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### Op Sindoor gave...

and the resurgence of a glorious India," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He recalled the valour of 26 Infantry Division during Operation Sindoor and army's selfless work in saving people's lives during recent natural calamities.

"Operation Sindoor gave a message to the world that we will avenge every drop of Indian citizen's blood. No one can dare raise their eyes towards our country," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon ex-servicemen to contribute to society by applying their leadership skill and discipline in ongoing community service, and civic action programmes.

"Our ex-servicemen are role models for the youth. They must guide the young generation on the righteous path and teach them the values of patriotism, discipline, and selfless service," he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor urged all sections of society to honor the sacrifices and dedication of security forces' brave hearts. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that our veterans and the families of our martyrs live a dignified life, he said.

Lt Gen. Manoj Kumar Katiyar, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command; Lt Gen. Rajan Sharawat, GOC, 9 Corps; Maj Gen. Mukesh Bhanwala, GoC, 26 Infantry Division; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Lt Gen RK Sharma (Retd.), President, J&K Ex-Services League; Brig. Gurneet Singh Shan (Retd.), Director, Sainik Welfare, J&K; senior officials of Security forces, Police and Civil Administration; war veterans, ex-servicemen and veer naris are present.

### Pak's losses of...

fully ready to play its part and if Pakistan had decided to continue with the hostilities any further, it could have been "catastrophic for it, not only from the sea but from other dimensions as well".

Sharing certain details of the May 7-10 hostilities, Lt Gen Ghai said Pakistan had resorted to cross-border firing immediately after India pounded nine terror targets on May 7.

"Pakistanis possibly unwittingly let out their awards list last month on the 14th of August, and the number of posthumous awards that they awarded suggests to us now that their casualties on the LoC were also in excess of 100.

"We went after terrorists, and once that had been achieved, it wasn't our intention to escalate it unless compelled to do so. There was also cross-border firing by Pakistan immediately once the terror targets were engaged," he said.

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The Director General Military Operations (DGMO) even said Pakistan's drone attacks against India was a "dismal failure".

He said Pakistan sent drones even after the two DGMOs had spoken.

"A variety and class of drones were utilised in an attempt to cause casualties and damage to (our) men and material. But everything was a dismal failure," he said.

The attacks, he said, led to the Indian Air Force's precision strikes on Pakistan installations on the intervening night of May 9 and 10.

"We hit 11 of their air bases. If you see, eight air bases, three hangars and four radars were damaged. Pakistani air assets were destroyed on the ground as well," he said.

Lt Gen Ghai said the Pakistan losses on the ground included one C-130 class of aircraft and one one AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning & Control), four to five fighter jets.

He said Pakistan also suffered losses in the air.

"We now know that the world's longest ever ground-to-air kill was at 300 kilometres plus and five high-tech fighters (were hit). I think the impunity with which these attacks were carried out is what is significant," he said.

In response to the Pahalgam terror attack, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan.

The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes that ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions on May 10.

Lt Gen Ghai also mentioned killing of the three terrorists in June who carried out the Pahalgam attack, adding the Army was determined to "chase them to the depths of hell and we did".

"It took us 96 days but we did not let them rest," he said.

When these three terrorists were found and eliminated clinically, it seemed as if they were exhausted from running, and they also seemed very malnourished, he said.

"Often, people can turn around and tell you where they have vanished. But it is at times, like searching for a needle in a haystack. While it may seem very simple to the non discerning, these things take time," he said.

Lt Gen Ghai said there has been a "doctrinal shift in our strategy against terror".

"Our prime minister has spoken about it. And these are the three things he said. The terror attacks are an act of war. Therefore there will be decisive retaliation. We will not succumb to nuclear blackmail. And there is no distinction between terrorists and sponsors of terrorism," he said.

### CM calls for...

President Harsh Vardhan Agarwal, Senior Vice President Anant Goenka, Director General FICCI Jyoti Vij, Past President Dr. Jyotsna Suri, Chairman FICCI J&K Council Mushtaq A. Burza, and members of the National Executive Council.

Highlighting the immense potential of the agriculture sector, the Chief Minister said that most of the produce from Jammu and Kashmir leaves the region in its raw form, with very little processing or value addition being done locally.

"This opens significant opportunities for industrial growth, both on Jammu side and Kashmir's side," he stated.

