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LG chairs meeting...

visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till 29th April 2025. The Lieutenant Governor asked the officials to implement security measures and procedures as discussed in the previous meeting. The Lieutenant Governor posted on X: "Chaired a meeting of DCs and SSPs. Directed them to take appropriate and necessary action to ensure exit of Pakistani nationals from J&K UT as per the deadline notified by Ministry of Home Affairs".

LG summons J&K...

& Kashmir, the Legislative Assembly shall meet at Jammu on Monday, the 28th of April, 2025 at 10:30 AM. "I, Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 18(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, do hereby summon the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly to meet at Jammu on Monday, the 28th of April, 2025 at 10.30 A.M.," said the Summon. "Accordingly, in terms of rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, all the Hon'ble Members are requested to kindly attend the Session of the Legislative Assembly on the appointed date, time and place," said an order issued by Secretary J&K Legislative Assembly.

Bring perpetrators to...

and "bring the perpetrators to justice". In a strongly-worded statement, the rights body also said that the time has come to act against those who are "aiding, abetting, supporting and advancing terrorism and to hold them accountable for this menace against humanity". Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in Anantnag district on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others. The NHRC said it "condemns the dastardly attack on the unarmed and unsuspecting innocent civilians who were on a holiday to the Valley". The attack, the worst in the Valley since the 2019 Pulwama strike, has drawn condemnation from several countries, with top world leaders extending their solidarity to India and condolences to the victims' families. "The incident has shaken the conscience of every right thinking human being as a serious issue of violation of human rights of the innocent victims and their families," the NHRC said in the statement. It has been said time and again at various fora that "terrorism is one of the biggest causes of human rights violations in the world", the rights body said. "The time has come to act against those aiding, abetting, supporting and advancing terrorism and to hold them accountable for this menace. Otherwise, it may result in the shrinking of democratic space, intimidation, reprisals and grave violation of various human rights, including the right to life, liberty, equality, fraternity, and livelihood," it said. "It is expected that the state will take all necessary steps to fix accountability, bring the perpetrators to justice, and provide succour to the families of the victims in all possible manner," the NHRC said.

Amit Shah dials...

that terrorism will not go "unpunished" and that every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done, adding that India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. At an all-party meeting held here on Thursday, leaders across party lines called for a decisive action against terrorism and terror camps, assuring the government of their full support. Simultaneously, India also informed Pakistan of its decision to keep the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in abeyance with immediate effect, saying Pakistan has breached its conditions. Sustained cross-border terrorism by Pakistan targeting Jammu and Kashmir impedes India's rights under the Indus Waters Treaty, Water Resources Secretary Debashree Mukherjee said in a letter addressed to her Pakistani counterpart, Syed Ali Murtaza.

India won't allow...

on a long-term plan to ensure the effective implementation of its decisions. Besides Patil, senior officials of several ministries attended the meeting, they added. India has already informed Pakistan of its decision to keep the treaty in abeyance with immediate effect, saying that the neighbouring country has breached its conditions by targeting Jammu and Kashmir with sustained cross-border terrorism. Patil said India has sent a strong message to Pakistan that it will not tolerate terrorism at all.

CM lauds Kashmir's...

families." He noted the point of meeting the victims' families-many of whom were visiting Kashmir on their honeymoon or family vacation. "As the Tourism Minister myself, I found it extremely difficult to meet their families. I was at a loss for words," he added. Highlighting the collective outrage and unity across the Valley in the wake of the attack, Omar Abdullah said this unified response sends a powerful, silent message to those who seek to sow fear and division. He commended the business community for taking a principled stand, saying, "You've clearly said this act was not in our name-neither have we ever supported such violence, nor will we ever in the future." The Chief Minister assured that all constructive suggestions offered during the meeting would be seriously considered to help prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

Addressing concerns regarding harassment faced by Kashmiri students and traders outside Kashmir, he informed the gathering that he had spoken directly with the Union Home Minister, who assured him of necessary protective measures. An advisory will be issued in this regard, and the Home Minister has also personally reached out to several state Chief Ministers. Omar Abdullah said that he too has spoken to his counterparts in other states to ensure the safety of Kashmiris across India.

