

Towns, cities of Jammu region united in protest against terror attack

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UDHAMPUR: In the heart of Jammu and Kashmir, a profound sorrow has descended upon the land. The recent terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of at least 26 innocent tourists, has not only shattered families but also pierced the collective conscience of the nation. In response, the towns and cities of Jammu and Kashmir have united in grief and protest.



Protesters led by MLA Pawan Gupta staging protest at Udhampur.

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

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

Citizens from all walks of life—young and old, students and traders, social organizations and community leaders—gathered in large numbers, voices raised not in chaos, but in solemn solidarity.

As a powerful symbol of protest, an effigy of Pakistan was set ablaze, its flames a mirror to the fury burning in every soul present.

Among the sea of mourners stood MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta, whose presence brought both political gravity and emotional comfort to the crowd. In a deeply moving address, he condemned the heinous, inhumane terrorist attack that had shaken the nation. He offered heartfelt condolences to the grieving families, and prayed for the swift healing of those injured.

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

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

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

In Katra, the Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry, Katra (CTTIK), held a meeting of its office bearers today to discuss the tragic and barbaric terror attack that occurred at Baisaran Valley, Pahalgam.

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

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

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

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

We stand in full solidarity with the victims and their families

in this hour of sorrow. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved families, and we pray for the swift recovery of all those injured.

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

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

In solemn adherence to the directions received from the Divisional Administration and as per the desire of the Chief



Faculty members of GCW Udhampur paying tributes.

Minister, **Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur** observed a two-minute silence in the college campus today across all departments of the college.

This act was carried out as a mark of respect and solidarity with the civilians who lost their lives in the tragic incident at Pahalgam on 22nd April. Faculty members and administrative staff paid tribute to the departed souls and expressed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

The college stands united with the people of Jammu and Kashmir during this time of grief and reiterates its commitment to peace, compassion, and community solidarity.



ABVP Poonch staging protest.

In Poonch, the **Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP)** strongly condemned the attack, labeling it a cowardly act aimed at destabilizing the region's economic and social fabric. They called for immediate and uncompromising action against the terrorists and urged citizens to support security forces in maintaining law and order.

The officers and officials of District Administration Poonch, led by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, also paid homage to Pahalgam terror attack victims.

A two minute silence was observed by the officers/officials at a condolence meeting held in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The Deputy Commissioner extended heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

A massive protest rally was held in Akhnoor under the leadership of MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal, Mahamandeshwar Rameshwar Dass, and former MLA Rajeev Sharma, strongly condemning the recent selective target killings in Pahalgam. The rally witnessed active participation from volunteers of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Bajrang Dal, and members of the Vyapar Mandal Akhnoor.



Protesters led by MLA Mohan Lal staging protest at Akhnoor.

The rally commenced from the historic Kameshwar Mandir, passed through the Bus Stand and Radha Chowk, and culminated at Nirdosh Chowk. Throughout the rally, slogans were raised against terrorism and Pakistan, echoing the public sentiment of grief and anger over the loss of innocent lives.

MLA Mohan Lal, addressing the gathering, condemned the cowardly acts of terror and said, "Terrorism has no place in a civilised society. We demand strict action and an end to this cycle of violence targeting innocent civilians."

Mahamandeshwar Rameshwar Dass also delivered a powerful message, stating, "The nation must unite against the forces trying to disrupt our peace. We stand in solidarity with the families of the victims and demand justice."

Also present at the rally were prominent social and political figures including Shiv Mahajan, Kishore Kumar, Jugal Dogra, Mahant Rajesh Tiwari, Vipin Mahajan, Mukesh Sharma, Raghuvir Singh, Vicky, Balkar Singh, Rahul Langer, Shammil Magotra, Ayush Singh, Ved Parkash Sharma, Ramesh, Sushil Sharma, among others.

Political leaders have also voiced their condemnation. Tilak Shan of Shiv Sena UBT denounced the attack, calling for stringent measures against the perpetrators and highlighting the need for heightened vigilance to ensure the safety of upcoming events like the Shri Amarnath Yatra.

As the nation mourns, the collective voice is clear: such acts of terror will not break the spirit of Jammu and Kashmir. The resilience of its people, their unity in the face of adversity, and their unwavering commitment to peace and harmony stand as a testament to the indomitable human spirit.

