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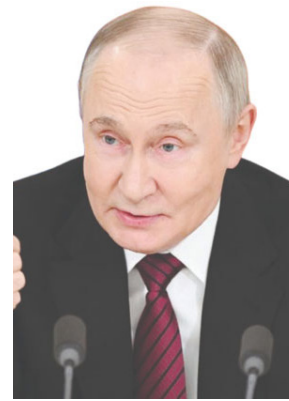
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## BRIEFLY

### Executed assigned tasks with precision during operation Sindoor: IAF

NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): The Indian Air Force on Sunday said it has successfully executed its assigned tasks with precision and in line with national objectives during Operation Sindoor.

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

In a statement, the Indian Air Force (IAF) said the operation was "still ongoing".

"Since the operations are still ongoing, a detailed briefing will be conducted in due course. The IAF urges all to refrain from speculation and dissemination of unverified information," it said.

India and Pakistan on Saturday reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect.

The IAF said it has "successfully executed its assigned tasks in Operation Sindoor, with precision and professionalism".

It said the operations were conducted in a "deliberate and discreet manner, aligned with national objectives."

### Evacuated residents not to return amid unexploded shells' threat

BARAMULLA, May 11 (Agencies): The Baramulla police has issued an urgent public safety appeal to residents evacuated from frontline villages, warning them not to return to their homes until officially cleared by authorities.

As per safety notice, the numerous unexploded shells remain scattered across both private and public areas near the Line of Control, posing a severe threat to life.

"Specialized Bomb Disposal Squads from J&K Police are currently conducting sweeping operations to identify and safely neutralize the threats," reads the

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## PM Modi chairs high-level security meet; Defence Minister, NSA, CDS and tri-services chiefs present



NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi was chairing a high-level meeting at his residence on Sunday with the top defence establishment.

The meeting was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen. Anil Chau-

han, and the tri-services chiefs.

The meeting took place amid an uneasy calm on the borders with Pakistan, where no fresh ceasefire violations have been reported.

Silence prevailed in the night after Pakistan violated the ceasefire while expressing a commitment to adhere to it on Saturday.

The ceasefire was first announced by US President Donald Trump on Saturday, and New Delhi said India and Pakistan have worked out an understanding on the stoppage of firing and military action.

External Affairs Minister Jaishankar had categorically said that India has consistently maintained a firm and

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## Borders remain calm overnight across Jammu; No drone activity reported from anywhere



JAMMU, May 11 (Agencies): No overnight cross-border shelling or drone activity was reported from anywhere across the Jammu region, officials said on Sunday, as guns fell silent after India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firing and military action.

An uneasy calm prevailed on the borders, especially along the Line of Control (LoC) in the worst-hit twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, throughout the night, the officials said.

They said no ceasefire violation or drone activity was reported from anywhere, bringing relief to the people who woke up in a peaceful atmosphere and resumed normal activities this morning.

As many as 27 persons, including five security personnel, were killed and scores of others injured in intense shelling and drone attacks from Pakistan since May 7 after Indian armed forces targeted terror infrastructure in the neighbouring coun-

try in retaliation to April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that had left 26 persons, mostly tourists, dead.

On May 10, India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firing and military action on land, air and sea with immediate effect after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

Series of blasts had also rocked Jammu city and other major towns, including areas close to the International Border, in the past three days.

## No Ceasefire Violation reported in Kashmir Valley overnight

SRINAGAR, May 11 (Agencies): There was a semblance of normalcy in Kashmir valley as residents witnessed the first night in six days without the sound of aircraft, missiles and drones flying overhead.

"There was no ceasefire violation reported from any sector along the Line of Control in Kashmir after 11 pm on Saturday," officials said here.

Shahjahan Dar, a

resident of Rawalpura, said, "It has been a while since we slept well. We are thankful to Almighty and everyone else who played a role in ending the war."

A large number of people who had migrated from border areas to relatively safer areas, however, want to wait a couple of days before returning home.

"We saw drones and rockets flying all over last night even after cease-

fire was announced. We are praying that this ceasefire is permanent but we want to wait couple of days," Abdul Aziz, a resident of Uri, said.

Dozens of drones were seen flying over Kashmir valley on Saturday evening in violation of the ceasefire agreement.

India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire along the Line of Control and International Border

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## Soldier martyred guarding Air Base after Pakistani Drone strike in Udhampur

JAMMU, May 11 (Agencies): A soldier was martyred when he was hit by a fragment of a Pakistani drone, which was successfully intercepted by the Army Air Defence at an air base in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Saturday, officials said.

The incident took place before the announcement of a ceasefire by India and Pakistan to end their combat activities, which have intensified after the Indian armed forces carried out a missile strike on nine terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir on May 7 in retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack, they said.

The soldier was on duty at the Udhampur air base, which came under Pakistani drone attack earlier during the day.

The Indian Air Defence successfully intercepted

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## "Millions could have died," Trump praises cessation of hostilities between India-Pak, offers mediation on Kashmir



WASHINGTON DC, May 11 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump on Sunday welcomed the cessation of hostilities between India and Pakistan saying that millions of people could have died if the peace had not been worked

out. The US President was making a reference to a potential nuclear fallout between the two nations.

In a post on Truth Social, the US President said, "I am very proud of the strong and unwaveringly powerful

leadership of India and Pakistan for having the strength, wisdom, and fortitude to fully know and understand that it was time to stop the current aggression that could have led to the death and destruction of so many, and so much. Millions of good and innocent people could have died! Your legacy is greatly enhanced by your brave actions."

Trump continued to hold on to the claim that the US had helped broker peace and offered to mediate for a solution on Kashmir.

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## Operations Normal; Some flights may be impacted: Delhi Airport

NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): Delhi airport authorities on Sunday said operations are normal, but some flights and the processing time at security checkpoints might be impacted due to the changing airspace dynamics and enhanced security protocols.

Enhanced security measures that were

implemented given the tensions between India and Pakistan are still in place at airports.

On Saturday, India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea with immediate effect.

"Delhi Airport operations continue as

normal. However, due to changing airspace dynamics and enhanced security protocols, some flight schedules and processing times at security checkpoints may be affected," the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said in a post on X.

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EDITORIAL

PROTECTING  
PLANTS FOR FUTURE

Plants are essential for life on Earth. They produce oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide, and form the base of most food chains. Humans depend on plants for food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and countless other resources. Plants also maintain ecological balance by supporting biodiversity, regulating the water cycle, preventing soil erosion, and stabilizing the climate. Despite their immense importance, plants are facing numerous threats due to human activities. Protecting them is not only about preserving nature, but also about securing the future of humanity.

One of the major threats to plants is habitat destruction. Forests and grasslands are being cleared at alarming rates for agriculture, urban development, and infrastructure projects. This destruction leads to the loss of countless plant species, many of which are not even scientifically documented. Deforestation also contributes to climate change, which further threatens plant survival by altering temperature and rainfall patterns. Climate change can push plant species out of their native habitats, affecting their ability to grow, reproduce, and survive.

Pollution is another serious issue. Air pollution, soil contamination, and water pollution weaken plant health and reduce their ability to reproduce. Invasive species, often introduced by humans, can outcompete native plants and disrupt local ecosystems. Overharvesting of plants for medicinal, ornamental, and commercial use can also drive some species toward extinction, especially when collection is done without sustainable methods. Urbanization adds further stress by consuming natural areas and replacing them with buildings and roads.

To protect plants, several strategies need to be implemented. First, conserving natural habitats is essential. This includes creating and maintaining protected areas such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and conservation reserves. These areas allow native plants to thrive in their natural environments, undisturbed by human activity. Botanical gardens and seed banks also play an important role in preserving endangered plant species outside their natural habitats. These ex-situ conservation methods act as a backup in case species go extinct in the wild.

Sustainable agriculture and forestry practices can greatly reduce damage to plant life. By minimizing chemical use, rotating crops, and planting trees responsibly, we can protect both cultivated and wild plants. Laws and international agreements such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and CITES regulate the trade and use of endangered plant species. These legal frameworks must be enforced effectively to prevent illegal exploitation.

Raising public awareness and educating people about the importance of plants is equally important. When communities understand the value of local plants, they are more likely to protect and conserve them. Community-driven efforts such as reforestation programs, local seed saving, and home gardening can have a significant positive impact. Scientific research and monitoring are also crucial. By studying plant behavior, genetics, and environmental responses, scientists can develop better strategies to conserve plant biodiversity.

Modern technology offers valuable tools for plant conservation. Geographic Information Systems (GIS), satellite imaging, and remote sensing help track changes in plant habitats and detect threats early. Biotechnology, including tissue culture and genetic modification, can be used to propagate endangered plants and improve their resistance to diseases and changing climates. Digital databases and herbariums help share information globally, allowing better coordination among researchers and conservationists.

Ultimately, protecting plants is a shared responsibility. Governments, organizations, industries, and individuals must work together. Everyone can contribute—by planting native trees, avoiding the use of harmful chemicals, supporting conservation projects, and reducing their ecological footprint. Global cooperation is also necessary, especially in tackling climate change, which is a major driver of plant extinction.

Plants are fundamental to life on Earth. Their protection must be a priority if we are to preserve biodiversity, fight climate change, and ensure sustainable development. The steps we take today will determine the richness and health of the planet for generations to come. By committing to plant conservation now, we invest in a greener, safer, and more secure future.

By: Omkar Dattatray

The tensions war hysteria and escalation of war by Pakistan as a reaction and response to India’s ‘Operation Sindoor’ post Pahalgam terror attack and has resulted into war between the two neighbors of India and Pakistan, though both these countries have not declared war formally. However the situation as obtained today is that India and Pakistan are involved in drone,missile attacks upon each other and Pakistan is indiscriminately shelling the areas close to International border and Line of Actual control and that country is attacking the civilian areas ,schools ,hospitals, Gurdwars ,temples and Madrasas and she least cares for the lives of the innocent people. India on its part is defusing and intercepting Pak drones made from Italy and the missiles and is proportionately responding to the Pakistani provocations with great restraint and with a sense of responsibility. But that country is busy attacking civilian areas and she has no regard for the safety and security of the civilians. Pakistan is dropping missiles and is targeting our civilian areas and military installations. However India is responding to the Pakistani escalations with a sense of responsibility and is not targeting Pak’s cities, rather it is for few days targeting military installations of Pakistan and it has inflicted much damage to five air bases of Pakistan and has also targeted its air force stations and immense loss has been done to Pakistan. Pakistan is no match to India in all respects. It cannot match India’s economic strength,military prowess and its scientific and technological development. Pakistan is adept and skillful in war propaganda and it is busy in misinformation and disinformation about India’s befitting reply to that country and their losses because of India’s response. Pakistan, its political, military and media are lying and

Pakistan’s Propaganda War

producing fabricated, false and half baked news and is reveling in misinformation and false propaganda. That country’s political leaders, ministers and media is fishing false and wrong news and belittling Indian response and is only busy in rumor mongering and is doing everything to negatively impact the morale of Indian defense forces which is a professional, brave and disciplined force and Indian’s are really proud of their three wings of the defense forces-army ,navy and air force. After India’s Operation Sindoor ,Pakistan’s Propaganda machine was in full swing and thereafter in India’s continuation of its Operation Sindoor, that country is busy in giving false and fabricated information and is downplaying India’s proportionate responses and is maligning our armed forces. Pakistan Minister Khawaja Asif claimed Indian soldiers were captured during recent military strikes, a statement that was later debunked and retracted. Pakistan has unleashed a full-blown disinformation offensive in a desperate attempt to shift the focus and control the narrative with a barrage of lies and digital theatrics following India’s decisive strike under ‘Operation Sindoor’. What started as a focused and effective military operation by the Indian Armed Forces has now spiraled into a chaotic online propaganda war. Pro-Pak social media and even influential political figures are deliberately spreading fake news, fabricating stories of miraculous military victories and heroic retaliation that simply do not exist. In a blatant effort to hijack the narrative and distract from the reality on the ground ,Pakistan’s state –affiliated accounts have turned to their familiar playbook ,recycling outdated images ,misrepresenting old videos ,and inventing completely fabricated claims. The goal is clear and simple-to flood the information space with falsehoods so quickly and overwhelmingly that it becomes difficult to separate facts from fiction.