He lauded the tourism and business stakeholders for not focusing on financial losses or seeking compensation, saying, "Business will come and go. Right now, our primary concern is to express our grief and stand in solidarity with those affected by this senseless attack."

He added that discussions on economic impact can take place later, once the immediate pain of the tragedy has been addressed. Referring to the two-minute silence observed at Jamia Masjid Srinagar earlier today, the Chief Minister called it "a strong and dignified response" to the propaganda peddled by some news channels against Kashmiris.

He paid special tribute to Syed Adil Hussain, a local who lost his life while trying to save tourists during the attack, calling him a "symbol of Kashmiri hospitality." Omar Abdullah assured that his government would take steps to honour his memory and support his family.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani said, "This incident has shaken us to the core." He appreciated the people of Kashmir for rising in protest against the attack and sending a clear message across the country and the world that "this act has no place in our society or our religion."

Earlier, stakeholders from the tourism sector unanimously condemned the attack, calling it a "murder of humanity." They emphasized that the Valley is in deep mourning and that commercial concerns are secondary at this time.

They proposed several measures, including: formation of a coordination committee comprising administration, security agencies, and tourism stakeholders; protection and welfare of Kashmiri students and businesspersons outside Kashmir.

Besides, they suggested the Establishment of Quick Response Teams (QRTs) at key tourist destinations and countering misinformation and biased media narratives.

The Chairman of Raja & Rani Tour and Travels informed the gathering that the Maharashtra Tour and Travel Operators' Association has pledged to adopt Syed Adil Hussain's family.

The association will support the educational needs of his children and provide long-term assistance to his family.

Furthermore, the association has decided that no tour bookings to Kashmir will be cancelled, in a strong show of support and solidarity.

Later, talking to reporters, the Chief Minister said the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan that has been put in abeyance by the Centre in the wake of the Pahalgam attack was the "most unfair document" to the people of the Union territory and they have never been in favour of it.

"Government of India has taken some steps. As far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, let's be honest we have never been in favour of the Indus Water Treaty," he added.

"Now what the medium to long-term implications to this are, that is something we

have to wait to see," he added.

To a question whether the government would reward the bravery of 'ponywallah' Syed Adil Hussain Shah, who stood up against the armed terrorists before being killed, Abdullah said "absolutely".

"He (Shah) is a symbol not just of Kashmiriyat but of Kashmiri hospitality and it is our responsibility not just to reward him and his family, but to keep that memory alive for times immemorial," he said.

The chief minister said the government will find a suitable mechanism to do that. He also announced that Maharashtra tour and travel operators have decided to adopt Shah's family to take care of all their education needs from now until they complete their education and also to help the family in the days and years ahead.

Bandipora encounter: OGW...

after the hiding terrorists opened fire on the security forces' positions. One terrorist associate and two policemen were injured in the firing by terrorists, the officials said, adding the injured terrorist associate later succumbed to injuries.

Pahalgam attack: Houses...

in the explosions, leading to their destruction, the officials said. Thokar, a resident of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, is one of the key accused in Tuesday's Pahalgam massacre, while Sheikh, a resident of Tral in Pulwama district, is suspected to be involved in the conspiracy of the attack. The family members of both men have claimed that they are not aware of the whereabouts of Thokar and Sheikh.

