

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 skin

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

JINDRAH IMAGES

DAILY | JAMMU | VOL NO: 12 | ISSUE NO: 115 | PAGES: 12 | PRICE: Rs 2/- | RNI NO: JKENG/2013/49471 | POSTAL REGD. NO. L-29/JK-497/25-27 | dailyjindrahimages.com/Epaper.php | jindrahimages123@gmail.com

India won't tolerate nuclear blackmail, 'Operation Sindoor' kept in abeyance, not called off: PM Modi

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 12 (KNO)

Stating that India will not tolerate any "nuclear blackmail", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that "Operation Sindoor" has been kept in abeyance and not called off, the future actions will depend on the behavior of Pakistan.

In his first address to the nation after India-



Pak ceasefire, PM Modi, according to the news agency said, "Terror and talks cannot take place together; terror and trade cannot go together; and water and blood also cannot flow together."

He said, "Today, I would also like to tell the global community that our stated policy has been: if there are talks with Pakistan, it will be only on terrorism and only on Pakistan-occu-

piated Kashmir (PoK)."

The Prime Minister said, "India's three forces, our Air Force, our Army and our Navy, our Border Security Force-BSF, India's paramilitary forces, are constantly on alert. After the surgical strike and air strike, now Operation Sindoor is India's policy against terrorism."

He said, "Operation Sindoor has carved out a **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

India-Pak DGMOs hold talks, discuss issues

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 12 (KNO)

Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan held talks on Monday evening.

Sources told the news agency that "the DGMOs discussed issues relating to continuing the commitment that both sides must not fire a single shot or initiate any aggressive or inimical action against each other."

"It was also agreed that both sides will consider immediate measures to ensure troop reduction from the borders and forward areas," sources added.

Earlier addressing a joint press conference in New Delhi, Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai (Army), Air Marshal AK Bharti (Indian Air Force), and Vice Admiral AN Pramod (Navy), according to KNO said, "India's fight was and will always be aimed at terrorists and terrorists' infrastructure in Pakistan, and not against the country's army or civilians."

The top military commanders said India's air defense grid—featuring a layered, integrated com-



mand and control system operated by the Indian Air Force—successfully repelled multiple aerial threats over the past week. "Pakistani attempts to strike Indian forward positions on May 9 and 10 were entirely foiled," they added.

"Not a single enemy aircraft could breach our multi-tier defense system," Air Marshal Bharti asserted, adding that "our pilots, drones, helicopters, and air defense systems operated seamlessly both day and night to protect vital assets."

They confirmed the successful downing of several enemy drones and loitering munitions, including Turkish-origin UAVs that attempted incursions.

Vice Admiral AN Pramod emphasized the

role of the Indian Navy in ensuring maritime security, confirming that Indian naval air defense systems and fleet patrols remained alert and active.

"If needed, we have the capability to strike at will across maritime or land-based targets. Pakistan could not threaten us during maritime operations either," he said, as per KNO.

Officials confirmed that offensive operations were carried out across "the length and breadth of enemy territory," including high-impact strikes near Nur Khan Air Base and Rambhaya. These precision attacks were aimed at disrupting terrorist command hubs and logistics networks.

They praised the **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

In Poonch, CM Omar urges return of border dwellers after ceasefire



JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 12 (KNO)

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said that while the ceasefire between India and Pakistan is in place, the border dwellers, who have left their homes amid Pakistan shelling, should return to their homes.

Talking to the reporters after meeting civil society members and the families of those who lost their loved ones in Pakistan shelling, Omar,

as per the news agency, said that 80-90 per cent of Poonch city is presently vacant. "The people had left when there was shelling from the Pakistan side. Now, the ceasefire is in place, the dwellers should return to their homes," he said.

He added that so far, the government was trying to save the people and as the ceasefire is in place, the district administrations in all the affected areas have been asked to assess

the damage. "Deputy Commissioners have been asked to formulate teams, and experts will also be incorporated to assess the damage. Further necessary steps will be taken once the assessment is completed," he added. Omar said: "There was a war-like situation on the ground and Poonch was targeted heavily, in which 13 lives were lost. Today, my visit was aimed at reaching out to the affected families

CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

Schools, Colleges in non-border JK districts to reopen tomorrow: Edu Minister

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 12 (KNO)

Education Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Sakina Itoo Monday said that the schools and colleges falling under non-border areas shall reopen on Tuesday.

Itoo however further said that the government will take the call of reopening of those educational institutes of border districts on Tuesday.

Speaking to the news agency Itoo said, "All schools and colleges **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

Any misadventure by Pak will invite response for its seven generations to remember: LG

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12 (KNO)

Asserting that India has never been in favour of war, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Monday issued a stern warning to Pakistan, saying that any misadventure this time would invite a response so strong that it would be remembered by seven generations of the adversary.

Addressing displaced residents at the Shelter and Lodgement Centre at



Sahib Bandgi Ashram in Mishriwala, Jammu, LG Sinha, according to the

news agency said, "If Pakistan doesn't indulge in any misadventure, the situa-

tion will remain normal. But if it does, our armed forces are fully prepared

to give a fierce response that will be remembered by seven generations of Pakistan."

Referring to India's long-standing position against war, the Lieutenant Governor said, "India has never been in favour of war, but our neighbour continues to violate the ceasefire and sponsor terrorism. Jammu and Kashmir has bled for too long due to terrorism. Despite repeated calls for peace, Pakistan is not

CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

Ceasefire brings relief as traffic resumes on Mughal road

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 12 (KNO)

After days of disruption caused by heightened border tensions, traffic has fully resumed on the historic Mughal Road following the recent ceasefire announcement along the Line of Control (LoC).

This development has brought relief to commuters and local businesses, which had been severely impacted by the prevailing situation. The Mughal Road, connecting the Kashmir Valley with the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu, had seen minimal vehicular movement in recent days due to fears of cross-border shelling.

Lying close to the volatile LoC, the route's safety concerns kept travellers

cautious, especially in Poonch. "We're relieved that the ceasefire has been announced," Bilal Ahmad, a transporter who frequently operates along the route, told the news agency. "We've resumed our services, but people are still cautious. It will take a few more days for full confidence to return."

The reopening of the road has facilitated the movement of goods and people between the regions, providing vital relief to residents of remote areas who depend on this route for essential travel and trade.

Shopkeepers and hoteliers along the Mughal Road, particularly in Shopian's Hirpora and surrounding areas, expressed optimism.

CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

Life returns to normal in Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12 (KNO)

Life in Jammu is gradually limping back to normalcy following a tense standoff between India and Pakistan, triggered by the April 22, Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed 26 lives.

The ceasefire agreement reached on May 10, has brought a calm to the region, with markets reopening, streets buzzing with activity, and educational institutions in all non-border districts of Jammu as well as Kashmir divisions set to resume operations from tomorrow.

The recent escalation, marked by India's 'Operation Sindoor' on May 7, targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, followed by retaliatory drone and missile exchanges.

Jammu faced signifi-

cant disruptions, including blackouts, sirens and explosions near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch and Rajouri districts.

Schools and colleges in border districts like Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri, and Poonch were closed from May 7 as a precautionary measure.

The Jammu and Kashmir Education Department, however, announced the reopening of schools and colleges in non-border districts starting tomorrow (May 13), signaling a return to normalcy.

"After reviewing the situation, educational institutions in non-border districts of Jammu and Kashmir will resume classes on May 13," stated Education Minister Sakina Itoo.

However, border districts will continue to see closures as a precau-

tionary measure due to lingering security concerns.

Local residents expressed relief as the city began to recover. "It will take some time, but everything will be fine," said a Jammu local, reflecting the cautious optimism which had shuttered during the height of tensions, are now bustling again, and no sirens or drone sightings have been reported since the ceasefire took effect.

The Indian Army reported that the night of May 11-12 remained largely peaceful across Jammu and Kashmir, with no significant ceasefire violations. The Border Security Force (BSF) also foiled a major infiltration bid in Samba district on May 8, underscoring the continued vigilance of security forces. KNO

Minutes after PM's address, Pak drones spotted along IB in Samba, Jammu; Indian forces open fire

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Minutes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation, Pakistani drones were spotted along the International Border in Samba and Jammu districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday night.

"Pakistani drones were spotted in border villages of Samba and Jammu late on Monday evening," official sources said.

"Our troops on seeing the Pakistan drones engaged them." Meanwhile, the Indian Army said, "A small number of suspected drones were observed near Samba in J&K. Being engaged. There is no need to be alarmed."

Jammu and Kashmir



witnessed a tense spell of cross-border shelling over the past fortnight and the situation escalated on May 7 following 'Operation Sindoor' – which targeted terrorist bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

The strikes were launched in response to the deadly attack in Pahalgam that left 26 civilians dead.

However, after days of shelling and exchanges of fire, India and Pakistan on Saturday evening, agreed to a ceasefire, providing a breather to residents in the border areas who had been caught in the cross-fire and migrated to safer locations.

PM Modi in his address, however, said, "I also want to tell the world **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4**

'Operation Sindoor' proves every inch of Pakistan is within India's reach: BJP

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra on Monday lauded the success of 'Operation Sindoor', stating that the Indian armed forces' strikes against terror targets deep within Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) have sent a strong global message that no part of Pakistan is beyond India's reach.

"For the first time, the world saw that every inch of Pakistan is within India's striking capacity. Their air defence collapsed on May 7, and in just 25 minutes, the world



witnessed what India can do to eliminate terror hideouts," Patra said at a press conference at the BJP headquarters.

Calling the briefing a "moment of national

pride," the BJP leader emphasised that India's military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack was not just swift but decisive, fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's public promise of retaliation.

"This was not a normal press conference," he said, adding, "This was India's message to the world -- that terrorism will be met with force."

Patra highlighted the international support India received, revealing that PM Modi had personally spoken with heads of state from nearly 20 countries, including Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and the US, to isolate Pakistan.

"Major Islamic nations also stood with India," he said, citing PM Modi's cut-short visit to Saudi Arabia in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.

Moscow calls out Poland's decision to shut down Russian Consulate in Krakow

AGENCIES
MOSCOW, MAY 12

Russia on Monday called out Poland for its decision to shut down the Russian Consulate General in the Polish city of Krakow, stating that it will adequately respond to the situation.

"Warsaw deliberately seeks to ruin the relations by acting against its citizens. An appropriate response to these inadequate steps will follow soon," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova was quoted as saying by state-run news agency TASS.

Earlier in the day, Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw



Sikorski decided to shut down the Russian Consulate General in Krakow. The decision followed after Poland alleged that Russian special services were involved in a fire that destroyed a large retail

centre in Warsaw in 2024. "Due to evidence that the Russian special services committed a reprehensible act of sabotage against the shopping center on Marywilaska Street, I have decided to

withdraw my consent to the operation of the Consulate of the Russian Federation in Krakow," the Polish Foreign Minister posted on X.

Meanwhile, Konstantin Kosachev, Deputy Chairman of the upper chamber of the Russian Parliament, called Warsaw's latest move to close the Russian Consulate General in Krakow unfriendly, albeit not unexpected.

"The move is certainly unfriendly, just like any other step by the Polish government on the Russian track in recent years," the senior Russian senator said while speaking to news channel Rossiya-24.

Sensex, Nifty clock best single-day rally in 4 years; investors richer by Rs 16 lakh crore

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

The understanding for a ceasefire between India and Pakistan brought cheers for investors who were richer by more than Rs 16 lakh crore in a single day -- as Sensex and Nifty gained a massive nearly 4 per cent in a bull rally seen after February 2021.

The Indian stock markets delivered their best single-day performance in four years, as positive global and domestic cues boosted market sentiment.

At the close of trade, Sensex soared 2,975.43 points, or 3.74 per cent,



to end at 82,429.90, while Nifty jumped 916.70 points, or 3.82 per cent, to finish at 24,924.70.

This was the second-biggest percentage gain for both indices in the last four years, with the only larger rally recorded on

February 1, 2021, when the indices rose over 4.7 per cent.

The bull rally came amid a string of encouraging developments, including an understanding for a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, a break-

through in US-China trade talks, and reports of peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine.

These developments helped ease geopolitical tensions, improving the global risk appetite and lifting investor confidence.

All sectoral indices ended in the green, showing a broad-based recovery across sectors.

Even the Nifty Pharma index, which had opened with a 2 per cent loss after US President Donald Trump's comments about slashing drug prices by up to 80 per cent, managed to close 0.15 per cent higher as the market shrugged off the concerns.

Foreign Secy 'inspirational, displayed incredible professionalism': Amitabh Kant

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Amid social media trolling of Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri after the ceasefire announcement between India and Pakistan, G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant on Monday, called him "inspirational".

Kant said that Misri acted as a thorough professional who displayed much calm and clarity during tough times.

Misri, along with Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofia Qureshi, led the media briefing during Operation Sindoor, which started in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack

that killed 26 tourists.

But Misri and his family were subjected to massive social media trolling after he announced that the director generals of military operations from both countries agreed to halt all military actions across land, air, and sea, with follow-up talks scheduled for Monday.

The countries reached the understanding on Saturday, after four days of cross-border drone and missile strikes that had brought the nations close to full-scale war.

"India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, displayed incredible professionalism, demonstrating

calm, clarity, and composure. He was inspirational," said Kant, in a post on the social media platform X.

"Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofia Qureshi, who co-lead the media briefing on Operation Sindoor, have become the face of India's bravery and selfless service. They embody the spirit of India -- built on strength, equality, and dauntless courage. Appreciate your dedication and leadership," the G20 Sherpa added.

Misri also received strong support from the civil service associations and some politicians who called it "shameful" to

attack the foreign secretary and his family, especially his daughter -- whose contact details were reportedly leaked online, prompting the officer to protect his posts on X.

"We unequivocally condemn the deplorable personal attacks against Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and his family. Such unwarranted assaults on civil servants committed to their duties are absolutely intolerable.

We commend his unwavering service to the nation and reaffirm our resolute commitment to safeguarding the dignity of public service," the IPS association wrote on X.

Prominent author slams Yunus for inefficiency

AGENCIES
DHAKA, MAY 12

Prominent Bangladeshi philosopher and activist Farhad Mazhar has slammed Muhammad Yunus, the Chief Advisor of the country's interim government, for allowing political forces to dictate terms following the post-uprising discourse in Bangladesh.

Expressing deep concerns, he also stated that Yunus has aligned with political parties and strengthened the corrupt forces after the exit of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August 2024.

"He went to hear their complaints about elections. But who asked him



to do that? The people didn't. He should have been engaging directly with the people. Instead, he created an unnecessary debate around elections -- disconnected from the mass uprising," Mazhar was quoted as saying by Bangladeshi media outlet bdnews 24.

"There was no political party behind the mass uprising. Those who participated did so from the ground up. By giving parties separate legitimacy, Yunus has harmed the people's political agency and empowered several corrupt factions. That's unacceptable," he fur-

ther said. Mazhar asserted that reform initiatives under Yunus have failed due to his lack of grassroots political experience.

"This is the outcome of political inexperience. He had no reason to submit to political parties. After all, it was the people, not any party, who put him in power," said Mazhar.

Earlier this year, Mazhar had said that the interim government is bound to fail.

"Yunus is bound to fail. This government, which may have emerged from the mass uprising, is destined to fail," he had remarked while speaking at an event of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee.

Some Groww users become millionaires, others lose money over tech glitch; now resolved

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Online trading platform Groww on Monday said some of its users faced discrepancy in stock prices, which was a temporary issue and has now been resolved.

Earlier in the day, the tech glitch led to erroneous increases in users' investment values. Some users reported seeing their investments, such as Rs 1,000, incorrectly displayed as Rs 1,00,000, causing confusion.

The technical glitch resulted in some users' profits appearing to rise by more than 10,000 per

cent, temporarily making some of them millionaires, while turning others into paupers.

"Some of our users observed discrepancy in stock prices.

This was a temporary issue and is now resolved," Groww said in a post on X social media platform.

It further stated that for those customers whose GTT (good till triggered) has been triggered due to this, "Groww support team is reaching out and offering a resolution".

"DM us on @groww.cs if you have also faced this issue," said the online

trading portal. The issue came to light when multiple users took to social media to report the discrepancies.

"Some of my GTT orders on my account were sold because of your @groww price discrepancy or problems with @groww pricing. I have a screenshot of your past and present pricing status; please take the appropriate action and resolve the matter," posted on affected user.

Another posted: "We will leave Groww and move to other trading platform if our losses are not compensated".

The erroneous price displays led to significant disruptions, with some users making trading decisions based on the incorrect data. This situation caused frustration and financial losses for those who acted on the misleading information.

"Really @groww?? Saw this wild Rs 2.8L spike and sold thinking I struck gold--turns out it was just a bug. Now I can't even place a buy order properly because the amount's all messed up," posted another Groww user, adding that he "lost real money because of your glitch".

Cong is never happy when India succeeds: Chandrasekhar slams LoP Gandhi's call for special Parliament session

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

BJP leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched a scathing attack on Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, after he wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking a special session of Parliament, and remarked that the "Congress cannot stand to see India's progress under the PM."

LoP Gandhi wrote a letter to PM Modi on May 10, requesting a special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, 'Operation Sindoor,' and the resulting ceasefire understanding with Pakistan.



Chandrasekhar questioned the LoP's motives behind demanding a special session, pointing to the Congress leader's repeated absence during regular proceedings.

"I don't know why he wants a special session, because when there are regular sessions, he doesn't show up. During regular debates and proceedings, he and his sister

are often absent. So why is there a sudden demand for a special session? I have no idea," said Chandrasekhar.

He further alleged that the Congress cannot stand to see India's progress under PM Modi.

Chandrasekhar professed, "If India succeeds, Congress is unhappy. If India's economy grows, if Indian women are empowered, if the global community respects India, Congress is still unhappy."

"They go abroad and claim that democracy is in danger," he stated and accused the Congress party of indulging in opportunistic politics, especially on matters of national security.