This is not just misinformation –it is a calculated ,coordinated campaign designed to distort reality ,mislead the public , and manipulate perceptions across the region. There are many instances of false information by Pakistan. One of the most prominent examples is a viral image falsely claiming that the Pakistani 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 fabricate 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 ,Mr Tara not only misled his own citizens but also actively contributed to the propaganda campaign. In another misleading post, a video was circulated with the claim that the Pakistani Air Force targeted the Srinagar airbase .In reality ,this footage was traced back to sectarian clashes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ,Pakistan that occurred in early 2024.The video has no connection to Kashmir or any recent air strike. After Pakistan’s targeting of a Gurdwara in Poonch by a missile ,that country gave a false and wrong information that it was Indian air forces which targeted Gurdwara in their own territory which is a false information made with the bad intention of causing hurt in the Sikh community and also aimed to instigate Sikhs against India and its army. Not only this Pak is giving false and blatant misinformation that Indian forces have attacked Golden temple in Amritsar which is totally wrong and the Indian Sikhs know it well that Indian defense forces cannot do such a sacrilegious

act and thus Pakistan failed in their nefarious designs. How come it that Indian air force will target its own Gurdawara. The Indian Air Force – IAF on May 10 struck eight military sites in Pakistan ,including radar units and ammunition dumps ,with air –launched precision weapons ,in response to Pakistan’s brazen attacks on civilian and military in India. Amid India-Pakistan standoff ,many Indian’s have called out the bluff of Pakistan Army and its government over destroying important places in India and bringing down the morale of the country. Indian’s say that Pakistan cannot defeat India militarily but they can only make propaganda as they are adept in this skill. India has also been taking measures to counter misinformation ,including with timely fact checks and visual evidence. Keeping up its misinformation warfare alongside three waves of drone and missile attacks on military and civilian targets in India ,the Pakistani establishment and people backed by it have continued to spread lies ,including that Indian armed forces fire missiles on Amritsar. Indian foreign secretary Vikram Misri is giving befitting reply to Pak’s misinformation and India should continue to put information in right perspective and expose Pak political parties, its establishment and biased media. In today’s information and digital age it is easy to fabricate things and it is also easy to counter the misinformation with the use of technology. Pakistan is a propaganda monger and it is important to counter its misinformation ,false and fabricated stories. To conclude it seems that Pakistan is following the footsteps of Adolf Hitler who believed in propaganda warfare to win a war. But India should counter all its false information scientifically.

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Increasing Health Hazards from Contaminated Rivers

By: Vijay Garg

There will be no exaggeration if the present era is called the era of environmental crisis. Growth, urbanization, industrialization and the pressure of growing population has put the burden on natural resources, the result has been clearly visible before us today. The crisis of water resources is also a defiant form of these problems. India’s culture and civilization evolved along the rivers, but today he is battling to save the existence of rivers. Canada researchers have exposed a worrying situation in terms of India’s rivers in a recent study published. As per the study, almost eighty percent of the rivers of India are facing severe environmental and health crisis due to pollution. This research tested the presence of 72’s 877 river sites 21 general antibiotic and found that the situation is extremely frightening in countries like India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Vietnam. Antibiotic pollution means-Uncontrolled, irregular, and unnecessarily emitted in the environment of portions of medicines used in human, veterinary, or agriculture. When these fractions enter water, soil or air, these also affect aquatic and overall ecosystem, not just terrestrial life. Highly levels of many drugs have been found especially in India. The presence of ‘Cefixime’ among these has been found to be widespread in Indian rivers. These facts themselves have confirmed this. According to the findings of the current study that there are serious errors in the use and disposal of antibiotics, about 31.5 crore people in India are residing in areas where hydrosources are affected by antibiotic residues. This fact is extremely serious as contaminated water poses a direct threat to human health. The concentrations of antibi-

otics in rivers water in major metros like Delhi, Lakhna, Goa and Chennai have been found to be two to five times the safe limit set by the World Health Organization. In this context it is necessary to understand that the antibiotic residue present in water is directly affecting not only human life, but also aquatic animals, microorganisms, and the entire food chain. Antibiotic in the environment are diverse sources of potic pollution. | Major drug industries include waste water generated, which is flowed into water sources without being treated. Many pharmaceutical manufacturing units in India combine waste water into rivers, violating environmental standards. In addition, excessive and uncontrolled use of antibiotics in human and veterinary medicine is also a major cause for this crisis. It is often seen that medicines are bought only without consulting a physician and the tendency of self-medicals has become common. This not only increases the unnecessary intake of drugs, but their remains also contaminate water sources by exiting the body.

Antibiotics are also highly used to increase growth rates and protect against diseases in animal husbandry and agriculture sector. As a result, soil and water are polluted. The ill-effects of antibiotic pollution are extremely widespread. When water sources have an excess of antibiotic residue, it has an adverse effect on microbiological communities. Microorganisms have an important role in maintaining balance in the aquatic ecosystem. The imbalance of these can affect the entire ecosystem. species of aquatic organisms, special tax fishes prawns etc., are extremely sensitive to antibiotic pollution. This has a negative impact on their biodiversity, which also affects the food chain in the long-term. Its

side effects are extremely severe even on human health. Continuous exposure to antibiotic residue increases the risk of waterborne diseases. Intake of contaminated water or through irrigated crops can penetrate the antibiotic into the human body, causing intestinal infections, allergies, immune system debility, liver and kidney problems. The most severe effect comes out as antibiotic resistance. When bacteria remain in contact with sustained antibiotics, they become resistant against them, making it harder to treat normal infections. Currently the World Health Organization has declared antibiotic resistance to one of the global health crises. About twenty-eight thousand newborns died annually in India due to this. underscores the severity of this crisis. Agriculture was also having a direct impact on the crisis. Thus antibiotic pollution has also become an economic and social problem, not just environmental problem, which is resolved urgently. The Government of India has made some efforts in this direction. Programs such as Ganga Rejuvenation Scheme, Namami Gange Abhiyan, Jal Jeevan Mission have also issued guidelines asking water resources for quality sutures, are being run to improve the quality of resources. The Central Pollution Control Board has set up some of the pharmaceutical industries under which the installation of waste water treatment plants has been made necessary. Additionally, industrial units are being monitored by the National Green Tribunal. But the success of these efforts is limited. The facility in compliance with the laxity of surveillance systems and environmental regulations can be clearly observed. The solution to this crisis demands a multilateral, coordinated, and long-term outlook. First of all, it is imperative to make pharmaceutical manufacturing

industries responsive. Comprehensive public awareness campaigns must be carried out to avoid unnecessary use of antibiotics. Through schools, colleges, health centres and village gatherings, people should be told how abuse of antibiotics leads to long-term crises. Also, the drug selling mechanism will also have to be controlled to curb the trend of self-therapy. Animal husbandry and agriculture sector also need to create clear guidelines for antibiotic use and ensure their rigorous compliance. It is our collective responsibility to provide pure water, safe food and healthy environment to future generations. If the decisive steps were not taken today, tomorrow this crisis will raise a question mark on the existence of our civilization. Rivers are not just water sources, but also our cultural heritage, economic lifeline and axis of ecology balance. Conservation of these is similar to protection of humanity. So by not assuming antibiotic pollution to be just a health problem or an environmental problem, it should be accepted by a wide life crisis I accept and the whole society should play an active role in this direction. Only then will we be able to realise the imagination of the India where rivers will flow clean, life will be safe and growth will be continuous and inclusive.

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

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: S.O.S. International, a prominent organization advocating for the rights of refugees displaced from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoK), convened an urgent meeting of its office bearers and district heads on Sunday at Jammu, focused on the organization's response to the India-Pakistan ceasefire and the ongoing struggle for the liberation of PoK.

On May 6, 2025, S.O.S. International, led by Chairman Rajiv Chuni, announced a peaceful march from Jammu to PoK to demand reclamation of ancestral lands from Pakistan's illegal occupation. Mr. Chuni highlighted Pakistan's use of PoK as a terrorist hub, enabling cross-border attacks that have killed countless Indians.

"PoK is not just a territory; it is our homeland," he asserted. The announcement galvanized PoK refugees and supporters who saw this as a matter of justice and sovereignty. However, military tensions between India and Pakistan forced a halt to the plan.

After India's targeted military strikes on terrorist camps in Pakistan and PoK, war erupted between the nations, compelling S.O.S. Inter-



national to postpone the march for safety. "Our intention was to assert our rights peacefully, but the outbreak of war necessitated a temporary pause," said Chuni.

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

At the Rehari Colony meeting, Chuni expressed deep disappointment over the ceasefire, stating it was accepted without achieving the liberation of PoK or dismantling Pakistan's terror infra-

structure. "This war presented a historic opportunity to reclaim PoK and eradicate the terror ecosystem that threatens our security. The government has prioritized short-term political interests over long-term national welfare and justice for PoK refugees," he said.

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

He added that the

central leadership had vowed to sacrifice their lives for PoK, and now, after 78 years, a genuine opportunity had emerged to retrieve it but all in vain.

"The leadership has always said Kashmir is our internal issue—then why has India allowed US interference this time? Most of the people killed in cross-border firing in Poonch were refugees from PoK. That means we are just living to die. This is clearly not acceptable to us," he stated.

S.O.S. International stressed that the ceasefire impacts all of India, not just PoK refugees. Allowing Pakistan to retain control of PoK and its terror infrastructure, they argued, undermines national security

and betrays the sacrifices of the armed forces. "The nation has united around 'PoK is ours' and 'zero tolerance for terrorism.' This ceasefire, without tangible gains, weakens those resolves," said Chuni.

He also warned against political motivations behind the ceasefire, cautioning that while such gains may be temporary, the consequences of missing this chance to secure PoK and eliminate terrorism will be long-lasting.

Chuni urged the Government of India to reconsider its stance in future talks with Pakistan, saying, "We will not rest until PoK is reunited with India and the scourge of terrorism is eradicated."

He also appealed to the people of India to stand in solidarity with PoK refugees and support their struggle. "This is not just our fight; it is a fight for the soul of our nation. PoK belongs to India, and we must ensure that no compromise undermines our sovereignty or security," Chuni said.

Prominent among those who attended today's meeting includes Prof. N. N. Sharma, V. K. Datta, Ved Raj Bali, Amarjeet Singh, Jagjeet Singh, Shanti Devi, Daleep Chib, Ashok Sharma, Vipin Sharma, Bimla Devi, D. V. Gupta and others.

# BJP's activists, supporters welcome ceasefire between India and Pakistan



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JAMMU, May 11: BJP's activists and large number of supporters at a meeting held in Surya Vihar here on Sunday welcomed the announcement of a full and immediate ceasefire between India and Pakistan. R.L. Kaith said this development is a significant step in reducing the immense suffer-

ing endured by civilians over the past days.

He wished that let this ceasefire serve as an opportunity to chart a new course towards a peaceful and equitable future for all people.

The meeting lavished high praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and described him a man of action.

Earlier, the meeting expressed deep sorrow

for ADC Rajouri Raj Kumar Thappa, BSF Sub Inspector, JCO, Rifleman and civilians, who lost their lives in indiscriminate shelling by Pakistan Army at Poonch and Rajouri.

It prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls and give bereaved families the forbearance to bear this immeasurable loss boldly.

# SBSP welcomes ceasefire decision between India and Pakistan

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Vivek Bali, State President Jammu and Kashmir, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP), has welcomed the ceasefire decision agreed upon by India and Pakistan, hailing it as a significant step towards maintaining peace and stability in the region. This development is expected to bring relief to the people who have been suffering due to the ongoing tensions.

The potential escalation of the situation would have had severe consequences, particularly for the innocent civilians. We commend the bravery and dedication of our armed forces who have been standing strong on the borders, protecting our nation. Their valour and sacrifice are a testament to their unwavering commitment to our country's security.

Bali said "The impact of conflict on daily life is devastating. School-going children suffer the most, with their education and future being put on hold due to the uncertain situation.

The stressful environment affects everyone, and the standstill of day-to-day life is a stark reality that no one should have to endure. By agreeing to a ceasefire, both nations have taken a step towards normalizing life for their citizens"

This moment also highlights the unity



and resilience of our nation in the face of adversity. The recent tensions have shown that despite our differences, we stand united in our commitment to national security and integrity. SBSP believes that this unity should now be channelled towards strengthening our defence forces, ensuring they have the best resources and support to protect our nation.

SBSP commended the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his strategic decision-making in this situation. His leadership and vision for peace, while ensuring national security, are commendable.

# Director Agriculture Jammu conducts inspection of Seed Stores in Border Areas to ensure timely supply for Kharif Season

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: In a proactive step to ensure the timely and uninterrupted supply of seeds in Border Areas for the upcoming Kharif season, Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvind Singh Reen, on Sunday conducted a comprehensive inspection of seed stores located in the border areas of Jammu district.

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

During the visit, Director A.S Reen reviewed the availability of quality seeds and infrastructure readiness at each facility.



He emphasized the importance of seamless seed distribution to the farming community, particularly in the sensitive border belts, and issued clear direc-

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

To further support the farming

community, Director Agriculture instructed all seed stores in the border areas to remain operational even on holidays, ensuring farmers face no delays in procuring agricultural inputs.

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

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

# BSP expresses grief over death of ADDC Dr. Rajkumar Thapa

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has expressed profound sorrow over the tragic death of Dr. Rajkumar Thapa, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADDC) of Rajouri, who was martyred in Pakistani shelling. The party has also urged the government to posthumously honor Dr. Thapa with a state award in recognition of his dedicated public service. On Sunday, BSP Jammu and Kashmir President Darshan Rana, accompanied by other senior party leaders, visited the residence of the late Dr. Thapa to offer condolences. They met with the grieving family and expressed solidarity during this difficult time. Special condolences were extended to Dr. Thapa's father, Shri Durga Dass.

