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Punjab: Drone, pistol recovered near international border in Ferozepur

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
FEROZEPUR: BSF and Punjab Police have recovered a drone from an agricultural field near a village, situated along the international India-Pakistan border, officials said on Sunday. The officials received inputs regarding the drone and a search operation was carried out. The drone

along with a pistol and a magazine was recovered from an agricultural field on Saturday near Ganeshe Wale Jhunge village, they said. Police have registered an FIR against unidentified persons under various provisions of the Arms Act and under the Aircraft Act. Further investigation is underway.

If India has 10 Abdul Kalams, we can nail R&D: Former DRDO scientist Ramarao

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BENGALURU: If India has 10 Abdul Kalams, we can really bring about a change in the way we approach research and development, said former DRDO scientist Prahlada Ramarao on Sunday.

Bengaluru-based Ramarao was part of the missile-building team put together by India's "Missile Man" and former President A P J Abdul Kalam.

The indigenous surface-to-air missile system, famously called Akash, that he and his team worked on for nearly 15 years, since 1983, is having its moment of glory, as it withstood the onslaught of Pakistani missiles and

drones, especially on May 8 and 9.

"The biggest difficulty for India is that we are individually good, but cannot work together as a team. Kalam was very good at addressing this. He taught me how to bring the energy of individuals synergistically to achieve a purpose. That is why I feel, if we have 10 Kalams, India will truly lead," Ramarao told PTI.

Ramarao said he was only 34 years old when he was made the project director for the surface-to-air missile project, originally called SAM X and later renamed as Akash system.

"To make it happen, we had to make hardware, software

prototypes, and then test it out. When it didn't work, go back, review the design, change the design and so it went on for two, three iterations. Only after 15 years, we could show that to the reluctant Army, who never really believed we could pull this off," he said.

The scientist said India is now in a better place, and the young scientists today are better equipped to arm India with indigenous innovations.

"I am sure if you want to make another missile system, it will take maybe five years because the foundation has been laid," Ramarao said. He also pointed out that the capability of Indian

New 91-foot tall statue of Shivaji Maharaj unveiled in Malvan 9 months after collapse incident

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MALVAN: Nearly nine months after the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj collapsed at the Rajkot Fort in Maharashtra's coastal Sindhudurg district, a new 91 feet tall statue of the warrior king was unveiled at the same site on Sunday.

The previous 35-foot statue had collapsed in August last year, less than eight months after its installation, leading to a widespread outrage against the government. That statue had been unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 4 in 2023 during the Navy Day celebrations. The collapse led to the arrest of its sculptor-con-



tractor Jaydeep Apte.

Speaking at the unveiling of the new grander statue at the fort in Malvan, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said adequate care has been taken so that the new statue lasts at least 100 years in any environment. The main-

tenance of the statue has been given to those who built it.

"The statue is 91 feet tall and has a 10 feet pedestal," he said.

The contract to build the statue was given to renowned sculptor Ram Sutar and Anil Sutar's firm Ram Sutar Art Creations

Pvt Ltd that built the 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat. Fadnavis said it can withstand storms higher in intensity than what was witnessed in the past.

This is perhaps the biggest statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji in the country, he said.

"After the unfortunate incident (of the statue collapse), we had decided that under any circumstances, we will build another grand statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj," Fadnavis said.

He said the land adjoining the fort will be acquired for better amenities.

He said the statue has been built by noted sculptor Ram Sutar, who also built

the Statue of Unity in Gujarat, along with IIT engineers and the head of the J J School of Arts.

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said after the statue collapsed in August 2024, the state government had resolved to build a similar statue and instructions were given accordingly.

The new statue depicts Shivaji Maharaj wielding a sword that is 29 feet long.

Shinde said it was PM Modi who had unveiled the statue in December 2023.

"Today, he (PM) is not here but he is standing firmly behind the soldiers protecting the nation. He is also doing some kind of Shiv karya," Shinde said.

