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Celina Jaitly slams Pakistani actors for 'silence on terrorism', supports ban

PM Modi chairs meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security

(opposite Pakistan's

Wagah), a BSF spokes-

A picture of the jawan released by the force

showed a bearded Shaw

with ruffled hair, and

wearing a dark green

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round-neck T-shirt.

Two Killed

in Srinagar

Road Mishap

SRINAGAR, May 14

(Agencies): Two young

men from Kupwara's

Machil area lost their

lives in a tragic road

accident on Monday

after their motorcycle

collided with an electric

pole near the Tourist

Reception Centre (TRC)

The deceased have

been identified as Gh

Mohammad Lone (25)

and Reyaz Ahmad Tan-

tray (23). According to

initial reports, the duo
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in Srinagar.

person said.

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Pope offers to mediate between world leaders to end wars

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BRIEFLY

Ladakh admin orders **Inter-District** transfer of school education officers

LEH, May 13 (Agencies): The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh has ordered inter-district transfers of officers in the School **Education Department** with immediate effect.

As per an order, Sonam Dorjey Namgial, I/c CEO Kargil, has been transferred and posted as I/c Principal, DIET Kargil, while Sonam Wangchuk, previously posted as DEPO Leh with additional charge of I/c CEO Leh, will now serve as I/c CEO Kargil.

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Stolen gun recovered within 24 hours, Accused arrested in Arnia

JAMMU, May 14 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police in Arnia area have solved a theft case within 24 hours of its reporting by arresting the accused and recovering the stolen weapon. Fine dining reservationsJammu and Kashmir tourism

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22 children among 48 killed in Israeli airstrikes on Gaza

GAZA, May 14 (Agencies): At least 22 children were killed in Gaza overnight Tuesday and early Wednesday in a punishing series of Israeli airstrikes on homes in northern Gaza, according to local hospitals.

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Ramban Court Officer Prabhat Singh killed in road accident in Ramban

BANIHAL, May 14 (Agencies): In a tragic incident, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Principal District and Sessions Court, Ramban, Prabhat Singh, lost his life in a fatal road accident on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway near Maroog early Wednesday morning.

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Pakistan hands over BSF jawan to India after 21 days



AMRITSAR, May 14 (Agencies): Pakistan on Wednesday handed over BSF jawan Purnam Kumar Shaw to India, 21 days after he was appre-

ENTERTAINMENT

hended by the Rangers from along the International Border between the two countries in Punjab.

The constable was

handed over to the Border Security Force (BSF) by Pakistan Rangers at 10:30 am at joint check post (JCP) Attari in Amritsar district

Justice Bushan R Gavai sworn in as new Chief Justice of India



NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India on Wednesday. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Gavai, who succeeded CJI Sanjiv Khanna.

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Helicopter service at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine resumes after 7 Days

KATRA/JAMMU, May 14 (Agencies): The helicopter service to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district resumed on Wednesday after being suspended for a week due to the military standoff between India and Pakistan, officials said.

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Second batch of Haj Pilgrims to depart from Srinagar Today



SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): Days after the first batch of Haj pilgrims in Srinagar left for Saudi Arabia's Mecca to undertake the annual holy pilgrimage, the second batch of Haj pilgrims are also set to depart for Mecca from Srinagar on Wednesday following the cessation of hostilities between

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Educational institutions reopen in Border districts of J&K

BARAMULLA, May 14 (Agencies): Educational institutions in the border districts of Kashmir Valley, except those in close proximity to the Line of Control, reopened on Wednesday.

Schools and colleges in the border districts of Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora have reopened after a week of closure in the wake of hostilities between India and Pakistan.

Schools elsewhere in the Valley had reopened on Tuesday.

Talib Dar, a student in Baramulla, said, "We are meeting our friends and teachers. We are very happy that there is a ceasefire and we can restart our studies. We will now focus on our regular

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Bunkers back in focus in J&K border areas after years of peace: CM Omar

SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): Bunkers have once again become a key topic of discussion in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir, following intense crossborder shelling from Pakistan that resulted in both loss of life and extensive damage to infrastructure, as stated by Jammu and Kashmir ■Turn to page 9

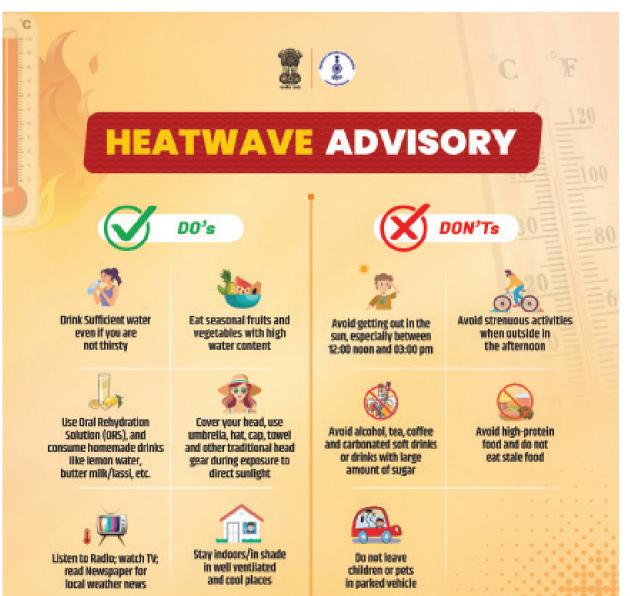


Northern Army Commander Calls On LG Sinha



SRINAGAR, May 14 : Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma on Wednesday called on Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here and briefed him on the prevailing security scenario in the union territory. The meeting was held at the Raj Bhavan, an

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PEOPLE AT GREATER RISK

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

BEAT THE HEAT, KNOW SYMPTOMS

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

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

Call 108/102 immediately

In the meantime:

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

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TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

rise of our beloved father Sh. Ashok Kumar Sadhotra (Retal. Estates Officer) Sits Lt. Sh. Santur Chand Rio H.No. 109, Mast Garly, James Tenth Day will be held on 12-05-2025 (Monday) at 11 12 Noon at Brahman Sabha, Parada, Jammu

Kriya will be performed on 15-05-2025 (Thursday) at 12.00 Noon all our residence (address men

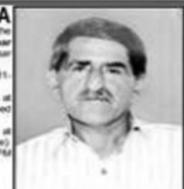
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GRIEF STRICKEN Sint, Anits Sadhotra - Wife Aryaman Sadhotta - San Mrs. A/200 Sadhotra - Daughter Mr. Mukul Mahajan - Son-in-law Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law Sh. Kukheesi & Sinst. Sheetal Verma

Sisters & Brothers-in-law Lt. Sh. Weens & Sh. Vijay Chopra Smt. Kanta Mengi & U. Sh. Bhola Nath Mengi Brothers & Shathis

Lt. Sh. Madho Lal & Shotha Sadhotra Lt Sh. Raj Kumar & Lt. Kamlesh Sadhotra

Ct. Sh. Mohan Lal & Sunta Sadhotra Sh. Kahore Kumar & Anu Sadhotra



SH. ASHOK KUMAR SADHOTRA 1954-2025 (Retd. Estates Officer)

Contact: 9682676396,

OBITUARY/ 10th DAY KRIYA

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With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved father Shri Makhan Lal Miskeen S/o Lt. Shri Jiya Lal Bhan, Retd. Superintendent of Police J&K, originally resident of 44, Karan Nagar, Srinagar left for heavenly abode on 11th May, 2025 (Sunday) at his residence B-101, Anand Lok, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 20th May, 2025 (Tuesday) at Murad Nagar, UP. Praying for his eternal peace:

Son/ Daughter-in-law

Vijay & Renuka Miskeen (9654370202, 9968004063) Vinod & Kitty Bhan - Son/ Daughter-in-law

Inder Dha - Son-in-law

Usha & Surjit Razdan - Daughter/ Son-in-law Babli & Ashwini Koul - Daughter/ Son-in-law

Grandchildren: Varshunn, Varalika & Ashish, Vitasta & Aridaman, Vikran & Arushi SAMAST MISKEEN & BHAN PARIVAR

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our Father Sh. Bhushan Lal Makroo S/o Late Prabhavati and Manohar Nath Makroo, original resident of Chanapora Srinagar / Anand Nagar, Talab Tillo, Bohri, Jammu at present Flat No. 18035, E Block, 16th Avenue, Gaur City 2, Greater Noida (UP).

The 10th Day Kriya shall be performed at Chota Haridwar, Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad (UP) at 10 AM on 21st May 2025.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Makroo's / Kakroo's / Mattoo's/ Rayu's 9999768496



Shri Makhan Lal Miskeen

Sh. Bhushan Lal Makroo

SMT. JAI RANI LALA

(PRABHA)

ANGLEE RAINA

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SMT. JAI RANI LALA (PRAB-HA) W/O LT DR. JAWAHAR LAL LALA OF LAL NAGAR, CHANPORA, KASHMIR AND WAS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 1204 TOWER 4, SHRI SKY GARDENS, SECTOR 16B, GREATER NOIDA WEST ON 10/05/2025.

TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL BE PER-FORMED ON 18TH MAY, 2025 (SUNDAY) @ 09 AM AT GANG NAHAR GHAT, MURADNA-GAR.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SANTOSH AND T.K TENG (DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW) REETA AND BAIJ KISHEN TOSHKHANI (DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW) SUSHMA AND RAKESH PANDITA (DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW) KONG-POSH BAZAZ (SON-IN-LAW)

JYOTI LALA PANDIT & RAJIV PANDIT (DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW) MOBILE NO: 9910024003, 9419014297, 9419782159, 9810398083

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, it is to inform that the 10TH DAY KRIYA of our beloved Anglee Raina W/o Sh. Autar Krishan Dhar R/o Lar, Ganderbal A/P H.No 11 C Sharda Colony Patoli Brahmana will be performed at Muthi Ghat on May 18, 2025, Sunday at 8:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Autar Krishan Dhar (Husband) Brothers-in-Law and Sisters-in-Law

Sh. Surinder Dhar H/o Lt. Pinky Dhar Smt. Daisy Aga W/o Lt. Dalip Ji Aga Smt. Sweety Raina & Sh. Autar Krishan Raina

Daughters and Son-in-Law

Smt. Ansoya Dhar & Sh. Amit Bhat

Ms. Akshita Dhar

Grand Children: Kiaan & Manasvi

SAMAST DHAR, BHAT, RAINA, AGA & PANDITA PARIVAR

CONTACT DETAILS: 9419802087, 9811895593, 7006273402, 9419685140

PRAYER MEETING (UTHALA

Shaheed Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, MBBS, JKAS (ADDC, Rajouri, J&K) attained martyrdom in the line of duty due to heavy cross-border shelling in the early hours of 10th May 2025 at Rajouri, while selflessly and valiantly serving the Motherland.

Final prayers & condolences (Uthala) will be held on Friday, 16th May 2025, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm at Shri Guru Ravidass Gurudwara, Krishna Nagar, Jammu.

In deep mourning:

Sh. Durga Dass Thapa; Retd. CSO, BSNL (Father)

Dr. Meenakshi Kundan; Dept, of Pathology, GMC Jammu (Wife)

Ms. Mareesa Thapa (Daughter) Mr. Aahivritak Thapa (Son)

(Sister & Brother-in-Law)

Dr. Sunita Kuman, Asst. Professor, Physiology, AllMS Jammu & Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bhasin; Professor, Surgery, GMC Jammu

(Brother & Sister-in-Law)

Mr. Mohinder Kumar Thapa; Sr. Manager, Canara Bank & Mrs. Anuradha; Govt. Teacher

(Father-in-law and Mother-in-law) Sh. Jia Lai; Retd. Sr. Manager, J&K Bank and Smt. Vichya Devi ; Retd. Principal

Nieces & Nephews.

Thapa Family & all nears and dears 9419229773, 9419175166, 7889571645, 7889368620.

Note: Car Parking has been arranged at GGM Science College Jammu

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Dr. Roop Kishen Koul S/o Shri Narayan Kaul (originally from Raj Bagh, Srinagar) on 8th May 2025.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Saturday, 17th May 2025 at 10:00 AM at Ganga Ghat, Muradnagar.

This will be followed by a Prayer Assembly at our residence: C-260,

Block C, Sushant Lok Phase-1, Gurugram from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM

IN GRIEF: Kaul Family

Ph: 9953120132, 9625206765

10TH DAY, KRIYA AND UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of beloved Smt. Santosh Kumari, Wd/O Late Sh. Krishan Lal, R/O 261, Bharat Nagar, Rehari Colony, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 04-05-2025 (Sunday).

TENTH DAY will be performed at our residence or Tuesday(13-05-2025) at 12:00 pm.

KRIYA will be performed at our residence on Friday (16-05-2025) at 12:00 pm.

UTHALA will be performed at Hari Mandir Rehard Colony on Friday(16-05-2025) From 4:00 pm to 5:00

Smt. Sarita Kumari & Sh. Narinder Singh - Daughter- in-law & Son Smt. Nimmi Devi W/O Late Sh. Mohinder Singh - Daughter- in-law & Son Smt. Pushpa Devi & Sh. Krishan Lal - Daughter & Son-in-law Karan Singh & Ruhi Raina - Grand Son & Daughter-in-law Jaidev Singh & Amandeep Kour - Grand Son & Daughter-in-law Arjun Singh & Mehak - Grand Son & Daughter-in-law Sendey Singh - Grand Son

Ruhi Rajout & Sahil Katal - Grand Daughter & Son-In-law 261, Bharat Nagar, Rehari Colony, Jammu Ph. 9682699323,7006471972,9906039508

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that 10th Day Kriya of our beloved Mother/Badi Mom Smt. Sharda Devi W/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal Khar R/o Mattan Anantnag Kashmir at present H.No.236 Sector-2, Gangval, Jammu will be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 15-05-2025 Thursday from 6.30 AM to 9.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Anita & Pintoo Kumar Watal

Grand Children:

Smt Anmol & Amolak Anui Watal & Vibuti Bhat

Mob: 7889632413, 9419355681



Smt. Santosh Kumari

SMT. SHARDA DEVI

Vivek Bhat (Rinku Jee)

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Mr Vivek Bhat (Rinku Jee) S.o Shri Pushkar Nath Bhat of Bongund, Verinag ,Ananthag at present Street No. 126 H,No.10888 R K Vihar Udhaywala near Yogoda Ashram Jammu, on 09-05-2025.

The 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 18th May 2025. Sunday at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education, a 8:30 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt Laximi Shari Bhat W/o Late Shri Arjan Nath Bhat -Badi Mummy Sml Dulari & Shri Pushkar Nath Bhat -Mother & Father

Mrs. Meenakshi Bhat -Wife Master Ekansh Bhat -Son Sisters & Brothers -in- Law Mrs Bharti & Sh Ramesh Bhat

Mrs Kukla & Sh Suneel Raine Mrs Vity & Sh Subash Raina Mrs. Bunty & Sh Rakesh Bhat Sister-in-Law and Brothers Chandu & Bharat Bhushan Bhat

Indu & Kuldeep Bhat Aniali & Vikas Bhat. Kartikya, Kirti, Ayush, Palak, Krishiv, Parth, Sheena, Nitya, Puysh & Harshul Smast Bhat Parivar of Bongund Verinag 9796405211, 9419191940, 8082588217, 09501448200



Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, JKAS (ADDC, Rajouri, J&K)

Dr. Roop Kishen Koul

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father S. Chatter Singh Ji S/o Late S. Raja Singh Ji R/o F-56 Shastri Nagar, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on Tuesday

gar Ankur Maitrika Hospital, Sainik Colony, Jammu

She left us for heavenly abode on 09/05/2025. In loving memory of departed soul.

Kirtan & Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Singh Sa

Sons & Daughters-in-law S. Jastir Singh & Prabhjit Kour S. Jatinder Singh (Retd. EME) & Amandeep Kour

Colony, Jammu from 3 PM to 4:30 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN

dr. Sopinder Kour & S. Gurdeep Singh

aughters & Sons-in-law

Programme Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib on (Tuesday 13/5/2025 at our residence at 9 AM Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on (Thursday

15/5/2025 at 9 am at our residence. Gurbani Vichar & Shabad Kirtan : 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, at Gurudwara Baba Fateh

Singh Ji Sanjay Nagar, Jammu. Antim Ardas - 12:30 PM followed by Guru Ka Langer. GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sdn. Simer Kour (Wife) Sons & Daughter in law Or Tejinder Singh & Dr Jagmeet Kaur S. Arvinder Singh

Son in law & Daughter Er. Jaipal Singh & Dr.Baljinder Kour. Ph: 9419183182, 9906065193

TENTH DAY

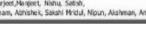
hose we love do not go away, they walk beside us every d niseen, unheard but always near, still missed and very dear. With profound orief and sorrow, we recret to inform the sa demise of our beloved father Sh. Rattan Chand (SKUAST-J) Sig LLSh.Rura Ram R/o Bagga Jama, R.S.Pura. TENTH DAY (SATSANG) will be performed on 15.05.2025 Thursday) from 11.15 am to 12.15 pm at Public Resort, Car

Road Chak Mohd Yar, R.S.Pura GRIEF STRICKEN Daughters and Sons in Law Smt Kailash Devi and Sh. Tarsem Lal Smt Annash Devi and Sh Dev Raj Sons and Daughters in Law Sh Romesh Kumar (SO, IIIM) & Smt Rani Devi

Sh Deeppik Kumar (FCLA SKUSST-I) & Smt Anju Bala Er Sudesh Kumar (Assit Engineer) & Smt Seema Kumari DcManmeet Kumar, IKAS, SDM & Dr. Meenakshi Lakhotra

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Grand Children: Kamaiject, Surject, Manject, Nishu, Satish, Suman, Sonia, Palvi, Hitesh, Saksham, Abhishek, Sakshi Mridul, Nipun, Akshman, Amayra





With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the said an intimely demise of our loving Shri Ashok Kumar Rain sband of Smt. Lalita Raina, erstwhile resident of Naza Mohalla, District Ananhag.
Current Residence - Fist No. 115, Akash Kunj appt, sector09, Rohini, Delhi on 07-05-2025.
TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 16th May, 2025

Friday) @ 07 am at Sector- 18 Rohini Ghat, followed b PRAYER MEET @ 12 noon in Aggarwal Bhavan, Block B Prashant vihar, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-85. GRIEF STRICKE N:-Pradiman Krishan Razdan - Brother

Dulari Razdan - Sister-in-law Bansi Lal Warikoo - Brother-in-law Amir Raina (Son) and Kusum Raina (Daughter-in-law) Rohit Raina (Son) and Shivangi Raina (Daughter-in-law) Smt. Jaya Raina (Sister-in-law) Sht. Raj Nath Bambroo - Brother-in-law

Smt.Veena Bambroo - Sister-in-law Smast: Raina, Razdan, Bambroo Parivars MOB: 7428397666, 9654770345, 9999563505, 9860513639, 90186335946

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Sh. Dheeraj Dubey S/o Lt. Sh. Shiv Parkash Sharma R/o H.NO.6, New Plot, Jammu.