Trump says stopped nuclear conflict, used trade to end India-Pak hostilities

AGENCIES
WASHINGTON, MAY 12

President Donald Trump on Monday said he used the lure of trade with the US to persuade India and Pakistan to end hostilities last week, which, he added, could have potentially spiraled into a nuclear war.

The US President also commended the leadership of India and Pakistan for "wisdom" and "fortitude" to understand the gravity of the situation and end the fighting.

Trump on Saturday announced a ceasefire in the India-Pakistan military conflict following the April 22 attack by a Pakistan-



linked terrorist outfit in which 26 tourists were killed in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

"Come on, we're going to do a lot of trade with you guys," President Trump said at a news conference in the White House before departing for Saudi Arabia, the UAE

and Qatar in West Asia.

"Let's stop it. Let's stop it. If you stop it, we're doing trade. If you don't stop it, we're not going to do any trade. We're going to do a lot of trade with Pakistan. We're going to do a lot of trade with India. We're negotiating with India right now, we're going to be soon, negotiating with Pakistan," he went on to say.

No details were available or how the offer of trade was extended by the Trump administration in this context. India and the US have been discussing a bilateral trade agreement and both sides have expressed optimism about an early deal, unlike

in 2019 -- in President Trump's first term -- when talks had fallen through.

Notice

I Arteev Sharma S/o Devi Chand Sharma R/o Jandrah, Jindrah, Jammu am applying for the correction of my father name which has been wrongly written as Desi Chand Sharma instead of Devi Chand Sharma in my driving license bearing no. JK-0220090052443. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities within 7 days.

Thousands of devotees flock to Bodh Gaya on Buddha Purnima amid tight security

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

On the auspicious occasion of Lord Buddha's 2569th birth anniversary, thousands of devotees have been arriving at Bodh Gaya since the early hours of Monday morning to offer prayers and pay homage at the sacred Mahabodhi Temple.

The temple complex, regarded as the place where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree, witnessed long queues of pilgrims carrying flowers and chanting prayers in reverence.

This year, the Buddha Jayanti celebrations are

being held from May 11 to May 13, jointly organised by the Gaya district administration and the Bodh Gaya Temple Management Committee (BTMC).

To ensure the smooth conduct of the three-day event and the safety of the visitors, heavy security has been deployed across Bodh Gaya. CCTV surveillance and a strong police presence have been set up to monitor every corner of the temple town.

"Buddha Purnima holds deep spiritual significance for all Buddhists. Today marks the 2569th anniversary of Lord Buddha, and it is believed that he attained enlightenment

on this very day under the Bodhi Tree in Bodh Gaya," said Buddhist monk Pragna Priya.

"Devotees from across India and many foreign countries have gathered here to seek blessings and participate in the rituals," she added.

The Mahabodhi Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was adorned with lights and flowers for the occasion. Devotees from countries such as Thailand, Sri Lanka, Japan, Myanmar, and Bhutan, along with Indian pilgrims, could be seen performing traditional offerings and meditating in silence.

Meanwhile, in Uttar

Pradesh's Ram Nagari Ayodhya, similar spiritual fervour was witnessed as large crowds gathered on the banks of the Sarayu River for a holy dip and meditation.

"Today is the full moon of Vaishakh, celebrated as Buddha Purnima.

Since 2 a.m., people have been taking holy dips in the Sarayu River and offering prayers," said priest Om Prakash Pandey.

One devotee added, "We have come all the way from Bihar with our entire family to bathe in the sacred river. It feels truly peaceful and spiritually uplifting to be here on such a divine day."

EAM Jaishankar, Australian Foreign Minister discuss zero tolerance against terrorism

AGENCIES
CANBERRA/NEW DELHI, MAY 12

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Monday held a telephonic conversation with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, discussing the recent developments following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 innocent civilians were gunned down by four terrorists, two of them belonging to Pakistan, and the subsequent Operation Sindoor launched by the Indian Armed Forces.

Jaishankar also congratulated Senator Wong for her reappointment as the Foreign Minister, emphasising the strengthening



India-Australia friendship.

"Good to talk to Senator Penny Wong of Australia. Extended warm congratulations on her reappointment. Discussed recent developments and the

importance of zero tolerance against terrorism. Look forward to further strengthening the multifaceted India-Australia Dosti," EAM Jaishankar posted on X.

Meanwhile, Wong welcomed the ceasefire between India and Pakistan as she spoke to EAM Jaishankar and Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday, stating that fight against terrorism is important for maintaining regional peace and stability.

"I know many Australians are concerned by recent hostilities between India and Pakistan. I've spoken with S Jaishankar and Ishaq Dar to welcome the ceasefire and urge respect for its terms. De-escalation and counterterrorism efforts are critical to regional peace and security," she posted on X.

EV maker Ather Energy's net loss widens by 18.5 pc in Q4 FY25

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Electric vehicle (EV) maker Ather Energy on Monday reported a net loss of Rs 234.40 crore in the fourth quarter of last financial year (FY25), widened by 18.5 per cent from Rs 197.8 crore net loss in Q3 (quarter-on-quarter).

Total expenses rose to Rs 922 crore in Q4, 8.7 per cent up on the quarterly basis and 12.6 per cent year-on-year.

The company's revenue from operations went up 29 per cent to Rs 676 crore in Q4, from Rs 523.4 crore in the year-ago period.

Meanwhile, the earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) loss stood at Rs 172.50 crore, against a loss of Rs 238.50 crore



from a year-ago period.

Ather Energy had made a muted debut on the stock exchanges. The stock was listed at Rs 328 per share on the National Stock Exchange (NSE), which was 2.18 per cent higher than its issue price. On the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), it opened at Rs 326.05, marking a 1.57 per cent gain.

The Rs 2,981 crore IPO of Ather Energy had received lukewarm investor interest, getting subscribed 1.43 times during the three-day bidding period from April 28 to 30.

The stock was up 3.11 per cent or Rs 9.35 to close at Rs 309.55 apiece on Monday.

Despite being one of

the early players in India's EV space, Ather has never reported a profit since it was founded in 2013 by Tarun Mehta and Swapnil Jain. The company's red herring prospectus (RHP) states that it has been making losses every year and there is no certainty about becoming cost-effective or profitable anytime soon.

In the financial year 2023-24, Ather Energy reported a pre-tax loss of Rs 1,059.7 crore. This is a sharp increase from its Rs 864.5 crore loss in FY23 and Rs 344.1 crore in FY22 -- showing a widening gap in its financial performance. At the same time, its revenue in FY24 stood at Rs 1,753.8 crore, slightly lower than the Rs 1,780.9 crore it posted in FY23.

Stop using Indira Gandhi's legacy as political shop: Naqvi slams Cong, reminds them of Emergency

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi launched a sharp attack on the Congress Party, accusing it of exploiting late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's legacy for political gains, in the wake of the recent understanding reached between India and Pakistan.

"How long will you keep running your political shop in the name of Indira Gandhi's legacy?" Naqvi asked.

"The entire country respects Indira ji, but trying to politicise her legacy by saying 'she would have done this or



that' and comparing it to what PM Modi has done is not only unfair, it will also open the door to uncomfortable questions," he said.

Naqvi reminded Congress of the darker chapters during late PM Indira Gandhi's tenure.

"If you want to go down that road, we will have to remember the Emergency, the attack on democracy, the thousands imprisoned, and the lives lost during that time. So stop turning Indira ji's legacy into a political marketplace, it serves no purpose."

Shortly after US President Donald Trump made a surprise announcement of an India-Pakistan "ceasefire," Congress leaders swiftly invoked Indira Gandhi and highlighted her legacy of assertively upholding India's interests and resisting US pressure to halt military operations.

On the recent DGMO (Director General of Military Operations) press conference, Naqvi said India had sent a loud and clear message. "Our land may be the land of Buddha, but if you provoke us with war, this land will strike back inside your home. Pakistan is writing its own destruction on the walls of terrorism."

SK Telecom's Q1 net dips 0.1 pc on higher corporate taxes

AGENCIES
SEOUL, MAY 12

SK Telecom, South Korea's leading wireless service provider, said on Monday its first-quarter net profit edged down 0.1 per cent from a year earlier due to higher corporate taxes.

Net profit for the three months ended in March fell to 361.6 billion won (\$258.3 million) from 361.9 billion won in the same period last year, the company said in a regulatory filing.

"Corporate taxes increased in the first quarter due to the expiration of special depreciation provisions," a company spokesperson said,



reports Yonhap news agency.

However, operating profit rose 13.8 percent to 567.4 billion won in the January-March period from 498.5 billion won a year ago, supported by

solid revenue growth in its artificial intelligence businesses, including AI data centers (AIDC) and AI transformation (AIX), as well as its fixed-line segment.

SK Telecom said

demand for its AI solutions from corporate clients is steadily increasing, boosting its AIX division.

Sales edged down 0.5 percent to 4.45 trillion won from 4.47 trillion won over the same period.

Separately, the company reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening customer protection and rebuilding trust following a recent data breach.

SK Telecom, which serves 25 million users -- about half of South Korea's domestic market -- has faced mounting pressure after disclosing a large-scale leak of universal subscriber identity module (USIM) data affecting its entire user base in April.

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Well-being of nurses is necessary to strengthen health systems, and help in the growth of the nation, said Union Health Minister J P Nadda on International Nurses Day on Monday.

International Nurses Day is observed every year on May 12 to offer gratitude for their service and to promote their health and well-being. Lauding nurse's efforts, Nadda stressed the need to increase investment in nurses and to protect and empower them.

"Today, on International Nurses Day, we pay tribute to the compassion, strength, and commitment of our

nurses.

We recognise that the well-being of nurses is directly linked to the strength of our health systems and national growth," Nadda said, in a post on social media platform X.

"Investing in nurses means investing in healthier societies, productive communities, and a more resilient future. Today and every day, let us value, protect, and empower those who dedicate their lives to caring for others," he added.

This year's theme, "Caring for Nurses Strengthens Economies" underscores the critical role nurses play not just in delivering quality healthcare, but also in strengthening health systems and driving economic progress.

Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel called the nurses' contribution to society as unique and unforgettable. She also saluted their "tireless efforts and dedication".

"Nurses not only play a vital role in health care but also instill hope and courage in the hearts of patients. We can never forget their unique contribution. As the backbone of our healthcare system, the contribution of nurses is incomparable," Patel said in a post on social media platform X.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization (WHO) has in a report called out

the inequities faced by the nursing workforce, despite an improvement.

The State of the World's Nursing 2025 (SoWN) report, based on data reported by 194 countries through the National Health Workforce Accounts, showed that the wide disparities in the availability of nurses across regions and countries can threaten global health goals.

"Inequities in the global nursing workforce leave many of the world's population without access to essential health services, which could threaten progress towards universal health coverage (UHC), global health security, and the health-related development goals," the report said.

Britain doubles residency requirement for permanent settlement to 10 years

AGENCIES
LONDON, MAY 12

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced on Monday morning that the residency period required to obtain permanent settlement in Britain has been extended from five to 10 years.

Alongside this measure, the government is also increasing the skill thresholds for migrant workers, raising the degree level required, and tightening the English language requirements.

"When people come to our country, they should also commit to integration, to learning our language," Starmer stated. "And our



system should actively distinguish between those that do and those that don't. I think that's fair."

He noted that fewer people are currently making a strong economic contribution. Starmer

also said the Labour government would "finally honour what 'take back control' meant and begin to choose who comes here so that migration works for our national interest."

When asked by local

media whether he had "shot himself in the foot" by requiring migrants to live in the country twice as long before becoming eligible for citizenship, Starmer responded: "The theory that higher migration numbers lead to growth has been tested in the last four years."

"That link doesn't hold on that evidence," he noted, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Labour Party has historically been more open to immigration. However, since the party lost power after the 2010 General Election, it has recalibrated its policies and shifted to a stricter stance.

60 pc of banana growing areas hit by climate change globally; calls for more support to farmers

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

A report highlights how 60 per cent of the best banana growing areas globally are in danger from rising temperatures.

"Climate change has been killing our crops," remarked Aurelia Pop Xo, a banana grower in Guatemala.

The report published on Monday by the international development charity Christian Aid said extreme weather, rising temperatures and climate-related pests pose a threat to banana producing regions, sparking calls for faster emission cuts and more support for farmers.

Currently, Latin Ameri-

ca and the Caribbean are responsible for 80 per cent of banana exports which supply supermarkets around the world.

However, the report highlights 60 per cent of the most suitable banana growing areas in that region could be lost by 2080 due to rising temperatures and extreme weather.

India is one of the largest producers of banana in the world with 29.7 million tonnes from an area of 0.88 million hectares with a productivity of 37 MT/ha.

Although India accounts for only 15.5 per cent in area, its contribution in the world's production is 25.58 per cent, say Indian experts.

For many people, a banana is not just an enjoyable fruit, but a staple part of their diet and essential for survival.

In fact, it's the fourth most important food crop globally, after wheat, rice and maize.

More than 400 million people rely on bananas for 15 to 27 per cent of their daily calories.

The report, 'Going Bananas: How climate change threatens the world's favourite fruit', also features first-hand accounts from banana growers that work with Christian Aid partner organisations.

Banana grower Aurelia, 53, said, "Climate change has been killing our crops. This means there is no income because we cannot

sell anything. What is happening is that my plantation has been dying. So, what has been happening is death."

"In the past that was a prediction that this would happen in the future, but it has come earlier, and this is because we are not taking care of our motherland, our planet, our ecosystems, and this is very worrying for our kids and especially for our grandkids," Aurelia added.

Bananas need a temperature range between 15-35 degrees Celsius to thrive but are also very sensitive to water shortages. Storms are a big problem with shredding leaves, making it much harder for the crop to photosynthesise.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

India won't tolerate...

new benchmark in our fight against terrorism and has set up a new parameter and new normal."

"I want to make three things clear first, If there is a terrorist attack on India, a fitting reply will be given. We will give a befitting response on our terms only. We will take strict action at every place from where the roots of terrorism emerge. Secondly, India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail. India will strike precisely and decisively at the terrorist hideouts developing under the cover of nuclear blackmail. Thirdly, we will not differentiate between the government sponsoring terrorism and the masterminds of terrorism."

WORLD SAW UGLY FACE OF PAKISTAN

PM Modi said, "During Operation Sindoor the world has again seen the ugly face of Pakistan, when top Pakistani army officers came to bid farewell to the slain terrorists. This is strong evidence of state-sponsored terrorism. We will continue to take decisive steps to protect India and our citizens from any threat."

PM Modi said, "This is not an era of war, but it is also not an era of terrorism too. Our greatest strength is our unity against all forms of terrorism. Zero tolerance against terrorism is the guarantee for a better world."

"The way the Pakistani army, Pakistan government are encouraging terrorism, it will destroy Pakistan one day. If Pakistan wants to survive, it will have to destroy its terror infrastructure. There is no other way to peace. India's stand is very clear," he added.

I SALUTE THE VALIANT FORCES OF INDIA

Referring to the "Operation Sindoor" and skirmishes with Pakistan during the last week, PM Modi said, "In the past days, we all have witnessed both the strength and patience of our country. On behalf of the people of India, I salute the valiant forces of India, the armed forces, our intelligence agencies, and our scientists. Our brave soldiers displayed immense courage to achieve the objectives of Operation Sindoor. I pay tribute to their bravery, courage and valour. I dedicate this valour to every mother, every sister and every daughter of the country."

PAHALGAM ATTACK GRUESOME FACE OF TERROR

Terming Pahalgam attack as "barbaric", PM Modi said, "The cruelty displayed by terrorists in Pahalgam on April 22 had shocked the entire country and the world. The merciless killing of innocent citizens in front of their family and their children on the basis of their religion was a very gruesome face of terror. This was also a disgusting attempt to break the harmony and unity of the country."

He said, "For me personally this was very painful. After this terrorist attack, the entire nation, every citizen, every community, every class, every political party, unitedly stood up for strong action against terrorism. We gave full freedom to the Indian forces to wipe out the terrorists."

TODAY EVERY TERRORIST KNOWS CONSEQUENCE OF WIPING OUT SINDOOR OF OUR SISTERS, DAUGHTERS

PM Modi said, "And today every terrorist, every terror organisation knows the consequence of wiping out the Sindoor of our sisters and daughters."

He said that "Operation Sindoor" is not just a name but it's a reflection of the feelings of millions of people of the country. "The Operation 'Sindoor' is our unwavering commitment to justice. Late night of 6th May and in the early morning of 7th May, the whole world saw this pledge turn into reality. Indian forces attacked terror hideouts in Pakistan and their training centers with precision. The terrorists had never imagined that India could take such a big decision. But when the country is united, endowed with the spirit of Nation First and national interest is paramount, then strong decisions are taken and results are achieved," he added.

Referring to the strikes carried out by the Indian Air Force (IAF) jets, PM Modi said, "When India's missiles and drones attacked terrorist bases in Pakistan, not only the buildings of terrorist organizations but their courage also was shaken badly."

BAHAWALPUR AND MURIDKE UNIVERSITIES OF GLOBAL TERRORISM

Calling terrorist bases, like Bahawalpur and Muridke as universities of global terrorism, PM Modi said, "The big terrorist attacks of the world, be it 9/11, be it London Tube bombings, or the big terrorist attacks which have happened in India in the last many decades their roots are somehow connected to these terrorist hideouts."

He said that the terrorists had wiped out the Sindoor of our sisters and India responded by destroying their terrorist headquarters. "More than 100 dreaded terrorists have been killed in these attacks by India. Many terrorist leaders were roaming freely in Pakistan for the last two and a half to three decades who used to conspire against India. India killed them in one stroke," PM Modi said.

