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BRIEFLY

Weatherman predicts light rains, thunderstorms over next four days in J&K

SRINAGAR, May 8 (Agencies): Light rains and thunderstorms are likely across Jammu and Kashmir over the next four days, the Meteorological (MeT) Department said on Wednesday.

"Generally cloudy with light to moderate rain/thunder at many places in Jammu Division and at a few places in Kashmir Division," a MeT department spokesperson said in a statement.

He added that partly to generally cloudy weather with spells of light to moderate rain, thundershowers, and gusty winds is likely at scattered to fairly widespread locations from May 8 to May 11.

From May 12, brief spells of light rain or thundershowers are expected at isolated places.

Dry weather is likely to prevail across the region from May 13 to May 17, the official added.

Pak intruder shot dead by BSF along International Border in Punjab

AMRITSAR, May 8 (Agencies): The Border Security Force (BSF) has shot dead a Pakistani intruder along the International Border in Punjab, officials said Thursday.

The man was shot during the intervening night of May 7-8 in the Ferozepur sector, they said.

He was found crossing the International Border purposefully in the dark, the officials said, adding that the body has been handed over to Punjab police.

Drone flying banned in Leh over security concerns

JAMMU, May 8 (Agencies): The District Magistrate of Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, has prohibited the flying and operation of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in the district with immediate effect in view of credible inputs and security concerns, especially the possible misuse of drones by anti-national elements.

'Operation Sindoor continues': Rajnath Singh tells all-party meet

'At least 100 terrorists killed in Indian strikes under Operation Sindoor'



NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday told an all-party meeting that at least 100 terrorists were killed in the Indian strikes on terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under 'Operation Sindoor', sources said.

They said the defence minister also informed the leaders that it was an ongoing operation and that India will hit back if Pakistan attacks in the wake of India's targeted strike.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told reporters after the meeting that it was convened to evolve a broad political consensus on the issue and leaders showed maturity and did not indulge in bickering.

The leaders also shared their concerns over the issue of national security and safety of all Indians, especially in border areas, but extended all support and that the nation was united in this fight against terrorism.

"The entire nation is united

with the government and the armed forces," Rijiju said.

He also said that the Defence Minister told the meeting that "we don't do politics just for forming governments, but also to build the nation".

"The Raksha mantri told the meeting that it was an ongoing operation and that is why he cannot share the technical details of Operation Sindoor that was launched by Indian armed forces," he said.

This, he said, is also the

reason why no armed forces officials were present at the all-party meeting, as they were busy with the operations.

He said all leaders spoke in one voice and showed maturity and extended all cooperation to the government and armed forces.

"Political leaders also congratulated the armed forces for the action taken under Operation Sindoor," he said.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, "In the moment of crisis, we are with the government".

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said he complemented the armed forces and the Government of India for conducting Operation Sindoor.

"I also said that we should run an international campaign against TRF and the UN Security Council should designate it as terror organisation. We also need to ask the United States to designate TRF as foreign terrorist organisation in the country," he said.

Leaders of several parties, including both Leaders of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya

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High alert sounded in Rajasthan border districts, leaves of govt employees cancelled



JAIPUR, May 8 (Agencies): A high alert has been issued in districts near the Rajasthan border following India's airstrikes on nine terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. As a precautionary measure, all flight operations at Kishangarh and Jodhpur airports have been suspended until May 10.

Rajasthan shares a 1,037-km border with Pakistan, which has been sealed with the Border Security Force personnel maintaining high vigilance. The Indian Air Force is also on high alert.

All government and private schools, along with anganwadi centres

in the border districts of Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, and Sri Ganganagar have been declared closed until further notice.

The government employees in these areas have had their leaves cancelled and were instructed to remain at their headquarters.

The state authorities have called for heightened surveillance on social media platforms and reinforced security at sensitive locations.

Hospitals have been directed to maintain an adequate blood supply and life-saving medicines, while fire services remain on high alert to handle any

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Thirteen civilians killed in Pakistan's ceasefire violations along LoC in Poonch

NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): Pakistan's ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir have claimed lives of 13 civilians in Poonch sector, and injured a total of 59 people, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday. Jammu travel guide

Out of the total injured, 44 were from Poonch, the external publicity division of the MEA said.

The Pakistan Army has been resorting to heavy shelling in several sectors along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir that was effective



tively responded to by the Indian Army, military officials said.

The intensity of Pakistani shelling has increased following India's military strikes on nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir early Wednesday.

day.

"During the intervening night of May 7 and 8, Pakistan Army posts resorted to unprovoked fire using small arms and artillery guns across the LoC in areas opposite Kupwara, Baramulla, Uri and Akhnor in

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Uttarakhand: 5 killed in Uttarkashi helicopter crash



DEHRADUN, May 8 (Agencies): A helicopter crash in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district has left five people dead and others seriously injured, Garhwal Divisional Commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey confirmed to ANI on Thursday.

The incident occurred in the border district of Uttarkashi near Gangnani. It involved a helicopter carrying six passengers and its captain. Visuals from the crash site showed mangled interior of the chopper. According to Pandey, as soon as news of the

crash reached authorities, relief and rescue teams were mobilised and rushed to the site to assist with rescue operations and provide medical aid.

The cause of the crash is yet to be determined. Further details are awaited.

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami said that SDRF and district administration teams have reached the spot for relief and rescue work.

"I have instructed the administration to provide all possible help to the

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With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that **10th Day** of our beloved **Er. Anil Thapa, AEE, PW (R & B) S/o Late Mrs. Bimla Thapa and Prof. G. L. Thapa** (Principal Retd.) R/o H. No.30, Lane no. 3, Muthi, will be performed at Shri Guru Ravidass Gurudwara, Krishna Nagar, Jammu on 09 May, 2025 (Friday) as per following program.

Satsang- 11.30 AM. Langar- 1 PM
Parking is arranged at GGM Science College.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Prof G.L. Thapa (Father)

Mrs Asha Thapa (Wife)

Sons: Master Taksheel Thapa and Master Khavish Thapa
Mrs Geetu and Mr. Varun Bangotra - **Sister and Brother in Law**
Mother-in-law and Father-in-law

Mrs. Kamla Angrai and Mr. Dev Raj Angrai

And Whole Thapa Family

Mob: +917889359507 +919469604678 +917298220301, +919419222320

*Your presence will be a source of strength and solace.

**ER ANIL THAPA**

(04 Apr 1979 - 30 Apr 2025)

ADH-BARKHI

Six Months have been passed since you left us for heavenly abode but your loving memories will always remain with us. Physically you are not with us but we feel your presence at every moment of our life.

Adh-Barkhi of our beloved **Late Smt. Prem Lata Soni W/o Sh. I. D. Soni** (Retd. Dy. Director of School Education) shall be performed at our residence 3/103, Indira Vihar, Old Janipur, Jammu on **Friday, 9th May, 2025 at 11:00 am**

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Shri. I.D. Soni - **Husband**

Daughters-in-law & Sons

Smt. Alka Soni & Shri Vinod Soni

Smt. Anupama Soni & Shri Sanjay Soni

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. Vijay Lakshmi & Shri Chaman Lal Gandotra

Smt. Kuldip Anand W/o Late Shri Vidya Sagar Anand

Smt. Neelam Kapahi & Sh. S.C. Kapahi

Smt. Anu Radha Nargotra & Dr. Narinder Nargotra

Grand Children : Deepenkar & Eva, Danish, Ansh, Aakanksha & Shubam Gupta

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**Late Smt. Prem Lata Soni****TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, it is inform you that our revered mother **Smt. Reeta Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Surinder Kumar Bhat** originally resident of Gund Gushi Kupwara at present TRT Phase 4 Community Hall Purkhoo Camp Jammu left to Vaikuntha Dham on 05/05/2025

TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed at Sharda Colony Ghat Patoli Near Shiv Mandir on Wednesday 14/05/2025 at 9 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter in law

Anubhav Bhat (Vinu) & Rashi Bhat

Daughter & Son in law

Neeru Bhat & Kuldeep Kumar Raina

Neha Bhat

Meenakshi Bhat

Devar & Devrani

Pawan Kumar Bhat & Shanu Bhat

Sister in law & Brother in law

Daily Bhat & Roshan Lal Bhat

Children: Karan

**Smt. Reeta Devi**

AND SAMAST PARIVAR

MOB: 9821970965,

9622395357 & 9796244244

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our respected father **Sh. Vishnu Dutt Shastri Ji** on 29 April 2025.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Thursday 8th May, 2025,

Time:- 10:30 am.

Kriya will be performed on

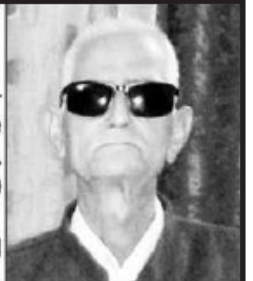
Friday 9th May 2025, **Time:- 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.**

RASAMPAGRI on Friday 9th May 2025.

Time:- 2 pm at our residence Ward No.12 Kathua.

GRIEF STRICKEN:- Samast Shastri Parivaar

9419117083, 9419702625, 9419150076

**Sh. Vishnu Dutt Shastri Ji**

March 21, 1938-April 29, 2025

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Lt. Sh. Tara Chand Gupta S/o Lt. Sh. Sarda Ram Gupta R/o Hajipura** Gandhiji Nagar Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on 09-05-2025 Friday 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Durga Palace Shastri Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Sh. Kewal Gupta & Smt. Promila Gupta

Sh. Vaishno Gupta & Smt. Veena Gupta

Sh. Shakti Gupta & Smt. Seema Gupta

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Sh. Sham Lal Gupta & Renu Gupta

Sh. Rajinder Gupta & Lakshmi Gupta

Mob: 9419123305, 9419196453, 9419187498

**Lt. Sh. Tara Chand Gupta****OBITUARY/TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Triloki Nath Raina S/o Late Sh. Sudershan Raina** originally from Razdan Mohalla Handwara Kashmir A/p 34-B Om Nagar Udhaywala Jammu on 02-05-2025.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on

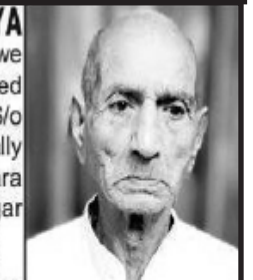
11-05-2025 (Sunday) at Muthi Ghat at 8 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Raina's, Koul's, Pandita's, Tickoo's, Kachroo's, and Dhar's

Bushan Lal Raina (Son)

MOBILE NO: 9103253103, 9086395626

**Sh. Triloki Nath Raina****TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Arvind Badyal S/o Lt. Sh. Vishwanath Badyal R/o 207, Mast Gah Jammu.**

10th Day will be performed on Thursday, 8th May 2025 from 10am to 10.30 am at Rani Park (Tutyan).

Kriya will be performed on Friday, 09 May 2025 at 11am at our residence and Uthala on same day (9/5/2025) at Brahmin Sabha, Jammu from 4pm to 5pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Shoba Badyal (Wife)

Mr. Shivam Badyal (Son)

Miss Ridhima Sharma (Daughter)

(Sister-in-Law & Brothers)

Smt. Shakti Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Madan Mohan Badyal

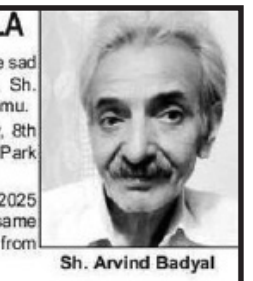
Smt. Santosh W/o Lt. Sh. Krishan Chander Sharma

Dr. Rama Badyal & Dr. H.K Badyal

Smt. Anuradha w/o Lt. Sh. Gopal Krishan Sharma

Sh. Rajinder Badyal (Brother)

Contact no. 9419133213, 9806732119

**Sh. Arvind Badyal****UTHALA/BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved **Sd. Kailash Kour W/o Lt. S. Lal Singh R/o H.No. 784 Opp. Kuldeep Hoop Factory, Rehari Colony, Jammu,** left for heavenly abode on 30th April 2025.

Bhog & Antim Ardas will be held on 9th May 2025 (Friday) from 10.00 AM to 12.00 Noon at Gurudwara Kalgidhar, Rehari Chungi Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughter-in-law

Ravinder Singh (Pappu) & Neelam Kumari

S. Gurcharan Singh (Bunty)

S. Narinder Singh (Happy)

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. Sunita Kohli & Late Sh. Vijay Kohli

Smt. Anita Gupta & Sh. Rajeev Gupta

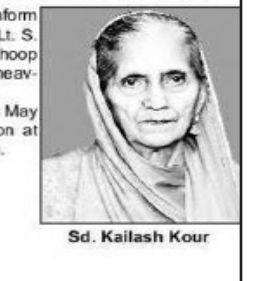
Smt. Doty Arora & Sh. Dharmender Arora

S. Shakti Pal Singh - **Brother**

Grand Children: Priyanka, Preeti, Rupali, Shalini, Shivani, Surbhi, Rahul, Achit, Shreyas, Krishna & Divya

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**Sd. Kailash Kour****MOURNING / TENTH DAY**

With Profound Grief and Sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Phoolo Pandita (Tathi) W/o Sh. Jag Mohan Pandita R/o Akhran, Kulgam** at present R/o A-11, Park Avenue, New CG Road, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Sunday 4th of May 2025 at 9 AM at Triveni Sangam Charod Baroda Gujarat.

Condolence Prayers will be held at Jammu from 9th of May 2025 to 16th of May 2025 on below address:

B/55 JMC 1113 Lane No 77, Bhawani Nagar, Talab Tilo, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sh. Jag Mohan Pandita (Husband)

Sh. R. L. Tickoo and Smt. Ratna Tickoo

Sh. Vinodra Matto and Smt. Nirmal Matto

Sh. R. L. Shoda (Bhaiji) and Smt. Sunita Shoda

Sh. Sanjay Pandita and Binny Pandita

Smt. Rita Pandita W/o Late O. N. Pandita

Sh. R. L. Pandita and Smt. Phoolo Pandita

Sh. H. L. Pandita and Smt. Smt. Pandita

Sh. Brij Nath Pandita and Smt. Rashmi Pandita

Sh. Sushil Pandita and Preeti

Sh. Subash Pandita and Sonika

Sh. Sunny Pandita

Rohi/Sh/Shayya Pandita and Karvi Pandita (Grand Children)

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**Smt. Phoolo Pandita (Tathi)****BARKHI**

One year have passed since you left this mortal world, but your memories will always remain eternal in our heart, mind and soul.

Your Honesty, Simplicity, Wisdom & Courage will always remain a source of inspiration for all of us.

The **Barkhi** of our beloved **Late Sh. P.P. Sharma, I.F.S(Retd.) Ex. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, J&K** will be performed on Saturday 10.05.2025, at our residence 41/9, Trikuta Nagar Jammu, **CHEJ PUJA** will start at 12:00 Noon followed by **PREETI BHOJ/LUNCH** at 01:00 PM

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Mrs. Anshuja & Mr. Yasser Tak, Advocates J&K High Court - **Daughter & Son-in-law**

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Smt. Shashi Prabha, W/o Lt. Sh. J.N. Dhar - **Sister**

Smt. Jyoti Prabha & Sh. Dinesh Kumar Sharma - **Sister & Brother-in-law**

Smt. Chanchela W/o Lt. Sh. Vijay Kumar Sharma - **Bhabhi**

Smt. Kanchan & Sh. Anm Kumar Sharma, (AAO Retd.) - **Bhabhi & Brother**

Smt. Sharika & Sh. P.N. Raina (Sr. Advocate, J&K) - **Bhabhi & Brother-in-Law**

Smt. Geeta & Sh. P.L. Raina (Retd. Development Officer) - **Bhabhi & Brother-in-Law**

Smt. Naseem & Sh. Ejaz Ahmed Tak (Advocate) - **Samdhan & Samdhi**

Grand Children : Anargha, Aahana, Amyrah, Mrityunjay & Krishiv

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**Sh. P.P. Sharma, I.F.S(Retd.)**

Ex. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, J&K

(19-11-1942 to 21-05-2024)

MOURNING/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Karmyogi Smt. Vijay Bharti Raina W/o Sh. Makhan Lal Raina** originally resident of Batagund Krendigam, A/P lane No 5, H.No 12, Sarswati Vihar Anand Nagar Bhoi Jammu on 1st May 2025.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 10th May, 2025 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat near Director Education Office.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Makhan Lal Raina (Husband)

(Sister-in-law & Brother-in-Law)

Smt. Uma Shori & Sh. Badi Nath Raina

Smt. Sanjay Raina (Sister-in-law)

Smt. Ruby & Sh. Kuldeep Raina (Daughter-in-Law & Son)

Smt. Reena & Sh. Ashok Raina (Daughter in law & Son)

Smt. Beaudy & Sh. Sanjay Raina

Smt. Nancy & Sh. Mahraj Krishan Pandita (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Daisy & Sh. Manoj Bhat (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Jyoti & Sh. Sanjay Pandit (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Rita & Sh. Suresh Bazzaz (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Anju & Sh. Vijay Koul (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Indu & Sh. Sunil Tickoo (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Soniya & Sh. Bipin Pandita (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Vineeta & Sh. Satish Bhat (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Grand Children: Uchay, Yutika, Tanish, Prateek, Mani, Lavanya, Danika, Urvasi, Sahil, Sindhuja

SAMAST RAINA PARIVAR

**KARMYOGI SMT VIJAY BHARTI RAINA****TENTH DAY / UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Suman W/o Late Dalbir Singh Jamwal R/o 499 New Plot, Jammu on 28-04-2025.**

Tenth Day shall be performed at our residence on Wednesday 07-05-2025 at 10.00 am.

