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LG chairs high level meeting to review prevailing security scenario

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LG Manoj Sinha chairing security review meeting with DGP Nalin Prabhat and other senior officials.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday chaired a highlevel meeting with senior officials to review the prevailing security scenario in Jammu Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Home; Nitish Kumar, ADGP CID J&K; Dr Mandeep K. Principal Bhandari. Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu and Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG

Jammu-Samba-Kathua

J&K and the nation to Lieutenant destroy the root of terror

It is the collective resolve of the people of J&K and the nation to destroy the root of terror emanating from our neighbourhood. We must

Governor directed for strong and coordinated measures to completely wipe out terrorism and its entire ecosystem from Jammu Kashmir.

emanating from our neighbourhood. We must be resolute to fulfill this mis-

against OGWs who are providing logistics to terrorists, identifying targets for them and helping them to escape. Infrastructure and support system of terrorism in every nook and corner of Union Territory has to be dismantled permanently.

It should be our priority to ensure a sense of security to the common man," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor also directed to further strengthen the security grid and stressed upon the need for better coordination and synergy among the

PMAY-G Awaas+ Survey gets another extension till May 15 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Union Ministry forDevelopment Panchayati Raj has further extended the deadline for the Awaas+ 2024 survey under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) by 15 days, shifting the closing date from April 30 to May 15, 2025. This is the second extension granted

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IAS, IFS officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday transferred IAS and IFS officer.

According to the order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, Rahul Yadav, IAS (AGMUT:2014) Special Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, holding additional charge of Mission Director, HADP has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Power Development

Govt announces caste enumeration in next census exercise

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a major decision, the government on Wednesday announced that caste enumeration will be included in the forthcoming census exercise in a "transparent" manner and slammed the opposition parties for using caste survey as a "political tool".

Opposition parties, including the Congress, have been demanding a nationwide caste census, making it a major election issue, and some states like Bihar, Telangana and Karnataka have conducted such surveys.

Announcing the decision taken by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the census comes under the purview of the Centre, but some states have done caste enumeration in the name of surveys "non-transparently" which has created doubts in the society.

Noting that caste was not included in all census operaconducted since

Independence, alleged that the Congress governments have always opposed caste census and the party had used the issue as a

political tool. "Considering all these facts and to ensure that the social fabric is not disturbed by politics, caste enumeration should be transparently included in the Census instead of surveys," he said, adding that this will strengthen the social and economic structure of our society while the nation continues to progress.

The minister alleged that the states ruled by opposition parties have done caste surveys for political reasons and emphasised that the Modi government has resolved to transparently include caste enumeration in the forthcoming pan-India census exercise.

The Congress and the opposition INDIA bloc had made caste census a major poll plank in the previous elections, with Rahul Gandhi promising representation to

people based on their popula-

The census exercise was to commence in April 2020 but

got delayed due to the Covid pandemic. Vaishnaw said in 2010, the then prime minister Manmohan Singh had assured the Lok Sabha that the matter of caste census

should be considered in the Cabinet. A group of ministers was formed to consider this after most of the political parties had recommended a caste census. "Despite this, the Congress

government decided to conduct only a survey instead of a caste census. That survey is known as SECC.

"It is well understood that the Congress and its INDI alliance partners have used Caste Census only as a political tool," the minister alleged.

He said that under Article 246 of the Constitution, the subject 'census' is listed in the Union list under entry 69 and according to

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India bans Pakistan airlines from using Indian airspace

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday banned Pakistan airlines from using its airspace amid escalating tensions with the neighbouring country in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. said that a (Notice to Airmen) has been issued that bars Pakistan airlines from using the Indian air-

The development comes a week after Pakistan barred Indian carriers from using its airspace.

Meanwhile

786 Pakistanis exit India; 1,465 Indians return home from Pak STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: As many as 786 Pakistani nationals, including 55 diplomats, their dependents and support staff, besides eight Indians with Pakistani visa, have left India through the Attari-Wagah border crossing in the last six days following a government order in the wake

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Govt revamps NSAB, appoints ex-R&AW Chief Alok Joshi its Chairman STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government has revamped the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) -- a move that came amid speculations about India's possible retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack in view of its cross border linkages.

It is learnt that former R&AW chief Alok Joshi has been appointed as NSAB chairman.

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Wednesday (April 30, 2025) cancelled all flights to and from Gilgit, Skardu and other northern areas in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir due to security reasons,

local media reports said. Citing the flight schedule. Urdu daily Jang reported that $_{
m the}$ Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) cancelled two flights each from Karachi and Lahore to Skardu.

Two Islamabad to Skardu and $_{
m flights}$ Islamabad to Gilgit have also been cancelled, the paper said, quoting avia-

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CM reviews progress of National Highway projects in J&K

Stresses timely execution, rehabilitation and strategic coordination

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Abdullah Omar Wednesday chaired a highlevel review meeting to assess the progress of key national highway, expressway and projects across tunnel Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was attended

by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj flights Commissioner Gupta, Secretary Forest, Ecology & Environment Department Sheetal Nanda, Commis



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(R&B) Bhupinder

Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

Govt notifies ITR forms;

NEW DELHI: The government has notified the income tax return forms 1 and 4 for assessment year 2025-26, and made it easier for individuals with long term capital gains of up to Rs 1.25 lakh from listed equities to

file returns. The government has also made certain changes in the form with regard to deductions claimed under 80C, 80GG and other sections and has provided a drop down menu in the utility for tax filers to select from. Also, assessees will have to furnish

Department (R&B) also participated in the meeting.

