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India. Whenever there is a direct fight, Pakistan has to face defeat again and again. That is why Pakistan has made terrorism a weapon to fight against India," he said.

Modi recalled his public rally in Rajasthan's Churu after the 2019 Balakot airstrike, and said he had then stated that, "Saugandh mujhe is mitti ki, mein desh nahi jhukne dunga, mein desh nahi mitne dunga (he had taken a vow that he would not let the country down)".

"Today, from the land of Rajasthan, I want to say to the countrymen that those who had set out to erase sindoor have been wiped out. Those who shed the blood of Hindustan have paid for every drop of it. Those who were proud of their weapons are now buried under a pile of rubble," he said.

"This is not a game of vengeance, but this is a new form of justice, this is Operation Sindoor. This is not just anger; this is the fierce form of a capable India. This is the new form of India," he said.

Referring to the 2016 surgical strikes and the Balakote air strike, Modi said earlier India carried out attacks by entering into their houses but now the attack was directly on their chest.

He said Pakistan used to spread terror; kill innocent people and create an atmosphere of fear in India.

"Now, Modi, the servant of 'Maa Bharti', is standing here with his head held high. Modi's mind remains cool but his blood is hot," he said.

He said there will be no trade or talk with Pakistan, there will be talk only about Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

"And if Pakistan continues to export terrorists, it will have to beg for every penny. Pakistan will not get India's rightful share of water. Playing with the blood of Pakistan will cost Pakistan dearly. This is India's resolve and no power in the world can shake us from this resolve," he said.

The prime minister observed that security and prosperity both are necessary for the creation of a developed India.

"This is possible only when every corner of India becomes strong," he added.

Modi also spoke about the multi-party delegations being sent abroad to to high-light India's resolve to confront state-sponsored terrorism emanating from Pakistan and assert its right to self-defence following Operation Sindoor.

"To expose the truth, our all party delegations are reaching all over the world. The real face of Pakistan will be shown to the whole world," he said.

## SC reserves interim...

comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih heard senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Rajeev Dhavan and Abhishek Singhvi on behalf of those opposed to the amended Waqf law and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, for about three consecutive days.

The Centre strongly defended the Act, saying Waqf by its very nature is a "secular concept" and can't be stayed given the "presumption of constitutionality" in its favour.

Sibal, leading the petitioners, described the law as a "complete departure from historical legal and constitutional principles" and a means to "capture waqf through a non-judicial process".

"This is a case about the systematic capture of waqf properties. The government cannot dictate what issues can be raised," Sibal said.

The petitioners at the present stage sought interim orders on three key issues.

One of the issues related to the power to denotify properties declared as Waqf by courts, Waqf-by-user or Waqf by deed.

The second issue was over the composition of state waqf boards and the Central Waqf Council, where they contend only Muslims should operate except ex-officio members whereas the last one is over the provision stipulating a Waqf property won't be treated as a waqf when the collector conducts an inquiry to ascertain if the property is government land.

On April 25, the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs filed a preliminary 1,332-page affidavit defending the amended Waqf Act of 2025 and opposed any "blanket stay" by the court on a "law having presumption of constitutionality passed by Parliament".

The Centre notified the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 last month after it got President Droupadi Murmu's assent on April 5.

The bill was cleared by Lok Sabha with the support of 288 members while 232 MPs were against it. The Rajya Sabha saw 128 members voting in its favour and 95 against it.

## DGCA probes IndiGo's...

traffic control at Srinagar airport. The flight landed safely.

The sources said the incident is being probed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Specific details could not be immediately ascertained.

In a statement on Wednesday, IndiGo said its flight 6E 2142 operating from Delhi to Srinagar encountered sudden hailstorm en route.

"The flight and cabin crew followed established protocol and the aircraft landed safely in Srinagar. The airport team attended to the customers after arrival of the aircraft, prioritizing their wellbeing and comfort. The aircraft will be released post necessary inspection and maintenance," it had said.

A five-member delegation of Trinamool Congress comprising Derek O'Brien, Nadimul Haque, Sagarika Ghose, Manas Bhunia, and Mamata Thakur, was on the flight.

"It was a near-death experience. I thought my life was over. People were screaming, praying and panicking," Ghose said on Wednesday.

