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Dr Jitendra addresses 'International Genetic Meet', describes India as emerging global destination

IGNOU to open online portal for re-registration for the July 2025 session

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J&K volleyball team selected for **Khelo India Beach Games 2025**

Modi chairs Cabinet Committee on Security meet

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security, the first since the halt in the India-Pakistan military standoff, and is learnt to have discussed the security situation in the wake of the pause on Operation Sindoor.

He was joined by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah in the meeting, where they discussed the current situation and India's preparedness.

The prime minister later chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet.

Asked about ministers lauding the prime minister during the cabinet meeting, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "Operation Sindoor was an example of India's pride, the role of armed forces and the decisive leadership, besides the new doctrine. This is very



commendable for the coun-

At the briefing, Vaishnaw announced the cabinet's nod to a Rs 3.706 crore semiconductor plant at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh and said, "You saw the use of science and technology in Operation Sindoor and how India has emerged stronger with the use of technology."

In his first address to the nation after Operation Sindoor on Monday, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi sternly warned Pakistan that India will not succumb to nuclear blackmail and sent a clear message to the world: terror and trade, terror and talks cannot go

India's new policy against terrorism and our unwavering pledge for justice. It is the new normal. We have only kept in abeyance our operations against Pakistan and the future will depend on their behaviour," Modi said in the 22-minute

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump's claim of mediation between India and Pakistan in bringing about a halt in hostilities has been rejected by India. Despite India's rebuttal, Trump again claimed that his government "brokered a historic ceasefire" between

Helicopter service at Vaishno Devi resumes after 7 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA/JAMMU: The helicopter service to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi resumed on district Wednesday after being suspended for a week due to the military standoff between India and Pakistan, officials

This came a day after flight operations

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Reopening of schools in Jammu division

from today ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The administration has issued a order regarding the reopening of Government and Private recognized schools in the Jammu Division, following recent disturbances and improving security conditions in some areas.

"It is hereby ordered that Schools (Government & recognized) of Private District Jammu,

Justice B R Gavai sworn in as **Chief Justice of India**



President, Droupadi Murmu administering oath of office to Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai as Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday.

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NEW DELHI: Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, who has been part of several benches that delivered landmark rulings including the one upholding the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 bestowing special status to Jammu and Kashmir, was on Wednesday sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India. 64-year-old was

administered President Droupadi Murmu at a brief ceremony at the Ganatantra Mandap in the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

He succeeds Justice Sanjiv

Khanna, who demitted office on Tuesday on attaining the age of 65. CJI Gavai, who was elevated as a judge of the Supreme

Court on May 24, 2019, will have a tenure of over six months and would demit

SC to hear pleas against

amended Waqf Act today

He took the oath of affir-

mation in Hindi. Soon after he took oath, CJI Gavai sought blessings

of his mother Kamal Tai Gavai by touching her feet. He was greeted by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union ministers and former judges.

PM Modi later posted pictures of the swearing in on his social media handle. "Wishing him the very best

for his tenure," the prime minister wrote on X.

Union ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, J P Nadda and Arjun Ram Meghwal attended the swearing in ceremony along with former president Ram Nath Kovind.

Born on November 24, 1960, in Amravati, Justice Gavai was elevated as an additional judge of the Bombay High Court on November 14, 2003.

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Baloch leader declares Independence from Pakistan; urges India, UN for recognition

KARACHI: In a bold move, prominent Baloch representative Mir Yar Baloch has declared Balochistan's independence from Pakistan, citing decades of state oppression, military violence, and human rights violations.

Posting on X (formerly Twitter), Mir Yar stated that the people of Balochistan have given their "national verdict" and urged the global community to stop remaining silent. "Baloch people across Pakistan-occupied Balochistan are up on streets and this is their national verdict that Balochistan Is Not Pakistan," he wrote

Govt appoints 122 JAs to address clerical staff shortage in RDD STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a major Human Resource boost to the rural sector, the Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday appointed 122 Assistants (UT/Divisional/District Cadre) in the Rural Development Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR) department, addressing a critical shortage of clerical staff that had plagued the field offices since 2021.

The appointments, finalized through the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection $Board\ (JKSSB),\ followed$ the referral made by the Development Department to the recruitment agency. The final selection list, issued recently, marks completion of a prolonged process aimed at addressing the staffing gap that had persisted since

The appointments included a structured distribution across various administrative levels, with 1 post allocated at the UT level, 2

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WEATHER Max: 39.0°C Max: 40

Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 27.6°C Max : 59 Min: 33 Sunset: 19:21 Hours Sunrise: 05:32 Hours

Mir Yar's statement reflects deep grievances over years of enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and aerial bombings allegedly carried out by the Pakistani

He emphasized that the Baloch have suffered uniquely compared to other ethnic groups in Pakistan, particularly Punjab, which he said has never faced such levels of state brutality. In a pointed message to India, he urged Indian media, YouTubers, and intellectuals not to refer to Balochs as "Pakistan's own people," asserting, "We are not Pakistani, we

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"Operation Sindoor is

address.

Northern Army commander briefs LG, CM on security situation

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) Northern Command, Lieutenant Governor Sinha, Manoj Wednesday and briefed him on latest developments and different aspects pertaining to prevailing security scenario.

He was accompanied by Prashant Gen Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps. General Meanwhile Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command



also called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah yesterday to apprise him of the prevailing security scenario and recent developments along the Line of



Kashmir. Lt. Gen. Sharma was

accompanied by Lt. Gen.

border areas of Jammu and Commanding 15 Corps.

"Our forces are doing a commendable job in protecting the nation," the Chief Minister stated.