SC dismisses plea seeking implementation of NEP in Tamil Nadu, other states

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has dismissed a plea seeking a direction to the Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the West Bengal governments to implement the National Education Policy, including its three-language formula.

A bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice R Mahadevan said the top court could not issue such directions to state governments.

"The Supreme Court, through Article 32 of the Constitution, can issue directives to ensure that the fundamental rights of citizens are protected. It

cannot directly compel a state to adopt a policy like the National Education Policy, 2020," the bench said in an order passed on Friday.

"The court may, however, intervene if a state's action or inaction related to the National Education Policy violates any fundamental rights or any other legal rights. We do not propose to examine this issue in this writ petition filed under Article 32 of the Constitution," it added.

The petitioner has nothing to do with the cause he proposes to espouse, the top court further said.

"Although he may be from the state of Tamil

Nadu, yet, on his own admission, he is now residing in New Delhi. The main issue may be examined by this court in an appropriate proceeding but at least not in this particular petition," the bench said.

The apex court was hearing a plea filed by advocate GS Mani seeking directions to implement the National Education Policy, 2020.

Indian armed forces forced Pakistan to kneel: CM Dhame

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhame said on Sunday that the Indian armed forces, with their indomitable courage, valor and strategy, forced Pakistan to kneel.

On the occasion of the inauguration of the Harbansh Kapoor Memorial Community Hall at the Garhi Cantt here in the memory of the late BJP MLA, Dhame said, "Our armed forces have given a befitting reply to the Pahalgam terror attack and completely destroyed the terrorist hideouts located in Pakistan. The Indian Army has given a befitting reply to the nefarious activities of the enemy."

The current MLA of the constituency and the late MLA's widow Savita Kapoor was also present on the occasion.

The chief minister said that due to the strong leadership and clear policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, strong action has been taken against terrorism.

"The central government follows the policy of 'nation first'. For us, the nation is first," he said.

Dhame said that in the last three years, more than 23,000 youths have been given government jobs and this process will continue uninterrupted in the future as well.

India should ban apple imports from Turkey, boycott tourism: Himachal Cong leader

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SHIMLA: India should immediately ban import of apples and other goods from Turkey and people should boycott tourism, said All India Congress Committee spokesperson Kuldeep Singh Rathore in a statement here on Sunday. He said, "When Turkey was hit by a devastating earthquake in 2023, India started 'Operation Dost' and provided all possible assistance including aid, National Disaster Response Force and sent drones to rescue the people trapped under the rubble. We even modified Kisan drones to carry medicine and food."

"However, the ungrateful country stabbed India as drones manufactured by Tehran was a part of

Pakistan flock used against India. Nation comes first and therefore I demand that India should immediately ban import of Apple and other goods from Turkey," he said in a video statement.

Rathore, former Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) president, further said that people should also stop going to Turkey as tourists.

Meanwhile, Fruit Vegetable Flower Growers Association president Harish Chauhan shared the sentiment and said, "Turkey is supporting Pakistan against India and we urge the Indian government to completely and permanently ban all import and export from Turkey which is a leading exporter of apples to India."

Pay Rs 20K to Army Central Welfare Fund: HC to authority seeking adjournment in IPR case

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has directed the intellectual property authority to make a payment of Rs 20,000 towards the Army Central Welfare Fund after its counsel sought an adjournment in an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) case. Justice Saurabh Banerjee imposed the costs while noting that a request to defer the proceedings was there on the last three dates as well. In the order passed on May 8, Justice Banerjee said the amount shall be deposited within four weeks. "Since the learned counsel for the respondent sought adjournment on the last three dates as well, in the interest of justice, renotify on 06.08.2025, albeit, subject to costs of Rs 20,000 to be paid by the respondent to the Army Central Welfare Fund within a period of four weeks," the court said.

The counsel appearing for the Controller of Patents and Designs, the intellectual property authority, said although written submissions have been filed in the matter, he did not have any 'specific instructions' yet.