"Hats off to the pilot who brought us through that. When we landed we saw the nose of the plane had blown up," she had said and added that the delegation thanked the pilot after the landing. Videos of the moments of turbulence emerged on social media showing panicked passengers praying for their lives as the plane swayed.

## CM asks JKSSB...

and strengthening the Board's legal and administrative frameworks.

Emphasizing the government's commitment to transparent governance, the Chief Minister said that Government would do everything possible to ensure fair and transparent recruitment process and to improve efficiency across all departments to enhance public trust, institutional efficiency and to fill up vacant posts which would also result in giving jobs to the qualified youth of J&K.

## Kiru hydel corruption...

take. The CBI had conducted searches at the premises of Malik and others in connection with the case in February last year.

The case pertains to the alleged malpractices in the award of the contract worth about Rs 2,200 crore of civil works of the Kiru Hydro Electric Power (HEP) Project to a private company in 2019, the CBI had said after the registration of the FIR in 2022.

Malik, who was the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir from August 23, 2018 to October 30, 2019, had claimed that he was offered a Rs 300-crore bribe for clearing two files, including the one pertaining to the project.

He denied allegations of corruption against him after the agency conducted search operation last year.

Malik said his residence was raided by the CBI instead of investigating the people he had complained about and who were involved in corruption.

The central agency had filed the FIR against Navin Kumar Choudhary, the then chairman of the CVPPL, and other officials including Babu, Mittal and Mishra, besides construction firm Patel Engineering.

"Though a decision was taken in the 47th board meeting of CVPPL for re-tender through e-tendering with a reverse auction after the cancellation of the ongoing tendering process, the same was not implemented (according to the decision taken in the 48th board meeting) and the tender was finally awarded to Patel Engineering Limited," the FIR has alleged.

## India wants a...

role in brokering the truce.

Jaishankar made the remarks in separate interviews to Dutch broadcaster NOS and De Volkskrant.

He said that India will hit terrorists in Pakistan in case of another terror attack, suggesting that it was the reason why Operation Sindoor has not been concluded.

Jaishankar was in The Hague as part of his three nation tour of the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany.

"The operation continues because there is a clear message in that operation "" that if there are acts of the kind we saw on April 22, there will be a response, that we will hit the terrorists," he told NOS.

"If the terrorists are in Pakistan, we will hit them where they are. So, there is a message in continuing the operation but continuing the operation is not the same as firing on each other," he said.

The external affairs minister said one should not go along with the narrative that Pakistan does not know what is going on within that country.

"The most notorious terrorists on the United Nations (UN) sanctions list are all

in Pakistan. They operate in the big cities, in broad daylight.

Their addresses are known," he told De Volkskrant.

"Their activities are known. Their mutual contacts are known. So let's not pretend that Pakistan is not involved. The state is involved. The army is up to its neck in it," he said.

Under Operation Sindoor, India carried out precision strikes on nine terror infra-structures early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

Following the Indian action, Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. The Pakistani attempts were strongly responded to by the Indian side.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on May 10 announced that India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect.

In his remarks, Jaishankar said the arrangement on cessation of hostilities was firmed up by the Indian and the Pakistani sides.

"When two countries are engaged in a conflict, it is natural that countries in the world call up and try to sort of indicate their concern," he said.

Jaishankar added: "But the cessation of firing and military action was something which was negotiated directly between India and Pakistan."

"We made one thing very clear to everybody who spoke to us, not just the US but to everybody, saying if the Pakistanis want to stop fighting, they need to tell us. We need to hear it from them. Their general has to call up our general and say this. And that is what happened."

## Prez Murmu confers...

Chakras, including seven posthumously, to the personnel of the armed forces, Central Armed Police Forces and state/Union Territory police during a defence investiture ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Maj Malla Rama Gopal Naidu of the Maratha Light Infantry, 56 Rashtriya Rifles, and Major Manjit of the Punjab Regiment, 22 Rashtriya Rifles, received Kirti Chakra.

