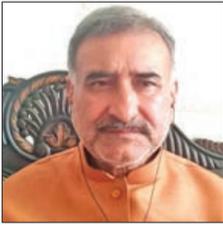


Time to shed image of soft nation, hit Pakistan hard: SSP

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Col SS Pathania, Chief Convener and President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) J&K UT, expressed his pain and anguish, while condemning the dastardly and inhuman attack on innocent and unarmed tourists, resulting in 27 deaths and injuries to 12 people.

He also offered his condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the speedy recovery of injured.

Pakistan will never give up the proxy war against India



and continue to bleed India in thousand cuts for thousand years as per Operation Topak conceived in 1989, he said.

Indian government has done a great work in containment of militancy since abro-

gation of Article 370 but militancy has not been eliminated completely and much more efforts need to be put in have a terror free J&KUT, he said adding that IB and LOC needs to be sealed, no matter how much money and efforts are required, intelligence grid needs to be strengthened and enhanced, all out operations against OGWs, sleeper cells and sympathizers to be launched, more boots on ground for effective domination of sensitive areas, training and equipping of VDC with modern weapons, stri-

gent laws and exemplary punishments to people supporting militancy, within or outside the government and synergised human intelligence are some of the measures, which government must contemplate to strengthen our counter terrorism grid.

Bringing an Army General as Lt Governor with two Advisors, one each at Jammu and Kashmir region will result in a game changer as it has been tried in past when Gen Krishna Rao was the Governor from 1990 to 1995, he said.

DCs and SSPs from each districts must be included in counter terrorism grid and made accountable for the incidents in their respective areas, he suggested.

Pakistan, a failed nation, is the breeder of worldwide terrorism and needs to be punished for killing our citizens for which government has to take appropriate action and shed the image of a soft nation, he said adding that ceasefire agreement must be revoked to begin with and Pakistan must be hammered all along the IB and LOC.

Prosecutors observe two-minute silence to express solidarity with Pahalgam terror victims



Prosecutors posted in Jammu Courts observing two minutes of silence.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Prosecutors posted in Jammu Courts under the aegis of Bandaba

Jamwal, Spl PP NDPS Court, observed two minutes of silence on Wednesday to honour the victims of the tragic Pahalgam terror attack and condemning the brutality and inhumanity of the attack, which claimed the lives of at least 28 people, many of whom were tourists.

The Court Prosecutors and staff showed solidarity with the victims' families and called the attack an affront to humanity.

AJKTWA support Bandh call against Pahalgam terror attack



Chairman Karan Singh Wazir briefing media.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: All J&K Transport Welfare Association (AJKTWA) gave a Bandh call in support of the innocent civilian killing at Pahalgam, Kashmir.

Chairman Karan Singh Wazir condoned the gruesome innocent killings by the terrorists and said that such

dastardly and cowardly act by the terrorist should be punished and given a befitting reply by the security forces.

"The peace and tranquility in Jammu and Kashmir has been completely disturbed and act of terrorism has no religion or caste it is a direct attack on humanity and

should be punished," Wazir said.

He added that J&K completely relies on the tourism sector for churning the economy and for employment, this terrorist attack has shaken the entire tourist season which will directly impact on the upcoming Amarnath Yatra also.

"No stone should be left unturned to find out the culprits and punish them by the security forces," he said.

All the presidents along with Vijay Singh Chib, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Gurdeep Singh, Labh Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Balbir Singh, K D Singh, Shanti Swaroop, Vijay Dogra, Nadeem Choudhary supported the Bandh call and paid their condolences to the lost lives.

POJK1947 Displaced Persons Forum condemns Pahalgam Terror Attack, Urges Decisive Action Against Pakistan



Forum members during the meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the wake of the brutal massacre of tourists in Pahalgam, the All J&K POJK1947 Displaced Persons Intellectual Forum convened a core committee meeting under the leadership of its President, Advocate Amrik Singh, with General Secretary Kuldeep Singh also in attendance.

