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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
- Persistent vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Disorientation
- Bleeding from gums or nose, blood in vomit, urine or stool
- Redness

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

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India's 'Lakshman Rekha' against terror drawn: PM Modi

JI NEWS SERVICE
ADAMPUR (PUNJAB), MAY 13

Reaffirming India's unwavering resolve to fight terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday issued a strong warning to Pakistan and terror outfits, asserting that any future attacks on Indian soil would be met with a befitting response—on India's own terms and conditions.

While addressing armed forces personnel at Adampur Airbase in Punjab, which Pakistan had claimed was damaged during the recent attacks, PM Modi, according to the news agency said, "India's new doctrine is clear:



any terror attack will evoke a decisive response. India's Lakshman Rekha against terror is drawn. If crossed the response will be powerful, precise, and

on our terms." "If Pakistan dares to carry out another terror attack, our armed forces will respond by hitting them within their

dens," said the Prime Minister, while addressing armed forces personnel at Adampur Airbase in Punjab.

"We have suspended Operation Sindoor, not called it off. New India wants peace, but it cannot tolerate attacks on humanity," he said.

Highlighting the success of "Operation Sindoor," PM Modi said the Indian forces not only defended critical airbases but also took the battle deep into enemy territory. "Our Air Force entered deep inside Pakistan in just 20 to 25 minutes and destroyed terror hideouts with such precision that the adversary couldn't even react," he said.

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Three local LeT terrorists killed in Shopian encounter

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13 (KNO)

Three local terrorists affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were killed in an encounter with security forces in the Shukro Kella area of south Kashmir's Shopian district, officials confirmed on Tuesday.

An official told the news agency that a joint team of police, Army, and CRPF launched a search operation in the forested Shukro area after receiving intelligence about terrorists' presence. As forces intensified the search, terrorists fired upon them, which was retaliated, leading to the gunfight, he said.

"During the encounter,



three terrorists were killed and arms and ammunition were recovered from the site," the official said, adding, "The slain terrorists have been identified as Shahid Ah Kuttay of Chotipora Kella Shopian, Adnan Shafi Dar of Zainapora Shop-

ian, and Ehsan Ul Haq Sheikh of Murrnan Pulwama."

It is noteworthy that the houses of all three terrorists were demolished last month following the killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam.

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'Operation Sindoor' MEA dismisses Trump's claim of brokering ceasefire deal



JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 13

Dismissing US President Donald Trump's recent claim that he brokered a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday clarified that it was Pakistan that approached India for a cessation of hostilities, following a strong retaliatory offensive by Indian forces.

Addressing a news conference here, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, as per the news agency said that India's military response compelled Pakistan to seek a ceasefire. "The call from Pakistan's

side was received at 12:37 PM on May 10. Due to technical issues, they faced difficulties in establishing the connection, and finally the conversation between the DGMOs (Directors General of Military Operations) took place at 15:35 hours," he said.

Jaiswal confirmed that an understanding on ceasefire was worked out between the DGMOs. "We had mounted attacks on Pakistan that morning. It was the force and clarity of India's military response that compelled Pakistan to seek talks," he said.

ONLY OUTSTANDING MATTER IS VACATION OF POJK

As for Kashmir, Jaiswal reaf-

firmed India's long-standing position: "We have a long-standing national position that any issues pertaining to the Union territory of J&K have to be addressed by India and Pakistan bilaterally. That stated policy has not changed. As you are aware - the only outstanding matter is the vacation of the illegally occupied territory by Pakistan i.e. Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK)."

The MEA spokesman said that the next round of DGMO talks will be communicated "as and when scheduled" and stressed that the government remains committed to defending the country's sovereignty and ensuring justice for victims of terrorism.

"The message from India is loud and clear - terrorism will not go unanswered," Jaiswal said.

On May 11, Trump had said he is proud that the USA was able to help India and Pakistan arrive at the ceasefire agreement, and added that he would work with both countries to see if a solution can be arrived at regarding

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CM Omar Abdullah visits Tangdhar to assess situation



JI NEWS SERVICE
TANGDCHAR (KUPWARA), MAY 13 (KNO)

As part of his continued outreach to border residents affected by cross-border shelling, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Tuesday visited Tangdhar in district Kupwara to assess the on-ground situation and interact with the affected families.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Trehgam Mir Saifullah, MLA Sogam Qaiser Jamshed Lone, MLA Karnah Javaid Mirchal, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Ayushi Sudan, Senior Superintendent of Police Kupwara Ghulam Jeelani Wani and

other senior officials. During the visit, the Chief Minister toured various villages in the Karnah border subdivision, including Tangdhar, Hajinard, Nachiyar, Shamspora, Baghbela, Batpora, and Tarboni.

He took stock of the damage to residential structures and listened to the grievances of the affected residents.

Assuring support from the administration, he said: "The affected families have shown remarkable courage in the face of adversity. Their resilience is inspiring. The government stands shoulder to shoulder with them. Their pain will not go unnoticed, and every possible step will be taken to

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Speaker to set-up House Committees including 3 financial panels

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13 (KNO)

The Speaker of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly is set to constitute different House Committees, including three crucial financial committees.

Sources told news agency the process has begun to constitute these committees in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

"The Legislative Assembly secretariat has sought names of MLAs from different political parties for their inclusion in these committees," they said, adding that representation of the parties in these committees would be proportionate to their strength in the House. As per Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in J&K Legislative

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Sgr Police intensify crackdown against terrorist aides

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13 (KNO)

In its continued resolute efforts to combat terrorist ecosystem by targeting terrorist associates of proscribed terrorist outfits and in the furtherance of investigation into cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Srinagar Police Tuesday continued to intensify searches across multiple locations in the city with the aim to dismantle terrorist ecosystem in the district.

Pertinently, searches of residences of numerous terrorist associates have been conducted till now to target the infrastructure supporting

terrorist activity unsparingly, a statement issued to the news agency reads.

In continuation wrt the same, Srinagar Police has conducted searches at the residences of Noor Mohammad Sheikh son of Late Gh Mohammad resident of Kanimazar involved in case FIR No. 156/2023 u/s 7/25 A Act, 13, 23, 39 UAP Act, Waseem Tariq Matta son of Tariq Ahamd resident of Rampora involved in Case FIR No 46/2023 u/s 7/25 A, Act 4/5 Exp Act 18, 23, 38 UAP Act of Police Station Chanpora, Anjum Younis daughter of Mohammad Younis resident of Kenihama involved in case FIR No 27/21 u/s 302, 392, 7/27

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Live shell defused close to LoC in Naushera

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Security forces on Tuesday defused one live shell close to the Line of Control in Naushera tehsil of Rajouri

district in Jammu and Kashmir. Officials said, "The security forces found one live shell in a village while clearing the affected areas after the India-Pakistan ceasefire on the border."

The shell was defused on the spot, they said. Jammu and Kashmir Police, because of the presence of unexploded shells in the border

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Flight operations resume at Srinagar airport after 6-day suspension

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13 (KNO)

After a six-day suspension, the flight operations at Srinagar International Airport resumed on Tuesday with the arrival of Air India's flight from New Delhi, marking the formal restart of air traffic to and from the Valley.

A senior official at the airport told the news agency, that Air India's service from Delhi was the first to land this morning. "This marks the official resumption of flight operations that had remained suspended due to the prevailing security situation,"



the official said.

He said the airport saw a total of four arrivals and four departures, facilitating the travel of 935 passengers on the first day of resumed operations.

Earlier, flight operations across 32 airports, including Srinagar, had

been temporarily suspended following India's launch of Operation Sindoor—a military response targeting terror camps in Pakistan after the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam.

The airlines, both IndiGo and SpiceJet, also announced that flights on the affected routes, including Srinagar, would be progressively restored starting May 14 (tomorrow).

"Scheduled operations to and from Jammu, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Leh, Srinagar, and Rajkot will resume gradually from tomorrow," a statement from IndiGo said, advising passengers to check their

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Schools to reopen in JK border districts today

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13 (KNO)

Following the reopening of educational institutes in non-border districts of Jammu and Kashmir, School Education Department Tuesday said that all schools in the border districts shall reopen on Wednesday except for those falling in the proximity of border zones.

According to the news agency Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) said, "All government and private schools of zone Gurez shall

remain closed tomorrow on May-14-2025 as a precautionary measure. However, teachers will resume their duties by tomorrow. Schools in all other zones of district Bandipora shall remain open."

It also said that "All the schools in district Kupwara shall reopen on May-14-2025 except the schools in Karnah subdivision Keran, Machil, Budnambal, Jumagand and Kumkadi where class work will remain suspended."

DSEK further said all government and pri-

ate schools of zone Uri, Jhulla, Chandanwari and Boniyar (Sub division Uri) shall remain closed tomorrow on May-14-2025 as a precautionary measure. "Schools in all other zones of district Baramulla shall remain open."

In the meantime, the School Education Department said that in case of Jammu division, all government and private schools in Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch and Samba Distt will remain closed tomorrow on May-14-2025.

"However, all govern-

ment and private schools in district Udhampur and Bani, Basholi, Mahanpur, Bhaddu, Malhar and Billa-lar zones of Kathua district shall open on May-14-2025," it reads.

Meanwhile, University of Kashmir (KU) in a fresh communicate has said that it has decided to postpone all exams slated till May-18. Central University of Kashmir (CUK) has also ordered postponement of exams slated till May-16. Besides, the authorities have ordered continuation of online classes till further orders. KNO

Chief Secretary pays tributes to martyr ADDC Rajouri

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 13

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today offered high tributes to Additional District Development Commissioner, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who attained martyrdom during the recent cross border shelling incident.

Expressing profound grief over the tragic loss, Chief Secretary said, "Officers must carry forward their responsibilities with the same dedication and sense of duty as exemplified by Dr. Thapa." He lauded the ADDC's courage and integrity, calling his martyrdom a loss not only to the administrative machinery but also to the entire Union Territory.

The Chief Secretary said this while chairing a condolence meeting organised by the district



administration Rajouri to pay homage to Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa.

The meeting commenced with officers observing a moment of silence as a mark of respect for the departed soul.

A heartfelt tribute was paid to Dr. Thapa for his supreme sacrifice and unwavering commitment to duty. His service to the nation and the district of

Rajouri was remembered with deep reverence by all present.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma highlighted the invaluable contributions of Dr. Thapa during his tenure as ADDC. He recalled Dr. Thapa's leadership in key development projects, his people-centric approach and his unflinching commitment to public welfare.

DC Kulgam visits GM Nazim Memorial Hospital at Kilam

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MAY 13

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today visited Ghulam Mustafa Nazim Memorial Hospital at Kilam to take stock of healthcare facilities and staff availability.

During the visit, DC inspected various sections of the hospital, and reviewed the availability of essential services, medical equipment and manpower. He interacted with the staff and patients to assess the quality of healthcare facilities.

Khan emphasized the importance of providing timely and efficient medical care to the public and assured that necessary steps will be taken to address any gaps in infrastructure or services. He also directed the concerned officials to ensure round-the-clock



healthcare delivery, and maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the hospital premises. The DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commis-

sioner, Viqar Ahmad Giri; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Tehsildar and other concerned officers.

DC Poonch visits shelling hit areas in Mandi and Haveli, assesses damage to property

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 13

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal on Tuesday undertook a visit to shelling affected areas of Tehsil Mandi and Haveli to assess the situation on the ground and review the relief and rehabilitation measures initiated by the local administration.

Accompanied by a team of officers, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the status of basic supplies and public services. He instructed concerned officials to ensure uninterrupted availability of the essential supplies and services for residents in the affected areas.

During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner visited village Baila in Tehsil Mandi to meet the family of a person who lost his life in Poonch city in the cross border shelling. He offered condolences to the bereaved, and assured them of all possible support from the district administration.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited affected



areas in Block Nangali of Tehsil Haveli to assess the damage to property. He also met the family of a person who fell to cross border shelling at village Kojra. He interacted with the affected families and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to providing necessary assistance and standing by them in this difficult time.

To ensure a timely relief process, the DC directed the Mandi and Haveli

Tehsildars to immediately start the assessment of damages to private property and submit detailed reports. He emphasized the importance of swift reporting so that relief and compensation measures can be initiated promptly.

The visit reflects the district administration's prompt and empathetic response to the situation and its ongoing efforts to address the needs of the affected population.

Sufficient stocks of essential commodities available in District Poonch

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 13

The District Administration Poonch today said that all essential services, including healthcare and supplies are functioning smoothly and that the needs of residents are being met efficiently.

"Hospitals across the district are fully operational with sufficient stocks of essential medicines and drugs. Ambulance services are readily available to ensure timely medical support. Banking services are functioning seamlessly, with all ATMs having sufficient cash to meet public needs" the District administration authorities said.

Regarding stock and supply position of essentials, the authorities said that, there is adequate availability of all necessary commodities in the district, including food grains, petrol, diesel, and LPG. "The supply chain is



stable, and no shortages have been reported from any region" they added.

It was further informed that the Power and Water Supply departments have successfully restored major supply lines. Regular electricity and clean drinking water are being provided, with prompt resumption of services in previously affected areas, the stakeholder officers said.

The Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal assured the public that the administration is fully committed to the welfare of the residents adding that the departments are working in close coordination to ensure uninterrupted support

and assistance.

Meanwhile, the Revenue authorities have started assessing damages and losses in the cross border shelling affected areas. "Based on these assessments, appropriate relief measures will be provided to support impacted families" the authorities assured.

The District Administration has appealed to all residents to stay calm, adhere to official advisories and contact the helpline numbers - District Emergency Operation Cell (DEOC) Poonch: 01965-220888, Joint Control Room (PCR): 9086253188 / 01965-220258, for any assistance.

Satish Sharma visits shelling affected villages; assures relief to victims

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 12

Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, today visited several villages affected by recent cross border shelling to assess the damage and extend support to the affected families.

During the visit, the Minister met with the residents whose homes and livelihoods have been severely impacted.

A preliminary assessment indicated that numerous households have suffered losses, including damage to residential structures and loss of livestock.

The villages visited by the Minister included Kot Maira, Chaprial, Pahariwala, Panjtoot, Narayana, Dhaleri and other adjoining areas. The Minister expressed deep concern over the situation and assured all affected families that the government stands



with them in this time of crisis. He directed the local authorities to expedite relief and rehabilitation measures, ensuring timely assistance to the victims.

"The safety and well being of citizens is our top priority. We will take all necessary steps to provide immediate relief and long term support to the

affected families," said the Minister.

He added that the administration is conducting a detailed survey to determine the full extent of damage. He said that further announcements regarding compensation and assistance packages will follow accordingly.

DDC Reasi reviews implementation of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, MAY 13

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Reasi, Nidhi Malik chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) and discuss the draft Village Development Plans (VDPs) for the declaration of selected villages as Adarsh Grams.

During the meeting, extensive discussions were held on the 50 socio-economic monitoring indicators related to the 7 villages identified under the scheme in Different blocks of Reasi. District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Sachin Sharma gave a detailed presentation highlighting the status of these indicators and the road ahead. PMAGY aims at integrated development of villages having more than 50% Scheduled Caste (SC) population, with the goal of ensuring holistic growth and upliftment of marginalized communities.



The DDC Reasi stressed the importance of conducting a thorough exercise to ensure data collected in the house-to-house survey is accurate which will help in identification of lagging indicators, and effective planning. She reviewed various data formats submitted for each village and deliberated on the convergence and gap-filling strategies necessary for achieving the targets.

DDC Ms. Malik emphasized that this exercise must reflect the ground realities so that the benefits genuinely reach in these villages. She directed concerned officials to pool resources from various departments to bridge the identified gaps efficiently.

She further called for coordinated efforts across departments so that Actual field data from BDOs and concerned HODs is crucial for ensuring proper convergence on the ground.

Further discussions were also held regarding the inclusion of another village Kanha, Pouni identified by the Village Level Convergence Committee (VLCC), for consideration under the scheme. The meeting marked a significant step towards inclusive and targeted development in Reasi district, aligning with the core vision of PMAGY. CPO Narinder Kumar, DSWO, CEO, CMO, DIO, XENs and other officials were present during the meeting.

Randomization process for Tent & Shop Allotment for SANJY 2025 via Baltal conducted at G'bl



J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MAY 13

In a step towards ensuring fair and transparent arrangements for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, the randomization process for allocation of tents and shops along the Baltal route was conducted today at the V.C Room of the DC Office Ganderbal.

The process was supervised by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, and attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihari; District Informatics Officer NIC, and representatives of tent and shop

owners.

Randomization was carried out for multiple key locations along the Yatra route, including Baltal, Domail, Railpathri, Brarimarg, Sangam, and outside Baltal. This process ensures equal opportunities for all applicants and reinforces the district administration's commitment to a transparent and efficient system.

DC reiterated the administration's commitment to organizing a well-coordinated and safe pilgrimage experience for all devotees. All the stakeholders expressed satisfaction over the smooth conduct of the process.

DC Kishtwar flags off 31 Hajj Pilgrims



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 13

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today flagged off a batch of 31 Hajj pilgrims including 10 Women and 21 Men here from the Islamia Faridia Educational & Research Institute Kishtwar for their onward journey to holy pilgrimage.

While interacting with the pilgrims, the DC congratulated them on getting the opportunity to perform the holy Hajj. He wished them a safe and secure pilgrimage and urged them to pray for the peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir and the well-being of its people.

The group of pilgrims, who departed on buses,

will board an international flight to Jeddah from Srinagar International Airport tomorrow.

Earlier, the DC reviewed the arrangements made to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. He also inquired about the facilities being provided to the pilgrims.