Uthala shall be performed at our residence on Saturday, 10-05-2025 from 2 pm to 3 pm.

Grief Stricken

Son & Daughter-in-law

Artesh Jamwal (Vicky) & Shub Lata

Rakesh Singh Jamwal (Chotu) - **Son**

Daughters & Son-in-laws

Ritu & Sh. Rajesh Jamwal

Panku & Sh. Kapil Sambyal

Grand Children: Nandini, Basu, Trisha & Sushant Singh

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**Smt. Suman****UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Ram Pyari W/o Late Sh. K.L. Gupta R/o 52, Sarwal, Jammu.**

UTHALA will be performed at Hari Mandir Rehari Colony on Friday 9th of May 2025 from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters in Law

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Hari Singh Chib visits Block Pargwal Villages in Akhnoor amid Border Tensions

Urges people to maintain unity & Support Indian Army during challenging times

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), today visited the Pargwal block villages in Akhnoor sector and interacted with the local residents and took stock of their concerns amid rising tensions along the Indo-Pak border. During his visit, Hari Singh Chib interacted with the people and listened to their grievances. He assured them that the Congress Party remains deeply concerned about the welfare of the public, particularly in light of the current situation.

The senior Congress leader said "I have come here on the directions of Senior Congress leadership Sh Malikar-



jun Kharge sahib ji, Sh Rahul Gandhi ji, Sh KC venugopal ji Dr Naseer khan ji. Sh Karra sahib ji. in view of the growing tensions at the Indo-Pak border. The party is fully aware of the challenges faced by the people in border areas and is committed to extending all possible assistance to ensure their safety and well-being during these difficult times."

He also urged the people of Block Pargwal to stay united and stand in full support of the Indian Army during these challenging times. "Our strength lies in our unity. We must all come together to support the brave soldiers who are guarding our borders and ensuring our safety. In times of adversity, our collective resilience and solidarity will ensure

that we overcome every challenge that comes our way," he added. Hari Singh Chib further emphasized that the Congress Party, under the visionary leadership of Rahul Gandhi and Party President Mallikarjun Kharge, stands firm in its commitment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially those in border areas, and will continue to sup-

port them in every possible way. He assured the villagers that the Congress Party would advocate for the necessary steps to address their immediate needs and ensure that they receive all required assistance to cope with the prevailing security situation. Among those who accompanied with the senior Congress leader included Nishav Manhas, Uttam Singh, Kashmir Singh, Yashpal Singh Ex Sarpanch, Joginder Singh, Tarsem, Rashpal Chand, Bhadur Singh, Kamal Mahas, Swarn Singh Manhas, Balwan Singh, Paroshtam Singh, Jangh Bhadur, Tarun Vaid, Ramesh Singh, Karpal Singh, Dalbir Singh, Ashok Kumar, Rinku Singh and Mohan Lal.

AICC Member Shamsher visits R S Pura border areas, assures support to affected residents



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JAMMU, May 8: All India Congress Committee (AICC) member Shamsher Chand, along with his team, visited the border areas of R.S. Pura today to assess the ground situation amid ongoing tensions and provide reassurance to the local population. During the visit, Chand interacted with border residents, inquiring

about their current challenges, especially in light of the security concerns and displacement threats arising from recent cross-border escalations.

He assured full support from the Congress party for providing necessary accommodation and food supplies to the affected families. "We are here to stand by the people living along

the border during this difficult time. The Congress party is committed to ensuring no one is left without help," said Chand. Several prominent leaders accompanied him, including Mohan Choudhary (Senior Congress Leader), Jugal Kishore (State Vice-President, INTUC), Capt. Ghar Singh, Altaf Hakkla Gujjar (General Secretary, Bharat Kissan Union), Rakesh Meenia, and Akash.

Satish Sharma visits cross border firing victims; assures support to displaced residents

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JAMMU, MAY 8: Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Service Sports, Satish Sharma, today visited Milan Di Khui, Kachrial, Thanger, Khour Camp, Khour Bazar, Nalriana, Nai Basti and RD Resort, where displaced residents from Gigril, Garar, Sainth and adjoining zero-line villages have taken temporary shelter. The Minister met with the affected families to take stock of their concerns besides assessing the on-ground situation. Admiring the courage and resilience of the border residents, the Minister stated, "The spirit shown by the people in these areas under such trying circumstances is truly inspiring. The government stands firmly with them and will ensure that all necessary support is provided to them promptly." During the visit, Satish Sharma issued



instructions to the local administration to ensure uninterrupted provision of essential services including food supplies, healthcare, sanitation and temporary housing. He emphasized the need for a responsive and humane approach in addressing the needs of the displaced population. Satish Sharma assured them that the government under the dynamic leadership of

Omar Abdullah is actively working on enhancing bunker infrastructure, restoring essential supplies and strengthening emergency communication systems to ensure their safety and well-being. The visit highlighted the government's commitment not only to provide immediate relief but also to formulate long-term support mechanisms for those living in sensitive border areas.

Kameshwar Temple Akhnoor opens doors for displaced border residents amid war tensions



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AKHNOOR, May 8: In a humanitarian gesture amid rising tensions along the border, the historic Kameshwar Temple in Akhnoor has been opened to provide shelter and essential facilities to the residents displaced by the current conflict. The announcement was made today by Mahamandleshwar Mahant Rameshwar Dass Ji during a press conference held at the temple premises. Mahant Rameshwar Dass stated that due to the India-Pakistan war-like situation, the temple has been made available for the distressed people of Akhnoor sector, offering food, water, medicines, and other necessary support. He emphasized the temple's role not only as a spiritual center but also as a refuge in times of national crisis. "This is the time for decisive action against terrorism and the country that breeds them,"

Mahant Rameshwar Dass said, referring to Pakistan. He highlighted that India has suffered over four decades of terrorism, losing thousands of soldiers, pilgrims, and tourists to cross-border violence. He praised the Indian Army for the successful execution of Operation Sindoor, carried out in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and lauded the forces for conducting the mission without any casualties. "Our army is fully capable of handling both internal and external threats, and this operation proves their unmatched bravery and strategic excellence," he said. Mahant Rameshwar Dass also appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take strong and necessary action against what he termed the "terrorism factory" operating from Pakistan, and condemned recent attacks like the one in Pahalgam targeting innocent civilians.

84 Bn CRPF provides relief assistance to flood affected people of Kanga Ramban



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JAMMU, May 8: Entrusted with the responsibilities of Internal Security of the large and diverse country, India, CRPF is deployed across the length and breadth of the country. 84 Bn CRPF is deployed in J&K, with all of its Coys in Ramban. The Unit is securing a stretch of more than 40 km of NH 44, which is the major lifeline to the Kashmir valley. On 06 May 25, on the direction of Commandant 84 Bn, a team of 84 Bn CRPF, led by Sh Deepak Shukla Asst Cdt and Insp/GD Kumar Gaurav, visited the remote village Kanga of Ramban District and provided the following relief materials to the flood affected families of Sh Jay Chand s/o Nand Ram and Sh

Moul Raj s/o Nand Ram, residents of Kanga under PS Dharamkund Ramban: Atta: 40 kg, Rice 32 kg, Potato: 17 kg, Onion: 12 kg, Pulses: 09 kg, Rajma: 07 kg, Sugar 10 kg, Tea Leaf: 2.5 kg, Fresh Vegetables: 16 kg, Blanket: 02, Bed Sheet: 02, Towel: 02, Fry Pan: 02, Kurti, Shirt, Pant, Slippers, Plastic Sheet, Utensil Items, School Bag, Study Materials, Kerosene Oil, toiletry items, etc. Worthy to mention that the above families of Kanga, situated at a distance of 05 km walking track from road head, have lost their properties during the flood and landslide last week. They had approached 84 Bn CRPF to provide relief materials. The team of CRPF officials, with the above relief materials, walked for 05

km for one hour to reach the village and provide the relief materials. The local residents expressed their gratitude for providing the urgently required household items timely and compassionate approach of the CRPF. This initiative was undertaken to help the needy citizens of the local area to forge a strong bond and trust between the force and the community. The 84 Bn CRPF has consistently been at the forefront of social initiatives, including organizing Free Medical Camps, blood donation drives, and environmental conservation programs. The force remains committed to its dual role of ensuring security and contributing to the welfare of the people in the AOR.

Randhawa inaugurates lane and drain work at Colonel Colony



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: In a significant move towards boosting local infrastructure, the long-awaited lane and drain work at Colonel Colony, Ward No. 2, under the jurisdiction of the Jammu Cantonment Board, was formally inaugurated today. The ceremony was led by MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa, who reaffirmed his commitment to the development of civic amenities and improving the living conditions of residents. He was accompanied by Bharat Bhushan, Member of the Cantonment Board, along with

prominent local leaders and dignitaries including Narinder Koki, Shant Bakshi, Ramesh Gupta, Tarun Dev, Vishal, Naresh, Govind, Suraj, Rakesh, Sadhu Ram, and several others, who gathered in support of this important civic project. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Randhawa highlighted the importance of upgrading drainage and road facilities to prevent waterlogging and to ensure better hygiene and connectivity for the colony. He further assured that more such development projects are in the pipeline for various wards under the Cantonment

Board's jurisdiction. Bharat Bhushan also addressed the gathering, praising the joint efforts of public representatives and the administration in addressing the long-standing demands of the residents. He stressed that the Cantonment Board is committed to providing better facilities and will continue to work towards the overall development of the area. The local residents expressed gratitude for the timely intervention and appreciated the authorities' efforts in initiating the work before the onset of the monsoon season.

Reasi Administration celebrates World Red Cross Day with active community participation

Top News Report

REASI, MAY 8: The District Administration and District Red Cross Society Reasi celebrated World Red Cross Day today with great enthusiasm and active community participation under the theme "On the Side of Humanity." Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik, who also serves as the Chairperson of the District Red Cross Society, was the chief guest on the occasion. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and other dignitaries. The celebration paid tribute to the humanitarian spirit of the Red Cross movement. Students from various schools and colleges, along with volunteers, actively participated in the event. A symposium was held in which six students highlighted the importance, history, and humanitarian values of the Red Cross Society. The event also featured

a dance performance by students. Various officials including CEO, Tehsildar Pouni and prominent citizens like Vachh Pati Sharma were felicitated for their contributions to the Red Cross. In recognition of academic excellence, the Deputy Commissioner awarded trophies to students who achieved outstanding results during the 2024-25 academic year in Classes 10 and 12. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of humanity, stating that every individual should help others in whatever capacity they can to fulfill their role as responsible citizens. She highlighted the significant role played by the Red Cross in providing humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and health services both globally and locally. Applauding the efforts of volunteers, she urged all citizens to come

forward and contribute to the noble cause of serving humanity. The event also honored the generosity of those who support humanitarian efforts. Certificates of appreciation were distributed to officers and citizens who made significant contributions to the Red Cross Society in Reasi. A Red Cross Day pledge was solemnly taken by all attendees, reaffirming the commitment of students, teachers, and officials to uphold the fundamental principles of the Red Cross. A vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Kuldeep Khajuria, District Executive Secretary of the Red Cross. Among those present were ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, ADC Rakesh Kumar, ACR Nitin Verma, Dy. DEO Rakesh Kumar, CEO Deepak Kumar, DSWO, Tehsildars, ALC, DIO (Information), district officers, officials, teachers, and students.

EDITORIAL

UNITY FOR NATION

Unity is the cornerstone of a strong and progressive nation. It is the glue that binds diverse communities, cultures, religions, and languages into a single national identity. In a world marked by differences, unity fosters peace, stability, and collective growth. A united nation can overcome internal and external challenges more effectively, build a robust economy, and ensure justice and equality for all its citizens.

A nation is not just a piece of land but a collective of people bound by a shared history, values, and aspirations. However, no nation is entirely homogeneous. Most countries are composed of people from different ethnic backgrounds, religious beliefs, and linguistic traditions. In such diversity, unity does not mean uniformity. Instead, it means celebrating differences while working together for the greater good. When people rise above personal or group interests to work for national interests, unity is achieved.

Unity promotes peace. When citizens respect each other’s backgrounds and beliefs, social harmony prevails. Peaceful coexistence allows the nation to focus on development rather than conflict. History has shown that divided societies are vulnerable to internal strife and foreign interference. For instance, many nations that have experienced civil wars or ethnic clashes often struggle with rebuilding and development for decades. In contrast, countries that promote unity through inclusive policies and equal representation often enjoy political stability and economic prosperity.

Moreover, unity enhances national security. A united population stands stronger against threats, both internal and external. Enemies of a nation often exploit divisions to weaken it. But when people are united, they stand as one force against such threats. Unity also instills patriotism and a sense of belonging. Citizens are more likely to contribute positively when they feel connected to their nation and believe that their identity is respected and valued.

Economically, unity drives progress. In a united society, people collaborate, innovate, and share resources efficiently. Teamwork becomes a natural part of national development. When every group is given equal opportunity and feels heard, the collective potential of the population is maximized. Think of it like an orchestra—each instrument has its unique sound, but when played together in harmony, they create beautiful music. A nation functions the same way: diverse talents and ideas work together to achieve greatness.

However, unity is not automatic. It must be nurtured through deliberate actions. Education plays a crucial role in promoting national unity. Schools must teach students about the importance of tolerance, mutual respect, and cooperation. Learning about each other’s cultures, struggles, and achievements builds empathy and appreciation.

Leaders also have a great responsibility in fostering unity. When political leaders rise above partisan interests and work for the whole nation, they set an example for others. Policies that promote inclusiveness, equal rights, and fair distribution of resources build trust among citizens. It is also essential for the media and civil society to promote positive narratives and discourage hate speech or divisive rhetoric.

Civic participation strengthens unity. When citizens take part in democratic processes—such as voting, community service, and public discussions—they feel more involved in the nation’s direction. This involvement builds accountability and shared responsibility. Unity is further reinforced when people see tangible outcomes from their participation.

Religious and cultural institutions also play a vital role in promoting national unity. By encouraging interfaith dialogue and community events, they help build bridges among different groups. Unity is reinforced when people come together not just in times of crisis, but also in times of celebration and achievement.

Unity is essential for a nation’s survival and success. It enables peace, security, development, and a shared sense of purpose. While diversity is a strength, it is unity in diversity that transforms a nation into a harmonious and prosperous society. Every citizen has a role to play in building and maintaining this unity—through respect, cooperation, and a commitment to the national good. As the famous saying goes, “United we stand, divided we fall.” Let us stand united for the nation—not just in words, but in action, every single day.