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Supreme Court would on Thursday hear pleas against the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act

The matter would be heard by Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih.

CJIFormer Sanjiv Khanna, whose bench was hearing the matter, demitted office on May 13.

On April 17, the top court recorded the Centre's assurance of not denotifying waqf properties, including "waqf by user", or making appointments in the central waqf

council and boards till May

The assurance came when the apex court was informed that the law was passed by Parliament with "due deliberations" and it should not be stayed without hearing the government.

The Centre opposed the apex court's proposal to pass an interim order against the denotification of waqf properties, including "waqf by user", aside from staying a provision allowing the inclusion of non-Muslims in the central waqf councils and boards. On April 25, the central ministry of

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Court official

crushed to death by

tanker, driver held

judicial officer lost his life after he was hit by a speed-

ing LPG tanker on the

Jammu-Srinagar National

Highway on Wednesday

cials said. He died on the

spot, Ramban Police Station

SHO Vikram Singh

morning, officials said.

BANIHAL/JAMMU:

CM visits several areas in Uri; assures rehabilitation of affected families

URI: Reaffirming his government's commitment to ensure welfare and wellbeing of residents living along the Line of Control (LoC), Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday visited several areas in Uri sector affected by recent cross-borshelling, including Salamabad, Lagama, Bandi, Razarwani and Gingal.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by his Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, Member of Legislative Assembly Uri Dr. Sajjad Shafi, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Sherpa,

Pahalgam terror attack: India to apprise UNSC

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stepped up efforts to designate TRF, a front for the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), as a UN-listed terror outfit for its alleged involvement in carrying out the Pahalgam attack.

cial sources said.

The team will also be meeting with the United Nations Terrorism Executive team is expected to



CM Omar Abdullah interacting with injured civilian during visit to Uri on Wednesday.

Gurinderpal Singh and other senior offi-

At Salamabad, the Chief

families and assured them of sustained relief and longterm rehabilitation meas-

rescues woman **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A team of SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu late last evening rescued a woman from the high rise building of

GMC Jammu.

"A woman resident of Panjari Mongri, District Udhampur was rescued at midnight, after information was received from PCR Jammu that a lady tried to jump from the building of GMC Jammu. A Rescue Team of SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu immediately rushed towards the spot and by using rescue equipment launched a rescue operation," a handout stated. The swift and timely action of

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Search operation launched in Kathua after woman reports suspicious movement



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KATHUA: Security forces on Wednesday launched a search operation after a woman reported suspicious movement of two persons at her village in Kathua dis-

The joint search operation by police and paramilitary forces was underway at Gaghwal and its adjoining areas, they said. The move followed after a local woman told the police that two

Ramban district court Chief Administrative Officer Prabhat Singh (59), a resident of Dhanmasta-Pogal, was driving a two-wheeler to the principal district and sessions court when he was run over by the tanker near Maroog in Ramban, the offi-

Pakistan hands over BSF jawan to India after 21 days

AMRITSAR: India and Pakistan on Wednesday handed each other's borderguarding personnel captured by the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Pakistan Rangers respectively at the International Borders (IB) between the two countries,

jawan Purnam Kumar Shaw was handed over to India, 21 days after he was apprehended by the Rangers from along the International Border in

Shaw was apprehended by the Pakistan Rangers a day after the Pahalgam terrorist attack in which 26 people were killed.

The officials said Pakistan Ranger apprehended by the BSF from the

Rajasthan border on May 3 was also handed back to the neighbouring country.

Constable Shaw was handed over to the BSF by the Pakistan Rangers at 10.30 am at the joint check post (JCP) Attari in Amritsar district opposite Pakistan's Wagah, a BSF spokesperson

A picture of the jawan released by the force showed a bearded Shaw with ruffled hair and wearing a dark green round-neck T-shirt.

"Today at 1030 hours Constable Purnam Kumar Shaw has been taken back from Pakistan by the BSF at the Attari-Wagah border,'

Shaw had "inadvertently' crossed over to the Pakistan territory while on

committee of TRF's involvement

NEW DELHI: India has An Indian technical team is

in New York and is interacting today with the Monitoring Team of the 1267 Sanctions Committee and other partner countries in the United Nations, offi-

Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and Counter-Committee Directorate (CTED), they said. The

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Naxal-free with the killing of 31 notorious Naxalites in the Karregutta hills along the Chhattisgarh-Telangana bor-Shah also said that under

the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is determined to root out Naxalism from the country. "I once again assure the

March 31, 2026," Shah wrote on X in Hindi. The home minister said "achieving a historic breakthrough in the resolve of #NaxalFreeBharat, security

countrymen that India is

sure to be Naxal-free by



naxalites in the Karregutta hills on the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border in the biggest ever operation against Naxalism"

He added that the Tricolour is now flying proudly in the hills on which red terror once reigned. Karregutta hills was the

Naxal organisations such as People's Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA) battalion No. 1, Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC), Telangana State Committee (TSC), and Central Regional Committee (CRC), where along with Naxal training, strategies and weapons were

"Our security forces completed this biggest anti-Naxal operation in just 21

minister said.

also developed, the home

days and I am extremely happy that there was not a single casualty in the security forces in this operation. "I congratulate our CRPF, STF and DRG soldiers who

faced the Naxalites with their bravery and courage even in bad weather and inaccessible mountainous area. The whole country is proud of you," Shah said. Central and state security forces eliminated at least 31

Naxals in a 21-day-long comprehensive operation carried out in the dense forests around Karregutta hills, security officials said Wednesday, asserting that it is the "beginning of the end" of Maoist menace

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officials said.

Punjab.

the spokes person said. $\,$

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