Rifleman Ravi Kumar, the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry, 63 Rashtriya Rifles; Colonel Manpreet Singh, of the Sikh Light Infantry, 19 Rashtriya Rifles; Naik Dilwar Khan, the Regiment of Artillery, 28 Rashtriya Rifles; and Deputy Superintendent of Police Himayun Muzzammil Bhat of the Jammu and Kashmir Police were conferred India's second-highest peacetime gallantry award posthumously.

The Rashtrapati Bhavan later also shared pictures from the ceremony on its official X handle.

"President Droupadi Murmu conferred Shaurya Chakra upon Squadron Leader Deepak Kumar, Flying (Pilot). His undaunted courageous decision in a life-threatening situation to force land the aircraft on a dark night ensured the safety of a valuable national asset and precluded a probable loss of lives," it said in a post.

## Northern Army Commander...

with GOC 14 Corps Lt General Hitesh Bhalla and other officials from the Northern Command, paid a courtesy call on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brig (Dr) B D Mishra (Retd)," the office of the LG of Ladakh said on X.

## BSF destroys 5...

They refused to go home or even return to the battalion headquarters. They said they would stand shoulder to shoulder with their comrades and respond to Pakistan."

He added, "One woman constable handed over her child to her family and took charge at the frontline."

The Poonch sector found itself in the grip of heightened tension and artillery shelling nearly two weeks ago, after Operation Sindoor, which destroyed terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The offensive was launched as a consequence of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives.

A wave of artillery shelling, missile, and drone strikes in the Jammu region - particularly in Poonch - killed 27 people and injured over 70 between May 8 and 10.

Thousands have vacated their homes at the LoC and International Border areas to seek refuge in government-run relief camps.

## ECI introduces 18...

biometric attendance for its staff, promoting greater accountability and efficiency. It is also rolling out E-Office to streamline operations and minimize paper usage. Regular meetings with Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) will continue to foster effective communication and coordination across all states and union territories.

These 18 initiatives underscore the Election Commission of India's unwavering commitment to conducting free, fair, and transparent elections, and continuously improving the democratic process for all citizens.

## Rahul Gandhi likely...

artillery shelling about two weeks ago following the rise in tensions with Pakistan after India carried out precise strikes on nine terror hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) that included the headquarters of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed (Bahawalpur) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (Muridke) on May 7.

A wave of artillery shelling, and missiles and drone strikes by Pakistan in the Jammu region -- particularly in Poonch -- killed 27 people and injured more than 70 between May 8 and 10 after India launched Operation Sindoor to target terror infrastructure in the neighbouring country and PoK.

Thousands have fled from the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border areas to seek refuge in government-run relief camps. India carried out precision strikes under Operation Sindoor on terror infrastructure early on May 7 in response to the Pahalgam attack.

Following the Indian action, Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. The Indian forces launched a fierce counter-attack on several Pakistani military installations.

India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the military confrontation after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

## J&K admin directs Govt Deptts to deactivate official websites on private domains

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has issued a comprehensive advisory to all government departments, directing them to deactivate official websites on private domains immediately.

It called for the enforcement of a secure, standardised and policy-compliant digital and Information Technology (IT) environment across government establishments in J-K.

The decision follows a high-level meeting chaired by the J-K chief secretary, during which growing concerns over unauthorised digital platforms, outdated hardware and software, and rising incidents of data breaches and phishing attacks were discussed.

"Departments operating official websites on private domains have been ordered to deactivate them immediately. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) in J&K will assist in migrating these to secure government domains such as '.gov.in' or '.jk.gov.in'," General Administration Department Commissioner Secretary M Raju said in a circular here.

He further said, "No new websites are to be created or hosted without IT Department approval". The circular said in view of the growing risks associated with unauthorised digital platforms, outdated hardware, software infrastructure and increasing incidents of data compromise and phishing, a comprehensive set of instructions is hereby issued for immediate implementation and strict compliance.

Referring to compliance with the IT Act and guidelines, the circular said all departments must nominate officers for cybersecurity training sessions and ensure adherence to national cybersecurity protocols.

Laying focus on the standardisation of IT hardware and software, it said government offices must only procure IT equipment that meets specifications set by the IT Department. "The use of pirated or obsolete software, including unlicensed office suites or design tools, must be stopped. Departments must also plan updates and upgrades for all software nearing end-of-support."