Citing the dairy sector as an example, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said that only about 4-5 percent of the J&K's dairy production is processed within Jammu & Kashmir, while the rest goes unprocessed into the market. He urged industry leaders to explore these areas for investment and growth.

Referring to the broader economic scenario, the Chief Minister said that the J&K has faced challenges due to recent natural calamities and the downturn in tourism following the Pahalgam incident, but the administration remains optimistic about revival across sectors.

"This is not a story of pessimism but of hope and optimism. We are working hard with all stakeholders to put the economy back on track," he said.

The Chief Minister informed that the government is simultaneously engaging with domestic and international tourism partners to attract visitors and revive the sector. "Jammu and Kashmir has always been the country's premier destination and we are determined to sustain that legacy," he added.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also outlined the areas where the government is focusing on sustainable and competitive industrial growth, including agriculture, horticulture, handicrafts, electronics, pharmaceuticals, packaging and cement. He said that new road-connectivity projects such as the Delhi-

Amritsar-Katra Expressway and four-laning of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway will further enhance logistics and investment potential.

Reiterating the government's commitment to improving the ease of doing business, the Chief Minister invited FICCI's inputs on policy reforms to make J&K more investor-friendly.

"We are keen to learn from best practices across the country. Reforms will be guided by feedback from the industry itself," he said.

The Chief Minister also called upon the corporate sector to support Jammu and Kashmir through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in youth-centric areas such as sports infrastructure, libraries and skill upgradation. He urged companies to partner with the government in upgrading Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and skill centres to create an employable local workforce.

The Chief Minister reaffirmed the strong partnership between Jammu and Kashmir and FICCI and expressed hope that renewed engagement will yield tangible results for J&K's economic growth.

"This is a long-standing relationship and today's meeting marks another step towards strengthening cooperation and building new opportunities for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

### Op Sindoor 2.0...

the Army is fully prepared to deal with it. "The action we will take this time will be deadlier than the past. It would be more powerful. Yes, you are very right. It (Operation Sindoor 2.0) has to be deadlier. There is no doubt about it," Lt Gen Katiyar told reporters.

He was replying to a question whether Operation Sindoor 2.0 will be deadlier than the first one.

Asked whether there will be Pahalgam-type attacks in the future by Pakistan, he said that until there is a change in Pakistan's thinking, it will continue to carry out such mischiefs.

"It does not have the capacity to fight a war with us. They do not want to fight a war. It does mischief as per its policy of 'bleed India through a thousand cuts'."

The Western Army commander said that India had inflicted heavy damages on Pakistan in Operation Sindoor. "We have destroyed its posts and air bases, but it may again attempt something (Pahalgam-type attack). We have to remain prepared. We are fully prepared. I am confident the action this time will be deadlier than in the past," he said.

Earlier, during his address to ex-servicemen, he said Pakistan may try to attack again like it did in Pahalgam. "They do not have the courage to face us directly. Pakistan will not desist from its designs. But the Indian Army is ready to foil it. For that we need support from the people, particularly veterans. We are hopeful that veterans will support us," he said.

### Two terrorists killed...

infiltration attempt, a joint operation was launched by #IndianArmy and @JnnuKmrPolice in Machhal Sector, Kupwara on 13 Oct 2025.

"Alert troops spotted suspicious activity and challenged, which resulted in terrorists opening indiscriminate fire. Troops responded with effective fire, neutralising two terrorists. Large quantity of weapons and equipment recovered," the Srinagar-based Chinara Corps said in a post on X.

The operation is in progress, it said.

### Road crash in...

Vachitar Kumar Sahu, and Joginder Matari (66), residents of Odisha. Two other injured devotees -- Kavita Sahu and Sneha Lata Matari from Odisha -- were referred to Jammu after receiving preliminary treatment.

### After Op Sindoor...

attack in Pahalgam. It has further strengthened the confidence of the citizens in the security forces," he said.

Under Operation Sindoor, the Indian defence forces targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in May, following an attack in Pahalgam on April 22, which claimed 26 lives.

The home minister said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism.

If one analyses the government's campaign against terrorists carefully, from abolishing Article 370 (which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir) to the surgical strike, air strike and Operation Sindoor, it will become clear that the security forces have hit at the very roots of terrorists and terror groups, Shah said.