The case before the court, filed in 2023, pertains to a patent dispute, in which the petitioner sought registration of his patent in India.

NER announces Gorakhpur-Bengaluru special train to ease summer travel rush

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

GORAKHPUR: In a move aimed at addressing the seasonal surge in passenger traffic, the North Eastern Railway on Sunday announced a summer special train between Gorakhpur and Bengaluru.

The chief PRO of North Eastern Railway (NER), Pankaj Kumar Singh, said the special train will make three trips from either side between the Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal in Bengaluru and Gorakhpur to cater to the increasing rush during the summer vacation period.

Train No. 06529 will depart from Bengaluru at 7 pm on May 12, 19 and 26, and arrive at Gorakhpur at 6:40 am on

the fourth day. Train No. 06530 will leave Gorakhpur on May 16, 23 and 30.

The train will comprise one first AC coach, two second AC coaches, four third AC coaches, seven sleeper class coaches, and four general compartments, Singh said.

The major halts will include Kaduru, Davangere, Ghataprabha, Pune, Rani Kamlapati, Veerangana Lakshmi Bai (Jhansi), Prayagraj Junction, and Varanasi.

The temporary service is expected to offer much-needed relief to passengers travelling between Purvanchal and Bengaluru during the peak travel season, officials said.

Victory of Indian armed forces, diplomacy: Experts on Indo-Pak understanding to halt military actions

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: As India and Pakistan reached an understanding to halt all military actions, defence experts termed it a "victory of the Indian armed forces" and hoped Pakistan will "not open another chapter" after the agreement.

India and Pakistan on Saturday reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea with immediate effect after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes that brought the two countries teetering on the edge of a full-scale war.

Making the announcement, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said the director generals of military operations of India and Pakistan agreed on the understanding during a call on Saturday afternoon, and the next talks are scheduled at 12 noon on May 12.

The announcement came shortly after US President Donald Trump in a surprise social media post claimed that

the talks between the two sides were "mediated" by the US. Strategic affairs expert Maj Gen P K Sehgal (ret'd) called the understanding to halt military actions a "very good beginning" for both the nations, as both countries suffered as a result of the escalating tensions. "As far as Pakistan is concerned, we have broken the back of terrorism. India showed that there is a very strong and decisive leadership in place.

"Over the last 11 years, India spent a lot of money to strengthen air defence, and increase the capabilities, competence and professionalism of the Army in a very big way," he told PTI.

The government has given all the "wherevithal and force multipliers" to them that are essential to win a modern war, he said.

Also, the integration and coordination applied by the three services were "absolutely immaculate", the strategic affairs expert said, terming the cohesion displayed by the min-

istries of defence, external affairs and home affairs "absolutely outstanding".

"You cannot win a modern war without all the forces working in synergy," he said.

He also said the actions prior to the Operation Sindoor on May 7 "completely isolated Pakistan, and as the entire world stood behind India, the country stood behind the armed forces".

"Indian armed forces have emerged as a guardian angel of India's sovereignty and integrity," Maj Gen Sehgal (ret'd) said.

"I am sure that Pakistan will dare not fight again. It is not in Pakistan's interest. Its military infrastructure is depleted," he added.

Speaking to PTI Videos, Col Anil Bhat (ret'd) from Mumbai said the understanding between the two sides might have stemmed from an agreement that "Pakistan will not support terrorist groups, and ensure they are not again sent into India".

"Knowing the history of

India Space Congress in June to discuss emerging trends in sector

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Nearly 1,000 policymakers and experts from more than 30 nations will gather in Delhi in June for the three-day India Space Congress to deliberate on the new opportunities in the country's space sector.

India's space sector regulator Pawan Kumar Goenka and industry leaders will deliberate on issues such as satellite communications, geospatial applications, deep-space exploration, emerging technologies, Earth observation and strategic trade corridors. The fourth India Space Congress, organised by the Satcom Industry Association-India (SIA-India), will be held in the national capital from June 25-27 under the theme "Pioneering Innovations in Space Technology: India's Journey Towards Global Partnership".