Speaking on the occasion, President Darshan Rana said,



"The untimely demise of Dr. Rajkumar Thapa has shocked everyone. Wherever he served, he worked with sincerity for the welfare of the people. His loss is irreparable."

He further added that Dr.

Thapa was a strong believer in the ideology of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and consistently worked to advance the Ambedkarite movement through his public service.

Darshan Rana also demand-

ed that the government extend every possible support to families affected by Pakistani shelling. He proposed a compensation of at least Rs. 20 lakh for those injured, along with proper medical treatment. Additionally, he urged the government to assist in rebuilding the houses damaged during the shelling.

"In this hour of crisis, the Bahujan Samaj Party stands firmly with the affected people and will continue to demand justice and relief from the government," Rana emphasized.

The BSP also mourned the loss of soldiers and civilians martyred in the shelling.

Prominent leaders present during the visit included BSP Vice President Charnjit Chagotra, State Coordinator Gourab, Zone Coordinator Darshan Thapa, District President Tarsem Lal, and other senior functionaries.

# Ajeet Bhagat slams Pakistan for cowardly attacks on civilians in J&K, other States

## Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 11: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior leader, Spokesperson of Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat said that Pakistan is carrying out deliberate attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. Strongly condemning the targeting of Pakistan, he termed it a desperate and cowardly attempt to provoke a large-scale conflict with India.

While India has clearly stated that its operations are focused on dismantling the infrastructure of terrorism without directly harming Pakistani civilians or the army, Pakistan has crossed all limits of decency by



shelling civilian areas in Poonch and other areas and carrying out fresh attacks on military installations and residential areas in several Indian states.

Bhagat said that Pakistan's military establishment is now resorting to cheap tactics to spread unrest and fear in India.

This aggression will not work. Pakistan must immediately desist or be prepared to face a strong and unforgiving response.

The National Conference leader has issued an important advisory to Indian citizens. Never share photos or videos of troop movements, air force deployments, or naval operations, inadvertently leaking them could help the enemy. National security begins with awareness and responsibility. The National Conference leader urged people to maintain unity, be prepared and support the armed forces in this critical hour, remain vigilant and help others.



# This Mother's Day, we celebrate the soulful bond between stars and their forever cheerleaders—their supermoms

Before the lights, camera, and applause... there was a soft lullaby, a lunchbox packed with love and a hug that made everything okay.

Whether it was calming pre-audition nerves, praying through their failures, or cheering the loudest at their wins, these moms have been the wind beneath their wings.

In this heartwarming tribute, celebrities open up about the women who shaped their hearts, before they shaped their destinies.

Grain of truth  
Chef Sanjeev Kapoor & Urmil Kapoor

For India's beloved Celebrity Chef Sanjeev Kapoor, the true magic of cooking began with his mother's gentle hands.

"Everything I know about cooking with

heart, I learnt from her. Her food was never fancy—just soulful, honest and full of love, just like her."

It's Sanjeev's humility, however, that his mom Urmil gushes about.

"From his little feet running around my kitchen to the man the world admires—his loving heart hasn't changed."

So proud!

Ms Malini & Manjulika Agarwal

India's OG digital creator Malini Agarwal lights up while speaking of her mom. "She still takes my photos at events and beams with pride when fans spot me. She knows I have a sore throat before I even say a word!"

Her mother Manjulika reflects, "She's so famous now, but to me, she's still that little girl who believed she could



go to the moon—and did."

My warrior  
Taha Shah Badussha & Mahnaz Sikkander Badusha

Heeramandi breakout star and OTT sensation Taha Shah Badussha gets candid on how his mom has been his North Star.

"As a single parent

in a foreign land, she didn't just raise me—she built empires in silence. Working under the scorching sun, breaking glass ceilings with calloused hands. She's my warrior and my greatest inspiration."

While for mom Mahnaz, it's Taha's thoughtfulness that steals the show.

"Today, he might be a heartthrob, but what I truly cherish is his kind heart. Whether it's a co-star or a crew member, he treats everyone with gentleness and respect. Watching him grow into such a thoughtful human being is my biggest blessing," she smiles.

Life's anchor  
Nitanishi Goel & Rashi

Goel  
Nitanishi Goel, of Laapataa Ladies fame, may have won millions of hearts, but behind the spotlight stands her hero—her mother.

"Every time I'm nervous, it's her presence that steadies me. She's my anchor—and the rajma-chawal I crave when nothing else feels right."

Mom Rashi Goel adds, "She's grown up in front of the camera, but to me, she'll always be the three-year-old reciting film dialogues with a sparkle in her eyes."

Upma over cake  
Shivesh Bhatia & Anju Bhatia

Celebrated baker Shivesh Bhatia may be the dessert darling of millions, but at home, he's still the boy who lights up at the sight of his mom's upma.

"Even when I'm swamped with shoots, she checks if I've eaten," he smiles.

Anju adds warmly, "He may be a successful baker, but I still see a curious little boy who once stirred cake batter beside me."

Driving force  
Samantha Kochhar & Blossom Kochhar  
Samantha Kochhar,

MD of the Blossom Kochhar Group, calls mom Blossom her compass.

"She's soft yet unshakably strong. In every pivotal moment of my life—whether I was starting a career or becoming a mother—she held me like only she can."

Samantha's mom and India's pioneer Aromatherapist Blossom Kochhar adds, "People see a powerful woman in Samantha. But I see an artist playing with clay and colours."

The endearing bonds between these stars and their moms affirm that behind every shining light is a mother who lit the first spark.

And as you read this, get ready to laugh, tear up, and maybe text your mom a long overdue "I love you."

## Shreya Ghoshal's concert put on hold

Amid the tensions between India and Pakistan, singer Shreya Ghoshal has decided to postpone her Mumbai concert.

Shreya was supposed to perform in Maharashtra's capital on May 10. Taking to Instagram, Shreya wrote, "My dearest fans, With a heavy heart, I want to share that my homecoming concert in Mumbai, part of the All Hearts Tour and scheduled for 10th May 2025 at Jio World Garden, BKC, will be postponed due to the current events unfolding in our beloved country." She added, "This concert means the world to me, and I was looking forward to sharing a powerful evening with all of you. But as an



artiste and a citizen, I feel a deep responsibility to stand in solidarity with the nation during

this time. I promise that this is not a cancellation, just a postponement."

## 'Tu na thamega kabhi...': Amitabh Bachchan quotes poem to salute armed forces

After sharing a series of blank posts on his X page and personal blog for weeks, Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan on Sunday made his social media comeback with a post on Pahalgam attack and the armed forces' retaliatory Operation Sindoor.

Bachchan shared an emotionally charged message on social media just hours after India and Pakistan formally announced a ceasefire.

In a heartfelt post on X, the legendary actor described the horrific scene in Pahalgam, writing, "While celebrating the holidays, that monster dragged the innocent couple outside, stripped the husband naked, and after

fulfilling his duty, started shooting him," adding, "Even after the wife fell on her knees and cried and requested not to kill her husband, that cowardly monster shot her husband very ruthlessly, making the wife a widow."

In a moment of literary poignancy, Bachchan reflected on the emotional toll through a reference to a line from a poem by his late father, renowned poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan. "Hai Chita ki raakh kar me, maangti sindoor duniya." (There are ashes of the funeral pyre, the world is asking for vermilion.) He continued, invoking the name of the Indian army's recent 'Opera-



tion Sindoor' — 'De diya sindoor!' (Vermillion was given indeed)

Bachchan concluded his message with an impassioned salute to the nation's defenders and iconic lines of his father's poem: "Tu na thamega kabhi; tu na mudega kabhi; tu na jhukega kabhee, kar shapath, kar shapath, kar shapath. Agni Path! Agni Path! Agni Path!" (You will never stop; you will never turn back; you will never bow down. Take an oath, take an oath, take an oath! Path of fire! Path of fire! Path of fire!)

On Saturday, India officially accused Pakistan of violating a ceasefire agreement that had only been hours old.

## Samantha Ruth Prabhu says she was surprised to be offered Oo Antava



Samantha Ruth Prabhu delighted fans when she lit up the screens with her sizzling dance number Oo Antava in Pushpa: The Rise, alongside Allu Arjun. The song became a huge hit, with fans drooling over Samantha's hotness. However,

in a recent interview with agency, Samantha opened up about how people advised her against doing the special number.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu says Oo Antava was a challenge for herself

When asked if she did

Oo Antava to make a statement, Samantha replied, "As much as people love to think that I do things to make statements for other people, I do it to challenge myself. Throughout my life, I have never considered myself a good-looking, hot woman. I think Oo Antava was an opportunity for me to see if I could fake it and pull it off. I had never done that before. So it was honestly a challenge to myself, and I was only going to do it once because I just accepted it as a challenge."

Samantha Ruth Prabhu recalls shaking before first shot of Oo Antava

She further stated that she was surprised when Oo Antava was offered to her and added, "Who thinks of me for a special song — and that too, one in which I had to look really hot? I was always playing the cute, bubbly, girl-next-door. It wasn't about the dance, it was about the attitude — the fierce, confident woman who is always comfortable in her sexuality — all of these, which I am not. People around me said, absolutely not. I was like, I liked the lyrics, I just felt nobody had offered

me something like this before, and I looked at it as an opportunity. I was shaking in front of 500 junior artists before the first shot. I was so nervous."

Oo Antava was one of the major highlights of Pushpa: The Rise. The song became a massive hit, and Samantha earned praise for her bold and captivating performance.

The film, which also featured Allu Arjun, Rashmika Mandanna, and Fahadh Faasil in lead roles, was a huge box office success. However, in the sequel, Pushpa 2: The Rule, instead of Samantha, Sreeleela performed a special dance number titled Kissk.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu's upcoming projects Samantha will next be seen in The Family Man. Helmed by Raj & DK, the series also stars Manoj Bajpayee, Jaideep Ahlawat, Priyamani, and others in key roles and is scheduled to release on Prime Video in November this year. She also has Raj & DK's fantasy action series Rakt Bramhand: The Bloody Kingdom in the pipeline, which also stars Ali Fazal and is set to release on Netflix.

## Kusha Kapila talked about a fake Facebook account in her name



Actor and social media influencer Kusha Kapila has shared a note clarifying about a Facebook

account which has been asking for money in her name.

Taking to her Insta-

gram Stories, Kusha posted her clarification but deleted it later.

Kusha Kapila issues clarification over Facebook account

Kusha shared a screenshot of the Facebook account, which had her profile photo and name. The bio read, "Small and stupid." The account has 122K followers and is following only three people.

Kusha says the page isn't run by her

Sharing it, Kusha wrote, "Apologies for highlighting this at a time like this but this Facebook page is not owned/ run by me. Please ignore all inappropriate messages/ money requests."

She also wrote, "Thank you to everyone who pointed this out. Please stop engaging with this page, thinking it's me." On Instagram, Kusha has 4.2 million followers and 2,732 following.

Recently, Kusha schooled a person who used a derogatory word on one of her Instagram posts. Kusha took to her Instagram stories to post a collage of the views she was enjoying and herself. Sharing a screenshot of his message, Kusha wrote, "Satyam

ki wajah se kitney logon ki mental health kharab rehti hogi. I offer to pay for two years' worth of therapy and inner work for you so you don't feel compelled to show your darindigi at the sight of a happy woman. Write to me on thaapadmarungi@sudharjasaale.com (It's because of people like Satyam that people's mental health is affected. I offer to pay for two years' worth of therapy and inner work for you so you don't feel compelled to show your brutality at the sight of a happy woman)."

Kusha's career, personal life

Kusha has been part of several films, including Ghost Stories (2020), Plan A Plan B (2022), Selfiee, Thank You for Coming, Sukhee (2023), and Ishq Vishk Rebound (2024).

She was also seen in several web series such as Masaba Masaba season two, Case Toh Banta Hai, Minus One: New Chapter, Dehati Ladke Chaya and Life Hill Gayi.

Kusha moved to Mumbai a few years ago. She was earlier married to Zorawar Ahluwalia. They tied the knot in 2018 but parted ways in 2023.



# Rahul, Kharge demand Special Parliament Session to discuss Pahalgam attack, Op Sindoor

NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): The leaders of Opposition in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding an immediate special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation Sindoor and the latest developments in cross-border firing.

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and his counterpart in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, have written to the prime minister, reiterating their demand to convene a special session of both Houses of Parliament to demonstrate the collective resolve against terrorism.

"I reiterate the unanimous request of the Opposition to convene a special session of Parliament immediately. It is crucial for people and their representatives to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation



Sindoor and the ceasefire, first announced by US President Trump. This will also be an opportunity to demonstrate our collective resolve to meet the challenges ahead," Rahul Gandhi said in his letter.

LoP Shri @RahulGandhi writes to PM Modi, reiterating the unanimous request of the Opposition to convene a special session of Parliament immediately to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation

Sindoor and the India-Pakistan ceasefire, first announced by U.S. President Trump. pic.twitter.com/AhKRJR-sunk

— Congress (@INCIndia) May 11, 2025

"I trust that you will consider this demand seriously and swiftly," he added.

Mr. Kharge recalled the letters written by him and Rahul Gandhi on April 28, requesting the prime minister to convene a special ses-

sion of Parliament in the wake of terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 people, primarily tourists, on April 22.