10th Day will be performed on Tuesday, 13th May 2025 at our residence at 11:00

KRIYA will be performed on Wednesday, 14th May 2025 at our residence at 2 pm.

UTHALA will be performed on Friday, 16th May 2025 at our residence from 3 pm to 4 pm. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

DUBEY FAMILY & DATTA FAMILY 9419197517, 9149455609

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Shiv Mandir, Housing Colony Udhampur (Timing 11 AM to 1.

GRIEF STRICKEN: GRIEF STRUCKEN; Neha Gupta (Who) Aadhvan Gupta (Son) Smt. Kamin Devi & Sh. Kuldeep Kr. Gupta (Parer Chachi & Chachu: Smt. Yigov Gupta & Sh. Yash Paul Gupta Smt. Anu Mehta & Sh. Kamal Krishan

(Retd. Ass. Dir. Planning) Smt. Reets Gupta & Sh. Sanjay Gupta Bua & Fufa: Smt. Asha Gupta & Sh. Upender Gupta

Smt. Ashn Gupta & Sht. Upencier Gupta Smt. Supriya Gupta S Sht. Sarajiy Gupta Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Smt. Ashmani Puja & Sh. Sarajiev Gupta Smt. Ashmani Puja & Sh. Sarajiev Gupta Smt. Ruwali Gupta & Sh. Neeraj Gupta Smt. Ruwali Gupta & Sh. Ashrianv Gupta Smt. Ruwali Gupta & Sh. Genesh Gupta Smt. Rupali Gupta & Sh. Genesh Gupta Smt. Rupali Supta & Sh. Genesh Gupta Smt. Rupali S Sh. Ashmani Gupta Smt. Shahiri & Sh. Anshui Gupta Brothers & Sisters:

Anish, Asia Kh. Marushika

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: Kamal Cloth House, Court Road Udhampur 9149433655, 9419360539, 9469262338

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the

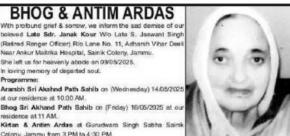
sad demise of our beloved Smt. Veena Safaya, wife of Sh. Bansi Lal Safaya on 9th May 2025, resident of Tower-1, Flat No 71, Palm Olympia Society, Gaur City 2, Noida Extension, Uttar Pradesh-201009, originally from Shastri Nagar, Bernina Colony (Srinagar) Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at Muradnagar Ghat (CHOTA HARIDWAR) on 18th May 2025 at 08:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt. Sham Rani Safava (Mother-in-Law)

Sh. Bansi Lal Safaya (Husband) Sumit Safava & Parineta (Son & Daughter-in-Law) Swarna Safaya & Rahul Pandita (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Prisha Safava (Grand Daughter)

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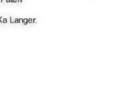




S. Chatter Singh Ji









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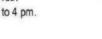




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Dr. Ankush Gupta





Smt. Veena Safaya,

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JMC takes action against unregistered dairies



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today carried out a coordinated drive against unregistered cow and buffalo dairies operating within the city limits. The initiative was undertaken to enforce compliance with the municipal regulations regarding animal husbandry and dairy operations.

Under the directions of Commissioner, JMC Dr Devansh Yadav, Animal Welfare Officer, JMC Dr Gourav Chowdhary in coordination with Tehsildar Bahu Raju Sambyal, SHO Bagh e Bahu Inspector Ashwani Kumar and other officials from the JMC's Veterinary Wing, Dr Divva Sharma and Enforcement wing jointly conducted impounding drive

across various localities in Jammu. As a result, several animals were taken into custody from unregistered dairies. AWO, Dr Gourav Chowdhary reiterated that operating an unregistered dairy is a violation of municipal rules and may result in strict action, including confiscation of animals and penalties.

Citizens are therefore urged to register their cow and buffalo dairies in accordance with the Jammu Municipal Corporation's guidelines at the earliest and start following scientific cow and Buffalo dung waste disposal practices viz. Constructing Vermi-Compost, Bio-Gas plant etc as more such impounding drives would be carried out by JMC on the unregistered dairies running in Jammu City.

JSS Jammu soars high with stellar CBSE Class 10 & 12 Board Results



of this year's results is

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Sanskriti Jammu School (JSS), Jammu, continues to uphold its reputation as a beacon of academic excellence and holistic education. as evidenced by the outstanding results of its students in the CBSE Class 10 and 12 board examinations for 2024-25. The school community is elated and takes immense pride in celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of its students, who have not only excelled academically but have also demonstrated the values of perseverance, dedication, and integrity.

Leading the academic triumph in Class 12 is Rashmi Rajput, who emerged as the school topper with an exceptional score of 96.6%, setting a benchmark of excellence for her peers. Her achievement is a testament to her diligence and the school's commitment to fostering academic brilliance. The Class 12 results across all streams -Science, Commerce, and Humanities reflect a consistent trajectory of high performance, underscoring the school's robust academic framework and student-centered pedagogical practices.

In Class 10, Atharav stood out as the top performer, securing an impressive 95%. His success, along with that of several other students who attained commendable scores. highlights the school's strong foundation at the secondary level and its emphasis on conceptual clarity, critical thinking, and consistent mentorship.

A standout feature

the extraordinary performance in Painting, where thirteen students achieved a perfect 100/100. More than 18 students have scored 85 and above percentage in class 12 and Thirty one students have scored 85 and above percentage in class 10. This remarkable feat not only demonstrates the school's commitment to nurturing artistic talent but also reflects its holistic approach to education—encouraging students to excel in both scholastic and coscholastic areas. We celebrate not only the high achievers in academics but also those with average scores who stand out for their character, courage,

Rohini Aima, Principalcum-Vice Chairperson of Jammu Sanskriti School, expressed heartfelt congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents.

empathy, purpose, and

passion in life.

She stated, "Our students have made us immensely proud with their dedication, resilience, and discipline. These outstanding results are a reflection of the hard work put in by our learners, the persistent efforts of our teachers, and the unwavering support of parents. At Jammu Sanskriti School, we believe in empowering students to excel not only in academics but in life. This success is a step forward in that direction. We remain committed to nurturing future-ready individuals who are confident, compassionate, and capable of making meaningful contributions to society."

The school extends its warm congratulations to all achievers and reaffirms its mission to provide a nurturing environment that inspires excellence, cultivates values, and shapes responsible global citizens. With each passing year, Jammu Sanskriti School continues to soar higher, setting new standards in educational excellence.

Mission Director Sandeep Kumar reviews progress of key projects under HADP



Top News Report

Sandeep Kumar, Secretary Agriculture Production Department, J&K and Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of various components under HADP. The meeting was held at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The review session was attended by Project Grounding and Monitoring Committees, Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Sericulture and Sheep Husbandry from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, alongside representatives from SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir. Officers from the Kashmir division joined the proceedings virtually.

Key agenda items included a review of the action taken on decisions from previous meetings, submission of training calendars, and the status of farmer training initiatives. Progress updates were also shared regarding the Daksh Kisan Portal and the Kisan Sathi Portal, particularly in relation to course completion and farmer registration, respectively.

During the meeting, Sandeep Kumar directed all departments to fast-track the implementation of assigned tasks and ensure robust inter-departmental coordination for effective execution of developmental projects under HADP.

A detailed review of all ongoing projects under HADP was conducted. The Mission Director instructed concerned officers to adhere

lines and objectives. He particularly emphasized JAMMU, May 14: the need to strengthen the agricultural marketing system to enhance the sale and distribution of produce, including infrastructure development for marketing fruits and vegetables.

In the livestock sector, Mission Director stressed the importance of improving animal health, breeding programs, and value addition through various schemes and initiatives under HADP.

strictly to projects time-

Special focus was given to the area expansion of millets under the Promotion of Nutri-Cereals (Millets) project. Sandeep Kumar highlighted the significance of Research & Development (R&D) in this domain and called for the conservation of traditional landraces and indigenous variet-

The meeting concluded with a discussion on organizing farmer-centric workshops under HADP, particularly on themes such as organic farming and beekeeping. Progressive farmers will be invited to share their experiences during these events, fostering peer learning and community engagement.

Sandeep Kumar further stressed the need for documentation of success stories, which will serve as motivational case studies for the wider farming community.

Rana advocates mandatory bunkers in border areas to protect lives

Assesses damages in shelling-hit areas of Mendhar



Top News Report

MENDHAR, May 14: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Environment & Ecology and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Wednesday advocated the need for mandatory bunkers for people residing along the Line of Control (LoC) to protect them from erratic shelling in these

He emphasized that the provision of mandatory bunkers would go a long way in ensuring safety of the people living in these vulnerable areas along the LoC. The Minister, for the second consecutive day, visited various shelling hit areas in Mendhar to assess the extent of losses to property and livestock. He empathised with the victim families who have been affected by the recent shelling incidents

During his visit, the Minister interacted with the affected families, taking stock of their grievances and difficulties. He expressed deep concern over the losses suffered by the people and assured them of all possible support from the government.

Following the visit, the Minister convened a meeting of Sub-Divisional Officers, where he directed them to undertake detailed planning for restoration of the affected public infrastructure. He emphasised the need for prompt action to ensure that normalcy is restored in the area at the earliest besides the essential public services.

The Minister instructed the officers to engage closely with the victim families and extend all possible support to them. He directed that compensation to the affected people should be processed expeditiously, ensuring that they receive the necessary assistance to rebuild their lives.

The Minister exhorted upon the officers to demonstrate highest level of commitment to public service and efficiently help the affected communities by taking concrete steps to compensate

IGNOU to open online portal for re-registration for the July 2025 session

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has announced the start of online portal for re-registration for the July 2025 academic session from May 15, 2025 onwards. The re-registration is meant for already registered/enrolled learners who are eligible to register for next year or semester.

year or semester, learners need to fill and submit the IGNOU reregistration July 2025 form by the submission deadline which has been fixed for 30th June, 2025. The students who did not attempt the termend examinations or did not submit their assignment can still apply for re-registration for July 2025, provided the minimum programme duration is achieved and

To enroll in the next

programme validity has not expired.

The learners can apply for IGNOU re-registration July 2025 by visiting the official website of the IGNOU www. ignou.ac.in. The direct link for online re-registration is https://onlinerr. ignou.ac.in/ which can be accessed under the drop-down menu option "Register Online>>Reregistration" on IGNOU website home page.

In case any learner has forgotten his/her User ID or password or has changed the registered mobile number at later stages and is not able to log in to re-register. he/she must approach the Regional Centre or drop a mail on rejammu@ignou.ac.in with the request to reset the password.

In case online payment made by any learner does not get updated, do not make the second payment immediately. Learners must wait for a day, check the payment status and then decide further course of action. Learners are advised not to wait for the last date for submission of re-registration form since the servers get heavily overloaded towards the last date of online submission due to huge rush.

"Learners must exercise due caution in making online transactions and as far as possible must use their own card/net banking to make payment and in case the learners are using third-party services (cybercafe or some other outlet) for submission of re-registration form, they must ensure that the courses have been correctly chosen and payment of admission fee has been made successfully.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD (R&B) DIVISION UDHAMPUR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 16 of 2025-26Dated 10-05-2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Union Territory, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments

S. No.	Name of Work	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity period of contract	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Stage Contract for the restoration of the road of PWD (R&B) Sub- Division Punchari during the year 2925-26 Group 1st:SankriDevta Temple Approach Lanc, TassusTalab to Kuddal, Pancheri forest link road, Approach road to PHC Landher& including other allied links	600.00	30000/-	31.03.2026	27-05-2025	"A/B/C/D"
2.	Stage Contract for the restoration of the road of PWD (R&B) Sub- Division Punchari during the year 2925-26 Group 2nd: Shiv Purvati road, Moungri to Ajjal road, Lalli to Tote road, Jouri to Kasouri road, LalliDabbad to SerGalliTotte, Damnote to Chamunda Mata road, PMGSY road to Sheetla Mata road, Approach road to HSS Moungri, Other allied links at Moungri	600.00	30000/-	31.03.2026	27-05-2025	"A/B/C/D"

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligible criteria, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://fkenders.gov.in

1.	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	10-05-2025		
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From: 10-05-2025 to 26-05-2025, 1800 Hrs		
3.	Bid submission Start Date	13-05-2025 From 900Hrs		
4.	Bid Submission End Date	26-05-2025 up to 1800 Hrs		
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27-05-2025at 1200 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Udhampur		
6.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.		

No:- 1309-14

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> Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Udhampur

Ashoka Law College students embark on educational tour to SC

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Ashoka Law College recently organised an enriching educational tour to the Supreme Court (SC) of India, aimed at providing students of its College with unparalleled exposure to the highest judicial institution of the country. This initiative reflects the college's commitment to offering the best practical learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Under the expert guidance and mentorship of Dr. Ritika and Dr. Suparan, the students had the unique opportunity to witness live court proceedings, gaining firsthand insights into the judicial processes, courtroom decorum, and the functioning of the apex court. They also visited the Supreme Court Judge's

The visit was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical legal studies

and real-world judicial practice, enhancing the students' understanding of India's legal system.

During the tour, students observed the solemnity and grandeur of the Supreme Court, engaged with the environment where landmark legal decisions are made, and absorbed the professional atmosphere essential for future legal

This immersive experience is expected to inspire and prepare the students to become competent, ethical, and practice-ready legal professionals.

The college expresses gratitude to Dr. Ritika and Dr. Suparan for their dedicated mentorship, which was instrumental in making this educational tour a valuable and memorable learning opportunity for all participants. Ashoka Law College remains committed to facilitating such initiatives that enrich student's academic journey and professional outlook.

EDITORIAL

BORDER SAFETY

norder safety is a critical aspect of a nation's internal and external security. It ensures the protection of territorial integrity and safeguards the nation against threats like illegal infiltration, terrorism, smuggling, human trafficking, and the movement of anti-national elements. A country's border defines its sovereignty, and any breach of this boundary can have serious implications for national security, economic stability, and social harmony.

India, with its vast and diverse borders spanning over 15,000 kilometers of land and more than 7,500 kilometers of coastline, faces a unique set of challenges. It shares borders with Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Afghanistan (through Pakistanoccupied Kashmir). Each border region has its own set of strategic, geographical, and political issues, making border management a complex task. For example, the western border with Pakistan is known for frequent ceasefire violations and cross-border terrorism, while the northern border with China includes high-altitude conflict zones like those witnessed in Galwan Valley.

To tackle these diverse challenges, India has deployed specialized forces. The Border Security Force (BSF) guards the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders; the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) monitors the mountainous frontier with China; the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) secures borders with Nepal and Bhutan; the Assam Rifles handles the India-Myanmar border; and the Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy protect the country's vast maritime boundaries. Each of these forces is trained to handle region-specific security concerns, including patrolling, intelligence gathering, and dealing with hostile intrusions or illegal activities.

However, the traditional methods of border security—like fences and patrols—are no longer enough in today's high-tech world. Modern threats demand modern solutions. India is increasingly incorporating technology into its border safety operations. Smart fencing projects like the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) use infrared sensors, CCTV cameras, alarms, and command-and-control systems to detect and deter intrusions. Drones and UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) are used for surveillance in difficult terrains where human access is limited. Thermal imaging, night vision devices, and satellite monitoring also form part of a more robust and real-time border surveillance system.

Despite these efforts, several challenges remain. Difficult terrains such as snow-covered mountains, dense forests, riverine patches, and deserts make regular patrolling and fencing extremely hard. The discovery of underground tunnels, often used by militants and smugglers, adds another layer of complexity. Borders shared with countries like Nepal and Bangladesh are culturally and ethnically interconnected, which sometimes leads to uncontrolled civilian movement and difficulties in enforcing strict border protocols.