MORE THAN 100 DREADED TERRORISTS KILLED IN STRIKES

The Prime Minister said that Pakistan was deeply disappointed and frustrated by this action of India. "It was bewildered and in this bewilderment it did another cowardly act. Instead of supporting India's strike against terrorism, Pakistan started attacking India itself. Pakistan targeted our schools, colleges, Gurudwaras, temples and houses of civilians," he said.

PM Modi said, "Pakistan targeted our military base. But in this act Pakistan itself got exposed. The world saw how Pakistan's drones and missiles fell like straws in front of India. India's strong air defense system destroyed them in the sky itself. Pakistan had prepared for an attack on the border, but India struck at the heart of Pakistan. India's drones and missiles attacked with precision."

"The Indian Air Force damaged those airbases of the Pakistani Air Forces, of which Pakistan was very proud of," he said, adding, "India caused heavy damage to Pakistan in the first three days itself, which it had never imagined. That's why after India's aggressive action, Pakistan started looking for ways to escape. Pakistan was pleading to the world to ease tensions."

PAK DGMO APPROACHED FOR CEASEFIRE

The Prime Minister said, "After suffering heavy losses, Pakistan's army contacted our DGMO on the afternoon of 10th May. By then we had destroyed the infrastructure of terrorism on a large scale. The terrorists were eliminated. We had destroyed the terror camps established in the heart of Pakistan. Therefore, when Pakistan appealed and said that it will not indulge in any sort

of terror activities or military audacity further, India considered it."

"And I am repeating again, we have just suspended our retaliatory action against Pakistan's terror and military camps. In the coming days we will measure every step of Pakistan on the criterion that what sort of attitude Pakistan will adopt ahead," PM Modi said. KNO

India-Pak DGMOs...

perfect synergy between the Army, Air Force, Navy, Border Security Force, and intelligence units during recent operations. "From the DG to the last jawan, the BSF played a vital role in securing the borders," said Lieutenant General Ghai.

He also acknowledged the unwavering support from the Indian government and the collective will of India's 140 crore citizens. "This is not just a military effort. Every domain—air, land, sea, and cyber—is involved, and every Indian stands behind the forces," the commanders said.

Responding to reports from across the border, the Indian military dismissed Pakistani claims that a terror leader reportedly killed in a targeted strike, was still alive. "They will say whatever it takes to manage their internal narrative. But facts speak louder. Our fight is not with Pakistan's people—it is with the terrorists they shelter," Air Marshal Bharti said.

In a symbolic gesture, he also quoted a Hindi poem to reaffirm India's resilience and self-reliance, adding that indigenous systems were fully capable of countering modern threats, including drone swarms and cyber warfare.

The military commanders said that while India remains open to dialogue through DGMO-level talks, its forces are "ready for the next mission—anytime, anywhere."

"Every war is different. What matters is staying ahead of your adversary. We were ready, and we remain ready," they added. KNO

Schools, Colleges...

of Jammu and Kashmir falling outside the border districts shall reopen on Tuesday."

"As far as the reopening of schools and colleges on border areas are concerned, we will take the call on Tuesday," she said.

In the meantime, Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) said, "All schools will open tomorrow on 13th of May 2025, except for border districts Kupwara Baramulla and sub division Gurez of Bandipora."

Divisional Commissioner Jammu on microblogging site X said, "After reviewing the situation, the Education Department has decided to reopen the non-border districts educational institutions & Border districts will continue closure of education institutions."

Meanwhile, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has said that in view of the recent developments along the Line of Control (LoC), the varsity will conduct online classes for all undergraduate and postgraduate students from May-13 and continue till June-6 of 2025.

NIT Srinagar Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rehman said that the move follows a week of heightened tensions on the borders, during which many students were facilitated in returning to their homes for safety reasons.

"A number of faculty members also travelled to their respective hometowns amid the uncertainty. With the situation now stabilizing, the institute has opted for a phased and structured return to normal academic operations," he said.

Prof. Rehman said that online classes will commence on Tuesday, May 13, and continue till June 6, college hostels will reopen on June 9, to facilitate students' return to campus.

"On the directions of Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, offline (physical) classes will start from Wednesday, June 11, 2025," he said.

Earlier, the authorities had ordered closure of all educational institutes in Jammu and Kashmir. KNO

Any misadventure by...

mending its ways."

In the wake of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, LG Sinha echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's earlier resolve, saying, "Terrorists and their backers will be taught a lesson. Our forces are on high alert, and any further provocation will be met with decisive force."

"India always advocated for peace but what happened in Pahalgam was an act of war by the terror state Pakistan. With Operation Sindoor, we have avenged Pahalgam. I am proud of our soldiers and armed forces. Our war was to teach Pakistan a lesson," LG Sinha said, as per KNO.

"Our Armed Forces have repeatedly demonstrated their capability to respond decisively to threats posed by Terror state Pakistan. It harbors and exports terror and caused immense suffering through its terrorist activities in our territory," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said that India will never compromise on its sovereignty and territorial integrity. "We are resolved to dismantle the entire terror ecosystem from Jammu Kashmir. On the night of May 6th-7th, our Armed Forces executed a precise Operation Sindoor, demonstrating both unwavering resolve and commendable restraint and successfully demolished terror factories in Pakistan," LG Sinha said.

The Lieutenant Governor acknowledged the anxiety among border residents and assured them of full support from the administration. "We understand the concerns of our people. We will provide all possible help, including the construction of bunkers as per the latest assessment. The entire administration is with you. When it comes to the nation, every citizen must cooperate and stand united." KNO

In Poonch, CM Omar...

and meeting the civil society members. I have congratulated the Poonch people for maintaining communal harmony at this juncture. Some suggestions were also put forth by the civil society members with regard to dealing with a similar situation, in case, takes place in the future."

The CM said the people belonging to different sects

As Ceasefire begins, border dwellers return home

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 12 (KNO)

As the ceasefire pact brought a peaceful environment along the Line of Control (LoC), the border dwellers, who had left their residence due to the fear of shelling by Pakistan, have returned to their homes once again.

The ceasefire announcement days ago has provided a window of calm, allowing both the security forces and the district administrations to assess and secure the affected areas. The shelling had caused not only the loss of human lives but also widespread damage to homes, livestock and infrastructure, forcing hundreds to seek shelter in safer locations.

"We are happy as we are returning home. It is good that both the countries have agreed to the ceasefire – hopefully it holds permanently," residents while boarding government-accommodated transport at Baramulla said while speaking to the news agency.

"We are thankful to the administration for providing us immediate assistance. It feels good to be going back home, but our houses are damaged. Uri got destroyed; we want peace now. Let peace prevail," said, a resident, who had recently recovered

from injuries sustained during the shelling.

Residents living along the Line of Control, including those in the Gurez Valley, have collectively welcomed the ceasefire, describing it as a relief from fear and displacement. The sense of unity in their voices reflects the deep exhaustion from years of uncertainty and violence.

"We all want this ceasefire to last. We are tired of running, of hiding, of burying our loved ones. Let this be the beginning of real peace. Our children deserve normalcy, not the sound of shelling," border residents said.

In Gurez and elsewhere, the sentiment is the same. People are clinging to the hope that diplomacy will prevail over destruction, and that their border villages will no longer be on the frontlines of suffering.

Clearance Operations Underway in Multiple Sectors

While evacuees from certain cleared villages have been permitted to return, authorities stressed that the situation remains delicate. One of the biggest challenges facing the administration is the presence of unexploded ordnances (UXOs) – live explosives scattered across fields and near residential areas due to intense shelling.

According to officials, 20 UXOs were reported across 17 villages in Baramulla district, of which only 7 have been safely disposed of so far. Specialized bomb disposal squads are actively engaged in neutralizing the remaining threats.

A public safety advisory issued by Baramulla Police urges residents not to approach or touch any suspicious items resembling shells or devices. The advisory highlights that UXOs are extremely unstable and pose a fatal risk if disturbed. Baramulla Police Emergency Contacts: 9696767768 | 9596767717 | 01952-234410

In Kupwara's LoC belt, however, clearance operations are still underway, and residents have been advised not to return to their homes just yet. The district police and administration have emphasized that the threat from unexploded shells in the region remains high, and it may take a few more days before safety is fully restored.

"People must remain at the government-designated shelters. We understand their eagerness to return, but their safety is our priority," says Kupwara Police. They added that multiple teams, including the Army and bomb disposal experts, are working around the

clock to sanitize affected areas.

Authorities said the pace of operations depends on terrain, visibility, and the possibility of hidden or buried explosives in agricultural fields and rubble.

Similarly, in Poonch and Rajouri districts, clearance operations are currently underway to safely dispose of unexploded shells left behind after intense cross-border shelling. Poonch, in particular, was among the worst-hit areas during the recent escalation, witnessing several civilian casualties and significant damage to structures.

Earlier, the Army confirmed that no cross-border shelling or drone activity was reported during the night. "The night remained largely peaceful in Jammu and Kashmir and other areas along the international border. No incidents have been reported, marking the first calm night in recent days," an Army spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, the return of residents – even in phased batches – marks a step toward normalcy for border communities that have long borne the brunt of hostilities. Officials continue to urge residents to remain cautious, follow advisories, and report anything suspicious. KNO

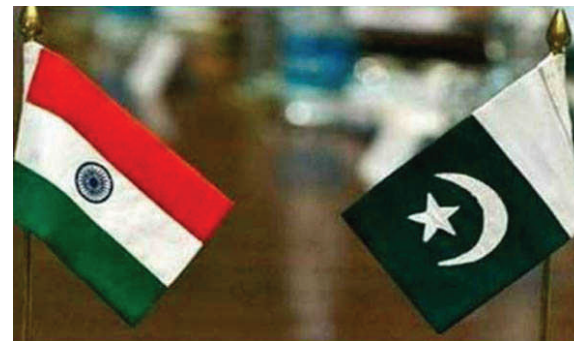
India, Pakistan agree to reduce troops, stop firing

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAY 12

India and Pakistan on Monday agreed to take steps towards immediate reduction of troops on the borders and forward areas and desist from firing shots.

The Army said that talks between the DGMOs of India and Pakistan, were held at 5 PM on Monday and it was discussed that both armies would not fire a single shot on the borders nor will they initiate any aggressive and inimical action against each



other.

During the talks, it was also agreed that both the countries will take immediate measures to ensure troop reduction from the borders and forward

areas, the Army said.

It may be mentioned that the talks were scheduled at 12 noon but was deferred till 5 PM.

The talks were held on Saturday (May 10) at the

request of Pakistan and both sides agreed to stop all firing on land, air and sea. Both the DGMOs also decided to talk again on Monday.

Following the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, India on May seven launched Operation Sindoor and targeted nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

More than 100 terrorists, including top commanders of JeM and LeT terror groups, were killed in the operation.

Sgr Police intensify crackdown under UAPA

JNEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 12 (KNO)

In yet another significant move aimed at dismantling the terrorist ecosystem and acting against individuals associated with proscribed outfits, Srinagar Police on Monday said to have intensified its crackdown under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Continuing its focused campaign, police teams have conducted extensive searches across the city targeting residences of terrorist associates and in the furtherance of investigation of UAP Act cases, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

Mehmood, a shopkeeper in Hirpora. "No customers, no traffic. Everything came to a standstill. Now that the ceasefire has been announced, we hope it holds and our businesses can bounce back."

Historically, the Mughal Road was a significant trade route used by emperors and merchants. It often serves as an alternative when the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway is closed, such as during recent landslides in Ramban.

However, locals remain apprehensive.

"We want the peace to last," said Feroz Khan, a resident of Poonch. "Ceasefires have been broken before. We can only hope this one brings lasting calm."

The Poonch and Rajouri sectors have suffered heavily due to cross-border shelling, with around 20 casualties, including an ADC Rajouri, in the past four days. KNO

Minutes after PM's...

community, if we talk to Pakistan it will only be on the issue of terrorism, and it will only be about Pakistan Occupied Kashmir."

Ceasefire brings relief...

"The last few days were very difficult," said Tariq

Yunus government bans former PM Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party, its affiliates

AGENCIES
DHAKA, MAY 12

The interim government of Bangladesh under Muhammad Yunus on Monday issued a gazette notification banning all activities of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's party, Awami League and its affiliate organisations. The ban is imposed under the Anti-Terrorism Act until the trial of the party and its leaders in the Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) is completed.

The Public Security Division under the country's Home Ministry issued the gazette notification with Joint Secretary Ziauddin Ahmed confirming the development.



The ban included all activities, including any kind of publication, campaign in media, online and social media, procession, meeting, gathering, conference, etc.

"The government has sufficient evidence that the Bangladesh Awami League and all its subsidiary, associate and fraternal organisations are involved in various criminal activities with the aim of destabilising and rendering the state ineffective, and are engaged in various illegal activities and conspiracies similar to terrorist organisations with the aim of spreading fear in the public mind," the notification stated.

Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of Awami League, was banned in October 2024 and declared a terrorist organisation. The other associate organisations include Bangladesh Mahila League, Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, Awami Swecchashebok League, Awami Ainjibee Parishad, Bangladesh Tanti League and the Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad.

Capital expenditure (capex) at small private airports in India - nearly half of the overall upcoming private airport capex - will be up 50-60 per cent on average in fiscals 2026-2028 compared with previous three fiscal years, a report showed on Monday.

Small private airport capex in India to rise 50-60 pc in next 3 fiscals: Crisil

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

This will be driven by capacity expansion due to substantial increase in terminal utilisation levels, according to the report by Crisil Ratings.

On the other hand, capex at large private airports - remaining half of the overall upcoming private airport capex - will see a decline during the same period as much of the capacity expansion has been completed or is nearing completion.



"Small private airports are expected to embark on a significant expansion of upto 1.5 times of their current base by fiscal 2028. This is in response to escalating travel demand and moderate capacity on the ground. Strong demand leading to recovery of air traffic movement has yielded a remarkable compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 45 per cent in passenger traffic at small private airports between fiscals 2022 and 2025," said Ankit Haku, Director, Crisil Ratings.

However, capacity growth at these airports has been relatively sluggish, with a modest CAGR of 20 per cent over this period, resulting in terminal utilisation levels increasing from 60 per cent to 9

per cent to 9

India's power was demonstrated: Sandeep Dikshit on India-Pak understanding

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Welcoming the recent understanding reached between India and Pakistan, Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit emphasized that while the development is encouraging, it must pave the way for a long-term solution. He added that India's strength and capabilities were clearly demonstrated when the armed forces responded with decisive force.

He said that India's strong response has sent a clear message to Pakistan, but whether Islamabad has truly learned a lesson remains to be seen.

Speaking to IANS, Dikshit said, "One thing that came out well in this whole ceasefire is that India's power was demonstrated," highlighting India's superior defence capabilities and strategic response.

"This has also been proven that if Pakistan does anything in the future, whether it's missiles, drones, aircraft, or air superiority, our ability to hit the target is far greater."

His comments came regarding the meeting of the Director General of Military Operations (DGAO) following the ceasefire. When asked about the significance of the meeting, Dikshit

stated, "We don't know what kind of talks will take place or what problems might arise. But I would expect that if the ceasefire has happened, there should be a long-term solution," he told IANS.

He further pointed to Pakistan's continued support for terrorism as a key issue: "Terrorist activities from Pakistan are a big concern. There is consistent proof, training, funding, and weapons are being provided from across the border. The entire world knows this."

Reflecting on India's military response, he said, "We gave them a befitting reply. We told

them in a very clear way what would happen next time if they acted again. But whether Pakistan has learned from it, I can't say. I hope a meaningful outcome comes from this ceasefire, and a roadmap is created."

On the ground, calm appears to have returned on Sunday night, the second night after the ceasefire; there was no news of drone sightings or attacks. While cautioning, Dikshit stated, "whether Pakistan will truly honor the ceasefire will only be known in the future."

What happens in the next 2-4-6 months will be more important than what is said today, he added.

UK risks becoming an 'island of strangers' without tougher immigration rules: Starmer

AGENCIES
LONDON, MAY 12

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said on Monday that the United Kingdom risks becoming an "island of strangers" without stronger and stricter immigration curbs.

Starmer made the comment while addressing media on the Immigration White Paper where he also announced that the residency period required to obtain permanent settlement in Britain has been extended from five to 10 years.

"In a diverse nation like ours, and I celebrate that, these rules become even more important. Without them, we risk becoming



an island of strangers, not a nation that walks forward together," Starmer stated.

"So when you have an immigration system that seems almost designed to permit abuse, that encourages some businesses to bring in lower-paid workers rather than invest in our young people, or

simply one that is sold by politicians to the British people on an entirely false premise, then you're not championing growth, you're not championing justice, or however else people defend the status quo. You're actually contributing to the forces that are slowly pulling our country apart," he added.

The British PM also made it clear that government is increasing the skill thresholds for migrant workers, raising the degree level required, and tightening the English language requirements.

"We talked last week about the great rebuilding of this country after the war; migrants were part of that, and they make a massive contribution today. You will never hear me denigrate that. But when people come to our country, they should also commit to integration, to learning our language, and our system should actively distinguish between those that do and those that don't. I think that's fair," he stated.

Childhood Cancer Survivor Welcomes Baby in a Rare Natural Birth at Manipal Hospital Mukundapur

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

In a remarkable story of resilience and medical triumph, a 35-year-old woman who had overcome ovarian cancer at the age of eight has delivered a healthy baby girl through natural conception under the expert care of Dr. Biswajyoti Guha, Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Manipal Hospital, Mukundapur.

This rare case marks Dr. Biswajyoti Guha and hospital's third such delivery involving childhood ovarian cancer survivors, and the first to occur without assisted reproduc-

tive technology. Poulomi Ghosh, a 35-year-old from Jadavapur, was referred to Manipal Hospital at 30 weeks of pregnancy with severe upper abdominal pain and a preliminary diagnosis of perforated appendix and appendicular lump. She had initially been admitted to another facility and was referred to a multispecialty setup for urgent delivery and possible surgery.

