data has raised concerns within the government's security community.

South Korea records lowest Q1 economic growth among major economies

AGENCIES
SEOUL, MAY 11

South Korea posted the lowest economic growth among 19 major economies in the first quarter, data showed on Sunday, amid a domestic political crisis and uncertainties caused by US President Donald Trump's administration's sweeping tariff policies.

The country's real gross domestic product (GDP) -- a key measure of economic growth -- shrank by 0.246 percent in the January-March period from a quarter earlier, according to the data from the Bank of Korea (BOK).

It marked the weakest performance among the 19 major nations that have released their first-quarter growth figures, including the United States, Canada, France, Germany and China, reports Yonhap news agency.

Ireland recorded the highest growth rate at



3.219 percent, followed by China with 1.2 percent and Indonesia with 1.124 percent.

Spain, which has a similar GDP to South Korea, ranked fourth with a growth rate of 0.568 percent. Canada logged a 0.4 percent expansion in the first quarter, while Italy and Germany posted growth rates of 0.4 percent and 0.26 percent, respectively. France also saw positive growth at 0.127 percent.

The U.S. economy contracted by 0.069 percent, and Hungary's economy shrank by 0.152 percent.

Japan and Britain have yet to disclose their first-quarter data, but a Bloomberg survey of major institutions showed that the Japanese economy is expected to contract by 0.1 percent, while Britain is forecast to grow by 0.6 percent.

South Korea's unexpected negative growth was partly attributed to political turmoil triggered by former President Yoon Suk Yeol's shocking imposition of martial law on Dec. 3, which disrupted the economy and dampened consumer spending. Yoon was removed from

office April 4.

The U.S.' sweeping tariff scheme has also weighed on the trade-dependent South Korean economy. Trump earlier announced "reciprocal" tariffs that include a 25 percent tariff on South Korea, though he soon decided to put on hold its implementation for 90 days.

Apart from the proposed reciprocal tariffs, existing tariffs on autos and steel remain in effect.

The BOK earlier presented a 1.5 percent growth outlook for the South Korean economy in 2025, but Gov. Rhee Chang-yong later told reporters that the forecast may have been "too optimistic."

The central bank also cited several "unusual factors" that weighed on growth, including delayed demand for high-performance semiconductors, the suspension of projects at some construction sites and large-scale wildfires.

IPL 2025: Hazlewood suffering from injury doubtful for restart

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

As the BCCI contemplates resuming IPL 2025 following a temporary suspension due to cross-border tensions, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) could be forced to complete the season without their premier pacer Josh Hazlewood.

The Australian fast bowler, who was already nursing a shoulder niggle, had missed RCB's home clash against Chennai Super Kings on May 3 and was uncertain for their next fixture before the tournament was halted on May 9. Now, with the World Test Championship (WTC) final on the horizon, his return to India for the IPL looks increasingly unlikely.

Hazlewood, who had undergone a rigorous rehabilitation earlier this year to recover from a



string of injuries including a side strain and a calf issue, was using the IPL as a platform to regain rhythm.

Despite his progress, Cricket Australia is expected to take a cautious approach. With a pre-WTC final conditioning camp scheduled in England in early June, his inclusion in the Test squad is a near certainty, and a return to the IPL appears unnecessary.

He is not the only Australian cricketer whose IPL

participation is in question. Pat Cummins and Travis Head, whose team Sunrisers Hyderabad are already out of playoff contention, may opt to remain in Australia to prepare for the WTC final at Lord's starting June 11. Mitchell Starc, playing for fifth-placed Delhi Capitals, may face a trickier decision, balancing team commitments with national duty.

Adding to the uncertainty is the logistical challenge of bringing back overseas players and sup-

port staff who left India within 24 hours of the suspension.

Most of the New Zealand contingent has already returned home, while Cricket South Africa is yet to decide whether its players can extend their stay beyond the May 25 NOC deadline. The CSA board is expected to deliberate on this on Sunday, with player safety being paramount.

For teams like RCB, this disruption has brought both complications and a silver lining. Captain Rajat Patidar, who sustained a finger injury while fielding against CSK, was set to miss two matches. The unscheduled break has now given him a valuable window for recovery. RCB is managing his rehab conservatively, eyeing his availability for the playoffs and potentially the upcoming India A tour of England.