"In view of the latest developments, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha has already written to you again conveying the unanimous request of all opposition parties for a special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam attack, Operation Sindoor, and the ceasefire announcements, first

from Washington DC and later by the governments of India and Pakistan," Kharge said in his letter.

My letter to PM Shri @narendramodi requesting to convene a special session of the Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam Terror Attack, Operation Sindoor and the Ceasefire announcements first from Washington DC and later by the Governments of India and Pakistan. pic.twitter.com/bhHf3euTkk

— Mallikarjun Kharge (@kharge) May 11, 2025

"As leader of opposition in the Rajya Sabha, I am writing in support of the request. I trust you will agree," the Congress chief said.

India and Pakistan on Saturday reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea with immediate effect after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

# Punjab CM visits Nangal Dam, accuses BBMB of trying to release additional water to Haryana



CHANDIGARH, May 11 (Agencies): Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday accused the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) authorities of trying to release additional water to Haryana.

While addressing the media and AAP workers at Nangal, he said it was for the third time in a fortnight that he had visited Nangal following the BBMB's efforts to release extra water to Haryana.

Mann said the BBMB authorities would be held responsible for the law-and-order situation in case they tried

to release extra water to Haryana from the Punjab quota.

He said the Punjab government had written to the BBMB to hold the next meeting of the board to decide the water quota to be released to partner states from next cycle starting May 20; however, the BBMB had not convened it.

AAP workers on Sunday morning sat on dharna at the Nangal Dam alleging that the BBMB officials had tried to release additional water to Haryana this morning.

Following this, Punjab police blocked the

vehicular traffic passing through the dam bridge to Nangal town.

Education Minister Harjot Bains alleged that the BBMB officers had tried to release additional water illegally to Haryana early this morning following which a large number of people from adjoining villages gathered at the dam.

Due to security reasons, the dharna by AAP workers had been shifted around 100 metres away from the Nangal Dam on Friday.

However, on Sunday, AAP workers again assembled at the dam to protest.

# Adityanath greets people on National Technology Day

LUCKNOW, May 11 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday greeted people on National Technology Day.

In a post on X in Hindi, he said, "Happy National Technology Day to all the scientists involved in building the 'New India'! On this day, by conducting the Pokhran nuclear test, our scientists had taken a new step towards achieving the resolve of 'Strong India, Capable India' ('Samarth Bharat, Saksham Bharat') and established our scien-



tific consciousness on the global stage".

National Technology Day commemorates the momentous events of May 11, 1998, when India successfully conducted nuclear tests under Operation Shakti, and saw the maiden

flight of the indigenously developed Hansa-3 aircraft.

In recognition of these achievements, then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared May 11 as National Technology Day.

# Centre approves final survey for new railway line bringing Sikkim closer to national network

NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): In a landmark move that brings Sikkim one step closer to realising its long-cherished dream of rail connectivity, the Ministry of Railways has approved the Final Location Survey (FLS) for a new railway line from Melli to Dentam via Jorethang and Legship.

The ambitious project, set to be executed by the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), has been allocated a sanctioned budget of around Rs 2.25 crore.

Sharing the update with this the TNIE, ED (I&P) at Railway Ministry, Dileep Kumar on Sunday said, "This move marks a major step forward in expanding rail connectivity to the southern and western regions of Sikkim".

Highlighting the strategic

significance of what would be Sikkim's second railway line, Kumar added that the rail route is designed to bridge a crucial infrastructure gap linking remote areas such as Dentam, located near the Indo-Nepal border at Chiwabhanjyang, with the national railway network.

Kumar further said that Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has personally directed the initiation of the survey and expedited the process to bring this long-pending demand closer to reality. The push for this line has been a consistent effort by Sikkim's Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba, and the Modi government's approval of the survey has added a pace forward on this project.

The initial feasibility studies

estimate the new line will cover an estimated 75 km rail route. "This project is envisioned as a strategic extension of the under-construction Sivok-Rangpo railway line, which is expected to be operational tentative by 2027," said Kumar.

He also added that Melli, a vital entry point into southern and western Sikkim, is expected to become a key junction for this new extension ensuring better integration of the region with the national transport grid.

"The FLS (Final Location Survey) will provide detailed technical and feasibility insights necessary to guide the final alignment, engineering design and cost estimation for the project," said Kapinjal Kishore Sharma, chief spokesperson of

NFR under which jurisdiction areas of proposed new rail line fall in Sikkim.

Underlining the economic implications, Sharma further said, "This new connectivity project is expected to act as a catalyst for economic growth in the region, especially in Gyalshing and surrounding areas, by enhancing access, promoting tourism, boosting trade, and creating employment opportunities". Once completed, the new rail line is projected to significantly improve mobility for people and goods, offering a transformative lifeline for communities in West Sikkim.

"Work tenders related to the execution of the survey are expected to be floated shortly," Sharma said.

# BJP hails PM Modi, says India isolated Pakistan diplomatically

NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): The BJP on Sunday asserted that India has rewritten the rules of engagement with Pakistan under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The party's remarks came after India and Pakistan on Saturday reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

In a post on X, BJP

national spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari said Pakistan "pleaded for an understanding" after suffering "catastrophic losses".

"In just 72 hours, under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has rewritten the rules of engagement with Pakistan," he added.

Bhandari said India called out Pakistan's "nuclear bluff" with strategic resolve, struck deep inside Pakistani military zones from Lahore to Rawalpindi and destroyed terror



headquarters of Jaish and LeT in Munirke and Bahawalpur.

"Sent a clear message: no inch of Pakistani ter-

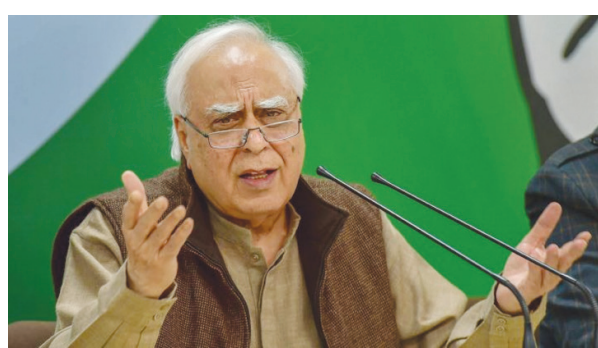
ritory is beyond India's reach, crippled Pakistan economically by pausing the Indus Water Treaty," he said.

India isolated Pakistan diplomatically, exposing its terror ecosystem globally, he added.

"In an era where conventional wars — from Russia-Ukraine to US-Taliban — have failed to achieve strategic ends, India under Prime Minister Modi has adopted 'Chanakya Neeti' — smart, swift, and sovereign," the BJP spokesperson said.

"This is not strategic restraint. This is strategic dominance, and fight against Pakistani terror is not over," he added.

# All-party meeting be called but parties must attend only if PM participates: Sibal



NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): With India and Pakistan agreeing to halt military actions, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Sunday demanded that an-all party meeting be called while urging political parties not to attend it until the government assures that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be present there.

Sibal also demanded a special session of Parliament and asserted that he was confident that if Manmohan Singh had been the prime minister today, he would be present in the all-party meeting, and a special session would have been called too.

Addressing a press conference here, Sibal referred to US President Donald Trump's latest social media post on stoppage of military hostilities in which the American president said that he is proud that the US was able to help arrive at this "historic and heroic deci-

sion".

"Many questions will be raised on this tweet as well. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that for the last 48 hours talks went on. So what happened, how and why, no information has been given to us regarding this. They also stated that there will be a meeting at a neutral site. Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi also spoke with NSA Ajit Dowl," Sibal said.

"We will not issue any criticism today because this is not the time for criticism. We only want a special Parliament session and an all-party meeting to be called. I want to appeal to all political parties not to attend the meeting until the government assures them that the prime minister will be present at the meeting as well," Sibal said.

"I am confident that if Dr Manmohan Singh had been the prime minister today, he would be present in the all-

party meeting, and a special session would have been called too," the Independent Rajya Sabha MP said.

He said MPs can't wait till the Monsoon session for getting details on what has transpired in the last few days.

Sibal said he did not like it when Prime Minister Modi did not participate in the all-party meeting that was held after the Pahalgam terror attack.

"Maybe he (Modi) thought Bihar elections were more important. He also went to Bollywood, Kerala, he thinks that whenever such an incident takes place, no matter what happens in Manipur, it is not necessary to go there," Sibal said.

The former Congress leader hailed the armed forces for giving a befitting reply to Pakistan.

The country in one voice asserted that enough is enough and a reply should be given to Pakistan, he said.

His remarks came after India and Pakistan on Saturday reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

# Massive fire breaks out at LIC building in Patna, dousing operations underway

Rescue operations are ongoing, with each floor being thoroughly checked amid concerns that individuals may be trapped inside.

PATNA, May 11 (Agencies): A massive fire broke out early Sunday morning at the LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) building located near the busy Exhibition Road intersection in Patna. The blaze reportedly started around 5:00 AM and quickly intensified, engulfing the entire building in flames and creating panic in the area.



Multiple fire tenders were rushed to the spot as soon as the fire was reported. Firefighters

began efforts to control the flames using hydraulic systems. The cause of the fire is yet

to be determined.

Rescue operations are ongoing, with each floor being thoroughly checked amid concerns that individuals may be trapped inside. Officials stated that it may take some more time to bring the situation fully under control.

Thick plumes of smoke could be seen billowing from the building, causing fear and alarm

among residents in nearby localities.

Authorities have evacuated the surrounding area as a precautionary measure and diverted traffic to ensure public safety.

Additionally, emergency teams and local administrations remain on high vigil as efforts continue to douse the flames and secure the premises.



## “Millions could have died,” Trump praises cessation of hostilities between India-Pak, offers mediation on Kashmir

*US President Donald Trump welcomed the cessation of hostilities between India and Pakistan and in announced that the US would increase trade with both the countries. He praised the leadership for their strength, wisdom and fortitude for coming to the understanding.*

WASHINGTON DC, May 11 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump on Sunday welcomed the cessation of hostilities between India and Pakistan saying that millions of people could have died if the peace had not been worked out. The US President was making a reference to a potential nuclear fallout between the two nations.

In a post on Truth Social, the US President said, “I am very proud of the strong and unwaveringly powerful leadership of India and Pakistan for having the strength, wisdom, and fortitude to fully know and understand that it was time to stop the current aggression that could have led to the death and destruction of so many, and so much. Millions of good and innocent people could have died! Your legacy is greatly enhanced by your brave actions.”

Trump continued to hold on to the claim that the US had helped broker peace and offered to mediate for a solution on Kashmir.



“I am proud that the USA was able to help you arrive at this historic and heroic decision. While not even discussed, I am going to increase trade, substantially, with both of these great Nations. Additionally, I will work with you both to see if, after a “thousand years,” a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir. God Bless the leadership of India and Pakistan on a job well done!!!”

India has time and again rejected any third-party intervention on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and has unequivocally expressed that the region is an integral part of India.

On Saturday, India also played down the role of the US in achieving an agreement on cessation of hostilities saying that the understanding had been reached between DGMOs of the two countries.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that India has maintained a consistent stand against terrorism, “India and Pakistan have today worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military action. India has consistently maintained

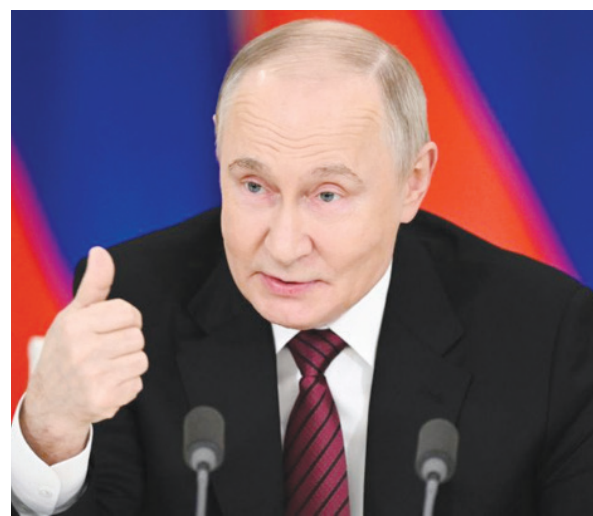
a firm and uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It will continue to do so.

Trump’s statement and the earlier ones made by Secretary of State Marco Rubio have already invited criticism from the opposition Congress.

Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh said, “The Indian National Congress considers that the mention of “neutral site” by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio for dialogue between India and Pakistan raises many questions. Have we abandoned the Simla Agreement? Have we opened the doors to third-party mediation? The Indian National Congress would like to ask if diplomatic channels between India and Pakistan are being reopened? What commitments have we sought and got?”

The Congress has also called for an all-party meeting on the issues post Operation Sindoor where India successfully destroyed nine terror sites in Pakistan.

## Putin proposes direct talks with Ukraine ‘without preconditions’



MOSCOW, May 11 (Agencies): Russian President Vladimir Putin proposed restarting direct talks with Ukraine in Istanbul on May 15 “without preconditions”.

