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J&K gov't announces Rs 10 lakh assistance to families of Pahalgam attack victims

SRINAGAR, Apr 23 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday announced Rs 10 lakh as ex-gratia relief to the families of those killed in the Pahalgam terror attack and Rs 2 lakh for those grievously injured in the incident.

In a post on X, Chief Minister's office, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) stated that the barbaric and senseless act of brutality against innocent civilians has no place in the society.

"We condemn it in the strongest possible terms. We mourn the precious lives lost. No amount of money can ever compensate for the loss of loved ones, but as a mark of support and solidarity, the J&K Government announces an ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh each for the families of the deceased, Rs 2 lakh for those seriously injured, and Rs 1 lakh for those with minor injuries," it said.

It added that all arrangements for the dignified transport of the victims back to their homes have been made. "The injured are being provided the best medical care".

"Our hearts go out to the bereaved families. We share in your grief and stand by you in this dark hour. But terror will never break our resolve, and we will not rest until those behind this barbarity are brought to justice," it said.

Pahalgam Terror Attack: DGCA asks Airlines to increase Srinagar flights

NEW DELHI, Apr 23 (Agencies): Aviation watchdog DGCA on Wednesday asked airlines to increase the number of flights from Srinagar to facilitate the return of tourists in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack. Besides, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has requested the carriers to consider waiving cancellation and rescheduling fees for Srinagar flight tickets. Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday.

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Wreath laying ceremony held for Pahalgam terror attack victims; Amit Shah meets survivors

SRINAGAR, Apr 23 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday laid wreaths on the bodies of 26 people killed in the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and assured the survivors that the perpetrators of the dastardly act would be brought to justice, officials said.

Shah laid the wreaths on the coffins of the victims of the terror attack at the Police Control Room here.

Lieutenant Governor



Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also paid their tributes to the victims, the officials said.

The Home Minister later interacted with

families of the slain persons and other survivors of the attack.

He assured them the security forces would leave no stone unturned to bring the perpetrators

of the deadly attack to the book, the officials said.

Shah arrived here within hours of the attack on Wednesday night and was briefed about the situation by Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat.

The Home Minister also chaired a security review meeting, which was also attended by the Lieutenant Governor.

Earlier, the bodies of victims killed in the gruesome terror attack in

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah visits Baisaran Meadow, Site of Pahalgam terror attack



PAHALGAM, Apr 23 (Agencies): As the nation comes to terms with the devastating loss during the terror attack at Pahalgam on Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday arrived at the Baisaran meadow,

the site of the attack that claimed the lives of innocent tourists, sending shockwaves across the nation.

The Union Home Minister arrived at the terror site by helicopter, descending onto the meadow now bearing

the scars of violence.

The security in the region had been heightened as army personnel arrived at the meadow in Pahalgam.

Earlier today, in the aftermath of the tragic terror attack in Pahalgam, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah paid his tribute to the victims of the attack by laying a wreath in a poignant ceremony outside the Police Control Room in Srinagar.

Shah also met with the families of the victim

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Pahalgam Terror Attack: Complete shutdown observed in parts of Jammu



JAMMU, Apr 23 (Agencies): Several parts of Jammu region observed a complete shutdown on Wednesday to protest the terror attack in Pahalgam, officials said.

Besides Jammu city, shutdown was observed in Reasi, Udhampur, Katra, Kathua, and Samba.

Protests were held in several parts of Jammu city, with many protesters raising anti-Pakistan slogans.

"We want a befitting reply to Pakistan on the pattern of surgical strikes to destroy terror bases there. We want terrorists and their supporters in J-K to be eliminated," senior BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi told reporters here.

He further said Pakistan will never end support to terrorism and that strict action should be taken.

"We want to avenge the killings. Security

forces should take revenge," another BJP leader Rajesh Gupta said.

In Reasi, hundreds of people took out a march and burnt tyres as a mark of protest.

The bandh brought normal life in Jammu city to a grinding halt. Shops and business establishments remained closed, and public transport was off the roads in response to the shutdown call

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Pahalgam Terror Attack: Security agencies release sketches of three men

SRINAGAR, Apr 23 (Agencies): Security agencies on Wednesday released the sketches of three men suspected to be involved in the terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, near Pahalgam in south Kashmir.

The men are Asif Fauji, Suleman Shah and Abu Talha, officials said. The three terrorists also had code names — Moosa, Yunus and Asif — and were involved in terror related incidents in



Poonch.

The sketches were prepared with the help of survivors, they said.

The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow outfit of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba

terror group, claimed responsibility for the attack on Tuesday afternoon.

Those involved in Pahalgam attack won't be spared: BJP's Sunil Sharma



SRINAGAR, Apr 23 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly and senior BJP leader, Sunil

Sharma Wednesday said that those behind the deadly Pahalgam terror attack will not be spared and will be

brought to justice.

Speaking with reporters outside Police Control Room (PCR) Srinagar, Sharma, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said PM Modi has cut short his foreign visit and returned to India in view of the incident.

"This attack is an act of extreme cruelty. Those who are involved

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'Kashmir ashamed': Mehbooba condemns Pahalgam attack, apologises to nation

SRINAGAR, Apr 23 (Agencies): Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday condemned the terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, mostly tourists.

Speaking to the media during a protest at Ghanta Ghar in Srinagar, Mehbooba expressed deep sorrow



and extended an apology to the people of the nation on behalf of the people of Kashmir.

"The attack on innocent tourists is not just an attack on lives, but

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TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Bhanu Partap Singh (Nanu)** S/o Sh. Janak Singh R/o H.No. 187/B, Ram Vihar Old Janipur, Jammu.

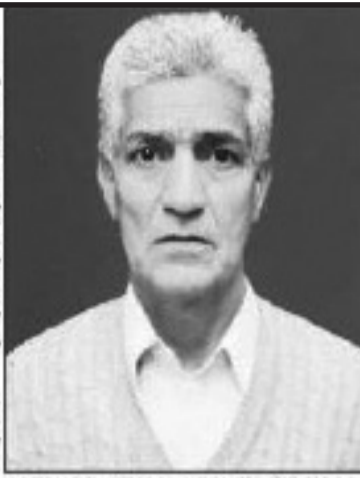


Bhanu Partap Singh (Nanu)

10th Day will be performed on 24/04/2025 (Thursday) at 10am to 11am at our residence. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Father & Mother
Sh. Janak Singh & Smt. Vandana Devi
Shreya Rajput - **Wife**
Smt. Trevani & Varun - **Sister & Jiji Ji**
Sourav Singh & Daksh Rajput - **Brothers**
Father-in-law & Mother-in-law
Sh. Sanjay Gupta & Smt. Poonam Gupta
Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law
Ishan Gupta & Shasha Gupta
M/s Parhlad Medical Agency, Shalamar Road, Jammu
M/s Parhlad Pharmaceutical, Shalamar Road, Jammu
Mob: 9419105088, 9682372733

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. OMKAR NATH KOUL S/O LATE SH. AMAR CHAND KOUL** ORIGINALLY A RESIDENT OF BATAGUND KRENDI-GAM, ANANTNAG PRESENTLY RESIDING AT H.NO. 07, SEC. 01, DURGA NAGAR (ENCLAVE) JAMMU ON 16-04-2025.

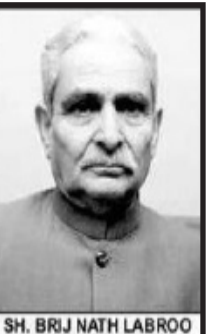


SH. OMKAR NATH KOUL

TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL TAKE PLACE AT MUTHI GHAT ON 25TH APRIL, 2025 AT ABOUT 8:30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
SMT. RATNI KOUL (WIFE)
DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW AND SONS
SMT. SUNITA & SH. RAMESH KUMAR KOUL
SMT. JULLEY & SH. VUJAY KOUL
GRANDCHILDREN
RISHU & RAHUL KOUL
RICHU, PARTH, HARDIK
MOB: 9469213893, 9797850569

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Brij Nath Labroo, S/o Late Sh. Darshan Pandit**, erstwhile resident of Ranipora, Anantnag, and presently residing at House No. 18, Durga Vihar, Near Toll Post Nagrota. He passed away on 17/04/2025.



SH. BRIJ NATH LABROO

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 26.04.2025, Saturday (08:30 AM) at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.
GRIEF-STRICKEN:
Smt. Kamla Ji (Wife)
Pavneji Lal Labroo (Son)
Shaban Ji Labroo and Sunila Labroo (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Ashok Kumar Bhat and Sunanda Bhat (Son-in-law and Daughter)
Asiraj Ji Raina and Sori Raina (Son-in-law and Daughter)
Grandchildren: Sachet, Shivam, Richit, Amit, Ritik, Rakshit
Samast Labroo, Ganjoo, Raina, Bhat Parivar. Mobile No: 7006260510, 6006259302, 941953864

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sudden and sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Shashi Kumari**, W/o Predman Krishen Pandit, erstwhile resident of Vessu, District Anantnag at present H No-65, Sector-06, EWS Colony, Lower Roop Nagar, Near Pointers Computer Institute.



SMT. SHASHI KUMARI

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 24.04.2025 (Thursday) at Muthi Ghat, Near Directorate of School Education Jammu. Assembly time will be 8.30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Smt. Usha Rani W/o Late. Soom Nath Pandit. (Mother in law)
Smt. Rani Pandita W/o Late. Mooli Lal Pandita.
Predman Krishen. (Husband)
Ram Krishna. (Brother in Law)
Rakesh Pandita & Anjali Pandita. (Brother in Law & Bhabhi)
Priya Pandita. (Daughter)
Sanchit Pandita. (Son)
Rahul Pandita. (Son)
Smt. Meena Bhat W/o Late Mohan Lal Bhat (Bhat) (Bhat)
Smt. Khemashori & Sh. A.K Koul (Buz & Fufia)
Smt. Kishni Bhat & Sh. Sohan Lal Bhat (Sister & Brother in law)
Deeply Remembered By:- Pandit, Bhat, Koul, Raina Parivars.
Mob:- 9419221085, 9419101319, 8082201713.

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound sorrow, we inform that **Smt Phoola Kothidar**, W/o Sh M.K. Kothidar D/o Lt Shobawali and Bhagwan Das Durrani R/o presently B-203, Sispal Vihar, Sec-49, Gurugram, left for Vaikunth Dham on 20-04-2025.



SMT PHOOLA KOTHIDAR

TENTH, ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Haridwar on 28th, 29th, 30th April " May Paramhansa Sri Rama Krishna Bless her at his lotus feet".
GRIEF STRICKEN
M.K. Kothidar - Husband
Amit and Prashansa Kothidar- **Son & Daughter-in-law**
Vinu and Rakesh Kaul- **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Dulari Tickoo- **Sister-in-law**
Usha Safaya- **Sister-in-law**
Jai Krishan/Nirja Kothidar- **Brother & Sister-in-law**
Upender/Renu Kothidar- **Brother & Sister-in-law**
Ipsita Kaul- **Grand Daughter**
Ibhika Kothidar- **Grand Daughter**
MOBILE : 9867151098, 9004333443, 9149470941, 9892076660
DURRANI'S, KAUL'S, TIKOO'S

Obituary/ Tenth Day Kriya

"The soul cannot be pierced by weapons, burned by fire, moistened by water, or withered by the wind."



Shree Omkar Nath Pandita

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Shree Omkar Nath Pandita (Dervesh)** S/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Dervesh of Waterkhani Kupwara A/P L.No. 1, R K Vihar, Behind Ramakrishna Mission Udhaywala Jammu on 20 April 2025(Sunday).

Tenth Day will be performed on 29 April 2025 (Tuesday) at 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education office Jammu.

The mourning from in-laws with be held on same Adress.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Pandita (Dervesh), Dass, Koul & Bhat Families
7006454327, 9650539383, 7889849367, 6005180573

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Renu Ganjoo** w/o Sh. Rajesh Ganjoo originally resident of Zalooria Sopore, presently residing at H.No. 31 Gobind Nagar (Bank Colony) Gole Gujral Road, Talab Tillo Jammu, 180002 who breathed her last on 19-03-2025 at a very young age.



Smt. Renu Ganjoo

10th Day Kriya will be held on 28-04-2025 Monday at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School Education Jammu) at 8:00 am..
Grief Stricken:
Smt. Tosha Ganjoo- **Mother in Law**
Sh. Rajesh Ganjoo- **Husband**
Miss Simran Ganjoo- **Daughter**
Miss Shagun Ganjoo- **Daughter**
Smt. Simmi Ganjoo and Sh. Sunil Ganjoo - **Sister in Law and Brother in Law**
Smt. Fency Pandita and Sh. Anil Pandita - **Sister in Law and Brother in Law**
Piyush, Danya, Arin, Kristy- **Nephews and Nieces**
9501544786, 9306601202, 9622045693

CHOUBARSI

Four years have passed since you left us for the eternal journey. Your memories are still fresh and we feel your presence everywhere every time.



Sh Sham Parshad Sharma

Choubarsi of our beloved **Sh Sham Parshad Sharma S/o Late Sh Kirpa Ram** of Poonch will be performed on Friday 25-04-2025 at Sector 1 Durga Nagar near Krishana Palace at 10:00 am. **Ramayan Path on 23-04-2025**
Bhog of Ramayan Path on 24-04-2025
Deeply missed and Remembered by
Smt Nalni Khajuria (Wife)
Miss Ekta Sharma (Daughter)
Brothers and Sister in law
Sh Gulshan Kumar and Smt Sunaina Sharma
Sh Surinder Kumar and Smt Poonam Sharma
Mobile No. 9797473463, 7006545480, 7889609279

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mr. K.K. Sharma (Retd Dy Director, Youth Services and Sports Department)** S/o Late Shri Kedar Nath Sharma, who left for heavenly abode on 14th April, 2025.



Shri K. K. Sharma

Tenth Day Rituals shall be performed on Tuesday, the 22nd April at 11:00 AM and **KRIYA** shall be performed on 23rd April (Wednesday), both at H.No. 26-J, Lane 6, Tawi Vihar Colony, Sidhra. **UTHALA** shall be performed at Shiv Mandir, Sector 3, Trikuta Nagar on 28th April, 2025 (5:00 PM to 6:00 PM)
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Mrs Vri (Neena) Sharma (Wife)
Mrs Sheetal and Mr. Mohinder Sharma (Sister and Brother-in-Law)
Mrs Shalini and Mr. Vikas Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Mrs Shveta and Mr. Dinesh Choudhary (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Mr. Ronil and Mrs. Hano Jaggi (Nephew and Daughter-in-Law)
Brothers-in-Law and Bhabhis
Mrs Parveen Kumar W/o Late Shri Jagdish Jaggi
Mr. Kuldeep and Mrs. Sugandha Manikola
Mr. Rajnish and Mrs. Jyoti Manikola
Sisters-in-Law and Co-Brothers
Mrs. Snehlata and Mr. Naveesh Bahl
Mrs. Sunan and Mr. Ravinder Mahotra
Grandchildren: Vaibhav, Sharmya, Shivaj and Divit
Mobile: 9419243159, 9149477758

Obituary/ 10th Day Kriya

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Gunwati Pandita** W/o Late Shri Ganesh Dass Pandita R/o Hangalgund, Kokernag, Dist Anantnag who breathed her last on 20 Apr 25 at 1530 hrs at Qasim Nagar, near Exhibition Ground, Jammu.
The Mourning will be held at Durga Vihar, Haji Gali Toll Post Nagrota.



Gunwati Pandita

Tenth Day Kriya will be held at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of school Education) at 0830 hrs on 29/4/2025 (Tuesday).
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt Daizy & Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita (Daughter in law & Son)
Smt. Sulakshana & Sh. Ravi Kumar Pandita (Daughter in law & Son)
Smt. Basanti & Jai Krishan Koul (Daughter & Son in law.)
Chand Krishan Bhat H/o Late Sunita Bhat (Son in law)
Meenakshi Koul & Sandeep Koul (Grand daughter in law & Son)
Smt. Preeti & Sh. Vinay Raina. (Grand Daughter & Son in law.)
Grand Children: Monu, Nishu, Neha, Tishu, Khushi
Mob. No. 9419833812
C. L. Pandita 9596648300
Ravi Pandita 9419651919
Jai Kishan Koul 9419787383, C K Bhat

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Late Sh. Karnail Singh Bhu

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you that the **10th Day Rituals (Daswan)** of our beloved **Late Sh. Karnail Singh Bhu** will be performed on 24th April 2025 (Thursday) at: 11:00 am at Residence H. No. 32, Suraksha Vihar Colony, Paloura Top, Jammu.