Senior Superintendent of Police Naresh Singh; ACR Idrees Lone; EO Waqf Board Firdoos Bhawani; Imam Sahib Jamia Masjid, Hajj Incharge District Ayaz Ahmed; Principal of Islamia Faridia Educational & Research Institute Mehmood Qazi, media personnel, and other concerned officials were present on the occasion to see off the Hajj pilgrims.

Mission Director chairs review meeting of Jal Shakti Divisions



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), J&K, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, today convened a review meeting of Jal Shakti (PHE) Divisions of J&K through virtual mode.

The meeting was attended by Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Kashmir, Superintending Engineers of respective circles in J&K, Executive Engineers of all civil and Mechanical divisions and the officers in Mission Directorate.

The MD enquired about the status of Water Supply Schemes in the areas affected by recent situation. He was informed that as per

the field reports the water supply schemes in whole J&K are functioning normally.

The MD also took a division wise review of scheme completion under JJM. He directed the recently posted Superintending Engineers to assess the ground situation and review the progress on works fortnightly so that the timelines set for scheme completion are adhered to in letter and spirit.

The MD also discussed Har Ghar Jal certification of reported villages in the last year besides water quality monitoring and surveillance being undertaken by the water testing laboratories in the UT.

Empowering Local Enterprises: RAMP district-level awareness workshop held at Kupwara

JINNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 13

Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), in collaboration with the State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) - Grant Thornton Bharat LLP and District Industries Centre (DIC) Kupwara organized a district-level RAMP awareness workshop at Town Hall, Kupwara.

The initiative is part of the ongoing efforts to build awareness and strengthen the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) program in the Union Territory.

Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) is conducting a series of workshops to strengthen the outreach and capacity-building of local Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and budding entrepreneurs. These workshops are strategically designed to raise awareness about the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) program, a Government of India initiative that empowers MSMEs through a multifaceted support system.

The RAMP program focuses on enhancing market linkages, pro-



moting digital financing solutions, advancing skill development, fostering cluster-based growth, and implementing critical business reforms.

The SPIU team during the sessions outlined detailed implementation strategies and responded to participants' questions to facilitate smooth execution of the RAMP initiatives. This interactive approach ensures that implementing agencies/stakeholders are well-informed and equipped to effectively leverage the benefits of the RAMP initiatives, thereby fostering a more resilient and competitive MSME ecosystem in the region.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from a wide range of stakeholders including officers from DIC Kupwara, representatives from ITI, JKEDI, Handloom & Handicrafts department, Lead Bank Kupwara, officials from JKTPO, members of industrial associations, MSME unit holders, Self Help Groups (SHGs), and other local entrepreneurs.

OSC Shopian organises awareness programme at Pehlipora Keller



JINNEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, MAY 13

One Stop Centre (OSC) Shopian organized a comprehensive awareness programme at Pehlipora Keller, Shopian, focusing on the services offered by OSC and the 181 Women Helpline.

The event aimed to sensitize the local community, particularly women, about the support mechanisms available to victims of violence and abuse.

During the programme, participants were informed about the wide range of assistance provided by OSC including legal aid, psychological counseling, tempo-

rary shelter, and police facilitation.

Special emphasis was laid on the significance of the 181 Helpline, a toll-free number dedicated to addressing women's issues and ensuring timely intervention.

Notably, several cases were registered on the spot, reflecting the immediate impact and relevance of the initiative.

The programme underscored the commitment of OSC Shopian towards creating a safer and more responsive environment for women, empowering them to seek help and assert their rights with confidence.

DDC Reasi reviews progress of Road Projects under R&B, PMGSY



JINNEWS SERVICE
REASI, MAY 13

District Development Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik chaired a meeting today to review the physical and financial progress achieved in the construction of road projects under the R&B and PMGSY sectors in the district.

The meeting was attended by the officers from the Public Works Department (PWD) and PMGSY. The officers gave presentations on the status of ongoing projects, covering timelines, budget utilization, and the challenges affecting implementation. Among the key issues discussed were delays

related to land compensation matters and forest clearances.

DDC Nidhi Malik stressed the importance of timely completion of road infrastructure for improved connectivity and overall development in the district. She directed the concerned officers to adhere strictly to project deadlines while maintaining high-quality standards during execution.

She instructed the XENS to closely coordinate with the SDMs in their jurisdictions, ensuring regular progress reviews on the ground. This will allow for the early initiation of all pending works in their respective

divisions. Moreover, she emphasized the need for strict action against non-performing contractors.

The DDC emphasized that piecemeal tendering should be avoided, and directed that tenders must be floated for the full extent of the approved project cost as per the DPR. This, she noted, is essential to prevent cost escalations and time overruns during execution.

The meeting was attended by SE R&B Romesh Kumar, CPO Narinder Kumar, XENS R&B and PMGSY of Reasi/Mahore/Katra division, AEEs and other officers.

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20-year-old legacy issue of similar EPIC numbers resolved

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

In its effort to sanitize the electoral rolls and keep them updated, ECI has resolved a nearly 20-year-old legacy issue of similar EPIC numbers which got erroneously issued to genuine electors just because similar series were used by different EROs in such cases since 2005.

To resolve this long pending problem, the entire electoral database of over 99-crore electors was searched by CEOs of all the 36 States/UTs and EROs of all the 4123 Assembly constituencies across India in all the 10.50 lakh polling stations. On an average there are about 1000 electors per polling station. The number of similar EPIC numbers found were minuscule, i.e. averaging to

around 1(one) in 4 (four) polling stations. During the field level verification, it was found that holders of such similar EPIC numbers were genuine electors in different assembly constituencies and different polling stations. All such electors have since been issued new EPIC cards with new numbers.

The genesis of the issue has been traced from 2005, when various States/UTs were using Assembly Constituency-wise different alphanumeric series in a decentralised manner. These series had to be changed again in 2008, after delimitation of the constituencies. During this period, some ACs erroneously continued to use either the old series or because of typographic errors they used the series allotted to some other constituencies.

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS-2025

For the convenience of Rail Passengers, Railways have decided to run the following Summer Special Express Trains as per schedule given below:-

Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Fre-quency	Day	Period
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn	08:40	Daily		upto 10.07.2025
04087	Patna Jn	12:00	New Delhi	04:40	Daily		upto 11.07.2025
04064	New Delhi	09:30	Sheikhpura	05:00	Bi-weekly	Mon, Thu	upto 10.07.2025
04063	Sheikhpura	07:00	New Delhi	23:35	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04066	New Delhi	21:35	Saharsa Jn	22:00	Bi-weekly	Mon, Thu	upto 10.07.2025
04065	Saharsa Jn	23:55	New Delhi	23:30	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04022	New Delhi	14:00	Gorakhpur	05:00	Weekly		upto 11.07.2025
04021	Gorakhpur	07:00	New Delhi	23:10	Weekly	Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04081	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04082	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Tri-weekly	Tue, Thu, Sun	upto 13.07.2025
04012	Delhi Jn	19:30	Darbhanga Jn	20:30	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04011	Darbhanga Jn	22:00	Delhi Jn	22:40	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04024	Delhi Jn	19:30	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Tri-weekly	Mon, Thu, Sat	upto 10.07.2025
04023	Varanasi Jn	18:35	Delhi Jn	08:50	Tri-weekly	Tue, Fri, Sun	upto 11.07.2025
04026	Delhi Jn	23:05	Raxaul Jn	19:00	Weekly		upto 10.07.2025
04025	Raxaul Jn	22:00	Delhi Jn	17:45	Weekly	Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04018	Anand Vihar (T)	09:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	06:00	Weekly		upto 29.05.2025
04017	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:30	Anand Vihar (T)	06:00	Weekly		upto 30.05.2025
04020	Anand Vihar (T)	19:30	Barauni Jn	18:00	Weekly	Sun	upto 06.07.2025
04019	Barauni Jn	20:00	Anand Vihar (T)	19:00	Weekly	Mon	upto 07.07.2025
04070	Anand Vihar (T)	00:20	Rajgir	19:50	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04069	Rajgir	23:30	New Delhi	19:00	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04096	Anand Vihar (T)	05:00	Jaynagar	12:00	Bi-weekly	Mon, Thu	upto 10.07.2025
04095	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar (T)	19:55	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04098	Anand Vihar (T)	05:00	Sitamari	02:30	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04097	Sitamari	03:45	Anand Vihar (T)	01:30	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04030	Anand Vihar (T)	09:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	04:30	Bi-weekly	Tue, Sat	upto 17.05.2025
04029	Muzaffarpur Jn	06:15	Anand Vihar (T)	03:10	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sun	upto 18.05.2025
04094	Anand Vihar (T)	23:55	Jogbani	07:30	Weekly	Thu	upto 10.07.2025
04093	Jogbani	09:30	Anand Vihar (T)	16:00	Weekly	Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04207	Lucknow Jn	08:05	New Delhi	17:50	Weekly	Mon	upto 07.07.2025
04208	New Delhi	20:20	Lucknow Jn	06:00	Weekly	Mon	upto 07.07.2025
04213	Ayodhya Cantt	18:20	Anand Vihar (T)	06:00	Tri-weekly	Sun, Tue, Thu	upto 10.07.2025
04214	Anand Vihar (T)	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt	22:00	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04687	Banihal	18:40	Budgam	20:20	06 Days a week	Except Friday	upto 03.06.2025
04688	Budgam	08:35	Banihal	10:40	06 Days a week	Except Friday	upto 03.06.2025
04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily		upto 30.06.2025
04218	Lucknow Jn	16:30	Varanasi Jn	21:50	Daily		upto 30.06.2025
04219	Shahganj Jn	22:35	Ayodhya Dham Jn	01:40	Daily		upto 10.07.2025
04220	Ayodhya Dham Jn	02:10	Shahganj Jn	04:40	Daily		upto 10.07.2025
02270	Lucknow Jn	14:15	Chhapra	21:30	Six day a week	Except Tuesday	upto 11.07.2025
02269	Chhapra	23:00	Lucknow Jn	06:30	Six day a week	Tuesday	upto 11.07.2025
04604	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:15	Varanasi Jn	19:00	Weekly	Sun	upto 06.07.2025
04603	Varanasi Jn	05:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Weekly	Tue	upto 08.07.2025
04206	Varanasi Jn	14:50	Chandigarh	07:45	Weekly	Sat	upto 05.07.2025
04205	Chandigarh	09:30	Varanasi Jn	01:20	Weekly	Sun	upto 06.07.2025
04518	Bhatinda Jn	20:50	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Mon, Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04517	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	17:00	Bi-weekly	Tue, Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04209	Lucknow Jn	20:45	Chandigarh	07:55	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	upto 09.07.2025
04210	Chandigarh	10:20	Lucknow Jn	21:30	Tri-weekly	Tue, Thu, Sat	upto 10.07.2025
04504	Chandigarh	23:35	Patna Jn	22:10	Weekly	Thu	upto 29.05.2025
04503	Patna Jn	22:45	Chandigarh	23:10	Weekly	Fri	upto 30.05.2025
04302	Yog N Rishikesh	15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn	13:00	Weekly	Tue	upto 15.07.2025
04301	Muzaffarpur Jn	15:00	Yog N Rishikesh	14:20	Weekly	Wed	upto 16.07.2025
04606	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:30	Guwahati	19:10	Weekly	Fri	upto 30.05.2025
04605	Guwahati	23:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	20:45	Weekly	Mon	upto 02.06.2025
04610	Jammu Tawi	06:20	Varanasi Jn	05:10	Weekly	Thu	upto 09.07.2025
04609	Varanasi Jn	09:00	Jammu Tawi	07:45	Weekly	Fri	upto 10.07.2025
04304	Yog N Rishikesh	15:20	Gorakhpur	06:20	Weekly	Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04303	Gorakhpur	09:00	Yog N Rishikesh	00:55	Weekly	Sun	upto 13.07.2025
04602	Firozpur Cantt Jn	15:10	Patna Jn	18:00	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sat	upto 12.07.2025
04601	Patna Jn	20:50	Firozpur Cantt Jn	23:55	Bi-weekly	Thu, Sun	upto 13.07.2025
04608	Amritsar Jn	20:10	Darbhanga Jn	02:30	Weekly	Fri	upto 11.07.2025
04607	Darbhanga Jn	04:00	Amritsar Jn	10:30	Weekly	Sun	upto 13.07.2025
04212	Sultanpur Jn	04:00	Lokmanya Tilak	14:00	Weekly	Mon	upto 23.06.2025
04211	Lokmanya Tilak	16:35	Sultanpur Jn	23:00	Weekly	Tue	upto 24.06.2025
05559	Raxaul Jn.	05:30	Udhna Jn.	12:35	Weekly	Sat	17.05.25 to 26.07.25
05560	Udhna Jn	15:35	Raxaul Jn.	00:15	Weekly	Sun	18.05.25 to 27.07.25
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar (T)	18:35	Bi-weekly	Sun, Thu	02.01.2025 till further advise
03256	Anand Vihar (T)	23:30	Patna Jn	18:35	Bi-weekly	Mon, Fri	03.01.2025 till further advise

05049	Chhapra	10:15	Amritsar Jn	13:50	Weekly	Fri	07.02.2025 till further advice
05050	Amritsar Jn	17:45	Chhapra	23:55	Weekly	Sat	08.02.2025 till further advice
05305	Chhapra	22:00	Anand Vihar (T)	00:20	Bi-weekly	Mon, Thu	17.02.2025 till further advice
05306	Anand Vihar (T)	22:10	Chhapra	22:50	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sat	19.02.2025 till further advice
05057	Gorakhpur Jn	22:45	Delhi Jn	12:50	Weekly	Thu	06.02.2025 till further advice
05058	Delhi Jn	14:00	Gorakhpur Jn	06:25	Weekly	Fri	07.02.2025 till further advice
01701	Jabalpur	19:40	Ayodhya Cantt	11:00	Weekly	Wed	upto 25.06.2025
01702	Ayodhya Cantt	13:30	Jabalpur	04:15	Weekly	Thu	upto 26.06.2025
03309	Dhanbad Jn	10:10	Jammu Tawi	22:40	Bi-weekly	Tue, Sat	upto 28.06.2025
03310	Jammu Tawi	23:30	Dhanbad Jn	14:00	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sun	upto 29.06.2025
02397	Gaya	14:15	Anand Vihar (T)	07:10	Weekly	Sun	upto 29.06.2025
02398	Anand Vihar (T)	08:20	Gaya	00:30	Weekly	Mon	upto 30.06.2025
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar (T)	00:30	Weekly	Sun	upto 27.07.2025
03258	Anand Vihar (T)	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Weekly	Mon	upto 28.07.2025
03697	Gaya	14:15	Delhi Jn	07:45	6 Days a week	Exc-Mon	upto 30.06.2025
03698	Delhi Jn	08:55	Gaya	00:30	6 Days a week	Exc-Mon	upto 01.07.2025
05577	Saharsa Jn	20:00	Anand Vihar (T)	00:30	5 Days a week	Except Thu, Sat	upto 30.06.2025
05578	Anand Vihar (T)	05:15	Saharsa Jn	10:30	5 Days a week	Except Sat, Mon	upto 02.07.2025
02393	Rajendra Nagar	20:10	New Delhi	12:10	6 Days a week	Except Thu	upto 30.06.2025
02394	New Delhi	13:20	Rajendra Nagar	07:00	6 Days a week	Except Fri	upto 01.07.2025
02877	Ranchi	23:55	New Delhi	03:00	Weekly	Fri	upto 27.06.2025
02878	New Delhi	04:00	Ranchi	05:00	Weekly	Sun	upto 29.06.2025
05736	Katihar Jn	21:00	Amritsar Jn	09:45			

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

India's 'Lakshman...

"More than 100 terrorists were killed, and nine major terror centers were destroyed. The Indian forces taught a stern lesson to the Pakistan Army. Our soldiers proved that India will enter the homes of terrorists and eliminate them," he declared, evoking thunderous applause from the troops.

Saluting the courage and dedication of the Army, Air Force, Navy, BSF, and other security agencies, PM Modi, as per KNO, said, "Every Indian is proud of you. When the feet of our veer jawans touch the earth, the land becomes blessed. I have come here for your darshan. You are the inspiration for generations to come."

"It is because of your valour that the entire world is hearing about Operation Sindoor. Operation Sindoor is not an ordinary operation. The echoes of Operation Sindoor's success can be heard across the globe. It reflects India's intent, policy and strength," PM Modi told the soldiers.

He appreciated the exemplary coordination during "Operation Sindoor," noting that the joint effort of manpower and advanced military technology has given India a new strategic edge. "The adversary tried to target this and other airbases, but every attempt was foiled. Our airmen even ensured civilian aircraft were not harmed, despite Pakistan using them as shields."

PM Modi said, "We trampled terrorists in their homes. Pakistan tried to attack this base (Adampur) but failed. They tried to dare 'Hind Ki Sena'. The terrorists have now realised, you try to attack us and the result would be their destruction...massive destruction. No place in Pakistan is now safe for terrorists. The godfathers of terrorism have realised that casting an evil eye on India will only mean their destruction." "India Will Not Tolerate Nuclear Blackmail"

In a pointed reference to nuclear posturing by Pakistan, PM Modi stated firmly, "India will not tolerate nuclear blackmail. The terror bosses and the government that supports them will be dealt with in the same way."

PM Modi reiterated his pride in the armed forces and expressed confidence in their ability to defend the nation. "A strong security framework has become the identity of India today. I am proud of our brave soldiers and the new technology that empowers them. This is the new Bharat—resilient, resolute, and ready."