Speaking to reporters in the Kremlin in the early hours of Sunday, Putin proposed to “restart” the peace talks Russia and Ukraine held in 2022.

His remarks came after leaders from four major European countries threatened to ratchet up pressure on Putin if he did not accept an unconditional 30-day ceasefire in Ukraine that they offered on Saturday in a strong show of unity with Kyiv.

The leaders of France, the United Kingdom, Germany and Poland said their proposal for a ceasefire to start on Monday was supported by US President Donald Trump, whom they had briefed over the phone earlier in the day.

Putin did not directly address this latest ceasefire proposal in his remarks on Saturday, even as Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov earlier on Saturday told agency that Moscow would need to consider it. Russia’s own unilateral

three-day ceasefire, declared for the 80th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany expires on Saturday, and Ukraine says Russian forces have repeatedly violated it. In March, the United States proposed an immediate, limited 30-day truce, which Ukraine accepted, but the Kremlin has held out for terms more to its liking.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, speaking to reporters alongside the European leaders in Kyiv, called their meeting “a very important signal”.

In a joint statement, as published on Zelenskyy’s official website, the five leaders called for a ceasefire “lasting at least 30 days” from Monday, to make room for a diplomatic push to end the war.

“An unconditional ceasefire by definition cannot be subject to any conditions. If Russia calls for such conditions, this can only be considered as an effort to prolong the war and undermine diplomacy,” the statement read.

## 21 killed, at least 14 passengers injured after bus skids off cliff in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, May 11 (Agencies): A passenger bus skidded off a cliff in Sri Lanka’s tea-growing hill country on Sunday, killing 21 people and injuring at least 14 others, an official said.

The accident occurred in the early hours of Sunday near the town of Kotmale, about 140 kilometers (86 miles) east of Colombo, the capital, in a mountainous area of central Sri Lanka, police said.

Deputy Minister of Transport and Highways Prasanna Gunasena told the media that 21 people died in the accident and 14 others are being treated in hospitals.



tals.

Local television showed the bus lying overturned at the bottom of a precipice while workers and others helped remove injured people from the rubble.

The driver was injured and among those admitted to the hospital for treatment. At the time of the accident, nearly 50

people were traveling on the bus.

The bus was operated by a state-run bus company, police said.

Deadly bus accidents are common in Sri Lanka, especially in the mountainous regions, often due to reckless driving and poorly maintained and narrow roads.

## Israeli strikes on Gaza kill 10 people, mostly women and children

DEIR AL-BALAH, May 11 (Agencies): Israeli strikes overnight and into Sunday killed 10 people in the Gaza Strip, mostly women and children, according to local health officials.

Two of the strikes hit tents in the southern city of Khan Younis, each killing two children and their parents. A third strike killed another child and wounded seven people, according to Nasser Hospital, which received bodies from all three strikes.

The Israeli military says it only targets militants and tries to avoid harming civilians. It blames Hamas for civilian deaths in the 19-month-old war because the militants are embedded in densely populated areas. There was no immediate Israeli comment on the latest strikes.

Israel has sealed Gaza off



from all imports, including food, medicine and emergency shelter, for over 10 weeks in what it says is a pressure tactic aimed at forcing Hamas to release hostages. Israel resumed its offensive in March, shattering a ceasefire that had facilitated the release of more than 30

hostages.

Aid groups say food supplies are running low and hunger is widespread.

U.S. President Donald Trump, whose administration has voiced full support for Israel’s actions, is set to visit Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United

Arab Emirates this week in a regional tour that will not include Israel.

The war began when Hamas-led militants attacked southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking 251 hostage. Fifty-nine hostages are still inside Gaza, around a third of them believed to be alive, after most of the rest were released in ceasefire agreements or other deals.

Israel’s offensive has killed over 52,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry, which does not say how many of the dead were combatants or civilians. The offensive has destroyed vast areas of the territory and displaced some 90% of its population of around 2 million.

## China steps up military activity around Taiwan

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TAIPEI, May 11 (Agencies): Taiwan detected five sorties of Chinese aircraft, nine Chinese naval vessels and one official ship operating around its territory as of Sunday 6am (local time), as per Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defence.

The MND said that they monitored the situation and responded accordingly.

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sels and one official ship were detected operating around Taiwan.

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Taiwan’s Council of Indigenous Peoples has criticised a former legislator for echoing “United Front” slogans during an event in China, asserting that Taiwan’s indigenous peoples are not “descendants of the Yellow Emperor,” Taipei

Times reported.

The council emphasised that any exchanges involving indigenous communities must be based on mutual respect and equality, without promoting political agendas.

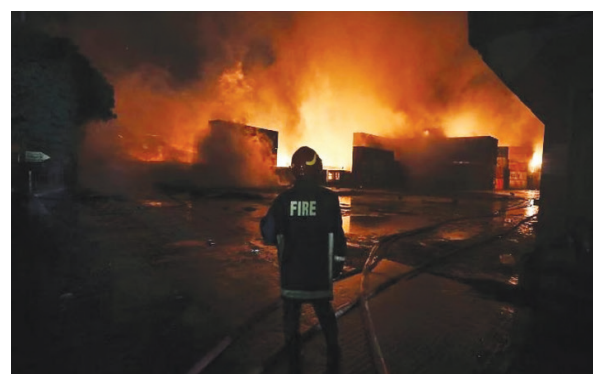
The controversy centres around former Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) legislator and National Dong Hwa University professor Yosi Takun, who

recently attended an event hosted by China’s Yunnan Minzu University. During the event, a banner proclaiming “Both sides of the Strait share the same ancestry, Zhonghua spirit, and are one big family” was prominently displayed.

Taiwan’s Council of Indigenous Peoples rejected this narrative, reaffirming that Taiwan’s indigenous peoples are of Austronesian descent, not of Chinese lineage.

“Taiwan’s indigenous peoples are not descendants of the Yellow Emperor,” the council declared, adding that these communities are culturally and linguistically linked to the Austronesian family, not the Sino-Tibetan language family. The council criticised Yosi’s remarks at the event, where he described minority cultures as an “important part of Chinese civilisation.”

## Fires at key Sudan fuel depot ‘fully contained’: Civil defence



PORT SUDAN, May 11 (Agencies): Sudan’s civil defence forces said on Sunday they had “fully contained” fires that erupted at the main fuel depot and other strategic sites in Port Sudan -- the seat of the army-backed government which has come under drone attacks blamed on paramilitaries over the past week.

In a statement posted on the force’s Facebook page, civil defence director Osman Atta said the fires -- involving “large quantities of petroleum reserves” -- were brought under control following an intensive operation using “foam materials” and a “meticulously

executed plan”.

The fires caused by a strike on the fuel depot last Monday had spread across “warehouses filled with fuel”, the Sudanese army-aligned authorities said, warning of a “potential disaster in the area.”

The Red Sea port city, which had been seen as a safe haven from the devastating two-year conflict between the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, has been hit by daily drone strikes since last Sunday.

The long-range attacks have damaged several key facilities, including the country’s sole international civilian airport, its largest

working fuel depot and the city’s main power station.

A military source told agency on condition of anonymity on Saturday that air defences in the towns of Jbeilit and Sinkat -- around 120 kilometres west of Port Sudan -- shot down two drones that had been targeting facilities in the area.

Witnesses also reported on Sunday drone strikes targeting the airport in Atbara, a city in the northern state of River Nile.

Port Sudan is the main entry point for humanitarian aid into Sudan and UN chief Antonio Guterres warned the attacks “threaten to increase humanitarian needs and further complicate aid operations in the country”, his spokesman said.

More than two years of fighting have killed tens of thousands of people and uprooted 13 million in what the United Nations describes as the world’s worst humanitarian crisis.

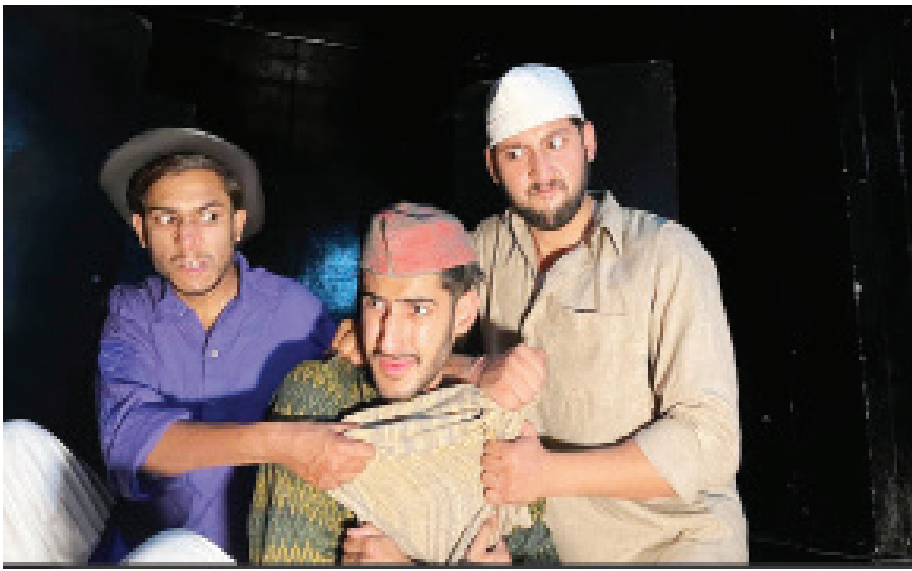


# Natrang stages political satire ‘Topian’

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Keeping the theatre spirit alive and endorsing the belief ‘Show must go On’, Natrang amid tensions staged a hard hitting political satire ‘Topian’ written by Mani Madhukar and directed by Neeraj Kant here at Natrang studio theatre. It is pertinent to mention that Natrang is performing non-stop theatre every Sunday since last 22 years which is a record in the country.

Most appropriate and timely presentation on the contemporary political scene of the country, the play is a dig on the lusty politicians who can change colors faster than a chameleon just to ensure that they remain in power. For them, the mission is to befool the public and for that they have the requisite theatrical art, know-how, expertise and the excellence to transform themselves to any color or



attire as per the situation and the requirement. Human civilization has witnessed a lot of social and political revolutions, each time thinkers and philosophers have sold new political thoughts and doctrine of governance. But ironically the same faces have made their way to power just by hiding real faces in new masks. They have been changing the color of their caps and not

their mind set.

In the backdrop of the story of two neighbors who pledge to change the political scene are shown looking for alternatives. Each time they come across a person they meet only those wearing different caps and attire offering them a variety of manifestos. Each time they identify him as a different person and expect a different ideology from him. This

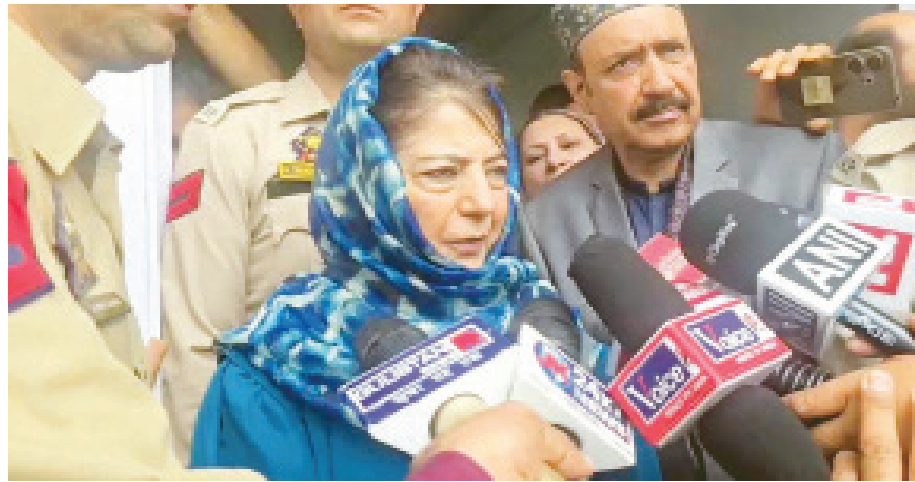
way they succumb to his tactics. Over time when they find that nothing is changing, the slogans of socialism are furthering the divide between rich and poor, quality of life is deteriorating day by day and the security of life and property is at the mercy of God. Both muster courage and strip the person selling those dreams. Surprisingly inside clothes they find that he is the same

person and every time he used to come to them in different attire.

The playwright has successfully portrayed that the politicians are the same; they only change their caps and their colors just to befool the public. They can be friends and enemies at the same time, their equations and confrontations change for lust of power.

This absurd play posed a big challenge before the young actors of Natrang but interestingly their handling of the characters surprised many. Aryan Sharma played the central character of the play who frequently changes into different colors was beautifully portrayed by him. The two neighbors were played by Adaksh Bagal and Kartik Kumar. Both gave engrossing performances. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

# Mehbooba Mufti visits Uri displaced persons, calls for peace and urgent rehabilitation



BARAMULLA, May 10 (Agencies): PDP President Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday visited the relief camp established for the displaced persons of Uri in Baramulla.

She also paid a visit to GMC Baramulla, where she enquired about the condition of those injured in recent incidents.