The forum issued a strong condemnation of what they described as a "gruesome and cowardly attack" on innocent tourists, which claimed the lives of more than 26 individuals, allegedly in the hands of Pakistan-sponsored terrorists.

The attack, the forum stated, is not just a tragedy

but a calculated act of frustration by anti-national forces aiming to sabotage the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra. In a heartfelt statement, Adv. Amrik Singh urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the Union Territory administration to act swiftly and decisively.

He called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to recognize that the "time is

ripe to reclaim Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK)", asserting that "Pakistan will never stop exporting terror until Bharat answers in action, not just words." Quoting a popular Hindi proverb, he stated, "Laton Ke Bhoot Baaton Se Nahi Maante"-a strong reminder that force is sometimes the only language terror under-

stands. The forum emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are "exhausted and anguished" by the relentless shadow of terrorism, which continues to be nurtured across the border.

"The excess has been exceeded," Amrik Singh declared, demanding that national security be prioritized over diplomatic restraint. In a solemn tribute, the meeting began with a two-minute silence in memory of the innocent lives lost, referring to them as "martyrs of peace and humanity."

The gathering saw the presence of several key members and dignitaries,

including Paramjit Singh, Ex-Corporator and Senior Vice President, Nasib Singh, Vice President, Dr. Surjit Singh, Joint Secretary, Paramjit Singh Shingari, Treasurer, Prof. K.D. Singh, In-charge Core Committee, Charanjit Singh, Chief Spokesperson, J.P. Singh, President of the Youth Wing, Avtar Singh, Ex-Pilot, T.K. Sharma (Media Incharge), Romesh Gandhi, Pitamber Lal, and Pushkar Nath Sharma.

The forum unanimously resolved to intensify their outreach efforts, mobilize civil society, and press for a tougher, zero-tolerance stance against terrorism and cross-border aggression.

Jammu Bar condemns barbaric attack on tourists at Pahalgam

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, in order to strongly condemn the barbaric attack on Tourists at Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam, Srinagar, took a protest rally alongwith other associations, organizations of civil society, from High Court Complex to all the bazaars of old city, Jammu to show solidarity with the victims killed in the brutal terrorist attack.

The members of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu also abstained from the work in all the Courts including High Court, Subordinate Courts, CAT, Consumer Forums / Commissions, Revenue Courts and other Forums. The protest rally raised slogan against the anti nationalist who are involved in the brutal terrorists attack on the tourists.

Taking serious note on said horrific incident, K. Nirmal Kotwal, President, JKHCBAJ, urged upon the Central Govt., U.T. Administration and police authorities to take immediate action against those involved in the said incident and further urged that thorough probe be done in the said incident.

Office Bearers of the JKHCBAJ, stated that such barbaric acts of targeting innocent lives is an attack on the democratic values of society and deserve to be universally



Members of Bar Association staging protest.

condemned. They must be met with determination and collective action. J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu call upon the Central and U.T Government and all concerned agencies to ensure that the guilty are brought to justice and law and order is maintained in the Central & U.T. of J&K. K. Nirmal Kotwal (Advocate) President, JKHCBAJ also urged upon the U.T. Government to grant ex-gratia relief to the bereaved families of the victims/denised persons. The team of office bearers namely Vice President Baldev Singh, General Secretary Pardeep Majotra, Joint Secretary Anshu Majahan and Treasurer Rahul Aggarwal strongly condemn the brutal terrorist attack that occurred in the Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam. This inhumane and senseless act of violence, targeting innocent civilians, is a

stark reminder of the continued threat posed by those who seek to disrupt peace and harmony in the region. This cowardly act of violence against innocent lives is an affront to humanity and the principles of justice we uphold. The Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association stands in full solidarity with the victims and their families during this difficult time. The Association extend its deepest condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones in this tragic incident. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who have been injured, and we sincerely wish them a swift and full recovery. This barbaric act has no place in any civilised society. It is a direct assault on the values of peace, democracy, and the sanctity of human life.