Furthermore, the lack of infrastructure in border areas hinders swift response by security forces. Poor roads, weak communication systems, and a shortage of essential amenities make both monitoring and living conditions tough for the deployed personnel. In many cases, the absence of development in these regions leaves local communities vulnerable to manipulation or recruitment by cross-border elements

Local communities, however, can play a pivotal role in strengthening border safety. Their knowledge of the region, movement patterns, and suspicious activities makes them valuable partners in national security. The government must invest in improving the quality of life for border residents—providing education, healthcare, employment, and civic facilities—not just to uplift their lives, but also to reinforce their loyalty and active cooperation with border

Strong diplomacy is another pillar of border safety. Coordinated efforts with neighboring countries to resolve disputes, share intelligence, and conduct joint operations can significantly reduce tension and incidents at the borders. India's strategy must also include better training, resources, and welfare for the personnel guarding the borders under extreme physical and psychological stress.

In conclusion, border safety is more than a matter of fencing and force—it's a complex, multi-layered approach involving security forces, technology, diplomacy, infrastructure, and community involvement. As threats continue to evolve in form and intensity, India must adopt an integrated, long-term strategy that not only secures its borders but also fosters development, cooperation, and peace in the region. Ensuring border safety is not just a defense mandate, but a national responsibility essential to preserving the unity, security, and progress of the nation.

Will ceasefire cease the flames of terrorism?

By: Omkar Dattatray

fter all, all wars are fought for ultimate peace and normalcy and it is so good that the two South Asian neighbors that is India and Pakistan have agreed to the ceasefire of all escalatory activities upon each other and the cease fire has come into effect at 5 pm as per Indian standard time on 10th of May2025, but to our dismay Pakistan again resorted to firing at the boarders ,LOC and also struck missiles and drones a several northern cities of India thus violating the ceasefire which our country has agreed upon on the request on hotline by Pakistan's DGMO to India's DGMO. In fact it is President Donald Trump of America who has played a commendable role in making India and Pakistan to agree on the ceasefire and thus great loss to the two countries involved has been averted. But the million dollar question is that will the ceasefire cease and stop the flames of terrorism with which India's Jammu and Kashmir in particular is beset since last over 34 years? This question haunts every one's mind in India and Pakistan cannot be trusted given that country's track record of resorting to unprovoked firing and its back stabbing. Pakistan has always stabbed India at the back and so our forces of all the three wings and our paramilitary forces including BSF,CRPF should remain alert and on their toes as Pakistan can also stab us at the back as that country has a history of ambushing India stealthily as Pakistan believes and is on its policy of bleeding India by a thousand cuts. Therefore it cannot be said that Pakistan will end its support to cross boarder terrorism in near future as terrorism is the very theme of its policy towards India. Indian forces have done a very commendable job through its Operation Sindoor as it has destroyed nine hideouts and training camps of terrorists in POJK and Pakistan and has inflicted huge material and terrorist loss in those camps. It is soothing to the mind that our brave and disciplined forces have killed more than 100 terrorists including several dreaded terrorists who were involved in terrorist attacks on Indian soil. Indian defense forces deserves a pat at its back and salute for inflicting maximum casualties on terrorists. Indian air strikes were precise and were penetrated on the terrorists only and while attacking terrorist camps Indian forces ensured that no civilian is affected and so India's air strikes were made with precision and India has also responded to the escalation of Pakistan army with great restraint. Now that there is ceasefire between India and Pakistan side ,but that country cannot be taken at its face value. Pakistan is habitual of training, sponsoring and exporting terrorism to India and it seems uncertain that she will mend her ways and thus she may continue to sponsor terror to India. It is so good that India has agreed to implement ceasefire on its own terms and conditions and Modi has stated categorically and in unequivocal terms that the acts of terrorism unleashed with the support and involvement of Pakistan will be taken as an act of war and India will retaliated with full might. India also made it clear that she will not differentiate between the Pakistani state and its terrorists and will resolutely crush both if Pakistan dares to sponsor terror to India. India's consistent and persistent policy with regard to terrorism which it has been experiencing for the last over three decades is clear and loud that talks and terrorism cannot go

together and now our Prime minister Modi has added new meaning and broader scope to its policy and has said that trade and terror cannot go hand in hand and also water and blood will not flow together. It has also been made absolutely clear that India has only halted its offensive against Pakistan and she can resume its operations against the enemy country if she dares to violate ceasefire again. it is pertinent to mention the key points of PM Modi's address after the ceasefire with Pakistan. In his address to the nation after the Operation Sindoor Modi said that the operation is still on. He said India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail, while acting against terror and its sponsor Pakistan. Mr Modi said that zero tolerance of terrorism was guarantee for a better world, referencing the surgical strikes of 2006 and the Balakot air strikes of 2019.PM Modi said India has only paused military operations against Pakistan ,it will retaliate if Pakistan tries any misadventure. Speaking on the "understanding "reached between India and Pakistan ,PM Modi said that after Pakistan's dialed up India's DGMO, India has only paused its military operations. If Pakistan tries to carry out terrorist activity or violates ceasefire, we will retaliate with full force. Mr Modi stated that this retaliation will be carried out on our terms, in our way. Modi further said India's Lakshman Rekha against terrorism is now clear adding that each act of terrorism will be met with force. India knows well that Pakistan cannot be trusted given her past record of deceptions and it is so good that India is alert meaning that our armed forces will be alert and they are capable of dealing with Pakistan as was evidenced by its Operation Sindoor against terrorist camps and its strike on Pakistani military

and airbase after that country's retaliation. Modi said Operation Sindoor is India's new normal. All said and done it cannot be trusted that Pakistan will mend her ways and she will stop sponsoring terrorism to India as there is no guarantee that Pakistan will not again export terror to India. So our defense forces of all the three wings will have to remain on high alert and on their toes as our enemy is so cunning and she cannot be trusted. So the moot question haunting the mind of all Indian's is will the ceasefire between India and Pakistan cease the flames of terrorism in which our country has been engulfed since last more than three decades? We have full faith and trust on our defense forces as they are capable to deal with any situation with Pakistan. India has to maintain vigil on the activities and behavior of Pakistan as the fate of that country in actual lies with the army and Jihadi General Munir is more powerful than the political executive their and given this situation of Pakistan ,our forces have to remain ever ready to retaliate if that country again dares to sponsor terrorism in India. Rest ceasefire is the call of the situation and it has averted a nuclear war and that would have been catastrophic for both the country's. But so far as stoppage of terrorism nothing certain can be said.

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Increasing heat will Reduce the variety of crops ay Garg and soybean may face a huge new pests and bring extreme forces can furth forces can further change the

By: Vijay Garg

lobal warming can reduce the variety of crops in the world. A new study warns that if the global temperature exceeds 1.5°C, huge areas may lose crop diversity, which may increase risk for worldwide food security. Researchers estimate that about a third of global food production may be at risk due to high temperatures. In research published in Nature Food, scientists at the University of Alto in Finland explained how changes in temperature, rainfall patterns and overall dryness will impact the growth of 30 major food crops worldwide. The results of research show that the lower latitude zones, the larger parts of the special tax tropical countries are the most damaging ones. As the temperature rises, too much land will be unsuitable for agriculture in these areas. Also the variety of crops that can be grown will lead to a steep decline. Sarah Heiconen, a researcher leading the study, said that the loss of diversity means that the scope of food crops available for cultivation in some areas can significantly decrease. This will reduce food protection and make it more difficult to get enough calories and protein. These changing circumstances may affect half of the world's existing food crop production. Major crops such

as rice, maize, wheat, potato

shortage in suitable agricultural land. This may increase challenges for those who are dependent on these crops for daily nutrition. Many other crops are also unsafe including root crops grown in tropical regions other than cereals and pulses. Root crops such as Jimikand are important for food safety in lowincome areas. Countries located south of the Sahara Desert in Africa will be the most affected. If global warming exceeds 3°C then about three-fourths of the current production will be at risk in these countries. The impact of global temperatures will not be the same everywhere. The new study shows a clear difference between the lower latitude and the region with hot and cold climate in between the middle to higher latitude zones (the regions with the equator and the polar regions). Countries close to the equator where there may be huge loss of crop and fall in diversity, the same country with cold climate can maintain its overall production level.

Scientists have also estimated that areas with central and high latitudes may be able to cultivate a wide range of crops in a world that is hot. Studies senior author Matty Kummu says favourable change in climate does not guarantee higher yields. Climate change can increase production at some places but warming can cause weather events. Countries struggling with food insecurity, doing special African countries are already facing difficulties as rising temperatures coincide with other social and economic pressures. In many low latitude areas, especially in Africa, yields are lower than other regions of the world. These countries can gain higher yields by increasing their access to fertilizers and irrigation as well as reducing food losses through production and storage chains. Although global heat will add a lot of uncertainty to these estimates and will likely require even more action, such as selecting a tailored crop and adopting new modes of reproduction. It seems easy to study and analyze through models but it is most difficult to understand how to make changes. The report suggests that policymakers in countries with low latitudes should look for ways to bridge the gap in the infrastructure of agriculture. Also should be prepared for more adverse increasing conditions. Local communities without such efforts, which are already in danger of food shortages, will have to struggle even more in the years to come. Securing the world's food crops Farmers and policy determinants will have to remain flexible for areas with middle and high latitudes. Heat can open doors to new crops, but changes in global demand and market

ways people choose for farming. The methods that farmers can adopt to deal with new conditions include experimenting with different crop varieties, adjusting planting seasons, and investing in infrastructure to deal with hot weather and pests. Researchers say that if we want to secure our food system in the future, we will have to reduce climate change and adapt to its effects. Even though the biggest changes are in equatorial areas, we will all feel these impacts through the global food system. So we will have to work together to overcome these problems. This interconnection means that crop failures driven by climate in a part of the world will affect all supply chains, which can affect food prices and availability everywhere. The study emphasizes that it is necessary to reduce climate change, but it is equally important to plan better to deal with the conditions that arise on a hot and more unpredictable planet.

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Kishtwar showcases sporting excellence: Inter-School **Zonal Level Competitions energize district**

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 14: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Kishtwar, under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan is witnessing a vibrant celebration of youth talent and sporting excellence as Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions are being conducted with great enthusiasm across all zones of District Kishtwar.

The multi-day tournaments, held in Zones Kishtwar, Nagseni, Drabshalla, and Paddar, are highlighting the athletic abilities, sportsmanship, and team spirit of students from various schools.

The district is pulsating with energy as U-14 girls engage in a diverse range of sports including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Rope Skipping, Volleyball, Yoga,



Chess, Carrom, and Badminton. Events are being conducted at key venues such as Chowgan Ground, HSS Boys, and ITI, creating a festive atmosphere that

promotes camaraderie and healthy competition. The event hosted at BVM and Chowgan Ground in Zone Nagseni features Chess and Carrom competi-

tions for U-17 boys and girls, along with Yoga sessions for U-14 and U-17 categories (boys and girls). With 233 enthusiastic participants from various schools.

the events have showcased a high level of skill, focus, and dedica-

On its fourth consecutive day, Zone Drabshalla is conducting Athletics for U-14 boys and girls at Bimalnag Binoon.

The competitions have drawn spirited performances from young athletes, who are demonstrating commendable agility and sportsmanship in track and field events.

Now in its fifth day, Zone Paddar is featuring Athletics, Cricket, and Yoga for U-14 boys. A total of 45 students from schools across the zone are actively participating, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm across multiple disciplines.

All events are being held under the able quidance of DYSSO Kishtwar, Jaffer Haider Sheikh.

Dimple leads protest over non-functioning Govt websites, water meters, and failing public services in Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, spearheaded a major protest rally today against the complete breakdown of essential government services and departments in Jammu. The demonstration, attended by several local leaders and concerned citizens, condemned the 15-day-long outage of online websites of key departments like Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Power Development Department (PDD), and Public Health Engineering (PHE). Addressing the rally, Dimple highlighted the acute inconvenience faced by the public due to the inaccessibility of online portals for basic services such as electricity bill payments, birth and death certificates, sanitation complaints, and housing construction approvals. He alleged that no offi-

cial work is being carried

out due to these technical failures.

He also strongly opposed the ongoing installation of drinking water meters across Jammu, accusing the government of commercializing water supply, which was earlier free. "The Jal Shakti and PHE departments are installing water meters while people in many wards are suffering from severe drinking water shortages," Dimple said. Criticizing the PDD, Dimple claimed the electricity bill portals are non-functional, and consumers are receiving inconsistent and inflated bills twice a month. "Where the money goes, nobody knows. There is no accountability," he remarked. He demanded a halt to the prepaid smart metering system and urged the government to deliver

all households. Calling for relief for the common people, Dimple demanded the provision of 200 units of free elec-

accurate paper bills to

tricity, 12 LPG cylinders and double ration from January 1, 2025, for all residents of Jammu and Kashmir. He warned of an intensified agitation if these demands are not met.

Dimple also slammed the municipal authorities, alleging that over 15,000 street lights and main road lights across Jammu have not been functioning for over a month, plunging the city into darkness every night. He further alleged a failure of door-to-door garbage collection and said many areas are facing overflowing drains and damaged sewer systems.

Accompanied by prominent leaders including Billo Pahlwan, S. Kala Singh, Mohinder Lichee, Vijay Virdi, Arun Verma, Lohari Shaha, Shishupal Sharma, Babu Singh, and many others, Dimple demanded immediate intervention from the Chief Minister to restore civic services and ensure accountability in governance.

Apni Party pays tributes to Martyr Zakir Hussain

Manjit leads party delegation to offer condolences to bereaved family at Raipur Kheri



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Apni Party Provincial President (Jammu), Manjit Singh, on Wednesday led a delegation of party leaders to the residence of Zakir Hussain's bereaved family in Raipur Kheri, Jammu. Hussain was recently martyred in cross-border shelling by the Pakistani army.

According to a press release issued here, "the party leaders met with the bereaved family and conveyed their

heartfelt condolences." "On this occasion, the party leaders expressed their grief and sorrow over the irreparable loss the family has suffered. They extended their solidarity with the bereaved in this hour of grief and prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul," the press release added.

Besides Manjit Singh, the prominent party leaders who were part of this condolence delegation included Provincial Senior Vice President Faqir Nath, Provin-Pusnap Dev Oppai, Dis-

cial Vice Presidents Saleem Alam and Arun Chibber, Provincial Secretary Ajaz Kazmi, District President (Rural) trict President Udhampur Hans Raj Dogra, Social Media In-Charge Jammu Province Vaibhav Mattoo, District **President Minority Wing**

Jammu Dalbir Singh,

Arpita scores 90% in **CBSE Class 12 Exams**



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Arpita Gupta, daughter of Pawan Gupta and resident of Partap Garh, Raghunath Bazar, has excelled in the CBSE Class 12 examinations by securing an impressive 90% marks.

Her dedication and consistent hard work have earned her this remarkable achieve-

A determined and focused student, Arpita has set a fine example for her peers with her academic performance. Her success has been

and community proud.

appreciated by teachers and well-wishers, who praised her commitment to studies. Arpita aims to pursue higher education with the same passion and continue her journey of academic

excellence

Dogra Degree College organises social media campaign to honour **Indian Defence Forces**

Top News Report

SAMBA, May 14: In a heartfelt tribute to the brave soldiers of the Indian Defence Forces, Dogra Degree College successfully organised a social media campaign under the theme "Rashtra Pratham – Nation First".

The event was a collaborative effort of the college's NSS Unit and NCC Unit, aimed at expressing gratitude and national pride through digital plat-

The campaign was held under the able leadership of Ms. Bela Thakur, Director, Dogra Educational Trust, and saw overwhelming participation from students and staff alike.

Participants showcased their patriotism by sharing animation videos, posters, images, poems, and songs across social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. Simran Thakur, NSS

Programme Officer, commended the enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the students.

She emphasized that such initiatives cultivate a sense of responsibility and deepen respect for the Defence Forces among youth.

Kaith celebrates his birthday at BJP Hqr



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Former Jammu University officer and now BJP's dedicated worker R.L.Kaith celebrated his birthday at BJP's Headquarter Trikuta Nagar, on Monday.

Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Minister of State in the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Priya Sethi,

BJP's office secretary Hans Raj Loria, Balbir Ram Rattan, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), Naresh Kumar, Jagdish Raj and many others who were present on the occasion, sang a happy birthday song for him and wished longevity for him with a beaming smile.

Kaith distributed sweets among them and thanked for all their heartfelt birthday

Kaith said, "I certainly consider myself to be one of the luckiest people in this world. which is why on my birthday, I don't want to ask for anything but thank Almighty for all the good things He has blessed me with over the years."

have suffered such a

major setback that they

are no longer in a posi-

tion to pay their EMIs."

Army authorities visit shelling-hit border villages in Nowshera Sector



Top News Report

NOWSHERA, May 14: Army authorities from Nowshera conducted a visit to the border villages of Lam and Jhangar, situated near the Line of Control (LoC), following recent incidents of crossborder shelling that caused damage to several houses and injured livestock.

During their visit, Army officials met with affected residents and assured all possible support. They also emphasized close coordination with the local civil administration to facilitate speedy rehabilitation and relief measures.

Expressing solidarity with the villag-

ers, the Army reaffirmed the nation's unwavering commitment to the safety, security, and welfare of its border residents. The officials appreciated the resilience and courage displayed by the local population in the face of adversity.