Late Sh. Karnail Singh Bhu (Ex-ST, BSF)
4 May, 1943-15 April, 2025

We humbly request your presence to join us in offering prayers for the eternal peace of the departed soul and to remember him with love and reverence.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Shakuntala Devi- **Wife**
Rakesh Singh Bhu- **Son**
Nareish Singh- **Son**
Roopa- **Daughter**
Rekha Devi- **Daughter-in-law**
Rita Devi (Daughter-in-law)
Niharika Bhu - **Granddaughter**
Aman Bhu- **Grandson**
Mannat Bhu - **Granddaughter**
Manik Bhu- **Grandson**
AND WHOLE BHU FAMILY

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved Dr. Abhit Chandel left for heavenly abode on 12-04-2025.
We pray to the Almighty for his soul to attain eternal peace. His presence in our lives was a blessing, and his memory will forever live in our hearts. We invite all family members, friends, and well-wishers to join us in honoring his soul and praying for his eternal peace.
The **Tenth Day** shall be performed on Monday 21 April 2025 and **Kriya** will be performed on Thursday 24th April 2025 at our residence, Ward No. 2, Billawar from 10:00 AM onwards.
GRIEF-STRICKEN:-
Sh. Harish Chandel (Father)
Smt. Anita Chandel (Mother)
Aakshi Chandel (Sister)
Sh. Harbars Lal Chandel (Uncle)
Sh. Mohinder Kumar Chandel (Uncle)
Dr. Panraj Chandel (Brother)
Contact No: 9149690829, 9596549913



LATE DR. ABHIT CHANDEL

10TH DAY KRIYA

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Smt. Shashi Kumari

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GRIEF STRICKEN:
(Mother in law)
Smt. Usha Rani W/o Late. Soom Nath Pandit.
Smt. Rani Pandita W/o Late. Mooli Lal Pandita.
Predman Krishen. (Husband)
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Smt. Khemashori & Sh. A.K Koul (Buz & Fufia)
Smt. Kishni Bhat & Sh. Sohan Lal Bhat (Sister & Brother in law)

Deeply Remembered By:-
Pandit, Bhat, Koul, Raina Parivars.
Mob:- 9419221085, 9419101319,
8082201713.

10TH DAY AND KRIYA

''कहने को आत्मा का परिवर्तन अदृश्य साथ और आशीर्वाद पर उग्र भर की अघूर्वी स्वाहिशों न भूलने वाली उग्र भर की याद''

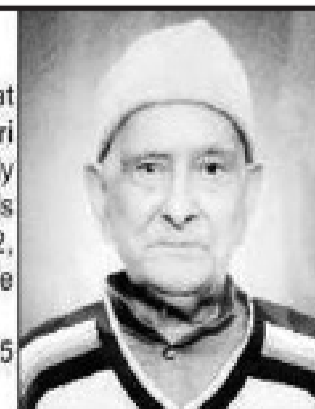


Sh Vinod Kumar Kailu

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Vinod Kumar Kailu (M/s Kailu Textorium, Udh)** S/o Lt. Sh Durga Dass Kailu who embarked upon his eternal journey towards Here Krishna's Lotus feet on 15th April 2025.
10th Day: 24-04-2025 (Thursday) at 11.30 AM, W.No. 13, H.No. 44, Lambi Gali, Udhampur (J&K).
Kriya: 27-04-2025 (Sunday) at 12.00 Noon (Home).
Grief Stricken
Smt Basant Kailu -Wife
Sh Sonu Kailu -Son
Lt. Sh Monu Kailu -Son
Miss Sarika Kailu -Daughter
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10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow it is informed that the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Badri Nath Kaw S/o Lt Sh Keshav Ram Kaw** originally R/o Kawpora Handwara Kashmir breathed his last on 17/4/2025 at his residence H No 124/2, Lane No 3, Govind Nagar Camp Road Gole Gujral Jammu.



Sh Badri Nath Kaw

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 26/04/2025 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat at 9.30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Pyari Kaw -Wife
Smt Priya & Banner Ji Kaw -Daughter in law & Son
Bitta & Ramesh Raina -Daughter & Son in law
Sunita & Amit Bhat -Daughter and Son in law
Seema and Manoj Pandita -Daughter and Son in law
Mob number 9797466125 9796810221 9149442145

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Attacks on Hindus will not be tolerated, terrorism should be sent to hell: Shiv Sena Former Army officer should be appointed as LG J&K

Top News Report



JAMMU, Apr 23: Terrorism should be completely eradicated and strong military action should be taken against their masters sitting in Pakistan, massacre of Hindus cannot be tolerated, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit.

Shiviks Sain gathered under the leadership of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni protested strongly at Jammu-Bari Brahmna National Highway, burnt the effigy of terrorist organization 'TRF' and Pakistan which took responsibility for the attack, against the cowardly and nefarious terrorist attack on 26-28 innocent tourists by asking their religion in Baisaran village of Pahalgam.

Sahni demanded strong military action against the masters of these organizations sitting in Pakistan. Sahni said that this is the biggest terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir after the 2019 Pulwama

and the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir.

Terrorists opened fire on tourists on Tuesday, killed 27 people. This massacre of Hindus cannot be limited to review meetings and tours.

Sahni also raised questions on the intelligence system and said that after carrying out the attacks, the terrorists are also succeeding in disappearing. Sahni has demanded the Modi government at the Center to take advice from Israel and eliminate the masters of

terrorist organizations sitting in Pakistan. Sahni said that the purpose of the attack was to spread terror and an attempt to affect the annual Amarnath Yatra of Hindus. In 2024 also, 20 days before the start of Amarnath Yatra (10 July 2024), a bus of pilgrims was attacked in Shivkhodi of Reasi district (in which 9 pilgrims died). Once again, before the start of the Yatra, an attempt has been made to create fear by attacking tourists in the main base camp Pahalgam. Sahni, supporting the

demand for the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah by party MP and chief national spokesperson Sanjay Raut, said that the responsibility of the security of Jammu and Kashmir is under the Union Home Minister, the increasing terrorist incidents in the Jammu division and the massacre in Pahalgam have confirmed the failure of the Home Minister.

Along with this, a demand was made to appoint a former high military and police officer to the post of Lieutenant

Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, President Kamgar Raj Singh, Rohan Malwal, Shashipal, Pawan Singh, Mangu Ram, Om Prakash, Akhil Mehra, Deep Kumar, Kaka, Sunil, Om Prakash, Gurpreet and many other leaders and workers were present.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni, while supporting the demand of resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah by party MP and chief national spokesperson Sanjay Raut, said that the responsibility of security of Jammu-Kashmir is under the Union Home Minister, the increasing terrorist incidents in Jammu division and the massacre in Pahalgam have confirmed the failure of the Home Minister.

Along with this, blaming the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu-Kashmir for inadequacy, demanded to appoint a former high military and police officer to this post.

CEO invites public to review Electoral Rolls: SSR Deadline April 24 Lists of claims, objections available for public scrutiny

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: The Special Summary Revision (SSR) in the Assembly Constituencies of 27 Budgam and 77 Nagrota, which commenced on 8th April, 2025, is going to end on 24th April, 2025.

In accordance with the established electoral process, the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) have meticulously prepared the lists of claims and objections, which are now available for public scrutiny. These lists, generated in Forms 9, 10, 11, 11A and 11B, detail the applications received for inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition of entries in the electoral rolls.

To ensure transparency and facilitate the public participation, these lists have been prominently displayed on the notice boards of the respective ERO

offices. Furthermore, the lists are also accessible online through the official website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, at www.ceo-jk@nic.in.

The Chief Electoral Officer has appealed all the electors of Assembly Constituencies of 27 Budgam and 77 Nagrota to go through the displayed lists so as to ensure accuracy and completeness of the electoral rolls.

The citizens who wish to object to an electoral roll entry or submit a claim can do so by contacting the concerned Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) for Assembly Constituency 27 Budgam or 77 Nagrota, as applicable.

The Chief Electoral Officer has emphasised the importance of active citizen participation in this process, as it is fundamental towards upholding the integrity of the electoral system.

AOI urges Govt. to withdraw PDD's petition seeking hike in Power Tariffs

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JAMMU, Apr 23: A meeting of Association of Industries (Regd.) Gangyal was held under the chairmanship of its president Virendra Jain and attended by all office bearers S.B. Abrol, Sr. Vice President, Sandeep Ohri, Vice President, Sanjay Langar, General Secretary, Ajay Kumar Mahajan, Secretary, Jatinder Singh, Treasurer and a large number of members of the Association.

The meeting was called to discuss the recent petition filed by the Power Development Department (PDD) with the State Regulatory Commission (SERC) seeking a hike in Power Tariffs. The members of AOI expressed deep anguish and concern over the Govt. approach towards the existing industrial sector of Jammu & Kashmir.

The petition filed by PDD, proposing unjustified and unfair power rate hike of more than 100%, clearly reflects an alarming disregard for the survival and growth of local industry.

If approved, this proposal would deal a

devastating blow to the industrial ecosystem of the Union Territory and may well be the final nail in its coffin of the existing industry which is already under stress.

They strongly urged the Govt. to immediately withdraw this petition. It is contradictory for the administration to invite new investors with the promise of affordable power tariffs while, at the same time, allowing departments like the PDD to propose such harsh increases. This move not only undermines the Government's efforts to promote industrial development in J&K but also sends a negative signal to existing

and potential investors.

The AOI earnestly requested the SERC to reject the PDD's petition in the interest of preserving and nurturing the fragile industrial sector of the J&K.

The Association of Industries (Regd.) Gangyal requests Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, Omar Abdulla, Chief Minister and Surinder Chowdhary, Deputy Chief Minister to personally intervene in the matter and issue necessary instructions to the concerned authority of PDD to withdraw hike in power tariff and come in rescue of the dying industry of Jammu & Kashmir.

Jammu Bar condemns barbaric attack on tourists at Pahalgam

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JAMMU, Apr 23: The J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, in order to strongly condemn the barbaric attack on Tourists at Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam, Srinagar, took a protest rally along with other associations, organizations of civil society, from High Court Complex to all the bazaars of old city, Jammu to show solidarity with the victims killed in the brutal terrorist attack.

The members of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu also abstained from the work in all the Courts including High Court, Subordinate Courts, CAT, Consumer Forums / Commissions, Revenue Courts and other Forums. The protest rally raised slogans against the anti nationalist who were involved in the brutal terrorist attack on the tourists.

Taking serious note of the horrific incident, K. Nirmal Kotwal, President, JKHCBAJ, urged upon the Central Govt., U.T. Administration and police authorities to take immediate action against those involved in the said incident and further urged that thorough probe be done in the said incident.

Office Bearers of the JKHCBAJ, stated that such barbaric acts of targeting innocent lives is an attack on the democratic values of society and deserve to be universally condemned.

They must be met with determination and collective action. J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu call upon the Central and U.T Government and all concerned agencies to ensure that the guilty are brought to justice and law and order is maintained in the Central & U.T. of J&K.

K. Nirmal Kotwal

(Advocate) President, JKHCBAJ also urged upon the U.T. Government to grant ex-gratia relief to the bereaved families of the victims/demised persons.

The team of office bearers namely Vice President Baldev Singh, General Secretary Pardeep Majotra, Joint Secretary Anshu Mahajan and Treasurer Rahul Aggarwal strongly condemn the brutal terrorist attack that occurred in the Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam.

This inhumane and senseless act of violence, targeting innocent civilians, is a stark reminder of the continued threat posed by those who seek to disrupt peace and harmony in the region. This cowardly act of violence against innocent lives is an affront to humanity and the principles of justice we uphold.

The Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu stands in full solidarity with the victims and their families during this difficult time. The Association extend its deepest condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones in this tragic incident.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who have been injured, and we sincerely wish them a swift and

full recovery. This barbaric act has no place in any civilised society. It is a direct assault on the values of peace, democracy, and the sanctity of human life.

The Association called upon the authorities to ensure that the perpetrators of this act are brought to justice and that all necessary measures are taken to prevent such incidents in the future. It is imperative that the spirit of unity, resilience, and justice guide us through this time of grief.

The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu including S/ Sh. Vikas Sharma, Prem Sadotra, Parveiz Choudhary, Parvesh Singh Salaria, Zamir Qureshi, Cheta Misri, Surabhi Kotwal, Leena Devi, Neha Pandita, Amarvir Manhas, Manjeet Partap Singh, Anuj Malhotra, Nikhil Verma, Sachin Sarotia, Vikram Chib, Vikram Pangotra, Rohit Sharma, Atul Raina, Yasser Khan, Sarvesh Kotwal, Kamal Mangotra, Vastav Sharma, Nitin Dubey, Gagandeep Singh (Lucky), Paramev Singh, Manjeet Singh Sarkaria, Joginder Thakur, Sunil, Shivam Gupta, Muzzaffar Iqbal, Zulkarnain Choudhary, Arif Wani, Amzi Arthur John, Nischal Sharma, Parvesh Thakur, Ritesh Sharma, Arjun Pathania, Amit Raina, Majid

gathering. The team of Young Lawyers Association including Amandeep Sharma (President), Bhagirath Singh (Vice President), Saksham (General Secretary), Hitesh Kaul (Joint Secretary), Sushil Kumar (Treasurer) also participated in the protest rally. Prominent Senior Advocates including Sh. M.K. Bhardwaj (Sr. Adv. & Former President, JKHCBAJ), Sh. M.R. Qureshi, Sh. Anwar Choudhary, other esteemed members of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu including S/ Sh. Vikas Sharma, Prem Sadotra, Parveiz Choudhary, Parvesh Singh Salaria, Zamir Qureshi, Cheta Misri, Surabhi Kotwal, Leena Devi, Neha Pandita, Amarvir Manhas, Manjeet Partap Singh, Anuj Malhotra, Nikhil Verma, Sachin Sarotia, Vikram Chib, Vikram Pangotra, Rohit Sharma, Atul Raina, Yasser Khan, Sarvesh Kotwal, Kamal Mangotra, Vastav Sharma, Nitin Dubey, Gagandeep Singh (Lucky), Paramev Singh, Manjeet Singh Sarkaria, Joginder Thakur, Sunil, Shivam Gupta, Muzzaffar Iqbal, Zulkarnain Choudhary, Arif Wani, Amzi Arthur John, Nischal Sharma, Parvesh Thakur, Ritesh Sharma, Arjun Pathania, Amit Raina, Majid

Shah, Pankaj Sapuro and many other advocates also join the protest rally.

The entire Jammu region came to a standstill today, observing a complete shutdown in response to the Bandh call issued by various associations, organizations, and civil society.