“ Operation Sindoor”, A Bold Testament to India’s Humanitarian Resolve

By: Omkar Dattatray

It is our honorable and beloved prime minister Narendra Modi who has suggested the word Sandoor to the army operation. There could be no appropriate and apt name to the army operation. Sindoor in Indian culture refers to the sign of married women and thus Sindoor in our culture and religion symbolizes to a married women it is thus a sign and symbol of Suhag. The brute Islamic terrorists had snatched Suhags from the lady tourists and thus had snatched their sindoor .Sindoor holds age old significance in Hinduism much before the Bollywood movie ‘Om Shanti Om’ . Indian defense forces had turned parts of POJK and Pakistan into Red like Sindoor and thus it is really an apt name to the operation carried to take revenge for the Pahalgam terror attack. Defense minister said that our army has written a new history. Our army followed the ideals of Hanuman Jee who is the great hero and ideal of our army. We have only killed those only who have killed our innocents. Indian defense forces precision operation named rightly operation Sindoor against the terrorist hideouts and camps in POK as well as Pakistan is the operation which derived its name from the sindoor of the lady tourists which was destroyed by the Pak sponsored terrorists on 22rd of April at Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam. Our prime minister Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah and defense minister Rajnath Singh has vowed to punish the terrorists and their backers and to trace and punish the perpetrators to the end of the earth. Prime minister Modi has gone further and said that terrorists who were involved in the gruesome Pahalgam terror attack and their backers will be punished beyond their imagination. And to implement their resolve of punishing the terrorists of Pahalgam attack and their sponsors, the Indian government has suspended IWT of 1960 and has reduced the flow of the water from Chenab and Bagliyar dam ,and has also banned trade with Pakistan besides taking other diplomatic, political and now air strikes in Pok and Pakistan and the three wings of the defense forces of India has launched precision strikes on the terrorist

hideouts in POK and Pakistan. The terrorist camps of the dreaded terrorist outfits such as Lashker –ie-Tioba and Jsish-e Mohmmad have been destroyed by the joint operation of the Indian army, Air force and Navy. The joint air strikes on the terrorist hideouts was carried with precision and there was no collateral damage of the civilian population. Indian armed forces launch ‘OPERATION SINDOOR’ on nine terror targets of Pakistan and Pakistan –occupied Jammu & Kashmir. Indian armed forces launched ‘OPERATION SANDOOR’,post midnight ,hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and POJK from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed. The minister of defense in a statement said ,altogether ,nine sites were targeted .It further said that its actions have been focused ,measured and non-escalatory in nature. No Pakistani military installation has been have been targeted. India has demonstrated considerable restraint in selection of targets and method of execution. In fact these steps have come in the wake of the barbaric Pahalgam terrorist attack in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were killed .Armed forces are living up to the commitment that those responsible for this attack will be held accountable. Prime minister Narendra Modi constantly monitored Operation Sindoor throughout the night. India carried out air strikes on Wednesday midnight against Pakistan, two weeks after an attack in Kashmiri’s Pahalgam. Parts of Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir were rocked by multiple missile attacks by India early on Wednesday morning, in which at least eight people ,including a three –year –old child died. Some reports claim that 90-100 terrorists were killed and fourteen family members of LET head Masood Azhar got killed in the missile attacks. Pakistan’s military said Indian missiles struck six cities. That included four different places in Punjab province –the first time that India has hit Pakistan’s most populous state since the 1971 war between the two neighbors. As per Pakistan remaining two places targeted were Muzaffarabad and Kota ,both in POK. In fact India targeted nine terrorist sites under “Operation Sindoor” Indian defense forces conducted

missile strikes from 1.05 am to 1.30 am and thus in only 25 minutes nine terrorists camps in POJK and Pakistan were destroyed under the apt operation sindoor. The Indian attack came 15 days after the deadly attack on tourists in the picturesque Pahalgam town in India which was sponsored and backed by Pakistan. Some dreaded terrorists were also killed and the terrorist infrastructure were demolished. Terrorist Hafiz Abdul and another main terrorist was killed and terrorirst Mudhasir was also killed and both were dreaded terrorists. In operation sindoor some 100 terrorists were killed .Thus Modi’s India has taken revenge and avenged the Killings of 25 tourists and a local Pouniwalla at Pahalgam. It is a proud moment for India, that her defense forces have struck the terrorist camps in POK and Pakistan and PM Modi has rightly said that India is proud of its defense forces. The ruling parties as well as opposition parties have expressed satisfaction over the missile strike in POJK and Pakistan. Jaish headquarters and Jamutal Dawa centre has also been destroyed. The latest round of conflict between the two nuclear –armed nations came following the attack in Baisaran valley in the Pahalgam region. India has been rightly blaming Pakistan for supporting ,arming, and training the armed groups for fomenting trouble in Valley. India exercised its right to respond, pre-empt ,says government following strikes in Pakistan. The Indian armed forces on Wednesday May 7,2025 launched ‘operation sindoor’, hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and POJK .No Pakistani military facilities have been targeted .However ,the terror camps said to have been targeted are linked to various banned outfits ,including LET ,Jaish –e-Mohammed and HM. Focused strikes were carried out on nine terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and POJK and thus targeted the roots of cross boarder terror planning. So India armed forces have implemented what PM Modi has resolved after the terror attack in Pahalgam on 22rd April and have with precision struck on the terrorist camps in both Pakistan and POJK. It is a matter of pride for Defense forces , India ,our government and the citizens that its most professional and disciplined forces

have carried missile attack on the terrorist camps operating in POK and Pakistan and inflicted immense fatalities on the terrorist infrastructure and the terrorists as 100 terrorists including several dreaded terrorists were killed in the precision strikes with minimum or no civilian casualties. It is so good that Indian armed forces have taken revenge over the killings of its 26 innocent citizens in a dastardly terrorist attack which was backed by Pakistan and the 25 tourists were killed by the Pak sponsored terrorists with sadistic pleasure by Knowing those tourists by their religion and thus killed 25 Hindu tourists and a local Muslim youth –a poniwalla who objected to the wonton killings of the tourists and he was also martyred. Indian army has finally taken the revenge of the killings of their innocent citizens by Pakistan backed terrorists and whole nation has welcomed and celebrated the missile strikes by Indian Army and the nation is elated over the successful strike. Pakistan has seen the 56 inch chest of PM Modi and he deserves all praise including its armed forces who took the revenge from Pakistan for its backing of terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Indian army should carry its mission in future as well as the enemy is so cunning and should not limit and confine it to the missile strike of midnight on 7th May and so our army which is epitome of bravery, courage ,discipline and professionalism should carry such precision attacks on the terrorist hideouts in POJK and Pakistan in future as well so that a final blow is done to terrorism and it is eliminated from Jammu and Kashmir. In short our defense forces and centre government deserves a pat at its back for the missile strikes on terrorist hideouts in POJK and Pakistan and our country should be ready to retaliate if any response is given by Pakistan. We salute braveness and patriotism of Indian army. Jai Hind, Jai Army.

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World Red Cross Day: A Personal Reflection of Hope and Humanity

By Raghav Gupta

On this World Red Cross Day, I reflect on a movement rooted in one powerful, timeless value — compassion. This spirit transcends borders, cultures, and crises, and it is this very spirit that inspires individuals like me to support something much bigger than ourselves.

This year, the theme for World Red Cross Day 2025 is “Keep Humanity Alive.” This theme resonates deeply, as it calls on all of us to embrace the essence of our shared humanity, especially

in times of crisis. Whether it’s a natural disaster, a conflict, or a personal struggle, the Red Cross has always been there to remind us that humanity must endure—and thrive.

I recently took the step of becoming a Life Member of the Indian Red Cross Society—a symbolic yet heartfelt gesture of solidarity with the millions who serve selflessly. Though I do not stand in the frontlines, I stand beside those who do, in spirit, purpose, and belief.

Nowhere is this commitment more vital than in Jammu & Kashmir, a

region of immense beauty and strength, but also one that has faced conflict, isolation, and calamity. The Red Cross, in such times, is more than an organization; it is a lifeline. Whether through disaster relief, medical outreach, or youth engagement programs, the Red Cross brings not just help, but the unwavering hope that humanity will endure.

Every small action matters. Every drop in the ocean counts. Through my life membership, I hope to contribute to the “Keep Humanity Alive” movement—amplifying awareness, encour-

aging volunteerism, and inspiring others to find their role in this shared mission of care, service, and compassion.

This World Red Cross Day, let us reflect not just on remembrance, but on action. Let us choose to be kind. Let us choose to be present. Let us choose to keep humanity alive—together.

(Raghav Gupta, Life Member, Indian Red Cross Society)

Dimple leads anti-Pakistan rally, demands liberation of POK, Gilgit-Baltistan

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: President of Mission Statehood, Sunil Dimple, on Wednesday led a massive anti-Pakistan rally in Jammu, where protesters burned Pakistani flags and effigies while voicing strong support for the ongoing Operation Sindoor. A large number of traders and locals joined the demonstration, calling for the complete integration of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), Gilgit, and Baltistan into India.

Addressing the rally, Dimple demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi continue military operations until POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan are fully liberated. He also urged Defense Minister Rajnath Singh to immediately visit the Line of Control (LOC) and oversee the safe relocation of border residents.

"The Prime Minister must call an emergency session of Parliament to take a united national stand to resolve the Jammu and Kashmir issue permanently," Dimple asserted. He further called upon the government to provide adequate medical, residential, and food facilities for those displaced from border areas.

Earlier in the day, Dimple visited Government Medical College, Jammu, to meet with those injured in recent border shelling. He assured the affected families that all necessary arrangements would be made for their relocation to safer zones in Jammu.



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Dimple also appealed to the Home Minister Amit Shah and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh to not halt military operations until key terror figures — including Pakistan's ISI Chief, LeT leader Hafiz Saeed, and JeM chief Masood Azhar — are neutralized.

He urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to stay united and called for enhanced security and welfare measures for residents along the LOC.

Prominent leaders present at the rally included Sudershan Sharma, Jetinder Gupta, Dev Raj, Mukesh Gupta, Vicky Mahajan, Satwant Singh, Bishan Das, Akbar Khan, Shafi Khan, and Nazir Khan among others.

Vivek Bali expresses grief over loss of lives in Poonch due to Pakistan shelling

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Vivek Bali, J&K State President Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP), has expressed deep sorrow and strong condemnation over the tragic deaths of civilians caused by unprovoked shelling from across the border in Poonch district.

In a heartfelt statement, Bali said, "The continued ceasefire violations by Pakistan are not only a breach of international norms but also a brutal assault on the innocent civilians of our border areas. The deaths in Poonch have shaken us all. My thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families, and I extend my deepest condolences to them."

Bali urged the Government of India and the local administration to take swift action to ensure the safety of residents in border regions. He also called



for enhanced medical aid, financial relief, and long-term rehabilitation plans for the affected families.

"The lives of our fellow citizens in border areas must be protected with all possible means. It is the duty of every government to stand with them in these critical times," Bali added.

The SBSP also appealed to civil society and social organizations to come forward and support the affected families in every possible way.

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IIM Jammu organizes critical disaster preparedness, awareness session

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized a critical disaster preparedness and awareness session in collaboration with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Jammu and Kashmir, at its Jagti Campus. The session was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The session was conducted under the guidance of Inspector Sanjeev Kalsi along with their SDRF team. The objective was to sensitise and train the IIM Jammu community—faculty, officers, staff, and students—on essential safety measures during emergencies, particularly in air raid and air strike scenarios.

Inspector Pavinder Singh, State Disas-



ter Response Force (SDRF), Jammu and Kashmir delivered a comprehensive training session covering essential protocols for air raids and air strikes, the importance of pre-hospital response time, and life-saving techniques. Through live demonstrations, participants were trained in administering CPR, managing fractures, and executing casualty evacuation procedures. The team also provided detailed guidance on actions to take during air raid alerts and airstrikes, including seeking immediate shelter, avoiding crowded areas, and adhering to blackout protocols such as turning off lights, shutting down inverters, and refraining from usage of lights.

The session highlighted the significance of first-aid preparedness and community-level

awareness in reducing casualties during emergencies. Various methods of transporting injured individuals—such as single-hand and multiple-hand seats, leg crutches, shirt drag, blanket drag, and Preliminary Stabilization and Positioning (PSP)—were also demonstrated.

Present during the session were Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics; CA Rajat Jain, FA-CAO; and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, along with the institute's faculty, officers, staff, and students.

The session witnessed active participation from the institute community. It underscored IIM Jammu's steadfast commitment to proactive disaster preparedness and ensuring public safety in times of national emergencies.

Dr. Shiraz expresses regrettable of civilian casualties in cross-border shelling

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Chairman National Human Rights Dr. Shiraz expressed grave concern and deep sorrow over the killing of innocent civilians in the recent cross-border shelling that took place on Rajouri Poonch. The unprovoked aggression claimed the lives of several civilians, including women and children, and left many others injured.

We mourn with the families of the victims and stand in solidarity with the affected communities. These tragic deaths not only highlight the brutality of such attacks but also expose the glaring failure of the authorities to provide adequate protective infrastructure, such as bulletproof shelters, in high-risk border areas.

Despite repeated incidents and long-standing demands by local residents, the government's inability to implement and maintain proper civilian safety measures has contributed to the loss of innocent lives. The absence of bullet-proof shelters and emergency response



systems continues to leave entire communities at the mercy of violence.

We strongly urged the government to take immediate steps to ensure the safety and security of civilians living in vulnerable border zones, including the construction of reinforced shelters, improvement of early warning systems, and provision of emergency medical services.

Furthermore, we called upon the international community to hold the aggressor accountable and support efforts aimed at restoring peace and protecting civilian lives.

Vikalp SMVDU celebrates Karwaan 4.



Top News Report

KATRA, May 8: KARWAAN 4.0, the eagerly anticipated annual event by VIKALP - A Students' Initiative, was conducted successfully with the intriguing theme "Undersea Wonders."

The theme provided the tone for a colorful and engaging week that welcomed more than 100 children, filling every day with happiness, imagination, and purposeful interaction.

The celebration started with a rousing Indoor Sports Day, during which the kids engaged in thrilling games and friendly contests that promoted both concentration and enjoyment.

The playfulness was carried over to the following day with the Outdoor Sports Day, when the grounds resounded with running, cheering,

and laughter as the kids engaged in races and group games.

During midweek, the mood changed from activity to creativity with the Art and Craft Day. Taking cue from the underwater theme, the kids emptied their imagination to craft sea creatures (shells), oceanic scenery (DIY aquarium), and vibrant crafts. Their innovation was not only apparent on canvas but also in the happy mood they created.

This was followed by the Cultural and Literary Day, a stunning display of talent and self-expression. The children boldly stepped out onto the stage to dance, sing and recite poetry. The week ended on the Final Day of May 4, which was further enhanced by the visit of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar,

who acknowledged the efforts of the organizing team as well as the children.

His inspiring words and friendly interaction put smiles on all faces. The last day included closing performances, medal distribution, and reminiscing about the memorable journey of the last week.

In all, KARWAAN 4.0 was a touching and meaningful experience. The presence of more than 100 children, their evident smiles, and the efficient management by committed student volunteers ensured that the event was a huge success. As promised by its theme, Undersea Wonders with Vikalp, the event provided a lovely, and enchanting experience — one that will be remembered in the hearts of everyone who participated in it.

Samsung unveils vision AI for Neo QLED, OLED, QLED, The Frame TVs

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of its ultra-premium 2025 models of Neo QLED 8K, Neo QLED 4K, OLED, QLED TVs and The Frame lineup, bringing the revolutionary Samsung Vision AI technology to Indian consumers.

At the heart of this launch is the new Samsung Vision AI that delivers an unparalleled home entertainment experience with next-generation AI capabilities. Staying true to its commitment to innovation, Samsung's latest range redefines how users interact with screens, turning them into intelligent companions that enrich everyday living.

Samsung Vision AI - a cutting-edge technology framework - pairs AI-enhanced picture and sound for maximum performance with personalized experience. Samsung Vision AI is built on three pillars. AI Mode optimizes picture quality and sound in real time by using advanced deep-learning algorithms that adapt to both content and ambient surroundings, ensuring stunning visuals and immersive audio every time.

AI Experience personalizes content discovery and settings by learning user prefer-



ences over time, delivering a smarter, more intuitive interaction. Multi-Device Connectivity seamlessly connects the TV with smartphones, tablets, and other smart devices, enabling effortless content sharing, control, and continuity across the Samsung ecosystem.

The role of the television in Indian homes has evolved - it's no longer just about watching content, but about enabling connected, intelligent lifestyles. With the introduction of Samsung Vision AI across our widest-ever premium lineup, we are delivering a future-ready TV experience that goes beyond stunning visuals.