Upon admission to Manipal Hospital, she was treated with IV antibiotics under the care of Dr. Sanjoy Mandal, Consultant - G.I. Surgery and General Surgeon. MRI done

ater revealed a normal appendix, allowing the team to pursue conservative management. Dr. Biswajyoti Guha closely monitored her obstetric condition. Dr. Guha shared, "This was a highly complex pregnancy-not only because of the suspected surgical emergency-but also due to her rare medical history and the later development of severe obstetric cholestasis. Her liver function was carefully managed with medication. What makes this case truly extraordinary is Poulomi's medical history.

At just 8 years old, she had been diagnosed with a germ cell tumour

in one of her ovaries. The affected ovary was surgically removed, followed by chemotherapy. Despite the long odds, she conceived naturally without any fertility assistance. We were happy to see her condition stabilize prior to delivery. At term, she delivered a healthy baby girl weighing 2.8 kg. This successful natural pregnancy after childhood ovarian cancer is extremely rare. Most survivors with similar histories typically require IVF to conceive. At Manipal Hospital, this is the third such case we have seen, but the first involving natural conception."

16 militants arrested, 17 weapons seized in Manipur

AGENCIES
IMPHAL, MAY 12

In a series of joint operations, the Army along with other forces have arrested 16 militants of different outfits and recovered 17 weapons, huge quantities of ammunition and explosives from different districts of Manipur, officials said on Monday.

A Defence spokesman said the Army, Assam Rifles, CRPF, BSF, ITBP and the Manipur Police in a joint operation during the past few days have recovered 17 weapons, 17 improvised explosive devices (IEDs), several grenades, large cache of ammunition and war-like stores.

These arms and ammunition were recovered



from six Manipur districts -- Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Tengnoupal, Chandel and Senapati -- comprising the valley region and mountainous areas.

During the intelligence-based operations, 16

wanted militants of different outfits, including Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), were apprehended from the hill and valley regions.

The arms and ammunition recovered include AK series rifle, INSAS rifle,

Carbine, self loading rifle, modified .303 rifle, bolt action single barrel rifles and .22 rifle.

The apprehended cadres and the recovered arms and ammunition have been handed over to the Manipur Police.

Funskool launches exciting new toys and games to spark creativity this summer

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Funskool India Limited, the country's leading toy manufacturer, has unveiled an exciting new line-up of toys and games designed to keep children engaged and creatively inspired throughout the summer. From imaginative roleplay sets and educational board games to beautifully crafted puzzles and artistic kits, the new launches span across Funskool's popular in-house brands such as Giggles, Handycrafts, Play & Learn and Fundough. The latest additions

include Fundough Mega Cake Factory, Fundough Breakfast Set, Scotland Yard Deluxe, Scotland Yard Junior, Triominos, Sequence for Kids, Dobble Kids, Cube Conquer and Rummikub Joy in the games category. For babies, toddlers and preschoolers, Funskool has introduced Wooden Wonderland Playgym, Unicorn Xylophone, Bee Blossom Stacker, Wobbles Train Express, Junior Sand Playset and Animal Squeakers (available in sets of 2 and 4) under the Giggles brand. Craft lovers can look forward to Canvas Art Fantasy, Peppa Pig

themed Scrapbook and Finger-Painting based on Animal Kingdom from Handycrafts. The Play & Learn range educational puzzles now includes puzzles of varying complexities - Fairy 4-in-1 Puzzle (120 pieces), Panda Puzzle (300 pieces) and the intricate Colosseum Puzzle (1000 pieces) which are crafted using high-quality cardboard for durability and smooth interlocking, ensuring a satisfying and educational puzzle-building experience. Rounding off the line-up is the much-awaited Batmobile, perfect for fans of action and adventure. Speak-

ing on the launch, K. A. Shabir, CEO of Funskool India, said, "At Funskool, our passion lies in creating safe, high-quality toys that spark imagination and learning. Our focus on innovation ensures that every new launch brings fresh excitement to playtime while supporting a child's growth and development. This summer's collection combines creativity and purpose, offering play experiences that are as enriching as they are entertaining." The new collection is now available across stores, with prices ranging from Rs 249 to Rs 2,749.

Iran warns European powers against 'abusing' snapback mechanism

AGENCIES
TEHRAN, MAY 12

Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi has warned France, Britain, and Germany of the consequences for "abusing" the snapback mechanism.

He made the remarks in a post on social media platform X on Monday while reacting to remarks by the E3 group of France, Britain, and Germany to trigger the snapback mechanism against Iran.

The mechanism is a clause in the 2015 nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA),



between Iran and world powers that would allow the other parties to reimpose all international sanctions should Tehran fail to comply with the agreement.

"We have officially warned all JCPOA signatories that (any) abuse of

the snapback mechanism will lead to consequences -- not only the end of Europe's role in the agreement, but also an escalation of tensions that could become irreversible," Araghchi said.

"How we respond at this crucial moment will

determine the future of Iran-Europe relations far more profoundly than many realize," he noted.

Araghchi voiced Iran's readiness "to turn the page," expressing hope that its European partners would demonstrate the same willingness, Xinhua news agency reported.

Late last month, French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said, "It goes without saying that once the Iranian nuclear deal expires in a few weeks, if European security interests are not assured, we will not hesitate for a second to reapply all the sanctions that were lifted 10 years ago."

EDITORIAL

Is ceasefire enough for border villagers?

The guns have finally fallen silent along the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir, offering the first glimmer of hope to thousands displaced by days of relentless shelling. But hope alone is a fragile shield against the deeper, lingering fear that now haunts the border belt. The ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan, reached on Saturday evening, is a welcome development. It is, at the very least, a reprieve from the terrifying uncertainty that has defined life for border communities in recent days. But as residents slowly begin contemplating a return to their villages, a more complex picture emerges—one that is not simply about the absence of firing, but about the psychological, physical, and logistical minefields left behind. The Jammu and Kashmir Police's advisory warning against immediate returns to frontline villages is a sobering reminder: the danger is far from over. Unexploded ordnance (UXO) lies hidden beneath the ruins of homes, in fields where children once played, and along footpaths now abandoned. These silent killers remain deadly, capable of exploding with the slightest disturbance. In 2023 alone, 41 civilians were injured by such remnants of conflict. The danger they pose is not theoretical — it is lived and real. The situation in camps underscores the complexity of the moment. While no fresh shelling has been reported since Saturday night, authorities are rightfully cautious. Relief officials are holding back return orders, knowing that one misstep — one piece of ordnance left behind — can trigger tragedy anew. Their prudence must be matched by public patience. No family should have to weigh the risk of returning home against the possibility of another explosion or renewed hostilities. Despite the calm, fear remains a powerful undercurrent. Residents of R S Pura, Uri, and Kupwara voice a shared anxiety: What if the ceasefire doesn't hold? This skepticism is not misplaced. The memory of destruction — of women killed, of homes shattered, of children traumatized — is too fresh to fade quickly. And with reports of fresh explosions and drone sightings in Srinagar, the larger security picture remains anything but stable. The ceasefire, while necessary, is only the first step in a longer journey toward lasting peace and rehabilitation. The government must now move swiftly to conduct and complete UXO clearance operations. It must continue to provide psychological and material support to evacuees. Trust must be rebuilt — not just between nations, but between a government and its citizens who have long felt like collateral in a cross-border chess match. And Pakistan must be held accountable. The repeated violations of ceasefire understandings, particularly those that endanger civilian lives, cannot be brushed aside with diplomatic niceties. Words must translate into enforcement, and assurances into action. In this moment of uneasy calm, India stands at a crossroads. The silence of the guns should not lull us into complacency. Rather, it should strengthen our resolve to protect our border communities — not just from shelling, but from the slow erosion of trust, stability, and safety. Peace must mean more than a pause. For border villagers, it must mean the promise of return — with dignity, security, and certainty.

Sabeer Bhatia's misguided critiques

GOVIND BHATTACHARJEE

Sabeer Bhatia, best known as the co-founder of Hotmail and a successful Indian-American entrepreneur, has in recent times taken to offering sweeping, and often puzzling, criticisms of India. His recent public appearances and podcasts have included a string of statements about what he perceives as the systemic flaws in India's technological, economic, and educational systems. While healthy criticism is always welcome in a democracy, Bhatia's recent views seem less about constructive feedback and more like a misplaced attempt to juxtapose India unfavourably with the United States - his adopted homeland.

Bhatia, who moved to the US in 1988 for higher education and later sold Hotmail to Microsoft for an impressive \$400 million in 1997, has mostly remained under the public radar. However, since the resurgence of Trumpism in American politics, his admiration for the US model has become more vocal - and more problematic. One cannot ignore the possibility that his new public positioning may align with certain business interests; after all, he runs Showreel, an AI-based learning platform, and Netagram, a social networking app - both based in the US. Aligning with the dominant ideological forces of the time can be a strategic move for entrepreneurs with transnational ambitions.

One of Bhatia's earliest post-2020 public commentaries came during the NASSCOM Technology and Leadership Summit in 2023,

where he lamented the "lack of innovation" in Indian startups. Ironically, this statement flew in the face of data that shows India as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world, behind only the US and China. From just 500 recognised startups in 2016, the country now boasts over 1.6 lakh officially recognised startups as of January 2025. Of these, 118 have achieved unicorn status - with valuations exceeding \$1 billion. Such growth is impossible without significant innovation and entrepreneurship. Innovation doesn't only mean breakthroughs in AI or biotechnology; it also means creating scalable solutions tailored to unique local needs, which Indian startups have done in abundance.

Yet Bhatia's criticisms only intensified. In a February 2025 podcast, he described India's Aadhaar program as "\$1.3 billion ill spent," claiming that those who built it had never written a line of code. According to him, a superior system could have been built for \$20 million using voice and video recognition. This viewpoint is not just dismissive - it is dangerously reductive. Aadhaar is not a Silicon Valley-style app targeting tech-savvy users; it is a national-scale infrastructure project that has to serve over a billion people across rural and urban geographies, many of whom have limited exposure to digital technology.

Aadhaar's strength lies in its scalability, reliability, and adaptability - it has enabled financial inclusion for millions, streamlined government subsidy delivery, and reduced corruption by linking benefits directly to recipients. To define such a project by lines of code alone betrays a

startling lack of understanding about systems design for developing economies. Coding is a vital part of tech, no doubt, but governance, usability, security, privacy, and logistical feasibility are equally - if not more - important, especially in a country of India's scale and complexity.

Perhaps the most curious of Bhatia's recent pronouncements was his critique of how India calculates its Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In an April 2025 appearance, he argued that India's GDP "is all wrong" and especially in the current system of overvaluing financial transactions instead of productive labor. His example? If two people exchange Rs1,000 back and forth and are taxed 18 per cent each time, he claimed it adds Rs 2,000 to GDP - a complete misunderstanding of how GDP is measured. GDP is a globally accepted metric based on the System of National Accounts (SNA), developed and followed by international organisations like the UN, IMF, World Bank, OECD, and Eurostat. Like all compliant nations, India calculates GDP using value addition at each stage of production, not simply the movement of money. His statement that GDP inflates economic value through repeated transactions with no real work is economically inaccurate. GST, like any tax, is added to the market value of goods and services and is incorporated into GDP calculations only insofar as it affects actual value creation. Yes, GDP has its shortcomings. It does not measure income inequality, environmental degradation, or the qualitative aspects of human development. But these limita-

tions are not India-specific - they exist for all countries, including the US. Moreover, countries use supplementary indices like the Human Development Index (HDI), Gini coefficient, and Green GDP to address these gaps. But no viable alternative has yet replaced GDP.

Bhatia's romanticisation of the American work culture - where he claims people report hourly work and taxes are based on that, supposedly leading to more 'real' GDP - is equally problematic. The U.S. economy, too, measures GDP through the same SNA framework. If anything, India faces challenges in accurately capturing GDP due to the sheer size of its informal economy, not due to faulty methodology. Statistical estimates are needed when large portions of the population are unregistered or self-employed - a challenge of scale and data access, not conceptual error.

His views on Indian work culture are similarly myopic. He criticises Indian engineers for moving into management roles instead of continuing in engineering roles, implying that only hands-on technical labor adds value. This dismisses the essential roles that managers, planners, and strategists play in any functional organisation. Without people to coordinate efforts, oversee execution, manage supply chains, and provide leadership, technical operations cannot succeed - regardless of how skilled the individual engineer may be.

However, it was his May 2025 comments on Indian education that finally warrant a more thorough rebuttal. In a podcast, he described the Indian school

system as one that builds an "army of useless kids" trained only to obey orders, incapable of original thought. He contrasted this with American schools, where, he claims, students are allowed to write freely and creatively, even if their work is full of spelling errors - because "thought" is more important than "correctness." This is a deeply flawed generalisation. While rote learning and pressure to perform in exams are genuine problems in parts of the Indian education system, sweeping it aside as a factory for unthinking children is unfair. India has produced some of the world's best minds across disciplines - from Nobel laureates to tech entrepreneurs. A 2024 Gallup poll found that 71 per cent of American adults believe humans were either created in their present form or evolved only under divine guidance - hardly a testament to the success of rational, scientific education. Mr. Bhatia is entitled to his opinions, but he should be careful not to present them as gospel truths. India has countless challenges, and we welcome constructive criticism from anyone - including those who have left the country. But criticism without context, nuance, or understanding does more harm than good. We appreciate Mr. Bhatia's interest in Indian affairs. Perhaps it's time he focuses on the issues in his adopted homeland.

(The writer is a former Director General, Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, and currently a Professor, Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management. Views are personal)

Rethinking parenting and education in a changing world

SAKSHI SETHI

In today's fiercely competitive and fast-changing world, education is often considered the foundation of a child's future. Across India and indeed globally-academic achievement is frequently regarded as the most reliable indicator of success. Parents go to great lengths to ensure their children excel, investing in private tutoring, enrolling them in competitive exams, and tracking every grade with meticulous attention. While such efforts are driven by love and ambition, this narrow focus on academics can be limiting.

A child is not a container to be filled with facts, but a unique individual whose personality, emotional well-being, and character must be nurtured. As the saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Parenting, therefore,

extends far beyond report cards. It is a long-term responsibility that encompasses emotional support, value-building, and preparing children to navigate life's inevitable ups and downs.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed many cracks in our educational and parenting frameworks. With schools closed and routines disrupted, parents had to assume multiple roles: educators, emotional anchors, and constant companions. In India, this challenge was compounded by the digital divide-many children, particularly in rural or economically disadvantaged communities, lacked access to online education. This dual burden-academic continuity and mental well-being-brought into sharp focus the need for a more holistic and inclusive approach to parenting and education.

Today, the world values

more than just academic knowledge. Employers and institutions are increasingly seeking individuals who exhibit creativity, emotional intelligence, adaptability, and critical thinking. India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recognises this evolution, promoting a well-rounded educational model. But policies alone cannot drive change. It is parents who must embrace and embody these principles at home, encouraging children to explore their interests-be it music, sports, art, or entrepreneurship-and helping them build a strong sense of self-worth and purpose.

Mental health, once a hush-hush topic, is finally being acknowledged in mainstream parenting conversations. Studies reveal that India has among the highest rates of anxiety and depression among adolescents. Much of this stems from intense aca-

ademic pressure, limited family communication, and a lack of emotional validation. In the age of social media, children are constantly exposed to unrealistic standards and comparisons, further increasing their stress levels. Here, the parent's role is critical. Being a patient listener, fostering open dialogue, and normalising failure as part of growth can transform a child's outlook. Character development and values are another crucial aspect of parenting. Schools can only do so much in instilling ethics and good behavior. It is at home that children learn about honesty, kindness, respect, and empathy-by observing their parents. In a world often defined by polarisation and division, these qualities are not just desirable, but essential. Parents must lead by example, because children imitate far more than they obey.

In the digital era, guiding children's online behavior has also become a core responsibility. With learning and leisure now deeply intertwined with technology, parents need to ensure their children develop responsible digital habits. Teaching them to identify reliable information, engage respectfully online, and set boundaries on screen time is vital-especially in a country like India, where digital literacy often lags behind digital access.

Cultivating social skills such as teamwork, empathy, and communication at home helps children thrive in real-world situations. In an unpredictable world shaped by climate change, economic instability, and shifting job markets, resilience and adaptability are key life skills. These cannot be learned solely from textbooks. Parents must encourage independent

thinking, creative problem-solving, and the ability to bounce back from setbacks. Life doesn't always go as planned-and children need to understand that failure is not a dead-end, but an invitation to grow stronger.

In many Indian households, especially among the middle class, academic success is still viewed as the primary path to a secure future. While this belief has merit, it should not come at the cost of creativity, curiosity, or emotional well-being. Around the world, parenting models are evolving-Scandinavian approaches emphasise child-led learning, while American systems increasingly integrate mental health and inclusivity. Indian parents, too, must embrace a balanced path that combines timeless values with modern insights.

(The author is an educator. Views are personal)

From terror to climate: Act before crisis hits

VK BAHUGUNA

India because of its varied geography, location, geological and climatic conditions coupled with its 'reactive approach' in dealing with things is prone to natural and other disasters. Time and again the national disaster response has not been at all commensurate with the desired level of preparedness as well as, technology and swift action. Our administrative system takes action and rises from slumber only when disasters happen. Every year time and again seasonal disasters occur and several lives are lost as also huge loss of property and life-sustaining resources.

The governance for disaster management during the last few years has improved after the creation of the National Disaster Management Authority

(NDMA) but it falls short of the level of international standards. Take for example the recent Pahalgaoon terrorist attack on 22nd April 2025 in which 26 innocent Hindu lives were brutally killed by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists by first asking about their religion. It was an attack on the soul of India but the administration there miserably failed to plan to prevent such attacks on tourist spots in Kashmir, even as in major tourist spots elsewhere in the country security arrangements are made to oversee law and order and all who matter in running security apparatus in Jammu and Kashmir know full well that Kashmir is always on the radar of Pakistan sponsored terrorists. It was a well-known fact that last year more than 2.35 crore tourists visited Kashmir and the government opened all tourist

places without making any arrangements for the security of people.