The Army also commended the swift and coordinated response of the local community and civil authorities, which played a crucial role in minimizing casualties and maintaining calm during the shelling incidents. The Indian Army remains dedicated to ensuring the well-being of civilians residing in forward areas and will continue to provide necessary support in times of need.

Mir urges moratorium on loan EMIs for tourism and allied sectors

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 14: Apni Party Provincial President (Kashmir), Mohammad Ashraf Mir, on Wednesday said that businesses-particularly those linked to tourism and allied sectors-have suffered a huge setback following the Pahalgam terror attack and subsequent incidents. He urged Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister (CM) to intervene and facilitate a moratorium on loan EMIs for these sectors, as the people running



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such businesses are not presently in a position to pay even the instalments of their debts.

In his statement, Mohammad Ashraf Mir said, "The terror attack at the Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam, along with subsequent incidents, has severely damaged businesses—especially those related to tourism and allied sectors. Many small entrepreneurs had taken loans from banks to establish their businesses in the hope of a better livelihood. However, with a complete decline in tourist arrivals, their businesses

Urging the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister to intervene and ensure a moratorium on loan EMIs for the affected people, Mir said, "I humbly request LG Manoj Sinha and CM Omar Abdullah to intervene and ensure a moratorium on Ioan EMIs for the affected people affiliated with the tourism and allied sectors.

It is imperative that the

government steps in to

extend their support to

the affected business."

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Director Guddu Dhanoa, who has come up with the film Romeo S3, says there is no sure-shot formula for success

Like a true blue Punjabi, noted director-producer Guddu Dhanoa says it the way it is; no sugarcoating, no socially correct filters. Indeed, being the cousin of superstar Dharmendra has held him in good stead. Without batting an eyelid, he asserts being related to Dharmendra did open doors for him. With pride, he says, "Daughter of our family, my buaji gave birth to such a phenom-

In the same note of candour, he, who has gone on record to express his dismay with yet another Punjabi sensation Diljit Dosanjh, will not backtrack or cover up his sentiments on the singer-actor. Though he will not talk about Diljit, whom he had given a break in The Lion of Punjab, he does quip, "I don't know why they behave differently when they are newcomers, call you godfather, touch your feet and then change with time.'

However, that is not the reason why Dhanoa has not cast heavyweight stars in his upcoming film Romeo S3. All his life, the producer, who has given us one of the biggest names in the film industry, has worked with newcomers, be it Govinda and

Kimi Katkar back in Mera Lahoo or King Khan in Deewana. And, yes, he does single out Shah Rukh Khan and Priyanka Chopra among those actors unaffected by success. "Success and failure in this industry are never a constant but unpredictable," he observes,

So, what makes him

think Romeo S3 will work, especially when films are flopping left right and centre? He agrees no one can know which film will work and when, "Every film has its kundli. Even a good film can flop and people try to find reasons, but no one can decipher the success code." He cites the example of Sanam Teri Kasam, which flopped initially, but became a massive hit when re-released. He does believe that odds are in favour of his Romeo S3, whose trailer has already garnered a massive viewership. One of the reasons possibly could be that the film has been made with a modest budget of Rs 10 crore and hence it will not be difficult to recover costs.

As for its title, before you presume S3 is an acronym for something else, well it stands for the film's lead character's name Sangram



Singh Shekawat. Since his titular character too is a police officer, does he fear comparison with other films? Almost every superstar there is has played a cop with aplomb and filmmaker Rohit Shetty has almost created a 'copverse'. Well, he is not afraid of comparisons and asserts, "Thakur Anoop Singh, our hero, has played his part exceptionally well and not copied anyone." Dhanoa is all praise for his heroine Palak Tiwari, 'big star of future'.

Does Dhanoa who made the patriotic film

in fact, was the biggest star he had ever worked with in Ziddi.

If you think in recent years Dhanoa was on a hiatus of sorts, he shares how he was busy with regional cinema and even made a Marathi film. He adds, "At times, certain projects don't work out. Like we were almost ready with Bichhoo 2, but Bobby told me someone else had already started making a film with the same story. So, we had to look for another subject." Right now, apart from Deewaana 2 and Bichhoo 2 in the making, he is busy with a web series Shubhchintak, starring 'fabulous actors' Dimple Kapadia and Anupam

Clearly, Dhanoa would not like to be associated with one kind of cinema, but a bouquet. For now, it's action time as actioner RomeoS3 releases May 16. From the romantic Deewanamaker, Romeo incidentally stands for Operation Romeo and not any lovelorn lover. Of course, Dhanoa's love for making movies will never ever ebb. As he says, "I feel alive only when I am on the sets." So, lights, camera, action...will forever be

Sonu Nigam seeks legal relief from Karnataka High Court amid Bengaluru event controversy



Singer Sonu Nigam has approached the Karnataka High Court, seeking the quashing of the cases filed against him for allegedly making offensive remarks about the Kannadiga commu-

The court, after hearing the matter, adjourned the hearing to May 15.

The controversy erupted after Nigam's statement at a music event in Bengaluru on April 22, which reportedly hurt the sentiments of many Kannadigas.

Following the remarks, a complaint was lodged at the Avalahalli police station in Bengaluru,

prompting the authorities to register an FIR against the singer.

The police issued a notice to Nigam, asking him to respond within seven days. Since Nigam failed to provide a response, the police issued a second notice, demanding his appearance for questioning.

On May 3, an FIR was registered against Nigam under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code, including Section 351(2) (criminal intimidation), Section 352(1) (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), and Section 353 (incitement to public mischief).

The case was filed following a complaint from Dharmaraj A., the President of the Bengaluru Urban District Unit of the pro-Kannada group, Karnataka Rakshana Vedike.

The FIR accuses Nigam of making remarks that "emotionally provoked" and "hurt the sentiments" of the Kannadiga community, potentially inciting unrest among different linguistic communities in the state.

In the aftermath of the FIR, Sonu Nigam issued a public apology on May 5, acknowledging the hurt caused by his comments. Taking to social media, Nigam wrote, "Sorry Karnataka. My love for you is bigger than my ego. Love you always." The singer expressed regret for any offence caused, emphasising that his affection for his fans in Karnataka superseded any personal pride.

In addition to the legal proceedings, the Bengaluru District Police served Nigam a notice, directing him to appear before the investigating officer within the next week.

The investigation is centred around a video that went viral, showing Nigam's controversial remarks during his performance at the music event in late April.

Hiba Nawab quits Jhanak: I'm not comfortable playing a mom to someone my age

Hiba Nawab will no longer be a part of her television show, Jhanak. After reports of the show taking a leap and the makers gearing up to introduce new leads, the actor has decided it's time for her to move on.

Speaking to us, Hiba confirmed the news of her exit from the show citing discomfort with playing a mother to someone close to her age on-screen.

"I won't be a part of the show after the leap. I am not comfortable playing a mother to someone closer to my age. There were discussions, and we somehow knew it was happening, but the confirmation came a few days ago," she explains.

Hiba adds, "Jhanak and Aniruddha's daughter Arshi will grow up post-leap. The story will revolve around her, and obviously, someone closer to my age will be cast. How can I play a mother to someone my age? I am not comfortable."

During her stint on the show, Hiba faced trolling for her character. "The criticism affected my confidence as a performer. This was the first time I really faced so many negative comments. I used to scroll through social media and just wonder why it's happening," she shares.



After she wraps up the shoot in the first week of June, Hiba is looking forward to a break. Though she is "open to television and OTT projects" but has firm boundaries regarding the kinds of roles she would take up. "I've been approached for bold scenes, and I've had to refuse. I am clear that I don't want to be a part of something I'm not comfortable with or wear something revealing on screen," she ends.

Celina Jaitly slams Pakistani actors for 'silence on terrorism', supports ban

Several Pakistani artists, including Fawad Khan, Mahira Khan and Hania Aamir, were called out for statements made by them following India's Operation Sindoor. Now, actor Celina Jaitly has come forward to slam them, wondering why they remain silent about terrorism in their country.

Shaheed on the life of

Shaheed Bhagat Singh

have any message

for his countrymen or

Indian Army? He says,

"Who am I to give any

message to our Army,

rather they have given

us a strong one. They

are the real heroes who

have stood like a pillar

between us and the

enemy. It is because of

them that we are safe in

our homes." As for work-

ing with his nephews,

Sunny Deol and Bobby

Deol, in Shaheed and

other films, he lauds

them both for being

thorough professionals

and recalls how Sunny,

Celina slams Fawad and Mahira

During an interview with agency, Celina shared her thoughts on the tension between India and Pakistan.

Celina said, "India must come first. Our national interest must always be our top priority. Pakistani artists are quick to benefit from our thriving entertainment industry but remain silent about the terrorism their government supports. They've the platforms to demand change and condemn violence, yet they choose silence. Until there is real



accountability and sincere efforts to dismantle terror networks, we must stand firm and draw clear boundaries."

clear boundaries."
Recently, the Government of India ordered all the Indian OTT platforms to stop streaming all songs, movies, series, podcasts made in Pakistan. The Ministry of Information and

Broadcasting's new notice read, "In the interest of national security, all OTT platforms, media streaming platforms and intermediaries operating in India are advised to discontinue the web-series, films, songs, podcasts and other streaming media content, whether made

available on a subscrip-

Talking about the rev-

tion based model or otherwise, having its origins in Pakistan with immediate effect".

Talking about the same, Celina shared, "When those with the power to influence millions choose silence, that silence becomes deafening. Patriotism isn't about grandstanding; it's about standing tall for your country when it needs you most. History will always remember who stood up and who turned away. But as the daughter and granddaughter of decorated war veterans and the sister of a Special Forces officer, I can say this with conviction that patriotism runs through my very DNA... When our soldiers stand on the frontlines and families mourn unimaginable losses, it's only right for our industry to pause and reflect. This unity sends a message – that our nation and its people come before everything

else. True patriotism shines brightest in times of shared grief and resilience"

Tension between India and Pakistan

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated significantly following the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed lives of 26 people. The incident has sparked a diplomatic crisis. Last week, the Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Sindoor, a targeted strike mission to destroy terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and (Pakistanoccupied-Kashmir) PoK in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

Normalcy is gradually seeping in following the ceasefire between India and Pakistan. That being said, Pakistani actors, including Mahira Khan and Fawad Khan, continue to face boycott calls in India.

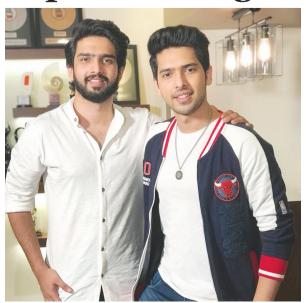
Armaan Malik: Nothing can change between Amaal and I; we are coming up with a single

Recently, composer Amaal Mallik shocked his fans when he took to Instagram to share that was severing ties with his family, blaming his parents for the rift between him and his younger brother, singer Armaan Malik. However, Armaan tells us that all's well between the brothers. Opening up about their bond for the first time since Amaal's post, Armaan says, "Our bond is and will always be the same. I know my relationship with my brother and we are pretty tight.

I am the kind of person who doesn't care about what people think or social media users think. All I care about is what my brother and I think, and we are pretty sorted. Nothing can ever change between us. Amaal also mentioned on his social media that humare beech mein koi problem nahin hai."

In fact, Armaan, who recently performed at The O2 Arena in London (UK), is also collaborating with his brother on a project. "I have sung a single that has been

composed by Amaal. It's tentatively titled BB. It's a Hindi-Punjabi song that we plan to release in a month or so," says Armaan, adding that he has worked on close to 40 singles that he plans to release in the coming months. "For me, music is music. But non-film music is my calling. I have been extremely focused on that for many years. It has been very beneficial for me also, as a lot of new listeners have come in, who identify with the independent side of mine," he says.



enue aspect of independent music, Armaan says, "When you release an independent song, making money is anyway not easy. You can only make revenue on an indie track if it does massive numbers. And in order to get that, you need to put in a lot of might and money to promote the song. So, the ROI on indie music is not so much. So, we, singers, make money from our live shows. I really hope fans understand the importance of subscription-based model and pay for their music, just like the West, where artistes feel gravitated towards making more music because they are motivated."

motivated."
Meanwhile, the singer, who celebrated his first wedding anniversary recently, shares that his wife, beauty influencer Aashna Shroff, has influenced his music. Speaking about his marriage and its influence on his craft for the first time, Armaan says, "Life has been beautiful with Aashna. I am in a

space that you are in mentally and emotionally - reflects in your work. I think that's why I have been coming up with a lot of love songs (laughs). Aashna is my greatest critic when it comes to work and I like how honest she is with her feedback. Whenever I make a song, I always play it to her. Her feedback on the aesthetic of a video or photo shoot is valuable for me. That has only helped me get better as an artiste.'

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Top military brass briefs President Murmu on Operation Sindoor

Operation Sindoor, aimed at destroying terror hubs in Pakistan, began on May 7 and was paused on May 10 after Pakistan approached India to cease hostilities

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Top military brass on Wednesday called on President Droupadi Murmu to brief her on the Operation Sindoor and its outcomes.

The Rashtrapati Bhavan said the delegation was led by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan

Chiefs of the three forces
— General Upendra Dwivedi,
Chief of the Army Staff, Air Chief
Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the
Air Staff and Admiral Dinesh K
Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff
— accompanied him.

"The President commended the valour and the dedication of the Armed Forces that made India's response to terrorism a sterling success," said Rashtra-



pati Bhavan.

Operation Sindoor, aimed at destroying terror hubs in Pakistan, began on May 7 and was paused on May 10 after Paki-

stan approached India to cease hostilities.

Nine terror hubs in Pakistanoccupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan were struck by Indian military during the operation and hundred dreaded terrorists eliminated.

LeT and JeM headquarters at Muridke and Bahawalpur, which trained terrorists who perpetrated Pulwama among other terrorist strikes in India, were destroyed.

The operation is on pause, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said and any further terror act will be responses to as an act of war.

The operation was launched in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack which killed 26 tourists including one Nepali. The victims were killed based on their religious denomination and were all Hindus.

PM Modi chairs meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security



NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) ahead of the Union cabinet gathering today.

This is the 11th highlevel review meeting that the Prime Minister is chairing since April 23, when the CCS met for the first time to announce comprehensive national response measures in the wake of Pakistan-sponsored terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22.

These meetings have included meetings of the CCS and broad security reviews with the top security and military brass of the country.

The meetings have shaped Indian response to Pakistan-sponsored terrorism and the military strategy and plan

during Operation Sindoor which destroyed nine terror hubs in Pakistan and killed over 100 terrorists.

The CCS is to take stock of the situation and discuss the way forward, including vigilance and preparedness in the face of an unreliable adversary.

The CCS may also take note of the Indian plan to expose Pakistan in the UNSC sanctions committee due to meet soon where the government is expected to push for designation of The Resistance Front (TRF) as a proscribed organisation.

The TRF had claimed responsibility for killing 26 persons in Pahalgam before curiously retracting.

Centre adds bullet-resistant vehicles to EAM Jaishankar's security cover

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): The security cover of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has been strengthened with the addition of two bullet-resistant vehicles following a review of his Z category armed central protection recently, official sources said on Wednesday.

The move comes days after a military conflict between India and Pakistan, and amid New Delhi's punitive diplomatic measures against Islamabad following the April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack, which claimed 26 lives.

Jaishankar, 70, has been helming the Ministry of External Affairs' (MEA) initiatives in this regard. He has been speaking to various world leaders and foreign ministers of various countries about Operation Sindoor carried out by India in response to the Pahalgam attack.

The sources told agency that a recent



review of Jaishankar's armed security was undertaken by central intelligence agencies and they recommended the addition of bulletresistant vehicles to his Z category convoy.

The security requirements necessitated the addition of two new vehicles that are bullet resistant and this arrangement has been made recently, they said.

Overall, the security arrangements of the VIP have been strengthened, they added

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Following a similar review and inputs on his threat perception, the Union home ministry

upgraded Jaishankar's protection level from the Y category to the second-highest Z in 2023.

The Central Reserve Police Force's (CRPF) VIP security wing provides armed cover to the minister.

The VIP security cover under the central protection list begins from Z-plus (Advanced Security Liaison) to Z-plus, Z, Y, Y-plus and X.

The CRPF's VIP security cover has about 200 protectees at present, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Congress' first family — Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

UP CM launches 'Bharat Shaurya Tiranga Yatra' in Lucknow, terms Pak 'failed state'

LUCKNOW, May 14 (Agencies): Holding the tricolour high, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flagged off the 'Bharat Shaurya Tiranga Yatra' on Wednesday and commended the armed forces for successfully striking terror infrastructure in the "failed nation" of Pakistan.

The success of Operation Sindoor, carried out in retaliation to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, sent a powerful message to India's enemies, he said.

Pointing to the huge congregation at the rally, one of the many being organised by the BJP across Uttar Pradesh, the chief minister said it proved the respect people have for the armed forces.

"This patience and dedication reflect how citizens stood with our soldiers and government during Operation Sindoor." With India tracking the links of the Pahalgam massacre to Pakistan, Adityanath castigated the neighbouring nation as a "failed state" that has only sown seeds of terrorism in the past 70 to 75 years.

"Pakistan is hollow from



within. The world has seen that it accorded state funerals to terrorists with politicians and Army officials in attendance. The day is not far when this terrorism, deeply embedded in its system, will consume the nation itself," he said.