As a mark of respect and solidarity with the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, officers and officials across District Samba observed a two-minute silence today. The observance was held under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma.

The administrative officers, staff, and other officials gathered to express their condolences and strongly condemn the horrific act of violence. Similar moments of silence were observed in government offices throughout the district, reflecting a unified stand against terrorism and a deep sense of grief for the lives lost.

In a solemn tribute to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, along with senior officers and officials of the district administration, observed a two-minute silence today at the DC Office Complex.

The observance was marked by a sense of collective grief and solidarity as the officers paid homage to those who lost their lives in the unfortunate incident. The Deputy Commissioner expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

He emphasized the importance of standing united in times of tragedy and reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to ensuring peace, harmony, and support for those affected.

Similarly, ADC Kalakote, ADC Kotranka, ADC Sunderbani, ADC Nowshera, and SDM Thanamandi also led the observance of a two-minute silence in their respective subdivisions, expressing solidarity with the victims and their

families.

The District Administration Doda, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, observed a two-minute silence today in solemn remembrance of the victims of the heinous massacre that took place in Pahalgam, Kashmir.

The tribute was held at the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Doda, where Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anil Kumar Thakur; Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Ashraf Pervez; Chief Planning Officer, Manesh Kumar Manhas; and other district officers and employees participated with heartfelt reverence.

The gathering stood in silence to pay homage to the innocent lives lost in the brutal act of violence.

The Deputy Commissioner Doda emphasized the importance of standing united against such inhumane acts that aim to disrupt societal peace and fabric.

Meanwhile, similar observances were held simultaneously across all government offices in the district. From tehsil offices to block headquarters, officials and staff paused their routine work to participate in this solemn tribute.

The coordinated effort across the district displayed a unified message of condolence and resilience.

The observance served as a reminder of the value of human life and the need to uphold peace and unity.

The District Administration of Reasi, led by Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik observed a two-minute silence today to pay solemn tribute to the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

The condolence meeting, held at the DC Office Complex, was attended by officers and officials of the administration who stood in solidarity to honor the lives lost in the tragic incident.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed profound grief over the loss of innocent lives and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. She also wished a swift and full recovery to those injured in the attack.

SUNDERBANI: Several parties of different political, non political, religious, NGOs, have strong protest in Sunderbani Bajabain, Siot & Nowshera with burnt effigy of terrorism.

Sunderbani & Nowshera observed totally shutdown against a terror attack on Wednesday as organisations from all walks of life supported the Bandh call to protest the killings of tourists in Pahalgam.

Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) also condemned heinous terrorist attack that took place in the Pahalgam area of Jammu & Kashmir. This attack was not only an inhumane assault on the lives of innocent civilians, but also an act of brutal murder based on religious grounds, targeting humanity itself.

President of ABRSM, Prof. Narayan Lal Gupta, stated that such violence against innocents is a direct assault on the values of civilization. This is an attack on the unity and integrity of our nation. All political parties and organizations should rise above their differences and unite in condemnation of this terrorist act. ABRSM condemns this incident in the strongest terms and appeals to the citizens of the country to maintain peace, restraint, and unity.

President of District Gurdwara Pervendek Committee district Rajouri professor Hardial Singh Khalsa & president of famous NGO of J&K Anmol Cultural Club Sunderbani Zorawar Singh Khalsa strongly condemns terror Attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam south Kashmir. They said several innocent tourists injured and others who have lost their ones it is very shocking and painful news.

Singh said that it is third big attack on innocent people remember that firstly terrorist attack 20th March 2000 at Chhati Singhpora (Kashmir) and killed 35 innocent Sikh community's people. Second attack 14 February 2019 on Pulwama (Kashmir) attack 40 CRPF's jawan was martyred & recently similar third attack in Pahalgam (Kashmir) & killed 28 innocent people.

Singh said how long will the blood of the innocent people keep flowing in Kashmir.

Central team visits PIB Jammu; reviews activities for promotion of official language

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JAMMU: As part of the efforts to promote Hindi the team of PIB Rajbhasha Unit visited Press Information Bureau Jammu to review the activities for the promotion of Hindi in government communications, focusing on how effectively it has been integrated into the daily operations.

