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Chief Secretary visits Kishtwar; inspects Rattle, **Dul Hasti Hydroelectric Power projects**

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Pakistan's nuclear weapons should be brought under IAEA watch: Rajnath

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacting with soldiers at Badami Bagh Cantt at Srinagar on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Pakistan's nuclear weapons should be brought under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency as they are not safe in such a rogue nation, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday.

"I raise this question before the world: Are nuclear weapons safe in the hands of such an irresponsible and rogue

nation? Pakistan's nuclear weapons should be taken under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)," he said while addressing the brave Indian Army soldiers at Badami Bagh Cantt, here, shortly after landing in Srinagar in his first trip to Jammu and Kashmir since Operation

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Singh,

>> Says PM Modi redefined India's policy against terrorism, any attack on Indian soil will be considered as an act of war

- Pakistan's irresponsible nuclear threats could not deter India's resolve to eliminate terrorism
- "India prioritises peace, but any attack on its sovereignty will be responded to"
- "Pakistan will pay heavier price if it continues to support terrorism; It must stop sheltering anti-India & terrorist organisations" "Terrorism and talks cannot go together; Talks with Pakistan will only be held on terrorism and

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi and other senior officials of the Indian Army were present on the occa-

The Defence Minister's comments came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India would not tolerate "nuclear blackmail" by Pakistan

Schools reopen in border districts of Jammu region state times news

JAMMU: Schools in five border districts of Jammu reopened Thursday after an eight-day closure following heightened Indo-Pak tensions.

The reopening brought a sense of relief to students, teachers, and parents across the region. "The schools in five border districts of Jammu, Samba, Kathua,

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Search operation underway in Reasi after reports of suspicious movement

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Security forces launched a search operation following reports of suspected movement in a forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's

Reasi district, officials said. Acting on information that a woman spotted two suspected persons in Bhaga of the district Wednesday night, a joint search operation launched in the forest

Three JeM terrorists killed in Pulwama encounter

"The eliminated terrorists

have been identified as Asif

Ahmed Sheikh, Amir Nazir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three Jaishe-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces

in Pulwama district Thursday, officials said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Nader Tral area of Awantipora in the south Kashmir district after receiving specific inputs about the presence of terror-

ists there,

police official said. The search operation turned into a gunfight after the terrorists opened fire at the forces, who retaliated, he said.

The three terrorists were killed in the exchange of

Wani and Yawar Ahmed inspector general of police

zines, three grenades and various other war like stores have been recovered," Army's Chinar Corps said in a post on X.

Bhat, from whom three AK-

series rifles, twelve maga-

Sources in police said the terrorists belonged to the termed the killing of the three as a significant development in the fight against

near the encounter site,

"These are the significant developments in our resolve and fight against terror-

Govt will make every effort to bring back tourists to Kashmir: Union Minister



Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu reviewing functioning of Srinagar airport.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Union Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu Thursday said the government would make every effort to bring back tourists to Kashmir, which

Waqf row: SC to

hear case on May 20

for interim relief **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Supreme

Court on Thursday said it

would on May 20 hear the

point of interim relief in the

challenge to the Waqf

A bench comprising Chief

Justice B R Gavai and

Augustine George Masih,

which deferred Tuesday's hear-

ing, would hear arguments for passing interim directions on

three issues including the

power to denotify properties

declared as waqf by courts,

waqf-by-user or waqf by deed.

The second issue raised by

the petitioners relates to the

composition of state waqf

boards and the Central Waqf

Council, where they contend only Muslims should operate

The third issue relates to a

except ex-officio members.

(Amendment) Act, 2025.

has witnessed a decrease in footfall of visitors after last month's terror attack in Pahalgam.

He reviewed the functioning of the Srinagar

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Nation proud of armed forces for avenging Pahalgam terror attack: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday saluted the valour and courage of Indian Armed Forces and their might and strategic clarity with which they carried out "Operation Sindoor" and gave exemplary punishment to terror planners sitting in Pakistan by dismantling their terror bases and killing top terrorists.

"Nation is proud of our armed forces for scripting a historic victory saga of 'Operation Sindoor' with bravery and avenging



'Operation Sindoor' has changed the course of the fight against terror in one focused and measured hit. It has marked a decisive shift in our military doctrine and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Says, 'Op Sindoor' has changed course of the fight against terror in one focused and measured hit. Our brave armed forces have not only destroyed the terror factories within Pakistan, but terrorists are now being hunted one by one

- World has seen that terrorism in J&K UT is engineered and executed by Pakistan and our mighty forces have ensured that now we will enter deep into Pakistan's heartland and kill terrorists and we will also treat future acts of terror as an act of war
- 'Op Sindoor' has marked decisive shift in our military doctrine and the entire nation is paying respect and gratitude to the armed forces.
- Bravery of our soldiers in Op Sindoor is now part of our great victory tradition. Pakistan is terrorist country and now we have also decided that there is no difference between this ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Army Chief visits forward areas in Baramulla



Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi interacting with troops at Baramulla.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, on his visit to the forward areas in Baramulla district. on Thursday, lauded troops for dominating the Line of

Control during Operation Sindoor. He asked them to always remain prepared to respond to any challenge with decisive force. In an X post, the Army said the

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Our dealings with Pak will be strictly bilateral; any dialogue limited to terrorism: Jaishankar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India's relations and dealings with Pakistan will be "strictly bilateral", which is a national consensus for many years and there is "absolutely no change" in that consensus, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday. Interacting with reporters on the sidelines of an event here, he also said that the Indus Waters Treaty will continue to be held in abevance until Pakistan "credibly and irrevocably" stops its support for

Jaishankar said the UN Security Council had underlined the need to hold the



perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack accountable, and on May 7 morning, "we held them accountable through the Operation Sindoor".

strikes on terror infrastructure early on May 7 following which Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and

> responded to by the Indian side The hostilities ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions following talks

10. The Pakistani

actions were strongly

between the Directors General Military Operations (DGMOs) of both sides on May 10.