"India's army, Navy and Air Force have made the Pakistani military bite the dust. Pakistan will not get any sleep for a long time just thinking of our drones and missiles. Our intent is clear, if there is another attack, India will respond. We saw this during the surgical strikes and Balakot strikes but Operation Sindoor is the new normal," he added. KNO

Three local LeT...

According to the official, Shahid Kuttay, son of Mohammad Yousuf Kuttay from Chotipora Heerpora, had reportedly joined LeT on March 8, 2023, and was classified as a Category-A terrorist. "He was a key figure in several high-profile terror incidents in south Kashmir, including the firing at Danish Resort on April 8, 2024, which injured two German tourists and their driver. He was also accused of the targeted killing of a BJP Sarpanch in Heerpora on May 18, 2024, and is suspected to have been involved in the killing of a Territorial Army personnel in Behibagh, Kulgam, on February 3, 2025," he said.

The second terrorist, Adnan Shafi Dar, son of Mohammad Shafi Dar from Wanduna Melhora, Shopian, had joined LeT on October 18, 2024, and was classified as a Category-C terrorist. He was involved in the killing of a non-local labourer at Wachi, Shopian, on the same day he joined the group, the official said.

The third terrorist, Ehsan from Murran, who reportedly joined in September 2023, was involved in multiple terror cases, according to police sources.

Security forces are continuing search and sanitisation operations in the area.

An official said the elimination of terrorists and the recovery of arms and ammunition from the encounter site mark a blow to LeT's operational capabilities in the region. KNO

MEA dismisses Trump's...

Kashmir.

In a post on his Truth Social, the US President said: "Additionally, I will work with you both (India and Pakistan) to see if, after a 'thousand years,' a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir."

NO DISCUSSION ON TRADE WERE HELD WITH US

Asked about the discussions that took place between India and US leadership between May 7 and 10, Jaiswal said: "There were conversations between Indian and US leaders between May 7 and May 10, but no discussion on trade were held."

"As regards the conversations with other nations, the message from India was clear and consistent. "And exactly the same message that we were conveying from public platforms was the one conveyed in private conversations. It was that India was responding to the 22nd April terrorist attack. However, if the Pakistani armed forces fire, Indian armed forces will fire back; if Pakistan stops, India will also stop."

He said, "This was also the message that was conveyed to the Pakistani side at the time of the commencement of Operation Sindoor, which was not heeded to by the Pakistani side at that time. It is natural that many foreign leaders who heard this from us would have shared it with their Pakistani interlocutors."

HAVE SOUGHT DECLARATION OF TRF AS GLOBAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

He said, "Links have been established between the attackers and The Resistance Front (TRF) – a known proxy of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)."

"TRF initially claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack and later denied it. We have shared detailed information with the UN Security Council's Sanctions Committee and reiterated our demand that TRF be designated as a global terrorist organi-

zation as it's the shadow outfit of Lashkar-e-Toiba," Jaiswal said.

The MEA spokesperson said that several terrorist camps and infrastructure in Bahawalpur, Muridke, and Muzaffarabad were destroyed in Indian strikes. "Pakistan's military capability has been significantly degraded," he said, "The message is clear – a nation that nurtures terrorism at an industrial scale cannot escape consequences."

INDUS WATER TREATY TO REMAIN IN ABEYANCE

On the question of the status of the Indus Waters Treaty, Jaiswal said, "Following the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting after the Pahalgam attack India decided to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). The spirit of goodwill and friendship that led to its signing has been betrayed. The treaty will remain in abeyance until Pakistan abjures cross-border terrorism."

INDIAN MILITARY ACTIONS WERE WITHIN CONVENTIONAL BOUNDS

He also dismissed any concerns about escalation into nuclear conflict. "All Indian military actions were within conventional bounds. India does not give in to nuclear blackmail. Our actions were calculated, legal, and strategic," Jaiswal said.

He emphasized that the international community now recognizes Pakistan's role in global terrorism. "The UN Security Council has clearly stated that the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack must be held accountable," he said.

He added that India's right to self-defence remains non-negotiable, and any future act of terror will be met with a swift and decisive response.

ON BANGLADESH, RUSSIA-UKRAINE

The MEA spokesman also raised concerns about the ban on Awami League in Bangladesh "without due process," calling for independent elections. On the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India reiterated its support for direct dialogue and peaceful resolution. KNO

CM Omar Abdullah...

help them rebuild their lives with dignity and renewed hope."

He further emphasized that ensuring the safety, support, and swift rehabilitation of affected families remains government's top priority.

The Chief Minister also visited Sub-District Hospital, Tangdhar, to review the availability and quality of healthcare services in the border area. He inspected key departments including Outpatient and Inpatient Units, Gynaecology, Operation Theatre, Ultrasonography, and X-Ray facilities. Interacting with the Chief Medical Officer, doctors, and staff, he directed them to work with utmost dedication and compassion to serve the people in this far-flung area.

He also spoke to patients and attendants to understand their concerns and degree of satisfaction with medical services.

Speaking to the media, CM Omar Abdullah said he had come personally to assess the damages caused by shelling and reiterated that adequate help would be provided to the victims as part of relief and rehabilitation measures.

While inspecting community bunkers in Tangdhar, the Chief Minister acknowledged their critical role during crises.

"These structures are a lifeline during times of escalation. We will ensure the construction of additional bunkers to safeguard our people living in vulnerable areas," he said.

He further added that the construction of individual bunkers will be taken up with the Union Government to enhance the safety of border residents during periods of heightened tension.

During the visit, the Chief Minister also inspected the Hydel Power Project at Gundi Shart, the progress of which had been affected due to recent hostilities. He assured that the project would be completed within the stipulated timeline. KNO

Speaker to set-up...

Assembly, 13 House Committees have to be set-up for different functions.

Sources disclosed that the Speaker would first constitute three financial panels- estimates committee, public accounts committee and committee on public undertakings.

Among other committees, the Speaker is likely to constitute the privilege committee, environmental committee, petition committee, subordinate legislation committee, government assurances committee, rules committee, general purpose committee and library committee.

The House Committees play a vital role in scrutinizing policies, reviewing government decisions. They present their reports/ recommendations to the Assembly. KNO

Sgr Police intensify...

Arms act ,13,16,18,20 UAPA of Police Station Nowgam, Bilal Ahmad Lone son of Ab Rehman resident of Syedpora Eidgah , involved in case FIR No. 51/021 u/s 302, 147,148,149 and 13 ULAP Act of Police Station Safakadal, Faizyab Showkat Dewani son of Showkat Ahmad resident of Pater Masjid Zainkadal involved in case FIR No. 35/2022 u/s 505, 153-A, 153-B IPC, 13 UAP Act Police Station M.R.Gunj Sgr, Bilal Lone @ Choonin son of Ab Rahman Lone resident of Saidpora Eidgah involved in case FIR No. 51/2021 u/s 302,147,148,149,341 RPC, 13 ULAP of Police Station Nowhatta and Case FIR No. 130/16 u/s 147,148,336,152 RPC Police Station Safakadal, Manzoor Tola [Released Militant] son of Asadullah Tola resident of KhaneSokta involved in case FIR No. 156/2023 u/s 13, 19 ,39 UAP Act OF Police Station Safakadal, Mohammad Ayoub Dar son of Gh Mohammad Dar resident of Reiteeng Khanyar involved in case FIR No. 31/2024 u/s 7/25 A.Act 13, 18, 20, 23, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar, Mushtaq Ahmad Bachoon son of Gh Mohi ud din Bachoon resident of Kathidar-waza Rainawari involved in case FIR No. 31/2024 u/s 7/25 A.Act 13, 18, 20, 23, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat son of Late Gh Qadir

Dr Jitendra Singh announces additional 600 Family Bunkers, automated centralised Siren system for border areas



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Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today announced additional 600 Family Bunkers besides the existing over 2,000 and an automated centralised Siren system for border areas.

In a day-long tour of the areas along the International Border (IB), Dr. Jitendra Singh held a series of meetings, including with the District administration led by Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas, with public representatives including MLAs and DDC Members, following which he held an open interaction with the border dwellers.

Pertinent to mention that Kathua was the first in the country to experiment with family bunkers in border areas, when the issue was taken up by Dr. Jitendra Singh as Member of Parliament soon after Shri Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister.

As a result, over 2,000 Family bunkers have been built for the people living along the border areas in the last 6 to 7 years. The utility of these bunkers was realised during the recent Operation Sindoor. The people living in the border areas chose to shift into these bunkers instead of moving to any distant shelters, as they found these Bunkers more comfortable and also secure. Each of these bunkers is

virtually like a small living apartment with all the amenities in place.

In response to public demand to have more of such bunkers, Dr. Jitendra Singh consulted the administration and immediately issued directions for construction of 600 additional Family bunkers immediately and later on, if required, construction of more similar bunkers.

In response to another demand that quite often the information regarding the blackouts was obtained through social media because the siren was not audible enough, Dr. Jitendra Singh issued directions that modern technology should be used instead of manually operated sirens. For this purpose, he said, an automated centralised siren system will be installed which will be controlled from the District Headquarters and whenever required, it will start operating spontaneously and the Siren will be blown out through local outlets at each of the border villages.

In addition, Dr. Jitendra Singh informed that soon after the Operation Sindoor was launched, district Kathua was provided with 39 medical ambulances considering the vulnerability of the border dwellers. In addition, 02 more Critical Care Ambulances were made available in Government Medical College,

Kathua, he said.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, all this has been possible because the border villages, which had remained totally neglected over the years, were given the highest priority by Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi. It was during the last 10 years, he said, that high quality road network upto the zero line of the International Border, where there were no roads before 2014. Similarly, there were no Mobile Towers in the border villages and the same have also been installed only in the last 7 to 8 years, he added, so that the children and professionals did not suffer disadvantage due to lack of internet or connectivity.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated the coordinated and joint effort put in by the district administration and civil society in meeting the challenges posed in the face of drone attacks by Pakistan, and he said this is truly an example of the whole of government plus whole of society approach. Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that one important highlight of the one week of turmoil in the region was that it gave us an opportunity to vindicate that whatever has been done in the last few years was for the benefit of the nation and the people, which includes construction of roads and mobile connectivity along the border areas.

Similarly, Dr. Jitendra Singh informed that in the age of technology warfare, Operation Sindoor was also an opportunity for India to prove to the world the kind of superior technology prowess, she had acquired in last one decade. He said, all the equipment including UAS (Unmanned Aerospace System) has been set up only in the last 10 years after Prime Minister Modi came. Not only this, he said, it is also a vindication of the mantra of Aatm Nirbhar Bharat, which Modi gave soon after becoming Prime Minister, because each of the equipment used during these challenging few days was totally indigenously developed.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, while operation Sindoor has raised the morale of the border dwellers to the new height and given them the confidence that they were totally protected and safe in the technology rich India of Modi, at the same time, the world also has seen a trailer of India's incredibly rising capacities and prowess.

Among those who participated in public interaction were MLA Vijay Kumar Sharma, Vice Chairman DDC Raghunandan Singh Babloo, DDC Abhinandan Sharma, former OBC Chairman Rashpal Verma, senior leader Prem Nath Dogra, Asha Nand, Bakshi, Ravi Kumar and others.

resident of Trehgam Kupwara A/P Deviagan Hawal involved in case FIR No. 31/2024 u/s 7/25 A.Act 13, 18, 20, 23, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar and Firdous Ahmad Dar son of Gh Mohd Dar resident of Ibrahim Colony, involved in Case FIR No 46/2023 u/s U/S 7/25 A.Act 4/5 Exp Act 13.23,38,UAP Act of Police Station Chanpora.

"The searches were conducted in accordance with proper legal procedures in the presence of Executive Magistrates and independent witnesses under the supervision of the officers of J&K Police. The searches were carried out to seize arms, documents, digital devices etc. with the objective of evidence collection and intelligence gathering to detect and deter any conspiratorial or terrorist activity against the security of the Nation," the statement reads.

This decisive action of J&K Police aims to dismantle the terrorist ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir by identifying and taking legal action against individuals engaged in such anti-national and criminal activities, police said.

Srinagar Police remains committed to maintaining peace and security in the city. Any individual found furthering the agenda of violence, disruption, or unlawful activities will face strict legal consequences under the law, police said. KNO

Live shell...

areas, have already issued an advisory and appealed to the border dwellers in Poonch and Rajouri districts not to touch them and immediately report about the explosives to the nearby police stations.

"Do not approach or touch any unexploded shells. Immediately report any sighting of an unexploded shell to the Police without delay and stay away from

the area where the shell is located." Police advised.

Flight operations...

flight status before heading to the airport. SpiceJet also resumed its scheduled flights to Srinagar today. The airline's first service, SG 9835, departed from Delhi at 2:30 PM, while the return flight from Srinagar was scheduled for 4:30 PM.

SpiceJet further announced that Haj 2025 operations from Srinagar would begin on May 14, with two wide-body Airbus A340 aircraft transporting pilgrims to Medina. "Each aircraft will carry 324 pilgrims, and the airline is facilitating the travel of approximately 15,500 Haj pilgrims this year," the airline's spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, the resumption of flights brought relief to stranded passengers and their families in the Valley.

"I had to attend a medical appointment in Delhi, but my flight got cancelled last week. I am happy things are returning to normal," said Saqib Ahmad, a resident of Srinagar, who was seen at the airport with his boarding pass.

Another local said he was stuck in Amritsar for days. "We were very worried, but now I am going back home tomorrow. I am happy that flights are finally resuming," he said.

Notably, airport authorities have advised all travellers to remain updated through airline websites or official social media channels due to the evolving flight schedules.

Officials also said that coordination is being maintained with airlines and security agencies to ensure that all resumed operations are smooth, secure, and uninterrupted in the coming days. KNO

CBSE Class 10 results declared; girls outperformed boys once again

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced the Class 10 Board exam results for 2025 on Tuesday. This year, an impressive 93.66 per cent of students passed the examination. Over 23 lakh students appeared for the exam, which was held at 7,837 centres across 26,675 affiliated schools.

Girls outperformed boys once again, achieving a pass percentage of 95 per cent.

Among the regions, Thiruvananthapuram, Vijayawada, and Bengaluru ranked highest in performance, while Delhi was placed seventh and Guwahati ranked at the bottom.

Students can access their results through the official CBSE websites – cbse.gov.in, cbseresults.nic.in, and results.cbse.nic.in.



nic.in.

Results are also available via DigiLocker, the UMANG app, and IVRS.

The CBSE has sent DigiLocker login details via SMS to students' registered mobile numbers, allowing them to download digitally verified copies of their mark sheets and certificates.

To check their results, students must use their roll number, admit card ID, school code, and date of birth. A minimum of 33 per cent in both theory

and practical exams is required to pass. In borderline cases, students may be awarded grace marks.

Earlier in the day, the CBSE also released Class 12th Board results. The pass percentage stood at 88.39 per cent, up by 0.41 per cent compared to the previous year.

The CBSE will hold supplementary examinations for both Classes 10 and 12 in the first or second week of July 2025. These exams will follow the same syllabus used for the main Board exams conducted earlier this year.

In a significant change, CBSE introduced a Relative Grading system from the 2024-25 academic session. Unlike the previous fixed grading system, this method ranks students in comparison to their peers, reducing academic stress and competition.

This year, over 42 lakh students appeared for CBSE Board exams held between February 15 and April 4. Class 10 exams ended on March 18, while Class 12 concluded on April 4.

CBSE is India's largest school examination Board and the second-largest public examination system in the country after general elections.

Its schools operate in countries from Japan to Ghana and offer a wide range of 204 subjects across Classes 10 and 12.

We will have to fight and win Savarkar's Akhand Hindu Rashtra, says Shiv Sena (UBT) editorial

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The Shiv Sena (UBT) on Tuesday, in an editorial in its mouthpiece 'Saamana' criticised the ceasefire between India and Pakistan and stated that "no one will give us an Akhand Hindu Rashtra. We will have to fight and win it."

In the scathing editorial in 'Saamana', the Thackeray camp said, "The nation lost the opportunity to fulfil Veer Savarkar's dream of an 'Akhand Hindustan (unified Hindu nation)'. The Indian Army sacrificed its heroes in the war, civilians lost their lives, but what did they get?"

"Prime Minister Modi announced that 'If Pakistan fires again, you (the armed forces) should fire a bullet', meaning a bomb. Why were the Pakistanis left alive to fire bullets? The soul of Veer Savarkar must also be asking this question. PM Modi, Eknath Shinde and others have lost the right to do politics in Savarkar's name," the editorial said.

"Now the Bhakts (BJP supporters) have spread such news, citing sources, that Prime Minister Modi has demanded Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir from Pakistan."

"They are stating that PM Modi said, 'Our goal is to get back Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir. First give us



dream was clear and pure. Prime Minister Modi and his 'Mindhe' people are using Veer Savarkar's name for politics.

"Fake Savarkar devotees silenced the guns in the hands of the Army fighting for a united India," alleged the Shiv Sena (UBT).

"No one will give us an Akhand Hindu Rashtra. We will have to fight and win it. Hindu Rashtra is a part of Hindutva. Veer Savarkar had said that Hindutva and Hindu Rashtra believe in 'Asindhu Sindhu Paryanta Yasya Bharat Bhumika (From the Indus River to Sindhu ocean, extends the land of Bharat)'. Further Savarkar added 'Pitribhu: Punyabhushchaiva sa vai Hinduriti smrita (He is considered a Hindu who regards the land from the Indus River to the Indian Ocean as his fatherland and holy land)'."

"Savarkar defined that whoever considers this Bharat, which stretches from the Indus to the sea, as his fatherland and holy land, is a Hindu."