Samsung Vision AI ushers in a truly personalized, AI-powered screen experience, where the viewer is more important than what's being viewed. We are calling this shift 'It's Your Show' - an experience where users are in complete control, with the TV adapting to their unique preferences, habits, and ecosystem. Our new AI TV lineup breathes new life into every frame, setting a new benchmark for cinematic excellence at home. With this new era of AI-powered screens, we are confident of accelerating next-generation TV adoption and strengthening our leadership in India's premium television segment," said Viplesh Dang, Senior Director, Visual Display Business, Samsung India.

Samsung Vision AI represents

a major leap in making screens smarter, more intuitive and deeply personal. It transforms televisions into adaptive hubs, responsive to their environment and user behaviours. They seamlessly blend into everyday life, making the TV an intelligent partner rather than just a display.

The Neo QLED 8K is available in sizes of 85, 75, and 65 inches. The QN90F, QN85F, QN80F and QN70F models headline the Neo QLED 4K lineup. The QN90F features Quantum Matrix Technology Plus with 128 Neural Networks, Motion Xcelerator 165Hz, Glare-Free viewing and a powerful 60W 4.2.2 channel speaker system with Dolby Atmos and Q-Symphony for a cinematic audio-visual experience and Samsung's signature Neo Slim design with Art Store and Generative Wallpaper support. Samsung's 2025 OLED TVs push performance further with NQ4 AI Gen3 Processor supported by 128 Neural Networks, Motion Xcelerator 165Hz, Glare-Free Viewing, and AI Motion Enhancer Pro for exceptional clarity in fast-moving scenes. These models support 100% Color Volume, are PANTONE Validated, and feature a minimalist Infinity One design with Attachable Slim One Connect to reduce clutter.

Aamir Khan says Bollywood has 'lot to learn' from South, talks box office flops

Actor Aamir Khan has opened up about the Hindi film industry and the struggles it has been facing. Aamir talked about competition with the South film industries, Bollywood's 'strange' business model, and why the audience is not coming to theatres anymore.

Our business model is a strange one

In an interview with news agency, Aamir was asked why Hindi films are being beaten by the four South film industries. The Taare Zameen Par star explained that there are multiple reasons behind it. "First of all, we need to make better films. I think Hindi film directors, writers and producers have a lot to learn. Also, currently, our business model is a strange one. We call people in the theatres, and if they don't turn up, we



soon deliver the film on OTT. This has greatly affected our films," Aamir said.

Aamir also pointed out that COVID-19 also affected the film-watching experience, as many producers started putting their films on OTT, and the audience also got habituated to watching entertainment at home. "I

think there should be a gap of 6 months between a film's release in theatres and OTT"

Aamir was quick to justify that he has nothing against OTT; in fact, he appreciated that the platform has given many new artists a chance to showcase their talents.

Aamir Khan's current projects

Aamir Khan is all set for Sitaare Zameen Par, which is a spiritual sequel to his 2007 critically acclaimed film Taare Zameen Par. Aamir Khan Productions recently unveiled the first look of the film, which showcases Aamir as a basketball teacher with ten students.

The film will be the launchpad for ten new actors, including Aroush Datta, Gopi Krishna Varma, Samvit Desai, Vedant Sharma, Ayush Bhansali, Ashish Pendse, Rishi Shahani, Rishabh Jain, Naman Mishra, and Simran Mangeshkar. Directed by RS Prasanna, the film will also have Genelia Deshmukh in a key role.

The film's music has been composed by Shankar-Ehsaan Loy, with lyrics penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya. It is set to hit the theatres on June 20.

Nimrat Kaur on Operation Sindoor: It was a befitting reply, proud of our Army



Responding to Operation Sindoor, actor Nimrat Kaur, daughter of Shau-

rya Chakra recipient late Major Bhupender Singh, tells HT City, "As a Martyr's daughter and citizen of the country, what happened in Pahalgam was beyond a tragic event. India always has and shall always stand against terrorism. That's a very important and strong statement that needs to go out."

Maj Singh, her father was responsible for constructing bridges along the Khanabal-Pahalgam road in J&K when he was ambushed and kidnapped by terrorists. Singh was assassinated after a week in captivity. "The government, led by PM Modi ji, couldn't have given a more befitting reply," Nimrat adds.

"I reiterate- as a martyr's daughter, I understand and resonate with what the families must have felt, from the name itself that has been chosen by the operation. PM Modi has let his decision do the talking. I feel very proud of the Forces to have made this happen," she ends.

Asim Riaz delays song release amid rising India-Pakistan tensions

Rapper Asim Riaz has decided to postpone the launch of his song due to the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan following India's counter-terror strikes under

Asim took to Instagram to share his decision to postpone the song launch. The rapper mentioned that he is praying for peace and strength amidst the strained relations between the two nations. He will now be launching his song on May 14.

Taking to Instagram Stories, Asim wrote, "Due to current tension between two nations, I have decided to postpone my song release by a week. New date is 14 May".

"Some things are bigger than music. Prayers for peace and strength to all," Asim added. Asim, known for his fiery personality and public feuds with co-stars, didn't share any further details about the song, including its planned original release date.

Earlier, Asim had also shared a note condemning the Pahalgam terror attack, which happened on April 22. In his note, Asim wrote, "A valley of beauty turned into a scene of horror. Kashmir cries tonight, and so do we. Terror stole lives, futures, peace. I condemn this heinous act and pray for strength to those left behind."

Tensions between India and Pakistan have escalated significantly following the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which



claimed lives of 26 people. The incident has sparked a diplomatic crisis. On Wednesday, the Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Sindoor, a targeted strike mission to destroy terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and (Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir) PoK in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

Wing Commander Vyomika Singh informed that a total of nine terror sites were targeted and successfully destroyed. She asserted that the locations were selected so that there was no damage to civilians and their infrastructure.

Rajkummar Rao, Wamiqa Gabbi's Bhool Chuk Maaf cancels theatrical release amid Operation Sindoor aftermath tensions

Rajkummar Rao and Wamiqa Gabbi were gearing up for the theatrical release of their time loop comedy, Bhool Chuk Maaf. Set to hit theatres across India, the film's release however, has been pulled for good. Bhool Chuk Maaf will not be releasing in theatres tomorrow — as a matter of fact, it won't be seeing through a theatrical release at all.

Maddock Films, the production house backing Bhool Chuk Maaf, took to their official social media handles to announce that in light of rising national tensions and overall security concerns, the film will no longer be released theatrically. Instead, a direct-to-OTT premiere has been set up for May 16.

The announcement read, "In light of recent events and the heightened security drills across the nation, we at Maddock Films and Amazon MGM Studios have decided to bring our family entertainer, Bhool Chuk Maaf, directly to your homes on May 16 — only on Prime Video, worldwide. While we



were eagerly looking forward to celebrating this film with you in

theaters, the spirit of the nation comes first. JAI HINDI!"

Maddock Films' sudden decision to pull the plug on Bhool Chuk Maaf's theatrical release, just a day before it was scheduled to take place, comes in the tense aftermath of May 7's Operation Sindoor, the precision missile strikes carried out by India across Pakistan's terror camps in response to the ghastly Pahalgam attack on April 22. This compounds with the fact that nationwide mock drills were held yesterday, to have civilians prepped in the event of unforeseen hostility.

Interestingly, during an HT City Stars In The City session held yesterday, Rajkummar and Wamiqa had both insisted on how Bhool Chuk Maaf, is a true family entertainer, and should only be witnessed in theatres to collectively enjoy a laughter marathon.

Separately, the session had in fact begun with both actors expressing their support for Operation Sindoor.

Either which way, those waiting on the film, will have to do so, for a week more now.

Karan Johar recalls his 'kambakht' one-sided love, says it still hurts

Karan Johar talked about experiencing one-sided love, and becoming the 'worst version' of himself, until he used those difficult feelings to 'empower' himself.

Filmmaker Karan Johar once again opened up about his love life. During his appearance on a podcast, the popular director-producer recalled experiencing one-sided love and suffering a lot of pain until he learnt to 'let go' of those feelings.

Johar, who made his 2016 film 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil' on the same grounds, told YouTuber Raj Shamani on his podcast that it was the 'worst feeling in the world'. He said he became the 'worst version' of himself, but worked on it until those feelings started 'empowering' him.

"Pyaar se kambakht koi cheeze na bani hai, na banegi [There is nothing more unfortunate than love. There will never be anything more unfortunate than love]," he said, adding, "There is physical pain, not the heart attack pain, but there is pain. You do feel anxiety, you can't breathe."

The 52-year-old went on to call one-sided love 'torture'. He shared, "Aap worst version of

yourself ban jaate ho jab aapka pyaar ek tarfa ho jata hai [You become the worst version of yourself when you fall in one-sided love]. You feel someone has put a very heavy thing on your chest. You keep checking your phone - if he is online, why didn't he call, where could he be. Your mind is always distracted. It is torture, one-sided love."

Johar, known for directing films like 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai', 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham!', 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahaani', among others, revealed how he turned these 'worst' feelings into something which helped him grow in life and become a better person.

"When I looked at one-sided love as a power of a feeling that I had, it has empowered me, then I started letting go. That love wasn't mine anyway. But dard hota hai [It still hurts]. It's the worst feeling in the world. I have much empathy for those who are going through one-sided love," he said.



KJo, as he is popularly called, added, "Mera pyaar beshumaar tha, woh pyaar tha, ek tarfa tha but kabhi negative nahi tha [I had immense love. It was love. One-sided love, but never negative]. I never hated or wanted anything bad

to happen who couldn't reciprocate my love," he concluded.

Karan Johar never got married. He is the father of two children via surrogacy. The director named his children Roohi and Yash (after his father's name).

Sonali Bendre talked about dealing with link up rumours in early years of her career

Bollywood actors are often linked to their co-stars, and rumours of on-set romances tend to spread quickly. Sonali Bendre, who rose to fame in the 1990s, recently reflected on how she dealt with such speculation during the early years of her career.

In a candid interview with agency, she opened up about building resilience in the face of link-up rumours and navigating the pressures of fame.

Sonali Bendre on 'not repeating her mistakes'

Sonali shared that she quickly learned from her experiences and made it a point not to repeat mistakes. "You learn to grow slightly thicker skin. I didn't make the same mistake twice. Once I learnt a lesson, I understood that this is how it works, and then I knew how to deal with it and nip it in the butt the next time. So, it never happened again," she said.

She credited much of her adaptability to her childhood, during which she frequently changed schools due to constant travel. Moving every two years helped her



become comfortable with change, taught her to adjust to new environments, and made her self-reliant. These experiences helped her resist the need for external validation and

manage peer pressure with ease.

Sonali Bendre on dealing with link up rumours Reflecting further, Sonali said she began viewing these as just pros and cons of the job

and added, "I realised that sometimes it's an overactive imagination of the journalist. Because today you talk about clickbait, that time it was headlines, and that headline sold the magazine. But sometimes it was because either the producer wanted the PR or the actor wanted to feel good about themselves, and that's why they were putting it out. There were multiple reasons for things to go out. So, you couldn't blame any one person. That was the circumstance and a part of the environment. So, the fact was that the same environment was giving me fame, money, and work."

Sonali Bendre's recent and upcoming work

Sonali was most recently seen in a cameo in Remo D'Souza's film Be Happy, which starred Abhishek Bachchan, Innayat Verma, and Nora Fatehi. The film received positive reviews and is streaming on Prime Video. She is next set to appear in an upcoming series directed by Prosit Roy, in which she stars alongside Ali Fazal.

PM holds meeting with secretaries; stresses on alertness, operational preparedness

NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): In the wake of 'Operation Sindoor', Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting with secretaries of various ministries on Thursday and called for continued alertness and clear communication, while reaffirming the government's commitment to national security and operational preparedness.

The issues discussed during the meeting included strengthening of civil defence mechanisms, efforts to counter misinformation and fake news, and ensuring the security of critical infrastructure, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

Ministries were also advised to maintain close coordination with state authorities and ground-level institutions, it said.

The high-level meeting, which included secretaries of various Ministries and departments of the government of India, reviewed national preparedness and inter-ministerial coordination in light of recent developments concerning national



security.

PM Modi stressed the need for seamless coordination among ministries and agencies to uphold operational continuity and institutional resilience, the statement said.

"The prime minister called for continued alertness, institutional synergy, and clear communication as the nation navigates a sensitive period. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to national security, operational preparedness, and citizen safety," it said.

The meeting came a day after Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, including the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold of Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base Muridke. The military strikes were carried out under 'Operation Sindoor' two weeks after the massacre of 26 civilians in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. Jammu travel guide

During the meeting, Modi reviewed the planning and preparation by ministries to deal with the current situation.

Secretaries have been directed to undertake a comprehensive review of their respective ministry's operations and to ensure fool-proof functioning of essential systems, with special focus on readiness, emergency response, and internal communication protocols, the statement said.

Secretaries detailed their planning with a 'whole of government' approach in the current situation, it said.

All ministries have identified their actionables in relation to the conflict and are strengthening processes.

Ministries are ready to deal with all kinds of emerging situations, the statement said.

The meeting was attended by the Cabinet Secretary, senior officials from the Prime Minister's Office, and Secretaries from key ministries including Defence, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Information & Broadcasting, Power, Health, and Telecommunications.

Any military attack on India will be met with very firm response: EAM Jaishankar



NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): India has no intention to escalate the situation with Pakistan but if there are military attacks on the country, then it will be met with a "very" firm response, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday.

Mr. Jaishankar made the remarks at a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi.

The External Affairs Minister said the "barbaric" Pahalgam terror attack compelled India to carry out strikes on "cross-border

terror infrastructure on Wednesday.

"This attack compelled us to respond on May 7 by striking at the cross-border terrorist infrastructure. Our response was targeted and measured," he said.

"It is not our intention to escalate the situation. However, if there are military attacks on us, there should be no doubt that it will be met with a very very firm response," he said.

Mr. Jaishankar said as a neighbour and close partner, it is important that Iran has a good understanding of the situation.

The Iranian Foreign Minister landed in New Delhi around midnight last night on a scheduled visit amid the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan.

Three Telangana police personnel killed in Maoist landmine blasts

MULUGU, May 8 (Agencies): Three police personnel were killed in a landmine blast triggered by Maoists in Telangana's Mulugu district, near the Chhattisgarh border, early Thursday morning. The incident took place around 7.30 am when a police team was on routine bomb detection duty.

According to PTI, Maoists detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted in the forest area, resulting in the immediate deaths of three personnel from the Telangana police. The area where the incident occurred is known for its dense forest cover and proximity to the interstate border, which has made it a sensitive zone for Maoist activity. Sources report that the landmine blast, which occurred under the

limits of the Wazeedu police station, marks the first fatal encounter between Telangana Police and Left-wing extremists this year.

Tension remains high in the area following the attack. Further investigation into the incident is ongoing.

The banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) has been active in parts of Telangana, especially in districts bordering Chhattisgarh. The region has witnessed periodic violence, and police patrols are frequently deployed to monitor the movement of extremists and detect explosives.

A day before the blast, security forces in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh had eliminated 22 Maoists during a fierce encounter as part of 'Operation Sankalp,' a large-scale counter-

insurgency initiative.

The operation targeted the dense Karagutta forest region, which spans the interstate borders of Bijapur, Mulugu, and Bhadrachalam.

The latest incident adds to a series of incidents reported from Mulugu district in recent months.

In December 2024, seven Maoists, including a senior commander, were killed in an encounter with Telangana Police in the Chalpaka forests of Mulugu district. The Greyhounds launched the operation during early morning combing activities. Among the deceased was Kursam Mangu, commander of the Yellandu-Narsampet area committee and a member of the CPI (Maoist)'s Telangana State Committee.

Rahul sought Parliament session so that good message goes outside: Kcharge on all-party meet

Speaking with reporters after attending the meeting, Kcharge also expressed disappointment that PM Modi did not attend it.

NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): The opposition expressed support for the government and the armed forces at the all-party meeting on 'Operation Sindoor', and Rahul Gandhi demanded a Parliament session to give a good message, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Thursday.

Speaking with reporters after attending the meeting, Kharge also expressed disappointment that Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not attend it.

"We wanted the PM to participate and briefly talk about the action against terrorism. We salute the jawans who have shown bravery. We wanted him to come



and brief us but he did not. He had not even attend the last meeting," Kharge said.