Whatever, the political rhetoric about peace returning in Kashmir after the aftermath of abrogating Article 370, all Indians were sure that terrorists have been striking at will in Kashmir and Jammu as several cases of civilian killings were witnessed now and then. There was no coordination between the state and central intelligence agencies though intelligence inputs were indicating terrorist strike. In an era of modern technological innovation, there should not be collateral human loss of our armed forces during search operations to tackle the terrorists. We have a very professional Army no doubt but we need to learn a lesson or two from the Israeli Army and their leadership even though they too have

a divided coalition polity. The state and central agencies failed to apprehend the local support to terrorists and Islamists not only in Kashmir but all over as the ecosystem that supports anti-national forces is yet to be given a fatal blow as they gleefully carry out their operations.

There have been talks of hunting down the perpetrators and their supporters for the last 35 years but with minimal lasting success as Pakistan keeps blackmailing about the use of their clandestinely achieved nuclear power status. This is so far about the threat to our national security. A solid standard operating procedure along with accountability and well-defined coordinated responsibility must be enforced.

The government also committed hara-kiri by opting for an early election

as terrorist sympathisers also won and boosted their morale. The government should have told all who matter in clear terms not to have a 'holier than thou' approach on national security matters when the direction to hold elections and delimitation was carried out. Unless total annihilation of terrorism is carried out all such political activities should be suspended as politicians tend to confuse the issue for selfish electoral gains.

Let us discuss the other disasters looming large in the coming months. The coming summer is showing its fangs. Only a well-planned strategy can help prevent life and property losses. But what Delhi-NCR saw on 2nd May 2025 a severe thunderstorm, gusty winds, hails and rains that choked the roads with fallen trees and water logging killing 6 people in

Delhi proves that no lesson has been learnt. The roadside trees fell as a pack of cards because for the last many years, the environmentalists have been arguing against the concretisation of soil around trees and pavements which dries up moisture, and trees become weak as their roots cannot spread and do not get water.

The weather pattern and westerly winds coupled with rising temperatures due to climate change are making flying challenging as has been noticed for many days in the last 15 days. A concerted pinpointed strategy is the need of the hour. India's summer and monsoon seasons in 2025 are poised to aggravate challenges due to climate change, population pressures, poor planning, and systemic inefficiencies.

The issues needing attention are heatwaves,

water scarcity, flooding, agricultural disruptions, and health risks as their intensity and frequency are increasing every year. While some measures are in place, India's response remains inadequate, and at best policies are reactive, inadequate investment, and bureaucratic inertia with a lack of accountability.

The second important issue which needs to be addressed is how to deal with Heat Island effects and Heat strokes. It is music to hear to notice that the Delhi Chief Minister had the other day proposed a 3 3-hour break from 12 PM to 3 PM for the labourers working on roads and construction works. Last year during 2024 the country experienced a severe heatwave, resulting in more than 700 reported heatstroke deaths across 17 states, according to the

"Heat Watch 2024" report. It also identified around 40,000 cases of heatstroke. What this report misses is the actual data which is several times more as the reporting mechanism does not cover all such deaths in rural areas.

There are instances of heat island effects in cities mainly due to factors like reduced vegetation, impervious surfaces concrete pavement, and building materials that store and release heat. In this regard, the Metropolitan cities need to emulate the urban landscape management of Agartala city by the Tripura government where roads and pavements all over have been aesthetically redesigned with vegetation. The civic authorities must plan for at least 20 heat waves this season for each city and proper water management and availability in both urban and rural areas.

Hockey India names 24-member team for European leg of FIH Pro League

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Hockey India has unveiled the 24-member Indian women's hockey team set to compete in the European leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25, scheduled to take place in London, Antwerp, and Berlin from June 14 to 29.

India will play twice against each of the four participating teams - Australia, Argentina, Belgium, and China - beginning their campaign with a clash against Australia on June 14.

The squad will be led by midfield dynamo Salima Tete as captain,



Jyoti, Suman Devi Thoudam, Jyoti Singh, Ishika Chaudhary and Jyoti Chhatri.

The midfield features Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Sujata Kujur, Manisha Chauhan and Neha, with attacking midfielders Salima Tete, Lalremsiami, Sharmila Devi, Sunelita Toppo and Mahima Tete. The forward line is made up of Deepika, Navneet Kaur, Deepika Soreng, Baljeet Kaur, Rutaja Dadaso Pisal, Beauty Dungdung and Sakshi Rana.

The standby list includes goalkeeper Bansari Solanki and defender Ajmina Kujur.

with experienced forward Navneet Kaur serving as vice-captain. The team includes goalkeep-

ers Savita and Bichu Devi Kharibam. The defenders selected are Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam,

Equal prize money in Norway Chess encourages more women to take up the sport: Defending Champion Ju Wenjun

AGENCIES
STAVANGER (NORWAY), MAY 12

As the clock ticks closer to Norway Chess Women 2025, the second edition of the prestigious tournament, defending champion Ju Wenjun shared her excitement and expectations ahead of the event, scheduled to take place from May 26 to June 6 at Finansparken (SR-Bank) in Stavanger City, Norway.

"I'm thrilled and excited to play in Norway Chess Women 2025. This will be my second time competing in the event. We have



some very strong chess players and opponents this time. I think people are also more familiar now with the Armageddon and

the time control format, so I feel the tournament will be even more exciting," the Chinese Grandmaster shared as she gears up for

the tournament. Wenjun, the undisputed queen of chess, clinched her historic fifth consecutive World Championship title earlier this year. Having started playing chess at the age of seven, she turned professional in 2004, earned her Grandmaster title in 2014, and won her first World Championship in 2018. Since then, she has remained unbeaten in women's classical chess. She is also the reigning Women's World Blitz Champion and a two-time Women's World Rapid Champion.

Abhinav Bindra's legacy inspires Colonel's daughter Agrima Kanwar to attain success

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Agrima Kanwar was 18 months old when Abhinav Bindra won gold in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. But as she became aware of his heroics, she followed him as her guiding light. And just the past week, she became the first medal winner for Himachal Pradesh, clinching silver in the women's Skeet shooting competition in the Khelo India Youth Games 2025 Bihar.

Agrima said she did not know much about Abhinav Bindra before she started shooting, "But when I started shoot-



admiration. "Whenever I feel low after a not-so-good day at the range, I revisit his book. Even reading a few lines reminds me that it is okay not to be perfect every day. There's always another day. That mindset has changed how I shoot, how I think," she said.

"My father is in the Army, so guns always fascinated me. Unlike pistol, which is constant and indoors, skeet is influenced by outdoor factors - wind, rain, unpredictable conditions - all of which make it more challenging. I enjoy that," Agrima said. She has been groomed by Rio and Tokyo Olympian Mairaj Ahmed Khan.

ing some years ago, my father, a Colonel in the Indian Army, gifted me a copy of Mr. Bindra's autobiography, A Shot At History. He said I would find it relatable. And he was absolutely right," she said.

The young shooter was particularly moved by Abhinav Bindra's account of missing out on an Olym-

pic medal in Athens in 2004. "Reading about how he dealt with that failure, the patience and perfectionism he practiced, and how he bounced back made a deep impact. I realised that setbacks are a part of the journey," Agrima said.

Her connection with Bindra's story goes beyond

Raina, Dhawan, Guptill, Dilshan to headline Intercontinental Legends Championship line up

AGENCIES
GREATER NOIDA, MAY 12

Former Indian cricketers Suresh Raina, Shikhar Dhawan and ex-Sri Lanka opener Tillakaratne Dilshan and other stars will feature in the upcoming Intercontinental Legends Championship (ILC).

The Championship will begin from May 27 and will be played here at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida. The finals of the mega event is slated for June 5.

The tournament will also see players from across the world featuring in the mega event such as former New Zealand



batter Martin Guptill and former Afghanistan skipper Asghar Afghan.

Ex-India bowlers Praveen Kumar, Manpreet Gony will play in the tournament for Indian Warriors. The other 5 teams are African Lions, Trans Titans (Australia and New Zealand), Euro Gladiators, American Strikers and Asian Avengers. The six

iconic teams represent six global regions.

Speaking about the Intercontinental Legends Championship (ILC), Director Gaurav Kamal said, "These cricketing greats have thrilled us for years, and now they're back to light up the field once again. The Intercontinental Legends Championship is a tribute to their legacy and

a celebration of the sport that unites the world. With six continents represented, this is truly a global cricketing spectacle."

Echoing the enthusiasm, Director of ILC Manish Bhatt said, "We can't wait to see Shikhar Dhawan's elegant strokes paired with Suresh Raina's explosive hitting. Their combined charisma and skill will add a thrilling dimension to every match and inspire a new generation of cricket fans."

With 6 continents, 6 teams, and 18 games of action-packed cricket, the Intercontinental Legends Championship promises to redefine the boundaries of the sport.

Brazil defends FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup title

AGENCIES
VICTORIA (SEYCHELLES), MAY 12

Brazil won a record-extending seventh FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup title, edging Belarus 4-3 in a thrilling final to retain its crown at the 2025 edition of the tournament.

This is Brazil's second consecutive World Cup title and seventh overall.

The goals for the Brazil came from Rodrigo (twice), and he was named player of the match), Lucao, and Catarino. Belarus scored through Ihar Bryshtsel (x2), who was the tournament's top scorer, and Yauheni Novikau.

Brazil conceded just eight goals in the entire World Cup, becoming the



a spirited comeback. Striker Ihar Bryshtsel scored twice midway through the final period to bring the game level at 3-3, reports Xinhua.

With just 101 seconds remaining, Brazil's Rodrigo secured the win, driving forward and firing home his second goal of the match to break the deadlock and seal the victory.

Earlier in the evening, Portugal clinched third place with a narrow 3-2 win over Senegal. Tied 2-2 in the final period, Portugal defender Andre Lourenco converted a penalty following a defensive error by Senegal to give the two-time champion the edge. Portugal held firm in the closing minutes to secure the podium finish.

champion with the fewest goals conceded, breaking France's record of 11 in 2005.

The defending champion took early control of the match in Victoria,

Seychelles, building a 3-1 lead in the second period thanks to a combination of technical flair and attacking efficiency. But Belarus, appearing in its first-ever World Cup final, mounted

Khelo India prepares young grapplers for the international grind with two-day weigh-in

AGENCIES
PATNA, MAY 12

Khelo India Youth Games 2025 Bihar has taken critical steps to familiarise young wrestlers with international rules, especially with the competitions in each weight category spreading over two days and requiring the grapplers to make weight on both days.

Competition manager VN Prasood, who is also the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) secretary general and an international referee, said it was important for the Khelo India competition to be played in consonance with the standard international



rules. "We want the wrestlers to go understand the rules and experiences they will face on the international stage. And weigh-in is a crucial aspect of Wrestling. Athletes will understand from an early age that they must make weight on both days if they do not want to risk being disqualified," he said.

While this rule may be new for some young wrestlers, they are not unaware of its importance. Naina (Haryana), who is the defending champion in the girls' 49kg category, said that this rule is extremely necessary for athletes targeting events like the Asian Games, World Championships or the Olympic Games.

Naina said that when such habits are imbibed from a young age, they stay with the athlete for life. "If athletes want to shine in global events, they must understand this process of a two-day weigh-in. It may be difficult initially to make weight twice, but it will only help us if we get used to the idea," she said.

Echoing her thoughts, Sunny Baisla (Uttar Pradesh), who won a bronze medal in the Khelo India Youth Games last year, welcomed the decision to spread the competition over two days. "It's followed globally, and implementing it here is in the best interest of the wrestlers," he said.

Shaun Tait appointed Bangladesh pace bowling coach until 2027

AGENCIES
DHAKA, MAY 12

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has appointed former Australian speedster Shaun Tait as the national team's pace bowling coach until November 2027. The 42-year-old replaces Andre Adams, who parted ways with the team after a brief and underwhelming stint.

Tait brings with him a wealth of experience both as a former international cricketer and as a bowling coach. A member of Australia's 2007 World Cup-winning squad, Tait played 59 international matches across formats and picked up 95 wick-



ets with his express pace and raw aggression. In his coaching journey, he has previously worked with Pakistan, West Indies and Afghanistan, gaining valuable insights across crick-eting cultures. Speaking on his appointment, Tait expressed his

enthusiasm about joining the Bangladesh set-up during what he described as a "new era" for the team, particularly in the fast-bowling department. "It's a good time to be involved with the Bangladesh cricket team right now, a bit of a new era if

you like," Tait said. "It's been spoken about many times recently - the young talent with the fast bowlers - which is great. This is international cricket, not a development team, and everyone expects the talent to bring results, which is very much my focus with the fast bowling group and most importantly, getting more wins for the team."

He also highlighted the opportunity to work alongside head coach Phil Simmons as a compelling reason to take up the role. "To have the opportunity to work with Phil Simmons is equally as exciting and I'm looking forward to the journey ahead," he added.

End of an era: Virat Kohli announces retirement from Test cricket

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Indian cricket stalwart and former captain Virat Kohli on Monday announced his retirement from Test cricket.

The decision came after it was reported that Kohli had communicated his decision to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ahead of next month's five-match Test series against England.

"It's been 14 years since I first wore the baggy blue in Test cricket. Honestly, I never imagined the jour-ney this format would take me on. It's tested me, shaped me, and taught me



lessons I'll carry for life," Kohli wrote in his Instagram post. "There's something deeply personal about playing in whites. The

quiet grind, the long days, the small moments that no one sees but that stay with you forever. As I step away from this format, it's not easy - but it feels right.

I've given it everything I had, and it's given me back so much more than I could've hoped for.

"I'm walking away with a heart full of gratitude - for the game, for the people I shared the field with, and for every single person who made me feel seen along the way. I'll always look back at my Test career with a smile. #269, signing off," he added.

In less than a week, both Kohli and Rohit Sharma have retired from the longest format of the game which will leave the Indian team without much experience in the batting department.

Lord Buddha Jayanti celebrated by All J&K Guru Ravidass Sabha at Krishna Nagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

The All J&K Guru Ravi Dass Sabha (Regd.), Jammu marked the sacred occasion of Lord Buddha Jayanti with great reverence and enthusiasm at the Gurudwara Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, located at Krishna Nagar, Jammu. This annual celebration, held on the full moon day of Vaisakh (May), is considered a thrice-blessed day in Buddhist tradition, commemorating the three monumental events in Lord Buddha's life – his birth at Lumbini, his enlightenment at Bodhi Gaya, and his Mahaparinirvana at Kushinagar. These pivotal milestones in Buddha's journey were highlighted by Er. R.C. Bhasin, the Convenor of the Adhoc Committee of the Sabha.



During the event, Shamlal Basson, a prominent speaker and social figure, shared insights into the core philosophy of Lord Buddha. He elaborated on the Noble Eightfold Path, which serves as the cornerstone of Buddhist spiritual practice. This path consists of eight guiding principles: Right View, Right Resolve (or Right Thought), Right Speech, Right Conduct, Right Livelihood, Right

Effort, Right Mindfulness, and Right Samadhi (Concentration). These principles are designed to guide individuals towards ethical living, mental discipline, and wisdom.

He quoted Buddha's words, "Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without," emphasizing the relevance of this timeless wisdom in today's turbulent world.

Adding further spiritual depth to the event,

Prof. C.L. Shivgotra addressed the gathering and spoke about Buddha's teachings on emotional control and inner peace. Quoting another profound thought from Lord Buddha, he said, "Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned." This analogy served as a reminder of the importance of letting go of anger, hatred, and vengeance in the journey toward personal peace and societal harmony.

The celebration saw the participation of a large number of devotees and community leaders, who came together to honor the legacy of Lord Buddha.

Among the attendees were T.C. Bavouria, Kuldip Fouji, Gaurav Ravidasia, Sr.

Surjeet Singh Heer, Trasem Loach, Er. Joginder Paul, Babli Devi, Sunita Devi, Gulshan Kumar, Bodh Raj, and Sham Lal. Their presence added significance to the event and reflected the unity and collective respect for the Buddha's teachings.

The program included spiritual discourses, recitations from Buddhist scriptures, and reflections on the life and values of Lord Buddha. The gathering not only celebrated the historical importance of Buddha Jayanti but also reinforced a collective commitment to living by the principles of compassion, non-violence, truth, and spiritual awakening. The event concluded with a community prayer for global peace and harmony, echoing the teachings of the Enlightened One.

India will respond to provocation with precision, power under Modi regime: Purnima

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, today said that India under the stewardship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not tolerate any threat of terrorism in any form. She asserted that the era of silence in the face of provocations is over, and the country has adopted a firm, clear, and bold stance to safeguard its sovereignty and national security.

In a press release issued here today, Adv Purnima Sharma said that our country has already warned the rogue nation that any act of terrorism will be considered an act of war in the near future, and appropri-



ate retaliation will follow without delay. "India is no longer a soft target. Under PM Modi's leadership, we are a nation that believes in peace but is fully prepared to respond with strength when provoked," she added.

Purnima emphasized that the recent strikes on terror launch pads and infrastructure across the border are a strong

reminder that India will not stay silent while its citizens and soldiers are targeted. "The message is loud and clear – terror will not be tolerated, and those who sponsor it will face the consequences," she said.

Lauding the role of the Indian armed forces, the senior BJP leader said their precision, courage, and unmatched professionalism continue to make the nation proud. "Our forces are ever-ready to neutralize threats and uphold the dignity of our motherland," she said.

She further said that this is a time for all Indians to stand united and support the government's efforts in strengthening national security. "We must remain vigilant and resilient," she said.

DOMA Confederation celebrates Buddha Purnima by paying an homage

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

DOMA (Dalit, OBC, Minority, Adivasis) Confederation J&K observed 2569 Buddha Purnima today at Jammu. Leaders of DOMA joined to pay their homage to Lord Buddha by showering flowers.