"Savarkar is a supporter of Akhand Hindustan and Prime Minister Modi, Amit Shah, people from Maharashtra and others are supporters of Akhand Hindustan's ideas, but when that idea of Akhand Hindustan is coming into view, why did all these people backtrack? This should be called a jugglery," said the

editorial.

"Nathuram Godse supporters say that he killed Mahatma Gandhi out of anger that Pakistan was sitting on our head because Mahatma Gandhi approved the Partition. Later, Godse was hanged, but his ashes were not immersed as per his wishes. Godse's will stated that his ashes should be immersed only when India is united."

"Godse's ideas were accepted during the Modi era and Godse's birth and death anniversary are also being celebrated, but if the war had been continued for four more days without accepting a sudden ceasefire, Kashmir, Lahore, Karachi could have been annexed to India and Godse's ashes could have been immersed. Modi Bhakts have lost that virtue too. Modi and his people could not even fulfil Veer Savarkar's dream and could not even immerse Godse's ashes," remarked the editorial.

"At this moment, we see the image of the deep idealism in Veer Savarkar's heart, which is not to be hidden or drawn in today's political turmoil, election slogans, or business. Before stopping the war, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir should have been taken. Balochistan should have been torn apart and revenge should have been taken," said the editorial.

India was thinking in same direction: Oppn leaders praise 'Operation Sindoor', PM Modi's message to Pak

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NEW DELHI

Opposition leaders on Tuesday praised 'Operation Sindoor' and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong message to Pakistan on Monday night.

In a show of unity, RJD leader Manoj Jha welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation following the success of 'Operation Sindoor', acknowledging the gravity of the moment and the national sentiment surrounding the cross-border operation against terror.

RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha stated, "This is important. The Prime Minister is the leader of our nation, and he represents all of us. After the events at Pahalgam, the entire country was thinking in the same direction."

He further noted that the Prime Minister's sen-



timents were in line with the collective emotions of the people, saying, "When 'Operation Sindoor' was launched, the entire country shared the same thought. The briefings by our forces and the communication were consistent and powerful, a message that resonated globally."

Samajwadi Party MP Mohibullah Nadvi echoed similar sentiments, describing the Prime Minister's remarks

as "from the heart and mind", but suggested a more formal approach.

"It would have been better if a special session of Parliament had been convened, allowing the Prime Minister to address all parties directly, facilitating dialogue and consensus," Nadvi said.

The Prime Minister's national address, delivered on Monday evening, came in the wake of India's successful counter-terror operation and

a tactical ceasefire understanding with Pakistan. In his speech, PM Modi laid out a three-pronged anti-terror doctrine, marking a shift in India's security posture.

He reiterated that India will no longer tolerate Nuclear blackmail, declaring, "Terrorists and those who shelter them, whether within or outside a country, will be treated the same."

He made it clear that India's fight against terrorism is global, and that Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) remains the only outstanding issue for dialogue with Islamabad.

PM Modi's strong tone and clarity were seen as reflective of India's evolving 'new normal', where decisive retaliation, pre-emptive action, and global pursuit of terror threats are central to national security.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviews security with top officials, chiefs of forces

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NEW DELHI

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined the new normal in the country's tough anti-terror policy, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday reviewed the security situation with top officials and chiefs of forces.

The discussions revolved around maintaining high vigil despite the understanding on ceasefire arrived during 'Operation Sindoor', said an official source.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviewed the security situation along the western border during the meeting at South Block.

The high-level security meeting was attended by the Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Naval Staff



Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Vice Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari.

The Defence Minister also congratulated the armed forces for the operation that struck terror hubs and eliminated 100 terrorists in Pakistan and also destroyed its Defence facilities when it "attacked India instead of joining our war against terror."

On Monday evening, Rajnath Singh hailed PM

Rajnath Singh said, "The Prime Minister has also made it clear that if there will be any talks with Pakistan in the future, then the talks will be only on terrorism and POK. He has also openly praised the valour and courage of the Indian forces during #OperationSindoor. The whole country is proud of the Indian forces. I thank the Prime Minister for his strong leadership."

Earlier on Sunday, Rajnath Singh congratulated the armed forces for the success of the operation and said, "Operation Sindoor was not just a military action, but a symbol of India's political, social and strategic will power."

He was virtually addressing the inaugural ceremony of #BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow.

Ban on 4PM YouTube channel lifted, Supreme Court told

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court was apprised on Tuesday that the Union government has withdrawn its directive to block the YouTube channel 4PM News Network.

A bench of Justices B. R. Gavai and A. G. Masih was hearing a plea filed by journalist Sanjay Sharma challenging the Centre's directive to block his news channel on YouTube on the grounds of "national security" and "public order".

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing on the petitioner's behalf, submitted that since the blocking order has been withdrawn by the authorities, the prayer for interim relief has turned infructuous.

However, Sibal pressed the prayer contained in the petition challenging the constitutional validity of the Information Technology (IT) Blocking Rules, 2009.

In view of the submission, the Apex Court ordered tagging the instant



petition with the pending batch of pleas raising similar issues. Last week, the Justice Gavai-led Bench issued notice on the plea filed by the editor of the digital news platform and sought responses from the Union government, including the Ministry of Home Affairs, and YouTube.

When a prayer for interim relief was pressed, the Top Court had said that it was not inclined to pass any stay order without hearing from the government. In his writ petition filed before the Apex Court, journalist Sanjay Sharma said that non-furnishing of the blocking order or underlying complaint violated statutory and constitutional safe-

guards.

"Rules 8, 9, and 16 of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009, which permit blocking without notice or hearing, are violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a), and 21 of the Constitution, as they oust the principles of natural justice and enable a shadow regime of censorship devoid of transparency or accountability," stated the petition filed through Talha Abdul Rahman.

Further, it said that the Constitution does not permit the blanket removal of content without an opportunity to be heard.

"National security' and 'public order' are not talismanic invocations to insulate executive action from scrutiny. They are constitutionally recognised grounds under Article 19(2), but are subject to the test of reasonableness and proportionality," the plea said.

A vague reference

to these grounds, without even disclosing the offending content, makes it impossible for the petitioner to challenge or remedy the allegation, thereby depriving him of his fundamental right to free speech and fair hearing, added the petition.

The Editors Guild of India, in a recent press statement, said that it was "deeply concerned" by the decision of the Union government to block YouTube Channel 4PM News Network, and termed the move an "opaque use of executive power, without prior notice or opportunity for response". "Arbitrary takedown orders undermine the fundamental right to freedom of speech."

The Guild reiterated its demand for a transparent and accountable mechanism for content take-downs, particularly when it concerns journalistic work. National security cannot become a pretext to silence critical voices or independent reporting," added the press statement.

CBSE announces Class 12 result; pass percentage 88.39 per cent

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NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Tuesday declared the results for the Class 12 examinations, in which girls once again outperformed boys.

The pass percentage stood at 88.39 per cent, up by 0.41 per cent compared to the previous year.

Over 16.9 lakh students had been eagerly awaiting their final scores.

Girls outperformed boys by over 5 percentage points. The pass percentage of girls was 91.64 per cent, while for boys, 85.70

per cent.

Students can now access their results online via DigiLocker, the UMANG app, and the official CBSE websites.

A total of 17,04,367 students had registered for the exam, out of which 16,92,794 appeared, and 14,96,307 were declared passed.

The CBSE Result 2025 mark sheets can be accessed using login credentials such as the examinee's roll number, admit card ID, school code, and date of birth.

The Vijayawada region recorded the highest pass percentage at 99.60 per

cent, followed by Trivandrum at 99.32 per cent and Chennai at 97.39 per cent.

Other regions which scored well are Chandigarh (91.61 per cent), Panchkula (91.17 per cent), Pune (90.93 per cent), and Ajmer (90.40 per cent).

Bhubaneswar (83.64 per cent), Guwahati (83.62 per cent), Dehradun (83.45 per cent), Patna (82.86 per cent), and Bhopal (82.46 per cent) performed in the mid-range.

From this session, the CBSE has introduced a Relative Grading system to reduce academic pressure and unhealthy competition. The new system

evaluates students relative to their peers.

To pass the examination, students must score at least 33 per cent in both theory and practical papers. Students who fall short by one or two marks may be awarded grace marks.

The CBSE will announce the Class 10 results today at 1.00 p.m.

Following the result declaration, students who are not satisfied with their scores can apply for re-evaluation.

Last year, the overall pass percentage scored by class 12 was 87.98 per cent, and for class 10 it was 93.60 per cent.

EDITORIAL

Silence over
Dal Lake!

The stillness over Dal Lake is more than just an absence of sound – it is the echo of heartbreak reverberating through Jammu and Kashmir's economy. Once alive with the soft paddle strokes of shikaras and the cheerful chatter of tourists, the lake now lies eerily silent, its boats docked and hopeful eyes scanning the horizon for visitors who never came. This haunting scene, shared by former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on social media, lays bare the devastating impact of recent tragedies on the region's tourism backbone. The brutal killing of 26 innocent tourists and a local in the Baisaran meadows of Pahalgam on April 22 did more than take lives – it shattered a fragile sense of security and triggered a domino effect that has crippled Kashmir's economy. The attack, followed by a spike in Indo-Pak tensions, pushed the Valley into a zone of fear and uncertainty. With two nuclear-armed nations brought once again to the brink, domestic and international tourists alike swiftly cancelled their travel plans. Hotel bookings were wiped out overnight. Local markets, once vibrant with visitors buying handicrafts, saffron, and dry fruits, now wear a deserted look. Artisans, hoteliers, shikara owners, and tour operators – the lifeblood of Kashmir's economy – are staring down the barrel of another lost season. Tourism is not just a business in Jammu and Kashmir. It is a way of life. It fuels thousands of livelihoods, sustains small communities, and offers a peaceful alternative narrative to a land too often associated with conflict. Every cancelled booking is a blow not just to an individual but to the collective psyche of a region that has fought hard to project itself as a safe and welcoming destination. The economic fallout is already visible, and if not addressed promptly, it could deepen into long-term distress. The government – both at the Union and UT level – must rise to the occasion. This is the moment to launch a multipronged recovery plan. Security must be tightened to reassure tourists, but equally important is rebuilding confidence through strong messaging. Media outreach, tourism campaigns, and safety assurances are essential in undoing the damage. Kashmir must be projected not just as beautiful, but safe – a place where memories are made, not mourned. Additionally, financial relief for those directly hit by the collapse in tourism is not just compassionate, it is necessary. Loan moratoriums, subsidies for tourism-related businesses, and grants for local artisans can help cushion the blow. Long-term plans should also include diversification, so that the economy is not left this vulnerable to future disruptions. At the heart of all this is an urgent need to prevent Kashmir from being defined by violence. The world must be reminded that Kashmir is not a battleground, but a breathtaking land of mountains and lakes, poetry and hospitality, resilience and beauty. And it deserves to be experienced, not feared. The silence of Dal Lake is not just the absence of tourists – it is the muting of a people's hope. Let us not allow this silence to stretch into permanence. Let Kashmir breathe again, through its shikaras, its markets, and the laughter of visitors who come not just to see its beauty, but to believe in it.

A made-in-India league that redefined
global sports entertainment

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Rarely has a sports vertical replicated success with the frequency and intensity as the Indian Premier League (IPL), being held for the last 18 years. As a cricketing format, it has rewritten the script of hosting, formatting, and designing a tournament, setting a global template.

IPL truly qualifies as a "Made in India" product and brand that has expanded exponentially in the geographical and business domain. It has been innovative, transformative, and refreshing, giving a big push for content and creativity. It has given India a "new wave of creativity" through cricket and sports. Every edition of the IPL has been a story of building dreams, nurturing aspirations, and reinforcing the power of perseverance and dedication. Successive editions have strategically recalibrated the design, structure, outreach, and impact of the tournament, criss-crossing geographical boundaries, audiences, and stakeholders.

It is the "Mahakumbh of ideas", programming, outreach, collaboration, and participation on the 22 yard pitch. As a format, IPL has given a new lease of life and dose of inspiration, enthusiasm, and frenzy to the fan following. It has promoted new players, ideas, and mantras, facilitated engagement protocols, outlined innovative broadcasting formats, and redefined approaches to marketing and branding. Each of the eighteen editions has given space to the broadcaster to infuse new

ideas of broadcast and telecast methods.

As a tournament, it has rewritten the marketing narrative, inviting strategists to review the deliverables of the previous edition. A perfect case study for management students to overview the success of the tournament. Perhaps the only sporting event in the world where statistics are monitored through data analysis from the first to the last ball – excitement in reviewing the impact of the tournament. Fans have been glued to the IPL "Orange Cap" and "Purple Cap" takers – players who have excelled in batting and bowling. Each match truly rolls out a new candidate for the honours, leaving us audiences to be involved in guesswork, statistics, and becoming masters of probability.

It is a tug-of-war contest to catch attention, eyeballs, product placement, and audience interest both offline and online. Cricket storytelling and narration through IPL verticals have seamlessly combined commerce, psychology, data analytics, content creation, and innovation through high-end visibility across multiple streams.

This is reflected in broadcasting rights, commentary, excitement quotients, audience participation, and advertising methodologies. To ensure sustainability, cricketing touchpoints have been created and applied with every edition, especially in the lean period of the remaining year. Audience connection and affiliation have been IPL's Unique Selling Proposition (USP). To ensure visibility

and recall, audiences have been linked to franchise support, brand adherence, and the feeling of being part of the franchise family through content, media outreach, and testimonial support. Every year the IPL fanatic following goes deep on the field with refreshing colour, taglines, player following, and city branding. The introduction of "Fan Parks" is a bold experiment to incorporate a pan-India support base and experience the IPL fever in cities not hosting matches.

This move has ensured the feel-good factor of IPL with entertainment, stadia experience and atmosphere, and reinforced the power of core cricketing followers. A positive fallout of this has been the rise and visibility of regional products in the broadcasting and advertising space. In many IPL branding pit stops, regional advertisers today are quite enthusiastic about leveraging IPL brand power for their products, visibility, sales, and reach. Robustness has been the guiding force of IPL.

Each edition has introduced new energy, synergies, collaboration, and touchpoints, wherein new templates have surfaced. It would be an interesting case study to understand the power of brand visibility and placement in the IPL spectrum – product placement and high visibility leading to increased sales.

Brands and products have embraced the advertising space in niche and innovative segments. Amul's brand recall, "The Taste of India", echoes loud and clear on our TV screens and the "Cricket Live Show". As a brand

and product range, it has woven seamlessly with the IPL teams; its partnership has ensured "The Taste of India Experience" with fans, cricketing institutions, and stakeholders. A look at the website of IPL, where the grand announcements are made, gives fans the framework, buzz, and focused messaging options available. There is an absolute star-studded line-up of diverse fraternities that sponsor this tournament.

The range is truly an A-Z of the advertising matrix, giving us insights into how new business models operate in the sports management arena today. The offshoot of such an assembly is certainly a positive indication for other sports that remained in the backyard of neglect.

Great offshoots are noticeable in Kabaddi, Badminton, Domestic Football, and Hockey – in all senses, IPL has been a game-changer for promoting the sports outreach, popularity, and acceptance in India. Brand continuity has been another IPL mantra, judicially followed by 'Big Players'.

This strategy has ensured the power of the platform for new launches, celebrity endorsement, and corporate goals. Old-time advertisers such as Parle and CEAT have followed the strategy of high visibility and space investment, leading to product impact amongst new audiences, age groups, and markets. IPL has ideated new thoughts on cricketing minds. "Strategic Time Out" during matches has been a huge hit on the giant TV screens, giving CEAT Tyres an amplified pres-

ence among stakeholders. For first-timers, the omnipresence of Dream11 in the advertising space has recreated the support for fantasy sports, an uncharted territory in advertising.

The economics of the format has been a revelation for innovative business practices. Business is booming with franchise stakeholders, sponsorship, viewership, and proactive participation of cricketers in the advertising space. The issue is the sustainability of the model, the role of marquee players, and the race to replicate success through team-specific methods and strategies.

Every edition of the league has opened new chapters of the cricketing journey and exploration. The challenge now is: will the 18th edition take cricket to another level? Will new stars and budding cricketers take centre stage while the old warhorses dig deep once again?

Pandits are watching the 18th edition with scepticism and fear at times, that the over-expectation of this tournament does not fall prey to overkill, overhype, and over-expectation. Every format has a life cycle – IPL so far has withstood the storm. The moot question remains whether the format is good in the interest of cricket.

Will budding players use this as a platform to excel, or will they be carried away by instant success and masala cricket?

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Towards a simpler and fairer tax regime

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Ever since a reformative step of introducing the Goods & Service Tax (GST) Act was introduced in the country on July 1st, 2017, there has been a regular practice of changing tax structure in an ever-confusing GST regime with too many confusing and complicated provisions incorporated in the system.

India is perhaps the only country in the world where there are so many GST slabs added by further confusing cess without any systematic tax slab on so-called luxury items. Countries that have adopted the GST system usually have a single tax rate. Even then, petroleum products are out of the purview of the GST regime. The present haphazard GST system has resulted in much-increased cash transactions – undoing the good done by the harsh step of demonetisation of the old currency of rupees 500 and 1000 – which was also aimed to lead the nation towards a cashless economy.

The input-tax-credit system in GST regime in manufacturing is the biggest corrupt practice of tax evasion where left-out GST invoices by ordinary customers are sold by traders to consuming manufacturers or producers to avail false input-tax-credit – where cash is paid back by traders to those purchasing left-out GST invoices of actual consumers – bringing more currency in circulation, this being the reason of basic motive of currency – demonetisation being failed where currency in circulation rapidly increased rather than projected decrease.