"Country sessions will also bring delegations from Europe, Asia-Pacific, North America, and the Middle East, highlighting opportunities for bilateral cooperation in capacity-building, joint missions and industrial co-development," SIA-India said in a statement.

With more than 35 focused thematic sessions, the India Space Congress will cover cru-

cial domains such as satellite communications, geospatial applications, deep-space exploration, emerging technologies, Earth observation and strategic trade corridors.

Discussions will spotlight advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data, quantum communication, hyperspectral imaging and space-based biomanufacturing, as well as evolving challenges in orbital debris mitigation, security and global regulatory alignment.

Besides Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) chairman Goenka, other speakers include M Ravichandran, Union Ministry of Earth Sciences secretary; Abhay Karandikar, Department of Science and Technology secretary; National Institute of Advanced Studies director Shailesh Nayak; Kai-Uwe Schrogl, International Institute of Space Law president; and SIA-India president Subba Rao Pavuluri.

ISRO's former scientific secretary VS Hegde, and senior retired defence leaders Lt Gen VG Khandare, principal advisor in the defence ministry; and Lt Gen (Dr) PJS Panu will also take part.

Pakistan, it remains to be seen whether it (the understanding) will be followed, and if so, how well it is followed," he said.

However, it is hoped that the Pakistani military establishment "sees the sense and takes a positive course, otherwise, God forbid, if they start again, the response will appropriately be a little more," the retired army officer said.

"We hope that Pakistan learnt some lessons and will not open a new chapter," he added.

Brig Vijay Sagar Dheman (ret'd) said the US could have "put pressure" on Pakistan to agree to the understanding with India.

The US doesn't want India and Pakistan to go into a full-scale war, as it has its eyes on the security situation in the Indo-Pacific through the Quad, he claimed.

However, he also termed the understanding only of "kinetic means" as the restrictions in the economic, water and cyber domains remain, he said in Jammu.

Brig Khushal Thakur (ret'd), who played a key role in the 1999 Kargil conflict, said it was a matter of "great joy"

Arorbans Sabha pays 'Shradhanjali' to Ramesh Arora



Sabha members paying tributes to Ramesh Arora.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In the memory of Late Ramesh Arora, President of Arorbans Sabha, a congregation was held at Arorbans Sabha, Kachi Chawmi, Jammu on Sunday to pay 'Shradhanjali' to the noble and pious departed soul of Ramesh Arora, who completed his worldly journey and departed to heavenly abode on May 4, 2025.

All executive members and office bearers of Arorbans Sabha, members of the Arorbans Biradari and renowned persons of all walks of life participated in the

'Shradhanjali Congregation'.

Renowned writers and close associates of late Ramesh Arora- Chander Mohan Sharma; Uma Bhakhri, co-writer; Abrol, Jang S. Barman, Ram Pal, VHP; Prabhat Singh, BJP and Rajinder Arora, brother, among others-were present on the occasion to pay Shradhanjali to the departed soul.

After paying obeisance and floral tributes to the noble and pious soul, every participating member and prominent personality praised the works of welfare and for the sake com-

munity and humanity, in general, and Biradhari, in particular, done and performed by Ramesh Arora during his life span.

Today's congregation was presided over by General Secretary, Advocate V.K. Grover, who cherished the great role played by late Ramesh Arora in the interest of and welfare of entire community and Biradari.

Grover further highlighted the presence of prominent persons in all the Annual Mails so far held under the stewardship of late Ramesh Arora.

It was a matter of great pleasure that the personalities like former Health Minister of Punjab, Laxmi Kant Chawla and prominent persons of all the Biradaris used to present on those occasions.

All the persons present on the occasion kept eyes-closed silence praying to God to give peace to the noble and pious departed soul of Ramesh Arora and give the soul place in His feet, and give courage and strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.