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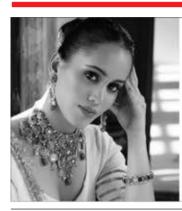
Dr Jitendra chairs 'Hindi Salahkar Samiti UU meeting, calls it society's shared responsibility

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## 'Not In My Name': Every Kashmiri rejected terrorism out-rightly: CM

### 'No assembly or parliament can understand this grief better than ours'

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU : Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday delivered an emotional and powerful address, expressing profound grief, condemning terrorism and calling for unity and resilience in wake of killing of 26 civilians in Pahalgam terror attack.

The Chief Minister was speaking during a special session of the Jammu and Legislative Assembly convened after the tragic Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed 26 inno-

Beginning his speech, the Chief Minister reflected on the painful circumstances that brought the House together. "It is hard to believe



that just a few days ago, we were engaged in vibrant debates in this very House over the Budget and many other important matters. We

had hoped that we would meet again in normal conditions. None of us could have

imagined that we would be

meeting in such tragic and

painful circumstances," he

Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for convening the special session and emphasized the significance of the Assembly to understand the gravity of this tragic loss of innocents. "No other Parliament or Assembly can understand the pain of these 26 innocent lives lost, as much as this House does," he stated.

Reflecting on the personal losses among legislators themselves, the Chief Minister recalled the sacrifices of members like Shagun Parihar, Sakina Itoo and Sajad Lone, and the horrors of the October 1, 2001,

Assembly attack. He asserted that perhaps no Assembly can understand this grief better than theirs.

On behalf of the House, the Chief Minister strongly condemned the terrorist attack and expressed solidarity with the victims' families. "This was not just an attack on people from one state - it was an attack on the very soul of India," he declared.

He highlighted that the victims hailed from across India, from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat, from Kerala to Jammu and Kashmir, symbolizing a national tragedy.

Omar Abdullah lamented that despite hopes that

## LA unanimously passes resolution condemning Pahalgam attack

JAMMU: Jammu and Legislative Kashmir Assembly on Monday passed a resolution condemning the recent heinous terrorist Baisaran attack Pahalgam.

The resolution, moved by Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, was put to voice vote by Speaker, Abdul Rahim Rather and subsequently passed unanimously.

The resolution read, "This House unequivocally condemns the heinous, cowardly act that resulted in the loss of innocent lives. Such acts of terror are a direct assault on the ethos of Kashmiriyat, the values enshrined in our Constitution and the spirit of unity, peace and harmony that have long characterized

Speaker calls for unity against terrorism

JAMMU: Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, on Monday strongly condemned the brutal killing of 26 tourists including a local pony-walla by the terrorists at Baisaran in Pahalgam on April 22.

A daylong special session was called where Speaker and members expressed their anguish and shock over the barbaric terroris

attack, in which 26 innocents persons lost their lives. Leading the obituary references during a special session of the House, the Speaker from the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Police conduct searches at premises of terrorists,

associates in Doda-Kishtwar belt

Jammu & Kashmir and our Nation.

This House stands in full solidarity with the victims and their families. We extend our deepest condolences to

those who have suffered

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irreparable loss and affirm our collective resolve to share in their grief and support them in their hour of need.

associates in connection with

This House salutes the supreme sacrifice of

#### Govt blocks 16 Pak YouTube channels for anti-India content

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government has blocked 16 Pakistani YouTube channels for allegedly disseminating "false, provocative and communally sensitive content" about India and has also strongly objected to the BBC's reportage on the Pahalgam attack, officials said on Monday.

The government's move follows recommendations from the Ministry of Home Affairs in the wake of the April 22 terror attack in the upper reaches of the Kashmir

#### Pakistan will be given befitting reply: Farooq

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: A strong votary of

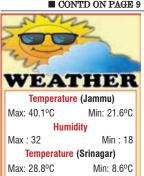
dialogue with Pakistan in the past, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said India will give a befitting reply to the neighbouring country for the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 dead

He said Pakistan should overcome this "misleading notion" that Jammu and Kashmir will become its part by terrorism.