"No matter wherever the terrorists hide, our security forces have proven that no place is safe for terrorists anymore. Our soldiers are resolutely determined to go to the depths of the Earth to punish every act of terror," he said.

Since 2019, he said, the central government has taken a number of steps to protect the country from terror threats.

These include amendments to Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Act, besides actively pursuing cases registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act by the Enforcement Directorate to investigate the terrorist funding, he added.

Shah said the government has also established a system for scientific investigation of terror funding, banned the terror group Popular Front of India (PFI), and strengthened the Multi Agency Centre (MAC) for gathering and sharing intelligence inputs on terror groups across the country.

"For the first time, we have defined terrorism in the new criminal laws and filled the gaps previously found in the courts. So far, we have declared more than 57 individuals and numerous organisations as unlawful," he said.

The home minister said the NSG has conducted a reconnaissance of 770 important places across the country including religious sites, inland water routes and the Parliament as part of its drill to plan for emergency situations at these places. NSG Director General (DG) Brighu Srinivasan said the force was preparing 3D models of these structures.

Over the years, he said, the NSG has fought a very significant battle against organised crime and terrorism in the country.

The NSG has protected the nation with its bravery in several serious attacks since 1984. These include Operation Ashwamedh, Operation Vajra Shakti and Operation Dhangu Suraksha, Srinivasan said.

Home Minister Shah said that seeing the bravery of the NSG, every citizen of the country feels that the security of the nation is in very safe hands. "The entire country takes pride in the bravery of the NSG. I extend my very best wishes to NSG soldiers for this."

The NSG is a federal contingency force under the Union home ministry. It was raised in 1984 and its 'Black Cat' commands are tasked with specific counter-terrorist and counter-hijack operations, apart from protecting high-risk VIPs.

Shah said the government is going to set up a hub of the NSG -- the sixth of the force -- in the temple town of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh.

The five existing NSG hubs are Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Gandhinagar. There is a small unit of these commands stationed in Jammu too and it is known as 'task force'. The home minister also laid the foundation stone of a special operation training centre of the NSG which will be constructed at a cost of Rs 141 crore in an area spanning eight acres.

## ANTF Jammu busts Inter-state Drug Nexus, four arrested

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JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough in FIR No. 01/2025, Police Station Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF), Jammu busted an inter-state drug trafficking network, arresting two more accused linked to backward and forward supply chains.

Kamal Kant, son of Chande Ram, resident of Pathla, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, was arrested as part of the backward link, while Ankush Gupta, son of Lt. Kamal Kishore, resident of H No. 358, Street No. 123, Talab Tillo, Bhoori, Jammu, was nabbed in the forward chain.

Earlier, Akshay Dogra, son of Brij Lal Dogra, resident of Talab Tillo Jammu and Arun Manhas, son of Gurvinder Singh Manhas, resident of Pathankot, Punjab, had been arrested and are currently in judicial custody.

An ANTF official stated, "Our team remains committed to dismantling both local and interstate drug networks. This operation marks another step forward in our sustained fight against narcotics."

With four arrests so far, ANTF Jammu continues its investigation to identify and apprehend other individuals involved in the illegal drug trade.

### Two drug smugglers convicted; 10 years RI awarded by NDPS Court

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SRINAGAR: In a significant breakthrough in the fight against drug trafficking, the Court of Special Judge NDPS, Srinagar, on Friday convicted two notorious drug smugglers-Mudasir Sultan Bhat alias Majid, son of Mohd Sultan, resident of Sir Syed Abad Sector-1 Bemina, Srinagar, and Peroz Ahmad Khan alias Jaja, son of Ab. Samad Khan, resident of Muslim Abad Nundareshi Colony, Bemina, Srinagar-in Case FIR No. 19/2021 under section 8/22, 29 NDPS Act, 420, 468, 471 IPC of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir (ANTF Kashmir).

The Court awarded 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1,00,000 each on the convicts.

The case was registered in 2021 by ANTF Kashmir, following the recovery of a huge consignment of contraband pharmaceutical drugs, including 7500 bottles of Z-REX syrup and one box of Zancavit capsules (9600 capsules), during an operation in April 2021.

A comprehensive charge sheet spanning 960 pages was produced before the Court of Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, on March 10, 2022, after an extensive and evidence-based investigation.