"To me things are fairly clear. So, let me take

101st satellite on Sunday: Chairman ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ISRO to launch its

CHENNAI: ISRO will launch its 101st satellite on May 18, its Chairman V Narayanan announced on Thursday, and asserted that the space agency's programmes were planned to ensure the safety and security of the country.

"We successfully launched the one-hundredth rocket from Sriharikota in January. India's 101st satellite - the Earth Observation Satellite RISAT-18 aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C61) - will be launched on May 18," the Chairman of the

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Steps shall be taken to restore confidence in Kashmir tourism sector: CM

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday chaired a meeting with key tourism stakeholders to listen to their concerns and discuss way forward for the tourism sector in Kashmir in the aftermath of recent adverse situation affecting tourism in the region.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani. Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Inspector General of Police Kashmir VK Birdi,



CM Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

Commissioner Secretary Tourism Yasha Mudgal and Director Tourism Kashmir Raja Yaqoob.

Also present were promi-

including Chairman of the Hoteliers Club, Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, who represented various subsectors of the tourism

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Form SITs to examine

DG BSF visits Jammu frontier, lauds Kissa ictory Aur Defeat Ka! troops for contribution to Op Sindoor

provision that says a waqf property will not be treated as a waqf when the collector conducts an inquiry to ascertain if the property is government

"We will be considering the issue of interim relief only on Tuesday," the CJI said.

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STATE TIMES NEWS BSF Director Daliit Singh General Chawdhary on Thursday visited the Jammu frontier and lauded the troops for their

BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary during visit

to Jammu frontier on Thursday.

invaluable contribution to Operation Sindoor. Paying homage to the fallen heroes, DG Chawdhary laid wreath at the Amar

Prahari Memorial at the headquarters in Paloura in remembrance of inspector Mohammad Imteyaj and late Deepak

supreme sacrifice, facing intense enemy fire

Chingakham. Both men made the

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PROF NUTAN K RESUTRA April 22, 2025: Terrorists butcher 26 innocent male persons after knowing their religion that they are Hindus. This follows suspension of Indus Water Treaty by India; cancellation of all Pakistani tourist visas and initiation of other diplomatic measures against

May 6-7, 2025: India launches Operation Sindoor. A massive outbreak of showdown between Indian Armed Forces and Pakistan starts that results into halting of armed conflict between the two countries on May 10, 2025 from

This is all history now. As of writing of this piece, an understanding (ceasefire) is in force. And another battle of words has erupted on the social media front which is all set to be followed in the mainstream media also. The big question is: Did India win or lose this socalled Fifth Indo-Pak War?

Let us see what the Whatts App Warriors have to say. The first one to catch my attention

was a piece of write up by a geo-strategist with the headline shrieking: India snatches defeat from the jaws of victory! A very impressive one indeed. Then there are reportedly some statements by the former Army Chiefs of India criticizing the 'ceasefire' move, which I am sorry, I could not authenticate. This was followed by comparisons with the 1971 Indo-Pak War and how Bangladesh was born, including the speeches of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. A parallel was drawn and an effective attempt has been made to bring home the fact that with agreeing to ceasefire, India has yet again failed in achieving anything credible. In short, it has been outwitted by Pakistan in stopping from further actions.

The arguments seem to be holding ground. But then I have some thoughts that I want to share with my highly respected and learned readers.

Frankly, I do not have a credible definition of Victory or Defeat. I had once read that in a war, both countries claim they have won the war! Pakistan's histo-

ry is full of instances where it is clearly mentioned that Pakistan had won the 1971 War with India! I do not have any explanation for that. Yesterday also Shahbaz Shrief has made his victory speech after the ceasefire came into force. Well. He has every right to do so. But I shall only air my views about the ceasefire. Before that, I want to request that my views should not be construed as echoes of the ruling party. How do we decide about gains or losses unless we are sure about the ultimate aim or purpose of a particular action; in this case the strike by India on Pakistan? I wonder what was the intention when

India launched attacks on Pakistan's terror Camps? Was it to teach Pakistan a lesson that India can strike at will on her Terror headquarters when- ever we decided to do so? Or was the intention to again break Pakistan into the two as Pakistan and Baluchistan? Or to go to the extreme; it was to annihilate Pakistan once for all and wipe it off from the world map? I feel there is one ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 section of

status of forest land: SC to states, UTs STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI:

Supreme Court on Thursday directed all the states and union territories to constitute special investigation teams to examine if any reserved forest land was allotted to any private parties for non-forestry purpose. A bench of Chief Justice B

R Gavai and Justices Augustine George Masih and K Vinod Chandran directed the states and UTs to take steps to take back possession of such lands and handover the same to the forest department. "În case, it is found that

taking back the possession of the land would not be in the larger public interest, the governments/Union Territories should

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