"I have always favoured dialogue and was desirous of talks (with Pakistan) but what we will tell to the families (of the terror victims)? Will this be justice?" the former chief minister told reporters outside the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly complex here.

Abdullah was responding to a question about some people favouring dialogue over war with Pakistan

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Sunrise: 05:47 Hours

Min: 27

Max: 64

resort town in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed. Besides, the Ministry of External Affairs will be monitoring reporting of the BBC, which termed terrorists as militants, officials said. The YouTube channels

blocked are Dawn News, Irshad Bhatti, SAMAA TV, ARY NEWS, BOL NEWS, Raftar, The Pakistan Reference Geo News, Samaa Sports, GNN, Uzair Cricket, Umar Cheema Exclusive. Asma Shirazi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: Pakistani troops

resorted to unprovoked firing

in Poonch and Kupwara dis-

tricts, continuing with their

ceasefire violations along the

LoC, Army officials said on

This was the fourth consec-

utive night that Pakistan

resorted to small-arms fire

along the Line of Control

(LoC) and came amid

heightened tension between

New Delhi and Islamabad

following last week's terror

 ${\bf A} \quad {\bf defence} \quad {\bf spokesperson}$ 

attack in Pahalgam.

## CB files charge-sheets against 18 accused for frauds involving Rs 8.79 crores

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JAMMU: Crime Branch (CB) on Monday filed five charge-sheets in courts of law against eighteen accused for different frauds involving aggregate amount of Rs 8.79 crores approx.

After allegations were proved, official said, CB has produced Challan against Mohd Farid, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Village Maroli Govindsar, Kathua, against whom FIR was registered on the written complaint of Shokat Ali, son of

Pak violates ceasefire for 4th night straight;

targets Poonch, Kupwara sectors

"During the night of

April 27-28, Pakistan Army

posts initiated unprovoked

small arms fire across the

Bashir Ahmed, resident of Bani, District Kathua wherein he alleged that accused Mohd Farid got government job and promotions on fake educational documents and retired as Deputy Inspector in Fisheries Department Kathua.

"In another case registered on a written complaint lodged by Yash Pal of Rajouri regarding fraud on the pre text of winning lottery, Crime Branch has been produced Challan against four persons Santosh  $_{
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Patel, son of Sunder Lal Patel, resident of Maihar, Distt. Satna MP, Suman Swarashti, daughter of Babu Lal, resident of Govindpur, MP, Suneel Kumar Patel, son of Panna Lal Patel, resident of Dharampura, Girwara, MP and Malkeet Singh, son of Jagir Singh, resident of Ninjaj, West Bengal," official added.

Challan has also been duced in the case registered on a written complaint of Anwar Ali, resident of Bilaspur wherein he alleged

#### Illegal waste dumping: NGT forms panel to probe, take action in Ganderbal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: National Green Tribunal has formed a panel to ascertain if authorities Ganderbal district were illegally dumping solid waste on private land.

The green body was hearing a plea, alleging the municipal committee of Ganderbal and the local rural development department were dumping solid waste on the complainant's land for the last several months. The complainant claimed her land,

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that he had been duped of Rs. 2.06 lakh by fraudsters on the pretext of winning lottery, official said adding that the accused are Pradeep Kumar Prajapati, son of Rambahal Parjapati, resident of Banahara District Jaunpur (UP), Imran Khan Sarfrazkhan Pathan, son of Sarfrazkhan, resident of Rakhiyal, Distt. Ahmedabad (UP). Pawan Kumar Singh. resident of Jhansi, Allahabad (UP), Aijaz Ahmed, son of

Nawab, resident of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### JAMMU: Police have conongoing investigations under ducted searches at the prem-

ises of several terrorists oper- ${
m from}$ Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and their associates in Doda and Kishtwar districts of Jammu the Unlawful Activities

and Kashmir official sources

Extensive searches are being carried out at the residences of terrorists and their

the sources said. Police teams conducted

(Prevention) Act

searches at the premises CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Rajnath briefs Modi on J&K situation



**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the

wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, people familiar with the matter said.