Speaking on the occasion, Mehbooba Mufti said that war is never a solution. She said that

kinetic warfare leads only to destruction and suffering.

“War is no option as it causes immense damage. Kinetic warfare benefits no one, and utmost restraint must be shown before resorting to it,” she said.

Mehbooba urged the administration to ensure the immediate rehabilitation of affected families.

She stressed the need for the government to

take responsibility for the boarding and lodging of displaced persons and provide them with temporary shelters until they are able to rebuild their lives.

“The affected families should be given financial assistance to reconstruct their damaged homes. People in areas like Poonch, Rajouri, and Kupwara have suffered terribly and need the government’s full support,” she added.

# Army conducts of Veterans/ExSM/Veer Nari meet at Gando



## Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 11: Indian Army organised a Veteran/ExSM/ Veer Nari/Matas meet at Gando reaffirming its deep respect and gratitude towards the brave Ex-Servicemen who have served the nation with dedication and honour.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of numerous veterans and their dependents highlighting the enduring bond between serving personnel and retired soldiers.

This impactful initiative celebrated the unparalleled sacrifices of our veterans as well as the bravehearts who have

sacrificed their lives for the country.

The meet was a testament to the Indian Army’s commitment to its veterans and their families. It provides a unique opportunity for them to come together, share experiences, and celebrate their spirit of camaraderie and sacrifices.

The gathering served as a platform to strengthen the bond between serving personnel and veterans, share experiences and address welfare related concerns.

The various sessions were held such as post-retirement benefits, healthcare schemes, pension updates and

resettlement opportunities. The event featured an open forum where veterans could voice their concern and offer suggestions directly to Army leadership ensuring their voice continues to shape the future.

The meet successfully concluded with assurances of working positively towards alleviating the problems of Ex-servicemen. Overall, the interaction provided an opportunity to understand the prob-

lems being faced by the Ex-servicemen and reassuring them that the organization will continue to work for their welfare. A total of 56 Ex-Servicemen and 07 NCC Cadets attended the event.

# Senior congress leaders pay tributes, attend cremation of Dr Thapa Govt should suitably recognize services, dedication of Dr Thapa given status of martyr: Congress

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Senior Congress leaders on Sunday attended the cremation & paid rich tributes to former ADDC Dr Raj Kumar Thapa who was martyred in a shell attack at his official residence at Rajouri yesterday.

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

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

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

Raman Bhalla also described him as a very capable and dedicated officer who was always available to the common people for help.His martyrdom and dedication should be recognized by the government suitably. Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma while paying rich tributes to Dr Thapa said that he was a people friendly officer and commanded great respect amongst people. He sacrificed his life for the nation in line of his duty, government should give him the status of martyr & award him posthumously for his dedication.

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

# PM Modi chairs high-level security meet; Defence Minister, NSA, CDS and tri-services chiefs present

uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and will continue to do so.

Though Pakistan, which had urged the US to broker peace after India’s hammering, also announced a ceasefire, it went back to its tactics and violated the same. India was quick to retaliate, following which Pakistan stopped sending drones and missiles into Indian territory.

India categorically said that Pakistani drones were sighted and intercepted in various locations in Jammu and Kashmir, including Srinagar, parts of Gujarat, and Barmer in Rajasthan. Blackouts had to be reimposed in several border areas.

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

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

We call upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these

violations and handle the situation with seriousness and responsibility. The armed forces are maintaining a strong vigil on the situation and have been given strict instructions to deal strongly with any repetition of border violations along the International Border and the LoC,” he said.

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

# Soldier martyred guarding Air Base after Pakistani Drone strike in Udhampur

the drones in the air, but a jawan was hit by a fallen debris resulting in critical injuries to him, the officials said, adding that he later succumbed to his injuries.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma paid rich tributes to the fallen soldier and expressed sympathies with his family.

“The news of the martyrdom of Shri Surendra Singh Moga ji, a son of Rajasthan, a resident of Jhunjhunu, a soldier of the Indian Army, who attained martyrdom at Udhampur Air Base while perform-

ing his duty of national security is extremely sad,” he wrote on X.

# “Millions could have died,” Trump praises cessation of hostilities between India-Pak, offers mediation on Kashmir

“I am proud that the USA was able to help you arrive at this historic and heroic decision. While not even discussed, I am going to increase trade, substantially, with both of these great Nations. Additionally, I will work with you both to see if, after a “thousand years,” a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir. God Bless the leadership of India and Pakistan on a job well done!!!!”

India has time and again rejected any third-party intervention on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and has unequivocally expressed that the region is an integral part of India.

On Saturday, India also played down the role of the US in achieving an agreement on cessation of hostilities saying that the understanding had been reached between DGMOs of the two countries.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that India has maintained a consistent stand against

terrorism, “India and Pakistan have today worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military action. India has consistently maintained a firm and uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It will continue to do so.

Trump’s statement and the earlier ones made by Secretary of State Marco Rubio have already invited criticism from the opposition Congress.

Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh said, “The Indian National Congress considers that the mention of “neutral site” by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio for dialogue between India and Pakistan raises many questions. Have we abandoned the Simla Agreement? Have we opened the doors to third-party mediation? The Indian National Congress would like to ask if diplomatic channels between India and Pakistan are being reopened? What commitments have we sought and got?”

The Congress has also called for an all-party meeting on the issues post Operation Sindoor where India successfully destroyed nine terror sites in Pakistan.

# Operations Normal; Some flights may be impacted: Delhi Airport

Advisory issued at 06:12 Hour s#DelhiAirport#PassengerAdvis

ory#DELAdvisorypic.twitter.com/HIZ6i5ly1n — Delhi Airport (@DelhiAirport) May 11, 2025

The DIAL operates the national capital’s Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) — the busiest airport in the country.

The DIAL has also advised passengers to allow extra time for security checks due to the heightened measures and cooperate with the airline and security personnel for smooth facilitation.

Normally, the airport handles around 1,300 flight movements daily.

# No Ceasefire Violation reported in Kashmir Valley overnight

on Saturday. Tension between India and Pakistan soared after the Indian Armed Forces hit terror launchpads in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) last week in response to the Pahalgam attack.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri announced that the directors general of military operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan have agreed to stop all firings and military action on land, air and sea with effect from 5 pm on Saturday. The brief announcement by the foreign secretary came shortly after US President Donald Trump said India and Pakistan have agreed

to a “full and immediate ceasefire” after talks mediated by the US.

# Evacuated residents not to return amid unexploded shells’ threat

notice. “The situation remains extremely dangerous. Even minimal disturbance can trigger an explosion,” the notice reads.

Temporary shelters with food, water, and medical aid have been established throughout the district by the administration.

A 24-hour emergency helpline (112) remains operational for assistance.

Police have warned against unauthorized entry into restricted areas, stating that violations may result in legal consequences. Checkpoints have been set up to enforce the restriction.

Safety instructions include: Do not touch any suspicious objects, Mark the location if safe to do so.

Alert emergency services immediately. Warn others to stay at least 100 meters away

Clearance efforts are expected to take several days, depending on weather and ground conditions.

“The administration will notify the public once it’s safe to return,” reads the notice issued by SSP Baramulla.

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

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11, 2025: Cluster University of Jammu is proud to announce that it has received the prestigious approval of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for its Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) programs with a total intake of 180 in BBA (SPMR college, MAM College) and 240 in BCA (SPMR College, GGM Science College, MAM College) and 10% over and above seats for

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

professional opportunities for students. Prof Naveen Anand, Dean Academic Affairs who took a lead role along with Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Deans, Finance officer, Planning section, IT Cell and members of the academic section in complying to bring the AICTE approval, first of its kind for the University. Ms. Ankur Mahajan, Registrar informed that it was a long drawn meticulous process through which the application was filed during the month of January 2025 and praised all the

administrative and academic staff for the same. Prof Naveen Anand mentioned that AICTE approval was the need of the hour. It not only validates the quality and relevance of BBA and BCA programs but also opens the door to several national-level opportunities for our students. The Vice Chancellor also praised the efforts made by Prof Rajinder Singh, Principal, SPMR College, Prof Romesh Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College, Prof BB Anand, Former Principal, MAM College for

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

# Arvind felicitates GMC Jammu Medical Staff for exemplary service amidst border tension Says country in safe hands of PM Modi, brave security forces

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Senior BJP Leader and MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta today felicitated the doctors, specialists, Heads of Departments (HODs), and the medical and paramedical staff of Government Medical College & Hospital (GMC) Jammu for their unwavering commitment and exceptional service during the recent war-like situation.

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



professionals and specialists from various departments were also in attendance. Addressing the gathering, Arvind Gupta lauded the tireless efforts of the entire medical fraternity, stating, "At a time when fear and uncertainty

gripped the region, the staff of GMC Jammu stood as a pillar of strength. Their courage, professionalism, and dedication are an inspiration to us all." He further emphasized the critical role played

by medical personnel in ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens, highlighting the importance of continued support and recognition for their services. The MLA also asked the people of Jammu to remain vigilant and

cooperate with the administration during such challenging times. He appealed to citizens to stand united, support the armed forces and civil authorities, and extend all possible help to ensure peace, safety, and stability in the region. Arvind Gupta also said that the country is in the safe hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the brave security forces, who are fully capable of tackling any challenge posed to the nation's integrity and sovereignty. He expressed confidence in the Modi government's strong leadership and urged the people to maintain faith in the system while staying calm and alert.

# KCCI urges urgent government intervention to facilitate Hajj travel for 3,000 stranded pilgrims

## Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 11: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCC&I) has made an urgent appeal to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, seeking their immediate intervention to assist nearly 3,000 Hajj pilgrims currently stranded due to the suspension of flight operations from Srinagar Airport. In a strongly worded statement, the KCC&I expressed deep concern over the plight of

the intending pilgrims whose travel plans were disrupted following the cancellation of flights amid recent hostilities and heightened tensions between India and Pakistan. Although a ceasefire has now been officially declared, the Chamber believes this provides a critical window for authorities to act swiftly to ensure the pilgrims can still undertake their sacred journey. The annual Hajj pilgrimage, considered a once-in-a-lifetime religious obligation for Muslims, must be performed within a specific

time frame according to the Islamic calendar. Any delay in departure could cause the pilgrims to miss this vital spiritual opportunity. Highlighting the urgency of the situation, the KCC&I has urged the administration to immediately arrange additional direct flights from Srinagar to Jeddah. If required, the Chamber has suggested facilitating travel through alternative airports with connecting options to ensure no pilgrim is left behind. The Chamber also underscored the emotional and financial strain being endured by

the affected families, many of whom have spent considerable resources in preparation for the pilgrimage. "This is not just a religious issue—it is a humanitarian concern," the KCC&I stated, adding that timely intervention is essential to protect the rights and dignity of the pilgrims. The KCC&I remains hopeful that both the central and Union Territory governments will respond promptly and take concrete measures to resolve this pressing issue, allowing all intending Hajj pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir to travel to Saudi Arabia without further hindrance.

## Dr. Karan Singh welcomes India-Pakistan Ceasefire Applauds PM Modi's leadership in Operation Sindoor, urges support for affected people

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Dr. Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir and former Member Parliament has welcomed the understanding between India and Pakistan and also urged the government to ensure adequate compensation to the people affected by cross-border shelling in Jammu and Kashmir. In a handout issued today, the former Member Parliament said "The India Pakistan ceasefire which came on the verge of the conflict further escalating to a lethal level has been a great relief. Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi wisely gave the Armed Forces a free hand to conduct "Operation Sindoor". "I congratulate him and all ranks of the Armed forces for the efficient manner in which they conducted the whole operation



including the lethal strikes on terrorist's headquarters in mainland Pakistan as well as their attacks on Pakistan's military bases, right up to Rawalpindi itself. The operation was conducted in a very matured and professional manner and achieved its objective," he said. I would call upon the Jammu & Kashmir Government to assess all the damage that was done to the State particularly in the Poonch-Rajouri area and to expeditiously provide compensation and support to those affected. My deep condolences to the families who lost their loved ones during the conflict over the last few days," he said.

# Army distributes food to locals at Lasana

## Top News Report

POONCH, May 11: In a heartwarming display of compassion and commitment to the well-being of civilians from the area, who had sought refuge in the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Lasana, the Indian Army sprang into action to ensure their safety and comfort. The Indian Army's prompt response to the situation has been exemplary. By offering food to the civilians in the GHSS Lasana, the Army has provided a safe haven for those in need. Moreover, the Army's provision of food to the displaced families demonstrates its dedication to the welfare of the local population. The Indian Army's actions in Lasana reflect its broader strategy of winning the hearts and minds of the people. By engaging in humanitarian activities, the Army aims to build trust and foster a sense of security among the local population. This approach not only helps to strengthen the bond between the Army and the community but also underscores the Army's commitment to protecting and serving the people. The Indian Army's efforts in Lasana have had a profound impact on the community. By providing



essential support to those in need, the Army has demonstrated its role as a guardian and protector of the people. This initiative has also helped to reinforce the Army's reputation as a force for good, working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of civilians. The Indian Army's humanitarian efforts in Poonch serve as a shining example of its dedication to serv-

ing the nation and its people. By providing shelter and food to displaced civilians, the Army has shown that it is not just a defender of the country's borders but also a guardian of its citizens' well-being. This initiative is a testament to the Army's commitment to winning the hearts and minds of the people and reinforcing its bond with the community.