RK Kalsotra, State President DOMA Confederation, said that Dr BR Ambedkar was a pioneer when it comes to revival of Buddhism in India. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar saw Buddhism as a means of empowerment and annihilation of the caste system, which had oppressed the depressed and backward sects for centuries.

This year let us honour his legacy and take a pledge by embracing the morals and values of the scientific ways of Buddhism



He also added that these values should be taught to younger generations and inculcated in one's daily life through "Atta deepo bhava" meaning 'be a light unto yourself'. This is the righteous path to move on and look ahead for a brighter tomorrow. The influence of Buddhism can be seen in Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's drafting of the Indian Constitution to enable social justice for all.

Ramesh Uttama said that teachings of Lord

Buddha were accepted all across the globe as that was the level of acceptance of his values and his lessons. They were widely supported by people from different sects as well.

Har Dutt said that Buddha became an inspiration for Dr BR Ambedkar for writing the Constitution of India and many such ideals were included in it like equality, brotherhood, among other virtues. He also added that Lord Buddha highlighted the importance of peace

in the world and considering how things are in turmoil, such issues should be addressed through the teachings of Lord Buddha.

Ramesh Sarmal added that there are increasing cases of war/violence today, be it on the basic of caste, creed, gender or religion. Lord Buddha taught us that non-violence should be the way of life and thus, such teachings should be incorporated by all.

Dr Ramesh Kaith said that Buddhism is one such religion that promotes equality, non violence and scientific approach. It also focus on the importance of self and mind and not on rituals that promote hierarchy in the society. Thus, the message of 'apna depak Khud Bano' becomes an important one in today's time.

Karra, Bhalla, Ravinder on three days tour of Poonch- Rajouri to meet Pak shelling victims

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 12

JKPCC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra, Working President Raman Bhalla and Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma today visited different areas of twin border Districts to meet the victims of Pakistan shelling.

Shri Karra accompanied by AICC Secretary Ch Shah Nawaz, JYC Secretary Ch Aiyaz & other leaders visited shelling affected area in Surankote and met cross section of people to assee the situation.

Shri Bhalla and Ravinder Sharma alongwith team of Congress leaders including Adv Bhavishya Sudan, Spokesperson JKPCC Rajiv Saraf, PCC Kisan Cell Chairman Bharat Priye, AYC President New Ravinder Chou-



han Vijay Bakshi, Sat Pal Sharma, BLock Presidents NC Sharma, S Ajit Singh, Chander Bakshi, Daleep Heer, Mangat Ram, Sanjay Sharma, Sub Kashmir Singh, visited border migrants camps at Bajabain, Tanda Kangri, Lamberi and Dandesar and met the people affected by border shelling in forward areas near LOC. They were apprised by the people about the

shortage of bunkers in Dabora, Meenka, Kalai areas of Beripattan Tehsil, Lam, Laroka, Kampla of Qila Darhal, Nowshera area and demanded construction of more bunkers. The morale of border people was very high and they are solidly behind the armed forces and the Government and nation for any action against terror and Pakistan. Border people demand-

ed more weapons, weapon licences to ex service men for self defense from terrorists besides compensation for the loss of lives, property, crops, livestock, houses etc without delay. They visiting several families in Rajal, Nowshera town and met the injured and assessed the loss to houses and demanded immediate assessment of individuals damages.

Shri Bhalla and Shri Ravinder Sharma demanded a special central package from Prime minister to compensate the people besides special recruitment package for border youth in para military forces apart from construction of more community and individual bunkers.

Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj mesmerizes devotees with his spiritual discourses in Ranjdi on occasion of Buddha Purnima

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Sadguru of Sahib Bandagi Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj mesmerized the devotees with his spiritual discourses in Ranjdi on the occasion of Buddha Purnima today and said that you are nothing, you are only meditation. Resolutions are arising in you, you are doing actions, determinations are arising in you, all this is nonsense. Apart from the name, all the thinking that is going on is all mind. When a person goes into a meditative state, the body goes into a hold state for that time. All the activities of the body stop for that time. This is called dying while living, that is, the karma senses, knowledge senses etc. of the deceased are not able to do any work. In this way, when one goes into a subjective state, the body becomes stable, the mind also becomes stable, Surati and Nirati also become stable.

Like when a new driver drives a car, he drives with great concentration. But the one who is trained, he keeps driving the car and at the same time keeps



talking to the person sitting next to him. In the same way, those who become mature in Sumiran learn to remain in that state while eating, drinking, sleeping and waking. Then he remains there even while sleeping.

Sahib Ji said that this world is entangled in external devotion. This world does not know the true name, by merely attaining which, one can attain the true man. That name is not Soham, that name is not Brahma, that name is not Omkar. It is not spoken or heard. It

is not even Jyoti Swaroop Niranjan. When Dharmadas ji asked Kabir Sahib about the name, Sahib said that the true name of the true man that I am talking about is the name Adi Naam. When that name was there, Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh were also not there. Then this sun, this moon, these stars were also not there. But that was there. That is the truth. There is no game of day and night there. That is the land of the soul. It is nameless. It is beyond the letterless. Time and timelessness are not there.

That is the true home. It is beyond letters, infinite. The saints pointed towards it. There is no mind there, there is no Maya. There are no Panch Tatva either. Sahib has described that land in thousands of words. O swan, come to Satya Lok. This world is the land of time. O soul, go to your country. If you read Goswami ji's Uttarakand carefully, you will get a glimpse of Sahib's words.

Kabir Sahib told Dharmadas ji that whoever worships that supreme man, will not have to take birth in the world again. No matter how much worship others do, whether they go to heaven or Brahma lok, they will have to come to the world again and again.

Like when you go somewhere, if your money is lost, you get worried. If your child is lost somewhere, you get worried. If your wife is lost or dies, you get worried. When death comes, everything will be taken away in one stroke. And this moment cannot be avoided. It will definitely happen. Therefore, for the welfare of the soul, to attain the immortal world, the soul's country, get the true name from the Sadguru.

Mian Altaf visits shelling affected areas in Nowshera sector to assess damages



J1 NEWS SERVICE
NOWSHERA, MAY 12

Mian Altaf Ahmad, Religious Saint, senior National Conference leader and Member of Parliament from Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency, visited various camps established in Nowshera Assembly constituency such as in Government Higher Secondary School and Middle School, Lamberi and Higher Secondary School, Dandesar, where the people of border area from Lam-Laroka, Kampla, Sair, Makari, Karli, Jhanger, Bhawani living in these camps due to cross border firing of Pakistan Army in Rajouri district.

Mian Altaf assess the situation and met those affected by the cross border shelling.

Mian Altaf also visited the house of Anmol Bakshi, Rohit Sharma, Raj Kumar, Gurdeep Singh, Mohinder Singh, Bahadur Singh and Digpal and Choudhary Ram Lal of Nowshera whose house has been damaged by Pakistan firing and suffered major loss.

Mian Altaf is on a tour of border areas in district Rajouri and Poonch for the last three days to assess the aftermath of the recent cross-border shelling which tragically claimed several innocent lives and left many others injured besides several families homeless.

During his visit, the MP took stock of the current situation and met with the affected residents.

Mian Altaf is accompanied by prominent persons



Sian Abdul Rashid DDC member, Master Abdul Quyoom, Mian Khan, Ab. Affu Tayyib and Bashir Jaral.

Mian Altaf demanded that the kin's of those who lost their lives should be given government jobs under SRO besides the government should ensure compensation and rehabilitation to those families affected during the cross border shelling. "He urge the Lieutenant Governor, administration and the elected government to ensure the immediate compensation and rehabilitation of affected families and the family member of those who died should be given government job under SRO".

"The affected families

should be given financial assistance to reconstruct their damaged homes. People in areas like Poonch, Rajouri have suffered terribly and need the government's full support," He has welcomed the ceasefire between India and Pakistan and called it a big relief to the people particularly living along borders.

The ladies and gents surprised on seeing Religious Saint and MP Mian Altaf Ahmed in these camps and welcomed him with open hearts. The ladies bow with their children to get the blessing of Mian Sb.

The people feel relax with the visit of Mian Altaf in Nowshera area. Mian Altaf appealed all the people to remain vigilant during this period.

Church of Prayer & Wonders Charitable Society, JBDWS organize Blood Donation Camp

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 11

The Church of Prayer and Wonders Charitable Society in Collaboration with Jammu Blood Donors & Welfare Society organized a Blood donation camp today at the Church premises on Residency Road, Jammu.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the life-saving impact of blood donation and reflected the Society's commitment to community welfare.

Dr. Navneet Kaur, a prominent Social Reformer and representative of NGO-SUPPORT, attended as the Special Guest. Dr. Kaur played a vital role in inspiring young donors, especially women, by stressing the health and humanitarian benefits



of regular blood donation. She also advised the attendees on maintaining a nutritious diet rich in iron and folic acid to support blood health and hemoglobin levels.

The event was passionately organised by Pastor Zion and Lily Rose under the guidance of Mr. Vishal

Arora. Coordination and event management were efficiently handled by Dr. Varun Padha, Angelina Stephen, Pankul Abrol, and other dedicated volunteers who ensured the smooth running of the camp.

This noble initiative not only honored the memory

of those who have sacrificed their lives for the nation but also promoted a vital cause that can save countless more. The organizing teams expressed gratitude to all the donors, supporters, and medical professionals who made the event a meaningful success.

BJP leaders visit families of martyred, express solidarity, condolences

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition and other senior leaders visited Trewa, and Kheri Villages of Jammu District, to meet the families of martyr Rifleman Sunil Kumar, and martyr Zakir Hussain who were killed during unwar-warranted firing and shelling by Pakistan, in Jammu.

The BJP delegation offered heartfelt condolences and expressed unwavering support to the bereaved families.

MLAs Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal (General Secretary, J&K BJP), Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, and Dr. Rajiv Bhagat, District Presidents Nand Kishore Sharma and Rinku Choudhary, former Dy Mayor



Baldev Singh Billawaria, and other senior leaders were present on the occasion.

While expressing solidarity with the martyrs, Sat Sharma emphasized the significance of martyrdom, stating, "A martyr does not belong to one family alone; he is a symbol of national pride and collective sacrifice. Bharat has the strength and resolve to protect

its people. The nefarious attempts by hostile forces to disrupt peace and endanger lives have been countered with an iron fist. Our government remains vigilant and committed to ensuring peace and security across the region."

Sunil Sharma reiterated the BJP's solidarity with the families, stating, "The entire BJP family stands united with the near and

dear ones of the martyrs. We pray to the Almighty to grant Moksha to the brave souls and strength to their families in this hour of grief."

Expressing deep emotion, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal said, "We enjoy the comfort of our homes because our soldiers endure discomfort, isolation, and risk for our safety. Their sacrifices are beyond measure."

Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat in his interaction with Rifleman Sunil Kumar's family, added, "A soldier never truly dies; his spirit lives on in the heart of every citizen."

Dr. Rajiv Bhagat expressed solidarity with the family of rifleman Sunil Kumar and said that the whole nation stands with them and assured all possible support.

Tejinder chairs Youth National Conference meeting

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Tejinder Pal Singh Aman, Provincial President of Youth National Conference (YNC), Jammu, chaired an important meeting of party youth leaders and workers from Jammu Urban, Jammu Rural-A, Jammu Rural-B, and Samba districts at Sher e Kashmir Bhawan Jammu to discuss organizational matters and to strengthen the youth wing at the grassroots level.

Addressing the meeting, Aman emphasized the critical role of youth in shaping the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the cadre to remain proactive in connecting with people at the ground level and to act as a bridge between the public and the party leadership.

During the meeting, Aman also commended the Indian Armed Forces



for their unwavering courage and commitment in defending the people of Jammu and Kashmir against ongoing threats, particularly in light of recent Pakistani drone intrusions amid heightened Indo-Pak tensions. He saluted the security forces for their "exemplary bravery in ensuring civilian safety and protecting the sovereignty of the nation."

He informed the gathering that on the directions

of Party President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the Youth National Conference has extended its full support to the government and the armed forces. "At this critical hour, we stand united with the country," Aman stated, reinforcing the National Conference's consistent stand on national security and civilian welfare. He stressed the importance of grassroots mobilization, especially in areas affected by

border hostilities.

Sahil Kerni District President Jammu Urban YNC said that the youth must work with sincerity and dedication to strengthen the National Conference at every booth, every village, and every mohalla. It is our collective duty to support people who have taken shelter in camps due to ongoing border tensions. The Youth NC must be at the forefront of relief and assistance," he urged. Taking stock of party

organization, Aman instructed the Jammu District President of YNC to immediately constitute the district committee, ensuring greater coordination and outreach.

The meeting concluded with a unanimous resolve to reinforce the presence of the Youth National Conference across the province and work in alignment with the party's mission of peace, unity, and development.

Among those who were present in the meeting : Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, Zamir Quershii Advocate, Yashir Ashan, Jaseem Malik, Sahil Singh Rajput, Attal Singh Raina, Vikas Choudhary, Sachin Bhatti, Siddharth Barua, Rahul Bhagat, Rohit Kaith, Gourav Bhagat, Sunny Sadhotra, Fareed Khan Choudhary, Gurpreet Singh, Naveen, Viraj Mahanoori and others.

GGF J&K visits shelling victims at GMC Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

A delegation from the Gandhi Global Family (GGF) Jammu & Kashmir, led by its President Dr. S. P. Varma, visited the civilians injured in recent cross-border shelling who are currently under treatment at Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital, Jammu.

During the visit, the GGF J&K team interacted with the victims in the presence of Dr. Varinder Trisal, Medical Superintendent and Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Deputy Medical Superintendent of GMC Jammu. Dr. Varma expressed grave concern over the repeated incidents of cross-border firing and the tragic toll it takes on innocent civilians. He appreciated the role of doctors and para medical



staff in this difficult time and also urged the administration to remain vigilant and fully prepared if any emergency erupts again. He also emphasized the importance of extending moral support to the affected families and highlighted the urgent need for a humanitarian approach in conflict-affected areas along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border. He also called for community solidarity and unity during these difficult times. Dr. Alka Sharma, Presi-

dent of the GGF Women Wing Jammu, echoed these sentiments, affirming the organization's unwavering support for the victims and their families. She ensured that blood donation camps and other relief measures have already been launched by GGF J&K to aid those affected.

The delegation also included Dr. Robert Robin Gill, Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Mr. Denial Nair, Dr. Nitin Sharma, Mrs. Renu Anthony, Mr. Manish Joshi, Mr. Avinash Chaudhary and Er. Ankush Varma.

Indian Army provides Essential Food Aid to Displaced Families at Poonch

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 12

In response to the recent cross-border firing incidents in the Poonch district, the Indian Army extended critical humanitarian assistance by distributing essential food supplies to the affected civilian population in Surankote and adjoining areas. As part of its ongoing relief efforts, the Indian Army reached out to over 500 individuals who were displaced from border villages and relocated to safer areas in the hinterland. Food packets comprising basic groceries and daily necessities were delivered to ensure the well-being of every affected family. Indian Army personnel, including officers, JCOs, and other ranks, personally visited temporary shelters and community clusters to distribute aid. This initiative was aimed at addressing immediate nutritional needs and alleviating the hardships faced by the displaced families. The Indian Army remains committed to upholding its responsibility toward the citizens of the region, not only in terms of security but also in humanitarian assistance during times of crisis. The swift and coordinated food



relief operation reaffirmed the Indian Army's steadfast support to the local population. The timely action was widely appreciated by the civilians, who expressed gratitude for the Indian Army's proactive approach and continued presence on the ground. The morale

and confidence of the affected families were significantly boosted by the visible and compassionate assistance provided. The Indian Army continues to monitor the situation closely and stands prepared to extend all necessary support to the people in need.

Sunil welcomes Ceasefire agreement, lauds CM Omar's humanitarian outreach during Border crisis

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 13

Sunil Verma, District President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has warmly welcomed the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan, calling it a much-needed step towards lasting peace and security for border residents in the region.

In a statement issued today, Sunil Verma said the ceasefire understanding is a significant relief for the people living along the Line of Control and International Border. "Peace on the borders is essential not only for national stability but also for safeguarding the lives and livelihoods of our people," he said.

Sunil Verma particularly praised the proactive



leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah amidst heightened Indo-Pak tensions. "At a time when fear gripped the border belts due to cross-border firing, it was Omar Abdullah who stood by the people like a rock. He personally visited the affected areas, interacted with distressed families, and ensured that the administration was fully mobilized to respond to the crisis," Verma recalled. He said the Omar-led gov-

ernment had set a benchmark for compassionate governance by prioritizing the safety, rehabilitation, and welfare of border dwellers. "The former CM didn't govern from the confines of his office—he led from the front, monitoring the situation on ground and directing relief measures in real time. That is the kind of leadership Jammu and Kashmir needs once again," Verma asserted.

He also praised the CM Omar Abdullah for announcing Rs 10 Lakhs as compensation for the kins of those who killed in the cross border firing in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sunil Verma expressed hope that the ceasefire pact will be upheld sincerely by both nations and evolve into broader dialogue for the resolution of long-pending issues.

Indian Army actively engages with displaced civilians in Surankote, Poonch



J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 12

In the wake of recent cross-border firing in Poonch district, the Indian Army has been actively engaging with displaced civilians in Surankote and nearby areas to provide comfort, emotional support, and reassurance. Indian Army personnel have visited temporary shelters and community clusters, directly interacting with families to instill a sense of

security and address their concerns. These compassionate efforts—alongside ongoing relief measures—have been deeply appreciated by the locals, who lauded the Indian Army's humane approach and steadfast presence. By listening, guiding, and standing beside the affected population, the Indian Army continues to uphold its commitment not just to protection, but to the dignity and morale of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Hajj flights from Srinagar to resume from May 14

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 12

After days of uncertainty caused by heightened tensions between India and Pakistan, which led to the cancellation of seven Hajj

flights from May 7 to 12, the pilgrimage flights from Srinagar airport are set to resume from May 14, with two flights scheduled on Wednesday, officials announced. The Executive Officer of the J&K Haj Com-

mittee, Dr Shujhat Qureshi, informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the flights were temporarily halted due to the prevailing situation. However, with improvements in security and opera-

tional conditions, Hajj flight operations are now being restored. "Flights will operate from May 14, with two flights scheduled that day," Dr Qureshi said. "Each flight will carry approximately 320 pilgrims." This development

brings much-needed relief to hundreds of pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir, who had been anxiously awaiting updates on their travel plans following the suspension of flight operations at Srinagar airport.