An annual forensic audit may be made compulsory on claims made for input-tax-credit by manufacturers/producers to avoid false claims of excessive input-tax-credit in these sectors. Rather, study should be made if, with the abolition of an excessively high 18 per cent GST slab, input-tax-credit can be altogether abolished from manufacturing/producing sectors, retaining it only on tradable commodities.



False claim of input-tax-credit is also otherwise possible when there exists a senseless provision to provide input-tax-credit on expense items that are debited as expenses in profit-loss accounts and balance sheets of traders and manufacturers. Input-tax-credit must not also be allowed on assets for which depreciation is claimed in preparing balance sheets. Like input-tax-credit is not allowed on car expenses, the same system should be applicable for all types of expenses.

Such abolishing benefits of input-tax-credit on expense items and assets will in no way affect normal consumers but will result in a heavy increase in revenue-earning through GST which then can be utilised to abolish at least excessively high 18-per cent GST slab by moving some items in higher GST slab presently of 28 per cent (suggested to be marginally higher at 30 per cent) and reducing tax slab on remaining items to 12 per cent GST slab. GST slab of 5 per cent can then be marginally increased to 6 per cent – abolishing altogether slab of 3 per cent. Such a slight increase of 5 per cent to 6 per cent and 28 per cent to 30 per cent will not be under criticism because such an increase together with the abolition of input-tax-credit on expense items and assets will pave the way for abolishing the harsh 18 per cent tax slab which is always considered to be high. Thus, GST slabs should be reduced basically to just four

slabs i.e. zero, six, twelve and thirty per cent – thereby nominally increasing the present 5 per cent GST slab marginally to 6 per cent and replacing 28 per cent with a 30 per cent GST slab. Gradually, even slabs of 6 and 12 per cent may also be replaced by a new 10 per cent tax structure. Zero per cent GST slab may only be retained on totally unbranded raw materials that can not be consumed without giving a finishing touch like agricultural products, fish, meat, cotton yarn etc. Only limited items may attract a 6 per cent tax slab. All other items may be uniformly taxed at a 12 per cent GST slab which should also be a tax slab for the service sector which presently attracts an 18 per cent GST slab.

The complete GST system and website should be overhauled in a manner that educated persons may get registered under GST and also may be able to file GST returns themselves. It is unnecessary to have too many classifications under service sector even though all are under the same GST slab of 18 per cent presently. The useless system of nominal tax deducted at source for GST, which is hardly used in practice, should be altogether abolished. Otherwise, any such deducted tax should be auto-reflected in the GST accounts of affected ones, abolishing the cumbersome practice of filing a new monthly return to get a credit for deducted GST. With the GST slab of 18 per cent abolished and the service sector then

attracting just 12 per cent GST, those with income of rupees ten lakhs or more (instead of the present rupees 20 lakhs) can be brought under the GST regime like was the system before the GST regime. It is illogical to keep lawyers out of the purview of the GST regime.

All items of long-term use like cars, air-conditioners, TV sets, refrigerators and electrical & electronics items may attract 30 per cent GST while their parts may uniformly attract 12 per cent GST. Unmindful policy framers brought clutch plate and clutch bearing under different GST slabs of 18 and 28 per cent. Likewise, similar items sold by confectioners like sweets, biscuits, napkins (salted food items) etc. attract different GST slabs – with luxury sweets causing diabetes attracting just 5 per cent GST while napkins (salted food items) attract 12 per cent GST. Invoices for items like gold jewellery can be drawn in two parts – one for metal and embodied items and the other for making charges, so that the suggested 12 per cent GST may be payable only on making charges while gold/silver and embodied items may attract a 6 per cent GST slab. Cess on extra-luxurious items should be replaced by additional GST slabs in multiples of 60 per cent, also bringing petroleum products under the GST regime to ensure uniform pricing of petrol and diesel in all states.

Abolishing the 18 per cent GST slab will be more than compensated by clubbing lower slabs of 3 and 5 per cent into a single 6 per cent GST slab. The input-tax-credit (ITC) system should not apply to non-tradable commodities and services like has been done, and rightly too, in the case of car expenses for non-commercial use.

All Government services including fairs and select postal items (like Speed Post) should be exempted from GST to avoid unnecessary Government accounting by putting tax from one Government pocket to another. Otherwise also, it was indeed silly to have some postal

services under GST and the rest of others without GST.

There have been cases where some Government departments had to pay penalties for default in filing GST returns or late payment of GST. Exempting all Government services from GST will result in the saving of Government resources and manpower and different Government departments will be free from filing GST returns. However, any revenue loss in case all Government services are exempted from GST should be prevented by absorbing the present applicable GST in the cost of the Government service itself.

As far as possible, the cost of Government services should be in round figures. For example, presently local Speed Post tariff for the first 50 gms slab is rupees 18 which can be marginally increased to rupees 20 (GST exempted). In case cess is replaced by additional GST slabs in multiples of 60 per cent, all petroleum products that are presently out of the purview of GST can then be brought under GST – making prices of all petroleum products uniform throughout the country. It is highly improper that prices of petroleum products vary by even more than 30 per cent in the country.

While petrol was priced at just rupees 82.46 per litre in Andaman & Nicobar on May 9th, 2025, the same was priced at rupees 109.60 per litre in Andhra Pradesh with petrol costing rupees 94.77 per litre in Delhi on the same date May 9th, 2025.

Petroleum products in case becoming uniform after being under GST network then can be in round figures. Petrol, diesel, and kerosene then can be priced in multiples of rupees one inclusive of GST while LPG gas refill can be in multiples of rupees 50 inclusive of GST. It will not practically affect consumers because LPG delivery persons usually keep balance money as "tips"!

(The writer is a RTI consultant and an analyst. Views are personal)

Drink black tea, eat berries, apples to age healthy

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NEW DELHI

Want to age healthy? Higher intakes of black tea, berries, citrus fruits, and apples may help, according to global research.

Researchers from Edith Cowan University (Australia), Queen's University Belfast (UK), and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (US), found that foods rich in flavonoids could help to lower the risk of key components of unhealthy ageing, including frailty, impaired physical function and poor mental health.

"The goal of medical research is not just to help people live longer but to ensure they stay healthy for as long as possible," said Dr Nicola Bondonno, Adjunct Lecturer at Edith Cowan.

Previous studies have showed people who have a higher flavonoid intake tend to live longer, and



they are also less likely to get any of the major chronic diseases such as dementia, diabetes, or heart disease.

"Our research shows that people who consume more flavonoids tend to age better," Bondonno said.

The study, which analysed data from 62,743 women and 23,687 men over 24 years, found that

women with the highest flavonoid intakes had a 15 per cent lower risk of frailty, a 12 per cent lower risk of impaired physical function, and a 12 per cent lower risk of poor mental health compared to those with the lowest intakes.

While fewer associations were observed in men, higher flavonoid intake was still linked to a lower risk of poor mental health.

"Flavonoids are well known for reducing oxidative stress and inflammation, supporting blood vessel health, and even helping to maintain skeletal muscle mass -- all of which are important for preventing frailty and maintaining physical function and mental health as we age," said Professor Aedin Cassidy from Queens.

Further, the study showed that participants who increased their intake of flavonoid-rich food by three servings a day had a 6 per cent to 11 per cent lower risk across all three ageing outcomes in females, and a 15 per cent lower risk of poor mental health in males.

"Overall, these findings underscore the potential for simple dietary modifications to impact the overall quality of life and contribute to the optimisation of healthy ageing," added Professor Eric Rimm from Harvard.

Jitendra Singh urges ANRF to help medical colleges boost clinical innovation

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NEW DELHI

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh on Monday chaired a comprehensive review of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

He urged the newly constituted Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), to help medical colleges boost clinical innovation in the country.

"Explore the possibility of helping medical colleges establish their own medical research parks -- a move that could boost clinical innovation and local biotech entrepreneurship," Singh asked the ANRF.

The Minister reviewed ANRF's plan to create a "cloud of research and innovation infrastructure," a digital platform that would offer deep-



tech startups and academic institutions access to underused scientific equipment and facilities across the country.

This move is expected to democratise research capabilities, especially for smaller players who often lack access to high-end lab tools.

The Minister also called for bold new directions in science-driven growth, including AI-led innovations, focussing on ANRF's "AI-for-Science".

The programme aims to leverage artificial intelligence to accelerate discoveries in physics, chemistry, and biology by using machine learning to model complex scientific equations.

Singh also revisited the concept of "deep science-to-deep tech acceleration," urging the ANRF to focus on converting academic research -- such as publications and patents -- into commercial technologies. He emphasised

the need for partnerships with top-tier industry players and the creation of venture-builder models to ensure that discoveries don't remain confined to laboratories.

"Prioritise key areas of national relevance, including climate forecasting, material science, aerospace, biochemistry, and drug development," Singh asked the ANRF.

"The time has come for India to move from isolated innovation to a more integrated, impact-driven ecosystem that links research, startups, and industry," he added.

The Minister further underscored the importance of building an indigenous "India AI Open Stack" -- a foundational AI architecture embedded with science and engineering models tailored for Indian researchers. This, he noted, could position India as a global frontrunner in AI-driven scientific applications.

Molecular profiling key to reduce radiation for women with endometrial cancer: Study

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI

Molecular profiling can safely reduce radiotherapy for women with early-stage endometrial cancer while identifying those who would benefit from more intensive treatment, according to a study that marks a significant step forward in personalised cancer treatment.

Endometrial cancer is a type of gynaecological cancer, most often affecting women after menopause.

For women with high-intermediate-risk disease, adjuvant radiotherapy -- particularly vaginal brachytherapy (a form of internal radiotherapy delivered directly to the vaginal area) -- is commonly used after surgery to reduce the risk of recurrence.

However, patients don't need it equally, and some may receive more treatment than necessary, exposing them to potential



side effects without added benefit.

The study showed that molecular profiling -- a method that examines the genetic and biological features of a tumour can guide clinical decisions. It helps identify which patients are most likely to benefit from radiotherapy, and which can safely avoid it.

The team enrolled 592 women across eight European countries with (high-) intermediate-risk endometrial cancer.

The results, presented at the ongoing ESTRO

2025, the annual congress of the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO) in Vienna, Austria, highlights that molecular profiling helps tailor radiotherapy decisions based on individual tumour characteristics.

Nearly half of the patients in the trial safely avoided radiation without compromising cancer control.

"By using molecular profiling, we can tailor treatment to each patient's individual risk," said Dr. Anne Sophie V.M. van den

Heerik, lead investigator from The Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands.

"This approach allows us to safely reduce radiotherapy for many women while ensuring that those who need it receive the most effective therapy. It's a major step towards more personalized and less invasive cancer treatment," Heerik said.

Further, patients with an unfavourable molecular profile received a more intensive radiation approach, pelvic radiotherapy, instead of vaginal brachytherapy. The results suggest better locoregional control, with a recurrence rate of 8.4 per cent compared to 30.5 per cent in those who received standard treatment without molecular profiling.

The findings demonstrate that nearly half of patients can be safely spared radiotherapy while maintaining excellent survival rates.

Ayush manufacturing sector grew 8x in last 10 years, huge potential for economy, export: Centre

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NEW DELHI

The Ayush manufacturing sector grew eight times in the last decade, and the sector has huge potential for boosting the economy and export, said Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush.

He was speaking at the stakeholder consultation meeting along with the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in the national capital. The meeting aimed to promote the cultivation and use of medicinal plants across the country, observing participation from other ministries such as the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, National Plant Medicinal Board (NPMB), State Horticulture Missions (SHMs), ICAR, State Medicinal Plant Boards, progressive farmers and leading private players from Medicinal Plant industry.



"There is a huge possibility of growth in Ayush sector. The Ayush manufacturing sector has grown by 8 times in the last 10 years and has vast export potential. The sector has enormous economic opportunities, and especially after the Covid-19 pandemic, the demand for Ayush products including medicinal plants has grown immensely," said Kotecha.

Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, of the Agriculture Ministry, highlighted the scope of the Ayush sector in increasing the domestic production of medicinal plants as inter-state trade and export of medicinal

plants.

"We need better convergence between the Ministry of Ayush and Agriculture departments and collaboration with State Medicinal Plant Boards, to promote medicinal plants at the national level," he said. Chaturvedi stressed that there is a need for a mission-mode programme for medicinal plant cultivation, identifying good practices of cultivation, efficient techniques, etc., which will help in the upliftment of the sector.

The meeting focussed on exploring avenues for developing region-specific medicinal plant clusters; facilitating part-

nerships between farmers and industry players for assured procurement and end-to-end value chain development; discussing the establishment of dedicated mandis and marketing platforms to ensure fair prices for farmers; and promoting research, training, and extension services to build capacity among stakeholders.

The participants and stakeholders also suggested identifying crop-specific areas for the establishment of clusters dedicated to medicinal plants.

These clusters would focus on area expansion, production, industry partnerships, farmer training, and marketing through setting up specialised mandis for these crops ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers.

The experts also emphasised the need to identify policy interventions and financial incentives to encourage farmers to take up the cultivation of medicinal plants.

Study finds everyday habits boost mental well-being

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SYDNEY

Simple, everyday behaviours like chatting with friends, spending time in nature, and mentally engaging activities can significantly improve mental health, according to research.

The study, which surveyed over 600 adults in Western Australia, found that people who engaged in daily conversations with others scored 10 points higher on a standard mental well-being scale than those who rarely did, Xinhua news agency reported.

Daily exposure to nature was linked to a five-point increase, while regular social catchups, physical activity, spiritual practice, and helping others also contributed to improved mental well-being, according to Australia's Curtin University researchers.

The findings, published in the British journal of



SSM-Mental Health, highlight the power of accessible, low-cost actions in maintaining mental well-being, said the study's lead researcher, Prof. Christina Pollard from Curtin's School of Population Health.

"These aren't expensive programmes or clinical interventions -- they're behaviours that are already part of many people's lives and can be easily encouraged through

public health messaging," Pollard said.

"Regular connection with others, even a daily chat, can make a measurable difference to how people feel. Similarly, spending time outdoors or doing something that requires thinking and concentrating, like doing crosswords, reading, or learning a new language, provides an important mental reset," she said.

The research evalu-

ated 15 behaviours and found mental well-being increased consistently with the frequency of participation in these behaviours.

Awareness of the campaign was high, with 86 per cent of participants recognising it, while nearly all agreed that mental health should be prioritised alongside physical health.

The results support sustained investment in community-wide mental health initiatives that go beyond raising awareness, Pollard said.

"This research confirms that when people are supported and encouraged to engage in mentally healthy behaviours, the benefits can be felt across the community," Professor Pollard said.

"It's about prevention, not just treatment -- helping people stay mentally well before they reach crisis point," she added.

Spanking children can impact academic outcomes, impair social-emotional development: Study

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NEW DELHI

Physically punishing children can lead to negative outcomes such as poor health, lower academic performance, and impaired social-emotional development, according to a study on Monday.

The analysis, published in the journal Nature Human Behaviour, showed that physical punishment was significantly associated with worse parent-child relationships, being a victim of violence, perpetrating violence (including intimate partner violence in adulthood), approving violence, physical health problems, mental health problems, substance use, poor academic outcomes, impaired language skills.

It also led to impaired executive function, social-emotional skills, overall behavioural problems, internalising behaviour problems (e.g., depression and withdrawal), exter-



nalising behaviours (e.g., aggression and destruction), impaired early child development, and quality of sleep.

Researchers at the New York University-Steinhardt, US, no positive outcomes associated with corporal punishment.

"The consistency and strength of these findings suggest that physical punishment is universally harmful to children and adolescents," lead author Jorge Cuartas, Assistant

Professor of Applied Psychology at NYU.

"Moving forward, more research is needed to identify effective strategies for preventing physical punishment on a global scale and ensuring that children are protected from all forms of violence to support their healthy development," Cuartas added.

In 2006, the UN Secretary-General called for a ban on corporal punishment -- acts of physical force to inflict pain that

includes smacking, shaking, and spanking -- for children.

To date, 65 countries worldwide have instituted full or partial bans on the practice. Most of the bans were established in high-income countries (having a gross national income of at least \$14,000 per capita) bolstered by the UN's call, and research finding detrimental outcomes in wealthier nations.

The researchers analysed 195 studies related to corporal punishment published between 2002 and 2024.

The studies covered 92 low- and middle-income and 19 outcomes related to parent-child relationships, mental and physical health, violent behaviour, attitudes toward violence, substance use, cognitive function, social-emotional skills, sleep, motor skills, and the likelihood of being a child labourer.

Rattan Lal welcomes India-Pakistan Ceasefire

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, has welcomed the announcement of ceasefire between India and Pakistan, terming it a vital step toward de-escalation and relief for border residents who have been living under constant fear and suffering.

In a press statement issued here today, the Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta said, "This is a welcome step—though delayed. Had this ceasefire come just two days earlier, we could have avoided unnecessary bloodshed and loss of precious lives."

The senior NC leader has praised the consistent efforts of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his Cabinet Ministers for playing a proactive role during the period of panic and



tension along the borders. He said that the Chief Minister has personally visited the affected people, offering them assurance, boosting their morale and supporting during a very critical time. He appreciated the CM's efforts and commended his handling of the situation with responsibility and sensitivity.

Highlighting the plight of border dwellers, the senior NC leader urged the Central Government to immediately announce

a compensation of Rs 1 crore and a government job to the next of kin of each individual who lost their life in the recent cross-border firing incidents. "These families have made the ultimate sacrifice, and the government must support them with dignity and responsibility," he said.

The senior NC leader also expressed concern over the current situation along the borders and in urban pockets impacted by cross border firing and drone attacks. Urging the administration to act without delay, Rattan Lal said, "The government must immediately constitute special teams to assess the losses suffered by residents in both border and urban areas. Compensation and rehabilitation should follow promptly."