All parties of the INDIA bloc and other parties as well spoke in one voice, and said, "you move ahead and we are with you in the decisions you take and are standing with the army", the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha said.

The PM has stated he

has given full authority to the army to take whatever action it wants, Kharge said.

"Defence Minister (Rajnath Singh) said this is a sensitive time and in the interest of the country, detailed questions are not to be asked that are defence secrets," he said.

Those present at the meeting also raised the issue of security of

the people living in the border areas, he said.

Those who have lost their lives in shelling in Jammu and Kashmir should be taken care of, Kharge added.

"The government assured us that they would take all kinds of steps," he said.

Rahul Gandhi demanded that a Parliament session be called so that a good message goes outside, Kharge informed.

"If a session is called, MPs can put forward their views and enhance the confidence of the people," Kharge said, adding the government gave no assurance to that.

The government briefed an all-party

meeting on Thursday on the success of Operation Sindoor and its aftermath, as top government functionaries and opposition leaders met for a second time in a fortnight amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22.

Union ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, S Jaishankar, JP Nadda and Nirmala Sitharaman represented the government, while Rahul Gandhi and Kharge from the Congress, Sandip Bandyopadhyay of the Trinamool Congress and DMK's TR Baalu were among the leading opposition figures in the meeting.

Madhya Pradesh man stabbed to death over old enmity, video posted online

REWA, May 8 (Agencies): A 23-year-old man allegedly slit a person's throat over an old enmity while his accomplice filmed the act and posted the video on social media in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district, police said on Thursday.

The police have detained one person in connection with the attack that took place on Wednesday in a forested area at Bhaukheri

village under Lalgaoon police outpost, about 50 km off the district headquarters, an official said.

Talking to agency, Superintendent of Police Vivek Singh said the accused, Rajnish Mishra, allegedly slit the throat of the victim, Abhishek Tripathi, while his friend and accomplice Rajkumar Kewat shot a video of the killing.

The police have



detained Rajnish's brother, Gollu Mishra, who allegedly took the victim to party in the forested area, he said.

The official said the victim's family contacted the police after coming across the video clip, and the body was recovered

from the scene and sent for post-mortem.

The police suspect that the murder was a fallout of old enmity between the accused and the victim, who had recently reconciled, sources said.

The reason for the killing is being probed, SP Mr Singh said, adding that efforts are on to arrest the prime accused and the accomplice who filmed the murder.

Unidentified drone explodes near Kutch border; Air Force, Army, police launch probe



AHMEDABAD, May 8 (Agencies): Amid escalating tensions after Operation Sindoor, a drone explosion jolted Gujarat's Kutch border early Thursday, forcing security forces into high alert.

The blast, which occurred before 6 a.m. near a high-tension power line in Khawda, Bhuj taluka, has intensified concerns of cross-border threats.

Sources revealed that a large drone had been hovering over villages near the border since the early hours, later drifting towards

Khawda before crashing and exploding in a nearby park.

The Indian Air Force swiftly seized the wreckage, with West Kutch SP Vikas Sunda confirming the drone-like object has been handed over for detailed study.

West Kutch Bhuj SP Vikas Sunda told local media, "The drone-like object has been handed over to the Indian Air Force for study."

Sodha Jayendra Singh, a resident of the village where the drone blast occurred, told the media, "Around 4:30 a.m., a drone was

seen flying over the village. It circled for about two hours and then exploded. I immediately informed the village sarpanch."

Another villager, Jalubha Sodha, said, "Early in the morning, we heard an unknown sound, and around 5:45 am, there was a sudden explosion. I reported it to the nearby security agencies."

A joint investigation involving the Border Security Force (BSF), local police, Air Force, and central intelligence agencies is underway to uncover the drone's origin and assess whether the incident signals accidental failure or deliberate infiltration.

Forensic teams are combing through the remains, while airspace surveillance records are under scrutiny for vital clues.

Amid mounting fears of a possible Pakistani strike, aerial monitoring has been ramped up across the northwestern frontier, with heightened vigilance over Gujarat's volatile Kutch-Creek zone.

Karnataka Lokayukta raids four government officials for unaccounted wealth

KARNATAKA, May 8 (Agencies): The Karnataka Lokayukta police on Thursday conducted raids at multiple locations linked to four government officials, as part of ongoing investigations into disproportionate assets cases against them.

As per the Lokayukta, the officials under investigation are Survey Supervisor in the office of the Additional Director of Land Records in Kolar Taluk Suresh



Babu G; Raja Venkatappa Nayak, who is a Taluk Health Officer in Surpur, Yadgir district; MB Ravi, an Assistant Executive Engineer with the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage

Board in Davangere, and G Srinivas Murthy, Assistant Executive Engineer in the Water Resources Department, Mahadevapura.

The raids led to the seizure of unaccounted

cash, valuables and several incriminating documents from residences and offices associated with the officials, said sources within Lokayukta. The operation was carried out early in the morning to prevent any destruction or tampering of evidence.

This development comes weeks after the Lokayukta had conducted a similar raid in April against a government engineer in Ballari; assets worth over Rs 8

crore were recovered, including luxury cars, properties and gold in that raid.

In March, too, Karnataka Lokayukta Police conducted raids across the state in connection with disproportionate assets cases against eight government officers. Two of the accused government officers were from Bengaluru and one each from Kolar, Kalaburgi, Davanagere, Tumakuru, Bagalakote and Vijayapura.

Russia attacks Ukraine on the first day of self-declared ceasefire, killing 1 person

KYIV, May 8 (Agencies): One person was killed early Thursday in Russian attacks in north-east Ukraine, in the opening hours of a 72-hour ceasefire called by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Another two people were injured after Russian forces dropped guided air bombs in the northeast Sumy region.

The bombs were dropped on residential areas near the border, the regional prosecutor's office said on Thursday. Ukraine's Air Force alerted launches of glide bombs and at least one missile in the Sumy region starting at 02:39 a.m. and until early morning on Thursday.

Large-scale missile and drone attacks, which have been a near-daily occurrence in Ukraine in recent weeks, were



not recorded since 8:30 p.m. the previous night, according to the Ukrainian Air Force. The ceasefire came into force at midnight on Thursday Moscow time.

But smaller-scale Russian attacks persisted elsewhere in the country closer to the front-line, causing civilian casualties. A 55-year-old woman was

killed in her home in Mykolaivka community in Sumy region around 3 a.m., and her 24-year-old son was wounded, prosecutors said. Roughly 30 minutes later, another bomb hit civilian infrastructure in Vorozhba community, injuring a 70-year-old woman. An investigation into war crimes has been launched, officials said.

Russia announced a unilateral 72-hour ceasefire to coincide with the celebrations in Moscow for the 80th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany in World War II, Russia's biggest secular holiday. Kyiv has pressed for a longer-term ceasefire.

In March, the United States proposed a 30-day truce in the war, which Ukraine accepted, but the Kremlin has held out for ceasefire terms more to its liking.

Trump says Houthis showed 'bravery' and 'commitment' after ceasefire deal



WASHINGTON, May 8 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump on Thursday (local time) surprised many by praising the Houthis for their "bravery." Speaking at the White

House, Trump said, "You know, we hit them very hard. They had a great capacity to withstand punishment. They took tremendous punishment. You can say there's a lot of bravery

there. It was amazing what they took. But we honour their commitment and their word."

This came just a day after Trump said the US would stop its bombing campaign against Houthis in Yemen after a ceasefire was facilitated by Oman.

"They just don't want to fight," Trump said in an Oval Office during a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. "And we will honour that, and we will stop the bombings, and they have capitulated. But more importantly, we will take their word," he added.

Pakistan: Three explosions rock Lahore, emergency response team reaches site

Lahore Police said that the explosions occurred within moments of each other. The blasts were so loud that people who were several kilometres away heard its sound and rushed to streets in confusion and fear.

LAHORE, May 8 (Agencies): Three explosions were heard in quick succession in Walton Road of Pakistan's Lahore on Thursday, prompting residents to rush out of their homes in fear, agency reported, citing police. The blasts happened in the vicinity of Gulberg, which is one of Lahore's most upscale and sensitive districts.

Lahore Police said that the explosions occurred within moments of each other. The blasts were so loud that people who were several kilometres away heard its sound and rushed to streets in confusion and fear.

Emergency response teams, including Rescue and Firefighting units, have reached the site of the incident. Furthermore, the police have cordoned off the area, agency reported.



According to officials, investigations were being made to determine the nature and source of the explosions. The authorities have sealed the area and unrelated people have been restricted from entering the area as bomb disposal and intelligence teams start their preliminary assessment, agency reported.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) has temporarily suspended flight operations at airports in Karachi, Lahore, and Sialkot,

local media agency reported.

According to PAA, the airports in Lahore and Sialkot will remain unavailable for all flights until 12 pm on Thursday (local time). The flight schedules of both domestic and international flights have been impacted due to the suspension, Aaj News reported.

Passengers have been asked to contact their respective airlines to get updates regarding their flight timings and possible delays.

UNGA President urges India, Pakistan to exercise maximum restraint

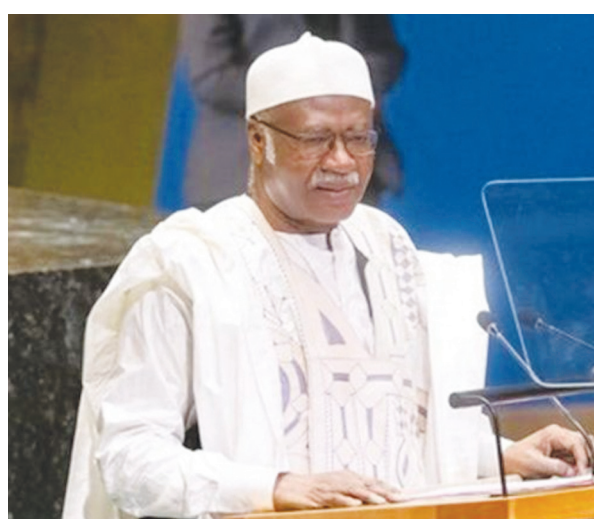
He called 'dialogue and diplomatic solutions' the only way to resolve differences and achieve long-lasting peace.

NEW YORK, May 8 (Agencies): UNGA President Philemon Yang on Thursday expressed concern over the "escalating hostilities" between India and Pakistan and called on both nations to exercise maximum restraint and an immediate de-escalation.

He reiterated his condemnation of all terrorist attacks and attacks conducted against civilians and civilian infrastructure. He called "dialogue and diplomatic solutions" the only way to resolve differences and achieve long-lasting peace.

In a statement shared on X, Yang stated, "I am deeply concerned about the escalating hostilities between India and Pakistan. I call for both sides to exercise maximum restraint and for an immediate de-escalation."

"I reiterate my con-



demnation of all terrorist attacks and attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure. I firmly believe that dialogue and diplomatic solutions in line with the UN Charter and international law are the only ways to resolve differences and achieve lasting peace and stability," he added.

His statement comes after Indian Armed Forces targeted ter-

rorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) under 'Operation Sindoor' on Wednesday in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

The strikes, conducted between 1:05 am and 1:30 am early on Wednesday, were a coordinated effort by the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, targeting nine terror camps

across Pakistan and PoJK based on credible intelligence.

Addressing a press briefing in Delhi on Wednesday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh outlined the objectives of the operation and provided details on destroyed terrorist camps. Four of the nine targeted terrorist camps are in Pakistan and the remaining in PoJK.

The operation, executed by the Indian Armed Forces, dismantled terror infrastructure linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and Hizbul Mujahideen. Colonel Qureshi detailed the targeted camps, stating that the four terrorist camps destroyed in Pakistan are Bawalpur, Muridke, Sarjal, and Mehmoona Joya. Wing Commander

Vyomika Singh elaborated on the operation's strategic intent, stating, "Operation Sindoor" was a retaliation to the horrific Pahalgam terror attack of April 22 to serve justice to the innocent victims and their families."

Meanwhile, the Indian Army has proportionately responded to the unprovoked small-arms and artillery guns firing by the Pakistani Army across the Line of Control (LoC) during the night of May 7 and May 8, as per the officials.

The Pakistani Army had resorted to firing in areas opposite in Kupwara and Baramulla districts and Uri and Akhnor sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

Following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, Pakistan has resorted to unprovoked small arms firing across the LoC, to which India has responded amply.

"Its all over social media": Pakistan Defence Minister fails to justify claim of downing Indian jets

ISLAMABAD, May 8 (Agencies): Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has exposed the misinformation campaign being run in Pakistan after Operation Sindoor destroyed nine terror sites.

Appearing on a CNN interview, Khawaja Asif bizzarely attributed his claims of Pakistan shooting down five Indian jets to evidence on Social media.

When asked for evidence of the claim that five Indian fighter jets were shot down, he responded, "It's all over the social media, on Indian social media, not on our social media. The debris of these jets fell into Kashmir. And it's all over Indian media today and they have admitted."

The Anchor replied, "I'm sorry we didn't ask you here to talk about social media content."

When asked further about the details regarding how the fighter jets were shot down and what equipment was used, Khawaja Asif could not reveal the plane used by Pakistani forces.

Asked about the evidence for the claim and

whether Pakistan used Chinese equipment to shoot down Indian jets, he said, "No, Chinese equipment. We have Chinese planes, JF-17 and JF-10. They are Chinese planes, but they are being manufactured, assembled in Pakistan now. We have very close to Islamabad, we have a facility over there where these planes are manufactured and if India can buy planes from France and use them, we can also buy planes from China or Russia or United States, UK and use them."

Earlier in April, Khawaja Asif made a huge admission by stating that Pakistan has been funding and backing terror groups in a viral video clip. In a video clip that has now gone viral, Pakistan's defence minister was in conversation with Sky News's Yalda Hakim, when she asks him, "But you do admit, you do admit, sir, that Pakistan has had a long history of backing and supporting and training and funding these terrorist organisations?"

In response, Asif said, "We have been doing this dirty work for the



United States for about 3 decades... and the west, including Britain... That was a mistake, and we suffered for that, and that is why you are saying this to me. If we had not joined the war against the Soviet Union and later on the war after 9/11, Pakistan's track record was unimpeachable." Asif's statement lays bare the fact that Pakistan, for many years, has been harbouring these terror groups.

On Wednesday, the Indian Armed Forces launched a strike at the terror hideouts deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir under

'Operation Sindoor' on Wednesday morning in response to the Pahalgam terrorist attack. Wing Commander Vyomika Singh informed that a total of nine terror sites were targeted and successfully destroyed. She asserted that the locations were selected so that there was no damage to civilians and their infrastructure.

Pakistan acknowledged the strikes and its impact. However, Pakistan started spreading claims that they have shot down five Indian fighter jets.

In light of this, the fact-checking team of India's Press Information Bureau (PIB) shared

numerous posts on X, in which they explained how Pakistani social media are sharing old and unrelated photos of crashed aircraft, claiming that they were downed Rafale.

One of the most prominent examples is a viral image falsely claiming that the Pakistan Army had shot down an Indian Rafale jet near Bahawalpur. The image, however, was debunked by PIB Fact Check, which confirmed that it was actually from a MiG-21 crash in Moga, Punjab, in 2021 -- entirely unrelated to current events.

Another brazen piece of misinformation surfaced in the form of a video falsely claiming that the Indian Army raised a white flag and surrendered at Chora Post. This fabricated narrative was amplified by Pakistan's Minister Attaullah Tarar, who publicly endorsed the claim without a shred of evidence. By lending official weight to an unverified and clearly false story, Tarar not only misled his own citizens but also actively contributed to the propaganda campaign.

Bangladesh's former President Abdul Hamid leaves country

DHAKA, May 8 (Agencies): Bangladesh's former President Abdul Hamid left the country nine months after the Awami League government was toppled in a student uprising. He left the country on a Thai Airways flight at 3:05 am (Local time) last night, a local news portal reported on Thursday.

After the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government, some of the senior Awami League leaders are in prison, some went abroad and rest are absconding. Many leaders have been charged with various crimes, including murder. Abdul Hamid, the two-term President of Bangladesh, is also facing a murder case.

Many Awami League leaders have been arrested at airports, land ports, or border areas while trying to flee abroad. But it is believed that the government has allowed this senior politician to travel abroad.