This unified action follows the tragic terror attack near Pahalgam where many innocent lives, including those of tourists and locals, were brutally lost. The shutdown is a collective expression of grief, outrage, and solidarity with the victims' families, as well as a powerful demand for justice and security.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: 779-W/169/WA-1/PZR-42-2025-26-ADEN-JAT (to be opened on 13.05.2025) acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below listed tenders and available on www.reps.gov.in with closing date 13.05.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to the closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
15.04.2025	29.05.2025	13.05.2025

S. Tender No.	Details of Tender	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
02-2025-26-ADEN-JAT	Rearing Walls and Clearing of side Drains, De-Weeding of shrubs and vegetation along Railway Tracks in the SSE-P section, Way/JAT & SSE/P Way/KTHU under ADEN/JAT.	89,99,775.27	60 Days	05 Months

NOTE: Contractors are advised to check the IREPS website for any corrigendum issued against this tender before submitting the bids. 1185/2525

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT PHE/MS/04 of 2025-26 Dated 19-04-2025

Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Validity of Rates
Replacement of CS Sluice valve of 150mm dia on delivery line of WGS Nowabad ERA along with allied works installed at CPS Narwal and reconstruction of foundation block of existing HC pump set 14,000 GPH X 130 Mtr. Head along with allied works at tube well cum pumping station Malik market. under Non Plan	PHE Mech. Division South Jammu	Rs. 200.00 (Non-Refundable) In the shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html	@ 2% of estimated cost/ tender value In the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **21-04-2025 (10:00 AM)** and uploaded from **22-04-2025 (04:00 PM) to 28-04-2025 (1:00 PM)**. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids must be accompanied by EMD and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year.
- The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu on 29-04-2025 at 3:00 P.M** or any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu.
- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu** during office hours and shall be communicated separately.
- Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>
- The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu within 05 days after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L1 bidder within 05 days after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

No: PHE/MS/277-81
Dated:- 19-04-2025

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Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division South
Jammu

EDITORIAL

One Bullet broken
Thousand Lives

On the morning of April 22, 2025, the serene valley of Pahalgam—often called Mini Switzerland for its lush meadows and picturesque charm—was shattered by gunfire. A place meant to echo with the laughter of tourists and the rustle of pine trees now echoes with cries of anguish, grief, and disbelief.

Twenty-six innocent tourists, who came from various corners of our country to breathe in the peace of Kashmir's beauty, were mercilessly gunned down in Baisaran. What was meant to be a celebration of nature, turned into a graveyard of dreams. And with every bullet that pierced through those souls, it didn't just take one life—it shattered a thousand more.

Each of the slain had a story. One was a newlywed husband, the center of his wife's universe. Another, a son who had promised his mother to return with pictures of the snow. One was a father who had saved for years to bring his children to the land of snow-capped mountains. These weren't just statistics. These were living, breathing hopes, now turned to ashes.

We often say, "One person killed." But what does that really mean? It means a mother has lost the light of her life. A child has lost the hand they held so tightly. A sister has lost her guiding star. A friend has lost a confidant. A home, once full of laughter, is now haunted by silence.

This massacre was not just an act of terror; it was a calculated attempt to ignite fear, to disturb peace, and to fracture the delicate communal harmony that binds our nation. The timing, just before the annual Amarnath Yatra, is no coincidence. It is a strategy of chaos, aimed at sowing division and discouraging unity.

But we must ask: How many more massacres will it take before the world says "enough"?

From Gawkadal to Wandhama, from Kaluchak to Kulgam, and now Pahalgam—Kashmir's soil is soaked not only with snow but with the blood of innocents. For over three decades, terrorism has tried to strip this paradise of its peace, but the spirit of its people continues to resist.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir, regardless of religion or region, are exhausted. They crave peace, not politics. They want progress, not paranoia. They want to see their children invent things, not inherit wounds.

To the government, we ask—not just for justice, but for resolve. Empty condemnations will not heal the valley. It is time to act decisively, not just against the foot soldiers of terror, but against the ideologies, infrastructures, and international sponsors that breed and feed this violence.

To the people of India—Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, and all others—this is a time to unite, not divide. Let us grieve together. Let us heal together. Let not hatred begets hatred. Let the voices of love and brotherhood ring louder than the gunshots of cowards.

And to the world, hear us when we say: this is not a regional conflict, it is a humanitarian crisis. When humanity dies in one part of the world, its echo reaches all corners.

In the end, it is not land or politics or power that defines a nation—it is how we protect its people.

Let the names of those we lost in Pahalgam be etched not just on stone, but in the heart of every Indian, as a reminder that every bullet that takes a life tears through the very fabric of humanity.

Let this not be another massacre we forget. Let this be the one that changes everything.

By: Omkar Dattatray

The nation has celebrated earth day on 22nd April with great fanfare and with the resolve to protect the planet for ourselves and also for the future generations. Saving and protecting earth and soil is not only important but it is indispensable as well. Human and all living beings depend on earth for their sustenance and growth and development and therefore it is all the more important to save earth and soil. Earth should be saved from degradation and soil should be saved from nature's fury of floods and soil erosion. It is mother earth which gives man everything which is essential for living of the humankind and for all other living beings and therefore it is the bounden duty and social and moral responsibility of the people to take earnest steps to save earth and soil from the vagaries of nature and manmade exploitation. It should be noted that human beings have no or little control on the vagaries and fury of nature but man can save earth from the useless exploitation of cunning and greedy humanity. Basically and essentially soil and earth is the primary entity on which all terrestrial life depends. It is important to note that 95% of all food that is consumed by the humans comes from soil form of the earth. Not only the food but 95% of the antibiotics taken by humans and animals also comes from soil and this shows that soil, earth and life have evolved together. There is no life without earth and soil. Undoubtedly, soil and earth being more or less same entity is one of the vital living ecosystems and natural resources for sustaining all creatures of God, human, animal, vegetation and mineral kingdom. It is not possible for the ever increasing world habitats and population to procure food, cloth or shelter without soil and earth. Calamite change, food security, nutritional security, water quality, water renewability, biodiversity, land

Save and protect Mother Earth

grab, political stability, human health, well being, peace and prosperity—soil and earth is the basic of all that. Each living being on earth knows the importance of earth in our lives. Without earth, we cannot even imagine living. If there is no earth, there will be water to drink, there will not be animals living there, and of course, no cultivation, so no food to eat. Again it there is no earth how can we walk. The life of humans, as well as other living beings cannot be imagined without earth. Life is possible on the planet earth and its related resources. We cannot imagine life on earth if the resources are not available here. The resources like air, sunlight, water, creatures, minerals and vegetation are integral parts of the earth. So it is necessary to save earth for ourselves as well as for the future generations. Thus we should take sincere efforts and steps to save planer earth. With increasing level of pollution, there resources are getting affected and either humans are destroying or depleting recklessly. If we will not take calculative steps to save earth, it is going to be difficult to establish a sustainable future on earth. In order to save earth, we must understand that resources that are provided by earth are limited. However majority of us are unaware of this fact and we are not judiciously utilizing the resources. In order to safeguard the existence of humans, we need to protect earth and take care of it. All living beings are dependent on earth for their survival and so we should use the gist of nature in a thoughtful way. The increase in pollution and damage caused by the humans are affecting the earth so rapidly that it is threatening our survival. Saving earth is not merely the need of the hour but much more. The extant of degradation caused by men is becoming irreparable. This is one of the reasons why all the resources are getting highly polluted. The change in climate is one of the examples that are caused due to severe pollution. Moreover animals, birds are getting extinct and the worlds around are slowly approaching the end

.Nothing could be scarier than this. Thus saving the earth is the primary need and we should make conscious decisions to make the earth a better and sustainable place to live in. It is our responsibility to protect the planet that we live in but rather we become selfish and do such things that create pollution in our environment. As the most evolved species of the environment, we should understand that our planet is only planet that supports life. So when earth will be in peril, we will not have the option to move to another planet for our safety. Hence, it is important to make the most use of what we have right now in a sustainable manner. Our approach will not only save the earth but our lives as well. Besides our future generation will be bestowed with a healthy environment to live in. We should save earth by the following ways—1-Live by mantra-Reduce, Reuse and recycle.2-Keep our surrounds clean.3-Plant more trees.4- conserve water and water bodies.5— Educate people about the significance of conserving nature.6—Shop wisely.7-Cycle more and drive fewer cars on the road.8—Use LED lights.9—Don't discharge industrial effluents in the river or other water bodies.10—Choose sustainability in every step of life. Therefore, by making small changes in our lifestyle we can make a huge difference. By resorting to ecological balance, we can save our earth from getting dreadfully polluted and uninhabitable. Saving our earth and its environment is highly important as it provides us food and water to sustain life. Our well being is solely depends on this planet as it gives food, water and other important resources to all living things and it is our responsibility to take care of it. Sunlight, air, water and plants all contribute to the survival of life on earth. If life in the world is to be preserved, the earth must be protected. By preventing pollution of the earth and the natural resources such as air and water, we can save the planet. Our woodlands must be saved to save the earth. We do not have to

accept doom and gloom for the earth. Together we can solve the dual crises of climate and biodiversity loss. This is a hopeful wake-up call, but only if we act with great urgency. Our planet faces the interconnected crises of rapid climate change and biodiversity loss. We have years, and not decades, to address these existential threats. Science points us to a better path for building a more sustainable, more hopeful future for the earth. A future in which catastrophic climate change is kept at bay while we still power our developing world. A future in which we can feed 10 billion people worldwide and provide cleaner, more abundant drinking water while also protecting life giving lands, lakes and rivers. A future in which nature's wild heart still beats strong through healthy wildlife and magnificent landscapes while our cities are strengthened by harmony with nature. New science shows a clear path we must take to prevent irreversible damage to the lands and waters that sustain us all. It is not too late to choose a more sustainable future where nature and people thrive together. To reach it we must transform the way we get our food, fish, and energy right now. To conclude it can be said that mother earth is indispensable for the all human beings and also for other living creatures and we should try our best to preserve and save earth for ourselves and for future generations and it is our responsibility to save the earth for our sustainability and the sustenance of other creatures. Save earth to save life should be our motto.

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Wildlife in distress

By: Vijay Garg

The recent report by World Wild Fund and the Zoological Society of London is about to worry that by 2020, two-thirds of the wild animals will be eliminated from the earth. The report added that indiscriminate cutting of forests that are taking place around the world, buffet pollution and climate change has led to a drastic reduction in the number of wild animals in the last four decades. According to the report, the number of wild animals has decreased by 58% from 1970 to 2012. The endangered organisms such as elephants and gorillas as well as vultures and creepers have ended rapidly. The report estimates that the number of 67% of wild animals may decrease by 2020.

Significantly, the ending organisms include not only wild organisms but also living organisms in the mountains, rivers and oceans. The report said that the number of these organisms has decreased by about 81% since 1970 till now. Three hundred species have reached the brink of extinction due to the poaching of aquatic organisms. Another reason for the destruction of aquatic organisms is also the pollution of fungal infections and industrial units. Also natural calamities, different types of diseases, reduction in fertility of organisms are also major causes. Because of these reasons, heavy creatures like Hvel and Dolphin are rapidly ending in the sea of Europe. According to a data, dangerous drugs being given in the treatment of animals such as wet-goats have also decreased the number of vultures in South-East Asia in the last twenty years. India itself has reported a 97% decline in the number of vultures that play an important role in maintaining the environment over the past decade. Lack of vultures is affecting the cleaning of dead animals, scattering of seeds and pollination work badly and variety of diseases are rapidly thriving. Other species like vultures are also becoming increasingly extinct.

Scientists conclude that many organism species may gradually displace towards polar direction or higher moun-

tains due to indiscriminate felling of the peequal and change in climate. If this happened, then it is decided to have a negative impact on diversity and ecological reactions. This apprehension is not because the end of a daitynamic creature called dinosaur ruling for about twelve crore years on Earth was the cause of the radical: climate change. If climate change was not taken seriously, survival of organisms from earth is set to fade in the coming years.

Human being's unselfish behaviour with the earth is going to be inhabited which is unfavourable to the survival of organisms. The Holocene era began after the end of the Ice Age twelve thousand years ago, scientists say. In this age human civilization on earth was born. In this the weather cycle was constant, so terrestrial and aquatic organisms could thrive. But from the middle of the twentieth century, just as the period of the experiment of atomic energy has begun and by the way forests are being harvested, the end of the Holocene era has been called. The same has an effect that today wild animals are going through the crisis of survival.

If we look at the global landscape of wild animals, the number of castes known and described among all the creatures of the earth is about eighteen lakh. But this number is less than fifteen percent of the actual number. His reason is not to be available information about millions of organisms. It is believed that the number of total castes existing on Earth is between fifty lakh and five crore. The description and nomenclature of most of these have still not been possible. While the identification of the organisms castes and the serial function of their nomenclature continues for the last two and a half hundred years.

Consider, the main cause of the bustling crisis on organisms is the setting of the temperature of the atmosphere, the setting level of pollution, the widespread erosion of forests and land, the farsightedness of humans, the bungling and biotechnology of plants, experiments and the development of high-level and insect-resistant seeds, etc. To save the organisms trapped in the existential crisis, it is essential to have

a solid initiative of preventing earth's buttocks temperature and pollution. The speed at which the temperature of the earth is being sown can deepen the distress of wild animals in the coming days. So, specific projects should be made to conserve them and indiscriminate deforestation is prohibited. Also, the scheme of agricultural expansion by reducing forest area should also be put on hold. 'Transfer farming' to be controlled and eliminated if possible. Deforestation should also be stopped for the development of towns.

But the tragedy is that deforestation continues by the whole world. In this way we see that climate is the prevailing model of development at the core of the crisis of change which is dependent on indiscriminate exploitation of resources. The latest report by the 'Global Forest Resource Assessorship (GFRA) suggests that the total forest area between 1990 and 2015 has decreased by three percent and an area of more than 102,000 lakh acres has been running for a limited period of two and a half hundred years. i.e. 3,190 lakh acres of forest area has decreased. Consider, this area is equal to the size of South Africa. The report said that there has been a decrease of six% in the natural forest area. The condition of tropical forest areas is even more pathetic. Here is the loss of forest area at the rate of most ten%. These conditions are when continuous effort has been on hold over environmental protection for a decade.

According to an estimate, the global community is destroying seven crore hectares of forest area each year in the name of development. Scientists say that the destruction of forests is causing the atmosphere to be poisonous and two billion tonnes of additional carbon-dioxide is dissolving in the atmosphere annually. This is causing damage to the ozone layer considered life's protective shield. 'Nature Xiaoscience' says that the damage to the ozone layer has led to an increase in the number of certain types of extremely underprivileged elements (VSLS) that are extremely dangerous for the survival of wildlife and mankind. Scientists say that participation in damaging the ozone of these particular kind

of extremely underprivileged elements (VSLS) is ninety percent. Ironically, on the one hand, the species of creatures are destroying by natural disasters, the right stone is accomplishing the passion for human greed and its prey. Just last days, the International Fund for Animal Welfare has said in its report that seventeen lakh wild animals were hunted (trophy hunting) worldwide for the symbol over the past decade. They have two lakh deendangered organisms.

Indeed, predators of these wild animals sell organs at expensive prices. In the international market, they get a price of Rs. The cost of killing an elephant in the international market is twenty-five to sixty thousand dollars. Similarly a tiger is eight thousand to fifty thousand and the leopard is from fifteen to thirty five thousand dollars. Unfortunately that hunting for hobbies i.e. trophy hunting has been recognised by many countries in the world including America. American hunters are at the forefront of trophy hunting. According to a data, eleven thousand tigers were hunted worldwide in the last decade in which fifty percent of the tigers have been killed by American predators. Surprisingly, the International Union for Conservation is arguing that if there is a trophy hunting in the legal realm, the protection of wild animals will help and the population of organisms will be controlled. Also local people will get financial benefit. But this plea is not correct. The truth is that it will decrease the number of wild animals and the existence of already fading organisms will be erased.

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Large number of social, BJP activists strongly condemn terror attack in Pahalgam

Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Apr 23: Large number of social and BJP activists met at Piri Trai here today under the chairmanship of Hony Captain Kamal Dass, and vehemently condemned the heinous terrorist attack that targeted tourists in Pahalgam resulting in as many as twenty six deaths and injuries of innocent people. While speaking Ghou-Manhas-

san Municipal Committee's Ex Vice Chairman Krishan Lal said, This inhumane act has not only caused irreparable loss to the victims and their families but has also shaken the collective conscience of the entire nation.

BJP SC Morcha Office Secretary Hans Raj Loria called the terrorists attack a barbaric act of violence aimed at disturbing peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir. Also speaking,

BJP Activist R.L.Kaith urged the security forces to immediately hunt down the assailants and also advised the Jammu and Kashmir natives to honestly assist the government in counteracting the nefarious designs of anti-national elements who are about to subvert harmony, unity and integrity of the country.