In a stern warning, the chief minister said, "Those who dare raise a finger at India or threaten the dignity of our daughters will find no one to mourn them." Adityanath said Operation Sindoor had to be launched despite the evidence of Pakistani links to last month's attack on tourists in the verdant Baisaran meadows, Islamabad lived in denial.

"On the very first day of the operation, over 100 terrorists and those sheltering them were

punished. The world witnessed the Indian military's might on land, sea, and air. The Indian forces' message was clear: 'We don't provoke, but if provoked, we don't spare.'" "The tricolour represents India's honour, pride, and valour. This yatra is a mark of gratitude to the armed forces and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for standing strong in the face of adversity," the chief minister said.

He emphasised that Modi's core vision of 'Nation First' acts as a guiding light for all Indians.

"When 140 crore Indians prioritise the nation above everything else, no power in the world can challenge India. If every citizen fulfils their duty with this spirit, we will realise the dream of a developed and powerful nation," Adityanath said.

A host of senior BJP leaders, including state unit chief Bhupendra Chaudhary, Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak, Finance Minister Suresh Khanna, Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh, MPs, MLCs and district leaders were also present at the rally.

Pilot asks Centre to clarify stance on Trump's remarks about mediation between India, Pakistan

JAIPUR, May 14 (Agencies): AICC general secretary Sachin Pilot on Wednesday called upon the Government of India to clarify its stance on US President Donald Trump's remarks regarding mediation between India and Pakistan

Expressing his concern, Pilot said Trump not only failed to address the core issue of terrorism but also attempted to equate India with Pakistan and bring the Kashmir issue into international discourse. Jammu and Kashmir tourism

"The US president has claimed that he secured a ceasefire between India and Pakistan using increased trade as leverage. That statement is shocking," Pilot told reporters here.

"India has fought several wars but this is the first time a ceasefire is being declared by a foreign president. A few hours later, our DGMO (director general of military operations) confirmed the ceasefire. This sequence of events raises serious questions," he said.

Criticising Trump's

repeated omission of terrorism in his statements, Pilot said statesponsored terrorism from Pakistan is the real issue between India and Pakistan. Unfortunately, Trump has not mentioned it even once, he said. "Neither the US admin-

Neither the US administration nor Vice President (J D Vance) has condemned Pakistan's role in cross-border terrorism or offered any assurance that it will stop," the Congress leader said.

Pilot also rejected the US attempt to bring Kashmir into the conversation, saying it is a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan and is not open to third-party intervention.

"Our issue is terrorism, not Kashmir. By dragging Kashmir into it, Trump has unnecessarily complicated the matter," the former Rajasthan deputy chief minister added.

Recalling a resolution passed unanimously by Parliament in 1994 calling for the return of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), Pilot urged the government to convene a special session of



Parliament to reaffirm that commitment and remove any prevailing confusion.

"The 1994 resolution is on record. In light of recent developments and the misleading narrative, a special session should be called and the resolution should be reiterated so there is no ambiguity about India's position," he said.

Pilot said Trump's narrative attempts to re-hyphenate India and Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir tourism

"Because of the efforts in the last 20 years, we have grown to a larger economy. We have a global presence and people were talking about Indo-China when it was about economy, population, military, etc. but this development

has brought us back to the early 90s when India and Pakistan were hyphenated, which is not a good sign," he said.

He said India was nowhere compared to Pakistan.

Pilot said somewhere an attempt is being made to weigh India and Pakistan on the same scale once again and that is not a good sign for diplomacy, foreign policy and India's future.

He appreciated the defence forces for successfully carrying out Operation Sindoor and destroying the infrastructure of terror with precision.

"Operation Sindoor is a brilliant operation and the precision with which our forces have struck is excellent," he said.

Mayawati condemns derogatory remarks on Col Qureshi, Cong demands MP minister's sacking

LUCKNOW, May 14 (Agencies): BSP chief Mayawati on Wednesday condemned the purported objectionable remarks made by Madhva Pradesh minister Vijay Shah against Army officer Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, terming them "deeply saddening and shameful." The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister demanded strict action to prevent communal disharmony and uphold the dignity of India's armed forces.

In a strongly worded post on X, Mayawati said, "First the Foreign Secretary and then a woman officer of the Army have been subjected to disgusting, indecent and inappropriate remarks. This is actually an attempt to destroy the positive atmosphere of enthusiasm and pride prevailing across the country over the success of 'Operation Sindoor' carried out by the Indian Army against Pakistan. This is extremely painful and shameful." Col Qureshi was a prominent face during media



briefings on Operation Sindoor, In a follow-up post, the BSP supremo said, "In this context, the indecent comment made by a senior Madhya Pradesh minister regarding a Muslim woman Army spokesperson should be taken very seriously. The BJP and the central government must take strict action against him so that the malicious intentions of the enemy fail and the country's communal harmony and unity are not disturbed." **Uttar Pradesh Congress** president Ajay Rai also lashed out at the minister, saying Shah had not only insulted a brave daughter of India but also attacked the strength of womanhood and national unity

and national unity.

"By insulting a brave woman officer of the Indian Army, Colonel Sofia Qureshi, Madhya Pradesh Minister Vijay Shah has hurt the honour of woman power, the armed forces, and our unity," Rai said on X on Tuesday.

on Tuesday.

He added, "His comments reflect a petty and disgusting mindset. How can a person holding a position of responsibility make such immoral and hateful remarks? Prime Minister Narendra Modi must seek his resignation immediately or sack him. Otherwise, it will be seen as Modi's

silent approval of this vile statement." Rai further said that such remarks were not surprising, given the BJP and RSS's "history of misogyny and hate." The Congress shared a video in which Shah is purportedly heard making objectionable remarks, saving, "'Jinhone humari betiyon ke sindoor ujade the... humne unhiki behen bhej kar ke unki aisi ki taisi karwayi (those who wiped sindoor (vermilion) off our daughters' forehead... we sent their sister to teach them a lesson)'." Speaking to reporters, Shah said, "If my words have hurt society and religion, then I am ready to apologise ten times."

Colonel Qureshi was part of the tri-services team that conducted press briefings on Operation Sindoor alongside Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh. The Indian military response came after terrorists carried out a brutal attack in Pahalgam that left 26 people dead.

Pope offers to mediate between world leaders to end wars

In his appeal to end conflicts -- a dominant theme in his addresses so far -- Leo thanked those "sowing seeds of peace".

VATICAN CITY, May 14 (Agencies): Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday offered to mediate between leaders of countries at war, saying that he himself "will make every effort so that this peace may prevail".

The new US pontiff, who became head of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics last week, also called on Christians living in the Middle East not to abandon their homes, in a speech to members of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

"Who, better than you, can sing a song of hope even amid the abyss of violence?" he told the packed Paul VI hall at the Vatican, noting that "from the Holy Land to Ukraine, from Lebanon to Syria, from the Middle East to Tigray and the Caucasus, how much violence do we see!".



He urged them to pray for peace, adding: "For my part, I will make every effort so that this peace may prevail.

"The Holy See is always ready to help bring enemies together, face to face, to talk to one another, so that peoples everywhere may once more find hope and recover the dignity they deserve, the dignity of peace.

"The peoples of our world desire peace, and to their leaders I appeal with all my heart: Let us meet, let us talk, let us negotiate!".

Leo took over as pontiff from Pope Francis, who died on April

21 aged 88.

He was speaking at a prearranged event for the 2025 Jubilee holy year dedicated to the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches, located across Eastern Europe, the Middle East, India, and parts of Africa.

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those "sowing seeds of peace".

"I thank God for those Christians -- Eastern and Latin alike -- who, above all in the Middle East, persevere and remain in their homelands, resisting the temptation to abandon them," he said.

"Christians must be given the opportunity, and not just in words, to remain in their native lands with all the rights needed for a secure existence. Please, let us strive for this!"

Germany, Switzerland arrest 3 over suspected plans to send explosive parcels to Ukraine

BERLIN, May 14 (Agencies): Three Ukrainian nationals have been arrested in Germany and Switzerland on suspicion of agreeing to send parcels containing explosive or incendiary devices from Germany to Ukraine, apparently at the behest of people acting for Russia, German prosecutors said Wednesday.

The men are suspected of acting as secret agents for the purpose of sabotage, as well as agreeing to commit arson and bring about an explosion, federal prosecutors said in a statement.

The alleged plans fit a pattern in which Western officials have accused Russia and its proxies of staging dozens of attacks and other incidents across Europe since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine more than three years ago.

Two of the men — identified only as Vladyslav T. and Daniil B. in line with German privacy rules — were arrested in different parts of Germany on Friday and Saturday respectively. The third, identified as Yevhen B., was arrested in Tuesday in the northern Thurgau region of neighbouring Switzerland.

The suspects are accused of telling "one or more people suspected to be acting on behalf of Russian state agencies" around March that they were prepared to carry out attacks on freight transport in Germany, prosecutors said. The alleged plan was for the men to send packages that would explode or catch fire while being transported to Ukraine.

One of the suspects, Vladyslav T., mailed two "test packages" in Cologne at the end of March that contained GPS trackers to scope out possible means of transport, according to prosecutors. He was allegedly tasked with doing so by Yevhen B., who is accused of providing the contents of the packages via Daniil B.

German prosecutors did not elaborate further on what was in the packages or on how and where they were dispatched.

In a previous case last year, Western security officials suspect Russian intelligence was behind a plot to put incendiary devices in packages on cargo planes headed to North America, including one that caught fire at a courier hub in Germany and another that ignited in a warehouse in England.

Trump greets Syria's al-Sharaa in Riyadh, first presidential meet in 25 years

RIYADH, May 14 (Agencies): President Donald Trump met on Wednesday with Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa, going face-to-face with the onetime insurgent leader who spent years imprisoned by US forces after being captured in Iraq.

Trump agreed to "say hello" to al-Sharaa before the US leader wraps up his stay in Saudi Arabia and heads to Qatar, where Trump is to be honoured with a state visit. His Mideast tour also will take him to the United Arab Emirates.

Al-Sharaa was named president of Syria in January, a month after a stunning offensive by insurgent groups led by al-Sharaa's Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS, stormed Damascus and ended the 54-year rule of the Assad family.

Trump said he decided to meet with al-Sharaa after being encouraged to do so by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The president also pledged to lift yearslong sanctions on Syria.

"There is a new government that will hopefully succeed in stabilizing the country and keeping peace," Trump said in a wide-ranging foreign policy address Tuesday in which he announced he was lifting the sanctions that have been in place in Syria since 2011. "That's what we want to see in Syria."

Formerly known by the nom de guerre Abu Mohammed al-Golani, al-Sharaa joined the ranks of al-Qaida insurgents battling US forces in Iraq after the US-led invasion and still faces a warrant for his arrest on terrorism charges in Iraq. The US once offered \$10 million for information about his whereabouts because of his links to al-Qaida.

Al-Sharaa came back to his home country of Syria after the conflict began in 2011 and led al-Qaida's branch that used to be known as the Nusra Front. He later changed the name of his group to Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and cut links with al Qaida

The sanctions go back to the rule of Bashar Assad, who was ousted in December, and were intended to inflict major pain on his economy.

Both the Biden and Trump administrations had left the sanctions in place after Assad's fall as they sought to take the measure of al-Sharaa, who has renounced his past affiliation with al-Qaida.

After his "pull aside" with al-Sharaa, Trump will attend a meeting Wednesday of the Gulf Cooperation Council, made up of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, before setting off for Qatar, the second stop in his Mideast tour.

Qatar, like the other Gulf Arab states, is an autocratic nation where political parties are banned and speech is tightly controlled. It is overseen by its ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. Sheikh Tamim, 44, took power in June 2013 when his father stepped down.

Oil exports in Qatar began after World War II, though it would take until 1997 before Qatar began shipping out liquefied natural gas to the world.

That brought unfathomable wealth — and new influence — to this small nation that sticks out like a thumb into the Persian Gulf. Qatar founded the satellite news network Al Jazeera, which brought an Arab perspective to mass media that helped fuel the 2011

Arab Spring protests. The network also became famous for running statements from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Qatar has also played a central role in pay-to-play-style scandals around the globe.

In Israel, authorities are investigating allegations that Qatar hired close advisers to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to launch PR campaigns to improve the Gulf nation's image among Israelis.

Two European Union lawmakers found themselves accused of taking money from Doha in a scandal dubbed "Qatar-gate." US prosecutors in 2020 accused Qatar of bribing FIFA executive committee members to secure the tournament in the country in 2022.

In 2024, RTX Corporation, the defense contractor formerly known as Raytheon, agreed to pay more than \$950 million to resolve allegations that it defrauded the US government and paid bribes to secure business with Qatar. Doha always has denied wrongdoing and sponsors an annual anti-corruption prize.

Qatar follows an ultraconservative form of Sunni Islam known as Wahhabism born out of Saudi Arabia. However, Qatar struck a different tack in the Arab Spring by backing Islamists, including Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood and former Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, as well as those who rose up against Assad.

Its support of Islamists, in part, led to a yearslong boycott of the country by Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. That boycott only ended as then-President Joe Biden prepared to enter the White House in 2021.

Qatar also has served as a key mediator, particularly with the militant group Hamas as the international community pursues a ceasefire for the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. Qatar also served as host of the negotiations between the United States and the Taliban that led to America's 2021 withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Qatar is home to Al-Udeid Air Base, a sprawling facility that hosts the forward headquarters of the US military's Central Command.

The oil-rich country is also in the center of a controversy over its offer to provide Trump with the gift of a luxury Boeing 747-8 that the US could use as Air Force One while new versions of the plane are under construction by Boeing.

The Qatari government has said a final decision hasn't been made. But Trump has defended the idea as a fiscally smart move for the US, even as critics argue it would amount to a president accepting an astonishingly

valuable gift from a foreign government.

Trump has indicated he would refurbish the aircraft and it would later be donated to his post-White House presidential library. He says he would not use the plane once he leaves office.

The president, early Wednesday in a social media post, said the plane "is a gift from a Nation, Qatar, that we have successfully defended for many years."

"Why should our military, and therefore our taxpayers, be forced to pay hundreds of millions of Dollars when they can get it for FREE from a country that wants to reward us for a job well done," Trump added. "This big savings will be spent, instead, to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN! Only a FOOL would not accept this gift on behalf of our Country."

Anita Anand, Canada's first Hindu foreign minister: Will she resolve the 'K' issue amid strained India relations

TORONTO, May 14 (Agencies): Following Kash Patel's swearing-in as FBI Director with the Bhagavad Gita, Anita Indira Anand, a Canadian of Indian descent, assumed office as Canada's new Foreign Minister with the holy book in her hands. This moment marked a historic milestone in Mark Carney's cabinet reshuffle.

As the first Hindu woman to hold this position, Anita Anand's appointment has been celebrated by Hindu groups across Canada, including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Canada and the Canada Hindu Advocacy Coalition, who regard her as a source of inspiration for the Canadian Hindu community.

Anand's appointment has sparked significant interest, particularly in the context of strained Canada-India relations following the 2023 assassination of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. However, there have been no public reactions from Sikh groups regarding her appointment, which may be attributed to the recent events and ongoing tensions between Hindu and pro-Khalistani groups in Canada, as well as her past stance on Nijjar's killing.

In July 2023, Anand retweeted a statement from then-Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly condemning posters targeting Indian diplomats in the wake



of Nijjar's killing. The statement read, "The materials posted online for a protest on July 8 are unacceptable, and they do not represent Canadians."

Born in Kentville, Nova Scotia, to Indian immigrant parents from Tamil Nadu and Punjab, Anand has a distinguished political career. She was first elected as a Member of Parliament for Oakville in 2019 and has held several key ministerial roles, including Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Minister of National Defence, and Minister of Transport.

Her appointment as the first Hindu woman foreign minister is a landmark for representation, potentially fostering greater engagement between the Canadian government and diverse communities. However. given the context of the Nijjar case and Sikh groups' advocacy for justice, her role may be closely scrutinised, particularly in light of her assertion of Hindu

identity.

Hopefully, Anand's appointment will have a positive impact on Indo-Canada relations, given her Indian heritage. While her role could play a key part in addressing the recent tensions between the two countries, the outcomes would largely depend on diplomatic efforts from both sides.

Observers note that

her previous role in shaping Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy, with a focus on regional security, could indirectly benefit India-Canada relations, given their shared interests. However, resolving issues like the Khalistani movement will be complex. While her approach could lead to improved trade and immigration policies, the success will depend on navigating domestic and international pressures. Indo-Canada relations have been severely

Indo-Canada relations have been severely strained since the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia in June 2023, followed by claims from former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accusing Indian officials of involvement. India vehemently denied these allegations, resulting in the mutual expulsion of diplomats.

The Khalistani issue has been a bone of contention in Indo-Canada relations. With Canada's large Sikh diaspora, numbering 771,790 as of the 2021 census, playing a role in domestic politics, this may create a complex backdrop for Anand's tenure, as she must balance domestic pressures with international diplomacy.

However, Carney's focus on diversifying Canada's international partnerships, particularly with the Indo-Pacific, aligns with India's strategic interests and gives hope. Canada is increasingly looking to reduce dependence on the United States and strengthen ties with the region, where India is seen as an obvious partner due to shared democratic values, economic complementarities, and mutual interests.