Abdul Hamid's wife and his brother-in-law have also left the country with him. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh



Hasina fled to India after the student-led uprising on August 5 last year.

An interim government was formed under the leadership of Nobel Laureate Muhammad eate Muhammad Yunus. Abdul Hamid has not been seen in public since then.

"According to Articles 34 and 102 of the Constitution, no Bangladeshi citizen can be prevented from travelling. Unless there is a specific ban from the court. We have not received any instructions to ban him. There was no request or application from the police to detain or arrest him in any case", online news website, Dhaka Post, reported quoting an airport official.

Earlier, Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia returned to Dhaka on Tuesday after undergoing medi-

cal treatment in London. She had gone to London on January 8 this year for treatment of various health complications.

Thousands of leaders and workers of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) lined both sides of the road from the airport to Khaleda Zia's residence in Gulshan area in Dhaka to welcome her. The leaders and workers were carrying placards with Khaleda Zia's picture, the BNP party flag, and Bangladesh's national flag.

The army was deployed to maintain security. Zia's two daughters-in-law, Zubaida Rahman and Sharmila Rahman, accompanied her. She returned home on a special plane sent by Qatar's Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. Zia's son Tarique Rahman has been living in London for the past 17 years due to various cases filed during the ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's tenure. He is currently serving as the acting chairman of BNP from abroad.

Talk on Fundamental Rights and duties organized by MIER College of Education



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: The School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSSH) at MIER College of Education hosted an insightful and engaging talk on “Fundamental Rights and Duties in the Indian Constitution” on May 5, 2025. The event aimed to deepen students' understanding of constitutional values and foster civic responsibility among youth.

Dr. Bindu Sangra, Senior Assistant Professor, The Law School, University of Jammu, served as the resource person.

Prof. Adit Gupta, Principal, MIER College of Education; Dr. Monika Bajaj, Head, School of Social Sciences and Humanities; Dr. Nishtha Rana, Head, School of Education; Dr. Bharti Tandon, Deputy Head SoE; Dr. Komal Sharma

NSS Programme Officer as well as faculty members from SSSH, students of Political Science and NSS volunteers attended the program.

The session began with a warm welcome address by Arzoo Sharma, a third-year student of B.A. (Hons.) Political Science. Dr. Bindu Sangra delivered a thought-provoking lecture that emphasized the foundational role of Fundamental Rights in Indian democracy and the complementary significance of Fundamental Duties in building a responsible citizenry.

Through lucid explanations, real-life examples, and references to landmark constitutional judgments, she made complex legal concepts accessible and relatable.

The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation from students, who posed thoughtful questions and engaged in meaningful dialogue, further enriching the learning experience.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Adit Gupta highlighted the critical role of Fundamental Rights in safeguarding individual freedoms and ensuring democratic participation. He underlined the importance of such academic events in promoting constitutional literacy and inspiring youth to live by the ideals enshrined in the Constitution.

As a token of appreciation, a green planter was presented to Dr. Bindu Sangra, symbolizing gratitude and a shared commitment to sustainability and civic values.

Pihu Bhardwaj, a third-year student, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging Dr. Sangra's valuable insights and the overall impact of the session.

The talk was successfully coordinated by Dr. Nandini Puri, Programme Coordinator, Political Science and concluded on a high note, leaving students with a renewed awareness of their constitutional rights and duties and a deeper appreciation for active citizenship.

KPC hails “Operation Sandor” as a defining moment in Bharat’s fight against terrorism

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: The Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) on Wednesday hailed the successful execution of “Operation Sandor” as a historic milestone in India's ongoing war against terrorism.

The organization extended its heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and the Indian defence establishment for what it called a “flawless and

bold strike” that resonates far beyond military triumph.

In a powerful statement, KPC President Kundan Kashmiri described the operation as not merely a tactical success but a civilizational message against the enemies of peace and Bharat's sovereignty.

“For the displaced and persecuted Kashmiri Pandit community, this mission carries immense emotional and moral weight — symbolizing justice for the brutalities we endured

during the decades-long Islamist terror regime,” Kashmiri said, citing massacres at Wandhama, Nadimarg, Sangrampur, and Pulwama as haunting examples of unresolved trauma.

KPC strongly demanded the complete eradication of all terrorist elements and their sympathizers, including figures like Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar, Syed Salahuddin, and Dawood Ibrahim, as well as their overground and underground networks operating within India. “There must be

zero tolerance for any ideological, logistical, or political enablers of terrorism,” the statement emphasized.

The KPC also saluted the Indian Armed Forces, the Chiefs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and especially National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, lauding their strategic foresight and execution.

“Their unmatched valour and planning have once again put Bharat's enemies on the defensive,” said Kashmiri.

KPC further urged the

Indian government to pursue sustained operations until Pakistan dismantles its entire terror infrastructure and publicly ceases its anti-India rhetoric and support for extremist agendas.

“Operation Sandor has reignited hope among Kashmiri Pandits that while justice may be delayed, it is not denied. This is a turning point in modern Indian history — a moment that restores dignity to thousands of sacrifices and reinforces the nation's united stand against terrorism,” KPC concluded.

Infosys and ICT Academy Honours “Centre of Excellence” to Dogra Degree College



Top News Report

SAMBA, May 8: Dogra Degree College has added yet another milestone to its journey of academic excellence and innovation by being conferred with the prestigious title of “Centre of

Excellence” by Infosys and ICT Academy. This significant recognition highlights the college's relentless commitment to providing industry-relevant education, skill development, and future-ready learning experiences.

The Certificate of Excellence was presented to Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary, Dogra Educational Trust, by Lovetesh Kumar, Senior Manager, Academic operations, ICT Academy.

The event was graced by Dr. Bela Thakur, Principal, Dogra Degree College and Dr. Dharamveer Sharma, Dean, Dogra Group of Colleges.

This recognition will further empower Dogra Degree College to strengthen its training modules, faculty development programmes, and industry-aligned initiatives with the continued support of Infosys and ICT Academy.

Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Bela Thakur (Principal, Dogra Degree College) and Lovetesh Kumar, Senior Manager, Academic Operations, ICT Academy for their continued collaboration in promoting academic and professional excellence.

This recognition not only celebrates Dogra Degree College's achievements but also reinforces its vision of transforming students into globally competent professionals.

GDC Thathri celebrates World Red Cross Day 2025 with enthusiasm, humanity



Top News Report

THATHRI, May 8: The Red Ribbon Club of Government Degree College (GDC) Thathri organized a vibrant series of events to commemorate World Red Cross Day 2025 under the theme “On the Side of Humanity.” The celebrations, held from May 5 to May 8, 2025, took place under the guidance and patronage of College Principal

Dr. Javid Iqbal, who in his inaugural address lauded the selfless contributions of Red Cross volunteers toward the betterment of humanity.

The event lineup included an awareness session, essay writing, symposium, and painting competitions, attracting the participation of over 25 students who passionately expressed their vision and dedication to serve society. The students shared

thoughtful insights and reiterated their commitment to creating a better world.

Heads of various departments graced the occasion and highlighted the importance of celebrating World Red Cross Day. The events were successfully coordinated by Prof. Deepak Raj, Nodal Officer of the Red Ribbon Club, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all contributors in his vote of thanks.

IRCS J&K celebrates World Red Cross Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory joins the global Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in celebrating World Red Cross Day, 2025 with great pride and reverence at Red Cross Bhawan, Kachi Chawni, Jammu, Red Cross Building, Exchange Road Srinagar and across the J&K at district Headquarters were Deputy Commissioners presided the programs on Thursday to celebrate the humanitarian work which the society does to alleviate the suffering of vulnerable people affected by conflicts, disasters, and health emergencies. Observed annually on May 8, the day commemorates the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross Movement and the first Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

This year's theme, “On the Side of Humanity,” reflects the core mission of the Red Cross: standing by communities in need, offering hope, and delivering impar-



tial humanitarian assistance. It also serves as a powerful reminder of the universal values of compassion, unity, and service that guide our efforts every day.

On this important occasion, the J&K UT Branch extends heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the dedicated volunteers and staff members across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Their unwavering commitment to humanitarian service—whether in times of disaster, public health emergencies, or day-to-day community care—embodies the spirit of the Red Cross.

“Our volunteers and staff are the real heroes behind every relief effort,

health drive, and humanitarian response,” said Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, IRCS, J&K UT Branch. “Today, we honour their courage, compassion, and tireless service to humanity. Whether in the mountains of Kashmir or the plains of Jammu, their presence has made a lasting difference in countless lives.”

As part of the celebrations, the J&K Branch is organizing a range of activities across the UT, including Painting event at Red Cross Bhawan for students of different schools, Poster making competition, First-Aid Online Training to the Soldiers of Military Hospital, Kargil, First-Aid

Awareness at SKAUST, Srinagar, Menstrual Hygiene and Free Sanitary Napkins distribution camp for the female students of Govt. Degree College, Akhnoor, Jammu, awareness drives, disaster preparedness workshops, youth engagement programs during the week to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of “Sir Jean Henry Dunant”.

The Indian Red Cross Society calls upon individuals, institutions, and civil society in Jammu & Kashmir to come forward and join this humanitarian movement—to extend a hand, to uplift the vulnerable, and to always stand “On the Side of Humanity.”

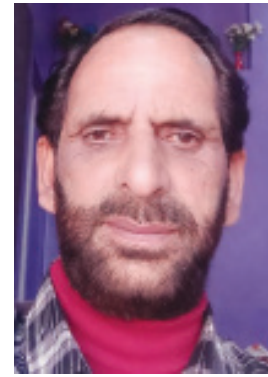
Ajeet Bhagat welcomes Operation Sindhoor, urges safety measures for border residents

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 8: Senior leader of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference and spokesperson for the Chenab Valley Zone, Ajeet Bhagat, has extended his full support to the Indian Army's successful Operation Sindhoor, which targets terrorist camps across the border in Pakistan.

Describing the operation as a “proud moment for every Indian,” Bhagat praised the courage and precision demonstrated by the armed forces, stating that the offensive has effectively spread fear among terror elements operating across the border.

In light of potential retaliatory threats, Bhagat called on the Government of India to take immediate steps to ensure the safety of civilians living in



border areas. “The success of the operation is commendable, but it is equally important to protect the lives of our border residents who may be vulnerable to retaliatory attacks,” he said.

He urged the authorities to arrange safe relocation, food, shelter, and medical facilities for affected residents. Emphasizing the potential volatility in the coming days, Bhagat also appealed to the administration to stay on high alert and be ready to respond swiftly to any emergency situation.

“The coming days may be challenging. The administration must be fully prepared to deal with all scenarios and prioritize the safety of people living close to the Line of Control,” Bhagat concluded.

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‘Operation Sindoor continues’: Rajnath Singh tells all-party meet

Sabha, were present at the meeting, which was also attended by Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, besides BJP president and Health minister J P Nadda.

In retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack, Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes early Wednesday on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, including the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold of Baha-

walpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base Muridke.

The military strikes were carried out under ‘Operation Sindoor’ two weeks after the massacre of 26 civilians in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

The government had earlier called an all-party meeting on April 24 to brief leaders on the attack.

High alert sounded in Rajasthan border districts, leaves of govt employees cancelled

emergencies.

The Home Department has instructed all District Collectors, especially those in border districts — Ganganagar, Bikaner, Phalodi, Jaisalmer, and Barmer — to maintain close coordination with the army and central agencies.

Key instructions issued include ensuring hospitals are equipped with life-saving medicines and sufficient blood supplies, identifying and preparing safe zones with backup power (generators) for emergencies, acting swiftly against any provocative content or misinformation on social media, monitoring food supplies, discouraging hoarding, and ensuring availability of essentials.

Fuel pumps have been asked to stock adequate quantities of petrol and diesel.

Directions to prepare evacuation plans for border villages in case of escalations and compiling a list of vulnerable locations, and strengthening security at these sites have also been issued.

In Jodhpur, District Collector Gaurav Agrawal announced late at night holidays for all government, private schools, colleges, anganwadi and coaching institutes. Also, exams to be held on May 8th have been postponed.

Barmer District Collector Tina Dabi has announced holidays for all government and private schools, anganwadis, and madrasas from May 8 in response to any emergency situation.

In Jaisalmer, District Collector Pratap Singh Nathawat has issued closure orders for all educational

institutions. Additionally, a 4-hour blackout was imposed in Jaisalmer from 12 midnight to 4 a.m. on Thursday to enhance operational security.

Sri Ganganagar and Bikaner District Collectors Dr. Manju (Sri Ganganagar) and Namrata Vrishni (Bikaner) have announced school closures until further notice, citing heightened tensions along the border.

These precautionary steps have been taken as India prepares for potential retaliation from Pakistan following Operation Sindoor.

Thirteen civilians killed in Pakistan's ceasefire viola-

tions along LoC in Poonch

Jammu and Kashmir,” a military official said.

“The Indian Army responded proportionately,” the official added.

In view of the escalating tension, the authorities have ordered that all educational institutions in five border districts of Jammu region will remain closed for the second day on Thursday.

Uttarakhand: 5 killed in Uttarkashi helicopter crash

injured and investigate the accident,” he said.

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Department of Botany GDC Kishtwar establishes first-ever vertical garden using scrap bottles



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KISHTWAR, May 8: In a landmark initiative promoting sustainability and innovation, the Department of Botany at Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar has successfully established the institution's first-ever vertical garden using recycled plastic bottles. This pioneering green venture was undertaken under the patronage of Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal and the leadership and support of Prof. Satish Kumar, Head of the Department of Botany.

The vertical garden project was executed under the guidance and close supervision of Prof. Asma Javaid. Students of Semester VI enthusiastically participated in the initiative, actively contributing to every stage — from collecting and painting the bottles to arranging and planting them. Over 50 plastic bottles were reused creatively as plant holders.

The vertical garden now showcases a vibrant selection of plants, including

Salvia, Catharanthus, Dianthus, Geraniums and various succulents.

The planting process was carried out by the dedicated faculty of the Botany Department — Prof. Asma Javaid, Dr. Deepak Chauhan, Dr. Hassan Jaleel, Dr. Arshad, and Dr. Opendar Surmal. Dr. Shazia Tabassum from the Department of Zoology also extended her support to the project.

The contributions of Jahangeer Sheikh and Shahid Hussain Giri were particularly commendable, and appreciation is also extended to Talat Samreen and Rehan Kousar for their valuable assistance. The initiative received praise and encouragement from senior faculty members, including Mr. Nain Kumar, HoD Department of Physics, Prof. Ajeet, and Prof. Jai Deep, who lauded the team's innovative approach and commitment to environmental conservation. This project stands as a testament to the college's ongoing commitment to eco-friendly practices and student-led innovation.

Mini-Super Bazar M-PACS Maitra inaugurated in Ramban



Top News Report

RAMBAN, May 8: The Cooperative Mini-Super Bazar M-PACS Maitra, established by the Cooperative Department Ramban under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, with a project cost of Rs. 95.42 lakh, was formally inaugurated today for public service.

The state-of-the-art retail facility was jointly inaugurated by Chairperson, District Development Council Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan, and Member Legislative Assembly Ramban, Arjun Singh Raju. The inauguration ceremony was held in the august presence of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary; Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Sh. Kulbir Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Varunjeet Singh Charak; Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Societies, Pri-

yanka Sharma; along with prominent citizens, officers from various departments, and officials of the Cooperative Department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson emphasized the significance of strengthening grassroots-level cooperative institutions for boosting the local economy and creating self-sustaining employment avenues. She lauded the department's efforts in executing the project efficiently and hoped that the Mini-Super Bazar would meet the essential commodity needs of the public at fair prices.

The MLA congratulated the Cooperative Department and the district administration for completing this public-centric initiative. He stressed the importance of such cooperative ventures in enhancing market access for local producers and generating economic opportunities in rural and semi-

urban areas.

The Deputy Commissioner advised the Cooperative Department and the managing staff to ensure quality services, maintain transparency, and adopt people-friendly practices. He highlighted the potential of the Mini-Super Bazar to serve as a model for similar projects in other parts of the district and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to empowering cooperative institutions for inclusive development.