The Association called upon the authorities to ensure that the perpetrators of this act are

brought to justice and that all necessary measures are taken to prevent such incidents in the future. It is imperative that the spirit of unity, resilience, and justice guide us through this time of grief.

The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu hold a joint protest alongwith Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Chamber of Traders Federation, All J&K Transport Union, Yuva Rajput Sabha, Amar Kshtriya Rajput Sabha, Other organisations of the civil society alongwith People of J&K. All the associations gathered under the statue of Brig. Rajinder Singh, where two minutes silence was observed offering prayers to the departed souls. President of JKHCBAJ K. Nirmal Kotwal, President of JCCI Arun Gupta, President of Transport Union Karan Wazir, President of Traders Federation Neeraj Anand, President of AKRJ Narayan Singh also addressed the gathering. The team of Young Lawyers Association including Amandeep Sharma (President), Bhagirath Singh (Vice President), Saksham (General Secretary), Hitesh Kaul (Joint Secretary), Sushil Kumar (Treasurer) also participated in the protest rally. Prominent Senior Advocates including Sh. M.K. Bhardwaj

(Sr. Adv. & Former President, JKHCBAJ), Sh. M.R. Qureshi, Sh. Anwar Choudhary; other esteemed members of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu including S/Sh. Vikas Sharma, Prem Sadotra, Parvez Choudhary, Parvesh Singh Salaria, Zamir Qureshi, Cheta Misri, Surabhi Kotwal, Leena Devi, Neha Pandita, Anamvir Manhas, Manjeet Partap Singh, Anuj Malhotra, Nikhil Verma, Sachin Sarotia, Vikram Chib, Vikram Pangotra, Rohit Sharma, Atul Raina, Yasser Khan, Sarvesh Kotwal, Kamal Mangotra, Vastav Sharma, Nitin Dubey, Gagandeep Singh (Lucky), Paramveer Singh, Manjeet Singh Sarkaria, Joginder Thakur, Sunil, Shivam Gupta, Muzaffar Iqbal, Zulkarnain Choudhary, Arif Wani, Amzi Arthur John, Nischal Sharma, Parvesh Thakur, Ritesh Sharma, Arjun Pathania, Amit Raina, Majid Shah, Pankaj Sapru and many other advocates also join the protest rally.

The entire Jammu region came to a standstill today, observing a complete shutdown in response to the Bandh call issued by various associations, organizations, and civil society. This unified action follows the tragic terror attack near Pahalgam where many inno-

cent lives, including those of tourists and locals, were brutally lost. The shutdown is a collective expression of grief, outrage, and solidarity with the victims' families, as well as a powerful demand for justice and security.

The associations organizing the Bandh have voiced their deepest condemnation of the attack and have called upon both the Union Government and the Union Territory administration to take decisive and effective measures to prevent such heinous acts in the future. The Association urge the authorities to bring the perpetrators and their supporters to justice, ensuring that peace and safety are restored in the region.

This unprecedented display of unity across Jammu reflects the community's resilience and unwavering resolve in the face of terror. Citizens from all walks of life have joined hands, sending a clear message that violence will not break their spirit. The hope remains strong that the government will rise to the occasion, fortify security, and protect the sanctity of life in Jammu and Kashmir.

Let this day of shutdown serve not only as a protest but as a solemn reminder that the people of Jammu are united in their pursuit of peace, justice, and a future free from the shadow of terror.