The government has made reporting and monitoring mandatory and directed departments to submit detailed compliance reports within 15 days. "These must include website domain status, email compliance, IT audit results and plans for rectifying use of outdated or pirated software." The circular warns that any failure to implement these directions will be taken seriously and can lead to disciplinary action under official conduct and IT governance rules. The guidelines take immediate effect and are aimed at ensuring secure, accountable and modern digital governance across the Union Territory.

The administration has also made it mandatory for all officials to use NIC-provided government email IDs for all official communication. "As per fresh directions issued to all departments, no communication should be made or responded to if sent from private email services like Gmail, Yahoo or Rediffmail in order to ensure data confidentiality and prevent leaks of sensitive information", the circular said.

It further directed the heads of departments (HoDs) to ensure immediate issuance and activation of official NIC email IDs for all staff involved in administrative or public-facing roles. "Any email received from a non-government domain will be treated as unofficial and may not be acted upon," it said.

## Two nabbed with heroin

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KATHUA/JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers & peddlers, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena has arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Lakhanpur near Maggar Khad NHW Lakhanpur area and recovered approx. 11.44 grams heroin (chitta) like substance from his possession.

Acting on an information received through reliable sources, a Police party of PS Lakhanpur under the guidance of DySP DAR Kathua Sh. Ritesh Samyal & SHO PS Lakhanpur Insp. Tribhawan Khajuria, under the close supervision of Addl. SP Kathua Sh. Rahul Charak JKPS apprehended one person namely Maskeen Ali S/o Mohd Ismail R/o Nangal Bahela Tehsil Mukerian District Hoshiarpur PB who was enrouted from Kathua towards Lakhanpur under suspicious circumstances. During checking, approx. 11.44 grams heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of said person.

Thereafter, drug peddler namely Maskeen Ali S/o Mohd Ismail R/o Nangal Bahela Tehsil Mukerian District Hoshiarpur has been arrested and contraband substance was also seized on spot.

A case FIR No 67/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Lakhanpur and investigation started.

A man was apprehended this afternoon near Ring Road, Kangar, by a patrolling party of Police Station Gharota after he attempted to flee upon noticing the police presence.

The suspect, identified as Nirmal Kumar, son of Pritam Chand, a resident of Kangar Morh, Bhalwal, Jammu, was stopped and subjected to a personal search, which led to the recovery of a heroin-like substance and a mobile phone.FIR No. 57/2025 was registered at PS Gharota under Sections 8, 21, and 22 of the NDPS Act.

During the investigation, the Investigating Officer visited the spot and, in the presence of an Executive Magistrate, seized the recovered substance and mobile phone. The substance, weighing approximately 2.36 grams.

The accused has been formally arrested, and further investigation into the case is currently underway.

## Missing woman traced, reunited with family

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JAMMU: A missing lady traced out and reunited with her family by Police Station R.S Pura,Jammu. That on March 21, 2025, a missing report of one lady(name withheld) R/o District Jammu was lodged vide DDR No. 17 on the written complaint of her husband namely and special team was constituted for the search of missing lady. Acting swiftly upon this, a Police team led by SHO P/S R.S Pura Inspector R S Parihar did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance, the said missing lady is traced out by police team and after completing all the legal formalities the said missing lady now been reunited with her family and handed over to legal heirs.

## 2 tractor alongwith trolleys indulged in illegal mining seized

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena seized 02 vehicles i.e (02 Tractor alongwith Trolleys) indulged in illegal transportation of construction material (Boulder & sand) in the jurisdictional area of P/S Billawar at Bhini Bridge.

On 22.05.2025 A Police team of PS Billawar headed by SHO PS Billawar Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Sh. Neeraj Padyar during patrolling/checking in its jurisdictional area at Bhinni Bridge seized 02 vehicles i.e (02 Tractor Trolleys )bearing Reg. No.s PB06BA-2145 (loaded with boulder) and other Tractor bearing unknown Reg. No. (loaded with Sand) indulged in illegal mining i.e transportation of construction material ( Boulder & Sand) without any legal permission. Meanwhile both the tractor alongwith Trolleys indulged in illegal mining were seized & immediately handed over to the officials of the Geological and Mining department Kathua for further legal proceedings.