Observers feel that Anand's Indian heritage could facilitate dialogue, potentially leading to improved trade agreements, enhanced defence cooperation, and better immigration policies. However, resolving the Khalistani issue and addressing the Nijjar case will be crucial.

Though on the surface her appointment suggests a potential to

mend ties with India, success is not guaranteed.

Anand's appointment is a milestone, both symbolically and strategically, but beneath this historic achievement lies a complex web of Indo-Canada relations.

Anand's Indian heritage and prior political experience, including in shaping Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy, suggest potential for fostering renewed dialogue with India. However, her past condemnation of materials targeting Indian diplomats following Nijjar's death could create friction with Sikh advocacy groups, highlighting the delicate balance she must maintain.

While Hindu organisations in Canada celebrate her appointment, the absence of reactions from Sikh groups underscores existing tensions. Anand's role demands adept diplomacy—balancing domestic multicultural sensitivities with international relations, particularly concerning the Khalistani movement, which remains a contentious issue.

Her tenure offers an opportunity to reset Canada's foreign policy towards India, focusing on trade, security, and immigration. However, success hinges not just on heritage or political acumen but on her ability to bridge divides, foster mutual respect, and engage in pragmatic diplomacy amidst complex pressures.

Baloch forum blames Pakistan army for civilian assault



BALOCHISTAN, May 14 (Agencies): As Pakistan continues to rain atrocities on Baloch residents, the Baloch Women Forum (BWF) strongly criticised the recent rocket launcher attack on the residence of Jangiyan Baloch, a civilian in the Balicha area of Tump Tehsil, district Kech

Taking to the social media

platform X, BWF alleged that the assault was carried out by "death squads," the locally operating armed groups with the purported backing of law enforcement agencies of Balochistan.

The forum stated, "We, the Baloch Women Forum (BWF), denounce the ugly attack of rocket launchers on the home of a civilian, Jangiyan Baloch, in district Kech's Balicha in the strongest possible terms and deem it an attack on the societal order and organization of the Baloch."

According to X handle, the incident left three members of Jangiyan Baloch's family injured -- his son Nawaz Jangiyan, daughter-in-law Ayesha Mulla Raza, and wife Modho Naik Bakht.

The BWF highlighted that the armed factions in the region freely perpetrate violence, destabilising society while remaining shielded from justice. And, with the tacit support of the state, these groups act as instruments of chaos, immune to law and accountability.

"These groups have been given a free hand to destabilise the social order," the BWF stated. "They function with impunity and are unaccountable due to the backing they receive from state institutions."

The Forum also expressed deep concern over the deteriorating security conditions in Tump, describing it as one of the most gravely impacted regions in Balochistan. It accused armed groups in the area of

orchestrating targeted killings, enforced disappearances, and assaults on civilians, all of which are fueling an escalating climate of lawlessness and fear.

The Baloch Women Forum in the resort to combat the rising human right abuses demanded several actions which included measures like an immediate end to what it described as "illegal privileges" granted to armed militias, a permanent halt to human rights violations in Trump and the wider Balochistan region, and a transparent and impartial inquiry into the rocket attack on Jangiyan Baloch's home, with legal action against the perpetrators. Furthermore, it also called for medical and financial assistance for the injured and their family.

Samsung announces pre-orders for Galaxy S25 Edge in India

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, on Wednesday opened pre-orders for its category-defining Galaxy S25 Edge, the slimmest Galaxy S series smartphone.

Crafted with style and strength in mind, Galaxy S25 Edge strikes a new balance of premium, pro-level performance in a resilient titanium body. Galaxy S25 Edge delivers on the S series legacy, integrating an iconic Galaxy Al-enabled camera and unleashing a new realm of creativity in an effortlessly portable device. With a thin 5.8mm chassis, Galaxy S25 Edge is a remarkable feat of engineering that reimagines nearly every element of smartphone design. Its refined frame bridges form and function at just 163 grams, taking slim smartphones to the next level while staying true to the Galaxy S series' unified design. Alongside its streamlined silhouette comes exceptional resilience. The optimally curved edges and sturdy titanium frame offer enduring protection for everyday use. The latest Corning Gorilla Glass Ceramic 2, a new glass ceramic offering that delivers engineered resilience, is used for the front display on Galaxy S25 Edge.

The slim and light design of Galaxy S25 Edge makes it easier than ever for users to capture memorable moments and express their creativity anytime, anywhere. The 200MP wide lens upholds the Galaxy S series' iconic camera experience while taking Nightography to a new level. Thanks to its ultra-high resolution, users get sharper photos while maintaining clearer shots

with large pixel size —capturing images with over 40% improved brightness in low-light environments. The 12MP ultrawide sensor features autofocus, which powers crisp, detailed macro photography for even more creative flexibility.

Galaxy S25 Edge benefits from the same ProVisual Engine that was optimized for Galaxy S25 with pro-grade enhancements, like ensuring sharp details for clothes or plants and natural, true-to-life skin tone in portraits. Galaxy Al-powered editing features, including fan-favorites like Audio Eraser and Drawing Assist are all brought over from the Galaxy S25 series.

Integrating Galaxy AI at nearly every touchpoint, Galaxy S25 Edge offers our most natural and context-aware mobile Al experiences. Users get personalized, multimodal AI capabilities with peace of mind that their personal data is always safe. Mirroring the broader Galaxy S25 series, Galaxy S25 Edge integrates AI agents that work seamlessly across multiple apps, helping as a true AI companion to get things done more easily. Galaxy Al also gets better at integrating with daily routines. Now Brief and Now Bar include third-party app integrations for greater convenience and helpful reminders during everyday commuting, dining and more.

Thanks to Galaxy's deep integration with Google, Galaxy S25 Edge brings Gemini's latest advancements to more users. For example, with Gemini Live's new camera and screen sharing abilities, users can show Gemini Live what they see on their screen or in the world around them while simultaneously interacting with it in a live conversation.

SMVDU faculty present research paper in International Conference at Kerala

Top News Report

KATRA, May 14: Prof. Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy, School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), presented his research on Thermal Management in Modern Electronics at the international conference on "Recent Trends in Mechanical Engineering".

The conference, organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering [NBA Accredited], College of Engineering Adoor Govt of Kerala, esteemed domain experts, researchers, and professionals from around the world, including National Taiwan University; University of Warwick, UK; Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.; University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Muscat, Oman; Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, USA; Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh; Robert Bosch, Germany; Coventry University, UK., IIT Madras, IIT Mumbai, NIT-T, NIT-K, were present among others.Prof. Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy's research paper titled "Recent Development in Thermal Management of Modern Electronics Devices" explores the review on thermal management in electronic devices, various strate-



gies adopted for thermal management, and impacts on its

reliability and life spans. The study highlights the comprehensive review on status, state of the art in thermal management in electronic devices and research challenges and future scope for further studies. As electronic devices become smaller and more powerful, effective thermal management has become essential to maintain performance, prevent overheating, and extend device lifespan. Recent advancements focus on innovative materials, miniaturized cooling technologies, and intelligent systems.

Key developments include: Advanced Materials- High thermal conductivity substances like graphene, carbon nanotubes (CNTs), and phase change materials (PCMs) are being used to improve heat transfer and storage. Micro/Nanoscale Cooling- Technologies such as microchannel heat sinks, nanofluids, and thermoelectric coolers enable compact and efficient heat removal from localized hotspots. Passive and Active Cooling Techniques- Improved thermal interface materials (TIMs), vapor chambers, and active liquid cooling systems provide better thermal control for high-performance devices. Al-Driven Thermal Management- Integration of artificial intelligence and smart sensors allows dynamic, real-time regulation of temperature based on workload and environmental conditions. Emerging Trendsflexible thermal solutions for wearable tech, and integration with energy-efficient systems is gaining momentum.

These developments aim to ensure reliability, efficiency, and sustainability in the next generation of electronic systems. The technical presentation brought great attention and discussion to flexible phase change materials and phase change materials to minimize the overheating which causes failure of modern electronic devices.

Dr. Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy has outreached the SMV-DU's reputation in the interdisciplinary research domain of electronic devices of thermal management and academic excellence.

Also, Prof. Eswaramoorthy has served as technical chair for a session to moderate the technical presentations. The conference was provided a platform for experts to share their research and insights, fostering a collaborative environment to address the recent trends in mechanical engineering

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Ladakh admin orders ...

Further, it has been ordered that Delden Angmo, earlier HoD DIET Leh and I/c Principal DIET Leh, will now serve as I/c CEO Leh and Mirza Mehdi, currently HoD Leh, will now also hold the additional charge of I/c Principal, DIET Leh.

Stolen gun recovered within..

As per officials, a complaint was lodged by Poonam Devi, wife of Naresh Kumar, resident of Malley-de-Kothey, at Police Station Arnia. She reported that an unknown person had stolen a 12 bore double barrel gun from her house.

Taking swift action, they said, Police Station Arnia registered an FIR No. 23/2025 under sections 331(4)/305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and assigned the investigation to SI Harjinder Pal Singh under the supervision of SHO Arnia, Inspector Dilawar Kumar.

Using human and technical intelligence, the police team identified and detained a suspect, officials said. During sustained questioning, the accused, identified as Rahul Chandail alias Salute Maar of Allah village in Arnia, confessed to the crime, they said.

Based on his disclosure, officials said, the police sucessfully recovered the stolen 12 bore double barrel

Meanwhile, further investigation is underway.

Two Killed in Srinagar...

sustained critical injuries in the crash and were rushed to SMHS Hospital, where doctors declared them dead

The accident occurred during the afternoon hours, prompting immediate response from bystanders and emergency services. Eyewitnesses reported that the motorcycle lost control before crashing into the pole.

Local police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated necessary legal proceedings. A case has been registered, and further investigations are underway to ascertain the cause of the accident.

Pakistan hands over BSF..

"Today at 1030 hours Constable Purnam Kumar Shaw has been taken back from Pakistan by BSF at Attari-Wagah border," the spokesperson said.

Shaw had "inadvertently" crossed over to Pakistan territory while on operational duty in the area of Ferozepur sector on April 23 around 1150 hours and detained by Pak Rangers, he said.

Officials told PTI that the jawan will undergo a full body check-up and medical test followed by a counselling and 'debriefing' session where he will be asked "relevant questions" by the BSF officials about his 21-day detention by the Rangers.

The jawan, belonging to the 24th BSF battalion, will not be drafted in active duty and will also be part of an official inquiry instituted by the Punjab frontier of the BSF to look into the sequence of his apprehension by the Rangers and find lapses, if any, they said.

The spokesperson said the handover of the jawan at the border "was conducted peacefully and in accordance with established protocols." "With the consistent efforts of BSF through regular flag meetings with Pakistan Rangers and through other communication channels, the repatriation of BSF Constable has become possible," he said.

Shaw's apprehension by the Pakistan Rangers happened a day after the Pahalgam terrorist attack in which 26 people were killed.

The jawan was part of the 'Kisan Guard' that was deployed for protection of Indian farmers, who till their land ahead of the fence, and the trooper apparently "mis-calculated" the alignment of the IB and stepped to rest under a nearby tree from where he was appre-

hended by the Rangers, officials had said. Shaw hails from Rishra in Hooghly district of West Bengal and his wife has been speaking to BSF officers and the press seeking the whereabouts of her husband and his early release in wake of the military offensive between India and Pakistan following Operation Sindoor.

Bunkers back in focus...

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday. During his visit to Uri in Baramulla district, the J-K CM reviewed the situation in areas affected by Pakistan's shelling and noted the need for the locals of the area for such protective structures, which had diminished over the years until the recent escalation of violence.

CM Abdullah emphasised the government's commitment to providing individual bunkers to residents in response to their demands.

"Again, bunkers are now a topic of discussion. For several years, we were not in need of bunkers. Now, the people have demanded individual bunkers, not community ones. We will arrange bunkers for all the regions affected by the shelling," CM Abdullah told reporters.

The J-K CM stated that the situation following the shelling is the same in Uri, Tangdhar, Rajouri, and Poonch and stated that following the assessment of the places, compensation will be provided to the people.

"The situation is the same in Uri, Tangdhar, Rajouri,

Our civilian areas were attacked for two to three days... It seemed as if the efforts were made to involve more and more civilians. Right now, the ceasefire is prevailing, and there is peace in the border regions currently. We are trying to reach all the areas that are affected. We are doing the assessment of all the damage done, and based on that, we will provide compensation to the people," CM Abdullah noted.

The recent shelling by Pakistan, in retaliation for India's 'Operation Sindoor' on May 7, targeted civilian areas along Jammu and Kashmir and the Line of Control (LoC), resulting in civilian deaths and significant damage to residential infrastructure.

The operation was launched to avenge the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, targeting nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir

An understanding of the cessation of hostilities was announced on May 10 following India's response of damaging 11 Pakistani airbases.

CM Abdullah also addressed the broader context of the conflict, stating, "I have said from day one, we did not start this war. Our innocent people were attacked in Pahalgam. If the guns are not fired from that side, our guns will also not fire.'

CM also acknowledged the loss and pain suffered by locals residing in these border villages and said that the pain of people in the affected areas was "deeply personal".

Earlier on Tuesday, JK Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo said that the administration has been working to compensate those affected by Pakistani shelling, with more bunkers being built in the border areas.

"Many people have been injured and houses have been damaged due to shelling from across the Line of Control. The administration is working to compensate those affected by Pakistani shelling... We will build more bunkers in the border areas," he said.

Justice Bushan R Gavai...

Justice Gavai is the first Buddhist CJI and only the second from the Dalit community, after former CJI KG Balakrishnan who held office in 2007, to occupy the highest judicial office in the country. Justice Gavai has also made it clear that he will not take any post-retirement assignments.

When asked if he will join politics like his father, Justice Gavai said, "No political ambitions. I have decided not to take any post-retirement assignments or post. Any other assignment is also below CJI post, Governor is also below CJI post."

Justice Gavai is the son of RS Gavai, a noted politician, who was the Governor of Bihar and Kerala. He belongs to a family deeply engaged in promoting the ideals of BR Ambedkar. His father was a prominent

Ambedkarite and a former Member of Parliament.

Born in a Maharashtra village, Justice Gavai has said he still loves to visit his village thrice a year, especially on his late father's birth and death anniversary and during the annual fair at his village.

Born on November 24, 1960 at Amravati, he joined Bar on March 16, 1985 and started his practice at Bombay High Court and before Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court.

He was appointed as the government pleader and Public Prosecutor for the Nagpur Bench on January 17, 2000. He was elevated as Additional Judge of the High Court on November 14, 2003 and became a permanent Judge of the Bombay High Court in November 2005.

Justice Gavai was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India on May 24, 2019.

In the last six years, he was a part of around 700 benches dealing with matters pertaining to a variety of subjects, including constitutional and administrative law, civil law, criminal law, commercial disputes, arbitration law, electricity law, education matters, environmental law. etc.

Justice Gavai will retire on November 23, 2025.

Helicopter service at Mata...

This came a day after flight operations recommenced at 32 airports, including Jammu and Srinagar, following the suspension of hostilities between the two neighbouring nations.

"The helicopter service at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine resumed this morning after remaining suspended for the past seven days," an official of the shrine board said, adding pilgrim footfall has also started picking up after witnessing a sharp decline since the beginning of this month.

The battery car service for the pilgrims is also functional, the official said.

Over 30 lakh pilgrims have paid their obeisance at the shrine since January this year as against 94.84 lakh last year, he said and expressed hope that the rush will increase manifold.

"We are happy about the resumption of the helicopter service and the arrangements made by the shrine board," said Shubam Kumar, a pilgrim from Delhi.

22 children among 48 killed...

The strikes killed at least 48 people in total, the Indonesian Hospital in Jabaliya reported. The strikes came a day after Hamas released an Israeli American hostage in a deal brokered by the United States, and as President Donald Trump was visiting Saudi Arabia.

On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said there was "no way" Israel would halt its war in Gaza, dimming hopes for a ceasefire.

Ramban Court Officer...

According to a police official, "Prabhat Singh (59), a resident of Dhanmasta Pogal in Ramban district, was on his way to Ramban to attend his duty when his scooty was hit by a speeding LPG tanker near Maroog. He died on the spot."

SHO Ramban, Vikram Singh Parihar, confirmed that Prabhat Singh was hit by an LPG tanker and died instantly. He added that the tanker driver has been taken into custody and legal formalities are underway.

The Judicial Employees Welfare Association (JEWA), Ramban, expressed deep sorrow over the untimely demise of CAO Prabhat Singh.

In a statement, JEWA State Executive Body member Manzoor Ahmed Wani said, "The untimely death of CAO Prabhat Singh has shocked all of us. We stand with the bereaved family in this difficult time."

Educational institutions.

classes." Zahoor Ahmad, who teaches at a government school, said peace is vital for making progress.

"Students are feeling happy. Everyone understands that peace makes way for development and progress. We are thankful to God that the situation improved

and we are back to schools. The exuberance is back in schools," he said. Ahmad expressed hope that the peace prevails and

the whole subcontinent moves forward in every sector

along with the rest of the world. Toiba Mushtaq, a student from Sopore, said the Indo-Pak tension had affected them and ceasefire between

the two countries was welcome. "We are happy now. We were tensed during the con-

flict because affected our studies. We were worried that it would give us only limited time to finish our syllabus. So, we are very happy that the ceasefire happened,"

Abdul Majeed, a teacher at a school in north Kashmir. expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the ceasefire.

