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locations and military bases in India." But the Indian air defence displayed "marvellous strength" as Pakistan could not touch any of India's installations, Shah said. "After this, we hit their air bases and gave a strong response by introducing them to our fire power and exposing their hollow air defence," he said.

"We did not hit (Pakistan's) civilian installations. Operation Sindoor and the incidents that followed completely exposed the fact that Pakistan is sponsoring terrorism in India because it was the Pakistan Army that replied after we hit their terror bases," Shah said.

The home minister said Operation Sindoor "exposed" this fact as top Pakistan Army officers were seen offering namaz and shouldering the coffins of the terrorists who were killed.

The operation was successful as it used the correct firepower and achieved its aims besides "showing the reality" to Pakistan, Shah said.

The home minister also said that global experts and the world were "praising" the bravery and firepower of the Indian armed forces.

The operation also brought to the fore the fact that the 'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) achieved by India in defence production was successful, he said.

Lauding the BSF for carrying out its duties during the operation, Shah said the force "proved its mettle" by not allowing the Pakistani forces to move even an inch.

The home minister also paid condolences to the two BSF troopers who were martyred during the operation along the International Border in Jammu.

Shah recalled that India has been facing Pakistan-sponsored terrorism for many decades but a "befitting reply was not given" until the Modi government came to power (in 2014).

"We were defensive... Our police force and BSF did their best to protect the people but a befitting reply was not given. After 2014, when Prime minister Modi took charge, the biggest attack took place in Uri (2016) where our jawans were burnt alive.

"We conducted a surgical strike (across the border) and hit the terrorists by entering their hideouts for the first time. We thought that terrorism will stop but it did not, and the Pulwama attack happened (in 2019)," Shah said.

The Modi government gave a "stronger" response than Uri as it demolished terror bases across the front, Shah said.

Lauding the BSF, Shah said, "The bravery shown by the BSF in the 1971 war that was imposed upon us, and the contributions made by the force (in the creation of Bangladesh) cannot be forgotten by India and neither should Bangladesh ever forget it."

The BSF played a "significant" role in the creation of Bangladesh and set an "exemplary" standard of bravery by standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the armed forces in fighting against injustice, Shah recalled.

The home minister said the 2.75 lakh personnel-strong BSF was working in some of the most difficult conditions marred by geographical challenges along the two borders (with Pakistan and Bangladesh).

"I want tell you that the Modi government is standing behind you like a rock and the Ministry of Home Affairs will soon implement some technology solutions and models to strengthen border security in areas where it is not possible to erect fences," Shah said.

The home minister also awarded gallantry and other service medals to BSF personnel during the event, which was attained by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Kumar Deka, and BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary.

IndiGo Srinagar flight...

Civil Aviation (DGCA) said there was no injury to any passengers who were on the flight and that the aircraft's "nose radome" was damaged.

The incident of the aircraft encountering turbulence is being probed by the DGCA. On Wednesday, IndiGo's A321 neo aircraft operating flight 6E 2142 encountered hailstorm and severe turbulence near Pathankot.

"As per crew statement, they requested Northern control (IAF) for deviation towards left (International Border) due to weather on the route, however, it was not approved.

"Later, the crew contacted Lahore to enter into their airspace to avoid the weather but the same was refused too," DGCA said.

The DGCA statement confirms PTI report of May 22 that the Lahore ATC had rejected the flight pilot's request to use the Pakistan airspace to avoid turbulence.

According to the regulator, the crew initially attempted to return back but as they were close to the thunderstorm cloud, they decided to penetrate the weather.

"Subsequently, they encountered hailstorm and severe turbulence. Crew chose to continue at the same heading to exit the weather by the shortest route towards Srinagar," the statement said.

While in a thunderstorm cloud, the regulator said warnings of Angle of Attack fault, Alternate Law protection lost, backup Speed scale unreliable were triggered.

"Due to updraft and downdraft encountered by the aircraft the Autopilot tripped and aircraft speed had wide variations. As a result, Maximum Operating Speed/Maximum operating Mach (VMO/MMO) warnings and repeated stall warnings were triggered," the statement said.

During this period, DGCA said the aircraft rate of descent reached 8,500 fpm (feet per minute) and crew flew the aircraft manually till they exited the hailstorm.

"After carrying out all checklist actions (ECAM actions), the crew declared 'PAN PAN' to Srinagar ATC and requested for RADAR vectors and made a safe landing with Auto Thrust operating normally," the statement said.

Generally, 'PAN PAN' refers to an emergency situation.

The regulator said the matter is under investigation and that there was no injury to any of the passengers on-board the flight.

"Post flight walk around revealed damage to the Nose radome," the statement said.

On Thursday, IndiGo, in a statement, said the aircraft was undergoing necessary inspection and maintenance in Srinagar and will resume operations once all clearances have been secured.

Army Chief presents...

junior commissioned officers and other ranks who were martyred in enemy and terrorist action while serving the nation, a senior official said.

Instituted in July 1999, the Badge of Sacrifice and Certificate of Honour have since been bestowed upon the families of bravehearts from conflicts dating back to 1947. The first official presentation was held on Vijay Divas on December 16, 1999, marking a significant milestone in the army's continued commitment to remembering its bravehearts, he added.