Rehan Basera, Bahu Fort celebrates Mother's Day



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Mother's Day was celebrated by the management committee of Rehan Basera (Home for Urban Homeless) in the premises of Rehan Basera, Boria Basti, Gorkha Nagar, Bahu Fort, Jammu.

Elderly mothers namely, Darshna Devi, Surishtha Devi, Masi, Bala Devi, and Kiran Bala were honoured on this occasion.

While speaking on this occasion Sham Lal Basson said that mother is the epitome of love, care, support and is the biggest warrior, She teaches us to walk, eat, write, speak and learn. It is the day

for celebration of motherhood and honouring motherhood. This day teaches us to respect and love our mothers. On this day, we should make our mothers feel proud and happy. We should respect our mothers not only on mother's day but every day is mother day.

Mothers day holds immense significance as it provides an opportunity to reflect on this unconditional love and care mother shower upon their children. It serves as a reminder to acknowledge and cherish the countless sacrifices mother make for their families often without seeking recognition.

Veena Bakshi, manager

Rehan Basera said that mothers day is a meaningful occasion that allows us to express our gratitude and admiration for the extraordinary women who shape our lives. It serves as a reminder to cherish and celebrate the invaluable bond between mothers and children. She remembered great women like mother teresa, krantijyoti Savitri Bai Phule, Rose Park. Savitri Bai Phule opened 1st girl school on 1st January 1848 and gave pen in the hands of girls.

Those who attended function are included as Om Prakash, Rattan Lal, Aditya Dutta, Rajni Devi, Veena Devi, Rita Devi and inmates of Rehan Basera.

Subhadra Society organizes blood donation camp to support injured in Pakistan's shelling

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Subhadra Society today organized a blood donation camp to support patients injured in Pakistan's shelling and our brave security personnel who suffered injuries during the recent tensions between India and Pakistan. The Society's initiative aims to ensure a steady supply of blood for those in need, particularly patients injured in the conflict. The sentiment of standing in solidarity with brave security personnel and supporting their efforts to protect the country's integrity and sovereignty is commendable. Many organizations and individuals share this sentiment, recognizing the sacrifices made by security forces.

Subhadra Society, led by President Mehak Trehan organized blood donation camp to support patients injured in Pakistan's shelling and Indian security personnel who suffered injuries during the recent tensions. Mehak Trehan and other society members donated blood, setting an example for others to follow. Mehak speaking on the occasion said that by donating blood, Subhadra Society members demonstrated their strong bond with security forces and those affected by the conflict. Blood donation is a noble cause that can



save lives. One unit of blood can save up to three lives, making every donation count. She called upon youth to donate blood, emphasizing the need for voluntary blood donation to meet the country's blood requirements.

Vice President Ritika Trehan speaking on the occasion emphasized the society's commitment to addressing every social cause and situation, and to reaching out to every needy and aggrieved person to provide support in the best possible way. Ritika Trehan expressed her admiration for the bravery of our security personnel and emphasized the society's commitment to supporting them in every way possible. She highlighted the importance of social responsibility and the role that organizations like Subhadra Society can play in making a positive impact in the community. The blood donation camp is expected to make a significant contribution to the healthcare system, particularly in supporting

patients injured in the conflict. Subhadra Society's initiative demonstrates its commitment to serving the community and providing support to those in need, added Ritika.

Ritika observed that demonstrating appreciation and support for security personnel can boost their morale and motivation. Protecting the country's integrity and sovereignty is a fundamental responsibility of security forces, and citizens can play a role in supporting their efforts. Organizing blood donation camps, like the one organized today, can be a tangible way to support security personnel and patients in need, publicly expressing gratitude and appreciation for security personnel can help recognize their sacrifices and contributions. Engaging with local communities and promoting a sense of national pride and unity can also be an effective way to support security personnel and the country's interests, added Ritika.

Inspector Dilawar complimented for being posted as SHO Arnia



J1 NEWS SERVICE
ARNIA, MAY 12

Inspector Dilawar was complimented by his Biradari's eminent members for occupying the most prestigious position of Station House Officer (SHO), Arnia, and performing the duties with good manners. Praising Dilawar, R.L. Kaith said, "He has always been able to work under pressure, maintain composure, and have sound judgement and decision-making skills during times of need. He is able to reason, weigh the

consequences, and consider alternatives, before deciding on the most logical course of action.

Besides, various issues faced by the area's people, were discussed at length.

SHO Dilawar thanked all saying, "I really appreciate you all taking the time to express that."

Biradari's members included Messers Hans Raj Loria, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Sub Inspector retired Darshan Kumar Basso, Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), Tilak Raj Basso and Jagdish Raj Kaith.

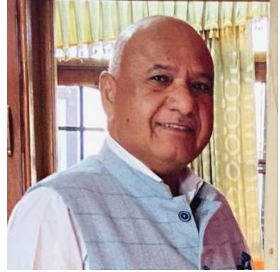
DDC Chairman urges Govt to ensure adequate irrigation water for farmers

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, commended the Indian armed forces for their decisive and effective retaliation to the enemies under 'Operation Sindoor' during the recent Indo-Pak war. He said the nation stands proud of its soldiers who gave a befitting reply to the perpetrators of the heinous Pahalgam massacre, on Pakistani soil.

"Our forces have done a marvellous job. This was a fitting tribute to the 26 innocent Hindu tourists who were selectively targeted and brutally killed by terrorists in Pahalgam," Bodhi said in a statement issued here today.

The DDC Chairman lauded the unity shown by the entire country, stating that even the political



class, regardless of party affiliations, extended full support to the Central Government in its firm and timely response to the acts of terror. "This shows that when it comes to national security, India stands united – and that unity is our greatest strength," he added.

Bodhi also commended the Modi Government for its bold step in suspending the Indus Water Treaty, calling it a long-overdue move. He demanded that this momentum be used to ensure adequate irriga-

tion water for the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir, especially in light of the approaching paddy cultivation season.

"Our farmers have suffered due to the shortage of irrigation water. The sowing of saplings has already been delayed by 15 days due to the prevailing border tensions. The government must now act swiftly to divert maximum possible irrigation water supply to Ranbir Canal and Partap Canal so that farmers can timely begin agricultural operations," he stressed.

Reiterating the timeless slogan of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kissan," Bodhi emphasized the need to respect and empower both soldiers and farmers. "While our jawans safeguard our borders with unmatched bravery, our farmers feed the nation. Their needs must never be ignored," he added.

Bimla Luthra visits GMC Jammu, assures help to shelling victims

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Mrs Bimla Luthra former MLA and State Vice President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference visited Govt Medical College, Jammu along with team of Senior Women leaders of Jammu and Poonch Districts to enquire the health condition of the injured persons who have been admitted in the Government Medical College Jammu recently due to cross border shelling in Districts Poonch, Rajouri and Jammu. The doctors on duty assured the team that those who have been admitted in the Government Medical College are getting proper medical treatment as per the direction of Chief



Minister and are all improving and out of danger.

Mrs Bimla Luthra former MLA assured the injured persons that all possible help will be provided to them in the hospital. She said that she has been directed by the party high command to look after the injured people in the medical college and ensure all possible help to them.

Those who were accompanied: Joginder Kaur District Vice President Jammu Urban Women Wing, Pinky Khalsa District President Jammu Urban Women Wing, Nirmal Sharma District President Poonch Women Wing, Sapna Gill Block President Jammu East Women Wing, Beant Kour former councilor and others.

Movement Kalki Team visits injured civilians following India-Pakistan conflict, reviews medical facilities

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

In the aftermath of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India launched a retaliatory strike on Pakistan. This led to a war-like situation along the border, where missile and drone attacks were carried out. Heavy shelling in several areas resulted in injuries to numerous civilians.

Today, the team from Movement Kalki visited Government Medical College, Jammu, to meet with the injured and assess their treatment. The team held discussions with the Principal of GMC, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, and the hospital Superintendent regarding the medical arrangements. Following that, they met with the patients and inquired about their condition.

One affected family shared that while they were gathered in their home, a shell pierced through and exploded inside, injuring



all five members. Fortunately, no lives were lost – a blessing they attributed to divine grace. A 14-year-old girl, a student of class 7, was hit by a splinter near her eye. Though she required stitches, there was no deep injury, and she is now recovering well. Her father emotionally shared how she was sitting beside him when the explosion occurred.

Many other injured individuals also recounted their harrowing experiences and appreciated the doctors and staff at GMC Jammu for their attentive care. They

confirmed that they were receiving timely treatment and proper meals, and expressed satisfaction with the overall arrangements.

The Movement Kalki team reassured the victims that they stand firmly with them and are ready to provide any help needed. The organization also raised concerns over the ceasefire decision, stating that many citizens believe a stronger response was warranted and that Pakistan should have been taught a firm lesson for supporting terror.

NIT Srinagar to hold online classes from May 13 to June 6

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 12

In view of the recent developments along the Line of Control (LoC), the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has announced that online classes for all undergraduate and postgraduate students will commence from May 13 and continue till June 6, 2025.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rehman said that the move follows a week of heightened tensions on the borders, during which many students were facilitated in returning to their homes for safety reasons.

"A number of faculty members also travelled to their respective hometowns amid the uncer-

tainty. With the situation now stabilizing, the institute has opted for a phased and structured return to normal academic operations," he said.

Prof. Rehman said that online classes will commence on Tuesday, May 13, and continue till June 6, college hostels will reopen on June 9, to facilitate students' return to campus.

"On the directions of Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, offline (physical) classes will start from Wednesday, June 11, 2025," he said.

Prof. Rehman said that administration underscored the importance of maintaining academic continuity during this period. Conducting online classes is aimed at minimizing disruption to the curricu-

lum while prioritizing the safety and well-being of both students and staff, he added.

Meanwhile, as per an official notification issued by the Dean Academic Affairs, after a meeting with the Dean Students Welfare, Registrar, and Director (in-charge), hostels will reopen on June 9, 2025, allowing students adequate time to return and settle on campus.

"Subsequently, physical classes will resume on June 11, 2025, restoring full in-person academic engagement," it said.

The notice has been circulated among all departments and students are urged to attend online classes regularly and begin preparing for the return to offline classes next month.

Time to abolish Agniveer Scheme, hold regular Army recruitment: Tony

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SUCHETGARH, MAY 12



Senior Congress leader and DDC Member from Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony, has come down heavily on the BJP-led central government for agreeing to a ceasefire at a time when India had the upper hand against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. He termed the move a "strategic and moral defeat," stating that this was the right time to settle scores with Pakistan and move towards reclaiming Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

"This was the best opportunity to deal a final blow to Pakistan and dismantle its terror infrastructure once and for all. Instead, we've handed over a lifeline to the enemy. This ceasefire benefits Pakistan far more than it does India," Tony said in a press release issued here today.

He further questioned the government's decision-making process, asking, "Did the BJP government start the military operation with permission from the United States? And now, have we stopped under their pressure? Who is the US to dictate terms to us when our national sovereignty and territorial integrity are at stake?"

Tony reminded the nation of the Pahalgam massacre, where 26 innocent tourists were brutally killed, asking, "Where was the US then? When India bleeds, we stand alone. But when we act, we're told to hold back. This clearly shows how we've silently surrendered to foreign dictation, and that's unacceptable."

Highlighting the need for genuine national security reforms, Tony called for the abolition of the Agniveer Scheme and demanded immediate resumption of regular army recruitment. "India needs a strong, experienced, and motivated armed force, not contractual soldiers. The Agniveer scheme undermines the very fabric of our military preparedness," he said.

In a deeply emotional tribute, Tony saluted the martyrs, civilians, and brave security forces who laid down their lives in the line of duty. "It's a big salute to every soldier and citizen who made the supreme sacrifice for this nation. They won the battle with unmatched courage – but unfortunately, our leadership has lost the war by choosing compromise over conviction," he said.

He urged the government to honour and suitably reward the martyrs' families, emphasizing that mere words are not enough – action must follow to uphold the dignity of their sacrifice.

Tony said, "The people of this country, especially in border areas like Jammu and Kashmir, are ready to endure temporary hardships if it means a final and lasting end to terrorism. Let us not waste this moment – let us rise above politics and act in the true spirit of nationalism."

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 12:

Expressing deep concern over the suffering of people living along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Boundary (IB), CPI(M)

leader and MLA Kulgam, M.Y. Tarigami on Monday urged both the Government of India and the J&K administration to urgently prioritize the rehabilitation of families affected by recent cross-border shelling.

Tarigami urges govt to provide jobs to kin of cross-border shelling victims, seeks compensation for losses

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 12:

Expressing deep concern over the suffering of people living along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Boundary (IB), CPI(M)

Harsh Dev exhorts Amit Shah over issues of PoJK, border dwellers, ex-gratia to martyrs

J1 NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

State President JKNPP (India) & Former Minister, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh submitted a memorandum to Union Minister for Home Mr. Amit Shah and raked up issues of PoJK, J&K turmoil, border dwellers, deportation of Rohingyas/ Bangladeshis from Jammu, ex-gratia to martyrs besides others in New Delhi today.

Singh submitted in his memorandum that while the armed forces of the country are being hailed universally for their commendable job in the most credible 'Operation Sandoor', the people of the country and J&K in particular were expecting the take over of PoJK by India as repeatedly assured by the present dispensation. And whereas the whole world was supporting India in its fight against terror, the people feel that the govt could have used the opportunity to fulfil its avowed promises of taking back 'PoJK' which continuous to be under illegal occupation of the neighbouring rogue nation, the memorandum read.

The JKNPP(I) leader reminded the Union Minister that while the people of J&K continue to repose their faith in the wisdom of the govt in taking appropriate



decisions in the matter of security, they seek at the same time the deportation of Rohingyas and other illegal immigrants settled in J&K from Bangladesh, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc who have been described as the 'ticking time bombs' by the security agencies. He submitted that the security of the J&K people needs to be given top priority in view of the unreliable and unpredictable neighbour which has earned the most dubious notoriety all over the world as the mother of terrorism.

In his memorandum, Mr. Singh apprised Mr. Shah about the most deplorable plight of the border dwellers of J&K, their woes and miseries,

who have been bearing the brunt of Pak aggression since decades and have to leave their homes and villages each time the borders get restive. Even during the recent acts of war, the border dwellers were forced to become refugees in their own land and suffered for want of shelter at safer places. The present govt needs to be reminded of its tall promises made to the border people of providing 5 marla land to each family in safer places, adequate bunkers for emergency situations, adequate ex-gratia, special recruitment drives for border youth and adequate compensation to the farmers for the lands near the zero line and for uncultivated and damaged crops due to border skirmishes, Mr. Singh submitted.

Harsh Dev Singh in his memorandum also demanded ex-gratia relief of Rs. One crore to the family of ADC Mr. Raj Kumar Thapa who was martyred during Pak shelling in Rajouri. He further demanded govt job for the next of kin of Mr. Thapa on compassionate grounds. The Panther India leader also adjured the Union Home Minister to provide ex-gratia of Rs. 25 lacs each to the family of martyrs who laid down their lives for the Motherland.

Youth Congress committed to public service during crisis: Sawhney

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

In the wake of the critical situation in Jammu following the recent Pakistan attack, Indian Youth Congress (IYC) National President Uday Bhanu Chib Ji had directed the formation of an SOS team to provide emergency support. As part of this initiative, a call for urgent blood donation was received by Youth Congress General Secretary Anirudh Sawhney for a patient in dire need at Government Medical College (GMC). Responding immediately, Youth Congress volunteers mobilized and carried out an emergency blood donation drive at GMC as per the direction of Youth Congress (IYC) President Uday Bhanu Chib Ji, JKPYC Incharge Sh. Maan Singh Rathore Ji, and General Secretary Anirudh Sawhney. This swift action by the youth team emphasized their commitment to public service, especially in moments when every second counts.

Among the volunteers who led the noble cause were Dr. Suhaib Manhas, Anmol Kohli, and Raghav Sawhney, along with



several other committed youth workers. Their quick response in reaching the hospital and donating blood not only helped save a life but also sent a strong message about the values the Youth Congress holds dear.

Speaking on the matter, General Secretary Anirudh Sawhney said that 'the youth congress is guided by a sense of social responsibility and moral duty. Particularly during this critical time, we want to fill any gaps that may be there and lend any support that may be required of us.' He thanked the volunteers for blood donation and said their actions demonstrated that there is value in meaningful deeds carried out when society needs them the most.

This initiative is not a one-off event, but part of a larger commitment that the Youth Congress continues to uphold. Regular participation in relief efforts, health camps, and other welfare activities. Their proactive involvement in emergency situations, including medical needs, shows the importance they place on community engagement and public welfare. Such efforts also help bridge the gap between political representatives and the common man, reaffirming that youth-led political bodies can be agents of real change. As the Youth Congress continues to work tirelessly for the people, it reaffirms its role as a vital pillar of support and hope for many, especially in times of crisis.