KIYG 2025: Daughter of an autorickshaw driver, Asmita Dhone eyes junior world weightlifting medal

AGENCIES
RAJGIR, MAY 11

Asmita Dattatray Dhone of Maharashtra broke two youth national weightlifting records on her way to clinching gold medal in the 49kg class in the ongoing Khelo India Youth Games here at the Rajgir Sports Complex. Dhone shattered her own youth national record in both clean and jerk and overall total set at the Commonwealth Championships in Doha, Qatar, five months back. She had won a silver medal at the 2022 Khelo India Youth Games in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Asmita first breached the 94kg mark with a 95kg lift in clean and jerk to create a youth national record and then added another two kilograms on the barbell to again breach the national record and take her overall total to



170kg, an improvement of 8 kilograms from her Commonwealth Championships performance. Uttar Pradesh's Mansi Chamunda (75+88) settled for silver with a youth national snatch record,

improving upon the mark set by Panchami Sonowal of Assam in 2022.

Hailing from a humble background, Asmita, who turned 18 this month, was born in Karad town of Satara district. Her father

Dattatray Dhone drives an autorickshaw and mother Nirmala is a dairy farmer. Asmita began training under Samrat Pawar in her hometown, which she continues to do even today.

"I started lifting weights when I was in Class 7, roughly 14 years of age. My elder sister was also into weightlifting and so her coach Samrat sir told me to also start weightlifting along with her. I am very happy with my performance as I broke the national record," Asmita told SAI Media.

Asmita Dhone has numerous national and international medals under her belt and that helped her get inducted in both the Khelo India scheme and Sports Authority of India's Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports in Patiala since 2023.

IPL 2025: PBKS co-owner Preity Zinta thanks authorities for safely leaving Dharamshala

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

Preity Zinta, the veteran actor and co-owner of Punjab Kings (PBKS), expressed her heartfelt thanks to various authorities for safely ensuring that everyone was able to leave Dharamshala after the side's clash against Delhi Capitals was called off as a precautionary measure.

Thursday's IPL 2025 match between PBKS and DC was called off after just 10.1 overs of play in the first innings at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala, due to the military tension between India and Pakistan. Air and drone strikes from Pakistan resulted in blackouts in Jammu, Pathankot and Udhampur, all of which are located in close proximity to Dharamshala.

The spectators were asked to vacate the stadium in a calm manner, while the players and support staff were taken back



to their hotels under tight security. On Friday, both teams, along with match officials, commentators, broadcast crew members and other key IPL-related personnel boarded buses from Dharamshala to Jalandhar, where they boarded a special Vande Bharat train and reached New Delhi on Friday night.

"Finally back home after a crazy last few days. A heartfelt thank you to Indian Railways & our Railway minister Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw for helping both IPL teams and all officials & families leave Dharamshala in a safe, swift & comfortable way."

"A big thank you to @

JayShah, Mr Arun Dhumal, BCCI & our CEO Mr Satish Menon & the Operations team of @PunjabKingsIPL for helping co-ordinate the evacuation of our stadium in Dharamshala safely & in an orderly manner. Everything was handled so well," wrote Preity on her 'X' account on Sunday.

She also thanked the fans for not panicking when asked to evacuate from the stadium in Dharamshala, and also apologized for being 'curt' with them at that moment. "Finally to all the people that were in the Dharamshala stadium - Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou for not panicking & for any

stampedes."

"You guys are absolute rock stars. I'm sorry I was a bit curt & said no to pictures with everyone but the need of the hour was the safety of everyone and it was my duty & responsibility to make sure everyone stayed safe Thank you for making it possible Love you all Ting!" she added.

Following the game being called off in Dharamshala, the IPL 2025 was suspended by the BCCI for one week. Now with a ceasefire announced on Saturday, though it was violated later that evening, the BCCI has asked all franchises to assemble their respective teams by Tuesday, with an eye to resume the business end of the tournament - 12 league games and playoffs. A final decision on the dates and venues for the revised IPL 2025 schedule will be taken by the governing council after receiving advice from the government authorities.

IPL 2025: Franchises told by BCCI to assemble by Tuesday as tournament restart looms

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has told all ten IPL franchises to assemble by Tuesday, as the tournament's restart to complete its business end looms large.

The IPL 2025 was suspended by the BCCI for one week on Friday due to cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan, especially after the Punjab Kings-Delhi Capitals clash in Dharamshala was suspended due to air strikes and blackouts around nearby areas like Jammu and Pathankot.

At the time of suspension, IPL 2025 had completed 58 games - with 12 league stage matches and playoffs remaining. Immediately after the suspension was announced, cricketers of all franchises, as well as a majority of the support staff members left for their respective homes and countries.



"Yes, we have been communicated about assembling our team's players and support staff members on Tuesday. Where we have to assemble, it is yet to be known. But as of now, we have got a message from the BCCI about starting the process of assembling the team from now and have all of them by Tuesday. We will also now begin process of getting overseas players back to India at the earliest," said a top franchise official on the condition of anonymity to media agency on Sunday.