"Both the children and the teachers are elated. We were eagerly awaiting the reopening of schools. Conflict affects children, so these steps taken by both the countries are in a positive direction. We are thankful to our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his team for realising the importance of peace. We welcome this

Second batch of Haj Pilgrims..

According to an executive member of the Jammu and Kashmir Haj Committee, Shujaat Ahmad Qureshi, a total of 642 pilgrims are scheduled to depart from Srinagar today, and a total of six flights have been arranged for that purpose.Jammu dining guideJammu and Kashmir tourism

He stated that due to the recent tensions between India and Pakistan following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam and India's response to it, seven flights were cancelled, out of which only one has been rescheduled.

"Today we are happy that the Hajj pilgrimage has restarted... But seven flights were cancelled, one of which has been rescheduled for May 15... Those who were leaving for today also faced problems, as the Airbus couldn't arrive at Srinagar Airport and now they have to travel to Delhi and from there they will change flights and leave for Mecca... Today there are two flights from Delhi and from Srinagar; four flights will be there, carrying a total of 642... We faced a lot of problems due to the recent tensions but we have time and we will reach there on schedule," Qureshi said.

A pilgrim who was set to leave for Mecca expressed his relief at the cessation of the hostilities and stated that he prayed for the situation to become normal.

"We just always prayed to allah so that the situation becomes normal... Thank God that the ceasefire took place and now we are able to travel for Haj," he said.

Earlier, the first batch of Haj pilgrims from Srinagar left on May 4 with at least 3,372 Hujjaj Karam, a title bestowed upon the Hajj pilgrims, departing from there that morning.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Minority Affairs on Tuesday stated that Indian Hajis had left for Umrah from their accommodation in Makkah after spending eight days in Madinah.

"Indian Hajis going for Umrah from their accommodation in Makkah after spending 8 days in Madinah. We wish them a pilgrimage blessed with peace & spiritual fulfilment," the Ministry of Minority Affairs stated on X

The Ministry had also launched an "Haj Suvidha App 2.0" designed to support a safe and well-organised Haj experience equipped with smart baggage tracking.

Northern Army Commander official spokes person said.General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C), Northern Command, Lt Gen Sharma apprised Sinha of the latest developments and different aspects pertaining to the prevailing security situation in the valley, the spokesperson said

He said Lt Gen Sharma was accompanied by Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps.

MLA Dr Rajeev inaugurates 50 KVA Transformer, announce one more Transformer at Lalyana Grid Station

Top News Report

BISHNAH, May 14: Residents of the Bishnah constituency are set to receive much-needed respite from unscheduled power cuts as Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, today inaugurated a new 50 MVA (Mega Volt Ampere) transformer at the Grid Station Lalyana.

The project, amounting to Rs 5.50 Crores and announce one more Transformer worth Rs 9.50 Crores for Grid Station Lalyana, marks a substantial step towards strengthening the power infrastructure in the region.

The inauguration ceremony, held at the Lalyana Grid Station, was met with enthusiasm from local residents and officials alike. The newly commissioned 50 MVA transformer will augment the existing 100 MVA transformer already operational at the grid station. Furthermore, Dr. Bhagat announced that another 50 MVA transformer is slated for installation at the same grid station in the near

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat emphasized his commitment to providing reliable and uninterrupted power supply to all citizens. He stated that the persistent issue



of unscheduled electricity cuts in the Bishnah constituency has been a matter of concern, and the installation of these new transformers is a direct response to the needs of the people.

"Today marks an important day for the people of Bishnah," Dr. Bhagat said. "The inauguration of this 50 MVA transformer, along with the upcoming installation of another, will significantly enhance the power infrastructure in our constituency. This will undoubtedly bring much-needed relief from the inconvenience caused by frequent power interruptions, especially during peak seasons." He further added that the Rs 5.50 Crore investment reflects the government's dedication to improving basic amenities and ensuring a better quality of life for the residents of Bishnah. Dr. Bhagat lauded the efforts of the Power Development Department (PDD) in

executing the project efficiently. Executive Engineer of PDD, Shri Rajesh Bhagat, who was also present at the inauguration, provided technical insights into the impact of the new infrastructure. He explained that the addition of the 50 MVA transformer will significantly increase the power handling capacity of the Lalyana Grid Station, allowing it to cater to the growing electricity demands of the Bishnah constituency more effectively.

Prominent members of the area also attended the inauguration ceremony, expressing their gratitude for the initiative. They highlighted the difficulties faced by the residents due to frequent power cuts, impacting daily life, businesses, and the education of students. The inauguration of the new transformer was seen as a significant step towards addressing these longstanding issues. This new transformer gives us hope that these issues will finally be resolved. We are thankful to the MLA and the PDD for taking this important step." The event concluded with Dr. Rajeev Bhagat reiterating his commitment to the overall development of the Bishnah constituency and assuring the residents of continued efforts towards improving infrastructure and basic amenities.

The inauguration of the transformer at the Lalyana Grid Station marks a significant milestone in this direction, promising a brighter and more powered future for the people of Bishnah.

Govt appoints 122 Junior Assistants to address clerical staff shortage in RDD

New recruits to enhance rural governance, ease workload in districts: Aijaz Asad

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 14: In a major Human Resource boost to the rural sector, the Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday appointed 122 Junior Assistants (UT/Divisional/District Cadre) in the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR) department, addressing a critical shortage of clerical staff that had plagued the field offices since 2021. The appointments, finalized through the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), followed the referral made by the Rural Development Department to the recruitment agency. The final selection list, issued recently, marks completion of a prolonged process aimed at addressing the staffing gap that had persisted since 2021.

The appointments included a structured distribution across various administrative levels, with 1 post allocated at the UT level, 2 posts each for the divisional cadres of Jammu and Kashmir, 55 posts distributed among districts in the Jammu division and 62 posts assigned to districts in the Kashmir division.

The recruitment drive is aimed to fill the critical clerical and executive staff vacancies at district-level RDD offices and Block Development Offices (BDO) throughout the UT.

Secretary, RDD&PR. Mohammad Aijaz Asad, emphasized that the recruitment is a significant boost for the department and will strengthen the public service delivery mechanism. "The recruitment of Junior Assistants is a long-overdue measure, aimed at reinforcing rural governance and ensuring timely service delivery to the public," he asserted.

Aijaz Asad said that the newly recruited Junior Assistants will play a pivotal role in expediting the file processing in rural offic-

es, improving public grievance redressal systems, strengthening implementation of welfare schemes and providing much needed support to the overburdened Block Development Offices (BDOs), thereby enhancing the overall efficiency of rural governance in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among the 122 posts, 120 have been cleared for immediate appointment, while 2 posts are withheld pending further recommendations. The selected candidates are required to submit their Personal Verification Roll (PVR) within 21 days to secure their appointment.

Last year, the Jammu and Kashmir government appointed 1,395 Panchayat Secretaries across various districts, significantly bolstering the workforce in the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR) department. Prior to that, the government had appointed 1,889 Panchayat Accounts Assistants.

Dr Jitendra addresses 'International Genetic Meet', describes India as emerging global destination

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, May 14 Addressing the "International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology" (ICGEB) Board Meeting of Governors here today, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions described India as the emerging global destination and said, this is the most appropriate venue for such deliberations at a time when India has much to contribute to the world com-

The Meeting is being attended by representatives from more than 60 countries of the world.

On the occasion, the Minister dedicated India's first of its kind public funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry' at the 31st Board Meeting of Governors of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) in New Delhi.

Founded in 1983, the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) is a premier intergovernmental organization dedicated to advancing research in the life sciences. India is one of the founding members of ICGEB. The organization operates through three main centres: New Delhi (India), which focuses on research and biotechnology applications; Trieste (Italy), which serves as the headquarters and coordinates global operations; and Cape Town (South Africa), which func-



tions as a key hub for research, development, and international collaboration.

ICGEB has 69 member countries and plays a key role in biotechnology-led sustainable global development through research, training, and technology transfer.

Addressing the Board of Governors Dr. Jitendra Singh said "This milestone aligns with the Government of India's BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment & Employment), approved under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

Dr. Jitendra Singh reaffirmed that under the Modi Government, India's bioeconomy has seen an exponential rise — from \$10 billion in 2014 to \$165.7 billion in 2024, with a target to achieve \$300 billion by 2030. He emphasized that India is at the right time, in the right place, with a highly enabling political ecosystem to lead the next global

biotechnology revolution. Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted India's remarkable progress in the biotechnology sector. He noted that India now ranks 12th globally in biotechnology and holds the 3rd position in the Asia-Pacific region. The country has emerged as the largest vaccine producer in the world and is home to the 3rd largest startup ecosystem globally. A testament to this growth is the exponential rise in biotech startups, which have surged from just 50 in

2014 to over 10,000 in 2024.

Recalling the success of Mission COVID Suraksha, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted the development of the world's first DNA-based vaccine. He proudly stated that India gifted these vaccines to the world under the Vaccine Maitri initiative, showcasing its commitment to global health equity.

Dr. Jitendra Singh mentioned the development of India's 1st of its kind Indigenous generation antibiotic for monotherapy in bacterial pneumonia Nafithromycin, backed in part by DBT-BIRAC. He also cited the creation of diagnostic kits for Dengue and HIV.

Emphasizing the national importance of biomanufacturing he lauded the BioE3 Policy, approved by the Union Cabinet in August 2024, as a gamechanging step to build a resilient ecosystem for bio-based products and promote high-performance biomanufacturing. He stated that India is now poised to lead the next wave of industrial revolution with sustainable

biotech-driven manufacturing practices.

Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed pride in ICGEB New Delhi's pioneering role in implementing the BioE3 Policy, especially through the newly dedicated Bio-foundry. The facility will serve as a platform for scaling up bio-based innovations in collaboration with startups and researchers.

He shared that 105 international students from 29 countries have earned PhDs, along with 112 postdoctoral researchers, reflecting its global academic excellence. He also highlighted the signing of an MoU between DBT and IN-SPACe for advancing space biotechnology and space medicine.

Dr. Singh underscored the importance of maintaining a strong focus on five key sectors to drive the next phase of India's biotechnology growth. These include bioenergy, bio-industrial, bio-plantation, biomedical, and biomanufacturing. He emphasized that strategic development in these areas will not only strengthen India's bioeconomy but also contribute significantly to sustainable development and global competitiveness.

The Minister reiterated, "India has the most enabling milieu today for biotechnology. The time is right, the ecosystem is ripe, and we have visionary leadership steering us toward becoming a global bioeconomy leader."

The ICGEB Board was represented by Dr. Jelena Begovic, President of the ICGEB Board of Governors, who underscored the critical importance of biotechnology in addressing the needs of today's rapidly changing world.

Awareness rally by Shoolini University spreads message of humanity, compassion



Top News Report

SOLAN, May 14: In a moving initiative aimed at promoting human values, Shoolini University, in collaboration with the Red Cross Society Solan, organized an Awareness Rally under the theme "On the Side of Humanity.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and community volunteers, all united in a common cause — to stand up for empathy, unity, and compassion.

The rally was officially flagged off by Deputy Commissioner of Solan, Mr. Manmohan Sharma, who appreciated the thoughtful initiative. In his address, he stressed the relevance of human values in today's fast-paced, often divided world.

He called on the youth and community to uphold the spirit of compassion in their day-to-day lives. As the rally moved through Solan's

central areas, students and volunteers actively engaged with the public. They distributed messages advocating for peace, equality, and support for marginalized communities.

The rally was led by Dr. Neeraj Gandotra, Associate Dean Students' Welfare (DSW), along with his team from Shoolini University. It was designed to encourage people to embrace kindness, support the underprivileged, and promote a culture of humanity in every-

The rally commenced at Mall Road, Solan, where participants gathered with banners and handmade placards. They began their march from the Old DC Office to the Old Bus Stand, spreading awareness through meaningful interaction and visual messages. Throughout the rally, participants carried powerful slogans that echoed through the streets. Placards bore heartfelt messages such as "No Greater Power Than a Heart That Helps," a reminder that genuine support often stems from selfless emotion. Others read "For Humanity, With Humanity, Through Humanity" and "Together, We Rise by Lifting Others," reinforcing the idea that unity and cooperation lead to collective growth.

Participants also highlighted the value of small acts with the line "One Act of Help, a Hundred Smiles," and honored the collaboration by displaying "Red Cross: A Symbol of Hope and Human-

The event concluded at the Old Bus Stand, where a brief closing ceremony was held. Members of the organizing committee addressed the crowd, thanking all participants for their dedication and encouraging them to continue spreading the message of humanity.

DDC Ramban convenes meeting to discuss formulation of District Capex Budget 2025-26

Top News Report

RAMBAN, May 14: To deliberate on the formulation of the District Capex Budget 2025-26, the District Development Council (DDC) Ramban convened a meeting today under the chairmanship of Chairperson DDC Ramban Dr. Shamshad Shan, at the Conference Hall, Ramban.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chairperson Rabia Beigh, all DDC Councillors, Chief **Executive Officer District**

Roshan Lal, Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, ACD Shrinath Suman, ACP Ashfaq Ahmed and other concerned officers.

Development Council

At the outset, the house observed two minutes of silence to condole the sad demise of the Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri Raj Kumar Thapa, who lost his life in a recent crossborder shelling incident at Rajouri.

During the meeting, the

Chairperson informed that Rs. 60 crore have been earmarked under the District Capex Budget 2025-26 for developmental activities across the district.

She took a detailed review of the progress achieved under various sectors and emphasized that the planning process for the upcoming financial year must be participatory and inclusive. She directed all DDC members to formulate their development plans in accordance

with the prescribed

guidelines by conducting Gram Sabhas in their respective areas to ensure public participation and need-based planning at the grassroots level. Earlier, the Chief Plan-

ning Officer briefed the meeting that 84% financial achievement was recorded under the District Capex Budget 2024-25 in the district.

The DDC members also highlighted various pressing issues from their constituencies and sought special attention toward their resolution.

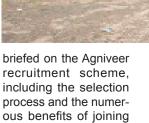
Recruitment training conducted for youth at Kalakote

Top News Report

RAJOURI, May 14: A recruitment training programme for the youth of Kalakote and nearby villages culminated on Wednesday. Young aspirants from this remote region participated in the training.

The primary aim of the programme was to prepare and guide these youth for enrolment in the Armed Forces.

The training included structured physical training sessions, classes for the written examination, and basic medical tests. Participants were also



the Armed Forces under this initiative.

In addition to the training, motivational sessions were conducted to instill a sense of pride and purpose in joining the Indian Army as Agniveers.

The initiative was wellreceived by the local community.

The parents of the participants expressed

their appreciation for the Army's efforts in organizing such a meaningful and career-oriented programme, which not only provides employment opportunities but also encourages the vouth to contribute to national service.

International League T20 season 4 to commence on **UAE** National Day

DUBAI, May 14 (Agencies): The International League T20 (ILT20) season 4 will begin on Tuesday, December 2, 2025- UAE National Day (Eid-Al-Etihad) with the six-team, 34-match tournament set to conclude with the final on Sunday, January 4, 2026, according to a release from ILT20.

The biggest T20 league in the Gulf region has moved out of its traditional January-February window as the ICC Men's T20 World Cup is scheduled to be played in February-March 2026.

Chairman ILT20 and Vice-Chairman Emirates Cricket Board Khalid Al Zarooni, "We are delighted to confirm that the DP World International League T20 Season 4 will commence on the UAE National Day - Eid-Al-Etihad - which is one of the most important days on the UAE calendar," as quoted from a release by ILT20.

"The UAE National Day is the day where we celebrate the United Arab

Emirates which is home to people from around the world including millions of diehard cricket fans. It is a real honour for us to join the nation in the UAE National Day 2025 celebrations with the launch of the region's biggest T20 league - the DP World ILT20 Season 4, on the same day," he added.

CEO of ILT20 David

White said, "Following extensive discussions with all our stakeholders. we believe the 2 December 2025 to 4 January 2026 tournament window is ideal for the **DP World International** League T20 Season 4. The ICC Men's T20 World Cup begins in early February hence it was important for us to start and finish Season 4 well before the tournament as it will allow the players playing both the DP World ILT20 and the T20 World Cup to prepare for national duty. In addition, we feel that the December-January window will provide the teams' the best opportunity to access a bigger pool of players."



"Season 3 was a big success with outstanding broadcast and digital numbers as the fans enjoyed a step-up in the quality of cricket. The teams gave their absolute all across

the hugely competitive 34-tournament matches which concluded with a nail-biting final won by the Dubai Capitals in the last over of the match in front of a packed Dubai International Stadium. We are now fully focused on making an even bigger impact as we turn our attention to Season 4," he noted.

ILT20's Season 3 featured some of the biggest T20 stars including; Nicholas Pooran, Sam Curran (player of the tournament red belt winner), Shai Hope (most runs in the tournament - green belt winner), Fazalhaq Farooqi (highest wickettaker - white belt winner), Andre Russell, Sunil Narine, Jason Holder, Alex Hales, Fakhar Zaman, Lockie Ferguson, David Warner, Rovman Powell, Dasun Shanaka, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, James Vince, Shimron Hetmyer, Tom Banton, Romario Shepherd, Tim Southee, Tim Seifert, Matthew Wade. Jason Roy, Adil Rashid and Adam Zampa.

The Dubai Capitals won the glittering trophy, edging out the Desert Vipers in a thrilling final which was played in front of a full house at the Dubai International Stadium on February 9.