The presentation ceremony at the Manekshaw Centre took place a day after the formal Defence Investiture Ceremony, which was conducted at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

Gen Dwivedi presented the Badge of Sacrifice and Certificate of Honour to the next of kin of Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Aashish Dhonchak, Captain Deepak Singh, Havildar Rohit Kumar, Naik Dilwar Khan, Rifleman Ravi Kumar, Sepoy Pradeep Singh and also to the next of kin of Deputy Superintendent of Police Himayun Muzzammil Bhat (Jammu and Kashmir Police) and Vijayan Kutty G (Border Road Organisation).

The Badge of Sacrifice, a 24-carat gold-plated insignia, is individually engraved with the army number, rank and name of the soldier. On the reverse, the Indian Army insignia is inscribed, symbolising eternal remembrance, the official said.

The Certificate of Honour is equally distinguished -- crafted on permanent-finish 24-carat gold foil and set within a gold-plated frame. Designed by the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans, these honours reflect both the aesthetic dignity and enduring respect the army holds for its fallen heroes, he added.

The Indian Army continues to uphold its deep-rooted traditions of honour, duty and sacrifice, ensuring that every fallen soldier is remembered with dignity and reverence, the official said.

SIA raids 18...

that the SIA raided a premises in Poonch district in connection with a narco-terrorism case. The raids were conducted in police line belt of Sailan area, they said.

According to sources, the raid on house of Zameer Sheikh was linked to an investigation into a narco-terrorism funding case.

The SIA is probing alleged financial links between terrorist organisations and individuals or groups in the region.

Sheikh's residence was searched for evidence, and the agency is analysing seized materials as part of their ongoing investigation, they said.

CB arrests Govt...

was planning to appoint candidates having graduation degrees mostly from the families having no one in government services and belonging to middle class strata.

Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu , Benam Tish constituted a special investigation team (SIT) headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police to conduct in-depth investigation in the case, official said adding that after the offence was

proved against the accused, he was formally arrested and being subjected to sustained interrogation to elicit further facts and to unearth whole racketeering involved in govt. job- related frauds.

"Pertinently, Jameel Anjum is a habitual fraudster, against whom history-sheet and personal file also stand opened. He is currently under suspension on account of his involvement in continuous frauds. As many as ten FIRs have been registered against him in Crime Branch and District Police Jammu out of which four cases have been challaned in the court of law, whereas six cases are still under investigation," the official said.

J&K Govt to...

response to the Pahalgam terror attack that had cross-border links.

Brushing aside a question on the BJP claiming that the resolutions passed recently by the National Conference working committee came at the behest of Pakistani spy agency ISI, Abdullah said, "It is okay. Let them say."

The chief minister refused to comment on a chargesheet filed by the CBI against former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satyapal Malik.

The central agency said on Thursday that it has filed a chargesheet against Malik and seven others in connection with alleged corruption in the award of Rs 2,200-crore worth civil works for the Kiru hydropower project in J-K's Kishtwar district.

CM convenes public...

Chowk and surrounding areas.

Students from the SPS Library, MA Road Lal Chowk, requested the extension of library hours and resolution of internet connectivity and other student-related issues.

"Libraries are vital to a learning society-we are committed to making them more modern and student-friendly. All genuine concerns will be looked into," CM assured the students delegation.

A delegation led by Peerzada Masood Hamdani from Khankah-e-Moula raised concerns related to the upkeep and development of the Khankah Shrine, along with other local matters.

Retired veterinary employees presented issues related to pay anomalies and pension disbursements. Similarly, employees of the J&K Sports Council sought the Chief Minister's intervention regarding the grant of pensionary benefits to Council staff.

Social workers associated with Special Cells advocated for the continuation and strengthening of Special Cells for Women in Jammu and Kashmir.

Employees of the J&K Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) also met with the Chief Minister to discuss matters concerning their career progression and other employment-related concerns.

A delegation of visually impaired and physically challenged individuals, led by Showkat Ahmad Lone, highlighted several key issues, including free public transport, accessibility in educational institutions and government offices, skill development programs, and an establishment of a single-window system for grievance redressal.

In addition, a delegation led by hotelier Mushtaq Burza appealed for government support in the revival of tourism and raised key concerns relating to the industry, trade and hospitality sectors.

Representatives from Kishtwar voiced their concerns related to Waqf properties and other local developmental issues.

Several other delegations comprising sitting and former MLAs, public representatives, and concerned citizens also met with the Chief Minister to raise issues such as old-age pensions, access to potable drinking water, and infrastructure development in their respective constituencies.

The Chief Minister patiently listened to all delegations and assured prompt and priority-based redressal of their genuine concerns.

On-the-spot instructions were issued by the Chief Minister in several cases to ensure swift resolution of grievances.

"We remain committed to listening, resolving issues, and building a responsive and people-centric Government," he added.

Advisor to CM, Nasir Aslam Wani and other senior officers were present during the public hearing.

National Herald scam...

buyer and seller belonged to the same political ecosystem. "This is not corruption between two parties - this is corruption within the same party," he added.