Media agency under-

stands that Ricky Ponting and Brad Haddin, the head coach and assistant coach of Punjab Kings (PBKS), are still in India and didn't fly back to Australia, unlike their other coaching counterparts like Justin Langer (head coach, Lucknow Super Giants) and Mike Hussey (batting coach, Chennai Super Kings).

This agency had previously reported on Saturday that the BCCI aims to complete all of remaining IPL games before May 25, because the India 'A' squad has to leave for a three-match tour of Eng-

land. As per the original IPL itinerary, May 25 is the day of the final which will be staged at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

It is understood that the final decision on the dates and venues for the revised schedule will be taken by the IPL governing council after the advice it is expected to receive from the government, especially after the ceasefire was violated on Saturday night. After the IPL is over, the India Test team is scheduled to go to England for a five-match Test series starting on June 20 in Headingley.

Deepika, Parth bag bronze as India finish with 7 medals at Archery World Cup Stage 2

AGENCIES
SHANGHAI, MAY 11

Seasoned archer Deepika Kumari and Parth Salunkhe bagged bronze medals as India finished their campaign with seven medals at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 on Sunday.

In a tense bronze medal match, Deepika defeated Tokyo Olympic team gold medallist Kang Chaeyoung of Korea with a 7-3 scoreline. Her victory marked India's first medal of the year in the women's recurve category and her 12th individual World Cup medal. She delivered two outstanding final sets, scoring a perfect 30 and a near-perfect 29, to secure the win.

Deepika was the only non-Korean to reach the women's recurve semifinals, preventing a Korean sweep by clinching bronze after a 1-7 loss to Paris Olympic champion Lim Sihyeon in the semi-



final. Parth Salunkhe, the reigning U21 world champion, claimed his first World Cup medal in the men's recurve category. He edged past Paris Olympic medallist Baptiste Addis of France 6-4 in a nail-biting bronze medal match. Parth had earlier put up a strong fight in the

semi-final clash against South Korea's Kim Woo Jin, rallying from two sets down to level the match, but a final-shot 7 in the deciding set saw him fall short 4-6.

In the bronze match, he again entered the final set at 4-4 but held his nerve with back-to-back 10s to seal victory.

His win marked India's second straight medal in the men's recurve, following Dhiraj's bronze at the Florida World Cup.

With these two bronze medals in recurve events, India wrapped up the Shanghai World Cup with a total of seven medals: 2 gold, 1 silver, and 4 bronze.

ECB announces sale of tickets for UAE-Bangladesh T20Is at affordable rates

AGENCIES
DUBAI, MAY 11

The Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) on Sunday has announced that it has fixed tickets for the upcoming UAE-Bangladesh T20I series at affordable rates, in a partnership with the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. The two T20Is between UAE and Bangladesh will be played on May 17 and 19 respectively.

It is understood that the Bangladesh team, led by wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das, will be leaving for Dubai in the coming week. "Tickets will be available at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium Box Office from today, Sunday, 11 May 2025. On the two match days, the stadium gates will open at 5:00pm," said the ECB in a statement on Sunday.

As per the statement, general stand tickets are priced at AED 30 (approximately 697 Indian rupees), while the gold/platinum



stand tickets are up for grabs at AED 75 (approximately 1744.24 Indian rupees). The VIP box tickets are priced at AED 200 (approximately 4651.30 Indian rupees).

Bangladesh players -

leg-spinner Rishad Hossain and pacer Nahid Rana - had arrived in Dubai on Friday alongside other overseas players after 2025 Pakistan Super League (PSL) was postponed indefinitely due to cross-

border tensions between India and Pakistan. Both players then arrived in Dhaka on Friday evening and will leave for the UAE with the rest of the Bangladesh squad in the coming week.

After playing the T20I series against the UAE, Bangladesh are scheduled to reach Pakistan on May 21 to play five T20Is in Lahore and Faisalabad from May 25 to June 3. But tensions along the India-Pakistan border has raised concerns over the series taking place as per the original schedule, especially with IPL 2025 also paused due to a week.

"As part of its continued commitment to international engagement and preparation, the Bangladesh National Team will tour the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for a two-match T20 International series against the host nation as scheduled. The series is set to commence next week."

DC Baramulla conducts extensive visit of Uri; reviews relief measures for shelling affected people

JNEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, MAY 11

In view of the recent cross-border shelling incidents, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today conducted an extensive visit to Uri subdivision to take stock of the arrangements made for families evacuated from vulnerable areas along the Line of Control (LoC).