All present expressed their sincere condolences and sympathy to the families of victims of this

heinous attack, as well as their wishes of a speedy recovery for all the injured. Prominent among the meeting attendees included Retired Army personnel: Sub. Baldev Chand, Naib Sub. Jameet Raj, Naib Sub. Kaku Ram, Hav. Des Raj, Hav. Mast Ram, ASI Ramesh Lal (Retd), Panch Pritam Sharma, Rashpal Chand, Chajju Ram, Parma Nand, Devi Dass, Mulkh Raj, Jagdish Raj and Sunil Kumar.

Mohd Sadiq Baqal condemns Pahalgam terror attack, expresses solidarity with victim families

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 23: Veteran trade leader Mohammad Sadiq Baqal has strongly condemned the barbaric terrorist attack in Pahalgam, describing it as a brutal assault on peace, humanity and the spirit of Kashmiriyat.

In a statement issued to the media, Baqal expressed profound anguish over the loss of innocent lives and extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. "This heinous act of terror is not merely an attack on individuals, but a direct blow to the values of coexistence, peace, and



brotherhood that define Jammu & Kashmir," he said.

Baqal lauded the trade community for observing a complete shutdown as a mark of respect and collective mourning, stating that it reflects the shared grief and moral conscience of society. Reaffirming his unwav-

ering commitment to peace and communal harmony, Mohammad Sadiq Baqal emphasized that the people of Jammu & Kashmir have always stood united in the face of adversity and will continue to uphold the ideals of humanity, even in the darkest of times.

JKTF condemns barbaric, reprehensible terrorist attack in Pahalgam

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JAMMU, Apr 23: The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum, affiliated with the All India Secondary Teachers Federation (AISTF), under the leadership of State President Sheikh Mohd Ashraf, along with the entire leadership, unequivocally and resolutely condemned the barbaric and reprehensible terrorist attack at Baisaran Meadow, Pahalgam.

The Spokesperson of the organization, Joginder Singh Thakur,

said, "This abhorrent act of violence, which claimed the lives of innocent tourists, stands as a grotesque assault on humanity, peace, and the cherished values of unity and compassion that define our society."

We extend our profound condolences to the bereaved families of the victims and offer heartfelt prayers for the swift recovery of those injured in this despicable act.

The deliberate targeting of defenseless civilians, who were simply enjoying the serene

beauty of Pahalgam, underscores the sinister motives of those who seek to sow fear and disrupt the harmony of Jammu and Kashmir. Such acts of terror are an affront to civilized society and must be met with unwavering determination to uphold justice and restore peace.

Meanwhile, State Sr. Vice President Rafiq Hussain Malik, Senior Vice Chairman Mohd Mahroof, Vice Chairman Mehmoody Ryaz Bhat, UT Secretary Raman Kumar, UT Vice President Neetan

Kalyan, Shahid Raza Qurashi, UT Spokesperson Joginder Singh, Additional Spokesperson Ranjeet Singh, UT Convenor Lokesh Sharma, UT Chief Coordinator Dr. Sanjay Sharma, UT Publicity Secretary Jailil Ahmed, UT Media Secretary Murtaza Khan, UT Advisor Maroof Zargar, Provincial President Jammu Sanjeet Sharma, along with all District Presidents and zonal-level leaders across Jammu & Kashmir, have also strongly condemned this inhuman act of terror

and demanded stern and decisive action against the perpetrators to ensure justice and safeguard the dignity of human life.

The Spokesperson of the Forum, Joginder Singh Thakur, further said, "The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum stands in unwavering solidarity with the families of those martyred, reaffirming our steadfast commitment to promoting peace and unity as the strongest defenses against the forces of violence and division."

Time to shed image of soft nation, hit Pakistan hard: SSP

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Col SS Pathania, Chief Convener and President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) J&K UT, expressed his pain and anguish, while condemning the dastardly and inhuman attack on innocent and unarmed tourists, resulting in 27 deaths and injuries to 12 people.

He also offered his condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the speedy recovery of injured.

Pakistan will never give up the proxy war against India and continue to bleed India in thousand cuts for thousand years as per Operation Topac conceived in 1989, he said.

Indian government has done a great work in containment of militancy since abrogation of



Article 370 but militancy has not been eliminated completely and much more efforts need to be put in have a terror free J&KUT, he said adding that IB and LOC needs to be sealed, no matter how much money and efforts are required, intelligence grid needs to be strengthened and enhanced, all out operations against OGWs, sleeper cells and sympathizer to be launched, more boots on ground for effective domination of sensitive areas, training and equipping of VDC with modern

weapons, stringent laws and exemplary punishments to people supporting militancy, within or outside the government and synergised human intelligence are some of the measures, which government must contemplate to strengthen our counter terrorism grid.

Bringing an Army General as Lt Governor with two Advisors, one each

at Jammu and Kashmir region will result in a game changer as it has been tried in past when Gen Krishna Rao was the Governor from 1990 to 1995, he said.

DCs and SSPs for each districts must be included in counter terrorism grid and made accountable for the incidents in their respective areas, he suggested.

Pakistan, a failed nation, is the breeder of worldwide terrorism and needs to be punished for killing our citizens for which government has to take appropriate action and shed the image of a soft nation, he said adding that ceasefire agreement must be revoked to begin with and Pakistan must be hammered all along the IB and LOC.

Skara delegation calls on CEC Leh, raises key developmental requests



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LEH, Apr 23: A delegation from Skara, led by BJP Mandal President Lower Leh, Thinles Chosdup, along with Skara Goba, Skara President, and executive members, called on the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, today. The delegation extended their gratitude to the CEC for the support towards

the Skara Kartse Gompa project.

They also put forth a request to expedite the ongoing work on the multi-purpose community hall in Skara.

Further, the delegation sought the Council's support in improving road connectivity from Skara Kartse to the Council road. CEC Gyalson assured the delegation of necessary support.

KCCI strongly condemns deplorable killing of innocent people in Pahalgam

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SRINAGAR, Apr 23: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) convened an Executive Committee Meeting attended by all Executive Committee members, affiliated Associations, and general members.

During the meeting,

the Chamber unanimously passed a resolution strongly condemning the deplorable killing of innocent people in Baisaran, Pahalgam.

As a mark of protest against these dastardly killings, the KCCI's call for a complete shutdown has been followed by all in Kashmir.

The Chamber has announced that it will

hold a peaceful sit-in protest at Ghanta Ghar (Clock Tower) today at 2:00 PM.

All trader bodies, travel and tourism associations, heads of business commerce chambers, affiliated organisations, associations and members of the Chamber are requested to participate in the sit-in protest.

Dr. Shiraz condemns Pahalgam terror attack



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JAMMU, Apr 23: Dr. Shiraz, Chairman of the Jammu & Kashmir National Human Rights Laws Protection & Khidmat-e-Khalaq Organisation, strongly condemned the recent

incident that occurred in Pahalgam, which has deeply hurt the sentiments of the people and raised serious concerns about the protection of human rights and public safety in the region.

Our organisation stands firmly against

any act that threatens peace, communal harmony, or the dignity of individuals.

We urge the concerned authorities to take immediate cognizance of the matter, ensure a transparent investigation, and bring the perpetrators to justice, he said.

Khidmat-e-Khalaq Organisation remains committed to promoting justice, safeguarding human rights, and upholding the values of humanity and mutual respect in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

Khaltse delegation calls on CEC, LAHDC Leh



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LEH, Apr 23: A delegation from Khaltse called on the Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson at his office today.

The delegation comprised Nambardar Stanzin Phurbo, Former Sar-

panch Nawang Rigzin, BJP senior member Nawang Chosgyal, BJP Youth President Konchok Namgyal and village member Sonam Gurmet.

The members of the delegation expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the CEC for the sanctioning of a community

hall. They also apprised the CEC of the need for black topping of the road that will be used during the forthcoming visit of His Holiness the 37th Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Thinley Lhundup. The CEC assured the delegation of necessary action and support.

Condolence Meeting Held at Council Secretariat, LAHDC Leh



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LEH, Apr 23: A condolence meeting was held at the Conference Hall of the Council Secretariat, LAHDC Leh, to pay homage to the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, which claimed the lives of innocent civilians.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson; Executive Councillors Stanzin Choshpel and Ghulam Mehdi, Leader of Opposition Tsering Namg-

yal; Councillors, Chief Controller of Finance, OSD to the Chairman and staff members of LAHDC Leh attended the meeting.

The attendees observed a two-minute silence to honour the departed souls and express solidarity with the bereaved families. LAHDC Leh strongly condemns the cowardly attack, extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, and stands in solidarity with the nation in this time of grief.



No More Blood on Our Soil: Traders, locals, and citizens observe complete shutdown and protest in Jammu against cowardly Pahalgam terror strike. Pics by Aman Sharma

Pahalgam terror attack: PM Modi back in Delhi, holds meeting with NSA, Foreign Minister at airport

Prime Minister discusses the Kashmir situation in view of the terror attack

NEW DELHI, Apr 23 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in the National Capital early on Wednesday and took a briefing on the situation in Kashmir after the Pahalgam terror attack yesterday.

The briefing was given by top officials of the government—National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.

"Immediately on his arrival, the Prime Minister took a briefing at the airport with the National Security Adviser, External Affairs Minister and Foreign Secretary to discuss the situation in view of the terror attack," government sources said.

The government will weigh all options in the wake of the terror attack and decide on the next course of action in a calibrated manner.

Terrorists struck a prime tourist



location of Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people and injuring several others.

The dead included two foreigners -- from the UAE and Nepal -- and two locals.

Among those who lost lives in the Kashmir terror attack five are from Maharashtra.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has made a formal request to

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu regarding arrangements to bring them back to the state.

During the conversation, Shinde also requested Naidu to arrange a special flight to bring back the tourists from Maharashtra stranded in Jammu and Kashmir.

Accepting the request, Naidu assured that once a list of the

stranded tourists is provided, arrangements would be made to bring them to Mumbai via a special flight.

Meanwhile, condolences poured in from all quarters. US President Doland Trump spoke to Modi last night and paid condolences at the loss of lives.

Earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin wrote a letter to President Droupadi Murmu to express solidarity.

Italian PM Georgia Meloni sent condolences, as did the UAE.

Earlier today, Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli tweeted, "Deepest condolences to the victims of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Nepal stands firmly with India & strongly condemn any & all acts of terrorism. Close coordination is established to verify reports of a Nepali national among the victims & will provide all necessary assistance."

Pahalgam terror attack: 'Hunt down terrorists, not time to do partisan politics' Kharge urges Union government



BENGALURU, Apr 23 (Agencies): AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge on Wednesday urged PM Narendra Modi-led government to hunt down perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack, adding that "it is not the time to do politics."

While addressing a joint press conference along with AICC functionary Pawan Khara, and KPCC president D K Shivakumar, Kharge said that a Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting has been called at the AICC head quarters in New Delhi on Thursday at 11 am to discuss the issue. He added that the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, will cut short his US visit to attend the meet.

"We urge the Union government to use all its strength to hunt down the terrorists. It has been almost 22 hours now. It's not the time to do politics over the incident. Congress will stand by the government in its efforts," he said.

"The dastardly killing of innocent, unsuspecting tourists by terrorists in Pahalgam yesterday around 2:30 pm has deeply hurt, shocked, and saddened us all. The Congress Party unequivocally condemns this cowardly act of terror and those responsible for it in the strongest possible terms. This attack is a direct assault on the unity and integrity of our nation," he elaborated.

He pointed out that since the horrific Chittisinghpura massacre in 2000, Tuesday's incident occurred in Kashmir is among the most brazen and outrageous attempts by terrorists and separatist forces.

"We firmly reiterate, those who murder unarmed and innocent civilians cannot be human," he remarked.

Kharge claimed that Congress leaders have spoken to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

"This is not a time for partisan politics. It is a moment for collective resolve to ensure justice for those who lost their lives and for their grieving families, by bringing the perpetrators of this terror attack to justice," he stated.

"We have certain information but will not going to reveal at this moment. At the all party meeting all the issues will be discussed. The government can take or reject suggestions on further action," he clarified.

Kharge said that he has spoken to the family members of the two victims hailing from Karnataka -- Manjunath and Bharat Bhushan. "I personally spoke to both the grieving wives of the victims and offered my condolences to them," he said.

He pointed out that the Karnataka Cabinet also deputed Labour Minister Santosh Lad, who is meeting victims in J&K, and he is meeting nearly 200 tourists from Karnataka. Lad is also arranging flights back for to the state for them. "I also requested CM Omar Abdullah to make arrangements for every tourist who wants to return. Our Home Minister also promised me that he shall also look after that," he said.

"This is a direct attack on the Indian State which left the entire nation is in a shock. A Pakistani terrorist organisation has claimed responsibility. We must give a befitting response. We are all one and we will fight. There should not be claims without doing or without properly managing (the situation in Kashmir) and finger-pointing," he stated.

"We also expect the government to hold discussions with all political parties to address the challenge of terrorism in a spirit of consensus once the necessary actions have been taken and full information has been obtained. They should call an All-Party meeting and take some advice. This is not politics, and we don't want politics in this situation," he advised.

"Congress Party is committed to coordination and cooperation with the government to eliminate terrorism from its roots. We have consistently confronted terrorism and separatism, and our top leadership has even sacrificed their lives in this fight," he stated.

The government must do everything possible to maintain tourists' confidence in the security arrangements of Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the Amarnath Yatra which is about to begin in a few days as every year, lakhs of tourists take part in it, he suggested.

"Earlier there have been such attacks in the Yatra also. So the Yatris should be protected well and security should be tightened," he cautioned.

"The summer season has just begun, and this is the time when tourists start visiting the region. Tourism is also the biggest source of income for Jammu and Kashmir's economy and its people. People of Kashmir depend only on tourism. So, this year's economy has collapsed. The Government of India should help them now. At this moment, we are all one. We will be one against the terrorists," he stated.

SC condemns terrorist attack in Pahalgam, judges lawyers pay tribute to victims

NEW DELHI, Apr 23 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed anguish and strongly condemned the heinous terrorist attack that targeted tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday.

Judges and the lawyers in the top court paid tributes to victims by observing a moment of silence.

In a full court meeting held on Wednesday morning, the top court unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the act of terror, the apex court said in a statement.

"This diabolical act of mindless violence has shaken the conscience of all and is a stark reminder of the brutality and inhumanity that terrorism unleashes," it said.

The top court resolution went on, "The Supreme Court of India pays its respectful tribute to the innocent lives

snuffed out brutally and prematurely while also expressing its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. May the departed souls rest in peace and may those who were injured recover soon. The nation stands with the victims and their families in this hour of indescribable grief."

The attack on tourists, the statement said, who were merely enjoying the natural beauty of the "Crown Jewel" of India, Kashmir, is undoubtedly an affront to the values of humanity and the sanctity of life and the court strongly condemns the same.

To honour the memory of the victims and express solidarity with their families, the apex court judges, advocates, court staffers, and all others present in the top court aside from its registry observed a two-minute silence at around 2 pm when the courts assembled in the post-

lunch session.

A circular was also issued by the apex court registry saying at around 2 pm, judges, lawyers, staffers and other persons present in the court and in the registry will observe the period of silence.

In a related act of solidarity, lawyers and over 300 members of the Supreme Court Bar Association assembled in the apex court's lawn in solidarity with victims of the terror attack.

SCBA unequivocally condemned the barbaric and cowardly terrorist attacks perpetrated against innocent tourists in the peaceful region of Pahalgam.

"We mourn the tragic loss of lives and express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims. Our thoughts and prayers are with those injured, and we wish them speedy recovery. These reprehensible acts of violence are a direct assault on



the values of humanity. Targeting unarmed, innocent civilians is an act of unpardonable savagery," a SCBA resolution said.

Even the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association condemned the attack.

"The association stands in unwavering solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir, an integral part of our country and the nation as a whole."

A statement of the

Delhi High Court Bar Association, on the other hand, chastised the heinous act "challenging the unity, integrity and sovereignty" of the country.

Terrorists struck a tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others.

The deceased included two foreigners — from the UAE and Nepal — and two locals.

