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## Modi lauds military's valour, sends message of 'Lakshman Rekha' to Pakistan



PM Narendra Modi addressing Air Warriors and Soldiers at Adampur Airforce Base in Punjab on Tuesday. S-400 missile defence system also seen in the backdrop.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ADAMPUR: With an S-400 missile defence system in the backdrop, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent a firm message on Tuesday from Adampur Air Base to Pakistan: Not only have you failed to harm any of India's military installations but you will be annihilated if terrorism continues from your soil.

In his first speech to the armed forces since Operation Sindoor, Modi lauded the military for humbling Pakistan in the four-day engagement that resulted in the destruction of nine terror sites, killing of over 100 terrorists and damage to its eight military installations.

The Prime Minister highlighted the power of the slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki

► **PM interacts with the brave air warriors, soldiers**  
► **Says, courage and professionalism of our air warriors, soldiers in protecting our nation commendable**  
► **'Bharat Mata ki Jai' not just slogan, This is oath of every soldier who puts his life at stake for honour, dignity of his country**  
► **Operation Sindoor a trinity of India's policy, intent, decisive capability**  
► **When Sindoor of our sisters, daughters was wiped away, we crushed terrorists in their hideouts**  
► **Masterminds of terror now know that raising eye against India will** ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Jai', emphasizing that the world has just witnessed its strength. Remarking that this is not merely a chant but a solemn oath taken by every soldier who risks their life to uphold the dignity of Mother India, the Prime Minister stated that this slogan is the voice of every citizen who wishes to live for the nation and make a

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### 20-year-old legacy issue of similar EPIC numbers resolved

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In its effort to sanitize the electoral rolls and keep them updated, ECI has resolved a nearly 20-year-old legacy issue of similar EPIC numbers which got erroneously issued to genuine electors just because similar series were used by different EROs in such cases since 2005. To resolve this long pending problem, the

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### NALSA defers National Lok Adalat in J&K, other places

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: NALSA has deferred the year's second National Lok Adalat in Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, and in certain districts of Rajasthan due to tensions and "a war-like situation along the India-Pakistan border".

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), which

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## Three terrorists killed in Shopian encounter

**Pahalgam attack:** Posters in town seek information about terrorists

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three terrorists were Tuesday killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Based on a specific input about the presence of terrorists in Shukroo Keller area of the south Kashmir district, security forces launched a cordon and search operation there.

They said the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired upon the forces who retaliated.

In the exchange of fire, three terrorists were killed, they said.

Meanwhile, posters have appeared in different parts of Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district announcing a reward of Rs 20 lakh for information about three terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead, officials said.

The posters, pasted at sev-



eral places in the south Kashmir district, have photographs of the three terrorists who are believed to have carried out the April 22 attack in Baisaran meadows in the tourist resort in south Kashmir. The posters sought any information about the involved terrorists and offered a reward of over Rs 20 lakh for such an information, they said. Written in Urdu, the posters sought the help of the people in tracing the terrorists, saying "those who killed the innocents do

not have a place in our country". On April 23, police announced a bounty of Rs 20 lakh for information leading to the neutralisation of terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack. Security agencies had 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, officials said. They had code names Moosa, Yunus and Asif and were involved in terror-related incidents in Poonch.

## Chugh demands judicial inquiry into Majitha hooch tragedy

Blames AAP Govt for admn collapse, rising liquor mafia

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday expressed deep shock over the tragic hooch incident in Majitha, claiming 15 lives and demanded a judicial inquiry into the incident.

In a statement, he termed it a direct outcome of the AAP government's inefficiency and collapsing governance structure.

Chugh strongly condemned

the Bhagwant Mann-led government, stating that the tragedy has once again brought national shame to Punjab under AAP's misrule.

He said the incident has exposed the thriving illegal liquor trade in Punjab, which has gained momentum ever since the AAP came to power. "The same AAP which brazenly facilitated liquor cartels in Delhi is now turning Punjab into a worse victim of

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## CM visits Tangdhar; assess situation, assures additional bunkers

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

TANGDHAR: As part of his continued outreach to border residents affected by cross-border shelling, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday visited Tangdhar in district Kupwara to assess the on-ground situation and interact with the affected families.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Trehgam Mir Saifullah, MLA Sogam Qaiser Jamshed Lone, MLA Karnah Javaid Mirchal, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Ayushii Sudan,



CM Omar Abdullah during visit to Tangdhar to assess situation on Tuesday.

Senior Superintendent of Police Kupwara Ghulam Jeelani Wani and other senior officials.

During the visit, the Chief Minister toured various villages in the Karnah border

sub-division, including Tangdhar, Hajinard, Nachiyani, Shamspora, Baghbela, Batpora, and Tarboni.

He took stock of the damage to residential structures

and listened to the grievances of the affected residents.

Assuring support from the administration, he said: "The affected families have shown remarkable courage in the face of adversity. Their resilience is inspiring. The government stands shoulder to shoulder with them. Their pain will not go unnoticed, and every possible step will be taken to help them rebuild their lives with dignity and renewed hope."

He further emphasized that ensuring the safety, support, and swift rehabilitation of affected families

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## Officials attacked while trying to stop illegal mining, 10 vehicles seized

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A group of people allegedly involved in illegal sand mining pelted stones at a team of police and mining department officials in the heart of Jammu city on Tuesday, officials said.

The attackers later fled from the spot, leaving behind their tractors and other vehicles, which were seized.

Acting on complaints of alleged massive illegal mining in the river Tawi by members of the Gujjar community, a team of mining officials and police rushed to the spot and tried to stop their activities, officials said.

However, the tribals resisted the move, with more of their community members rushing to the spot and attacking the police and mining officials, they alleged.