Earlier, the Deputy Registrar, gave the detailed briefing of Cooperative Mini Super Bazar, she emphasized that Cooperative Mini super Bazar would also cater to the farmers of the area who deal in production of organic and local products by giving them a platform to sell their produce to the customers. The Mini Super Bazar houses a special organic and local produce section for that purpose, so that the local farmers of the area can sell their produce at competitive prices instead of falling prey to distress selling at low prices. The project also would lead to employment generation for the youth of the area and would also go a long way in enhancing the financial prospects of the society.

The newly inaugurated Mini-Super Bazar is expected to cater to a wide range of consumer needs, promoting fair trade practices, providing market linkage to local products and boosting cooperative-retail in the region.

NSUI urges postponement of State Eligibility Test amid security concerns in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Amid the ongoing crisis and heightened tensions in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) has formally requested the postponement of the State Eligibility Test (SET) scheduled for May 11, 2025.

Led by NSUI State President Ajay Lakhotra, the organization cited the war-like situation, regional shutdowns, mobility restrictions, and overall security threats as major obstacles that could severely compromise the safety of candidates and staff, as well as the fairness of the examination process.

"The current environment has disrupted normal life, making it

extremely difficult for aspirants to travel to exam centers or focus on preparation. Safety and well-being must be the top priority," said Lakhotra.

He stressed that conducting the exam under such conditions would not only endanger lives but also deny many candidates a fair chance to perform.

NSUI called on the SET authorities to issue a prompt and transparent response, postponing the examination to a date when conditions have normalized.

Reaffirming its commitment to student welfare, NSUI said it would continue to advocate for the rights and safety of students across the Union Territory during this critical period.

Inter-School Zonal Level U14/U17 tournaments begin across Bhagwah, Thathri and Bhatyas Zones

Top News Report

DODA, May 8: The Inter-School Zonal Level Tournaments for Under-14 and Under-17 Boys and Girls commenced today in Bhagwah, Thathri, and Bhatyas Zones.

The much-anticipated event aims to promote physical fitness, discipline, and team spirit among school students through structured sports competitions.

About 900 students from across various schools of three zones are taking part in the tournaments, competing in a wide range of events including Kabaddi, Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Yoga, Chess, Carrom, and Athletics. These events are designed not only to identify emerging sports talent at the grassroots level but also to provide a platform for students to qualify for higher-level competitions.

The tournaments were officially inaugurated by the respective Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs) of Bhagwah, Thathri, and Bhatyas, who were present alongside staff members of the Youth Services and Sports Department. The inauguration ceremonies were marked by enthusiastic participation from both students and sports officials, highlighting the spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition.

KC Public School students get accolades from IIT Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Seventy-five students and three teachers of KC Public School were recently awarded drone technology workshop participation certificates by IIT Jammu.

The three-day workshop conducted by Jaskirat aimed to educate students about design, the latest advancements in drone technology and its applications in various industries.

Jaskirat Singh, who specializes in drone technology and its applications, shared his knowledge and expertise with the students of KC Public School.

The workshop covered topics such as drone design, operation, regulations, and potential career opportunities in the field.

The students had

hands-on experience of assembling drones and were a part of a live flying demonstration. The students also participated in interactive quiz and group discussions.

The workshop received an overwhelming response from the students, who actively participated in hands-on activities and demonstrations conducted by Jaskirat Singh. The interactive nature of the workshop allowed students to gain practical knowledge and experience in drone technology.

The workshop was coordinated by Surbhi Mahajan, Kapil Kashyap and Shelza Kapoor, STEM incharges of the school.

"We are grateful to IIT Jammu and Jaskirat Singh for sharing his expertise with us and inspiring our students

to explore opportunities in the field of drone technology," said Amarendra Kumar Mishra, Principal of the school.

"At KC Public School, we are committed to providing our students with access to the latest technologies and equipping them with the skills they need to succeed in the ever-evolving world. It is crucial for our students to stay updated on the latest advancements in technology, and this workshop has provided them with valuable insights into the world of drones" he added.

The workshop not only sparked interest in drone technology but also encouraged students to think outside the box and consider innovative career paths. KC Public School will keep hosting more such engaging workshops to nurture the curiosity and passion of its students.

BJP leaders visit border refugee camps, demand strengthened relief measures for displaced families



Top News Report

Jammu, 08 May 2025: Amidst the continued cross-border shelling by Pakistan, senior BJP leaders paid a visit to the refugee camps established for residents of border areas forced to migrate for safety. The camps, set up at Degree College Mishriwala and Radha Swami Ashram in Kangrail, are currently sheltering people from villages like Garhkhaal and Pargwal, which have been heavily targeted.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), Sham Lal Sharma, Vice-President, J&K BJP & MLA, Mohan Lal Bhagat, MLA Akhnoor, Suraj Singh, DDC Vice-Chairperson, accompanied by many other senior leaders of BJP and government officials visited the Refugee Camps.

Addressing the media and residents at the camp, Sat Sharma expressed deep concern over the targeting of civilians by Pakistan.

"As decisive retaliation to the brutal massacre of tourists in Pahalgam India effectively busted terrorists' locations. In frustration, Pakistan has resorted to cowardly shelling of civilian areas. In this hour of crisis, our priority is the safety and well-being of our citizens", said Sat Sharma.

Sharma said that approximately 300

individuals from around 70 families had been relocated to temporary shelters to protect them from the ongoing threat. He also called upon BJP workers to actively participate in relief and rescue operations, reaffirming the party's commitment to stand with the people during difficult times.

Sunil Sharma echoed these sentiments and appealed to the administration to provide the best possible amenities to ease the hardships of the displaced. He underlined the need for maintaining consistent and adequate supplies like baby milk, medicines and other essentials as well as sanitary conditions in the camps.

Jugal Kishore Sharma commended the Indian armed forces for their effective response to the terrorist activities. "Under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our forces have shown the world the strength and resolve of Bharat. The dismantling of terrorist infrastructure is a clear message to those who threaten our peace," he said. Ravinder Raina, senior BJP leader visited Bajabai Camp and Kangri Camp in Nowshera Assembly Constituency and met the people shifted from LoC Meenaka Nahadev and Kalai Dubara (Seri) to these Camps and took stock of the arrangements made in these camps.

BJP leaders visit GMC Jammu to assess condition of injured civilians amid cross-border shelling

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: Senior BJP leaders visited Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, to meet the injured and assess the medical response being provided, amid ongoing cross-border shelling.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), accompanied by other BJP leaders visited Government Medical College, Jammu to inquire about the well-being of the injured in the ongoing shelling from across the borders.

They were accompanied by BJP Jammu District President Rajesh Gupta, along with party leaders Ravikant, Kushant Prajapati, and others.



During the visit, the leaders interacted with doctors, hospital staff, and family members of the injured civilians. They reviewed the medical facilities and inquired into the nature of injuries sustained in the shelling.

Expressing deep concern over the situation, Sat Sharma condemned the unprovoked shelling by Pakistan, labeling

it a "cowardly act" deliberately targeting innocent civilians. The visit underlines the party's solidarity with the border residents and its unwavering commitment to national security and humanitarian response, he said.

"Many people have been injured and lives have been lost. It is not just the responsibility of the government, but

also of civil administration and all political parties to ensure that the citizens of our country are protected from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity," said Sat Sharma. He further stressed the need to provide the best possible medical treatment to the injured, assuring that BJP stands with the victims and their families.

Sunil Sharma reiterated the importance of strengthening emergency healthcare infrastructure. "Every life is precious. Our hospitals must be well-equipped and ready to handle a sudden influx of casualties. Immediate care and proper stabilization must be ensured, not just for civilians but also for our brave security personnel," he stated.

World Red Cross Day observed at Udhampur

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, MAY 08: Like other parts of the country, world Red Cross day was today celebrated at District Udhampur wherein Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai was the chief guest.

IAS Probationer Seerat Baji, District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta and other officers, besides staff members and students attended the programme. The District Red Cross society organized a Symposium contest on the theme "On the side of humanity" in

which 10 students from different educational institutions participated and threw light on the given topic.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlighted the crucial role of Red Cross in enlightening Humanity and emphasized that need of the hour is unity among the society, cordial behaviour and conflict resolution. She encouraged the students to act as brand Ambassadors to spread the message of humanity and said "We as a society owe responsibility in fostering unity in the society."

Dhoni on IPL future: Nothing to decide now, will take a call later

Decision on his future will depend on how his body responds to pressure of hard work in next six to eight months

KOLKATA, May 8 (Agencies): Chennai Super Kings captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni says "there is no escaping the fact" that he is in the twilight of his IPL career but a decision on his future will depend on how his body responds to the pressure of hard work in the next six to eight months.

The former India captain, who is being met with a sea of adoring fans in yellow at every venue he goes to, is well aware of the emotions and his passionate followers' desire to be there when he plays his last game.

"That is the love and affection I have gotten throughout. Not to forget I am 42 (43). I have played a long time. A lot of them don't know when it is going to be my last time, so they want to come and see me play," Dhoni said after CSK's two-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders here.

Dhoni, who underwent a knee



surgery in 2023, has continued to battle fitness concerns. CSK head coach Stephen Fleming recently admitted that the veteran "can't bat 10 overs running full stick." All of this has contributed in building speculation that the ongoing season is his last outing in the league.

The enigmatic wicketkeeper-batter said he is fully aware of where he stands in his storied

career right now but will not make a decision without deliberating hard over it and fully assessing his fitness.

"There is no escaping the fact (that I am in the last phase of my career). After this IPL gets over, I have to work hard for another 6-8 months to see if my body can take this pressure."

"Nothing to decide now but the love and affection I have seen is

excellent," Dhoni said.

The win was only the third of CSK's disappointing season marred by inconsistency. With play-off hopes dashed, Dhoni said the focus is now on testing bench strength.

"There were a few things that did not go our way. You could get emotional about it, talk about the pride factor but you have to be practical about it."

"(You) want to be competitive but you also want answers - which batter can fit where, which bowler can bowl where, according to the conditions and all. When we started, hardly anyone was scoring."

"We are out of the tournament, so you give them a chance, see how they react. It is the approach, the mental toughness that you want to check. The most technically-correct batter does not always score the runs, if you have good awareness...there is a chance to be consistent."

India skipper Rohit retires from Tests, to continue in ODIs



NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma announced his retirement from Test cricket but said he will continue playing One-day Internationals which have been his strong suit. The 38-year-old had quit T20 Internationals immediately after leading India to their second 20-overs World Cup title in West Indies last year. "Hello everyone, I would like to share that I am retiring from Test cricket," Rohit posted on Instagram.

"It's been an absolute honour to represent my country in whites. Thank

you for all the love and support over the years. I will continue to represent India in the ODI (One Day International) format."

Jasprit Bumrah, Rohit's deputy in the Test squad, led the side in two Tests in Australia last season in Rohit's absence but the Indian cricket board (BCCI) may not task a fast bowler with full-time captaincy given their injury-prone nature.

India will kick off their Test season with a five-match series in England beginning in Leeds on June 20.

A late bloomer in the long format, Rohit retires with 4,301 runs including 12 hundreds from 67 Tests with an average of 40.57.

Rohit is a 50-overs stalwart with three 200-plus scores, including a 264 against Sri Lanka, which remains the highest individual score in men's ODIs.

An elegant right-hander when on song, Rohit could not reach the same height in Test cricket though and had just one hundred in his last 19 innings. His prolonged run drought forced the India captain to take the drastic step of dropping himself from a Sydney Test against Australia earlier this year.

Rohit led India to the final of the 50-overs World Cup in 2023 and also captained them to their Champions Trophy victory earlier this year.

"Thank you, Captain. End of an era in whites..." the BCCI wrote on X.

Amid distractions, desperate DC face in-form Punjab Kings in must-win clash

DHARAMSALA, May 8 (Agencies): While many of the Indian cities observed a 10-minute 'blackout', the HPCA Stadium was shining bright under floodlights, a day ahead of the IPL match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals.

Amid rumours of rescheduling of the IPL matches at Dharamsala due to closure of the Kangra-Gaggal airport and concerns over using the floodlights owing to security threat, the Kings carried out a training session at their second home ground in the evening. The Capitals opted for a gym training session, considering the continuous rain in the afternoon.

The practice sessions were postponed by almost two hours. While speculations of the match's cancellation were doing the rounds, coaches of both the teams reached the venue to confirm the match would go on.

However, with the escalating tension between India and Pakistan and rain expected on Thursday, the game will be held in less than ideal conditions.

Delhi Capitals will be desperate to return to winning ways and stay in contention for the playoffs. The side has endured three losses and a no-result due to rain in their last five games.

"We just can't deny the slump. We are definitely working on it, and the coming matches are very important for us," said head coach Hemang Badani. "We

won four matches and that too against strong teams."

In the last match, their top-order collapsed and if it was not for Tristan Stubbs and Ashutosh Sharma, the side could have been bowled out for less than 100.

On the other hand, Punjab Kings come into the game fresh from their heroics against Lucknow Super Giants here. The Kings are looking for another home win — especially amid rumours that their next game against Mumbai Indians could be shifted out of here — to all but seal a playoffs berth.

The Kings have been sensational this season. Their top-order has been rock solid, with opener Prabhsimran Singh providing flying starts and accumulating 437 runs.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer has scored 405 runs, including four fifties, and the presence of the in-form Shashank Singh in the middle-order give their batting depth.

It will be interesting to see how the Capitals use their attack led by Mitchell Starc and Kuldeep Yadav.

"The last match was really good... a lot of positives, especially from Prabhsimran. We are expecting it to be another high scoring game. The conditions are good and we are planning to get the best out of all the matches now," said Sunil Joshi, Kings' spinning bowling coach.

Red-hot RCB aim to seal play-off spot against under-pressure LSG

LUCKNOW, May 8 (Agencies): Royal Challengers Bengaluru would look to secure play-off qualification while the struggling Lucknow Super Giants will aim to stay alive in the tournament when the two sides clash in the Indian Premier League here on Friday.

Pressure is mounting on LSG skipper Rishabh Pant with every passing game, with his lack of runs coinciding with the team's slide in the business end of the tournament.

LSG have lost four of their last five games and can only reach 16 points if they win their remaining three games. 18 is a much safer number in the play-offs race and RCB would back themselves to get there after winning five of their last six games.

Pant, who became the highest-paid player at the IPL auction, has had a season to forget thus far. He has tried batting at different positions but consistency has eluded him. His strike rate of 99.92 sums up his struggles this season.

LSG have relied heavily on their top three, including Mitchell Marsh, Aiden Markram and Nicholas Pooran, but that will to have change if they are to go



deep in the tournament.

"The dream is still alive. If we are going to win the next three matches, we definitely can turn it around. It makes sense when your top order is batting really well. Every match you can't hope they will come off nicely," said Pant following the loss to Punjab Kings in Dharamsala.

On the bowling front as well, they can improve a lot. Injury-prone pace sensation Mayank Yadav has proved expensive since his comeback. The fielding and catching of the team has also left a lot to be desired.

Chasing an elusive title, RCB,

on the other hand, have enjoyed one of their most professional campaigns in IPL history.

Virat Kohli continues to pile on the runs with ridiculous consistency, having collected seven fifties in 11 innings.

He provides the platform and the likes of Rajat Patidar and more recently Romario Shepherd flex their muscle in the death overs.

Mayank Agarwal has joined the squad as a replacement for injured Devdutt Padikkal, who had reinvented himself this season.

The spin duo of Krunal Pandya

and Suyash Sharma has been very effective while Josh Hazlewood and Yash Dayal have bowled the difficult overs with ease in the pace department.

LSG will need to come up with something special to halt the RCB juggernaut.

Squads:

LSG: Nicholas Pooran, Ravi Bishnoi, Mayank Yadav, Ayush Badoni, Rishabh Pant (c & wk), David Miller, Aiden Markram, Mitchell Marsh, Avesh Khan, Abdul Samad, Aryan Juyal, Akash Deep, Himmat Singh, Manimaran Siddharth, Digvesh Singh, Shahbaz Ahmed, Akash Singh, Shamar Joseph, Prince Yadav, Yuvraj Chaudhary, RS Hangargekar, Arshin Kulkarni, Matthew Breetzke, Mohsin Khan.

RCB: Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar ©, Swastik Chikara, Mayank Agarwal, Jitesh Sharma, Philip Salt, Manoj Bhandage, Tim David, Krunal Pandya, Liam Livingstone, Romario Shepherd, Jacob Bethell, Swapnil Singh, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Josh Hazlewood, Nuwan Thushara, Lungi Ngidi, Yash Dayal, Rasikh Dar Salam, Suyash Sharma, Mohit Rathee, Abhinandan Singh.