## Jammu South police's action on drug menace: Woman 3 drug peddlers nabbed with Ganja

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JAMMU: In a commendable and impactful series of operations against drug trafficking, Jammu Police, South Zone achieved significant success, leading to the apprehension of three accused persons and substantial recovery of narcotic substances in three different cases registered under NDPS Act.

On 20-05-2025, during routine patrolling in the Narwal area, the police team of Police Station Bahu Fort apprehended two individuals from different locations and recovered. 4 grams of heroin-like substance from Vikram S/o Balak Ram R/o Rajeev Nagar, Narwal, Jammu 400 grams of ganja-like substance from Mohd Miraj S/o Mohd Zaffar R/o Rajeev Nagar, Narwal, Jammu

The operation was carried out by the police team under the leadership of SHO Bahu Fort InspR Rajesh Jasrotia and ICPP Narwal PSI Parahotam Singh, working under the close supervision of SDPO City East Sheezan Bhat and SP South Ajay Sharma-JKPS and under overall supervision of SSP Jammu Joginder Singh-JKPS. Their coordinated efforts culminated in the registration of FIR No. 157/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act and FIR No. 158/2025 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act at Police Station Bahu Fort, marking a decisive step in curbing drug menace in the locality.

In another development, a police party of Police Post Bhatindi, led by ASI Rajesh Kumar, while on foot patrolling in Sujwan Malik Market area, intercepted a suspicious female near Eid Gah around 1530 hrs. Upon checking the black polythene bag she was carrying, approximately 1.5 kilograms of ganja-like substance was recovered.

The woman was identified as Meemi W/o Mahavir R/o Qasim Nagar, Jammu. Following due process, a case under: FIR No. 163/2025 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act has been registered. Investigation in the case is ongoing.

These consistent efforts reflect Jammu Police South Zone's unwavering commitment to eradicating the drug menace from society. Police urges all citizens to remain vigilant and actively participate in the fight against drugs. Any suspicious activity related to narcotics must be reported immediately to the nearest police station.

## Two drug peddlers apprehended with 364 intoxicating tablets

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RAJOURI: Continuing its commitment towards curbing the menace of drug abuse, the Police Station Kandl achieved a major success by apprehending two drug peddlers during a Naka checking conducted near the Indoor Stadium, Kotranka.

During Naka Checking the police team intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration number JK11D-1079 and apprehended two individuals Fareed Ahmed S/O Ali Mohd R/O Jaglanoo and Mukhtar Hussain S/O Maneer Hussain, R/O Khadyoon Kandl. During their personal search the police recovered 29 strips (290 tablets) of Tapentadol; 3 strips (34 tablets) of Tramadol; and 4 strips (40 tablets) of Pregabalin (Pregzara). In Total 36 strips containing 364 banned tablets were seized on the spot. In this regard a case has been registered under FIR No. 53/2025 at Police Station Kandl under relevant sections of the NDPS Act and further investigation is in progress.

## Hardcore criminal booked under PSA

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SAMBA: Acting tough against criminals, Samba Police has booked a hardcore criminal under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him in District Jail Udhampur.

The notorious criminal namely Mohit Singh S/o Govardhan Singh R/o Kehli Mandi tehsil & district Samba has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention order from the District Magistrate Samba. The booked criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Udhampur.

The said criminal is involved in multiple cases registered against him at Police Station Samba and Police Station Vijaypur of district Samba. The repeated criminal activities of the said hardcore criminal have posed a serious threat to public peace and tranquility in the area.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled; 6 bovines rescued

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BILLAWAR: Police Party of Ps Billawar led by SHO Billawar Insp Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Sh Neeraj Padyar intercepted one Bolera Pick up bearing registration NO JK03P-6909 enrouted from Phinter towards Udhampur was signaled to stop for checking purpose .

During checking of said vehicle, 6 bovine animals were loaded in a very cruel manner and tied with ropes. The driver of the said vehicle illegally smuggling bovine animals from district Kathua towards Udhampur without any permission. In this regard a case FIR 73/2025 U/S 223/ BNS and 11 PCA Act has been registered and further investigation is going on.