SC raps Rahul ...

as "your faithful servant" in his communications to the Britishers. When Singhvi argued charges of promoting enmity and public mischief were not made out against Gandhi, the bench remarked, "You are most obedient.. does your client know that Mahatma Gandhi also used 'your faithful servant' while addressing the viceroy? Can Mahatma Gandhi be called a 'servant of Britishers' merely because he addressed himself to the viceroy as 'your servant'. In those days, even I have seen, our judges of the Calcutta High Court used to address Chief Justice as writing 'your servant'." Justice Datta added, "Does your client know that his grandmother (Indira Gandhi), when she was the Prime Minister, also sent a letter praising this very gentleman (Savarkar)?" The judge went on, "So, let's not make irresponsible statements about freedom fighters. You have made a good point on law, you are entitled to stay. We are not saying anything on that." "Any further statement by him (Gandhi) will be taken up suo motu. No more words on our freedom fighters.... They have given us freedom and we treat them like this? This is not the way," the bench warned.

The top court then issued notice to Uttar Pradesh government and complainant advocate Nripendra Pandey and stayed Allahabad High Court order which refused to quash trial court's summons against Gandhi.

Singhvi urged the court to not make any comments and said Gandhi did not intend to create enmity between the groups.

The bench retorted, "This is not how you treat freedom fighters...when you don't know anything about the history of India, you should not make any such comments."

Justice Datta further said, "He is a leader of a political party and why would you make a comment like this...you go to Maharashtra, he (Savarkar) is worshipped there. Don't do this."

Singhvi said the message was loud and clear.

The top court, however, stayed the criminal proceedings against Gandhi in the case lodged in Uttar Pradesh.

Gandhi moved the apex court against an order of the high court.

A case under various provisions for alleged offences such as promoting enmity between classes and public mischief was lodged against him by Pandey.

The case stems from the Congress leader's comments on Savarkar made on November 17, 2022, during his Bharat Jodo Yatra at a rally in Maharashtra's Akola district.

The Lucknow bench of the high court on April 4 said that Gandhi can file a revision petition before the sessions court, making the high court's intervention unnecessary at this stage.

Before the high court, Gandhi had challenged a trial court's decision to summon him in the case, while contesting the ongoing proceedings against him.

The complainant has accused Gandhi of intentionally insulting Savarkar during the rally and said his remarks were part of a "well-planned conspiracy" to defame Savarkar.

Important that India...

meet the others because they have gone back. My love and affection to everybody who has lost family members. I want everybody to know that the whole nation stands together as one," he said.

Referring to an all-party meeting that took place in Delhi on Thursday, Gandhi asserted that a united opposition condemned the terror attack and is behind the government.

"The idea behind what has happened is to divide society, is to make brother fight brother and it is very important that every single Indian stands united, stands together so that we can defeat what the terrorists were trying to do," Gandhi said.

The Congress leader also met J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the two briefed him about what happened.

"I assured them both that I and our party are going to support them," he said.

On the alleged harassment of Kashmiris elsewhere in the country, Gandhi said, "It is sad to see that some people are attacking my brothers and sisters from Kashmir ... I think it is very important that all of us stand together, stand united and fight this nasty action that has been taken and defeat terrorism once and for all."

The Congress leader earlier met delegations of traders, students leaders, and those related to tourism.

Indian Army effectively...

and expulsion of Pakistani military attaches. New Delhi also asked all Pakistanis who entered the country via the Attari land border to leave by May 1.

In its response, Pakistan on Thursday announced shutting its airspace to all Indian airlines and suspended trade with New Delhi including through third countries.

Pakistan also rejected India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty and said any measures to stop the flow of water belonging to Pakistan under the pact will be seen as an "act of war".

Amid nationwide outrage over the terror strike, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the killers of Pahalgam will be pursued "to the ends of the earth" as he promised to "identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers".

In an address at a rally in Bihar's Madhubani, Modi vowed to punish terrorists behind the strike and said India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism.

"Friends, today from the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist and their backers," he said.

"We will pursue them to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished," he added.

"Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us in these times," he said.

NIA teams speak...

of the attack. The family members of both Thokar and Sheikh have claimed that they are not aware of their whereabouts.

The probe suggests that four terrorists lined up the tourists at the Baisaran meadow on Tuesday before firing at them from a point-blank range and at least one to three terrorists were strategically positioned to keep watch for any approaching security forces.