Rattan Lal Gupta also strongly reiterated the demand that the Centre fulfill its long-standing commitment to provide 5-marla plots to border residents living within a 5-kilometer range of the International Border and Line of Control at safer locations. "This promise has remained unfulfilled for years. Not only must these plots be allotted now, but the government should also release funds for construction of houses under the PM Awas Yojana, so these families can live safely and securely," he added.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that now the focus must shift from conflict to compassion. "It is imperative that relief efforts begin without delay and confidence is restored among the people living in border belts," he added.

Tara Chand demanded 10 marla plot and Rs 5 lacs each to the residents of Border areas

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AKHNOOR-CHHAMB, MAY 13

Working President Pradesh Congress Committee and Former Dy. Chief Minister Shri Tara Chand demanded immediate relief to residents of Border villages who have been directly affected by heavy cross border shelling and continuous strike by PAK drones. He was accompanied by S/Shri Sr. Congress leaders Bodh Raj Bhagat, S. Nirmal Singh Mehta, Ricky Dalotra, Bodh Raj Sharma, Block President Raj Kumar Sharma, Devinder Singh Bittu, Ex. Sarpanch Gautam Sharma, Vijay Singh Chib, Madan Lal Sharma and others visited borders migrant camps and villages in forward areas like Danna Chapri, Jalada, Gulaba, PHC Dori, Higher Second-



ary Dager, Baba Mahimal Sarain Dager, Bali, Kharra, Sajwal, Dhaleri, Naraina, kot Mehra, Badwal, Gigrail, Hamirpur, Sainth, Gard and Deriyana.

He expressed grief over the loss of innocent lives and the injuries sustained by many others in shelling incidents. He demanded 10 marla plots and Rs. 5 lacs to be sanctioned in favour of families which fall within fire range of

Pakistan. He said most of the forward areas are vacant and people are facing the miseries in these camps due to non availability Basic amenities like water, electricity, Gas cylinders and ration. He said Govt. distributed few items with Gas Cylinders to these families in pick and choose manner. He urged to the Central as well as UT Governments to provide immediate financial

assistance to border land owners who have lost their crop due to tension on borders even their domestic animals are either died or crossover to Pakistan.

Three times representative of Border Constituency Chaamb, Tara Chand recalling the time of UPA government said our Govt always remained on toes even during simple shelling on border. He demanded a Special package should be sanctioned in favour of border area residents.

Tara Chand cautioned the residents be always aware in future as Pakistan is not a trustworthy neighbour. He demanded community banker be immediately constructed in these villages so that the residents can save their lives during the cross border firing.

Dr. Jitendra visits GMC, Jammu Hospital to enquire about patients with injuries sustained during Pakistan shelling

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JAMMU, MAY 13

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today visited the Government Medical College, Jammu Hospital to enquire about the patients admitted there with injuries sustained during Pakistan shelling in the last few days, particularly following operation Sindoor.

Accompanied by the Principal, Dr Ashutosh Gupta, Dr Jitendra Singh went to different wards where the injured have been hospitalised and also went to the intensive care unit, where two more seriously injured patients have been admitted.

Later talking to media persons, Dr Jitendra Singh placed on record his appreciation of the medical college staff, including the doctors and the nursing



staff for their prompt and dedicated service which had made it possible that not a single mortality had happened among those who were admitted with injuries following the Pakistan aggression. He also appreciated the upgraded facility available in the hospital as a result of which not a single patient had to be referred to any other

hospital outside Jammu. As a medical professional himself, Dr Jitendra Singh said that all the patients hospitalised in GMC Jammu were convulsing very satisfactorily and soon in a position to be discharged. He said, he was apprehensive about one patient in the Intensive Care Unit who was in a hip surgery for injury but had

unfortunately succumbed to a fat embolism which led to a sudden deterioration in his condition with neurological complications. This patient, he said, is given all critical care management and considering that he is young and suffering from no comorbidities could also be fortunate enough to recover and go home like others.

Later on, the Principal and the staff of the Medical College took Dr. Jitendra Singh around the various new facilities developed in recent years. Dr Jitendra Singh said, he felt particularly proud to see all this because he had himself been a part of this institution for several decades.

Later on, before when Dr Jitendra Singh was about to leave the premises, several members of the Nursing Staff came to meet him and said it was nostalgic to meet him because many of them had been his trainees and junior medical staff and today they are proud to meet him while they were holding top positions in their respective hierarchy.

The nursing staff wanted an exclusive photograph which the Minister obliged.

Gurdwara Singh Sabha Committee, Tanda distribute fruits in migrant camps

JNEWS SERVICE
SUNDERBANI, MAY 13

Today the committee members of Gurdwara Singh Sabha Tanda distribute fruits to hundreds of migrant people who came from border areas in migrant camps in Bajabain & Kangri tehsil Baripatten of district Rajouri.

In this occasion retired caption Gurnam Singh, former sarpanch Mohan Singh & retired caption Swaran Singh Virchakra said

Rajouri & Poonch districts witnessed heavy artillery shelling from the



Pakistani Army, triggering a wave of loss and fear.

They said first time after the 1999 Kargil War, artillery shelling was witnessed in villages deep inside the LoC with the border areas, which is also the district headquarters of Rajouri & Poonch district, remaining

under heavy attack from Pakistani artillery shelling. They said we always fully cooperate with our Army & other paramilitary forces. We will continue this social work for our people who will suffering with violation of ceasefire by Pakistan.

Sat Sharma leads BJP delegation to shelling affected areas in Poonch

JNEWS SERVICE
SURANKOTE, POONCH, 13 MAY

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, leading a party delegation comprising of senior party leaders, visited the shelling-affected areas of Surankote to take stock of the damages caused due to the inappropriate shelling by Pakistan. BJP leaders interacted with the shopkeepers, and general public at Surankote market of district Poonch.

Sat Sharma also chaired meetings with the BJP workers and the prominent people to discuss the on-going situation in the area at Dak Bungalow Surankote and BJP District Office Poonch.

Later, the BJP leaders visited the home of twin children Zoya and Ayan who were martyred in Pakistan shelling in Chaktra village of district Poonch and paid tribute to them and expressed condolences to their bereaved family.

J&K BJP General Secretary and MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary Vibodh Gupta, Former MLC Pardeep Sharma, former MLC Dr. Shehnaz Ganai, District President Gurdar Singh Khalsa Abdul Ghani, Rajinder Gupta, and district and Mandal office bearers were also present during the tour to meet the affected people.

While addressing the meetings, Sat Sharma condemned Pakistan for targeting densely populated civilian areas, resulting in the tragic loss



of 15 lives in the Poonch district. He said that after the Pahalgam massacre, PM Modi had assured that every sacrifice would be avenged. Soon after, the Indian forces destroyed the terrorists' camps in Pakistan and PoJK.

Sharma said that Pakistan, a rogue state, chose to target the civilians' areas, resulting in the loss of 15 precious lives in the Poonch district. He said that PM Modi has clearly indicated that Pakistan has to shun the path of terrorism before resuming any talks, water or trade with India. PM Modi has also called to all the people to have faith in the Indian forces and the Indian government, he said.

While interacting with the people, the people requested for increased security measures, construction of Bunkers, compensations to the families of martyrs and affected people and to declare Surankote as a border area. While listening to their demands, Sat Sharma assured that the security of the people is the primary concern of the Modi government and that all their genuine demands will be addressed promptly.

Know the importance of education from Ambedkar's life: Balbir Ram

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Jammu and Kashmir BJP spokesperson and former vice chairperson of the Jammu and Kashmir SC, ST, BC Development Corporation, Balbir Ram Rattan, emphasized that the life of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar stands as a timeless example of how education can become a powerful instrument of social transformation.

He was speaking about how Dr. Ambedkar's journey continues to serve as a beacon of hope and motivation for generations, particularly for those from marginalized communities with BJP SC Morcha senior activists.

Balbir highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar, born in 1891 into a socially disadvantaged Dalit family, faced severe caste-based discrimination from an early age. Despite the societal and institutional barriers placed in his path, he displayed unwavering determination to acquire education. His relentless pursuit of knowledge took him across the globe, earning doctorates from prestigious institutions such as Columbia University and the London School of Economics. This was an extraordinary accomplishment at the time, especially for someone coming



from a background that was largely denied access to even basic education.

He added that Dr. Ambedkar did not view education merely as a means of personal advancement. Instead, he used his education as a tool to fight for justice, equality, and the rights of millions of oppressed people. Having a deep understanding of law, economics, and political science, he played a crucial role in framing the Constitution of India and laying the foundations for the nation's democratic and inclusive governance.

"Education was not just a personal achievement for him—it was his weapon against injustice," Balbir said. He underlined that Dr. Ambedkar believed that knowledge could dismantle centuries-old

structures of oppression and replace them with systems based on fairness, dignity, and opportunity for all.

Balbir further stated that Ambedkar's life story serves as a powerful reminder that access to education can change destinies—not just of individuals, but of entire communities. He urged youth, particularly those from marginalized sections of society, to draw inspiration from Dr. Ambedkar's life and to recognize education as the key to empowerment and social reform.

Balbir was speaking on the significance of education in Ambedkar's life with the senior activists of BJP SC Morcha including G. R. Bhagat, Hans Raj Loria, Jagdish Raj Kaithi, Girdhari Kal Dogra and others.

Terror-funding Nations can't be trade partners: Dr Parneesh

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

In a sharp and uncompromising statement following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation, Dr. Parneesh Mahajan, senior BJP leader, has categorically stated that India must sever all economic ties with countries that fund and harbour terrorism – with Pakistan at the forefront.

In a press statement issued here today, Dr. Parneesh Mahajan said "India has drawn a red line. "This is a new India that will not tolerate terror in any form, under any pretext. And it certainly won't entertain trade partnerships with nations that fund the bloodshed of innocents."

Referring to Prime Minister Modi's remarks that "terror and trade cannot go together," the senior BJP leader said this must become a cornerstone of India's foreign policy. "We cannot engage in diplomatic or economic normalcy with a regime that shelters terrorists, targets religious minorities, and launches cowardly attacks like Pahalgam," he stated.

Dr Parneesh further emphasised that Operation Sindoor has demonstrated India's evolved strategic doctrine – one that goes beyond reactive



defense and embraces proactive deterrence. "India has shown the world that it will strike at the heart of terror, even if it lies across the border," he declared.

Calling Pakistan's actions "barbaric and self-destructive," he said "What they have sown, they are now beginning to reap. If Pakistan truly wants peace, it must dismantle its terror infrastructure completely."

He also praised India's global messaging, aligning with nations that believe in zero tolerance to terrorism. "Our message is clear – blood and business cannot flow together. Trade, talks, and treaties are off the table until terrorism is off theirs," he added.

MLA Marh, DC Jammu visit families affected by Pakistan's recent shelling

JI NEWS SERVICE
MARH, MAY 13

MLA Marh, Surinder Kumar and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today visited families affected by Pakistan's recent shelling in the Marh Assembly constituency. The visit aimed to assess the damage and provide support to the affected families. The MLA and DC interacted with the affected families, taking stock of the damage caused by the shelling and listening to their concerns. MLA directed the administration to provide all possible assistance to the affected families, ensuring their needs are met. The DC assured that a thorough

assessment of the damage would be conducted, and appropriate compensation would be provided to the affected families at the earliest. The administration has prioritized rehabilitation and relief efforts, ensuring the affected families receive the necessary support.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Sher Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Brijesh Sharma, Superintendent of Police, Rural, Amin Athar, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mudasar Hussain, Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Domana, Sachin Abrol, Block Development Officer, Marh, Ram Krishna



Rathore, Tehsildar, Marh, Manoj Dhar, Station House Officer, Kana Chak, Adarsh Thakur, Sub-Inspector, Ghansoo Police Post. The visit aimed to demonstrate the government's commitment to supporting the affected families and ensuring their well-being. The administra-

tions prompt response and assurance of compensation and rehabilitation efforts have brought relief to the affected families.

MLA Marh speaking on the occasion said that India under the stewardship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not tolerate any threat of terrorism in any

form. He 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. He 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 appropriate 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," he added. MLA Marh 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," he said.

Lauding the role of the Indian armed forces, MLA Marh 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," he said. He 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," he said.

Arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025 reviewed in Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MAY 13

A review meeting to assess the arrangements for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 was held today at the DC Office Samba under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma.

The meeting was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Champa Devi Thakur, with ADC Jagadish Singh also present.

The meeting focused on the readiness of lodgment centres, availability of drinking water, power supply, sanitation, health services, and traffic management.

ADDC Champa Devi Thakur urged departments to coordinate effectively and ensure that all necessary facilities are in place well before the Yatra begins.

DC Rajesh Sharma, while overseeing the preparations, has directed officials to work with dedication to ensure a smooth and safe experience for pilgrims.

The importance of installing digital screens, banners, and directional signboards was also highlighted to strengthen information flow and feedback during the Yatra.

The meeting was attended by ACR, CPO, CMO, XENS, CEO, DIO, and officers from various other departments.

No talks with Pak other than PoJK, Terror: BJP leader Altaf Thakur

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, 13 MAY 2025:

J&K BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur on today strongly praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation, calling it "a defining moment in India's strategic and security posture" and asserting that Pakistan has been forced to bow after suffering irreversible damage to its terror infrastructure and vital military assets.

Thakur stated, "Prime Minister Modi's powerful message reflected the strength, resolve, and clarity of a leader who has completely redefined India's approach to national security. Under his leadership, Indian forces have carried out precision strikes that destroyed multiple terror launch pads, communica-

tion hubs, and military supply chains across the border. Pakistan is rattled. Its strategic depth is exposed."

He hailed Modi's categorical stand that no talks will be held with Pakistan unless terrorism ends and Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) is on the table. Thakur said, "This is the New India. No more photo-op dialogues. The only conversation now is about ending terror and reclaiming what rightfully belongs to us—PoJK."

Thakur also revealed that the Indus Water Treaty will remain in abeyance as part of India's strategic response. "Why should India continue to honour a treaty that benefits Pakistan when it continues to bleed us through proxy war? The Indus Water Treaty, a

symbol of India's magnanimity, will remain suspended. Water is not charity for those who sponsor terror."

Referring to PM Modi's fiery declaration that "India knows how to give a fitting reply," Thakur said the speech has uplifted national morale and reinforced India's position as a global power that acts with conviction. He also praised Modi's strong support for the armed forces and his message of unity and national strength.

"Our nation has spoken through PM Modi. Pakistan has been diplomatically isolated, militarily countered, and now economically squeezed. India has made it clear—cross the line, and the response will be beyond imagination," Thakur concluded.

Ashok Koul appeals Jammu Civil Society to join Tiranga Rally on 15th May

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 13 MAY 2025:

In order to express support and applause for the brave Indian forces, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP appealed the Jammu Civil Society to join the Tiranga Rally to be held on the 15th May 2025 at 5 pm from Indira Chowk to Vikram Chowk.

Ashok Koul, accompanied by MLAs Yudhvir Sethi (Vice-President J&K, BJP), Arvind Gupta (Secretary, J&K BJP) and Ch. Vikram Randhawa, made this fervent appeal to the Jammu Civil Society, while addressing a meeting of senior party leaders at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

District Presidents Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Rajeev Pandita Prabhari Rajiv Charak



and Ayodhya Gupta, Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, District General Secretaries, and Mandal Presidents participated in the meeting.

While addressing the meeting, Ashok Koul said that in a significant nationwide outreach effort, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has decided to hold 'Tiranga Yatra' to honour the courage and sacrifice of India's armed forces, particularly in light of the recently concluded and successful 'Operation Sindoor'.

He said that the Tiranga Yatra is designed to instill a sense of national pride and unity, with a special focus on recognizing the valour of the Indian Army.

"The BJP aims to connect with citizens across communities and regions, emphasizing a message of patriotism, national solidarity, and respect for the Tricolour," said Ashok Koul.

"The first 'Tiranga Yatra' in the series will be held by J&K BJP on the 15th of May 2025. The yatra will start at Indira Chowk

at 5:00 pm and will culminate at the Vikram Chowk, where it will be addressed by the prominent", said Ashok Koul.

Ashok Koul made a fervent appeal to the Civil Society to join the Rally in large numbers to express their love, support and thankfulness for the brave Indian Forces, who spent sleepless nights, so that the civilians could sleep well in their homes.

Ashok Koul shared that BJP has framed a committee at the state level to coordinate the whole series of 'Tiranga Yatras'. The committee comprises of BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi (MLA), General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal (MLA), and senior leaders Vikram Randhawa (MLA), Rajeev Charak and Mudassir Wani, he said.

DGPC Jammu mourns the loss of lives in Indo-Pak Conflict

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APRIL 13

The District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Jammu, through this press note, expresses deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives in the recent Indo-Pak conflict, including five members from the Sikh Community of Poonch District and the distinguished JKAS officer of JKUT, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa (ADDC Rajouri). Their untimely passing has left an irreplaceable void in their families and the wider community.

While war is never the preferred path, history has shown that defending a nation's dignity and sovereignty sometimes becomes unavoidable. DGPC Jammu stands in solemn solidarity with the grieving families, sharing their pain and praying for peace.

Hakeem urges long-term peace plans, seeks compensation for cross-border shelling victims

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

President of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) and former minister, Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen, on Tuesday welcomed the recent ceasefire and restoration of normalcy in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the security forces for their firm response during the crisis, which helped de-escalate tensions and safeguard civilian lives.

