

Pahalgam terror attack: Widespread protests by political, social organizations mark Jammu Bandh

Swift action against perpetrators demanded

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JAMMU: Various political and social organizations across Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday organized protests and vigils to honor the Pahalgam terror attack victims and demanded swift action against the perpetrators.

Senior leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), including



BJP MLAs and workers staging protest in Jammu.

state office bearers and MLAs, spearheaded protests throughout the Jammu region, condemning the Pahalgam terror attack and expressing solidarity with the bereaved families. These demonstrations, characterized by candlelight vigils and public gatherings, emphasized the party's commitment to restoring peace and stability in the region.

Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), led a solemn candle



Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPCC along with party workers taking out candle march.

march near Janipur Police Station in the Jammu North Assembly segment. The march, attended by local residents and Congress workers, served as a platform to condemn the attack and advocate for decisive action against terrorism. Prominent among those who participated in candle march included Somnath Sharma, Surinder Kumar, HS Baghi, Om Parkash, Tarun Vaid, Jung Bahadur Singh, Kamal Singh, Amit Kumar, Kaka Ram, Shahbaz Ahmad, Virender Mehta, Rishab Kumar, Fakir Chand, Harbans Lal and others.

Martand Singh, scion of the Dogra Royal Family, expressed deep anguish over the massacre, describing it as a "barbaric and cowardly" act. He highlighted the attack's potential to undermine peace-building efforts and the region's tourism-driven economy. Expressing confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the resolve of the armed forces, he said, "I am confident that the Government of India will respond swiftly and ensure that the perpetrators and sponsors of terrorism are dealt with sternly."

The Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market organ-



Members of Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market staging protest.

ized a protest rally to show solidarity with the victims. President Deepak Gupta condemned the attack, urging the central government and security agencies to take immediate action against those responsible and to ensure the safety of citizens and visitors in the region. He called 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 U.T of J&K. Deepak Gupta appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah that security agencies should be given free hand to neutralize all terrorists involved in such attacks.

Dheeraj Mahajan, Sr. Vice President, Vishal Gupta, Vice President, Abhimanyu Gupta, General Secretary, Rahul Gupta, Secretary, Nitish Gupta, Cashier of the Federation, Rajesh Bhagotra, President Sugar Association, Munish Mahajan, Former Sr. Vice President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market, Atul Gupta, President Transport Association, Rajesh Gupta, Former President TFWHNM, Manu Gupta, Rajeev Gupta, Kapil Gupta, Harish Gupta, Prushottam Gupta, Sunil Gupta, Keshav Pal Gupta, Raghav Gupta, Nitin Gupta, Ashwani Sharma, Vijay Gupta, Praful Gupta, Naman Gupta, Rinku Gupta, Sunil Gupta, Vikas Gupta, Kurnesh Gupta, Palli Gupta, Muna Kohli, Raju Gupta were also present.

Dr. Parneesh Mahajan, a senior BJP leader, labeled the attack as an act of "religious hatred and barbarity." He advocated for a comprehensive strategy combining robust security measures with long-term social and economic reforms to combat radicalization and terrorism.

Advocate Sameshwar Kohli, Legal Advisor and Member of the Core Committee of Movement Kalki, condemned the attack on a journalist in Kathua, allegedly carried out by BJP workers. He emphasized the importance of press freedom and called for immediate action against the perpetrators.

Ved Sharma, Co-in-charge of All Cells BJP J&K, described the targeted killing of Hindu tourists as a national emergency. He called for a high-level security overhaul and fast-track justice to prevent such incidents in the future.

The Akhil Bharatiya Gau Shala Research Foundation condemned the targeted killings, terming them as a deliberate attempt to disrupt communal harmony. They urged the central government to take decisive action to ensure justice and protect the rights of all communities.

Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum's Condemnation

The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum, affiliated with the All India Secondary Teachers Federation, unequivocally condemned the attack, describing it as a grotesque assault on humanity and the values of unity and compassion. They extended condolences to the victims' families and called for stern action against the perpetrators.

Shiv Sena (UBT) and Dogra Front staged massive protests across Jammu and Kashmir. Rajya Pramukh Ashwani Gupta and state chief Manish Sahni called for strong military retaliation and demanded the Union Government take inspiration from Israel's counter-terror strategies. Effigies of the TRF and Pakistan's leadership were set aflame as symbols of collective fury.

Shiv Sena Hindustan, under Pt. Rajesh Kesri, not only con-



Activists of Shiv Sena Hindustan staging protest.

demned the brutality but also demanded swift encounter justice and compensatory support for affected families. Kesri described the attack as an attempt to destabilize the spiritual and economic fabric of the region.

The Yuva Rajput Sabha (J&K) took a bold stance, demand-



Members of Yuva Rajput Sabha staging protest against Pakistan.

ing the annexation of Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), citing the attack as further proof of Pakistan's malicious intent. President Vikram Singh Vicky called it "a war against the sovereignty of Bharat."