Kohli, Rohit unlikely for 2027 ODI World Cup, says Gavaskar



NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar said he does not foresee Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli playing the 2027 ODI World Cup as is being widely anticipated after the duo announced retirement from Test cricket.

Gavaskar, who regards them as colossal figures in Indian cricket, does not believe that their recent Test retirement and last year's T20I retirement will have a bearing in enhancing their chances of playing the 2027 showpiece.

"No, I don't think they will be playing," Gavaskar said. "...I'm being very honest, I don't think they'll be there. But who knows in the next year or so, they strike this rich vein of form and they keep scoring hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and even God can't drop them."

The pair was instrumental in India's Champions Trophy triumph earlier this year. "Well, they have been massive performers in this format of the game. Do we feel that they will be in the team for the 2027 World Cup? Will they be able to make the kind of contribution they have been making? So that's going to be the thought process of the selection committee. And if the selection committee feels that they will still be making that huge contribution that they have been making, then both of them will be there for that," said Gavaskar.

The former India captain wasn't surprised by Kohli's timing and said both players might have taken the decision after conversations with the selectors, and appreciated that they exited on their own terms. "...for both these wonderful cricketers to go out on their own terms is what everybody wanted and that's what has happened. They have gone out where they have told the world that they have had enough," he said.

"Greats should play till 50": Yograj Singh slams early retirement of Rohit, Virat

CHANDIGARH, May 14 (Agencies): As Indian cricket bids farewell to two of its modern-day greats, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma from the Test arena, former cricketer Yograj Singh has shared his emotional and critical take on their retirement. While speaking to

ANI on Wednesday, the father of former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh reflected on the potential void the two stalwarts leave behind.

"Virat is a big player, so it will obviously be a loss," Yograj said, underlining Kohli's stature and influence in the longest format of the game.

He drew parallels to India's transition phase in 2011, adding, "When many players were either removed, retired, or coerced into retirement in 2011, the team fell apart and has still

not stood back up." Though he acknowledged that "everyone's time comes," Yograj believes both Kohli and Rohit still have cricket

left in them. "I feel a lot of cricket



is still left in Virat and Rohit," he asserted.

Reflecting on his son Yuvraj Singh's exit from international cricket, Yograi remarked, "I told Yuvi (Yuvraj Singh) that it was not the right move when he was retiring. One should walk away from the field when one can no longer walk."

Yograj didn't shy away from criticizing the current trend of over-reliance on youth, warning that a lack of experienced leaders could destabilize the team.

"If you form a team full of youngsters, it will always fall apart," he said.

"Maybe Virat feels that he has nothing more left to achieve," he added, suggesting that inner satisfaction might have

influenced Kohli's deci-

Turning his attention to Rohit Sharma, Yograj was particularly vocal, suggesting that with the right support, the Indian skipper could have extended his red-ball career.

"I think Rohit Sharma needed just one person to motivate him daily, for example, to go for a run at 5 AM," he said.

"Rohit (Sharma) and Virender Sehwag are two people who retired too early," he added.

"The greatest players should play till 50 years of age... I am sad about their retirement as no one is left to motivate the youngsters now," Yograj said, showing his disappointment.

IPL: BCCI ramps up pressure on foreign cricket boards for player availability

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): The BCCI and IPL franchises have ramped up pressure on foreign cricket boards to ensure that their players return for the league's resumption on May 17 despite some lingering safety concerns in the wake of India-Pakistan military hostilities.

The BCCI top brass has instructed IPL COO Hemang Amin to individually speak to the likes of Cricket Australia (CA) and England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to allay the concerns that the players may have about returning to India.

All the 10 teams are involved in a lot of back and forth with their overseas recruits over their arrival plans in India a day after the IPL announced the revised schedule following necessary security clearances from the government.

The world's biggest T20 league was suspended on May 9 due to an India-Pakistan military showdown. A day after its suspension, a ceasefire between the two countries was announced, paving the way for IPL's resump-



"We have been speaking to the foreign boards individually while teams are directly dealing with their players. We expect a majority of them to return," a BCCI official

CA has left it on the players to decide on their participation and in matters like these, the players' association has a role to play as well.

Team officials, on the other hand, said that some of the foreign players remain anxious to return but majority of them should come back before the tournament resumes

"The revised scheduled was announced last night. We have just started contacting our

foreign players over their availability. We will have a clearer picture by tomorrow morning. Anyway our game is on May 20. We have enough time," said CSK

CEO Kasi Viswanathan. CSK's foreign players include Devon Conway, Rachin Ravindra, Sam Curran, Jamie Overton, Noor Ahmad and Matheesha Pathirana.

Jos Buttler, who has contributed immensely to Gujarat Titans' campaign at No. 3 this season, will now need to choose between IPL and his England commitments after being named in the ODI squad for the series against West Indies beginning at home on May 29.

England players had

been given NOCs for the entirety of the IPL but now with the tournament extended till June 3 instead of the final originally scheduled for May 25, those need to be reviewed. As per the revised IPL schedule, the league stage ends on May 27.

Also included in the England ODI squad are Jacob Bethell and Will Jacks, who are part of RCB and Mumbai Indians, respectively. Like GT, both RCB and Mumbai Indians are in the race for the playoffs.

"We're keen to support the IPL and the BCCI in getting the schedule up and running, and to facilitate players' return should they choose to go back," an ECB spokesperson said.

At Punjab Kings, Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis and compatriot Josh Inglis may not return to India, though head coach Ricky Ponting is trying his best to convince them.

Fellow Aussies Xavier Bartlett and Aaron Hardie along with Afghanistan's Azmatullah Omarzai and South African Marco Jansen are expected to return. The team is on course to reach its first playoffs since 2014.

Ponting has already walked the talk by deboarding from a homebound plane after the ceasefire announcement last week. The team's support staff, including Brad Haddin and James Hopes, never left India.

Sunrisers Hyderabad also eliminated from the competition but the franchise is expecting captain Pat Cummins and batter Travis Head to return for the three remaining league games.

Delhi Capitals, who remain in contention for a top-four spot, contacted their overseas players on Tuesday morning and are waiting to hear back from them. Australian pacer Mitchell Starc is among DC's key play-

The World Test Championship final between Australia and South Africa is scheduled from June 11 in London, leaving very little turnaround time for their players who decide to take part in the IPL playoffs.

Chinelle Henry absent from West Indies women's squad for upcoming tour of England

Jahzara Claxton and Realeanna Grimmond have been called up to the squad, marking the only changes from the squad that missed out on 50-over World Cup qualification in April by a whisker

CANTERBURY, May 14 (Agencies): Chinelle Henry will miss the West Indies women's team's upcoming tour of England due to a leg injury, while Rashada Williams has been left out of the squad for the three T20Is and three ODIs later this month.

Jahzara Claxton and Realeanna Grimmond have been called up to the squad, marking the only changes from the squad that missed out on 50-over World Cup qualification in April by a whisker.

During the ICC World Cup Qualifier in Pakistan, Henry was the Caribbean side's second-highest run-getter. During her prolific run, she hammered 171 runs from five innings at a stellar strike rate of 150.00.

Henry also ended the T20 Blaze

competition in the Caribbean as the top run-getter. However, according to ESPNcricinfo, she was seen limping during her Jamaica side's defeat in the final to Guyana, which was decided in the Super Over on Sunday.

Grimmond, the 20-year-old allrounder, who slammed 46 off 53 for Guyana in the final, finished as the fourth-highest run-getter in the tournament. Meanwhile, the 19-year-old Claxton was a part of the West Indies' squad at the Women's Under-19 World Cup earlier this year.

West Indies will commence the T20I series against England on May 21 at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence. West Indies head coach Shane Deitz shared his enthusiasm for the upcoming series. He



has called on the players to use this series to "reestablish" the West Indies as a "world-class team".

"Going to England is a fantastic

opportunity to play one of the best teams in the world for a long time and to really test our skills and put in practice what we've talked about

off the pitch. The talk is cheap off the pitch; we're going to put that talk into action and go out against England and play some good cricket. We've got the T20Is first, and that's where we've played our better cricket in the past 12 to 18 months, so we're looking forward to getting the tour off to a good start and play some good attacking cricket the West Indian way," Shane said in a statement by the Cricket West Indies.

"We brought a good team to England and we're looking forward to putting on a good performance for the for the crowd over there and all our supporters watching back in the Caribbean. It's going to be an excellent tour for us to reestablish ourselves as a world class team with world class players," he added.

Miles Bascombe, CWI Director of Cricket, expressed confidence in the squad and added, "This upcoming tour of England offers our women an important opportunity to reassert themselves on the international stage. It's a chance to demonstrate the talent, grit, and character that are synonymous with West Indies cricket."

West Indies Women's limitedovers squad: Hayley Matthews (capt), Shemaine Campbelle (vicecapt), Aaliyah Alleyne, Jahzara Claxton, Afy Fletcher, Cherry Ann Fraser, Shabika Gajnabi, Jannillea Glasgow, Realeanna Grimmond, Zaida James, Qiana Joseph, Mandy Mangru, Ashmini Munisar, Karishma Ramharack, Stafanie Taylor.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch conducts city tour, inspects shelling hit areas



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POONCH, May 14: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, accompanied by a team of officers of the district administration, conducted a comprehensive city tour on Wednesday to inspect areas affected by recent cross border shelling and to oversee the administrative response to public safety and infrastructure restoration.

During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner visited Mohalla Shankar Nagar, one of the affected localities in the

cross border shelling. He interacted with local residents and assessed the ground situation firsthand. Expressing concern over the extent of damage caused to residential properties and public infrastructure, he instructed the revenue officials to carry out an immediate and thorough assessment of all losses. He further directed them to submit a consolidated report at the earliest to facilitate prompt relief and reha-

bilitation measures. The Deputy Commissioner assured the affected families that the administration is fully committed to ensuring their safety and well being, and all necessary resources will be mobilized to support them during this difficult time. He emphasized that timely compensation, repair of damaged structures, and relocation where necessary would be taken up on

priority. Later, the DC visited the Divisional Forest Office building, which had also sustained damage due to shelling. He inspected the affected sections and directed concerned officers to begin restoration and renovation work without delay to restore normal functioning of the department.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the administration's resolve to remain vigilant and responsive. He added that coordinated efforts are underway across departments to ensure that genuine needs are met, essential services remain uninterrupted, and affected citizens receive timely support.

The visit underscored the district administration's proactive approach in responding to difficult situations and reflected its on ground presence to reassure and assist the public in

Blood Donation Camp held at **Headmasters Wellness Zone to support** Thalassemia, cancer patients



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14: A special blood donation camp was successfully organized at Headmasters Wellness Zone by Kumud Goel in response to the growing shortage of blood for patients, particularly Thalassemia warriors and cancer-affected children. The camp was part of the initiative "Jammu Unites to Save Lives" led by social reformer Rtn Dr. Navneet Kaur.

Kumud Goel stressed the irreplaceable value of human blood and urged greater participation from both men and women, especially encouraging women to break myths and contribute to this life-saving effort.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from around 30 volunteers, with equal representation of men and women. Rtn Dr. Navneet Kaur, Secretary General of the Indian Society for

Blood Transfusion and

Immunohematology

(J&K) and President of

Young Blood Association, described blood donation as a reflection of our traditions of Seva and Sahyog, calling it both a national duty and humanitarian service.

Dr. Neeti Dutt highlighted that voluntary donations are vital for strengthening Jammu's healthcare infrastructure and ensuring timely treatment for patients in emergencies.

The camp drew support from BJP leaders Yudhvir Sethi and Rekha Mahaian, Sethi praised the donors' spirit and called for frequent camps to maintain adequate blood supplies. Mahajan played a key role in mobilizing community support.

Ashu Goel extended heartfelt thanks to the voluntary donors and the Department of Blood Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology for their dedication and assistance in making the event a success.

The camp stood as a testament to community solidarity, compassion, and the power of voluntary service.

Operation Sindoor; a wake-up call for Pakistan: Rohiin Chandan

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 14:

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Rohiin Chandan today hailed the exemplary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the unparalleled bravery of the Indian armed forces in their decisive response to the tragic Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, 2025. Rohin Chandan, in a powerful statement, hailed Operation Sindoor as a monumental achievement in India's fight against terrorism, describing it as a "wake-up call" for Pakistan and its sympathetic people. He emphasized that the operation, executed under the strategic, visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demonstrated India's unwavering resolve to safeguard national security and deliver a robust counteroffensive against threats.

He emphasized that the Indian government's strategic approach under PM Modi's leadership was instrumental in delivering a robust counteroffensive.

"The Pahalgam attack was a barbaric act of terrorism that shook the nation. However, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our armed forces executed Operation Sindoor with precision and strength,



targeting terrorist infrastructure across the border. This was not just a military operation; it was a statement of India's zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism," Chandan stated. He further praised the government's meticulous planning, which ensured that the strikes were "targeted, non-escalatory, and effective," dismantling terror camps in locations like Bahawalpur and Muridke, as confirmed by official sources.

Chandan underscored that the Indian military's success in neutralizing over 100 terrorists during the operation, launched on May 6-7, 2025, demonstrated the country's dominance in modern warfare.

"The way our forces struck with missiles and drones, scattering Pakistan's defenses 'like straws,' as PM Modi aptly described, is a testament to India's technological and strategic prowess," he remarked. referencing Modi's address to the nation on May 12, 2025. He also commended the government for its diplomatic firmness, noting that the ceasefire agreement reached on May 10 was contingent on Pakistan's assurance to cease all terrorist activities, a condition Modi reiterated as non-negotiable. Rohin expressed pride in the unity displayed by the nation during the crisis, stating, "From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, the Pahalgam attack united us in grief and resolve.

The government's decisive action has restored national morale and sent a clear message to our adversaries: India will retaliate on its own terms."

In conclusion, Chandan called Operation Sindoor a "doctrinal shift" in India's counterterrorism policy, echoing PM Modi's words. He urged citizens to support the government's ongoing efforts to ensure peace and security while saluting the armed forces, intelligence agencies, and scientists who made the operation a success.

"This victory belongs to every Indian. Under PM Modi's leadership, we have shown the world that no enemy of Bharat will go unpunished, and PM Modi will be remembered for years to come as a noble soul and the tallest leader of India, he

JKEDI commences ESDP under RAMP at Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 14: The Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Wednesday commenced the four-weeklong Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programs (ESDPs) at Kishtwar under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP), an initiative funded by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, and implemented by the Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The ESDP is being held at Government



Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Kishtwar and was inaugurated by Anoop Sharma, Principal, Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Kishtwar.

There are 30 aspiring entrepreneurs including participating in the 104-hour-long training program spread over four weeks. The ESDPs is a part of a broader initiative being implemented across all the districts of Jammu and Kashmir, with the objective of nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit among the youth and providing them with tools to establish and manage sustainable business

ventures.

The ESDP is designed to build foundational business skills and

entrepreneurial capacity. The inaugural session was attended by Employment Officer, DE&CC Kishtwar, the faculty members of Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Kishtwar and officers/ officials of JKEDI who interacted with the aspiring entrepreneurs and provided them real time knowledge about the innovation.

The Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) programme is a World Bank-supported initiative aimed at improving the performance of the MSME sector across

Admission process for 2025-26 begins at Atharva Colleges

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MUMBAI, May 14: Admission process for the academic year 2025-26 of various undergraduate and postgraduate courses has begun at Atharva Colleges, Mumbai .The courses include; Engineering, MBA/PGDM ,Hotel Management, Fashion Design,

Mass Media ,Film & TV/ Mass Media and Sports Management. It is approved by AICTE New Delhi, Government of India and affiliated to University of Mumbai. Atharva Colleges is a leading educational institution in the suburban city of Mumbai and is located at Malad Marve Road, Malad West, Mumbai.

It has excellent teachers, the best academic environment as well as placement facilities with renowned companies of the best quality for the future of the students, along with industry-oriented courses.

To register for the courses offered one can get full information at www.atharvacoe.ac.in or call at 022-40294949.

Red Tapism should not delay release of relief to border residents of J&K: BADC

Dr Shazad visits shelling affected areas of Poonch, demands more bunkers for civilians' safety

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JAMMU, May 14: Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JKBADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of border residents and tribal population of J&K has urged the government of India to expedite the disbursement of relief funds to families affected by the recent Indo-Pak conflict and heavy cross-border shelling.

During his visit to various shelling-affected areas of district Poonch, Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of the BADC and former Vice Chancellor, expressed deep concern over the suffering of civilians living along the Line of Control (LoC). He requested the Union Home Minister. Chief Minister and Lieutenant



Governor of J&K not to allow bureaucratic red tape to delay the release of much-needed relief and aid for the victims of the cross border shelling and also called for immediate action to ensure timely support

for the affected families.

"People living along the border are the worst sufferers of this ongoing tension. They need urgent financial and infrastructural assistance, not paperwork hurdles," said Dr.

Shazad, who interacted with several affected families and local representatives during his

During his visit and meeting with the families of the victims, he informed media personnel that the Government of India should dispatch a team of experts to these border areas to identify suitable locations for the construction of additional underground individual and community bunkers. He further stated that

over the past decade, the Government of India had allocated billions of rupees to the Jammu and Kashmir government for this purpose. Unfortunately, he alleged that a significant portion of these funds was misappropriated by certain officials in collusion with corrupt local politicians.