During the two-day visit, the team of officers conducted an inspection of the work already done in terms of Hindi language implementation. The visit aimed to take stock of the current efforts and achievements in promoting the use of Hindi in official communication.

A workshop aimed at promoting Raj Basha in various sectors of public administration and communication was also concluded that focused on the importance of Hindi



Central team during visit to PIB Office Jammu.

in promoting national integration enhancing effective communication.

The workshop provided the valuable insights into the best practices for incorporating Hindi in media releases, official documentation and other communication materials. The aim of the session was to enhance the proficiency of the staff and encourage

more widespread adoption of the language in government communications and also sensitising staff about the new rules and regulations of the official languages act.

Director, Press Information Bureau Jammu, Neha Jalali in her address emphasized the essential role of Raj Basha in strengthening the interface between the govern-

ment and citizens. She said that PIB, both at the national and regional level, plays an essential role in the effective use of Raj Basha to ensure that government communication reaches every citizen in the desired language.

In his address, Assistant Director, Rajbhasha Unit, PIB New Delhi Pradeep Kumar familiarized the par-

ticipants with various provisions of the Official Languages Act 1963, 1976, filling of Questionnaire of Committee of Parliament on Official Language. He urged the participants to issue general administrative orders, circulars, other reports and leave applications in Hindi on a regular basis.

During the workshop, Rajeev Kumar, Junior Translation Officer introduced the new tools and techniques in language typing to the participants and also briefed about relevant software programs designed for efficient communication in Hindi.

The program was also attended by Media and Communication Officers; Zakir Nazeer, Muzafar Wani and other staff members of the PIB, Jammu.

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

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

The meeting was called to discuss the recent petition filed by the Power Development Department (PDD) with the State Regulatory Commission (SERC) seeking a hike in Power Tariffs.

The members of AOI expressed deep anguish and concern over the Govt. approach towards the existing industrial sector of

Jammu & Kashmir.

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

If approved, this proposal would deal a devastating blow to the industrial ecosystem of the Union Territory and may well be the final nail in its coffin of the existing industry which is already under stress.

They strongly urged the Govt. to immediately withdraw this petition. It is contradictory for the administration to invite new investors with the promise of affordable power tariffs while, at the same time, allowing departments like the PDD to propose such harsh increases. This move not only under-

mines the Government's efforts to promote industrial development in J&K but also sends a negative signal to existing and potential investors.

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

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

BJYM Jammu North organises Blood Donation Camp

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JAMMU: In a strong show of solidarity with the victims of the recent Pahalgam terror attack, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Jammu North, under the leadership of its



President Rajat Singh Manhas, organized a blood donation camp on Wednesday at SMGS Hospital, Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Rajat expressed heartfelt

condolences to the families of the victims and condemned the heinous act of terrorism. "We stand firmly with the families of those affected by this tragic attack. Such acts of violence have no place in

our society, and those who support or provide shelter to terrorists will not be spared - they will be treated the same way as the militants," he said.

The blood donation camp saw active participation from BJYM volunteers and local youth, who came forward in large numbers to donate blood and show their support for the victims. The initiative reflects the organization's commitment to social responsibility and national solidarity during times of crisis.

BJYM Jammu North reiterates its unwavering stand against terrorism and calls upon the youth of the region to unite for peace, security, and the integrity of the nation.

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

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

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

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

In a deeply moving address, Dr. Vandana Verma congratulated the outgoing students on reaching this significant milestone and encouraged them to



carry forward the values and knowledge gained during their time at GDC Sunderbani. The farewell celebration featured a colorful array of cultural activities including dance, music, and poetry that highlighted the talents of the junior students.

They expressed their good wishes and admiration for their seniors with emotional performances and parting gifts.

Students from the outgoing batch also shared their experiences, cherished memories, and gratitude towards the institution, staff, and fellow students.

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

cluded with a group photo session and a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Davinder Kumar, summarizing the shared bonds and the bittersweet joy of moving ahead in life. GDC Sunderbani wishes all outgoing students the very best in their future endeavors and hopes they continue to shine brightly as responsible citizens and professionals.

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