"Over 60 to 70 people attacked the team when we had come here to stop the illegal mining. They resorted to massive stone pelting and we narrowly escaped," District Mining Officer (DMO) of Jammu

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## India expels Pakistani official; gives 24 hrs to leave

Diplomatic, economic punitive measures against Pak to continue

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday expelled a Pakistani official working at the Pakistan high commission for allegedly indulging in alleged espionage.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the official was indulging in activities not in keeping with his official status in India and that he has been given 24 hours to leave the country.

The action came amid heightened tension between the two countries following their four-day military confrontation.

India also issued a demarche to Pakistani

Charge d' Affaires in New Delhi on the activities of the official.

Though the MEA did not divulge the specific charges against the Pakistani national, it is learnt that they are related to a case of espionage being probed by Punjab Police.

"The government of India has declared a Pakistani official, working at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, persona non grata for indulging in activities not in keeping with his official status in India," the MEA said.

"The official has been asked to leave India within 24 hours. Charge d' Affaires,

Pakistan High Commission, was issued a demarche to this effect today," it said.

Punjab Police on Sunday said it has arrested two persons including a woman for their alleged involvement in espionage activities linked to a Pakistani official posted at the Pakistani High Commission in Delhi.

Based on credible intelligence, a suspect was arrested for leaking sensitive information to a Pakistan-based handler regarding Indian Army movements, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said.

The development

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## Pakistan must listen to Indian PM Modi's advice on terrorism

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke quite loudly and clearly to the nation last evening, revealing the whole truth behind Indian strikes at the terror camps in Pakistan and Pak occupied Kashmir and the situation that evolved thereafter. There are a number of key elements that he touched to drive home the point that India's restraint should not be taken for granted point. It should not be put to test.

By now, it is a world-known fact that India launched its military action, under Operation Sindoor, on May 7, against terrorist planning and training sites in Pakistan. These strikes were to

avenge the mass killings in Pahalgam last month. Twenty five tourists - 24 of them Indians and one Nepali, besides a local ponywalla - were martyred in the afternoon of April 22, when they were holidaying and enjoying the beauty of Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam. This

### PERSPECTIVE

was the most brutal terror act in decades on the soil of Kashmir. An unprecedented response to the attack had become a national necessity.

There were several factors, integrated to one another, involved in the Indian reaction to the terror attack of April 22. It was to tell Pakistan, in clearest terms, that it cannot get away with the mass killings in India. The attack was staged in Jammu and Kashmir that had start-

ed living in normalcy after decades of turmoil, terror and violence that pierced their homes, lives and environment from schools to work places.

Terrorists attempted to cut short that normalcy, conveying a chilling message that they could derail all the fundamentals of normalcy and peace. When tourists fled the Valley and tensions started rising in air, with Pakistan making more provocative statements, it seemed that the things were going wrong. India was forced to take the steps that it had resisted while punishing Pakistan for its attacks in Uri in September 2016, and Pulwama in February 2019. It held the 1960's Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance. This should have led Pakistan to understand the seriousness

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## JKPS Kunjwani shines bright in CBSE Class X, XII Results

### A glorious chapter of academic brilliance, collective triumph

CLASS X CBSE 2024-25		
 <b>TOPPER</b> <b>AVNI SHARMA - 99.6%</b>	 <b>SECOND TOPPER</b> <b>ANSHUL VERMA 98%</b>	 <b>THIRD TOPPER</b> <b>SAJJAD AHMED MALIK 97.8%</b>

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani has once again etched its name in the annals of academic excellence by securing a 100 per cent result in both Class X and Class XII CBSE Board Examinations, making the entire Jammu region beam with pride.

This remarkable feat is not merely a testimony to the

scholastic abilities of our students, but a celebration of the collective spirit of determination, dedication, and discipline that defines the ethos of JKPS Kunjwani.

Class X Highlights:

Avni Sharma emerged as the undisputed topper of the school batch with a phenomenal 99.60 per cent, achieving a perfect score in English, Mathematics Standard,

Science, Social Science, and Computer Applications.

Anshul Verma stood second with an impressive 98 per cent, while Sajjad Ahmed Malik secured the third position with 97.8 per cent.

Special accolades to Shradha Majajan for her perfect 100s in English and Computer Science, and to the brilliant scholars Virat Kohli, Anshika Bhagat, Sajjad

Ahmed Malik, Namasvi Gupta, Analhita Sharma, Divyanshu Gorka, and Ritika Bhagotra for scoring 100/100 in Computer Applications.

Class XII Highlights:

Leading the batch, Shivangi Sharma secured 96.8 per cent, followed closely by Ananya Sharma (96.6 per cent), Angad Singh (96.4%), Anshika Mahajan

(96 per cent) and Savneet Kour (95.4 per cent).

A proud moment for the Commerce stream as Saransh Kapoor scored a centum in both Accountancy and Business Studies, while Sanchi Gupta also achieved a perfect score in Business Studies.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore extended his heartiest congratulations to

all the meritorious students for their stellar performances and hailed their indomitable spirit and unwavering self-belief.

He applauded the passionate endeavours of the Vice Principal Roopinder Kaur, School Coordinator Inderjeet Kaur, Academic Coordinator Parvinder Kaur, and the entire team of dedicated teachers, whose relentless

commitment, perseverance, and mentorship have played a pivotal role in shaping these glorious outcomes.

He expressed profound gratitude to the parents for their steadfast support, unshakable trust, and for being true partners in the school's educational journey.

With deepest reverence and gratitude, Principal

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 38.0°C Min: 23.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 52 Min: 26

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 25.7°C Min: 11.5°C

Humidity  
Max: 67 Min: 33

Sunset : 19:21 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:33 Hours