Randhawa holds public darbar at BJP headquarters



MLA Choudhary Vikram Randhawa listening to public issues.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Choudhary Vikram Randhawa, MLA Bahu Assembly Constituency listened to the public grievances of the masses in a Public Darbar held at party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here. Dozens of deputations visited the BJP headquarters to share their grievances and matters related to personal, societal and development issues. Deputations from sector-A Teerth Nagar Bohri, Gandhi Nagar, and Shankar Nagar Behind Wave Mall requested to take corrective measures for highly erratic water supply. Deputations from Colonel Colony, Nanak Nagar sector-4, Last Morh Gandhi Nagar, Basant Vihar Trikuta Nagar presented their issue for the

construction of lane/drain and the corresponding blacktopping. Deputations from sect-3 Trikuta Nagar, and Last Morh Gandhi Nagar requested for the repair of street lights. A Deputation from Kote Bhor Camp demanded the left-over compensation for PoJK refugee family. MLA immediately took up most of the issues with the concerned department officials and issued written communications for the remaining matters. Randhawa stated on the occasion that the doors of the BJP are always open to the public, and anyone is welcome to meet with party leaders to voice their concerns and seek assistance. He emphasized that a large number of people, especially women, youth, and farmers, have benefitted from the various schemes introduced by the Modi Government. He further asserted that the BJP is not merely a political party, but a mission dedicated to serving the people. "Our mission," he said, "is to remain committed to the service of the people."

Er. TK Sharma, co-convenor Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, J&K BJP coordinated the darbar proceedings. BJP District President Jammu South Naresh Singh Jasrotia was also present on the occasion.

JU holds candle march in memory of innocent tourists killed in Pahalgam



JU officials led by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai taking out candle march.

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JAMMU: In an emotional and powerful expression of solidarity and grief, the University of Jammu today organized a solemn candlelight march in memory of the innocent tourists who lost their lives in the barbaric terror attack at Baisaran Pahalgam in Kashmir.

Led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, the senior university functionaries, faculty, staff, and students observed two-minute silence as a mark of respect for the departed souls. Holding flickering candles and heavy hearts, the university fraternity gathered to condemn the inhumane act that shook the conscience of the nation.

Interacting with

the participants, Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai called for upholding peace and maintaining social harmony during these difficult times, saying "Our strength lies in our unity, our resilience, and our commitment to togetherness. All associations of the University of Jammu-including the Jammu University Teachers Association (JUTA), Jammu University Officer's Welfare Association (JUOWA), Jammu University Non-Teaching Employees Union (JUNTEU), and Jammu University Non-Gazetted Employees Union (JUNGEU)-issued a joint statement expressing their profound anguish and unequivocal condemnation of

the cowardly attack.

"This senseless act of brutality is not only an attack on innocent lives, but also an assault on the very ideals of humanity, peace, and unity. Targeting defenceless visitors who come to experience the cultural beauty of Kashmir is a despicable act that deserves the strongest possible rebuke," the statement added.

In this hour of collective sorrow, the University of Jammu reiterated its steadfast commitment to the ideals of justice, unity, and harmony. The candlelight march was not just a tribute to the victims-it was a loud and clear message that the voices of peace will always outshine the darkness of terror.

Director Agriculture Jammu launches Training Calendar 2025-26

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JAMMU: Arvinder Singh Reen, Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare-Jammu officially launched the Training Calendar for 2025-26 at Kissan Kendra, Talab Tillo Jammu.

In his address Director A.S Reen highlighted that the Training Calendar features 28 divisional-level capacity building programmes designed for both farmers and officers, with a strong focus on sustainable agricultural practices and technological advancements.

Joint Director Satish Sharma emphasized the Extension wing's commitment to enhancing the capacities of farmers and officers alike, fostering innovation, and promoting sustainability in agriculture.

The event witnessed the presence of Satish Sharma, Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Dr. Ashwani Sharma Deputy Director Central, Dr. Manju Thakur, Country Coordinator CAB International, Dr. Aman Jyoti Sharma Agriculture



Dir Agri Arvinder Singh Reen and others launching calendar.

Chemist Jammu, Alok Trainings, Darmesh Vaid Pandotra Deputy Director SMS RL, Rajesh Verma

Assistant Entomologist Jammu, Rajeev Katoch, Programme Officer and the Extension Wing team who played a key role in formulating the calendar which is thoughtfully scheduled to align with significant national and international observances, enriching the thematic relevance of the training sessions.

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