Sanjay Raut blames BJP's 'politics of hate' for Pahalgam terror attack

MUMBAI, Apr 23 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Wednesday claimed the ruling BJP's "politics of hate" was responsible for the terror attack in Jammu Kashmir's Pahalgam in which 26 persons were killed.

Talking to reporters, Raut alleged that Amit Shah was a "failed home minister" and demanded his resignation.

Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 persons, mostly tourists, and injuring several others. The deceased included two foreigners — from the UAE and Nepal — and two locals.

The family members of some of the victims claimed terrorists asked their religion before shooting them down.

Asked about it, Raut said, "If terrorists ask for religion before killing people, then BJP's politics of hate is responsible for it."



The politics of hate will "boomerang" someday, the Rajya Sabha member claimed.

"No one else is (responsible for it). This is a result of the hate that is being spread from West Bengal to Jammu Kashmir," he charged.

They (referring to ruling coalition leaders) are busy 24 hours in forming and toppling governments and putting opposition leaders in jail. How will they protect people? Raut said.

"Amit Shah is a failed home minister in the history of the country. The entire country is seeking his resignation. He has no right to occupy

that post even for a day," he said.

Raut claimed the government will carry out a "surgical strike" and do politics as the Bihar elections are around the corner.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, Raut said after demonetisation, the PM said this exercise will end terrorism in the country. But, the instances of terror attacks are increasing and they are "lying" in Parliament (about terror-related incidents), he alleged.

They don't allow information about the incidents to come out in public, Raut claimed.

Pahalgam attack: Doing our best to minimise dent on J-K tourism, says Union Minister Shekhawat

NEW DELHI, Apr 23 (Agencies): Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Wednesday said some people with nefarious intentions have tried to again "incite separatism and terrorism" in the Valley and asserted that his ministry will do the best to "minimise the dent" on tourism in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.

Interacting with reporters on the sidelines of the 38th meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA) here, he said he and his office are in "continuous touch" with the chief secretary and the tourism secretary of the Union Territory and keeping an eye on the situation.

Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others. The deceased included two foreigners — from the UAE and Nepal — and two locals.

Before the commencement of the meeting, chaired by the minister, a minute of silence was observed by the attendees.

"The entire country is pained, and also filled with a sense of anger. I convey my sentiments to the families of the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack," Shekhawat said in his opening remarks at the meeting held at the Bharat Mandapam here.

Talking to reporters, he said, "This cowardly incident has hurt our sentiments. But, some people with their nefarious intention, have tried to incite separatism and terrorism in Kashmir again." The Union culture and tourism minister also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi cut short his foreign visit and returned home, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah rushed to Srinagar, putting off

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other work, and "their stand on this attack, clearly demonstrates India's and the prime minister's zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism".

And, as they have both said, it will be ensured that each and every person responsible for this attack will get the "harsh punishment," Shekhawat said.

"Earlier, through surgical and air strikes, India has sent a message to the world that anti-India activities, whether emanating from Indian soil or from outside the country, will not be tolerated," he said.

Asked if he has approached the Jammu and Kashmir government and tourism department authorities in the wake of the attack, Shekhawat said, "I am in touch with everybody, my office too, my secretary is also in touch with the tourism secretary in Jammu and Kashmir, the chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir".

"We are in continuous touch and keeping an eye on that. And, we will do our best to

minimise the dent on tourism in Kashmir because of this incident, and tourism across the country," he said.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, the Union minister, who also holds the portfolio of culture in the government, suggested to "increase the frequency" of the CABA meeting, and lamented that a delay or prolonged gap between two successive meetings is not a favourable situation either for the board or its members.

The 37th meeting of CABA was held on June 14, 2022, under the chairpersonship of the then Union Minister of Culture, G Kishan Reddy.

A member of Parliament is elected for five years, and if a meeting of CABA happens after a gap of three years or more, then it's a loss, it's a "national loss".

The Archaeological Survey of India — an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture — hosted the 38th meeting of CABA. The board was formed in 1945 by the government of India to foster strong ties between the ASI and Indian universities, academic institutions and state governments for conducting archaeological research, the ministry said in a statement.

Every three years, the board is re-constituted through a gazette notification after the approval of the Union Minister of Culture, who also serves as the chairman of the CABA.

"The 38th meeting of CABA will discuss the resolutions/suggestions received from Members of the Advisory Board and the action taken for the resolutions/suggestions during the previous meeting," the Ministry of Culture said in a statement on Tuesday.

Chinese citizens working at drone production site in Russia: Ukraine President Zelenskyy

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry said it had summoned Chinese Ambassador Ma Shengkun and expressed its "serious concerns" over Chinese involvement in Russia's war in Ukraine

KYIV, Apr 23 (Agencies): President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Chinese citizens were working at a drone production site in Russia and suggested that Moscow may have "stolen" drone technology from China.

The Ukrainian leader made the comment at a news conference in Kyiv days after he said China was supplying weapons and gunpowder to Russia, the first time he has accused Beijing of direct military aid to Moscow, something China staunchly denies.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry said it had summoned Chinese Ambassador Ma Shengkun and expressed Ukraine's "serious concerns" over Chinese involvement in Russia's war in Ukraine.

Zelenskyy, in suggesting that Russia may have obtained drone technology from China without Beijing actually knowing, appeared to be softening his tone towards China, which casts itself as neutral on the war.

The flurry of Ukrainian allegations directed at China, the world's second largest economy, in recent days has been particularly striking at a sensitive



moment for Kyiv in the US-led diplomatic effort to end the war.

Zelenskyy said earlier this month that Russia was recruiting Chinese nationals via social media to fight in its armed forces and that Beijing officials were aware of that. He added that Kyiv was trying to assess whether the recruits were receiving instructions from Beijing.

China has reaffirmed its support for peace efforts in Ukraine and said relevant parties should avoid "irresponsible remarks," in an apparent jab at Zelenskyy's comment about Chinese citi-

zens fighting there for Russia.

Zelenskyy told reporters on Tuesday that he had instructed officials to send information to the Chinese government through official channels on its findings.

"Separately, I asked the Security Service of Ukraine to transfer information of a broader nature to the Chinese side regarding Chinese citizens who work at the drone factory," he said.

"We believe that it may be that Russia stole - made an agreement with these citizens outside the agreements with

the Chinese leadership - stole these technologies." A Foreign Ministry statement said Ukraine expressed "serious concerns about the facts of the participation of Chinese citizens in military action against Ukraine on the side of the aggressor-state and also the involvement of Chinese companies in the manufacturing in Russia of military goods." It said Deputy Foreign Minister Yevhen Perebyinis "called on the Chinese side to take measures to stop supporting Russia in its aggression against Ukraine, the absence of which has been repeatedly stated by Beijing".

China's foreign ministry on Wednesday reiterated that China is firmly opposed to "groundless accusations and political manipulation" when asked about the latest Ukrainian claims.

There was no immediate comment on any of the Ukrainian statements from Russia.

China and Russia declared a "no limits" strategic partnership days before Russian President Vladimir Putin sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine in February 2022.

Iran condemns terrorist attack in Pahalgam, calls it violation of international norms



TEHRAN, Apr 23 (Agencies): Iran's Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Esmail Baghaei on Wednesday condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir.

In an official statement, Iran's Foreign Ministry said that Baghaei described this heinous act as a grave crime.

"Iran's Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemned the terrorist attack in the city of Pahalgam, India, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of Indian nationals as well as citizens of other countries," the statement said.

Baqaei said that the crime was in flagrant violation of all international legal and humanitarian norms.

"Esmail Baqaei described this heinous act as a grave crime, in flagrant violation of all international legal and humanitarian norms. He expressed heartfelt sympathy with the families of the victims, while extending condolences to

the government and people of India and wishing a swift recovery for the injured," the statement read.

Baqaei urged for heightened cooperation at international levels to combat the acts of terrorism.

"Baqaei reiterated the principled position of the Islamic Republic of Iran in unequivocally condemning all forms and manifestations of terrorism. He also underscored the urgent need to further strengthen cooperation and coordination at regional and international levels in order to prevent and combat terrorism, and to ensure the prosecution and punishment of its perpetrators and sponsors," the statement read.

Condolences have poured in from several nations after the attack.

German Ambassador to India Philipp Ackermann expressed his condolences on Wednesday to the people who became victims of the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

"We strongly condemn the brutal terrorist attack targeting tourists in Pahalgam. We are deeply saddened, our thoughts are with the families who have lost loved ones. My sincere condolences to the people of India."

Meanwhile, as the country mourns the tragic death of innocent tourists, the coffins carrying the victims of the terror attack were brought to the Srinagar airport. Several state government representatives have arrived in Srinagar to facilitate the return home of victims and tourists from their respective states.

Israel stands with India in its fight against terrorism: Netanyahu after terror attack in Pahalgam

TEL AVIV, Apr 23 (Agencies): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu mourned over the terrorist attack that took place in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on Tuesday. He extended Israel's support for India in its fight against terrorism.

"My dear friend @narendramodi, I am deeply saddened by the barbaric terrorist attack in #Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, that killed and injured dozens of innocents. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims & their families. Israel stands with India in its fight against terrorism," Israel's Prime Minister's Office posted



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Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar expressed sadness over the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam and said that Israel stands united with India in its fight against terror.

Deeply saddened by the heinous terror attack on tourists in #Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families. Israel stands united with India in the fight against terror

UKPNP condemns Pahalgam terror attack, urges global action against Pakistan-backed extremism

BRUSSELS, Apr 23 (Agencies): The United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP), through its Central Spokesperson Sardar Nasir Aziz Khan and President of the Foreign Affairs Committee Jamil Maqsood, has strongly condemned the brutal terrorist attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam, located in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir.

"This despicable act of violence, allegedly claimed by terror groups based in Pakistan like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and The Resistance Front (TRF), constitutes a grievous crime against humanity and peace. Attacks targeting civilians, particularly peaceful tourists, serve no legitimate purpose and reveal the barbaric mentality of the attackers and their backers,"



stated the UKPNP leaders.

"We reaffirm our longstanding stance that all forms and expressions of terrorism must be distinctly condemned and eliminated. The persistent exploitation of Jammu and Kashmir as a proxy battleground by extremist factions, sup-

ported from abroad, not only contravenes international law but also directly undermines the rightful aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for peace, justice, and dignity," conveyed the UKPNP leaders.

The party issued a strong appeal to the

global community to take decisive steps against the support system of such violence. "We call upon the international community, including the United Nations, European Union, and democratic governments, to take serious note of Pakistan's ongoing support for jihadist proxies in the area. We advocate for targeted sanctions against those individuals, institutions, and elements within the state apparatus involved in financing, training, and providing shelter to such terrorist organisations," stated the UKPNP leaders.

"Pakistan should be held responsible for breaching UN Security Council Resolutions, international standards, and bilateral commitments through its persistent strategy of exporting terrorism to destabi-

lise Jammu and Kashmir and disrupt regional peace," according to the UKPNP.

The party reiterated its broader vision for peace in the region. "The UKPNP reiterates its steadfast dedication to a peaceful, democratic, and united Jammu and Kashmir, devoid of extremism, foreign intervention, and military occupation. We assert that enduring peace in the region can only be realised through dialogue, demilitarisation, and the thorough dismantling of all terrorist infrastructures," emphasised the UKPNP.

The UKPNP leaders extended their heartfelt condolences to the victims of the attack and their families, expressing solidarity with all those who denounce violence and extremism.

"This is a direct threat to India's sovereignty": PoJK activist on Pahalgam terror attack

GLASGOW, Apr 23 (Agencies): Amjad Ayub Mirza, a political activist from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) currently based in Glasgow, has sharply condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, calling it a direct assault on India's sovereignty.

In a strongly worded statement, Mirza squarely blamed the Pakistan Army and its chief, General Asim Munir, for orchestrating the attack, and described it as a continuation of Pakistan's deep-rooted terror infrastructure.

"The attack that took place in Pahalgam is not only tragic, but it is a direct threat to the sovereignty of India," Mirza said. "We, the people of PoJK, strongly condemn this act of terrorism and we blame the Pakistan Army and accuse General Asim Munir for this act of terrorism. The

TRF, everyone knows, is a front organisation of Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Lashkar-e-Taiba is the brainchild of Pakistan Army and ISI."

Mirza further linked the incident to recent remarks made by the Pakistani army chief. "Only a few days ago General Asim Munir was threatening genocide over Hindus when he said, 'We are two different nations, we have different destinies - we cannot live together,' while forgetting that there are quarter of a million Hindus living in Pakistan. And then, this attack takes place."

He added, "I personally believe that that speech was actually a green signal for this operation - he was asking them to go ahead."

Expressing deep anguish over the nature of the attack, he said, "This is very sad. Young people, holiday makers, people on honeymoons



were targeted - just because of their religion, just because they were of different faith. This is what Pakistan is actually all about."

Mirza criticised the ideological conditioning in Pakistan that fuels such violence. "Unless this problem is solved at the root, and the root cause of this terrorism - so-called 'jihad' is eliminated; they will keep sending infiltrators. They have got millions of young people willing to die in the name

of 'jihad' because they have been brainwashed in madrasas, in schools, all over Pakistan."

He added that hatred is systematically cultivated: "In the schools, the syllabus has been designed to create hate for India, and the Hindus, and the Christians, Yahud an-Nasara. The television spews hatred, the printed press, print media, they spew venom against India, their columnists and editorials write against India with hate, and their

professors, teachers, right from nursery to university level follow this narrative against India and Hindus. Five times a day, the mosques pray for the demise of India."

Calling for stronger measures beyond bolstering internal security, Mirza said, "Everywhere you see in Pakistani society, it's all about 'anti-India', 'anti-Hindu'. Strengthening the security grid is a good thing, but it is not a solution."

He urged a more assertive approach, concluding, "The solution lies in fighting this enemy on its home territory, on its home ground, and that is Pakistani occupied Jammu Kashmir, where these training camps are and where these launch pads are. Balakot Strike will not do this time. It has to be something decisive, something that can guarantee that this South Asian subcontinent of India can live in peace and be safe."

Nepal condemns "barbaric terrorist attack" in J-K, affirms solidarity with India

KATHMANDU, Apr 23 (Agencies): Nepal on Wednesday condemned Tuesday's terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, calling the incident barbaric and expressing solidarity with the Government and people of India.

In a post on X, Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stated, "Nepal unequivocally condemns the barbaric terrorist attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved families and express our sincere wishes for the swift and full recovery of those injured."

Further adding, "Nepal stands in steadfast solidarity with the Government and people of India in this time of sorrow. In line with our firm and principled position, Nepal condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and believes that such heinous acts of terrorism cannot and should not be justified on any ground."

Nepal is verifying reports regarding the possible loss of any Nepali nationals in Pahalgam terror attack, the Nepal's Foreign Minister Arzu Rana Deuba announced.

In a post on X, the Foreign Minister while condemning the terror attack of Tuesday announced that verification of

reports about possible loss of Nepali nationals is underway.

"We are currently verifying reports regarding the possible loss of any Nepali nationals in this tragic incident. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available," Deuba said.

Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli said he condemned all acts of terrorism and affirmed support for India.

"Deepest condolences to the victims of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Nepal stands firmly with India & strongly condemn any & all acts of terrorism. Close coordination is established to verify reports of a Nepali national among the victims & will provide all necessary assistance."

Terrorists on Tuesday afternoon opened fire on tourists in the Pahalgam area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district. The area has been sealed, and a search operation is currently underway to track down the attackers. Security forces have intensified checking at all exit routes to prevent the terrorists from fleeing.

Prime Minister Modi returned to Delhi wrapping up his two-day state visit. PM Modi skipped the official dinner hosted by Saudi Arabia after a terrorist attack took place in Pahalgam on Tuesday.

Yuva Rajput Sabha J&K protests civilian killings in Pahalgam, demands annexation of PoJK



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JAMMU, Apr 23: In a strong display of anger and patriotism, the Yuva Rajput Sabha-J&K (YRS) today organized a protest demonstration in Jammu against the recent brutal killings of innocent civilians at Pahalgam. The protest was led by Vikram Singh Vicky, President of Yuva Rajput Sabha-J&K, and saw active participation from the Core Committee, State Body members, and dedicated activists of the organization.