Indian Army provides Mobile Medical Team for displaced civilians at Surankote, Poonch

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 12

As part of its ongoing humanitarian efforts following recent cross-border firing, the Indian Army provided essential medical assistance to displaced civilians in Surankote and surrounding areas of Poonch district. A dedicated Mobile Medical Team, including Indian Army doctors and medical staff, delivered doorstep healthcare-offering diagnosis, treatment, and free medicines, with special attention to the elderly, women, and children. This timely initiative ensured that immediate health concerns, includ-



ing chronic conditions and stress-related ailments, were addressed despite displacement. The effort was widely appreciated by the local population, reaffirming the Indian Army's unwavering com-

mitment to the safety and well-being of civilians. The Indian Army continues to maintain a strong presence, standing resolutely with the people of Jammu & Kashmir in every hour of need.

Vibodh visits areas hit by Cross-border attack, meets victims in Rajouri

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 12

BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta conducted a two-day tour of several areas affected by cross-border shelling on Monday, including Dalogra refugee camp, Dhangri, Gunni, Chatyar, Irwankhetar, Gambhir, Patrara, Tandwal, Muradpur, Bathuni, Dharidhara Manjakote, and Mangalnar of Rajouri district.

During his tour, Vibodh Gupta interacted with local residents, listened to their grievances, and assured them of the Modi government's commitment to their well-being. He described the suffering of the people in the twin border districts as deeply painful, stating that they have been among the worst affected by cross-border terrorism and wars since 1947.

"The residents of LoC areas have time and again demonstrated unmatched courage. They have always stood shoulder to shoulder with the Indian Army in defending the nation," Vibodh said. He lauded their strength and resil-



ience, calling it "nothing short of heroic."

Vibodh further stated that under the strong and decisive leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, India is fully prepared to give a befitting reply to any aggression from Pakistan, both militarily and diplomatically. He invoked the spirit of "Mission Sindoore," symbolizing India's determination to safeguard the dignity and safety of every citizen, particularly the brave border residents.

He urged the local administration and concerned authorities to ensure swift relief, reha-

ilitation, and compensation for the affected families. He emphasized that timely support is essential to rebuild the lives of those impacted by the border tensions.

Taking a firm stance, Vibodh appealed to the Congress party to refrain from making statements or taking actions that could demoralize the Indian Army or undermine national unity, especially at such a sensitive time. "The opposition must act responsibly and uphold the spirit of nationalism, rather than play into the hands of the enemy," he added.

Dogra Brahmin Sabha welcomes ceasefire, hails Modi govt's stand against terrorism

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Dogra Brahmin Pratindhi Sabha, Jammu today welcomed the recent ceasefire announcement and praised the Union Government firm stance against terrorism under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a DBPS workers meet here, DBPS President Ved Prakash Sharma, Chairman Advocate P C Sharma, Former Deputy Commissioner B S Jamwal and Baba Bhair Dev Sthan Trust, General Secretary Ramesh Sharma and other lauded the Indian Army for its exceptional courage and professionalism during the crisis. He expressed pride in the armed forces and also shared a sense of relief that the situation did not escalate into a prolonged conflict which he noted could have had a damaging

impact on the nation's economy.

Senior BJP Leader Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma emphasized that the Modi government has made it absolutely clear to the world that India will never tolerate any form of terrorism or cross border aggression. India has shown its unwavering commitment to global peace while delivering a strong message that adding and abetting terrorism is unwavering, he said.

He further commended Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving the armed forces full operational freedom to act decisively which ensured a swift and effective response to threats. The way India managed the crisis is commendable. We salute our Prime Minister for his leadership and for securing the nation's dignity and safety, they added.

MY Bharat invites Youth to Enrol as Civil Defence Volunteers

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, is actively mobilising youth across the country to enrol as MY Bharat Civil Defence Volunteers. This nationwide call is part of a concerted effort to empower young citizens to take up vital roles in national cause, particularly during emergencies and crisis. The initiative aims to build a well-trained, responsive, and resilient volunteer force that can complement civil administration in times of natural disasters, accidents, public emergencies, and other unforeseen situations.

In view of the current scenario and emerging security concerns, there is an urgent and growing need to establish a robust, community-based response mechanism. Civil Defence Volunteers through a wide range of services. These include rescue and evacuation operations, first aid and emergency care, traffic management, crowd control, public safety, and assisting in disaster

response and rehabilitation efforts. The importance of a prepared and trained civilian force is greater than ever before, and MY Bharat is committed to contributing to this national mission.

MY Bharat, therefore, appeals to its dynamic network of youth volunteers—and all other enthusiastic young citizens—to step forward and register as MY Bharat Civil Defence Volunteers. Both existing MY Bharat volunteers and new individuals who wish to serve the nation in this capacity are welcome to join. This initiative not only instils a strong sense of civic responsibility and discipline among youth but also equips them with practical life-saving skills and training to act swiftly in critical situations.

The registration process is simple and accessible through the official MY Bharat portal: <https://mybharat.gov.in>. It is a clarion call for Youth to come forward and mobilise all interested Youth/Public for this national cause. For more information, youth volunteers can coordinate with Khushal Gupta, District Youth Officer, MY Bharat - Udhampur/ Doda on 9906249020.

Koul emphasizes role of BJP cadre in national service

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir led by its General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul held an organizational meeting at its party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting was convened to deliberate on the current security scenario in the region and its societal impact in light of the recent aggression by Pakistan and India's strong and effective response.

Prominent party leaders present at the meeting included DDC Chairperson Bharat Bhushan, MLA Arvind Gupta, former Minister Bali Bhagat, J&K BJP Secretary Veenu Khanna, Treasurer Prabhakar Singh Jamwal, Rakesh Mahajan, Balbir Ram Rattan, Sunil Prajapati, Ved Sharma, Basant Raj Thakur, Parduman Singh, Reema Padha, and several other senior leaders.

In his address, Ashok Koul expressed deep anguish over the damage inflicted on civilians due to irrational firing and



shelling from across the border and discussed the implications of recent ceasefire.

Koul lauded the Indian Armed Forces for their prompt and powerful retaliation, which sent a clear and decisive message to the rogue nation. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has made it abundantly clear that any act of terrorism will henceforth be treated as an act of war and will evoke a proportionate and effective response.

Highlighting the role of BJP cadre in such challenging times, Koul urged all party workers to rise to the occasion and extend full support to the affected people and the administration. "This is the time when the commitment of

every activist to the nation and society is tested. We must be on the ground, helping the needy, whether through food distribution, shelter support, or organizing blood donation camps. The people look up to us not just as a political party but as a social force," he said.

Koul stressed the need for vigilance among the cadre and the community at large. He called upon the workers to assist the administration in maintaining peace, law, and order, and to report any suspicious activities in their localities.

"This is not the time to be spectators, we must be active contributors in every possible way. Our nation needs us, and we must not fail in our duty," Koul concluded.

New India will not tolerate terror, provocation, threats to its sovereignty: Kavinder

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta today hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolute and fearless leadership in responding decisively to recent acts of terrorism emanating from across the border. He asserted that the recent precision operations targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan have sent out a strong and unequivocal message to the world – that New India, under PM Modi, will not tolerate



terror, provocation, or any threat to its sovereignty.

In a press statement issued here today, the BJP leader said, "When Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, 'Wahan se goli chalegi, yahan se gola chalegi', it was not mere rhetoric or a political posturing – it was a clear articulation

of a firm national doctrine. It reflects the will and strength of a New India that responds with greater force and calculated precision."

Kavinder Gupta emphasized that Modi's leadership embodies the aspirations of a robust, self-reliant, and secure India. "In today's India, national security is not negotiable. Every decision taken by the government is guided by the principles of strength, strategy, and national interest. New India neither bows nor bends – it stands tall and hits back with resolve," he remarked.

Satish Sharma visits relief camps; meets displaced border residents

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Demonstrating government's commitment towards welfare of citizens affected by recent conflict, Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today visited multiple makeshift relief camps set up for residents displaced due to cross border shelling by Pakistan.

The Minister visited several key locations currently housing displaced families including Basawa Dev Sthan, GHS Dhanna Chapri, GPS Amblian, Little Flower Public School, Dhanna, Panchayat Ghar, Dhanna, Bright Future Public School, Dhanna, GMS Dhanna Ambo Shani, GPS Dhanna Dhanu, Panchayat Ghar, Dori, Baba Mai Mal Dev Sthan, Dager and several



adjoining temporary shelter sites.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with the affected families to assess their immediate needs and ensure adequate provision of relief services including food, clean drinking water,

medical aid, sanitation and temporary education facilities for the children.

"The plight of our border residents is deeply concerning. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure their safety, dignity and timely rehabilitation," stated the Minister.

"Every displaced family will receive the support they need until they can safely return home."

The Minister directed the officials to strengthen supply chains for essential items, deploy additional health workers and improve the overall conditions within the shelters. He also emphasized the need to safeguard children's education during this crisis by utilizing local schools as temporary learning centers.

Accompanied by the officials from administration, local leaders, emergency response teams, NGO Society for Scheduled & Backwards with its General Secretary Tariq Mirza, Minister Sharma reaffirmed Omar Abdullah government's resolve to provide both immediate relief and long-term support to the displaced communities.

CS takes on spot assessment of NH restoration at Ramban

J I NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 12

In a move to assess and expedite restoration work on the crucial Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited the affected sites in district Ramban.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ramban, Kulbir Singh and SSP Traffic National Highway, Raja Adil Hamid and PD NHAI Parshotam Singh.

Dulloo along with the team inspected various vulnerable and affected spots including Marog, Sita Ram Passi, Seri, Mehar, and Dalwas to review the extent of damage and ongoing restoration works.

During the visit, he

emphasized urgency of the situation and directed the executing agency to accelerate the pace of work to ensure early clearance of stranded vehicles and resumption of traffic on this critical route.

Acknowledging the plight of those stranded, the Chief Secretary instructed the district administration to extend all necessary support to the stranded passengers. He also called upon the traffic police to provide full cooperation to the executing agency, facilitating seamless restoration operations.

Dulloo asked for prioritizing the movement of passenger vehicles and trucks carrying perishable goods once the road reopens. He highlighted the need for a coordinated approach to minimize inconvenience and mitigate the impact resulting

from the disruption.

During the inspection, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned agencies, particularly the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), to expedite repair and restoration work ensuring uninterrupted vehicular movement. He emphasized the need for durable and time-bound solutions to address the recurring issue of landslides and road erosion in this vital corridor that connects Jammu with the Kashmir Valley.

Special focus was laid on the ongoing Four-Laning Project of NH-44 between Nashri and Banihal, which forms a key component of the J&K road infrastructure upgrade.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the physical progress on the project and directed the executing agencies to strictly adhere

to timelines, while ensuring quality and safety standards.

Highlighting the importance of seamless transportation, he instructed the NHAI officers to ensure proper double carriageways in all critical stretches of NH-44 to facilitate smooth and safe vehicular flow, especially given the highway's strategic and economic significance.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, briefed the Chief Secretary about the losses incurred due to recent cloudbursts and flash floods, detailing the immediate response, restoration measures, and relief provided to affected families. He also outlined the District Administration's preparedness and coordination mechanisms to tackle such natural calamities in the future.

Deputy Chief Minister visits Trewa Arnia, expresses condolences to Rifleman Sunil Kumar's family

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today expressed heartfelt condolences to the grieving family of Rifleman Sunil Kumar who laid his life in the line of duty.

The Dy CM visited Rangpur Trewa village in Arnia to express his condolences to Rifleman Sunil



Kumar's family. He paid homage to the martyr saying that his supreme sacrifice for the nation will always be remembered.

The Dy CM asserted that the government stands firmly with his family in this hour of grief and prayed the God to give them strength to bear this irreparable loss.

Dulloo visits GMC Jmu to assess health of cross-border shelling victims

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

In an outreach to the citizens affected by the recent shelling incidents in the border districts of the Jammu region, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today visited Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu to enquire about the well-being of the injured admitted there.

Expressing solidarity with the victims and their families, the Chief Secretary personally interacted with each of the injured patients, assessing their recovery by moving bed to bed and engaging in heartfelt conversations.

During the visit, Chief Secretary Dulloo also



entered the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to check on the health status of two critically injured patients. He conveyed his deep concern for their recovery and encouraged the medical staff to prioritize the best possible treatment for all those affected.

Highlighting the administration's commitment to the welfare of its citizens, Dulloo directed the Principal of the College to ensure effective and timely medical care. He reassured the victims and their family members that the government stands firmly with

them during these testing times, pledging full support towards their recovery and well-being.

He also appreciated the whole-hearted efforts of the medical staff and urged them to maintain the highest standards of care, emphasizing that every effort should be made to accelerate the recovery process.

The Chief Secretary further emphasized that the administration remains vigilant and proactive in addressing the needs of those affected by such unfortunate incidents, reiterating that collective efforts are being made to minimize suffering besides expeditious recovery of all of these victims.

CS visits Dr Thapa's home to pay homage

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

In a solemn gesture of solidarity and respect, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited the residence of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa (JKAS), Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty due to cross-border shelling in Rajouri.

Expressing profound grief

over the untimely loss, the Chief Secretary extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, acknowledging the officer's exceptional dedication and sacrifice. He emphasized that Dr. Thapa's service to the community and his unwavering commitment towards his responsibilities will always be remembered with deep respect and admiration.

On the occasion, Dulloo observed that his service

and sacrifice will never be forgotten. The government stands firmly with his family in this hour of grief, he added.

The Chief Secretary assured the family of all possible support from the administration, reiterating the commitment to stand by the family during this difficult time. He also interacted with the family members, offering words of comfort and assurance of continued

support.

Dulloo also said that the tragic loss of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa has not only created a void in the administrative fraternity but has also left a lasting impact on all those who knew him for his dedicated service and kind nature. His contributions towards development of Rajouri and his selfless service will always be remembered as a testament to his commitment and courage.

LG visits family of Zaki Hussain killed in Pak shelling



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday visited the family of Zakir Hussain, in Jammu. Zakir Hussain, a resident of

Kheri Village, was killed during unprovoked firing by Pakistan. The Lieutenant Governor offered his condolences and assured the family of all assistance and support from the administration. KNO

LG pays homage to BSF Constable Deepak Chingakham



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid homage to the BSF braveheart Constable Deepak Chingakham, who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Constable Deepak Chingakham was injured in unprovoked firing by Pakistan on 10th May 2025 along the International

Boundary in R.S Pura area, Jammu. He succumbed to his injuries on 11th May 2025.

The Lieutenant Governor has posted on X: "I salute the brave son of Mother India, BSF's Constable Deepak Chingakham, who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. We share the grief of family and stand in solidarity.". KNO

Jal Shakti Minister visits Ul Uloom, assesses damages

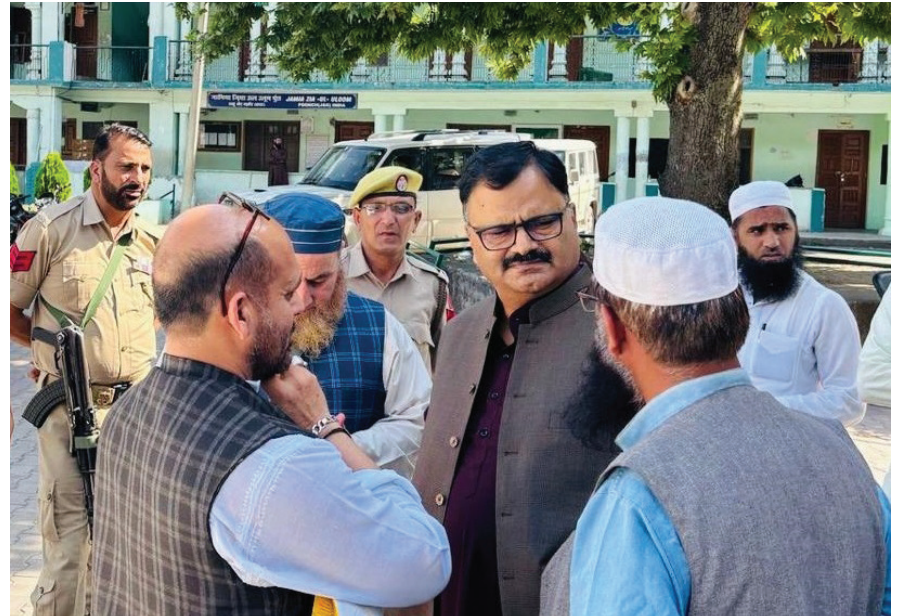
J I NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 12

Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana, visited Jamia Zia Ul Uloom Poonch, and assessed the damage caused there caused to recent cross border firing in the region.

The Minister expressed deep shock and concern over the unfortunate loss of Qari Muhammad Iqbal due to shelling from across the LoC.

Maulana Syed Habib briefed the Minister on the extent of damage caused by shelling in Poonch and specifically at Zia Ul Uloom.

The Minister praised



the institute's management who along with

NGOs and administration made commendable

efforts in assisting the people during adversity.

LG visits residence of former MLC

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited the residence of senior political leader and former Member of Legislative Council, Late Ramesh Arora, in Karan Nagar, Jammu Monday.

The Lieutenant Governor conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul—(KNO)

Satish Sharma pays homage to BSF martyrs at Jammu

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Transport, Satish Sharma, today paid heartfelt tribute to the brave soldiers of Border Security Force (BSF) during a solemn wreath laying ceremony held at Shahid Smarak, BSF Frontier Headquarters, Paloura Camp,

Jammu.

The ceremony was held in honour of Constable Deepak Chingakham, who laid down his life in the line of duty on May 11, 2025, during unprovoked cross-border firing along the International Boundary in R.S. Pura, Jammu.

The Minister along with senior BSF officials and dignitaries, laid wreath at the memorial

and observed a moment of silence, paying deep respects to the supreme sacrifice of the young soldier.

Earlier, Satish Sharma paid floral tributes to Sub Inspector Mohammad Imteyaz, another valiant BSF officer who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said that our nation stands indebted to these brave hearts

whose courage and dedication safeguard our borders. Their sacrifices will always be remembered and serve as a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.

The tribute ceremony was attended by BSF personnel, civil and police officials, family members of fallen soldiers and locals who expressed gratitude to defenders of the nation.