Accompanied by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Uri and senior officers from concerned departments, DC visited several key locations, including Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Uri, Control Room Uri, Government Degree College Uri, and GDC Boniyar, which are currently being used as temporary relief centres.

At SDH Uri, the DC reviewed emergency preparedness, availability of staff, and healthcare facilities. He emphasized the need to ensure round-the-clock medical services for any eventuality.



The DC also visited the Food Civil Supplies (FCS&CA) food store to check the availability and distribution of ration and essential supplies for the affected population. He directed officials to maintain adequate stock and ensure timely delivery to all relief locations.

During interactions with the displaced families, DC assured them of full administrative support and directed officials to ensure proper arrangements for food, bedding, sanitation, and medical aid.

He also held detailed interactions with SDRF volunteers deployed in the area and lauded their tireless efforts in assisting the affected families and maintaining order on the ground.

Meanwhile, DC directed the SDM Uri to carry out a comprehensive assessment of damages caused to property, livestock, and infrastructure due to shelling. He instructed for a prompt and detailed report so that compensation and necessary support could be extended to the affected households without delay. It is pertinent to

mention that a majority of the families from vulnerable border locations had already been shifted to District Headquarters Baramulla, where the district administration has made elaborate arrangements including food, shelter, medical services, and sanitation facilities.

Reaffirming the administration's commitment, DC stated that all possible steps are being taken to safeguard the lives and well-being of border residents and that the district administration stands firmly with them during this difficult time.

Director Agriculture Jammu conducts inspection of Seed Stores in border areas to ensure timely supply for Kharif Season

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

In a proactive step to ensure the timely and uninterrupted supply of seeds to Border Areas for the upcoming Kharif season, Director Agriculture Jammu, S. Arvinder Singh Reen, today conducted a comprehensive inspection of seed stores located in the border areas of Jammu district.

Accompanied by Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), the Director Agriculture Jammu visited several key locations including Bishnah, Chak Hasal, Arnia, Dablehar, Dharap, Kirpind and other adjoining Zonal Seed Stores of



Sub Division R.S Pura.

During the visit, the Director reviewed the availability of quality seeds and infrastructure readiness at each facility. He emphasized the importance of seamless seed distribution to the farming community, particularly in the sensitive

border belts, and issued clear directions to ensure the instant and adequate supply of seeds, especially during peak demand periods.

To further support the farming community, the Director Agriculture instructed all seed stores in

the border areas to remain operational even on holidays, ensuring farmers face no delays in procuring agricultural inputs.

Speaking on the occasion, Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), Dr. Ashwani Kumar reiterated the department's commitment to farmer welfare. He highlighted ongoing efforts to maintain adequate seed stocks and ensure logistical preparedness for the Kharif season.

Sub-Divisional Level Officers, Agriculture Extension Officers (AEOs), Junior Agriculture Extension Officers (JAEOs), Agriculture Extension Assistants (AEAs) and other departmental staff were also present during the inspection.

DC Kupwara visits Karnah, takes stock of situation

JNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 11

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Sunday conducted an extensive tour of Karnah sub division to assess the situation after the recent border tensions which resulted in the damage of various houses and shop establishments.

During the tour, DC visited various families at Tangdar, Hajinard, Nachiyar, Shamspora, Baghela, Batpora and Tarboni whose houses and shops were damaged by the cross border shelling during the recent border tensions between the two countries.

DC assured the families that Government and administration is committed to provide every possible support to them.

Ayushi also visited the sub district hospital Tangdar to take the firsthand appraisal of the healthcare facilities available in the border sub division. She inspected various sections of the hospital including OPD, IPD, Gynecology, OT, USG, X-Ray and others. She interacted with the



patients and attendants and enquired about the treatment and healthcare facilities provided by the hospital.

The DC also interacted with the doctors and para-medical staff of the

hospital and enquired about the availability of essential drugs and other amenities of the hospital. She directed them to work with concerted efforts and dedication to ensure proper treatment and

well being of the patients belonging to this border and far flung sub division.

The DC was accompanied by SDM Karnah, Zaffar Ahmad; Tehsildar and various officers from R&B, PHE and others.

DC Poonch visits areas affected by ceasefire violation, directs damage assessment

JNEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 11

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, today visited several areas of the town affected by the recent cross border shelling. He was accompanied by senior officers of the district administration.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected Mohalla Qazi Mohra, Mohalla Dungus, Mohalla Sarain, District Police Lines, District Court Complex, Jamia Zia Ul Uloom, Mohalla Geeta Bhawan, Mohalla Kamsar, Mohalla Radio Station, Gurudwara Singh Sabha and Mohalla Kama Khan all of which suffered damage due to cross border shelling. The Deputy Commis-



sioner interacted with local residents and took stock of the ground situation. He directed the concerned authorities to conduct a detailed assessment of property damage and submit comprehensive reports promptly.