The protesters raised fierce slogans against Pakistan for continuously sponsoring terrorism and violence in Jammu & Kashmir. As a symbolic act of condemnation, the activists also burnt an effigy of Pakistan, expressing the collective outrage of the youth against its barbaric acts and proxy

war against India. Addressing the gathering, Vikram Singh Vicky said, "Pakistan has once again shown its true colors by orchestrating the killing of innocent civilians at Pahalgam. This is not just an attack on individuals, but an assault on the peace and sovereignty of our nation. We, the youth of J&K, demand that the Government of India, under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, take decisive and irreversible steps to end this cycle of bloodshed."

Meanwhile Rajan Singh Happy former president YRS strongly raise his voice against non national residential people who are settled and stay in Jammu province especially migrate from Nepal, Bangladesh, Rohingyas, Rajan shows his anger by pointing the failure of government

to took action against these people and he request government to took strong action against these people as they are mainly involved in increasing crime ratio in Jammu.

The Yuva Rajput Sabha further urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take a bold and historic decision by annexing Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) and integrating it fully with the Indian Union. The Sabha emphasized that this is the only lasting solution to put an end to terrorism, cross-border infiltration, and the continuing atrocities on the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

The protest concluded with a firm message of unity, strength, and unwavering nationalism. YRS vowed to continue its fight for justice, peace, and the honor of the motherland.

Congress holds condolence meeting, expresses pain, anguish over loss of lives in horrific terrorist attack

Karra, Mir terms attack dastardly, mindless & highly condemnable

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 23: J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) held a condolence meeting at Srinagar Party office in which rich tributes were paid to the innocent tourist who attained martyrdom in the mindless & gruesome terrorist attack in Bisaran area of Pahalgam, terming the incident as highly shameful and condemnable act. J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Tariq Hameed Karra presided over the condolence meeting while AICC General Secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir and other

senior leaders participated and paid rich tributes to martyrs.

The meeting observed two-minute silence in honor of the martyred tourists and expressed its heartfelt condolences and solidarity with the bereaved families. The meeting expressed pain and anguish over the horrific terrorist attack in which 26 innocent tourists from different states attained martyrdom while 17 others were left wounded, terming the incident as a gruesome, dastardly and inhuman act and demanding exemplary punishment to the terrorist behind this attack. No words to express grief and sorrow, the

bloodshed at Pahalgam has left us completely devastated, it is a National tragedy, JKPCC President Tariq Hameed Karra said, our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families, he added. Speaking on the occasion, AICC General Secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir strongly condemned the horrific terrorist attack on innocent tourists in Bisaran Pahalgam. Mourning the loss of lives, Mir said that the killing of any person or persons is highly condemnable and unacceptable. We share the grief with all those, who have lost their family members and express our heartfelt con-

solidarity with them, Mir said.

Senior Congress Leaders who spoke on the occasion include MLA Nizam Ud Din, Surinder Singh Channi, Abdul Gani Khan, Nissar Ahmad Mudoor, Abid Imtiaz Bhat, Irfan Naqib (DCC President), Mir Ruvais, Dr. Audil Farooq Mir (Lasjan), Zaffar Farooq Salati, Abdul Rashid Lone, Umer Jaan, Er. Muzaffar Dar, District Presidents, Dr. Waleed Karra, Javed Magray, Yasir Nissar Mudoor, Raja Waseem Seerat Bashir, Nargis, Saira, Blocks Presidents, prominent Party workers and frontal organizations.

DFSS holds rally, condemns Pahalgam massacre

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JAMMU, Apr 23: The workers of Dogra Front and Shiv Sena (DFSS), under the leadership of their president Mr. Ashok Gupta, staged a powerful protest rally against the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. With cries

of anguish and chants of vengeance, the demonstrators set ablaze the Pakistan national flag and torched an effigy of Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, symbolizing the seething rage of a nation wounded.

Addressing the protesters, Gupta delivered a



Katra Chamber condemns heart-wrenching terror attack on Tourists in Pahalgam

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KATRA, Apr 23: The Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry, Katra (CTTIK), held an urgent meeting of its office bearers today to discuss the tragic and barbaric terror attack that occurred at Baisaran Valley, Pahalgam.

The members unanimously passed a resolution strongly condemning the heart-wrenching attack, in which more than 28 innocent tourists, including two foreign nationals, lost their lives and several others were critically injured.

At a time when the tourism industry in Jammu & Kashmir is witnessing a promising revival, bringing with it hope, livelihood, and unity.

This barbaric act of violence is a direct assault not just on peace and humanity, but also on the collective efforts of countless individuals working tirelessly to restore the region's image as a safe and welcoming destina-

tion. This senseless act of terror, targeting unarmed and peaceful tourists, is a heinous crime against the spirit of Kashmiriyat and the values of hospitality, harmony, and brotherhood that define our land.

We stand in full solidarity with the victims and their families in this hour of sorrow. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved families, and we pray for the swift recovery of all those injured.

We urge the government and security agencies to act decisively, ensuring the perpetrators are swiftly brought to justice, and further security measures are strengthened to protect all travelers in the region.

The CTTIK remains resolute in its commitment to promoting a peaceful, secure, and thriving tourism environment in Jammu & Kashmir. Acts of terror will never break our spirit and we stand united in the face of adversity.

thunderous condemnation of the massacre, calling it the "worst attack on civilians in the Valley since the 2019 Pulwama tragedy", where 40 CRPF personnel had lost their lives. Offering heartfelt condolences, he said, "To those who have loved ones, we stand with you in sorrow. And to the injured, we pray for swift recovery."

As a complete bandh gripped the entire Jammu division, the city wore a cloak of mourning and resistance. Shops shuttered, traffic stilled, and banners of solidarity flew high, echoing the collective will to reject terrorism in all its forms.

Ashok Gupta did not mince words. "This is not merely an act of terror. This is a Jihadi war declaration by Pakistan," he thundered. "And it must be met with immediate, decisive retaliation by the Government of Bharat."

He painted the picture of a dark, deliberate act—eyewitnesses described how the attackers coldly identified non-Muslim tourists by removing their trousers, forcing them

to recite the Kalma, and then executing them with chilling precision. "This is not just violence—it is a hate-fueled purification campaign," Gupta said, warning of a resurgence of religious terrorism reminiscent of the 1990s exodus.

Taking his accusations further, Gupta connected the tragedy to a broader terror ecosystem—linking political rhetoric from the National Conference and provocative statements from the Pakistan Army. He referenced a recent remark by an NC MP describing land purchases and tourism in Kashmir as "cultural encroachment", and juxtaposed it with Pakistan Army Chief's assertion that "Kashmir is the only remaining agenda."

"The writing is on the wall," Gupta warned. "The silence of moderation and the inaction of authority will only fuel this fire. The people of Bharat are furious. And fury, if not directed through action, can burn everything in its path."

Calling for zero tolerance, he demanded that the central government act swiftly, lest public outrage spiral beyond

control. The protest saw active participation from party workers including Abhishek, Sushil, Subash, Sampuran, Kalu, Bantu, Vikky, Naresh, Ashish, Raju, Ganesh, Dinesh, Ravi, Ram, and many others who stood shoulder to shoulder, chanting slogans, waving saffron flags, and vowing justice for the innocent lives lost.

Strict Action should be taken against terrorists: Tilak shan

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JAMMU, Apr 23: Shiv Sena UBT contested candidate Tilak shan has strongly condemned the terrorist attack on a tourists at Pahalgam Jammu and Kashmir UT and warned the terrorists to refrain from nefarious and cowardly acts. He has demanded from the government that strict action should be taken against the terrorists responsible for this attack.

Apni Party leaders hold protest in Jammu against Pahalgam terror attack

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JAMMU, Apr 23: Apni Party leaders in Jammu also held a protest demonstration against the heinous terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam. According to a press release, the party's Provincial President for Jammu, Manjit Singh, led the demonstration. On this occasion, the participants raised slogans against the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack and their handlers. They expressed unwavering solidarity with the victims of the attack and their families.

Speaking on the occasion, Manjit Singh urged the administration and security agencies to



ensure that the perpetrators of the attack are brought to justice swiftly.

He also appealed to all sections of society to unite against the menace of terrorism and to work collectively towards restoring peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides Manjit Singh, the prominent party leaders who were pres-

ent on the occasion included Arun Chibber, Aijaz Kazmi, Vikram Rathore, Balbir Singh Bava, Abhay Bakaya, Paveet Kour, Vaibhav Mattoo, Neelam Gupta, Sheekha Bhardwaj, Tirath Singh, Dalbir Singh, Vijay Parkash Gurtoo, Shakti Dutta, Farooq Chowhan, Yash Chowdhary, and others.

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Wreath laying ceremony held for Pahalgam terror attack victims; Amit Shah meets survivors

Kashmir's Pahalgam on Tuesday were brought here.

"We have received 26 bodies which were brought to the Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar in the wee hours (of Wednesday). The bodies will be moved to the police control room (PCR)," an official had said earlier. At least 26 persons — mostly tourists — were killed by terrorists on Tuesday at the Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam in one of the worst terror attacks on civilians in Kashmir in the past many years.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah visits Baisaran Meadow, Site of Pahalgam

terror attack

members. Their faces etched with profound sorrow, pleading with the Home Minister, as they quivered with grief, expressing the depth of their pain following the tragic loss of their loved ones in the attack.

Congress MP KC Venugopal and Jammu-Kashmir Congress President Tariq Hameed Karra also paid tribute to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack during the ceremony.

The attack, which unfolded on Tuesday in the picturesque Pahalgam area of Anantnag district, turned a place once known for its tranquility into a site of mourning. The attack was one of the biggest terror attacks in the region after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

Political parties as well as traders' unions in the region today collectively called for a complete shutdown in the Kashmir valley in solidarity with the victims' families and condemnation of the attack.

Pahalgam Terror Attack: Complete shutdown observed in parts

of Jammu

given by several civil society groups and trade bodies.

Several educational institutions were closed, and attendance was lower than usual in government offices. The Jammu Bar Association also observed shut down against the killings.

Several organisations, including the Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Transporters Association, Jammu Bar Association, and the Congress, called for a complete shutdown in Jammu.

"The situation during the shutdown is normal. There are no reports of any untoward incident from anywhere in the region," an officer said.

The administration is in close touch with community leaders to maintain harmony.

Additional deployments of police and paramilitary forces were made in vulnerable locations, while checkpoints were set up to monitor movement, officials said.

The killings in Pahalgam have sent shockwaves across the country, drawing condemnation from political parties, human rights groups, and citizens alike. Many termed the attack a heinous

assault on the spirit of Kashmiriyat and the region's age-old tradition of hospitality.

Those involved in Pahalgam attack won't be spared: BJP's Sunil Sharma

or supported the attackers will be punished. No one will be spared," Sharma said.

He added that those who killed innocent people have crossed all limits of humanity. "They are not just enemies of peace but enemies of mankind. We will go after them and eliminate them one by one," he said.

He also said the people of Jammu and Kashmir stand united against Pakistan and terrorism. "The way people are protesting across the region against Pakistan shows their anger and resolve. This will boost the morale of our security forces. The public will support and stand with the forces to ensure such attackers are brought to justice," he said.

'Kashmir ashamed': Mehbooba con-

demns Pahalgam attack, apologises to nation

an attack on Kashmiriyat. We condemn it in the strongest terms. It will not be tolerated," she said. Mehbooba urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is currently in Kashmir, to ensure that the perpetrators are quickly identified and brought to justice. "The Home Minister is here; he must act swiftly to ensure those responsible face the punishment they deserve," she added.

Calling the attack "cowardly," she said, "People come to Kashmir to enjoy its beauty and peace, but this attack has tarnished that image. Kashmir is ashamed of what happened, and we stand with the people of the country during this crisis."

Mehbooba said, "I want to express my regret to the people of our nation for this tragedy. We are deeply sorry for what has occurred." Pertinently, PDP staged a protest in Srinagar today against Pahalgam terror attack.

Pahalgam Terror

Attack: DGCA asks Airlines to increase Srinagar flights

killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others.

In an advisory, DGCA said that in the aftermath of the incident in Pahalgam, there is an unexpected demand from tourists seeking to return to their homes

"In this regard, the airlines are advised to take swift action to increase the number of flights in response to heightened demand and also to ensure uninterrupted connectivity from Srinagar to various destinations across India, facilitating evacuation of stranded tourists," it said.

According to the advisory, airlines have also been asked to provide all necessary assistance to tourists facing unexpected circumstances and challenges during this difficult time. Air India and IndiGo are operating additional flights from Srinagar on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the civil aviation ministry has asked airlines to ensure there is no surge in airfares on the Srinagar route.

Udhampur shuts down in sorrow, solidarity: massive protest held against Pahalgam Killings

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UDHAMPUR, Apr 23: A wave of solemn silence swept through Udhampur today, as the town came to a standstill in a complete shutdown, mourning the brutal massacre of innocent civilians in Pahalgam, Kashmir.

What followed was not just a protest—it was a resounding cry from the heart of the people, echoing from the streets of Lal Chowk to Chopra Shop, where grief turned into resolve and outrage lit the fire of unity.

Citizens from all walks of life—young and old, students and traders, social organizations and community leaders—



gathered in large numbers, voices raised not in chaos, but in solemn solidarity.

As a powerful symbol of protest, an effigy of Pakistan was set ablaze, its flames a mirror to the

fury burning in every soul present.

Among the sea of mourners stood MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta, whose presence brought both political gravity and emotional comfort to

the crowd. In a deeply moving address, he condemned the heinous, inhumane terrorist attack that had shaken the nation. He offered heartfelt condolences to the grieving families,

and prayed for the swift healing of those injured.

"This is not just an attack on civilians—it is an attack on humanity itself," Gupta declared. "The blood of innocents must not go unanswered."

Calling on the government of Bharat to act without delay, he urged swift and strict action against the perpetrators, demanding that justice not only be promised, but delivered—loudly, swiftly, and uncompromisingly.

"Let not this act of cowardice divide us. Let it unite us. Let it remind us that our true strength lies in our harmony, in our shared identity as Indians."

Director Agriculture Jammu launches Training Calendar 2025-26



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JAMMU, Apr 23: Arvinder Singh Reen, Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu officially launched the Training Calendar for 2025-26 at Kissan Kendra, Talab Tillo Jammu.

In his address Director A.S Reen highlighted that the Training Calendar features 28 divisional-level capacity building programmes designed for both farmers and officers, with a strong focus on sustainable agri-

cultural practices and technological advancements.

Joint Director Satish Sharma emphasized the Extension wing's commitment to enhancing the capacities of farmers and officers alike, fostering innovation, and promoting sustainability in agriculture.

The event witnessed the presence of Satish Sharma, Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Dr Ashwani Sharma Deputy Director Central, Dr. Manju Thakur, Country Coordinator CAB

International, Dr. Aman Jyoti Sharma Agriculture Chemist Jammu, Alok Pandotra Deputy Director Trainings, Darmesh Vaid SMS RL, Rajesh Verma Assistant Entomologist Jammu, Rajeev Katoch, Programme Officer and the Extension Wing team who played a key role in formulating the calendar which is thoughtfully scheduled to align with significant national and international observances, enriching the thematic relevance of the training sessions.

GDC Sunderbani organizes farewell ceremony to bid adieu to final-year students' batch



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SUNDERBANI, Apr 23: Government Degree College (GDC) Sunderbani organized a Farewell Ceremony to bid adieu to the outgoing batch of final-year students.

The event, held on the college premises, was marked by heartfelt speeches, cultural performances, and nostalgic moments shared by students and faculty alike.

The function was graced by the Principal, Dr. Vandana Verma, faculty members, and non-teaching staff, along with the entire student body.

In a deeply moving address, Dr. Vandana

Verma congratulated the outgoing students on reaching this significant milestone and encouraged them to carry forward the values and knowledge gained during their time at GDC Sunderbani.