Match starts 7.30 IST.

KKR's Varun Chakravarthy fined, handed demerit point for breaching IPL Code of Conduct

KOLKATA, May 8 (Agencies): Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) spinner Varun Chakravarthy was fined 25 percent of his match fees and handed a demerit point following breaching of the Indian Premier League (IPL) Code of Conduct during his side's match against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the Eden Gardens on Wednesday, the league's official website reported.

The league's official website issued a media statement announcing the same. Notably, during the match, Varun was seen giving a send-off to Dewald Brevis, signalling with his index finger to go back after he dismissed the CSK batter.

"Varun Chakaravarthi, Bowler, Kolkata Knight Riders has been fined 25 per cent of his match fees and has also accumulated One Demerit Point for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct during his team's match against Chennai Super Kings at the Eden Gardens on Wednesday," said the media statement from IPL.

Varun admitted to the Level 1 offence under Article 2.5 and accepted the Match Referee's sanction.

For Level 1 breaches of the Code of Conduct, the Match Referee's decision is final and binding.



After winning the toss, KKR opted to bat first. A second wicket 58-run stand between skipper Ajinkya Rahane (48 in 33 balls, with four boundaries and two sixes) and Sunil Narine (26 in 17 balls, with four boundaries and a six) propelled KKR forward with a fine run-rate.

After that, knocks from Andre Russell (38 in 21 balls, with four boundaries and three sixes) and Manish Pandey (36* in 28 balls, with a four and six) helped KKR reach 179/6 in their 20 overs.

Noor Ahmed (4/31) topped the bowling charts for CSK while Anshul Kamboj and Ravindra Jadeja got a piece each.

In the run-chase, CSK was reduced to 60/5 in 5.2 overs. A counter-attacking 51 from Dewald Brevis (in 25 balls, with four fours

and four sixes) and his 67-run stand with Shivam Dube brought back some momentum to Men in Yellow. Dube (45 in 40 balls, with two fours and three sixes) continued being the aggressor in his 43-run partnership with skipper MS Dhoni, taking CSK to the brink of a win.

However, in a twist, Vaibhav Arora got both Dube and Noor Ahmed in the penultimate over, leaving CSK with eight to get in final over, with two wickets left.

Dhoni (17* in 18 balls, with a six) pulled off the finish fans wanted from him, tonking Andre Russell for a six on first ball of the final over and let Anshul hit the winning runs. CSK finished at 183/8 in 19.4 overs, getting their third win of the season.

Vaibhav Arora leaked runs, but was the pick of the bowlers for KKR with 3/48 in three overs. Varun Chakravarthy (2/18) and Harshit Rana (2/43) were also among the wicket-takers for KKR.

With three wins and nine losses, CSK still stays at the bottom of the points table. KKR currently has 11 points, with five wins, six losses and a no result in 12 matches. Their playoff chances have taken a serious hit as they sit at the sixth spot.

Hours after grand father's death, Ayush Kumar displays grit to inspire Bihar to historic Sepak Takraw silver

PATNA, May 8 (Agencies): It was a day of mixed emotions for Ayush Kumar, who showcased remarkable grit and determination as part of the Bihar team that underlined its rising stature in Sepak Takraw by clinching the men's team silver after going down 1-2 to powerhouse Manipur in a tantalising final of the Khelo India Youth Games 2025.

Manipur girls ensured their dominance continued as they joined their State-mates on top of the podium after beating Kerala 2-0 in the summit clash.

The final matches of the Sepak Takraw event, making its debut in the Khelo India Youth Games 2025 Bihar, were played in front of a packed crowd, reflecting the State's growing passion for the sport, which is now among its 14 priority disciplines.

Ayush, a member of the third Regu in the team competition, competed despite suffering a personal loss earlier in the day with the passing of his 78-year-old grandfather. Standing firm in the face of adversity, he chose to continue until the very end of the competition.

On the sidelines, his 19-year-old sister Khusbu, a Sepak Takraw player herself, tried to contain her grief while cheering for her younger brother. With teary eyes and a



phone in hand to stay updated on the rituals back home, she managed to stay strong, often stepping aside to cry in private, just to ensure Ayush remained focused on the game.

"He (grandfather) was unwell for some time, was in the hospital for the last few days. We were expecting him to get better, but he passed away today. He was really close to both of us and today is probably the biggest day in Ayush's career so far," said Khusbu.

Born to an auto-driver from the city, Ayush and his sister started their journey in the sport only four years back but hope that the KIYG medal will not only inspire him but other budding athletes to take up

Sepak Takraw as a career.

Despite the personal setback, the 14-year-old Ayush Kumar managed to keep his emotions under check on the court, as the Bihar team came up with impressive performances throughout, to eventually finish a close second.

The men's final witnessed a tantalising contest with the pendulum swinging till the final set of the third Regu. After Manipur comfortably took the first Regu, Bihar bounced back in style to win the second and take the contest to the decider. In the final Regu, Manipur came back from a 1-0 deficit to take the next two sets and eventually the top spot on the podium.

In contrast, the women's final witnessed a one-sided contest with Manipur girls dominating the court throughout. Earlier, Manipur sailed into the final after getting the better of Andhra Pradesh 2-0 in the first semifinal while Kerala defeated Haryana by a similar margin to advance to the gold medal contest.

Results:

Men's team final: Manipur beat Bihar 2-1 (8-15, 15-8, 15-9) (11-15, 12-15, 15-11) (8-15, 8-15). Bronze medals: Andhra Pradesh and Delhi.

Women's team final: Manipur beat Kerala 2-0 (15-4, 15-7, 15-9); Bronze medals: Nagaland and Delhi.

Dr Jitendra reviews situation with Div Com, DCs of Jammu division

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, May 8: In the backdrop of the current developments in Jammu & Kashmir, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday held a comprehensive review of the situation with key civil administration officials from the Jammu division to assess preparedness on the ground, particularly regarding civil defence, emergency services and public reassurance measures.

The review meeting, among others, was attended by Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Abhishek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri; Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Kathua; . Vikas Kundal, Deputy Commissioner Poonch; and Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Samba. Each officer spoke in turn and shared detailed, forthcoming inputs on key aspects such as civil defence preparedness, transport arrangements, upkeep of bunkers, functioning of evacuee camps and reinforcement of medical care.

In a detailed review, Dr. Jitendra Singh assessed the administrative preparedness and



measures taken to build public confidence in light of recent developments. He commended the district teams for their prompt and effective actions. The officers shared comprehensive updates on civil defence readiness, transport arrangements, maintenance of bunkers, establishment of relief camps and reinforcement of medical care. Clear instructions have

also been issued to curb the spread of misinformation and fake news across social media and other platforms.

Dr. Jitendra Singh commended the prompt and effective steps taken by the respective district teams, noting their efforts in managing the evolving situation with efficiency and sensitivity. "All the officers were forthcoming in sharing inputs

and updates. I must appreciate the swift action and coordination displayed by each of the district administrations," he said.

A key point of discussion was the need to curb the spread of misinformation. Clear directives are in place to monitor and act against fake news and rumours circulating on social media and other platforms, in order to maintain public trust and calm.

Dr. Jitendra reaffirmed that the situation is being closely monitored and managed under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a "whole of government" plus "whole of nation" approach. He encouraged the district officials to remain in regular touch with his office and maintain proactive engagement with citizens to strengthen confidence on the ground.

Highlighting the vulnerability of International Border (IB) villages like those in Kathua and Samba, the Minister reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to ensuring civilian safety. Together, we are ensuring that the administration stays ahead of any challenge," the Minister said, as he concluded the meeting with a call for continued coordination and vigilance.

GGM Science College conducts Civil Defence awareness program, mock drill to promote emergency preparedness

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: In a significant step towards fostering a culture of safety and preparedness, GGM Science College, under the leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, organized an awareness program on Civil Defence along with a live Mock Drill.

The event, held on campus, was designed to educate and train students, faculty, and non-teaching staff on effective emergency response strategies in the face of unforeseen threats or disasters.

The program began with a warm welcome address delivered by ANO Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, setting the tone for a day focused on readiness and resilience.

The session saw active participation from various faculty members, non-teaching staff, and National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets, all of whom displayed a high level of enthusiasm and commitment. Their involvement reflected the college's dedication to not only academic excellence but also civic responsibility and community welfare.



The core of the program featured an informative and engaging session led by ANO Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, who served as both speaker and trainer.

Drawing from his expertise, Dr. Sharma elaborated on a variety of civil defence scenarios and the best practices to adopt in each situation. His talk included crucial instructions on how to respond in the event of a terrorist attack within a building, detailing swift and secure evacuation procedures and safe

hiding techniques.

He also explained the protocols to follow upon hearing an air raid siren, emphasizing the importance of seeking cover, avoiding open spaces, and staying calm.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, in his address, lauded the initiative as "the need of the hour."

He underlined the importance of preparing the college community for real-life emergencies, citing recent global and regional incidents as stark reminders of

the unpredictable nature of such events.

Dr. Gupta also expressed his appreciation for the NCC cadets who participated in the program with full dedication, despite being in the midst of their ongoing examinations.

Their discipline and sense of duty, he said, are testaments to the values instilled by the college and the NCC training.

Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta also reiterated the importance of institutional preparedness and the role educational establishments play in disseminating life-saving knowledge and skills.

He also highlighted the relevance of such initiatives in the current global scenario, where communities must remain vigilant and ready to act responsibly during crises.

The event concluded with a solemn two-minute silence observed in memory of the civilians who tragically lost their lives in Poonch. This moment of reflection reminded everyone of the real-life stakes involved in emergency preparedness and the human cost of being unprepared.

JKHCBA Jammu established war room for free legal aid to war victims, to hold blood donation camp

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: In light of the escalating situation at the Line of Control (LOC) and ongoing "Operation Sandoor," the Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association (JKHCBAJ, Jammu, in collaboration with prominent civil and trade bodies, held a joint press conference at the Jammu wing of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

The event was organized jointly by JKHCBAJ, Dogra Sadder Sabha, Chamber of Traders Federation, All J&K Transport Union, Brahman Sabha, and Amar Khastriya Rajput Sabha.

The leaders expressed grave concern over the recent spate of violence, particularly the terror attack on innocent tourists at Pahalgam on April 22, 2025, which they identified as a triggering point of the present



crisis.

K. Nirmal Kotwal, President of JKHCBAJ, stated that despite repeated diplomatic overtures, Pakistan has failed to curb terrorism originating from its soil. "The world now stands with India in this fight against terrorism. A war-like situation has emerged, and our neighbor continues to target civilians, with over 15 deaths reported in Poonch and several

others injured," Kotwal said.

He praised the role of Indian soldiers defending the nation's borders and appealed to all Bar Associations across Jammu and Kashmir to extend legal and humanitarian support. "The legal fraternity must stand firm with the country and support both the government and affected civilians," he added.

As part of its commitment, JKHCBAJ announced it will hold a blood donation camp on May 9, 2025 (Friday) at the Court premises. Additionally, the Association has established a grievance cell to offer free legal assistance to verified victims of war.

Other participating organizations echoed similar resolutions, pledging assistance through their respective bodies. Office bearers from each organization

are expected to provide further details of their support mechanisms in the coming days.

The prominent speakers in the meeting were namely Thakur Gulchian Singh Charak (President Dogra Sadder Sabha), Neeraj Anand (President Chamber of Traders Federation), Karan Wazir (Chairman, Transport), Narain Singh representing J&K Rajput Sabha, Ved Parkash Sharma (President Brahman Sabha).

Besides all the office bearers namely Baldev Singh, Vice President, Pardeep Majotra, General Secretary, Anshu Mahajan, Joint Secretary, Rahul Aggarwal, Treasurer, besides many senior & young lawyers participated in the meeting.

JKHCBAJ appealed to the Centre/UT Govt of Jammu and Kashmir to provide necessary help to the victims and other people of border areas.

Revenge is incomplete, elimination of terrorism and return of POK: Shiv Sena Tribute to supreme sacrifice of army, innocents

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: The success of 'Operation Sindoore' has made every Indian proud, but the revenge is not yet completed, Pakistan continues its nefarious and cowardly acts by shelling civilians and religious places in the areas along the Jammu and Kashmir border.

Along with the army's retaliatory action, the government also needs to take immediate steps on a war footing to improve bunkers and other infrastructure for the protection of the common people, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena UBT Jammu and Kashmir unit.

While briefing the media at the party's state central office here today, state chief Manish Sahni said that Pakistan is in panic due to the accurate and successful attacks of Operation Sindoore.

Pakistan is indiscriminately bombing religious



and residential areas in Uri, Keran, Poonch, Rajouri etc. of Jammu and Kashmir.

His nefarious activities have caused heavy loss of life and property in Rajouri-Poonch sector. However, the Indian Army is giving a befitting reply.

Sahni has demanded to take appropriate steps with immediate effect for the safety of the people of the border areas affected by Pakistan's shelling, to provide relief from the atmosphere of fear and panic.

Along with this, he has demanded to continue attacks on Pakistan till the complete elimination of terrorism and return of PoK to India.

On this occasion General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Balwant Singh were present.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has paid emotional tribute to the martyrdom of Indian Army soldiers and other innocent people in Pakistani firing in Poonch sector of Jammu Kashmir. Along with this, it has strongly condemned the targeting of religious places and residential areas by Pakistan and demanded complete elimination of terrorism.

NCC Cadets of 8 J&K Girls Battalion lead by example

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: In face of the current strained situation and with patriotic fervor running high, the cadets of 8 J&K Girls Battalion, NCC, have set an inspiring example of courage and service.

Rising to the call of the hour, 1 ANO, 3 PI and 18 spirited SW cadets from PSPS Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, GCW Parade, and GGM Science College, Jammu under the aegis of NCC Group Headquarters Jammu and NCC Directorate of JK&L, stepped forward to donate blood at Military Hospital 166, Satwari, contributing to the national cause and boosting the medical preparedness of the armed forces.

This selfless act was not just a gesture of solidarity but also a strong message of readiness and resilience. In addition to donating blood, these brave young women underwent training sessions at the hospital to equip themselves with emergency response skills, thus enhancing their role as the second line of defence in times of



crisis.

In addition 1 ANO, 2 PI Staff and 17 NCC SW cadets participated in the Mock Drill conducted Army for mass evacuation of family members, crowd control, assistance to the elderly, sick and children, minimizing panic and guiding them to safe assembly areas.

The cadets' exemplary initiative underscores the core values of the National Cadet Corps — discipline, unity, and selfless service. By taking this bold step, they have not only contributed to saving lives but also inspired their fellow cadets and students across the region to embrace responsibility and patriotism.

Col. Muneesh Jasrotia Commanding Officer, 8 J&K Girls Bn, lauded the cadets' dedication, stating, "Our cadets have always risen to the occasion. Their commitment to serve the nation and the society through such humanitarian acts, makes them true role models."

The brave hearts of 8 J&K Girls Battalion have once again proven that NCC cadets stand ready — in every situation — to serve with valor and compassion.

SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu conducts Mock Drill Exercise in IIT Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 8: SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu conducted a Mock Drill Exercise on the direction of Zahid Manhas, Commandant SDRF IIInd Bn in IIT Jammu in collaboration with Medical and Fire Services teams.

A simulated scenario was created to show different types of disasters that may occur due to enemy Air Raids, firing incidents and structure collapse etc. SDRF team responded in shortest possible time i.e 22 minutes and displayed a wonderful mock drill witnessed by about 400 staff members and students of IIT Jammu.

Questions were entertained by the demonstrators and supervisory officers

to clear the doubts.

Director HG Jammu /DIG HG/CD & SDRF Mohammed Arshad, Sonia Haq Khan, AC (G) (Representative of Controller CD Jammu and officers of SDRF 2nd Bn. Supervised to event.

Among others who remained present on the occasion were Director IIT Jammu Professor Manoj Singh Gaur Faculty members, Security Staff and Student of IIT Jammu.

The team comprising of 35 SDRF personnel 06 Fire Service and 02 Personnel from medical Department participated in the event. Officers lauded the wonderful demonstration exhibited by the team and advised them to exhibit the same enthusiasm in real time scenario disaster response.