In a statement issued to the press, Hakeem Yaseen emphasized that the fight against terrorism must continue with full force until it is completely eradicated. However, he stressed that the pursuit of peace must be accompanied by long-term plans that prioritize the well-being of the region's residents, particularly those living in vulnerable border areas.

"The return of calm is a welcome development, but the government must now shift focus to the rehabilitation of border residents who have suffered immense losses due to cross-border shelling," Yaseen said.

He called for an urgent and comprehensive assessment of the damage to homes and properties and demanded that affected families be provided with adequate compensation and assistance for reconstruction.



"The government has a moral and constitutional responsibility to not only ensure the safety of its citizens but also to restore their dignity and means of livelihood," he stated.

The PDF chief further highlighted the plight of the Gujjar, Bakerwal, and Chopan communities, whose seasonal migration to highland pastures is essential for their survival. He raised concern over the continued restrictions in these areas, which have prevented shepherds from accessing traditional grazing lands for their cattle, sheep, and goats.

"While combating terrorism is absolutely necessary, it should not come at the cost of our own people's livelihoods," Yaseen said. "These communities have depended on these

pastures for generations. Their exclusion from these areas threatens their only source of income, pushing them deeper into poverty."

He emphasized that while tourism and civilian movement may understandably be restricted in sensitive zones due to security concerns, the needs of local residents—especially those engaged in traditional occupations like pastoralism—must be handled differently and with empathy.

"Seasonal migration during the summer months is not a luxury but a survival strategy for these marginalized communities," Yaseen pointed out. "In a region already battling high unemployment and economic uncertainty, cutting off such a vital source of sustenance will only worsen social unrest."

Urging the authorities to lift the restrictions on these grazing areas, he called for the immediate restoration of access to traditional pastures. "The fight against militancy should not translate into a fight against our own people. Let the shepherds return to their respective areas. Their lives and livelihoods matter too," Yaseen asserted.

He reiterated that lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir can only be achieved through a balanced approach—one that combines strong security measures with inclusive development, economic support, and protection of the rights of all communities.

ICAI issues clarion call to over 14 lakh members and students to stand in solidarity with the Armed Forces and the Nation

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the world's largest accounting body, set up by an Act of Parliament under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 for the regulation and development of the profession of Chartered Accountancy in India, has extended its support to the Government and Indian Army for the recent action against terrorist hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir.

With a vast network comprising over 1.4 million members and students spread across 5 Regional Councils, 177 Branches in India, as well as more than 40,000 members in 52 Overseas Chapters and 33 Representative Offices across 47 countries, ICAI is uniquely positioned to make a significant impact in humanitarian efforts. In this time of heightened tension, the Institute reaffirms its steadfast commitment to national solidarity and stands ready to support the country and its people.

ICAI has a widespread presence across nearly 17,000 pin codes in India, including over 13 branches located near the India-Pakistan border. Chartered Accountants in these bordering regions are well-positioned to go beyond symbolic sup-

port by actively volunteering their time, expertise and resources to assist local communities and authorities wherever required. Through ICAI robust local networks, members and student volunteers can collaborate with government agencies, NGOs and relief organizations to deliver timely and effective aid to those in need.

ICAI volunteers can play a vital role in facilitating relief efforts - evacuations, setting up shelter camps for displaced civilians, arranging for ambulance services, oxygen cylinders and distributing essential medicines. They can also organize blood donation camps and other critical aid services. In addition, the ICAI fraternity is urged to remain vigilant, reporting any suspicious or anti-national activities and stand prepared to support national security during this critical time.

CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda, President, ICAI, lauded the heroic efforts of the Indian Armed Forces and made a clarion call to the entire CA fraternity across the nation to stand with our armed forces, he emphasized that the over 14 Lakh financial soldiers of ICAI are committing not just in words but also in meaningful action.

During his address to the CA Fraternity, he said, "ICAI salutes the courage and determination of our soldiers. We

share immense pride in their valour in avenging the tragic loss of 26 innocent lives in the Pahalgam terror attack. Operation 'SINDOOR' is a powerful message from a New Bharat, one that asserts there will be no compromise when it comes to protecting India's sovereignty. ICAI has always lived by the principle of 'Nation First'. In every storm that has shaken our country, we have stood strong as a pillar of support to our motherland."

The President further urged all ICAI members and students to rise to the occasion, remain alert and uphold the highest ideals of service by protecting the integrity and security of the nation.

"Let us come together in this critical hour. Let the CA fraternity lead by example, proving that we are not only financial stewards but also pillars of strength, compassion and resilience for our nation," he added.

CA. Prasanna Kumar D, Vice-President, ICAI, said "We are financial soldiers of our motherland. In every hour of national need, we stand ready to serve our country."

ICAI has a proud legacy of contributing to national causes and supporting citizens during times of crisis. During the 1971 Indo-Pak War, ICAI members provided pro-bono services to the

families of martyrs. In the darkest days of the COVID-19 pandemic, ICAI extended support to grieving families, offered scholarships to students who lost parents and waived fees so the dreams could continue. Members of the Institute also organized food drives, blood and plasma donation camps and vaccination camps not only for our members but public at large.

Through our Regional Councils, Branches, Overseas Chapters, Study Circles and Study Chapters, ICAI's special COVID Task Forces delivered critical aid – including oxygen cylinders and concentrators, arranging for hospital beds, medicines, ambulances and meals. Several branches also donated vital supplies to hospitals, strengthening local healthcare infrastructure when it was needed most.

These contributions are not just statistics they are the footprints of compassion of the ICAI fraternity to our Mother India. As a trusted partner in nation-building, ICAI remains committed to support the Armed Forces, the Prime Minister and the citizens of India. The Institute continues to inspire financial professionals to rise beyond the profession and lead with patriotism, compassion and unwavering duty to the nation.

Crime Branch booked MD, Directors, partners of 04 pvt. Companies & ors for duping Rs. 2.46 crore on different pretexts

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Crime Branch has booked Managing Director, Directors, Partners of four private companies & others for duping Rs. 2.46 crores on different pretexts from the innocent people of Jammu.

Four (04) separate FIRs have been registered by CB against Chandigarh, Bathinda (Punjab) and Uttar Pradesh based companies for committing big frauds and swindling huge hard-earned money from Jammu people.

On the written complaint lodged by Vinod Kumar Dubey, Prop. of Dravya Fruit Traders, Narwal, Jammu,

CB registered an FIR against accused persons namely Shounak Maria, Geetika and Varun, all partners of firm Xpert Cold Chain Solutions (XCCS) and Arihantam Technologies Pvt. Ltd., situated at Zirakpur, Chandigarh for duping Rs. 1.71 Crore approx. on the pretext of establishment of banana ripening plant (cold store) at Narwal.

CB registered an FIR against one Yogesh Awasti S/o Sanjay Awasti R/o Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP & others on a written complaint of Gurbachan Singh S/o Late Hari Singh R/o Miran Sahib, Jammu for duping Rs. 25.00 lakhs on the pretext of providing flats in Delhi.

Another case has been registered by CB against Rishab Jain S/o Jagdish Rai Jain, Sarika Jain W/o Rishabh Jain R/o 1326, Nai Basti Bathinda, Punjab and others, all Directors of M/S Jain Allied Health and Hygiene Products Ltd. having operational office at J-20, Krishna Kunj, Laxmi Nagar Delhi on a written complaint of Domesht Gupta S/o Ram Pal R/o Narwal Pain Satwari, Jammu for duping Rs. 19.25 lakhs on pretext of doing business and supplying goods in the form of baby diapers, sanitary napkins, hand wash and other hygiene products.

Yet another FIR has been registered by CB against

Mohd. Taj Khan S/o Haji Juma Khan R/o 816-A East Extension Green Avenue Trikuta Nagar, Lane No.01, Jammu Tehsil Bahu on written complaint of Mohd. Yusuf Pathan R/o Gulmarg Colony, Bathandi and Ashraf Ali Sheikh R/o Verinag, Anantnag, Kashmir for duping an amount of Rs. 30.66 lakhs on the pretext of providing land in Jammu.

Sr. Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu Benam Tosh confirmed that four separate cases viz. case FIR No. 25/2025, case FIR No. 26/2025, case FIR No. 27/2025 and case FIR No. 28/2025 have been registered at P/S Crime Branch EOW Jammu and investigations are underway.

Karra demands PM package for rehabilitation of shelling affected people



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JKPCC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra has said that Prime Minister should announce a special comprehensive package for the relief and rehabilitation of the affected population

Strongly condemning Pakistan for targeting Civilian population in Poonch, Rajouri and elsewhere, Shri Karra shared the grief & sorrow with families of those martyred or injured besides suffering great other loss to livestock and properties.

Accompanied by Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Ex Chairman JKLC Jahangir Mir, AiCC Secretaries Shah Nawaz Chaudhary, Neeraj kundan and Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, MLA Iftikhar Ahmed, DCC President Poonch S Rajinder Singh Kaka, IYC Secretary Ayaz Chaudhary, Mir Iqbal Ex BDC, Er Kisan Cell Chairman Bharat Priye, Arif Qazmi, Vice President PYC, Ajay Lakhotra, President NSUI today

undertook extensive tour of different affected areas of Poonch district to meet the bereaved families and affected families who suffered damages to livestock and houses, other property.

Karra along with other leaders visited Baila in Mandi area in Poonch & offered condolences to the family of an Islamic scholar Qari Mohammed Iqbal besides another person martyred in shelling in Bandichechian.

Karra regretted that a martyr was labelled by a section of national media as a terrorist which is highly condemnable and appropriate legal action must be taken. This has hurt the shattered family and all right thinking people in the society besides harming his image besides causing a worst mischief.

Team visited Chaj Troh where two children were buried after getting martyred in Dungas near christ school.

Earlier Shri Tariq Hameed Karra along with other senior leaders visited Shri Buddha Amarnath temple and Dera

Nangaali sahib & offered prayers for peace, harmony & brotherhood.

Later they visited Bagyala Masjid Zia ul aloom, Poonch city, Gita Bhawan, Gurudawara Singh Sabha Mohalla, house of martyr Surjan Singh. They also visited hospital to enquire about the injured.

The team visited the houses of all those who lost in Poonch and several other affected families. The people demanded compensation for the loss of lives, property, crops, livestock, houses etc without delay.

Shri Bhalla said that Poonch district is worst affected in the entire country 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.

Talking to reporters, Karra condemned Pakistan for targeting Civilian population causing huge loss of lives and proper-

ties of common people and Poonch district is worst affected in whole country. He regretted that Prime Minister didn't name once the Poonch in his speech yesterday.

He said Prime Minister should accept the congress demand for chairing all party meet also special session of Parliament to discuss the details of situation right from Pehalgam carnage to ceasefire by a third country. The Nation has a right to know the various aspects of the past twenty days and terms of ceasefire, etc besides measures and package for relief and rehabilitation of large number of affected people.

He justified the demand for more community and individual bunkers with all facilities in different parts of district. He also forcefully raises the demand for immediate reliefs and rehabilitation besides martyr status to all killed. Later they visited Mankote, Mendhar offered condolences to the bereaved families.

AJBRCEAK delegation meets Satish Sharma, apprises community's demands

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A Delegation of All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK) Led by President Anil Radha met with Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Mr Satish Sharma Ji Minister for Youth and Sports, Transport and Food and Supply department, apprised him of their Demands.

AJBRCEAK President highlights the genuine demand for the Safety and Security of All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees working in Kashmir Division, That we are in mental



trauma and agony feeling insecure here due to tensioning situation especially in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir, UT and most of our employees belong to border area and presently working in Kashmir Division.

Therefore in this atmosphere of fear and psychosis, we are in very much tensions to perform our duties under these circumstances.

Deepak Kumar Member of AJBRCEAK demands Early notification of Com-

prehensive Transfer Policy for which an empowered committee has been already constituted.

Hemraj Lakhotra member of AJBRCEAK Highlights Provision of Safe and Secure Accommodation for All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees at District Level and Also their adjustment in Safe Zones/District Headquarters Within the Kashmir valley.

Those who were the Parts of Delegation included Ram Krishan, Virender Mohan, Rakesh Kumar, Ravi Kumar, Anil Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Deepak Sharma and Others.

Indian Army executes Robust Civil Support Operations in Ceasefire-Affected area at Mankote, Poonch



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In the wake of unprovoked ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Mankote, the Indian Army has launched a multifaceted humanitarian assistance and relief operation to support the civilian populace adversely impacted by hostile cross-border activity. Demonstrating unwavering resolve and operational agility, the Indian Army Battalion swiftly mobilized resources to mitigate the hardships faced by residents of border villages. In a meticulously coordinated

effort with the civil administration, mobile medical teams rendered first-line trauma care and primary treatment. Medical support, including emergency first aid and stabilization procedures, has been provided to assist the affected locals. The Army team interacted with the family of the late Mrs. Balwinder Kaur, offering condolences and assuring them of any possible assistance.

The Army has established logistical corridors to deliver critical relief material, including dry rations, potable water, and hygiene kits. The team visited houses dam-

aged by artillery shelling, assuring residents that efforts would be made to restore normalcy in the area. Heightened patrolling, reconnaissance missions, and area domination patrols have been intensified to neutralize residual threats and reassure civilians. These proactive measures have significantly enhanced the psychological morale and security confidence of the affected communities. The Indian Army reiterates its enduring commitment to national security and the humanitarian imperative of protecting civilian life.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI HYDRAULIC DIVISION RAMBAN E- NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT NO. 05 OF 2025-26 DATED 10-05-2025

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

S. No	Particulars	Number of Tankers of 12000 liters capacity to be provided	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.) to be uploaded online
01	Tanker Service for providing Water Supply to various Langer Points (Magerkote to Lamber) during Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024-25 for Jal Shakti PHE Sub Division Banihal	02	500.00	7000.00
02	Tanker Service for providing Water Supply to various Langer Points (Nashri to Magerkote) during Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024-25 for Jal Shakti PHE Sub Division Ramban	03	500.00	10000.00

- Date of Publishing 10-05-2025 15.00 Hrs.
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 10-05-2025 (1500 Hrs to 16-05-2025 16.30 (Hrs)
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 10-05-2025 (1500) to 16-05-2025 16.30 (Hrs) The complete bidding process will be online.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 17-05-2025 (1400 Hrs) in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Ramban.
- The cost of tender documents (Non-refundable/ Non-Transferable) should be in the shape of e-challan/Treasury Receipt to be deposited in MH 0215- (Revenue Head) in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (Hydraulic Division Ramban).

No. JS/Hyd/D/R/956-92
Dated: -10-05-2025

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Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (Hydraulic) Division
Ramban

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Dr Tahir Choudhary hails PM Modi's decisive leadership, slams Pak for targeting civilians in J&K

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JAMMU, 13 MAY 2025.

J&K BJP spokesperson Dr. Tahir Choudhary has hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong and resolute leadership in the wake of Operation Sindoor, praising the government's decisive action against terrorism and its firm message to Pakistan.

Dr. Choudhary lauded PM Modi's historic address to the nation on Monday, where the Prime Minister clearly stated that India will not bow to nuclear blackmail, asserting that "terror and talks, terror and trade cannot go together."

"PM Modi has demonstrated what true leadership means in the face of barbaric terrorism. He has spoken not just for the nation, but for every victim of terror and every civilian who has suffered due to Pakistan-sponsored violence," said Dr. Choudhary.

He particularly condemned Pakistan for targeting civilians, religious places, and causing widespread suffering in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Choudhary further added that India's stance



that "blood and water cannot flow together" reflects the country's security-first foreign policy under Prime Minister Modi's leadership.

Calling Operation Sindoor a turning point in India's counter-terrorism doctrine, he said the world has now witnessed India's strength, and that "the days of tolerating cross-border terrorism are over."

"More than 100 terrorists were eliminated, and terror havens were demolished with precision. This is the New India – we do not wait for wounds to heal; we respond with full might," he asserted.

Dr. Choudhary also welcomed the Prime Min-

ister's declaration that any future talks with Pakistan will only be on the issues of terrorism and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Commenting on recent provocations, he said "The drone attacks carried out by Pakistan even after pleading for a ceasefire are signs of desperation and frustration. The Indian Army's successful interception of these drones once again proves our superior readiness and exposes Pakistan's duplicity, after having lost the battle on both the ground and the global stage."

He reiterated that peace will only come when the infrastructure of terror is completely dismantled.

Praising the unity shown by citizens across the country in rejecting communal narratives and standing together, Dr. Choudhary added:

"Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. Pakistan's evil attempts to create divisions will never succeed. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in Kashmir and work for their safety and prosperity under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi."

Nothing less than hell to terrorism, return of PoJK acceptable: Shiv Sena

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Terrorist country Pakistan has always been known for its evil nature, deceit and backstabbing. Just 3 hours after the ceasefire agreement, once again on Sunday night, drones flying across the border in some areas of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab have proved that the tail called Pakistan can never be straightened, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that they are not against any kind of war but is surprised that how bullets and words could be possible together. Sahni said that even in the Gita, war has been justified for ending injustice, terrorism and restoring peace. He said that for the last 77 years, Pak sponsored terrorism is shedding innocent blood by dancing the dance of terror in Jammu and Kashmir. To give a befitting reply to this, thousands of Indian army and security forces personnel have made the supreme sacrifice.

Sahni said that India declared ceasefire without



teaching Pakistan a lesson and without wiping out the terrorists, which has caused great anger among the countrymen.

However, while addressing the countrymen yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has talked about postponing 'Operation Sindoor' for some time and giving Pakistan a chance to improve.

Sahni said that every Indian wants to see the return of POJK to India and all the terrorists like Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar and Dawood going to hell. The Prime Minister's anger and attitude are also giving such indications.