The farewell celebration featured a colorful array of cultural activities including dance, music, and poetry that highlighted the talents of the junior students.

They expressed their good wishes and admiration for their seniors with emotional performances and parting gifts. Students from the outgoing batch also shared their experiences, cherished memories, and gratitude towards the institution, staff, and

fellow students.

A special "Title Distribution" segment added a touch of fun and nostalgia to the event, where Ankush Sharma was crowned Mr. Farewell and Saba Mirza was honored as Miss Farewell.

The ceremony concluded with a group photo session and a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Davinder Kumar, summarizing the shared bonds and the bittersweet joy of moving ahead in life.

GDC Sunderbani wishes all outgoing students the very best in their future endeavors and hopes they continue to shine brightly as responsible citizens and professionals.

SMVDU student Gourav Kapoor qualifies GATE 2025

Top News Report

KATRA, Apr 23: Gourav Kapoor, son of Rajinder Paul Kapoor and Anjana Kapoor, resident of Jammu, a student of M.Tech Mechanical Engineering (Smart Manufacturing) Batch 2024 from School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) qualified Graduate Aptitude Test of Engineering (GATE) in Production & Industrial Engineering conducted by IIT Roorkee, the result of which is declared by the National Coordination board (NCB)-GATE.

He has secured All



India rank 413 with 39.67 marks in general category with the cut off marks being 35.6.

Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Head School of Mechanical Engineering along with other faculty members congratulated on his remarkable achievement and wished him all the best for future endeavors.

Arpit to represent India in Junior International Speed Ball Championship-25

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Arpit, a talented young player from Renu National Hr. Sec. School, has been selected to represent India in the Junior International Speed Ball Championship, to be held in Egypt from April 26 to April 30, 2025, organized by the Egyptian Speed Ball Federation. He will compete under the banner of the J&K Speed Ball Association, accompanied by Sunny Nanda, Chief Coach of the Association. On this occasion, Pritam Lal, Principal of Renu National Hr. Sec. School, congratulated and motivated Arpit, saying, "Our junior player is making the school proud on an international stage."

Pooja Malhotra, Founder Patron of the Association, also extended his best wishes for Arpit's success.

Kesri condemns Pahalgam terrorist attack, demands strict action against terrorists

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Shiv Sena Hindustan held a meeting under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir Unit President Pt Rajesh Kesri to condemn terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The meeting observed a three-minute silence in memory of the martyred youth and Kesri prayed for the families of the victims to receive strength and courage.

Kesri strongly condemned the terrorist attack, stating that it is a cowardly act aimed at destabilizing the region. He emphasized that Pahalgam, being a tourist spot, attracts millions of visitors every year, benefiting the local population. However, some anti-national elements seek to disrupt peace and harmony, targeting innocent people, including Hindus.

Kesri demanded

encounter killings and strict punishment for terrorists to deter future attacks. He also demanded adequate compensation and government jobs for the families of the martyred youth and those injured. Terrorists should be dealt with firmly, without any leniency.

Shiv Sena Hindustan's condemnation of the Pahalgam terrorist attack and its demands for strict action against terrorists reflect the organization's commitment to fighting terrorism and promoting peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir, added Kesri.

Kesri further said that Pahalgam attack has brought to the forefront the urgent need to take decisive action against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. The nation cannot afford to lose any more precious lives due to the nefarious activities of terrorists backed by Pakistan.

SGWF observes mourning for Pahalgam attack victims; condemns attack on innocent tourists

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JAMMU, Apr 23: In a deeply moving tribute, the Synergetic Green Warriors Foundation (SGWF) held a solemn ceremony at its headquarters to mourn the tragic loss of lives in the recent terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir. The attack, which targeted innocent civilians on a peaceful tour, has shaken the conscience of the nation.

As a mark of respect and solidarity with the bereaved families, a five-minute silence was observed under the leadership of Reeta Verma, National President of the Foundation.

Joining her in the observance were Makhnai Verma, General Secretary, Manu Kotwal, and Dr. Sonia Verma, Director/CEO, along with Foundation

staff, volunteers, and well-wishers.

In her address, Reeta Verma stated, "Such cowardly and inhuman acts are an attack on the very spirit of Bharat – a land that embraces peace, compassion, and unity in diversity. The Synergetic Green Warriors Foundation condemns this brutality in the strongest terms and stands in solidarity with the victims and their families."

Dr. Sonia Verma added, "Terrorism in any form is unacceptable. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who lost their lives and to the families who now suffer unimaginable grief. We urge the authorities to take strict action and ensure justice is served swiftly."

Makhnai Verma emphasized the role of civil society in fostering peace, saying,

"Let us unite to promote dialogue, understanding, and harmony, so that the seeds of hate are never allowed to take root in our communities."

The Foundation reiterated its commitment not only to environmental protection and sustainable development but also to national unity and social harmony. In times like these, the organization believes that empathy, courage, and resilience are the true hallmarks of a strong nation.

A condolence message book was also opened at the Foundation's headquarters, where visitors penned heartfelt tributes and messages of peace. The Foundation plans to send this compilation to the families of the victims as a gesture of collective mourning and support.

Sun King welcomes Bollywood Star Rajkumar Rao as Brand Ambassador to light up lives Across India

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Sun King, one of the world's leading solar energy and energy-efficient electrical products brands, is proud to announce Bollywood actor Rajkumar Rao as its new brand ambassador. The partnership brings together a household name in Indian cinema and a trusted name in clean energy, with a shared belief in practical solutions that make a difference.

Sun King's solar-powered and energy-efficient electrical products — used by millions across India — bring light, power, and comfort to homes that lack reliable electricity. With Rajkumar Rao onboard, the brand aims to reach even more people who want dependable energy without the high cost, or smart, cost-effective, environmentally friendly appliances.

Known for his powerful performances in *Street*, *Newton*, *Shahid*, and *Srikanth*, Rajkumar has earned a reputation for authenticity, empathy, and a deep connection with everyday people, values that resonate with Sun King's mission.

"I've always believed in the kind of change that improves people's everyday lives," said Rajkumar Rao. "Sun King's solar and electrical products do exactly that — they bring reliability and peace of mind to homes and families who need it most. I'm proud to support a brand that's helping India shine, sustainably."

From solar home lighting systems to powerful rooftop solar systems and energy-efficient appliances, such as bulbs and fans, Sun King's range is designed for families who want long-lasting, affordable energy they can count on. The partnership with Rajkumar Rao will help raise awareness of these solutions and the real impact of Sun King's products.

"Rajkumar Rao stands for the same things we do — real-world impact, trust, and accessibility," said Surabhi Sharma, Head of Marketing - Asia at Sun King. "Together, we'll tell stories that reflect the hopes and realities of households across India, and show that sustainable energy is for everyone."

"Bollywood inspires millions across India, and Rajkumar Rao

stands out for his sincerity and connection to real, human stories," said Sahil Khanna, General Manager for Asia and Latin America at Sun King. "He's the perfect voice to help us share how reliable solar power and smart, energy-efficient appliances can transform everyday life."

The announcement comes as Sun King prepares to launch a fresh wave of customer-focused campaigns, starting at the South Asia Forum for Distributed Energy in New Delhi this week.

The nationwide campaigns aim to showcase Sun King's diverse product range, and will culminate later in the year with a special highlight: a meet-and-greet event with Rajkumar Rao, where Sun King's top-performing distributors and partners will get the exclusive opportunity to meet the celebrated actor in person.

The collaboration is about more than just visibility. It's about a shared purpose—delivering clean, reliable energy to homes that have been left in the dark for too long, and doing so with honesty, heart, and impact.

Indian athletes condemn Pahalgam terror attack, some demand end of sporting ties with Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Apr 23 (Agencies): India's sporting fraternity oscillated between grief and rage as it joined the nation in condemning the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam with some demanding that the country should cut all sports ties with Pakistan.

On Tuesday, terrorists opened fire at a prime tourist location in south Kashmir's Pahalgam, killing at least 26 civilians and injuring several others. The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow group of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror group, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

"And this is exactly why I say — you don't play cricket with Pakistan. Not now. Not ever. When BCCI or the government refused to send India to the Champions Trophy in Pakistan, some dared to say, 'Oh, but sport should rise above politics,'" former India cricketer Shreevats Goswami said in a strongly-worded post.

"...murdering innocent Indians seems to be Pakistan's national sport and India should respond with zero tolerance and not with bats and balls," he added.

While India has not played bilateral cricket with Pakistan since 2012-13, and the BCCI declined to send its team for the Champions Trophy earlier this year, other Indian teams have continued to travel to Pakistan for international events.

Goswami, who had recently visited Pahalgam, said he had sensed hope and peace returning to the valley.

"And now... this bloodshed again. It breaks something inside you. It makes you question how many more times we're expected to stay silent, stay 'sporting,' while our



people die. No more. Not this time," he added.

An "outraged" Olympic bronze medal-winning boxer and ruling BJP member Vijender Singh also called for firm "action".

"Our brave soldiers will definitely give a befitting reply to this cowardly attack in the coming times. In the presence of the brave sons of Mother India, the plans of those who want to disturb the peace in Jammu and Kashmir will never succeed," he asserted.

Indian cricket team head coach and BJP MP Gautam Gambhir wrote: "Praying for the families of the deceased. Those responsible for this will pay. India will strike." Two-time Olympic medal-winning badminton player PV Sindhu too penned down an emotional post.

"My heart aches for the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack. So much pain. So much loss. No reason, no cause can ever justify such brutality.

"To the families left behind — your grief is beyond words, but you are not alone. We are with you. In these dark moments, may we find strength in each other, and never let go of the hope that peace will return!" Sindhu wrote.

Olympic gold medalist duo of javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra

and Abhinav Bindra prayed for the victims.

"Heartbroken by the tragic attack in Jammu & Kashmir. Prayers for the victims and their families," Chopra wrote.

"Heartbroken by the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam. My thoughts are with the victims and their families. Terror has no place in our world, we must stand united against hatred and violence," Bindra added.

The attack is the deadliest terrorist act in the valley since the 2019 Pulwama strike.

"Strongly condemn this cowardly act by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists. India stands united with our brave Army, J&K Police, and Paramilitary forces in the fight against terrorism. Justice will prevail," said former India all-rounder Suresh Raina.

"My heart goes out to family members of all those who lost their lives in dastardly attack. This can't be forgiven," former India spinner Harbhajan Singh wrote.

Olympic medal-winning former hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, shuttler Saina Nehwal and two-time world champion boxer Nikhat Zareen also called for justice.

"Condemnation is not enough, justice must follow.

Our hearts bleed for Pahalgam. Terror must never win. Prayers for all affected in the Pahalgam attack," Sreejesh wrote.

"The Pahalgam terror attack is a heartbreaking reminder of the threats we continue to face. To those spreading fear — know that India stands united, and justice will prevail. Jai Hind," Saina posted.

Zareen added, "Those who attack innocents attack humanity itself. Strongly condemn the cowardly terror attack in Pahalgam. Justice must be swift." Former India wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel said he was left numb by the terrible act.

"Shocked and angry to hear what happened in Kashmir. While those responsible will be punished, right now there's a numb disbelief at the terrible acts and how it all happened," Parthiv wrote.

The Indian batting duo of Shubman Gill and KL Rahul and former spinner and India captain Anil Kumble also offered their condolences.

"Violence like this has no place in our country," Gill posted.

Kumble added: "Innocent lives lost to senseless violence. Praying for strength and peace for the affected families. Let's stand together against hate."

Former India coach Ravi Shastri wrote "A ghastly, cowardly act that should unite the nation fully, bar none." Cricketer-turned-politician Yusuf Pathan and his brother Irfan Pathan also expressed deep anguish.

"Every time an innocent life is lost, humanity loses," Irfan wrote.

"Such acts of violence have no place in our society. May peace prevail," added Yusuf, who is Trinamool Congress' Lok Sabha MP from Baharampur, West Bengal.

Players and umpires to wear black armbands during SRH vs MI clash for Pahalgam victims



HYDERABAD, Apr 23 (Agencies): The players and umpires will be wearing black armbands in memory of the victims of the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 clash between Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and Mumbai Indians (MI) which will be played at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.

Mumbai Indians currently occupy the sixth spot in the points table with four wins and four losses, showing signs of consistency as the season progresses. In contrast, SRH find themselves in ninth place, having won just two of their seven matches so far.

Despite the gap, Helmut remains optimistic about his side's

chances. "Players and umpires to wear black armbands in today's match.

There will be one minute's silence before the start of the match, and there will be no cheerleaders today, also no fireworks," a BCCI source told agency.

The Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police have launched a search operation in the general area of Baisran, Pahalgam, Anantnag, to nab the perpetrators of the attack.

The Delhi Police has also been instructed to keep a close watch on tourist places and other important places.

Earlier, Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level security meeting with all the agencies following the Pahalgam terror attack.

Minister Shah arrived

in Srinagar on Tuesday evening for a security review meeting.

He said earlier that those involved in this dastardly act of terror will not be spared.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a briefing meeting at the Palam Airport, on his arrival from Saudi Arabia, with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and other officials, in view of the recent terrorist attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam.

PM Modi arrived in the national capital, cutting short his state visit to Saudi Arabia, following the terrorist attack.

PM Modi was on a two-day State visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Former Australia opener Keith Stackpole passes away at 84

NEW DELHI, Apr 23 (Agencies): Former Australia opener Keith Stackpole, who played in 43 Tests and scored seven centuries, has passed away at the age of 84, as per a report from ESPNcricinfo.

Stackpole began his career against England in 1966 as a middle-order batsman who also bowled leg spin. However, in early 1969, he was promoted to open, where he teamed up with Bill Lawry.

Stackpole recorded his first Test century against South Africa in Cape Town, and his highest score of 207 was against England at the Gabba in 1970.

He maintained a particularly impressive record against England, with an average of 55.21, which included three of his centuries.

During the 1972 Ashes series, in which he served as Ian Chappell's vice-captain, he led the run-scoring with a total of 485 at an average of 53.88.



He was honoured as a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1973.

Cricket Australia chair Mike Baird praised Keith Miller's contributions to cricket, highlighted his exceptional playing career, his work in media, and his mentorship of younger players.

He emphasised his lasting legacy and influence on the sport.

"Keith was one of the great contributors to the game of cricket, and his legacy will live long into the future. Not only was he an outstanding player for Australia and

Victoria, but his work in the media, radio and TV commentary and as a mentor to many players who followed in his footsteps, demonstrated his enduring passion and influence in the game," Mike Baird said, as quoted by ESPNcricinfo.

His Test career concluded with a pair against New Zealand at Auckland in 1974, which began with him getting out to a full toss on the very first ball of the match. Stackpole was also part of the inaugural ODI in January 1971, where he took 3/40 at the MCG.

5 Mizoram girls among 15 selected for NCOEs from ASMITA sub-junior hockey league

NEW DELHI, Apr 23 (Agencies): Five under-16 girls from Mizoram are among the 15 hockey players selected by the Sports Authority of India to be inducted into the various National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs).

Seen as the building block for women's hockey in India, the girls have been chosen after the conclusion of the 2024-25 season of the ASMITA leagues matches.

The 15 selected for training at the NCOEs include three players from Haryana and two each from Jharkhand and Odisha, besides girls from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.

Piyush Dubey, hockey's High Performance Director for SAI and Khelo India, said these girls have been chosen keeping future Olympics in mind.

"We have to think of

a pathway and these girls have the potential to make it to the senior national team. In the last three-four years, ASMITA has provided the opportunity to see so many players in action and this is a welcome change in our hockey ecosystem. This did not exist before," said Dubey.

He added that many players like Sunelita Toppe, Sujata Kujur and Sakshi Rana have emerged from this hockey league and are now representing India.

Six teams featuring 120 under-16 players took part in the ASMITA sub-junior hockey league's final phase.

A total of 17 matches were played in the Rs 15.5 lakh prize money event. SAI Shakti won the team championship for the third consecutive time beating Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy 2-1 in the final

match at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium here.

