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## PM inaugurates WAVES 2025

# WAVES highlights India's creative strengths on global platform: Modi



PM Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit 2025 in Mumbai, Maharashtra on Wednesday.

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MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the WAVES 2025, India's first-of-its-kind World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit at the Jio World Centre, Mumbai on Thursday.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister greeted everyone on the occasion of Maharashtra day and Gujarat Statehood day.

Acknowledging the presence of all international dignitaries, ambassadors, and leaders from the creative industry, the Prime Minister highlighted the significance of the gathering, emphasizing that over 100 countries' artists, innovators, investors, and policymakers have come together to lay the foundation for a global ecosystem of talent and creativity.

"WAVES is not merely an acronym but a wave repre-

sending culture, creativity, and universal connectivity", he remarked, further underlining that the summit showcases the expansive world of films, music, gaming, animation, and storytelling, offering a global platform for artists and creators to connect and collaborate.

The Prime Minister congratulated all participants on this historic occasion and extended his warm welcome to the distinguished guests

from India and abroad.

Reflecting on India's rich cinematic history at the WAVES Summit, Modi noted that on May 3, 1913, India's first feature film, Raja Harishchandra, was released, directed by the pioneering filmmaker Dadasaheb Phalke.

He recalled that Phalke's birth anniversary was celebrated just a day earlier. He underscored the impact

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## Clampdown on terror ecosystem: Police carry out searches at 21 places in Srinagar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday carried out searches at 21 places in the city here as part of a clampdown on the terror ecosystem launched in the aftermath of last month's Pahalgam attack that killed 26 people.

The houses where the searches were carried out included that of Al-Umar terror outfit founder Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar alias Latrum.

Latrum was released from prison, along with Jaish-e-



Police carrying out search at the house in Srinagar.

Mohammad chief Masood Azhar, in exchange for the passengers of the hijacked Indian Airlines flight 814 in

1999. A spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Police said they have

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## Govt employee booked in DA case in Doda

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday registered a case against a government official for allegedly amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, an official said.

The case was registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the value of movable and immovable properties owned by Shahilal Showkat Ali, who is a class four employee, runs into crores of rupees, an

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## NIA chief Sadanand Date visits Pahalgam terror attack site

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PAHALGAM: The chief of National Investigation Agency (NIA), Sadanand Date, on Thursday inspected the site of April 22 terror attack at Baisaran here, officials said.

Date also had discussion with senior officials of the anti-terror agency probing the case, they said.

The NIA had on April 27 taken over the terrorist attack case in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were



gunned down. The agency has also intensified search for evidence and questioned scores of eyewitnesses to

unravel the terror conspiracy, the officials said.

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## Caste census will help realise Pt. Deendayal, Dr Ambedkar's vision: Chugh

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI/ CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision for caste census will go a long way to ensure equitable distribution of benefits to all section of the society. In a statement, he said various development schemes spearheaded by the Modi government will be categorically touching the last man in the queue as envisioned by the Ekatma philosophy of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya and social



justice as envisioned by Dr Ambedkar.

Chugh took strong exception to the divisive politics being done by Rahul Gandhi in the name of votes, saying, "The Gandhi family has spelt political statement which stands exposed to the nation."

He said the Congress has always tried to divide the society on class and religion basis for electoral purposes

The nation has taken a big new step which will go a long way to empower all sections of the society, Chugh added.

## Election authorities order probe as Pak national sent back claims he voted in India

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Election authorities in Baramulla district have ordered a detailed inquiry and registration of an FIR after a Pakistani national, who was repatriated to his native country in the wake of Pahalgam terror attack, claimed that he voted in India during his 17-year stay in the country.

"A detailed enquiry has been ordered, and instructions have been issued for the registration of an FIR in the matter," the

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## US-based Fai declared proclaimed offender by NIA court

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An NIA court in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday declared Ghulam Nabi Fai, a US-based lobbyist, a proclaimed offender.

"Police in Budgam have successfully secured the declaration of Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai as a proclaimed offender through the Special

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## Pakistan violates LoC ceasefire for 7th straight night

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pakistani troops continued ceasefire violations along the Line of Control for the seventh consecutive night by its unprovoked firing in several sectors across three border districts of Jammu and Kashmir and the Indian military responded proportionately, officials said on Thursday.

The exchange of fire occurred even though the directors general of military

operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan spoke over the hotline on Tuesday amid rising tensions between the two countries over the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22.

"During the night of April 30-May 1, 2025, Pakistan Army posts initiated unprovoked small arms fire across the Line of Control opposite Kupwara, Uri, and Akhnor in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir," a

Defence spokesperson in Jammu said.

Indian Army troops responded swiftly and proportionately, he added.

Initially commencing with unprovoked small arms firing at several posts along the LoC in Kupwara and Baramulla districts of north Kashmir, Pakistan swiftly expanded its ceasefire violation to the Poonch sector and subsequently to the Akhnor sector of the Jammu region.

It was followed by small arms firing on several posts along the LoC in the Sunderbani and Naushera sectors of Rajouri district on Tuesday night. Subsequently, it expanded the firing to the Pargval sector along the International Border in Jammu district.

Since the night of April 24, just hours after India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty following the killing

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## We will hunt down every terrorist involved in Pahalgam attack: Amit Shah

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, a decorated officer with rich operational experience, on Thursday assumed charge as the general officer commanding-in-chief of the Indian Army's Northern Command, officials said.

He succeeded Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar, who superannuated on April 30.

"Lt Gen Sharma assumed the appointment of GOC-in-C, Northern Command, today. The general officer has rich operational experience. He commanded an infantry battalion, brigade and division along the

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of Assam's Bodo community, and name a road after him.

The home minister said the Modi government has been pursuing a zero-tolerance policy against terrorists.

"If someone thinks they will escape by carrying out such a cowardly attack, they are wrong. This is Narendra Modi's government. We

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## CJ administers oath to newly appointed Judges

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Justice High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli, on Thursday administered the oath of office to the two newly appointed Judges; Justice Sanjay Parihar and Justice Shahzad Azeem as Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the Chief Justice's Court Room here.

The oath ceremony was attended at Jammu by Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani,



Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli administering oath of office to Justice Sanjay Parihar and Justice Shahzad Azeem.

Justice Rahul Bharti, Sekhri and Justice Mohd. Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Moksha Khajuria, Yousuf Wani while Justice Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Rajesh Sanjeev Kumar, Justice

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