Sahni has demanded from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give government jobs to the families of the common citizens who lost their lives due to Pakistani shelling during the war and proper compensation to those who suffered financial loss.

*Uddhav Thackeray was also concerned about the

safety of common people*

Sahni said that the party's national president and former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray was very concerned about the loss of life and property due to shelling and drone attacks in the residential areas of Jammu and Kashmir from across the border. He has been taking information about the well-being and conditions of the people through phone from time to time and has instructed the local unit to provide all possible help to the victims.

Sahni also raised sharp questions on the claims of forced mediation by US President Trump and said that President Trump is a businessman, he can never become a peace ambassador like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela. On this occasion Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Sr vice president Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh were present.

Indian Army emerges as a Lifeline Amid Enemy Shelling



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The Indian Army continues to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to the people of the nation—not only through its role as a sentinel at the border but also as a beacon of hope for civilians affected by cross-border hostilities.

In the aftermath of enemy shelling, the Indian Army has responded with unmatched compassion and resolve. Understanding the silence and sorrow that echo through shattered homes, Army personnel have stepped forward to provide critical support—delivering food,

extending medical aid, and offering their presence as a source of reassurance and strength.

"The courage of our soldiers is matched only by the care they show toward every citizen," said a senior official. "Their selfless service goes far beyond duty—it touches hearts and rekindles hope in the most trying times."

From restoring a sense of normalcy to healing unseen wounds, the Indian Army stands tall—not only in defense of the nation but in the service of its people. In the face of devastation, it is their courage and our care that rekindles hope.

Imran Sheikh welcomes ceasefire decision; Expresses Hope for Reunification of POJK with J&K



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JAMMU, 13 MAY

In a powerful and emotionally charged press conference held today in Jammu, prominent leader and Social Activist Imran Sheikh welcomed the recent ceasefire decision, calling it a significant step towards long-lasting peace and stability in the region.

While acknowledging the ceasefire as a positive development, Mr. Sheikh reflected on the unfulfilled aspiration of reunifying Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) with the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. "It would have been a historic and right decision if POJK could have been reattached with Jammu and Kashmir," he said. "Unfortunately, this

vision has not yet become reality."

However, Mr. Sheikh expressed strong hope and determination for the future. "We will not lose heart. Next time, we will get POJK. The dream lives on, and so does our commitment," he declared passionately.

Concluding his address, Imran Sheikh paid heartfelt tribute to the brave soldiers who have made supreme sacrifices for the nation. "Their courage, valor, and dedication inspire us every single day. We salute our heroes," he said.

The address was met with enthusiastic support from attendees, with many echoing the sentiment of hope and unity expressed by Mr. Sheikh.

J&K's Rising Star: Aryan Bakshi Scores Stellar 97.8% in CBSE Class X Exams

Jammu's Pride Shines Bright with Exceptional Academic Triumph

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JAMMU, MAY 13

Aryan Bakshi, a brilliant student of Jodhmal Public School, Jammu, has set a new benchmark by securing an extraordinary 97.8% in the CBSE Class X Board Examinations, earning accolades from his family, school, and community.

A Legacy of Excellence

Aryan's proud parents, Prof. Prashant Bakshi and Shweta Rampal Bakshi, expressed their overwhelming joy, stating, "Aryan, the cherished grandson of the late Sham Lal Bakshi and Sushma Sharma, has made us immensely proud with his dedication and remarkable achievement." This milestone reflects not only Aryan's hard work but



also the enduring values instilled by his family.

Tribute to a Guiding Light

This moment of triumph is bittersweet for the Bakshi family, who

fondly remember the late Sham Lal Bakshi, Aryan's grandfather. "Though he is no longer with us, his blessings and love continue to inspire Aryan's jour-

ney," the family shared. Aryan's success stands as a tribute to his grandfather's legacy of perseverance and wisdom.

A Bright Future Awaits

Aryan's stellar performance is a testament to his discipline, determination, and the unwavering support of his parents and teachers at Jodhmal Public School. The school community joins in celebrating this achievement, confident that Aryan's journey is just beginning.

Congratulations, Aryan!

As Jammu celebrates its young star, the community looks forward to Aryan's continued success. "May he continue to shine and make us all proud," his family added, echoing the sentiments of all who know him.

Kavinder backs PM Modi's doctrine: 'Terror & Trade Cannot Go Together'



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JAMMU, MAY 13

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Singh, today strongly endorsed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's firm stand against terrorism and Pakistan's double standards, declaring that "Terror and Trade cannot go together."

Reacting to the PM's historic address following the success of Operation Sindoor, the BJP stalwart said the message from New Delhi is loud and clear – India will not tolerate terrorism in any form, and any nation that harbours terrorists will face the consequences.

"The Prime Minister has unmasked Pakistan before the world. It is not just a sponsor of terrorism, but a victim of its own poisonous policies. The terrorists it nurtured are now swallowing its foundations. India's response has changed – it is bold, precise and resolute," he said while chairing a meeting of Party colleagues at BJP Headquarters in Jammu. Prominent among those who were present in the meeting including, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Parduman Singh, Gopal Mahajan, Veenu Khanna, Ved Parkash Sharma,

Sunil Prajapati and Puneet Mahajan.

The former Deputy Chief Minister has praised PM Modi for outlining a "new normal" in India's counter-terrorism approach No dialogue or trade with terror sponsors;

No tolerance for nuclear blackmail and no distinction between terrorists and those who support them.

Kavinder noted that the destruction of terror camps during Operation Sindoor and the neutralization of over 100 dreaded terrorists demonstrated India's military superiority and strategic clarity. "Pakistan's nuclear threats are now ineffective. We've shown the world that India will act decisively on its own terms. The airbases of the enemy were dismantled, and their so-called infrastructure of terror lies in ruins," he added.

Kavinder said, "Peace cannot be achieved through submission, but through strength and clarity. PM Modi has shown the way – if Pakistan wants to survive, it must dismantle its terror infrastructure completely. There is no space for talks or trade under the shadow of terror."

Indian Army provides Relief to Shelling affected Border areas of Poonch

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Continuing its outreach efforts, the Indian Army extended humanitarian assistance to families residing in border villages of Poonch District, impacted by enemy shelling. Recognizing the hardships faced by civilians due to ongoing security operations and harsh terrain, the Army organized relief distribution campaigns to supply essential medicines and



ration kits to needy locals. The aid focused on providing immediate medical support, including first-aid supplies, common medicines, and consultations by Army medical personnel. Alongside this, ration containing

staples such as rice, wheat flour, pulses, sugar, salt, and cooking oil were distributed to ensure food security for the affected families. This initiative underscores the Indian Army's commitment not only to national

security but also to the welfare of civilians in conflict-prone and remote areas. Local villagers expressed gratitude for the timely support, which helped alleviate shortages and fostered a sense of safety and solidarity. The outreach reflects the Army's broader approach of "winning hearts and minds" through civic action, especially in regions where access to government services is limited due to geographic and security challenges.

Modi Govt delivering historic devp to remote areas: Col Mahan

JI NEWS SERVICE
PURTHU (BASOHLI), MAY 13

Col Mahan Singh (Retd), Chairman DDC Kathua, along with Darshan Kumar, MLA Basohli,

today inaugurated the black topping work of the 4.75-kilometer-long Basohli-Purthu Road. The road, which has a width of 5.5 meters (18 feet), is being upgraded and wid-

ened under the NABARD scheme at a sanctioned cost of Rs 2.44 crore.

This vital stretch connects the historic town of Basohli with the scenic tourist destination of

Purthu, popularly known as "Mini Goa." The upgradation aims to improve connectivity and promote tourism in the region, which is fast emerging as a sought-after travel des-

tinuation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The event saw the presence of several prominent individuals including Capt. Harnam Singh, Nake Ram, Yubkaran Singh, Sar-

panch Poli Devi, SC leader Karam Chand, Executive Engineer Er. Bharat Gupta, well-known SHG activist Pinki Jasrotia, and other local leaders and residents.

SSH commends security forces for foiling terrorist attack in Shopian

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JAMMU, MAY 13

Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri Tuesday applauded the bravery and efficiency of the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police for successfully foiling a terrorist attack in the Shopian area of Kashmir Valley. The terrorists' plans were thwarted, and they were sent packing back to Pakistan. Addressing media persons in Jammu, Kesri said Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police have consistently demonstrated their ability to counter terrorist threats, protecting the region from instability. Despite previous failures, terrorists continue to attempt to disrupt the peace in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the security forces have been successful in neutralizing these threats. Shiv Sena Hindustan stands in solidarity with the security forces and the people of Jammu and Kashmir. We condemn terrorism in all

its forms and appreciate the efforts of those working to maintain peace and stability in the region, said Kesri.

Kesri said Indian government has made it clear that it will not tolerate any attempts to destabilize Jammu and Kashmir. The security forces are committed to eliminating terrorism in the region. Shiv Sena Hindustan commends the security forces for their bravery and dedication to protecting the nation. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have begun to see through the terrorists' agenda, and it is clear that these terrorists are mere pawns in Pakistan's game of aggression. India will not allow its sovereignty to be compromised, and any attempts to do so will be met with firm action, added Kesri. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balwant Fouji, Balbir Kumar, Sanjeev Sharma also expressed solidarity with security forces and the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

District administration Jammu assesses cross-border shelling impact in Marh and Pargwal



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JAMMU, MAY 13

In the aftermath of recent cross-border shelling, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya conducted a comprehensive tour of the affected areas in Tehsil Marh and Pargwal to assess the damage and coordinate relief efforts.

He was accompanied by SSP Jammu Joginder Singh and Additional District Development Commissioner Jammu, Sher Singh. During the visit, the DC evaluated the extent of loss of livestock and property, ensuring that relief and State Disaster Response Fund cases are processed promptly. He

also reviewed the condition and requirements of community and individual bunkers, including those necessary for government offices, to enhance civilian safety in these vulnerable regions. The DC's itinerary included a visit to the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Marh to oversee medical facilities and

ensure readiness to handle any emergencies arising from the shelling incidents. The SDM Marh Athar Amin, SP Rural Brijesh Kumar, Tehsildar Marh Ram Krishan Rathore, Tehsildar Pargwal Manjeet Singh and Block Medical Officer Marh besides others also accompanied the DC during his visit.

DC Kulgam visits Altaf Memorial GDC Kilam, GHSS Kilam

JNEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MAY 13

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today visited Altaf Memorial Government Degree College Kilam and Government Higher Secondary School (HSS) Kilam to take firsthand assessment of their overall functioning.

During the visit, DC took stock of the existing infrastructure, academic environment, and staff availability.

He also conducted an interactive session with students at both the institutions to gain insights into their academic needs, challenges, and aspirations.

Emphasizing the importance of quality education, DC assured that all necessary measures would be taken to further strengthen



the educational setup. He urged the teaching staff to maintain high standards of education and work collectively for the holistic development of students.

He also urged students to make the best use of facilities, resources and time for a bright and successful future.

On the occasion stu-

dents also put forth several demands aimed at enhancing academic excellence and improving facilities at these institutions.

DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Viqar Ahmad Giri; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Education Officer, Tehsildar and other concerned officers.

Power Shutdown

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCCL, in order to carry out Branch cutting/ pruning of trees coming under the alignment of 33 KV lines, shutdown of Wanpoh SICOP line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Shamsipora, SICOP, Zirpura, Veeri, Cheeniwadder shall remain off while power supply to Shamsipora, SICOP, Veeri, Zipora & Grigufwara and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM on 14 & 17 May, 2025.

Similarly, the shutdown of 33KV Awantipora Sangam-1st line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Sangam, Khiram, Marhama, Khelan, LIS Khiram shall remain off while power supply to Bijbehara Town, Sangam, Khiram & Marhama and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM on 15 & 18 May, 2025.

DC Ganderbal reviews preparations for Kheer Bhawani Mela

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MAY 13

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatinder Kishore, today directed all the concerned departments to ensure upgraded and timely completion of all preparations for smooth celebration of annual Kheer Bhawani Mela 2025 at Tulamulla Ganderbal.

The DC gave these directions during a review meeting held here in the V.C Room to review the status of preparations for the Mela.

He issued specific instructions for ensuring uninterrupted power and drinking water supplies, availability of adequate transport, sanitation and mobile toilet facilities and overall cleanliness in and around the temple premises.



DC reviewed the status of ongoing preparations like installation of street lights and drinking water facilities, provisions for mobile toilets, macadamization of roads, cleanliness, and setting up of stalls.

Directives were issued to ensure uninterrupted power and drinking water supplies, adequate transport facilities, toilet facilities, provision of sanitation

in and around the temple premises.

Assistant Commissioner Panchayat was directed to make arrangements for mobile toilets as per requirement with deployment of sufficient manpower for maintenance of these toilets.

Executive Officer, Municipal Council Ganderbal, was instructed to oversee proper sanitation along the temple approach

road and install dustbins at key locations.

Executive Engineer R&B was tasked with initiating macadamization work on all roads leading to the Kheer Bhawani Temple wherever required.

While interacting with the officers, DC said that the district administration is committed to ensuring a safe, convenient, and spiritually enriching experience for all devotees participating in the annual Kheer Bhawani Mela. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi; ACP, Executive Engineers of R&B, PDD and REW Ganderbal, EDO MC Ganderbal and ARTO Ganderbal.

33 Hajj Pilgrims flagged off from Ramban

JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 13

Amid elaborate arrangements by the District Administration under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, a batch of 33 Hajj pilgrims, including 11 females were today flagged off from Ramban to Srinagar for their onward journey to the Holy Pilgrimage. Assistant Com-



missioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo congratulated the Hajj pilgrims for getting the opportunity

to embark on the sacred journey. He extended his best wishes to pilgrims for a safe and secure pilgrimage and earnestly appealed to them to pray for the peace and prosperity of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Tehsildar Deep Kumar, ARTO Kuldeep Singh, religious leaders and other officers, prominent citizens and relatives were also present on the occasion.

CS visits shelling hit border village; reviews relief measures

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 13

Chief Secretary, Atal Dullo, today visited Kalsian panchayat in Tehsil Nowshera, located near the Line of Control (LoC), where some houses have been damaged due to recent cross border shelling.

During his visit, the Chief Secretary interacted with the affected residents and assured them of all possible support from the administration. He expressed solidarity with the people in this hour of distress and emphasized the government's commitment towards ensuring their safety and welfare.

Later, the Chief Secretary visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri where he met with the patients, including those injured in the shelling incident. He directed the Principal GMC to ensure best possible medical treatment is provided to all the patients. He reviewed the overall functioning of the institution.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the availability and condition of bunkers in the border areas. He directed the concerned



officers to ensure the construction of new bunkers wherever needed. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high quality standards in all such works to safeguard the civilian lives.

He also enquired about any challenges being faced by the district administration and assured necessary support from the higher authorities.

Commending the efforts of the district administration in managing the situation effectively, he lauded the swift and coordinated response to the recent shelling incidents.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, briefed the Chief Secretary on the

district's civil defence preparedness and detailed the status of all 12 essential services, including Warden Service, Rescue, Casualty, Firefighting, Transport, Survey Committee, Supply Services, Welfare, Headquarters, Communication, Disposal and Training Services was also reviewed.

The meeting was attended by DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range, Tejinder Singh; SSP Rajouri, Gaurav Sikarwar; ADC Kotranka, Dilmir; ADC Rajouri, Chander Prakash; ACR Moham-mad Jahangir; ACP, Sheraz Chouhan; Deputy Director Employment, Mohammad Nawaz; ACD, Auqil Naveed and other senior district and sectoral officers.

J&K administration salutes Martyrdom of ADDC Raj Kumar Thapa, JKAS

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Jammu and Kashmir administration expresses deep sorrow and heartfelt condolences on the martyrdom of Shri Raj Kumar Thapa, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, who laid down his life during cross-border shelling while serving the nation with unwavering dedication.

Shri Thapa was a highly respected and committed officer known for his integrity, discipline, and people-centric approach. His contribution during the Budhal crisis in Rajouri stands out as a shining example of administrative courage and responsiveness. Amid heightened tensions and difficult terrain, he played a crucial role in coordinating relief, maintaining peace, and ensuring the safety of civilians. His leadership in those testing times earned him immense respect across all sections of society.

His martyrdom is an irreparable loss not only to the civil administration but to the entire Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The J&K administration stands in solidarity with the family of Martyr Thapa in this hour of grief and honours his sacrifice with deep reverence.

HEATWAVE ADVISORY

DO'S

- Drink Sufficient water even if you are not thirsty
- Eat seasonal fruits and vegetables with high water content
- Use Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS), and consume homemade drinks like lemon water, butter milk/lassi, etc.
- Listen to Radio; watch TV; read Newspaper for local weather news

DON'TS

- Avoid getting out in the sun, especially between 12:00 noon and 03:00 pm
- Avoid strenuous activities when outside in the afternoon
- Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee and carbonated soft drinks or drinks with large amount of sugar
- Avoid high-protein food and do not eat stale food

PEOPLE AT GREATER RISK

- Infants and young children
- People working outdoors
- Pregnant women
- Physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure
- Travellers from colder climate to a hot climate
- Elderly or sick people living alone

If you find someone with high body temperature and is either unconscious, confused, or has stopped sweating.

Call 108/102 immediately

In the meantime:

- Cool the person right away
- Move them to a cool place
- Applying cold water to large areas of the skin or clothing, and
- Fanning the person as much as possible

BEAT THE HEAT, KNOW SYMPTOMS

Dizziness or fainting | Nausea or vomiting
Extreme thirst | Decreased urination with unusually dark yellow urine | Headache | Rapid breathing and heartbeat

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