Mizoram's ascendancy in women's hockey has been quite startling. For the first time in its history, the tiny North-eastern state, known for its footballers and boxers, won a bronze medal in the senior national women's hockey championship in Panchkula. Dubey said the Mizoram girls have shown immense improvement in the last five-six years and credit goes to the coaches who are working at the SAI centre in Thenzawl. Lalrothlumi, a 2009 junior India player, said young girls are taking interest in hockey and some 40 are training at the SAI centre.

Mizoram have found a unique way to attract youngsters to play hockey. The image and profile of current Indian women's team player

and Tokyo Olympian Lalremsiami have been used in advertisements and social media to attract girls to participate in trials.

"The response has been fairly good from the villages. Two of our girls — Lalthantluangi and Lalrinpuui — are ASMITA products and are junior Indian team members. They are a great advertisement for us and we are very happy that five Mizoram girls have been selected for training at NCOEs," said Lalrothlumi.

"Our players need more competitive exposure and better training ecosystem. In terms of skills, all players are more or less equal but Mizo girls are stronger and have the stamina. We hope they will utilise the facilities at NCOEs well." However, selection at NCOEs does not guarantee long-term membership. There

are two assessments every year and players are judged on the three basic parameters — physical strength, sports science tests and skills.

The following players have been selected: For NCOE Lucknow: Shweta Upadhyay (Haryana), Rashi (Haryana).

For NCOE Mumbai: Laldinpuii (Mizoram), Binita Karketta (Jharkhand), Suneli Burh (Odisha), Salmi Jadia (Odisha).

For NCOE Delhi: Tulashi (Andhra Pradesh), Pearlin (Karnataka), Vanlarinluii (Mizoram), Lalnulfelli (Mizoram).

For NCOE Sonapat: Diya (Haryana).

For NCOE Bhopal: Aradhana Rajbhar (Uttar Pradesh), Shivani Khalko (Jharkhand). For NCOE Kolkata: Loicy Lalthanpuii (Mizoram), Lalnulfelli (Mizoram).

Tammy Beaumont eyes One-Day Cup success to regain England spot

LONDON, Apr 23 (Agencies): England top-order batter Tammy Beaumont is eyeing a strong performance in the upcoming domestic One-Day Cup in order to make a comeback to the national team under newly appointed head coach Charlotte Edwards.

Beaumont has been a mainstay in all formats since making her debut in 2009, but missed out on selection for the two most recent ICC Women's T20 World Cups,

despite being one of England's most consistent batters against the white ball in recent years.

With former skipper and England great Charlotte Edwards taking over from Jon Lewis as coach and promising a fresh selection slate for all players, the new One-Day Cup will prove pivotal for Beaumont as she aims to win a place in the squad for this year's ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in India.

Beaumont is also a former teammate of Edwards and hopes that some strong performances with The Blaze in the domestic One-Day Cup competition will catch the eye of her new national coach and help her earn selection when the West Indies visit for six white-ball matches on home soil, commencing next month.

"It's extremely exciting. I think anyone in this county set-up who sticks their hand up will be in with a shout. Per-



formances are going to be in high demand. We know Charlotte is watching. She's watched

every warm-up game, every live stream, she's texted me about how I've got on or asked,

'how did this person do?'. You won't find a more passionate person about England women's cricket, and she's got a very clear vision of what she wants, so these games are going to be so important," Beaumont told PA Media as quoted by ICC.

If Beaumont is to win a place in Edwards' early squads this summer, then runs will be the order of business at The Blaze when they commence their 50-over campaign against Lan-

cashire at Trent Bridge. The 34-year-old will also face ongoing challenges from the likes of fellow batters Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, Sophia Dunkley and former skipper Heather Knight for positions in England's strong top-order.

But rather than shy away from the competition, Beaumont is relishing the chance to prove herself once again and win a place in England's team this summer.

"As recently as 2020,

2021, we didn't have masses of depth, but with the contracts and tiers, competition for places has never been better. That's good for English cricket, even though, at times, it's uncomfortable as a player because you've got to really earn your spot. International cricket is never easy, so why would you want to play easier cricket to prepare for it? If I'm not trying to get better, to stay ahead, then it's time to move on," Beaumont noted.

Point Wise Rebuttal by ECI based on Facts

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: During Assembly Elections in Maharashtra 6,40,87,588 electors, who reached the polling station from 7 am to 6 pm, voted. About 58 lakh votes were polled per hour on an average. Going by these average trends, nearly 116 Lakh voters could have voted in last two hours. Therefore, casting of 65 lakhs votes by electors in two hours is much below the average hourly voting trends.

Further, in every polling booth, the voting progressed in front of the polling agents formally appointed by candidates/political parties. INC's nominated candidates or their authorized agents have not raised any substantiated allegations with regards to any kind of abnormal voting at the time of scrutiny before the Returning Officer

(RO) and the Election Observers on the next day.

Electoral Rolls in India including Maharashtra are prepared as per the Representation of People Act, 1950 and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. As per law, either just before the elections and/or once every year, Special Summary Revision of the Electoral Rolls is conducted and a final copy of the Electoral Rolls is handed over to all the National/State political parties, including Indian National Congress (INC).

After the finalisation of these Electoral Rolls during Maharashtra elections, as against 9,77,90,752 Electors, only a total of 89 appeals were filed before the 1st appellate authority (DM) and only 1 appeal was filed before the 2nd appellate authority (CEO). Therefore, it is amply clear that there was no grievance of INC or any other

political parties before the conduct of Maharashtra Assembly Elections in 2024.

During the revision of Electoral Rolls, for 1,00,427 Polling Booths, along with 97,325 Booth Level Officers appointed by the EROS, 1,03,727 Booth Level Agents were also appointed by all Political Parties, including 27,099 by INC. Therefore, these unsubstantiated allegations raised against the Electoral Rolls of Maharashtra are affront to the rule of law.

The Election Commission had brought out all these facts in its reply to INC on 24th December 2024 itself which is available on ECI's website. It appears that all these facts are completely being ignored while raising such issues again and again.

All Indian elections are held as per Law. The scale and accuracy with which elections are held

in India are widely acclaimed across the world.

The entire nation is aware that each election process including the preparation of electoral rolls, polling and counting etc. are all held by Government staff and that too in the presence of authorised representatives formally appointed by Political Parties/ Candidates from polling station upto constituency level.

Any misinformation being spread, by anyone, is not only a sign of disrespect towards Law, but also brings disrepute to the thousands of representatives appointed by their own political party and demotivates lakhs of election staff who work untiringly and transparently during elections.

After any unfavourable verdict by the voters, trying to defame the Election Commission by saying that it is compromised, is completely absurd.

Pahalgam Bloodshed: J&K Students Association Issues Helpline Numbers; Urges Kashmiri Students to Stay Vigilant

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: In the wake of the tragic Pahalgam bloodbath, which has claimed the lives of over 28 innocent tourists, there is widespread grief, anger, and mourning across the country. In response to this, Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) has issued an urgent advisory for all Kashmiri students studying across various states in India.

The association has called for calm and caution during this tense and sensitive period, urging students to refrain from engaging in political discussions or posting sensitive content on social media platforms, as such actions could provoke backlash or expose them to harm. In a statement released, National Convener of the Association Nasir Khuehami appealed to students to remain indoors unless absolutely necessary, avoid public gatherings, and stay alert.

"We appeal to all Kashmiri students to maintain calm, not indulge in political debates or provocative social media activity, and to avoid venturing out unnecessarily," he said. "The current situation is volatile and may escalate, posing a serious risk to your safety." To ensure immediate assistance and support for students in distress, the association has issued a set of helpline numbers. Kashmiri students facing any difficulty in the aftermath of the attack are encouraged to reach out to the following contacts: 9149676014, 7006922829, 8825005327, 9906299199, 9602689622, 6006169477, 8082602445, 9149500623, 6006333584, 7028642004. National President of Association

Ummar Jamal said that, Association has established a dedicated response team to provide prompt assistance and coordinate with local authorities whenever necessary. Students are encouraged to share these helpline numbers widely within their circles.

He added that, Association unequivocally condemned the heinous attack, calling it an act of cowardice and brutality. "No cause, no ideology can ever justify such barbarity. The cold-blooded murder of innocent civilians is an affront to humanity itself.

"Terror has no religion, no justification—it must be condemned in the strongest possible terms and countered with unity, resolve, and justice. This tragedy has shaken us all, and we, too, mourn this heartbreaking loss," it added.

Association expressed its unwavering solidarity with the victims' families and all those affected. "We stand shoulder to shoulder with the grieving families in this moment of immense pain and sorrow. Our prayers are with them."

He further urged Kashmiri students to steer clear of any misplaced bravado "Just concentrate on your studies. Don't fall into the trap of misplaced machoism. The priority right now is your safety, your future, and maintaining peace. Let us not be provoked by hate-mongers seeking to exploit this tragedy for political ends."

"We urge all Kashmiri students across India to remain indoors, avoid public confrontation, and refrain from sharing or engaging with inflammatory content online. If you feel threatened or unsafe, immediately contact the local police or reach out to us. Your security is our utmost priority," Association reiterated.

Special train to address transportation challenges faced by stranded passengers

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Launch of a Special Train from SMVD Katra to New Delhi to assist the stranded passengers and accommodate the extra rush, a special train service has been launched. The tickets shall be available over the counter from Katra, Udhampur and Jammu stations.

Train Number: 04612
Departure Station: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD) Katra
Departure Time: 2120 Hrs
Halt at Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Station Udhampur: 2148-2150 Hrs

Halt at Jammu Tawi railway Station, Jammu: 2300-2305 Hrs

This special train will play a crucial role in clearing the additional passenger load and ensuring a safe and comfortable journey to New Delhi. The Train shall reach New Delhi at 0930 Am. Also, the National Highway at Ramban is made functional on one-way basis. The passengers stranded at Kashmir and Jammu can use this special train.

The administration remains committed to the well-being of all tourists and urges everyone to cooperate and follow the necessary guidelines.

BADC condemns Pahalgam terror attack

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: The Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK_BADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of the border and tribal populations of J&K, strongly condemns the terrorist attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam on Tuesday.

Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of the BADC expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives and injuries inflicted upon civilians by the terrorists.

He extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. He said in the fight against terrorism each and every citizen of India is with the government.

Pakistan-sponsored militancy, the elimination of sleeper cells, and a strong retaliatory stance against infiltration along the borders.

He further shocked the audience by announcing a ₹50 lakh reward for anyone who brings the head of wanted terrorist Hafiz Saeed, drawing gasps and chants of vengeance from the crowd.

Pushing the envelope, Dimple demanded immediate steps toward "liberating Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, Gilgit, and Baltistan and integrating them with India." His clarion call: "Start war, if peace is not possible."

The protest was bolstered by the presence of senior leaders including Sudershan Sharma, Jetinder Gupta, Dev Raj, Mukesh Gupta, Vicky Mahajan, Satwant Singh, Bishan Das, Akbar Khan, Shafi Khan, Nazir Khan, among others, showcasing a united front against terror.

Hindustan Shiv Sena condemns terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Hindustan Shiv Sena State President Vikrant Kapoor has strongly condemned the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam. 27 people, including two foreign nationals, have died in this attack.

Vikrant Kapoor asked Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is on a visit to the state, to conduct a high-level investigation into the matter and take strict action against the culprits.

He strongly condemned the barbaric attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists.

He expressed deep grief and heartfelt condolences to the deceased and wished for the speedy recovery of the injured.

He said that the aim of this heinous act is to create fear and disrupt the current tourist season and the upcoming Amarnath Yatra, which is extremely disturbing.

He expressed his unwavering support to the Security forces and appealed to all citizens to actively support the efforts against terrorism by



reporting Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and Under Ground Workers (UGWs) so that the terrorist support network can be completely eliminated.

He expressed hope that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah will give a befitting reply to Pakistan by carrying out surgical strikes.

He said that now the time has come to give a befitting reply to Pakistan for its nefarious activities.

He said that after the removal of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, the terrorists have become completely nervous due to the complete curb on terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

At the same time, due to Jammu Bandh, supporters of Hindustan Shiv Sena have protested in various areas of Jammu division and have given full support to the Jammu Bandh on their call.

Vikrant Kapoor said that protests have been organised at various places in Punjab also against this terror attack under the leadership of Hindustan Shiv Sena Punjab State President Vinay Kapoor.

In Jammu during the protests Senior Hindustan Shiv Sena leaders Sunil, Rakesh, Jeevan, Baba Ram Kaith, Abhishek, Himanshu, Amit, women wing leader Jyoti Devi and others were also present.

Shiv Sena holds protest against barbaric massacre of innocent tourists at Pahalgam



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Today Shiv Sena held a protest rally at Gumat Bazar, where people from all walks of life joined to vent anger against the barbaric massacre of innocent tourists at Pahalgam.

The protest was led by Rajya Pramukh Shiv Sena, Ashwani Gupta.

In his statement he urged the government

of India to take punitive action against Pakistan & assure the safety of tourists and minorities in Kashmir. He also called for a foolproof security arrangement for the coming Amarnath Yatra.

Similar protests were held by Shiv Sena in various other places including Sopore, Srinagar, Udhampur, Reasi, Katra etc.

In response to Jammu bandh call given by various social, religious &

political organizations including Shiv Sena, a complete bandh was observed in Jammu today.

The others who also attended included Varun Gupta State Vice President, Sanjay Bhat State Secretary (org), Ajay Dhar Rajya Pramukh Yuva Sena, Ramesh Koul State Secretary, Himmat Singh Zila Pramukh Chenab Valley, ShivanJee Sharma & many more.

Dimple leads anti-Pakistan demonstration over Pahalgam tourist killings

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 23: Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, under the leadership of its President Sunil Dimple, ignited the streets of Jammu with a powerful anti-Pakistan protest, condemning the barbaric killings of 27 innocent tourists in Pahalgam, Anantnag. The protest, laced with slogans and sorrow, saw the burning of Pakistani flags and effigies of militants, echoing the collective grief and fury of the people.

The bandh, called by Mission Statehood J&K, brought life to a standstill in Jammu and Kashmir. Shops shuttered, vehicles halted, and hearts beat as one in solidarity with the victims of terror. Dimple, addressing a sea of mourners and demonstrators, extended heartfelt thanks to all organizations, traders, transporters, youth, and the resilient people of Jammu and Kashmir for their unwavering support and unity.



He especially lauded the response from Kashmir-based organizations for joining hands with Jammu in this critical hour, proving yet again that pain knows no religion, and unity rises in the face of terror.

With a voice heavy with emotion and eyes blazing with resolve, Dimple posed a piercing question to Union Home Minister Amit Shah: "Why do we hold unified command meetings every week when militancy still bleeds our soil? What is the purpose of such high-level gatherings if peace

remains a dream?"

He urged the Centre to issue a tourist advisory, both domestically and internationally, warning travelers of the escalating danger in Kashmir. "If the government cannot ensure their safety, it must stop inviting them into a war-zone," he warned.

Calling for communal harmony, Dimple made a heartfelt appeal to Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and all communities to stand united and not fall prey to the sinister designs of terror outfits and anti-national forces who, he alleged, aim

to provoke communal strife. Taking a scathing jab at the BJP government, he accused it of a decade-long failure to safeguard lives and properties in the region. "Article 370's abrogation did not end militancy—it seeded chaos in even the calmest corners of Jammu," he asserted.

Dimple did not stop there. With fire in his words, he demanded the resignation of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on moral grounds, citing governance failure. He called for "Operation All Out" against

CEC LAHDC Leh meets with Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal



Top News Report

LEH, Apr 23: The Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, met with the Chief Secretary of the UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal.

They held a detailed discussion on the recent unprecedented Thunderstorm/Snow across the region. The CEC highlighted

the extensive damage caused to standing crops, particularly apricot orchards, and the severe economic impact on the farming community.

He also drew attention to the damage suffered by private properties, individual houses, and public infrastructure.

In light of the losses faced by farmers, the

CEC urged the Chief Secretary to declare the recent situation as a State Disaster, enabling timely compensation and support under disaster relief provisions.

The Chief Secretary assured that the matter would be given due consideration. The meeting also covered various other issues concerning the district.