The administration assured the affected residents and institutions of all necessary support. Officials were also instructed to ensure timely relief and rehabilitation in coordination with local agencies.

The Deputy Commissioner is expected to visit the remaining areas affected by the cross border shelling shortly to assess the situation firsthand.

FairPoint: India's Operation Sindoor forces Pakistan to own its terror proxies, world cannot stay silent

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

Operation Sindoor is a success as it has brought Pakistan to its knees and helped India starkly expose the neighbouring country's grooming of terror gangs and complicity in global terrorism.

The operation was not just a tribute to the victims of terror or an act of vengeance for the deaths in Pahalgam - it is a symbol of the fight against terrorism that Pakistan has been unleashing not only in India but also across other countries.

The operation has revealed bitter truths about Pakistan - something that even the US operation to eliminate Osama Bin Laden could not fully expose, particularly the Pakistan Army's role in nurturing terrorist groups. These gangs

have unleashed terror in India for decades, killing hundreds of innocent civilians and causing the ethnic cleansing of Hindus from Kashmir.

India has repeatedly informed the world about Pakistan's involvement in various terror attacks across the country. New Delhi has provided substantial evidence, the most significant being Ajmal Kasab, the terrorist captured alive during the Mumbai attacks on November 26, 2008, and proof of the Pulwama terror attack. India has also consistently warned the global community about Pakistan's designs in Kashmir - a sinister campaign it has pursued since 1947, and the latest incident is the Pahalgam massacre.

Unfortunately, the world has largely turned a blind eye. There have been statements, but no

concrete action has been taken against what is essentially a terror factory. While the United Nations and several countries have designated individual Pakistani terrorists, they have stopped short of labelling the country itself. Operation Sindoor has provided irrefutable proof - evidence too strong to ignore.

The operation was launched on May 7 in response to the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on April 22, which killed 26 civilians. The attack was quickly claimed by The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), which emerged after the abrogation of Article 370 in J&K in August 2019.

The close ties between Pakistan and TRF became evident during discussions about the Pahalgam attack at the United Nations



Security Council. Pakistan played a key role in removing the group's name from the UNSC's condemnation statement. If Pakistan had no connection to the attack, why the agitation over naming the group?

Under Operation Sindoor, Indian Armed Forces targeted terrorist infrastructure at nine specific locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. All these sites were

known terror bases, and several designated terrorists were neutralised.

Videos and photographs surfaced showing Abdur Rauf, a US-designated terrorist, leading prayers for those killed in the strike on the LeT's headquarters in Muridke. The funeral was attended by military officers in uniform. The terrorists were given "state honours" - draped in the Pakistani national

flag, saluted by army officers, and one coffin even received a floral wreath from the Pakistan Army Chief.

In the initial phase of Operation Sindoor, five terrorists, assigned key roles in Jaish-e-Mohammed and LeT - were eliminated. They were identified as Mudassar Khadian Khas, Hafiz Muhammad Jameel, Mohammad Yusuf Azhar, Khalid alias Abu Akasha, and Mohammad Hassan Khan. Senior Pakistani military officers attended their funerals. The photos and videos have gone viral, further exposing the decades-old nexus between Pakistan's military and terrorist organisations.

In perhaps the most damning admission, Pakistan's Defence Minister, Khawaja Asif, provided undeniable proof by

admitting in a television interview that Pakistan had funded and supported terrorist groups for decades, especially during the US-led wars in Afghanistan. Asif described this involvement as "dirty work" done for the United States and the West, including the UK.

Going even further, Asif told Parliament that these terrorists constitute Pakistan's "second line of defence," and that "students of madrasas would be deployed when needed."

It is also telling that the Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry - the man briefing the world on India-Pakistan tensions - is the son of a declared terrorist, Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood, a known aide of Osama bin Laden. Operation Sindoor has

laid bare how Pakistan's political and military establishments are dangerously intertwined with jihadist and terrorist elements. It is time for the world to sit up and take notice.

The evidence is overwhelming - Pakistan is a rogue terror state that weaponises religion to further its agenda. India's operation has dismantled Pakistan's terror network in ways the Americans could not. It proves that India has the capacity to make Pakistan bend. Operation Sindoor is not just a tribute to the women who lost their husbands in Pahalgam - it is a bold demonstration of the real Shakti of India's defence forces and political resolve. It reveals evidence that Pakistan's state policy favours terrorism. Can the world ignore the Operation Sindoor proofs?