The investigation was meticulously conducted by ANTF Kashmir under the close supervision of SSP ANTF J&K, ensuring a watertight prosecution leading to the conviction of both accused.

The Anti-Narcotics Task Force, J&K, commends the diligent efforts of the investigating team and the prosecution in securing this conviction. This judgement stands as a strong message to drug traffickers and underscores the unyielding commitment of J&K Police towards eradicating the menace of narcotics and safeguarding the community, particularly the youth.

### HC quashes dowry harassment complaint against 90-year-old mother-in-law, family

Court Finds Allegations Omnibus, Terms Continuation of Trial an Abuse of Process

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JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu has quashed a 16-year-old dowry harassment and cruelty complaint against Asha Rani and others, observing that the allegations were "omnibus" in nature and continuation of proceedings would amount to a miscarriage of justice.

Justice Rajesh Sekhri, while pronouncing judgment, held that the private complaint filed in 2009 under Sections 498-A, 494, 497, 504, and 109 RPC was based on generalized

accusations without specific details of any offence. The trial court had earlier taken cognizance on the basis of a routine police inquiry report.

The Court noted that the complainant had implicated her husband, his 90-year-old mother, and extended family members without indicating their active involvement. Even after the husband's demise during the pendency of the case, the complainant chose to continue prosecution.

Citing Supreme Court precedents including *Armesh Kumar v. State of Bihar* (2014) and *Dara Lakshmi Narayana* (2024), the High Court emphasized that anti-dowry laws, while meant to protect genuine victims, were increasingly being misused as instruments of harassment. "The omnibus allegations in the complaint do not disclose the commission of any offence against the petitioners," Justice Sekhri held.

Accordingly, the High Court allowed the petition filed by the accused under Section 561-A CrPC and quashed the proceedings pending before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Rajouri.

### Three drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 3 drug peddlers in Avantipora & Budgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Awantipora, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Tulbagh Pampore, intercepted two suspicious persons. They have been identified as Tabish Rafiq Bhat son of Mohammad Rafiq Bhat resident of Namlabal Pampore and Tariq Ahmad Sheikh son of Ghulam Nabi Sheikh resident of Tulbagh Pampore. During search, officers were able to recover 80 grams of Charas Powder like substance from their possession. They have been arrested and a case vide FIR No. 104/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pampore and investigation has been initiated. In Budgam, Police Station Beerwah received credible information that Shabir Ahmad Sofi, son of Gulzar Ahmad Sofi, resident of Arwah, Beerwah, was involved in drug peddling and had stored a large quantity of narcotic substance at his residence for illegal sale among local youth. Acting swiftly, a police party led by SHO PS Beerwah, along with the Executive Magistrate Beerwah, conducted a raid at the suspect's house. During the search, a narcotic-like substance (Ganja) weighing approximately 21.644 kilograms was recovered. The accused was arrested on the spot and a case FIR No. 146/2025 under Sections 8/20 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Beerwah, and further investigation is underway.

### 7 officers transferred in ACB


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JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred 7 JKPS officers.

According to the order issued by Shakti Kumar Pathak, Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, Javid Hassan Bhat, JKPS, SSP SBG Branch of ACB Kashmir, holding additional charge of AIG (Administration), ACB Hqrs. has been transferred and posted as AIG (Hqrs.) ACB J&K; Mahmood Ahmed, JKPS, AIG (Hqrs.) as AIG (Administration), ACB Hqrs., J&K; Manzoor Ahmad Mir, JKPS, SSP APKS Branch of ACB Kashmir as SSP SBG Branch of ACB Kashmir; Abdul Qayoom, JKPS, SSP DKR Branch of ACB Jammu, holding additional charge of UR Branch of ACB Jammu as SSP P/S Central Branch of ACB, J&K; Surinder Kumar, JKPS, SSP P/S Central Branch of ACB, J&K as SSP DKR Branch of ACB Jammu; Mohd Saleem, JKPS, Addl. SP P/S Central Branch of ACB, J&K as SP APKS Branch of ACB Kashmir; and Sunny Gupta, JKPS, Addl. SP JSK Branch of ACB Jammu has been transferred and posted as SP UK Branch of ACB Jammu. "All these officers shall take over their new assignments after the culmination of the Vigilance Awareness Week i.e. 3rd November, 2025," it added.

		
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Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
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