The terrorists were carrying body cameras to record their barbaric act, the officials said, quoting eyewitnesses.

At least six to seven pictures were shown to eyewitnesses and out of them, they identified Thokar as the terrorist who pulled the trigger during the attack. After the incident, the terrorists vanished into the thick pine tree jungles of Pir Panjal, the officials said.

Security agencies have also released the sketches of three men suspected to be involved in the terror attack. The men, all Pakistanis, are Asif Fauji, Suleman Shah and Abu Talha, the officials said.

They used code names -- Moosa, Yunus and Asif -- and were involved in terror-related incidents in Poonch.

Police have announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh each for information leading to the neutralisation of the terrorists.

Security forces are also on high alert after inputs suggested that terrorists are "actively planning" an attack on vulnerable railway infrastructure, Kashmiri Pandits and non-locals working in the Valley in the coming days, the officials said.

The Railway security personnel, who frequently move outside their barracks in local markets, have been asked to refrain from doing so as this may increase their

"vulnerability", they said.

A warning has also been issued that Pakistan's espionage agency ISI is planning to execute targeted attacks on Kashmir Pandits and police personnel in Srinagar and Ganderbal districts, they added.

The officials said a massive anti-terrorist operation is also continuing inside the dense forests near the attack site with security agencies mobilising UAVs, drones and sniffer dogs to nab the perpetrators.

There has been no contact with the fleeing terrorists so far, they said.

Search on for...

Chatroo area of Kishtwar, Triyath area of Rajouri district, adjoining areas of Lakhampur in Kathua district, and Lasana of Poonch district.

A security review meeting chaired by Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and IGP Bhim Sen Tuti was held in Doda on Friday to review the security situation and operational preparedness of the region.

There have been seven encounters in the Kathua-Udhampur-Kishtwar region of Jammu province over the past month, resulting in the deaths of five terrorists and five security personnel.

Man washed away while fishing, search operation underway

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: Mohd Younis, 45, son of Mohd Bashir from Fazlabad, Tehsil Surankote, District Poonch, was washed away in a river stream while fishing at Village Dara Dullian, Tehsil Haveli, District Poonch.

Upon receiving the information, the police and SDRF teams launched a search operation. Efforts are currently underway to trace the missing person. The operation is ongoing as of now.

Man found dead under suspicious circumstances in Poonch bus stand

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: The body of a man was found under suspicious circumstances at a bus stand in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, police said.

Some locals spotted the lifeless body of the man -- who was later identified as Mohammad Arif, a professional drummer from Poonch -- on the bus stand premises on Friday morning and informed the police, officials said.

Police have shifted the body to a local hospital for autopsy to determine the exact cause of death after registering a case, they said. Initial observations suggest the presence of animal bite marks on the body, police said.

Jammu South Police continues proactive policing: Missing person traced, traffic enforcement intensified across units

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Demonstrating its continued commitment to public safety and efficient policing, Jammu Police South Zone has undertaken a series of enforcement and preventive actions across its jurisdiction. From successfully tracing a missing person to intensifying traffic regulation under the Motor Vehicle Act, the zone remains focused on law and order maintenance and citizen welfare.

In a diligent effort, Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu successfully traced a missing person reported on April 11, 2025. The missing individual, Vivek Kumar S/O Vikas Kumar R/O Ram Dassi Mohalla, Bagh-e-Bahu, was safely located and subsequently handed over to his legal heirs.

Meanwhile, A dedicated naka was established by Police Post Greater Kailash on the Greater Kailash-Jallo Chak road to enforce road safety measures. The naka led to the following actions 5 vehicles challaned, including 2 for not wearing seat belts, 1 load carrier seized for wrongful parking and lacking documents and 2 motorcycle seized: one without a number plate and another with its number plate concealed using tape.