# Aiding, abetting terrorism will not be tolerated under PM leadership: NMC

## Top News Report

JAMMU May 10: President NMC Subash Shastri while welcoming the ceasefire said India has made it clear that aiding and abetting terrorism will not be tolerated under Prime Minister leadership. India reaffirmed its commitment to global peace while delivering a strong message that cross border terrorism is unacceptable. In a statement issued here Shastri said he felt proud of the Indian Army but also sighed with relief. The way India managed the crisis is commendable. A prolonged war would have severely impacted the economy of the country. We salute our Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving the armed forces a free hand and ensuring a decisive victory.

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# Dr. Prashant Sinha honoured on World Water Day

## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Environmentalist and columnist Dr. Prashant Sinha was honoured along with forty other environmentalists by the Green India Foundation Trust (GIFT) at an event held at Balaji College, Ballabgarh, Faridabad on the occasion of World Water Day.

Every year, GIFT recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to environmental protection and sustainability. This year's celebration highlighted the efforts of dedicated environmental advocates like Dr. Sinha, whose work continues to inspire action toward water conservation and ecological awareness.

# Aryans Institute of Nursing in association with Lions Club Rajpura organises free health check up camp



## Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, near Chandigarh in collaboration with Lions Press Club Rajpura, successfully organized a free health check-up camp for the local community. Specialists from Park hospital Patiala, including Kidney Specialist, ENT Specialist, Team from Gian Sagar Hospital and from Modern Diagnostic Laboratory Rajpura offered free health check-ups, including vital sign

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

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# AICC Member visits to border-affected areas of Bishnah Constituency



## Top News Report

JAMMU, MAY 11: AICC Member and President of All J&K Sadhguru Kabir Sabha, Shamsher Chand, along with Balwinder Singh Rinku (Coordinator, Minority Department and Vice President, DCC Jammu Urban), Rakesh Meenia (District General Secretary), Sh. Janak Raj (General Secretary), Tilak Raj

(Former Sarpanch), Sh. Jagga Ram (Former Sarpanch), and Akash, conducted a visit to the border-affected areas of Pindi Charakan, Trewa, Arnia, and Nandpur, falling under the Bishnah Constituency. During the visit, the delegation interacted with the local residents and assessed the prevailing ground situation in these vulnerable regions. They

expressed their concern over the difficulties being faced by the border dwellers due to the current circumstances. The leaders assured the affected families of full support, particularly in terms of accommodation and food supply, and emphasized that necessary steps would be taken to address their urgent needs in coordination with concerned authorities.



# Former Indian cricketers Shikhar Dhawan, Virender Sehwag slam Pakistan for ceasefire violation

Former Indian cricketers Shikhar Dhawan and Virender Sehwag lashed out at Pakistan as the nation violated the understanding reached with India on the stoppage of firing and military action.

NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): Former Indian cricketers Shikhar Dhawan and Virender Sehwag lashed out at Pakistan as the nation violated the understanding reached with India on the stoppage of firing and military action.

Shikhar Dhawan took to his official social media handle, X and wrote, "Ghatiya desh ne fir apna ghatiyapan poori duniya ke aage dikha diya. #Pakistan #Ceasefire."

Former Indian opener Virender Sehwag also reacted to Pakistan's violation and said, "Kutte ki dum tedi ki tedi hi rehti hai."

India said on Saturday that Pakistan has violated the understanding reached between Directors General of Military Operations of the two countries earlier in the day on stoppage of firing and military action, and that the Indian Army is retaliat-



ing and dealing with the border intrusions.

At a special briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that this is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier and India takes "very serious note of these violations."

India called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and

deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility.

Misri said that India's Armed Forces have been given instructions to deal strongly with any instances of repetition of the violations of the border along the International Border as well as the Line of Control.

"For the last few hours, there have been repeated violations

of the understanding arrived at earlier this evening between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan. This is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier today. The armed forces are giving an adequate and appropriate response to these violations and we take very very serious note of these violations," Misri said.

"We call upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility. The armed forces are maintaining a strong vigil on the situation. They have been given instructions to deal strongly with any instances of repetition of the violations of the border along the International Border as well as the Line of Control," he added.

# Smriti Mandhana hits 11th ODI hundred in Tri series final vs Sri Lanka



COLOMBO, May 11 (Agencies): Star India batter Smriti Mandhana brought up her 11th ODI century against Sri Lanka in the Tri series final on Sunday, May 11 at R.Premadasa Stadium, Colombo. Mandhana played a scintillating innings of 116 (101) with the help of 15 fours and two sixes. The southpaw also climbed to the third spot in the list of most centuries in Women's ODI's surpassing England's Tammy Beaumont, who has ten centuries to her name.

Only Meg Lanning (15 centuries) and Suzie Bates (13 centuries) are now ahead of Mandhana in the list. The opening batter began her innings cautiously after India captain Harmanpreet Kaur won the toss and opted to bat first. She got off the mark on her fourth delivery and scored his first boundary two balls later with a flick off his pads.

Mandhana cleverly mixed caution with aggression as she unleashed her

release shots time to time to unsettle Sri Lankan bowlers. She stitched a 70-run stand for the first wicket with Pratika Rawal off 89 deliveries as the duo began taking taking more risks after a cautious start.

After losing Rawal for 30 (49), Mandhana turned aggressor to not let the pressure mount on Harleen Deol. She brought her up second successive half century off 55 balls and took India's score past 100 in the 22nd over. After the 24th over, Mandhana quickly shifted gears and began a barrage of boundaries taking on Piumi Badalge and Dewmi Vihanga. The intent rubbed on to Deol as well as India reached the 150-mark in 29 overs.

Batting on 88\* (89) in the 30th over, Mandhana took on Sri Lanka captain Chamari Athapaththu and hit her for four successive fours. As a result, she brought up her hundred off 92 balls and brought India into a commanding position.

Mandhana was finally dismissed for 116 while searching for a third consecutive boundary against Dewmi Vihanga but holed out at point. Her dismissal also brought an end to a massive 120-run stand off 106 balls for the second wicket with Harleen Deol (47 off 56).

# Triple century maker Bob Cowper has died at age 84: Cricket Australia

MELBOURNE, May 11 (Agencies): Bob Cowper, who scored test cricket's first triple century on Australian soil, has died at the age of 84 due to an undisclosed illness, Cricket Australia said Sunday.

Cowper played 27 test matches for Australia between 1964 and 1968, with a record of 2,061 runs at an average of 46.84, including five centuries, while also taking 36 wickets with his part-time off-spin.

The left-hander was renowned for both his stroke-play and steadiness, particularly during his most famous innings — a 12-hour, 589-ball 307 against England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in February 1966.

The innings was the only test triple century made in Australia in the 20th century, and just the 10th ever scored at that time. It came after he was recalled on his home ground, having been 12th man in the previous test in Adelaide.



Cowper was a force on home soil and his batting average of 75.78 runs in Australia remains the second-highest of all time behind only Donald Bradman. He retired in 1968 and became a stockbroker.

He also later became an ICC match referee. In 2023, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition for his service to cricket.

"We are deeply saddened to hear of the

passing of Bob Cowper who was a hugely respected figure in Australian cricket," Cricket Australia chairman Mike Baird said. "Bob was a wonderful batter who will always be remembered for his famous triple century at the MCG, as well as his strong influence in the Australian and Victorian (state) teams of the 1960s." Cricket Australia said Cowper was survived by wife Dale and daughters Olivia and Sera.

# UAE becomes first team in history of cricket to retire out all 10 batters during T20I game

NEW DELHI, May 11 (Agencies): The United Arab Emirates women's team registered a unique record as they became the first team in international cricket to retire out all 10 batters during a T20I game, as reported by Olympics.com

Playing against Qatar in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Asia Region Qualifier 2025 at the Terdthai Cricket Ground in Bangkok, UAE, posted 192 without loss in just 16 overs before voluntarily ending their innings in a highly unusual yet tactical move.

Since declarations are not permitted in limited-overs cricket, the batters ran onto the field one by one and declared themselves retired out - a first in the sport's international history.

Under overcast skies and with rain threatening to disrupt play, the UAE management made a



calculated decision to accelerate the match.

At the end of the 16th over, with a commanding total already on the board, head coach and former international all-rounder Ahmed Raza opted to end the innings.

Believing the 192-run opening stand was more than sufficient,

while Satish contributed 74 off 42 deliveries.

With no wickets lost and four overs remaining, the UAE lineup chose to withdraw from the crease, forcing the remaining eight players - none of whom faced a ball - to also retire out.

In response, Qatar collapsed for 29 runs in 11.1 overs. Only three batters managed to score, with Rizpha Bano Emmanuel accounting for nearly all of Qatar's runs with a knock of 20 from 29 balls.

The UAE vs Qatar cricket match saw a record 15 ducks, the most in a women's T20 International history.

The 2025 ICC Women's T20 World Cup Asia Qualifier, hosted by Thailand, is a key event in the qualification process for the 2026 Women's T20 World Cup. The top two teams will secure their spots in the global qualifier.

# Nikhat may headline key meet in Hyderabad next month



CHENNAI, May 11 (Agencies): Though there have been a few noteworthy events — domestic and international — here and there, the sport of boxing in the country has largely been subdued so far this season. With some key competitions including the World Championships on the horizon, that could change. Even star boxer Nikhat Zareen could possibly return to competitive action soon. The World Boxing-led Interim Committee is looking to organise the Elite Women Boxing Tournament in Hyderabad next month. The committee has requested the Telangana Boxing Federation (TBF) to conduct the tournament. If things go as per committee's proposal, the event could witness some elite boxers fighting for a spot in the national camp.

"The tournament will feature participation from the Top 12 ranked State/Board teams of 8th Elite Women Nationals, 1 SAI NCOE Combined Team, and the Host team, making it a highly competitive and significant tournament in the national boxing calendar. This

tournament serves as a separate pathway to provide opportunities for boxers to enter in national coaching camp," the Interim Committee, in a letter addressed to TBF, said. A copy of this letter (dated May 8) is with The New Indian Express.

However, the event comes with an asterisk. Given the ongoing cloud surrounding the sport due to delay in conduct of elections and subsequent recognition issue with the sports ministry, it remains to be seen if the event will go smoothly as per plan. The TBF has to respond within mid-June. As per the letter, the event is scheduled to be conducted from June 23 to June 27.

If things fall in place, this upcoming event is quite significant ahead of some key international events, including the World Championships that is scheduled to be held in England in September. Going by the selection policy in place, even Lovlina Borgohain could take part in the Telangana meet. However, that is far from certain due to the current climate in the BFI. Due to division within the governing body of the sport in the country, several top boxers including Lovlina had missed the women's national championship in Greater Noida earlier this year in March. That had meant Lovlina, who participated in the National Games 2025, and several other elite boxers had missed out on a pathway to representing India in international events. The boxers, who finished in the top-four at Greater Noida, are currently part of the national camp in Patiala.

According to the BFI Selection Policy 2025-26, the national championship is the main pathway for the boxers aspiring to be part of the national camp. Having missed that boat, now it's a chance for Lovlina and other boxers to earn that spot as the gold and the silver medallist from the Telangana meet will be given the right to join the already-selected bunch in the national camp. Preeti Pawar, who was part of the Paris Games, is another name that could feature.

"This upcoming event is a chance for all the boxers who have missed out so far including the youth boxers. It's a second chance for those talented boxers who might have faced a gold medallist early on and gotten knocked out. We want to have a big bench strength going into the 2028 Olympics," a federation source told this daily.

"They (big names) should ideally be taking part. Nikhat is also well aware of this," the source added.

Nikhat, competed in the 50kg category in the 2024 Paris Olympics, had also skipped the aforementioned national event and is now expected to be the star attraction at her home state. With the update in women's categories for the Los Angeles Olympics, Nikhat will now be trading blows in the 51kg category. She departed for Uzbekistan for a training camp on Friday night. Before this, Nikhat had kept herself active by training at the Army Sports Institute in Pune.

The Interim Committee, in

association with Mission Olympic Wing and Army Sports Institute, had conducted the 1st Chief of Army Staff Cup Open Boxing Tournament recently. That event also served as a pathway for the men boxers to enter the national coaching camp. Like their women counterparts, the men are also part of the national camp in Patiala. The two camps are being held separately. The policy makers from the federation are hopeful of making this a regular feature in their calendar.

Once the names for the national camp are finalised, there will be evaluation for seven to twelve days to determine the ranking. The No 1-ranked athlete will be taking part in the World Championship. The bottom-ranked boxers will be excluded from the camp.

Federation Cup

In order to ensure fairness, the boxing body is also looking to conduct the Federation Cup Open Tournament (both men and women) around September. "We are slowly looking to identify a larger pool of talent in each weight category. Gradually, the focus will become clearer," the source noted. The finalists from the Fed Cup will be included and all the campers will once again be part of the evaluation process. According to the selection policy, the top-ranked boxer will be part of the Asian Boxing Championship while the No 2-ranked boxers are expected to take part in the World Boxing Cup, which is scheduled to be held in India in mid-November.