Meanwhile, voices of reason and resilience rose from the **Synergetic Green Warriors Foundation (SGWF)**. National President Reeta Verma led a moving tribute, urging unity and peace even amid unspeakable grief, emphasizing the role of civil society in combating the ideologies that fuel hate.

The All Jammu Hotels and Lodges Association also stood in solemn tribute, mourning the loss while calling for action to safeguard Jammu's hospitality-driven economy, urging medical and logistical support for survivors.

On the political front, senior **BJP leader Rekha Mahajan**



Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan and others staging protest.

assured the public of the Modi Government's unwavering resolve. "Terrorism will not break our spirit," she affirmed, voicing full confidence in the leadership's commitment to security and justice.

Rekha Mahajan reiterated her full faith in the Modi Government's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism, adding that such cowardly acts will not succeed in derailing the government's vision of a peaceful and progressive Jammu and Kashmir. She urged security agencies to act swiftly in identifying and eliminating the perpetrators and their networks.

Staff of the School of Teacher Education, Cluster University of Jammu, expressed the deepest sorrow on the horrific and inhumane act of violence at Pahalgam and place on record our heartfelt condolences on the sad demises of the innocent civilians.

"We stand firm in solidarity with the families of victims of this heinous crime. May the Almighty grant peace to the departed noble souls and give courage to the bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss," staff said.

In the wake of the devastating terror attack in Pahalgam, Rafiq Malik, the President of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP)



Workers of Lok Janshakti Party staging protest.

for Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, has expressed profound sorrow and condemnation. He described the attack as a heinous act against humanity and emphasized the need for unity and resilience in these trying times. Malik called upon the government to take decisive action to ensure the safety and security of all citizens and to bring the perpetrators to justice swiftly.

Demonstrating solidarity with the victims and their families, former Deputy Mayor and BJP leader Purnima Sharma



Former Deputy Mayor Purnima Sharma and others paying tributes to Pahalgam martyrs.

organized a candlelight march in Jammu. The vigil saw participation from various community members who gathered to honor the memory of those lost in the attack. Sharma emphasized the importance of communal harmony and the collective stand against terrorism, urging citizens to remain united and vigilant.

SC condemns terrorist attack in Pahalgam; judges, lawyers pay tribute to victims

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed anguish and strongly condemned the heinous terrorist attack that targeted tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday. Judges and the lawyers in the top court paid tributes to victims by observing a moment of silence.

In a full court meeting held on Wednesday morning, the top court unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the act of terror; the apex court said in a statement.

"This diabolical act of mindless violence has shaken the conscience of all and is a stark reminder of the brutality and

HC of J&K and Ladakh pays homage to Pahalgam terror victims

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SRINAGAR: A condolence meeting was held on Wednesday in the High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Srinagar Wing to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the tragic incident at Pahalgam here yesterday.

The legal fraternity stood together in this hour of grief to show unwavering solidarity with the victims and their families.

The condolence meeting was attended by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, and Justice Mohd.Yousuf Wani, Judges, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Besides, Deputy Solicitor General of India, Senior Additional Advocate Generals, Senior designated advocates, President J&K High Court Bar Association Srinagar, members of the Bar, officers and officials of the Registry and court staff also attended the condolence meet.

The gathering observed two minutes of silence to pay heartfelt tribute to those who lost their precious lives in the act of terrorism at Pahalgam. They strongly condemned the barbaric act terming it as inhumane and cruel.

inhumanity that terrorism unleashes," it said. The top court on Wednesday expressed anguish and strongly condemned the heinous terrorist attack that targeted tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday. Judges and the lawyers in the top court paid tributes to victims by observing a moment of silence.

The attack on tourists, the statement said, who were merely enjoying the natural beauty of the "Crown Jewel" of India, Kashmir; is undoubtedly an affront to the values of humanity and the sanctity of

NC, PDP take out protest march against Pahalgam terror attack

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SRINAGAR: Ruling National Conference members on Wednesday took out a protest march against the Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead.

NC MLAs, party leaders and workers, including Nasir Aslam Wani, advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, assembled at the party office at Nawa-i-Subah here and marched to the Lal Chowk City centre.

90 pc tour bookings for Kashmir cancelled

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NEW DELHI: In the aftermath of a terror attack in Pahalgam, several travel agencies in Delhi said on Wednesday that nearly 90 per cent bookings for Jammu and Kashmir have been cancelled by tourists over safety concerns.

Around 25 people have asked them to cancel the bookings for the Union Territory, said Gaurav Rathi, owner of Swan Travellers, a company located in Shankar Market, Outer Circle, Connaught Place.

He added that most of the tourists had planned to visit Kashmir next month and are now requesting cancellations. Travel agencies in Delhi reported that

life and the court strongly condemns the same.