Preventive and MV Act Enforcement Across Units include PS Channi: 01 preventive action executed, PS Gandhi Nagar: 01 bike seized and 01 MV Act challan issued, PS Gangyal: 02 bikes seized and 02 MV Act challans issued, PP Digiana: 03 challans issued under the MV Act, PP Nehru Market: 01 Scooty seized and 04 vehicles challaned under the MV Act.

Miran Sahib Police files chargesheet against two hard-core gangsters

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a significant development in the fight against organised crime, Police Station Miran Sahib Jammu today on 25.04.2025 produced a chargesheet against two notorious gangsters under the newly enacted provisions of

Section - 111 (Organised Crime) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and other relevant laws. The case marks the first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Jammu District, to be investigated and chargesheeted under the organized crime sections of BNS.

The case, registered under FIR No. 17/2025 at Police Station Miran Sahib, was thoroughly investigated by PSI Ajesh Jammal under the close supervision of SHO Police Station Miran Sahib Inspector Jai Paul Sharma. The investigation was closely supervised by SDPO RS Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu. The charges have been filed under Sections 109, 111, 132 and 3(5) BNS, in addition to Sections 3, 5, 25, and 27 of the Arms Act.

The first accused, Paramjeet Singh @ Jungi S/o Devi Dass R/o Draprey, is A notorious, habitual offender with a criminal history spanning 10 cases registered at various Police Stations. The second accused namely Arjun Kumar @ Billa S/o Sham Lal R/o Salehar Kothey A/P Kalyana, Tehsil Arnia, has been found involved in six criminal cases across different jurisdictions.

Doda police traces 2 missing girls, reunites with families

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: Doda Police has traced 02 missing ladies from different areas and reunited them with their families whose missing reports were lodged at Police Post Mahalla of Station Doda and Police Post Kahara of Police Station Gandoh.

On 07-04-2025 a missing report of girl resident of Bhalvana Doda was entered at PP Mohalla of PS Doda and another missing report of girl resident of Khutal Tanta Gandoh was entered at PP Kahara of PS Gandoh on 24-04-2025.

Soon after getting the information regarding missing of these ladies, Police swung into action and on the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, teams were constituted from PS Doda and PS Gandoh led by IC PP Mohalla and IC PP Kahara under the supervision of concerned supervisory officers in search of both the missing girls. The Police teams by using all possible means as well as technical help and after getting some clues, succeeded in tracing them out today on 25-04-2025. Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, these girl have been handed over to their families and missing reports have been closed.

Drug peddler arrested with heroin

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Police team from Police Station Udhampur led by its SHO while performing routine vehicle/Patrolling duty near sui area apprehended one suspicious person who was coming from sui area towards Trikuta ice factory, on spotting police team immediately walking back towards Sui area which created suspicion.

Upon conducting a thorough frisking, the police team recovered 4.60 grams of heroin (chitta) like Contraband substance from the possession of the above apprehended person namely Ravi Kumar S/O Des Raj R/O W.No 11 near trikuta ice factory Udhampur. On this, a case vide FIR No. 138/2025 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act stands registered in P/S Udhampur and further investigation was set into probe.

Ramban police books notorious drug peddler under PIT NDPS

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: In its continuous war and firm commitments against drug menace, Ramban Police booked one more notorious Drug Peddler namely Mohd. Younus Son of Abdul Salam Sheikh Resident of Ward number 01 near Higher secondary School Ramban Tehsil and District Ramban, in Preventive detention under the provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act for his repeatedly involvement in selling and distributing Contraband Narcotics among the populace of Ramban and its adjoining areas.

On the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Ramban Shri Kulbir Singh-JKPS, dossier of said Mohd.Younus was prepared and was submitted to Competent Authority for its approval.

Subsequently, the Case was duly processed and after obtaining sanction from the Competent Authority, the said drug peddler has been detained under PIT NDPS Act and lodged in District Jail Udhampur.

The said accused Mohd Younus was a threat to the peaceful environment, who often tried to involve youth of the area in drug addiction.

People in general have praised the contribution of Ramban Police against drug peddlers and their associates.