# Truist Championship: Bhatia slips to tied-16th; Straka, Lowry take lead

FLOURTOWN, May 11 (Agencies): Akshay Bhatia rode a roller coaster at the end of which he had slid from a top-5 after two rounds to tied 16th at the end of the third round of the Truist Championship.

In blustery conditions, Bhatia shot 71 after the first two rounds of 63-70. He is now 6-under and Tied-16th with one more round to go.

Austrian Sepp Straka shot a 4-under 66 and Irishman Shane Lowry had a 67 to share the lead heading into the final round. Straka started the round two strokes behind and ion the third round he offset his only bogey with five birdies. Two of those came in the final four holes and he had a clutch par putt from 16 and a half feet at the 18th on the Philadelphia Cricket Club's Wissahickon Course to finish at 14 under.

Aaron Rai (71) was tied 38th and Sahith

Theegala struggled continued as she shot 8-over 78 and was 70th.

Bhatia had two birdies in the first three holes and a bogey-birdie on the fourth and fifth. Then came a hat-trick of bogeys from the seventh to the ninth as he turned in one-over 36. On the back nine, he had the 12th, 14th and 15th and bogeyed the 13th, 17th and 18th.

Lowry moved into a tie for the lead by matching Straka's birdie on the downwind par-4 17th and will be paired with the 32-year-old Austrian on Sunday in the final round of the sixth Signature Event of the PGA TOUR season.

Keith Mitchell, the leader after 18 and 36 holes, shot 1-over. He was 11 under with Justin Thomas, who charged up the leaderboard despite bogeys on the two par 5s in a 67. Hideki Matsuyama was another stroke back after a 63, the best score

of the day.

Defending champion Rory McIlroy made an early move before spoiling a three-birdie — here and there, the sport of boxing in the country has largely been subdued so far this season. With some key competitions including the World Championships on the horizon, that could change. Even star boxer Nikhat Zareen could possibly return to competitive action soon. The World Boxing-led Interim Committee is looking to organise the Elite Women Boxing Tournament in Hyderabad next month. The committee has requested the Telangana Boxing Federation (TBF) to conduct the tournament. If things go as per committee's proposal, the event could witness some elite boxers fighting for a spot in the national camp.

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Operation Sindoor not just a military action, but a symbol of India's political, social & strategic willpower: Rajnath

Virtually inaugurates BrahMos Integration & Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow

JAMMU/ LUCKNOW, May 11(AGENCIES): "Operation Sindoor was not just a military action, but a symbol of India's political, social and strategic willpower," said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during his virtual address at the inauguration of BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on Sunday. He described the operation as a demonstration of India's strong willpower against terrorism and the capability & determination of the Armed Forces, which ensured justice to the innocent families who lost their loved ones at the hands of anti-India and terrorist organisations on the Indian soil.

Defence Minister termed Operation Sindoor as a proof that whenever India acts against terrorism, even the land across the border is not safe for terrorists and their masters.

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

Rajnath Singh asserted that the operation was launched to destroy terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK, and innocent civilians were not targeted, however, Pakistan targeted the civilian areas in India and tried to attack temples, gurudwaras and churches.

"Our Armed Forces displayed valour & restraint and gave a befitting reply by attacking many military bases of Pakistan. Not only did we take action against military bases adjacent to the border, but the indignation of our Armed Forces reached even Rawalpindi, where the Pakistani military headquarters are located," he said.

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



ment.

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

Rajnath Singh called BrahMos as not just one of the world's fastest supersonic cruise missiles, but a message of the strength of the Indian Armed Forces, a message of deterrence to adversaries, and a message of the nation's unwavering commitment to safeguarding its borders. He added that BrahMos is a confluence of top defence technologies of India and Russia. Terming the facility as a matter of pride for the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), Rajnath Singh stated that it has already created around 500 direct and 1,000 indirect jobs, reflecting the state's growing stature as a defence manufacturing hub.

He emphasised that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Government's vision of setting-up the corridor rests on its goal of developing the state as the world's top defence production and export destination.

"A total of 180 MoUs have, so far, been signed in UPDIC with a proposed investment of Rs 34,000 crore, and an investment of Rs 4,000 crore has already been made. Major investments have been made in Aircraft manufacturing, UAVs, Drones, Ammunition, Composite & Criti-

cal materials, Small Arms, Textile and Parachute etc. The highlight is that the participation of both public sector and the private sectors are being witnessed. In Lucknow itself, titanium and super alloy material plants are being started by PTC Industries Limited. In addition, the foundation of seven additional critical projects is being laid. This would accelerate the pace of India's self-reliance in the defence sector," Defence Minister said. Rajnath Singh reiterated the Government's vision of 'Make-in-India, Make-for-the-World', stressing that self-reliance not only means catering to India's own security needs, but it also envisages making the country a key exporter of defence equipment to the global market.

"The launch of the BrahMos facility is a firm stride towards making India a significant player in the world's defence production ecosystem," he said.

Defence Minister appreciated the efforts of the Uttar Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, DRDO scientists, engineers, and other stakeholders for completing the project within 40 months. "Given the current circumstances, it is crucial that we continue to achieve our goals in a time-bound and efficient manner," he said. He credited the state government for creating a strong development ecosystem and implementing initiatives such as setting-up of UPDIC, establishment of DRDO's Defence Technology & Test Centre in

Lucknow and hosting DefExpo in 2020.

Speaking at the inauguration site, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for moving forward with the goal of making Lucknow a defence manufacturing hub. He said the facility in Lucknow will give a fillip to the Make-in-India initiative, Aatmanirbharta and investment in defence manufacturing.

On the state's initiatives to promote defence manufacturing, Yogi Adityanath said the work is proceeding with pace under all the six nodes of the UPDIC. He listed various projects in defence manufacturing that are being established in the state, covering both public and private industries.

The Chief Minister hailed Operation Sindoor as a message to the world that India no longer tolerates terrorism. There can be no solution to terrorism other than being absolutely crushed, he said.

The 200-acre BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow will have integration of Booster sub-assemblies, Avionics, Propellant, Ramjet engines. The programme center with Design & Administrative blocks are also being planned in the complex.

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

Brahmos Aerospace has selected 36 trainees for the operation of the facility. Five of these newly selected trainees were felicitated by the UP Chief Minister as part of the inauguration. Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brijesh Pathak, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat, DG Brahmos Dr Jaiteerth R Joshi, public representatives and senior officials of the central & state governments were also present on the occasion.

Katra Chamber promotes pilgrimage tourism in GITB Jaipur



Top News Report

JAIPUR, May 11: The Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department made a remarkable impression at the recently concluded Great Indian Travel Bazaar (GITB) 2025, held in Jaipur, Rajasthan. This premier travel mart, renowned for its global scale and participation from over 50 countries, served as a powerful platform to promote India's diverse tourism offerings, with special emphasis on pilgrimage tourism in Katra, the revered gateway to the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

The J&K Pavilion was led by Vikas Gupta, Director Tourism, alongside Owias Mushtaq, Additional Secretary, Sana Khan, Under Secretary, and Arif Lone, Assistant Director, who showcased the Union Territory's immense tourism potential to an international audience of particular focus was Katra, a spiritual hub that continues to attract millions of devotees each year and remains one of the cornerstones of J&K's pilgrimage tourism.

Prominently representing the stakeholders from the region, Raj Kumar Padha, President Chamber of Tourism, Trade and Industry Katra, actively championed the initiatives aimed at promoting pilgrimage and holistic tourism in and around Katra.

He was joined by several key players from the tourism industry including Arun Sharma (MTMC), Joginder (Rama Trident), Nitin Gupta (Marriott Katra), Amritpal (Vivanta Jammu), Raneet (Vivanta Katra), Munish (Marriott), and Shabbir Jargar (Saaj Valley)—all of whom contributed to the dynamic representation of the region's hospitality and service sectors.

The event was graced by several distinguished dignitaries including Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister

of Tourism and Culture Government of India, Diya Kumari, Deputy Chief Minister Rajasthan, Pravati Parida, Deputy Chief Minister Government of Odisha, Suman Berry, Vice Chairperson NITI Aayog, Rohan Khaunte, Minister for Tourism Government of Goa, Suman Billa, Additional Secretary and Director General Ministry of Tourism Government of India, Dr. Jyotsna Suri, Past President FICCI & CMD the Lalit Suri Hospitality Group, and Dr. Senthil Gopinath, CEO International Congress and Convention Association and several other global tourism business leaders.

With participation from over 50 countries, GITB 2025 highlighted India's growing stature as a vibrant and globally competitive tourism destination.

Their presence highlighted the growing importance of collaboration between government bodies, industry leaders, and global buyers in shaping the future of Indian tourism.

Raj Kumar Padha reaffirmed India's growing stature as a globally competitive tourism destination, with Jammu & Kashmir emerging as a standout region for spiritual, natural, and cultural tourism.

The interactions at the event have opened new avenues for collaboration, investment, and international promotion, particularly for Katra's pilgrimage circuit, which is rapidly evolving with enhanced infrastructure, connectivity, and experiential offerings.

The participation of J&K Tourism at GITB 2025 underscores its commitment to transforming the Union Territory into a year-round destination that appeals to both domestic and international travelers, anchored by spiritual sanctity and enriched by scenic beauty.

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



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Under the leadership of Pt Rajesh Kesri, President of Shiv Sena Hindustan, J&K, SSH team visited the Government Girls' High School in Bishnah, where refugees from border areas such as Triva, Jhoria, and Arnai Town are temporarily sheltered due to the ongoing Pak shelling. Prominent among those who accompanied Kesri included Balbir Kumar, Balwant Fouji, Vishwanath, Raj Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Darshana Devi, Neeru Devi, Muskaan and other Shiv Sainiks.

Kesri during visit observed that the government has made satisfactory arrangements for the refugees, providing timely meals and proper accommodations. The refugees were found to be peace-

ful and content with the arrangements, with many engaging in bhajans and kiirtans, and praying for the safety of our soldiers. Kesri interacted with the refugees, listening to their concerns and empathizing with their situation. Many expressed worry about their livestock and properties left behind in their villages.

Kesri appreciated the government's decision to enforce a ceasefire and announced that arrangements are being made to transport the refugees back to their homes using government vehicles. Kesri demanded that the government provide a permanent solution for these refugees, such as allocating small plots of land where they can build homes. This would not only reduce the burden on the gov-

ernment but also provide the refugees with a sense of security. Kesri distributed food items to the children among the refugees,

bringing smiles to their faces. Shiv Sena Hindustan commends the refugees for their patience and resilience during this challenging

time. We appreciate the government's efforts in providing support and look forward to a permanent solution for these displaced families.

LG Manoj Sinha lays wreath, pays homage to BSF Braveheart SI Md. Imteyaz



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid a wreath and paid homage to BSF Braveheart Sub Inspector Md. Imteyaz, who made the supreme sac-

rifice in the service of the motherland. Sub Inspector Md. Imteyaz was martyred during unprovoked firing by Pakistan along the International Boundary in R.S Pura area, Jammu. "I salute the supreme

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

Legal Cell of Movement Kalki to provide free legal assistance to Amarnath pilgrims this year

Top News Report

JAMMU May 11: A meeting of the Legal Cell of Movement Kalki (Future Thinkers) was convened on Sunday under the leadership of Senior Advocate Sumeshwar Kohli.

During the meeting, it was unanimously decided that the organization will continue to provide free legal assistance to Amarnath pilgrims this year as well, continuing a tradition that has already benefitted thousands of devotees over the past two years.

Several distinguished members of the legal team participated in the meeting, including Advocate Uma Kapahi, Advocate Harmeet Singh, Advocate Raghav Kohli, Advocate Bilal, Advocate Nitin, Advocate Gourav, Advocate Kunak Kohli, Advocate Nikunj Sharma, Advocate Manav Dogra, Advocate Lucky Singh, among others.

The Legal Cell also expressed satisfaction over the ongoing ceasefire situation in the country. They emphasized that timely and firm decisions by strong leadership have played a crucial role in maintaining stability



and steering the nation on the right path.

Commenting on the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, in which innocent civilians lost their lives, the Legal

Cell stated that India has given an appropriate response. They condemned such cowardly acts orchestrated by Pakistan and warned that any repeat of such aggression would push the country toward an unavoidable war. The Cell urged the government to remain vigilant against such threats.

The Legal Cell of Movement Kalki reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to justice and service, standing firmly in solidarity with the nation during challenging times.

Dr. Uppal honored with Award of Distinguished Scholar by International Academy of Ethics

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 11: Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal has been conferred the Distinguished Scholar Award by the International Academy of Ethics in recognition of his exceptional contributions to education, research, and social transformation.

The award honors his pioneering work in banking and finance and his impactful initiatives in empowering rural communities through education and



technology. Dr. Uppal expressed gratitude to Dr. Jarnail Singh Anand, President, and Dr. Maja Herman, Vice-President of the Academy, for this esteemed recognition.