The meeting stressed on the need to identify bottlenecks and enhance interagency coordination

PM to inaugurate first WAVES summit in Mumbai today

STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first World Audio and

Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) here on Thursday, a four-day event that will bring together the entire spectrum of the media and entertainment industry.

Envisioned as a platform to bridge the gap between traditional and emerging media, the prime minister has set aside nearly 10 hours for WAVES where he will chair a meeting with CEOs and ture curated zones from VR, industry leaders from the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 media and entertainment

The prime minister will also interact with young creators from across the world

who have participated in 31 different Create in India challenges at Creatosphere and also give away awards to the winners.

The Creatosphere will feaanimation films

Pahalgam attack: PM Modi has our full support: Farooq

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday voiced strong support for Prime Minister

Narendra Modi amid rising tensions with Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam attack. Calling for national unity and cautioning Islamabad against fur-

Abdullah said, "We have given our full support to the prime minister. After that, we should not be questioned. The prime minister should do whatever work he

provocations,

Responding to Pakistan's repeated assertions of being



a nuclear power, the veteran leader reminded them of India's own capabilities. "We also have nuclear

power, and we had it even

Asserting India's stand of non-aggressive, he

said, "India has never attacked anyone first. It all started from there (Pakistan), and we responded. Even today, we will not use it (nuclear weapons) unless they do. But if they use it, we have it too. May God never let such a situation arise". On the Congress

party's criticism of the Prime Minister, including posters claiming he is "missing in action", Abdullah

individuals with LTCG up to Rs 1.25 lakh can file ITR 1, 4 **STATE TIMES NEWS**

in the ITR

Pak troops resort to firing along LoC, IB in 4 districts; India 'responds effectively'

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pakistani troops engaged in unprovoked firing along the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB) in multiple sectors across four border districts of Jammu and Kashmir, prompting Indian forces to 'respond effectively', officials said on Wednesday.

The firing, which began with small arms, was reported from the Pargwal sector along the IB in Jammu district, and the Sunderbani and Naushera sectors in Rajouri district.

This marked the sixth consecutive night of ceasefire



violations by Pakistan along the LoC, amidst heightened tensions between New Delhi and Islamabad following a recent terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22.

"On the night of April 29-30, Pakistan Army posts initiated unprovoked small-

arms fire across the Line of Control opposite Naushera, Sunderbani, and Akhnoor sectors in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir," a defence spokesperson in Jammu

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Security arrangements reviewed at key tourists destinations near Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A week after the Pahalgam terror attack, a senior police officer visited renowned tourist destinations near Jammu and conducted a comprehensive review of the security situation, an official said on Wednesday. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban range. Shridhar Patil visited Patnitop and

adjoining Nathatop and Sanasar located on the old alignment of Jammu-Srinagar national highway between Udhampur and Ramban districts which are visited by large number of holiday-makers round-the-year. Accompanied bv Superintendent of Police, Ramban,

Kulbir Singh and other police and

civil officers including representa-

tives of Patnitop Development



Authority and officers of Tourism department, the DIG reviewed the security measures taken for the safety of the visitors, a police spokesper-

After undertaking a detailed evaluation of the security measures in

place at key tourist spots, Patil also held an interactive meeting with representatives of various hotel associations, trekking associations, and local residents including former sarpanch-

The spokesperson said the partici-

pants were briefed about the security arrangements made for the safety of the public and to maintain law and order. Additional measures needed to be taken were also discussed besides improving synergy amongst the stakeholders, he said.

The DIG emphasized the importance of ensuring the safety and comfort of visitors

The officials also discussed strategies to enhance coordination between the police and civil administration, improve surveillance, and maintain law and order for the ensuing peak season, the spokesperson said.

He said the visit reflects the administration's commitment to promoting Patnitop, Nathatop and Sanasar as secure destinations for tourists from across the country.

Govt debunks claims of Army commander 'removal' after Pahalgam attack as fake

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The govern-

ment's Press Information Bureau (PIB) on Wednesday debunked claims made in posts by "several pro-Pakistan social media accounts" that Indian Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar has been 'removed' from his post after the Pahalgam attack, and said the general officer is attaining superannuation on April 30.

"The claims being made in these posts are fake," PIB Fact Check said in a post on X and also shared a collage of 'reports' shared by several such accounts, with the false claim.

There have been several

Lt Gen Kumar relinquishes charge of Northern Command JAMMU: Lt Gen M V Sachindra Kumar on Wednesday relinquished the command of Udhampur pased Northern Command on his retirement after achieving the superannua tion age, officials said. Lt Gen Pratik Sharma wil

be the new General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Northern Command and wil assume office on Thursday mid the ongoing ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

misleading posts on social media amid heightened tension between New Delhi

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