The briefing came as India mulled its options to punish those behind the terror attack on April 22 that killed

India, France ink Rs 64,000 Cr

26 civilians.

ages" to the horrific incident, India has promised severe punishment to those involved in the strike that triggered widespread outrage within India and abroad. There was no official word

Citing "cross-border link-

on Singh's nearly 40-minute meeting with PM Modi.

On Sunday, the prime minister said the "perpetrators and conspirators" of the Pahalgam attack will be served with the harshest response".

"The whole world stands with 140 crore Indians

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## Why leaders whitewash Pahalgam massacre with victimhood narrative?

Kupwara and Poonch dis-

Indian

responded swiftly and effec-

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troops

tricts."

tively, he added.



JAMMU: In a move that has drawn sharp criticism; senpolitical ior leaders in Jammu and

Kashmir are being accused of attempting

to whitewash the Pahalgam terror massacre by shifting focus from the victims to alleged civilian harassment. Barely seventy-two hours after the brutal attack that left 26 tourists dead and dozens injured, leaders like former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, along with MP Ruhullah Mehdi, have issued statements that many observers believe dilute the gravity of the tragedy.

Mehbooba Mufti appealed for 'caution' and warned against 'alienating

civilians', while Mehdi similarly cautioned against "collective punishment," raising concerns about ongoing security operations in the Valley.

Critics contend that such remarks, although wrapped in civil rights rhetoric, attempt to sidestep the gravity of terrorism and instead shift focus to supposed State overreach, thus complicating the moral framework required after the occurrence of such

"It is a replay of an old playbook," remarked a senior security analyst. "Each time a terror attack sends shockwaves through the Valley, one segment of the political class seems to immediately redirect the discourse towards confrontational grievances and harassment, offering an obfuscation that shields the perpetrators of these monstrous acts.

This sequence, analysts point out,

has deep-set roots in history.

Public memory is still fresh, how Mehbooba Mufti was notorious for elevating radical figures such as Burhan Wani to the status of 'misguided youth' during the violent unrest in 2016 while inciting widespread unrest throughout the Valley.

Critics point out that such statements at a sensitive juncture not only diminish the faith of people in the security apparatus, but also strengthen the secessionist narrative. Proxy networks and Islamabad-based misinformation outlets have already started promoting allegations of civilian victimization, having been partly aided by recent pronouncements made by some local leaders.

A senior officer once said, 'In the battle against terror, narratives are as powerful as bullets.' Some of the leaders are subverting peace and sta-

bility by casting doubt and redirecting the rage in an effort to shift the narrative. They are doing disservice to peace loving Kashmiris.

The overriding concern remains whether such political theatrics will deplete the public resolve to fight against terrorism which had, until now, appeared to be on the rise in the Valley.

The broader concern remains whether these political interventions will erode the public momentum against terrorism that has been visibly growing in the Valley. Following the Pahalgam massacre, widespread condemnations were seen from various sections of Kashmiri society, signaling a shift away from the culture of silence that previously followed terror attacks. Nonetheless, the emergence of the old grievance narrative threatens ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### deal to procure 26 Rafale jets STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India and France on Monday inked an intergovernmental agreement to procure 26 naval variants of Rafale fighter jets at a cost of around Rs 64,000 crore for the Indian Navy.

The pact provides for setting up of a production facility for Rafale fuselage as well as maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities for aircraft engines, sensors weapons in India, according to the defence ministry.

The agreement will also facilitate the transfer of technology for the integration of indigenous weapons in India, it said without elaborating.

The ministry said the delivery of the aircraft would be completed by 2030, with the crew undergoing training in France and India.

India is procuring the jets for deployment on board aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.

Manufactured by French defence major Dassault Aviation, the Rafale-Marine is a carrier-borne combatready aircraft with proven operational capabilities in the maritime environment.

The sealing of the mega deal came three weeks after the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleared the

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