To honour the memory of the victims and express solidarity with their families, the apex court judges, advocates, court staffers, and all others present in the top court aside from its registry observed a two-minute silence at around 2 pm when the courts assembled in the post-lunch session.

A circular was also issued by the apex court registry saying at around 2 pm, judges, lawyers, staffers and other persons present in the court and in the registry will observe the period of silence.

In a related act of solidarity, lawyers and over 300 members of the Supreme Court Bar Association assembled in the

apex court's lawn in solidarity with victims of the terror attack.

SCBA unequivocally condemned the barbaric and cowardly terrorist attacks perpetrated against innocent tourists in the peaceful region of Pahalgam.

"We mourn the tragic loss of lives and express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims. Our thoughts and prayers are with those injured, and we wish them speedy recovery. These reprehensible acts of violence are a direct assault on the values of humanity. Targeting unarmed, innocent civilians is an act of unpardonable savagery," a SCBA resolution said.

Even the Supreme Court

Advocates-on-Record Association condemned the attack.

"The association stands in unwavering solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir; an integral part of our country and the nation as a whole."

A statement of the Delhi High Court Bar Association, on the other hand, chastised the heinous act "challenging the unity, integrity and sovereignty" of the country.

Terrorists struck a tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others.

The deceased included two foreigners -- from the UAE and Nepal -- and two locals.

Mufti also led a march of party leaders and workers to protest against the Pahalgam terror attack.

Mufti, along with the Peoples Democratic Party workers, assembled at the party headquarters near Sher-e-Kashmir Park here from where they began the protest march.

Carrying placards that read "this is an attack on all of us", "killing innocents is an act of terror", and "stop innocent killings", the march ended at Lal Chowk city centre here.

first-choice destination for Delhiites, but also very popular among the tourists visiting Delhi, many of whom plan onward trips to the valley.

"It is not just Delhi residents cancelling their plans -- tourists already in the capital are also calling off their Kashmir trips, even though hotel tariffs are at a peak this summer. People are cancelling regardless of the cost," said the owner of Swastik Travels.

"Not just Kashmir, people are now scared to even visit Jammu. We had bookings for seven families headed to Katra for the Vaishno Devi shrine and all of those have been cancelled after

Security agencies to fill 'vacuum', realign forces in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: In the aftermath of the terror strike at Pahalgam that left 26 tourists dead, authorities are working on a plan to fill the security "vacuum" with a permanent deployment of army and paramilitary forces in the mountains overlooking the tourist destination in the Kashmir valley. Officials in the security establishment told PTI that a realignment of the security forces was also required ahead of the annual Amarnath pilgrimage, which begins July 3.

There are no security forces in the immediate vicinity of the meadows of the Bisaran Valley which is ringed by dense forests. The nearest is a unit of the 3rd battalion of the Rashtriya Rifles (RR) of the Army and a company of the 116th battalion of the CRPF, the sources said.

It takes time for the troops to reach this place from their locations, which are as far as 10-11 km, to the Bisaran area that is only approachable on foot or on horseback, they said.

The security forces usually patrol the peaks and control access to them and the meadows from the ground by deploying check posts in the Kashmir valley.

The security agencies are now planning to readjust the deployment of troops so that they can be based closer to the Bisaran Valley area and also secure the rear of the forests so that any terrorist movement is kept under check.

A plan of action is being prepared following the high-level security meetings that have been chaired by the Union home minister in Delhi and in Srinagar in the wake of the terrorist attack.

re-aligned security grid in the Kashmir Valley will be finalised over the next few days and this will definitely include better securing the Pahalgam area, a senior security officer said.

The Amarnath Yatra sees a huge civilian movement in the Kashmir valley and hence the deployment will see a change this time to ensure foolproof security for the pilgrims and the locals, he said.

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CEO invites public to review electoral rolls: SSR deadline today

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JAMMU: The Special Summary Revision (SSR) in the Assembly Constituencies of 27 Budgam and 77 Nagrota, which commenced on 8th April, 2025, is going to end on 24th April, 2025.

In accordance with the established electoral process, the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) have meticulously prepared the lists of claims and objections, which are now available for public scrutiny.

These lists, generated in Forms 9, 10, 11, 11A and 11B, detail the applications received for inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition of entries in the electoral rolls. To ensure transparency and facilitate the public participation, these lists have been prominently displayed on the notice boards of the respective ERO offices. Furthermore,

the lists are also accessible online through the official website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, at www.ceo-jk@nic.in. The Chief Electoral Officer has appealed all the electors of Assembly Constituencies of 27 Budgam and 77 Nagrota to go through the displayed lists so as to ensure accuracy and completeness of the electoral rolls.

The citizens who wish to object to an electoral roll entry or submit a claim can do so by contacting the concerned Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) for Assembly Constituency 27 Budgam or 77 Nagrota, as applicable. The Chief Electoral Officer has emphasised the importance of active citizen participation in this process, as it is fundamental towards upholding the integrity of the electoral system.