Chugh also questioned the Congress's narrative of calling the National Herald a symbol of the freedom movement. "If it was truly a legacy project of the Congress, why didn't the lakhs of Congress workers come forward to save it? Why was it allowed to collapse only to be quietly taken over through dubious deals?" he said.

He said that today's Congress, driven by greed and dynastic control, has nothing in common with the party that once chanted "Ek chhavanni chandi ki, jai bolo Mahatma Gandhi ki." "This isn't just a financial scam. It's a deep reflection of how the Congress has fallen - ethically, morally, and ideologically," Chugh added.

Pakistan doesn't have...

has come. Pakistan is being punished for his own deeds. Today, the brave soldiers of India are responding to Pakistan with such strength, every Indian should feel proud of the soldiers of the army."

He also said this is a "new India and the new India does not tease anyone, but if someone teases, then it does not spare them either".

Giving credit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the double engine governments for the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya, Adityanath said, "We have to keep in mind that whether it is a person or a society, only the one who moves away from the norm will be able to do something new. By becoming a follower of the norm, neither will the person be able to benefit nor will we be able to save our existence for a long time." He also thanked the sages for taking forward the legacy of Ayodhya and expressed gratitude towards them.

Zero-tolerance for...

terrorist attack on India, and supported India's right to defend itself against terrorism, sources said.

Wadephul also advocated a bilateral solution between India and Pakistan, they said.

Jaishankar, in his remarks at the press conference, also said India values "Germany's understanding" that "every nation has a right to defend itself against terrorism".

After the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, India decimated nine terror camps in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir and Pakistan under Operation Sindoor with precision strikes early on May 7. Soon after, Pakistan attempted to attack the Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10.

The two sides reached an understanding on cessation of hostilities on May 10 after four days of confrontations.

India has launched a diplomatic outreach as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared a "new normal", when New Delhi will consider any act of cross border terrorism as an act of war against India.

The two foreign ministers also emphasised on 25 years of the Strategic Partnership between India and Germany.

Wadephul said the relations are more diverse and Germany wants to "deepen our ties" while Jaishankar said that in recent years, "our cooperation acquired many more facets, gained much stronger momentum".

The external affairs minister also recalled his meeting with Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Friday, saying he noted his strong commitment to elevating and expanding the strategic partnership.

The two foreign ministers discussed a broad range of bilateral matters during their talks.

"Our talks addressed different dimensions of our bilateral cooperation, they ranged from trade to technology and investment, to defence, security, energy, sustainability, mobility of talent and societal exchanges," Jaishankar said.

Apart from that they exchanged views on "a wide range of issues, from our immediate neighbourhood to global concerns and challenges, and I want to underline here that Germany for us is a really important partner", he said, adding, "we cooperate in forums like the G4.. to the G20".

Jaishankar said it is known that the world order is under "considerable churn, the political uncertainty is as evident as economic volatility", and there are challenges posed by technologies, especially AI.

"Germany for India is our largest economic partner in the European Union, in recent years, our cooperation has acquired many more facets and gained much stronger momentum," he said.

Russia reiterates commitment...

Stalin for the Foreign Ministry.

"The participants exchanged views on the prospects for increasing cooperation between legislative bodies and emphasised the importance of intensifying the work of the bilateral Inter Parliamentary Commission," the foreign ministry observed.

The Indian Parliamentarians also had "a fruitful interaction" with former prime minister of the Russian Federation Mikhail Fradkov, who heads the Russian Institute of Strategic Studies (RISS), the Indian Embassy in Russia said in a post

on X.

"They discussed the current global situation, particularly, the threats posed by terrorism," it added.

The delegation had a detailed exchange of views at a round-table meeting with all-party members of the Russian Federation Assembly (Parliament) led by the Duma (lower house) International Affairs Committee chair Leonid Slutsky of Liberal-Democratic Party.

The delegation also met with First Deputy Chair of the Committee on International Affairs Andrey Denisov and other senators in the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, said a post from the Indian Embassy in Russia.

"The Russian side condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam and stated that Russia stands in solidarity with India for elimination of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations! Russia and India have a shared position in the fight against terrorism. Russia India | Together in the fight against terrorism!" it added.

Earlier, the delegation arrived here late on Thursday night amid Ukrainian drone attacks.

Search operation in...

assess the ground situation and operational strategy, a police spokesperson said.

Accompanied by IGP (Jammu Zone) Bhim Sen Tuti and DIG Shridhar Patil, the DGP held detailed discussions with senior officers from the police, army and paramilitary forces leading the operation in the dense forested terrain, she said.

The joint operation is being carried out by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of J-K Police, the army and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), following a brief exchange of fire.

A massive combing operation was launched to flush out the terrorists suspected to be hiding in the area, the spokesperson said.

Senior officers, including the Kishtwar SSP, are camping at the site to ensure seamless coordination among the forces, she added.

The DGP interacted with the personnel on the ground, landing their efforts and urging them to continue working with resolve.

He also issued specific directions to bring all those involved in terrorist activities to justice, reiterating the police force's commitment to sustained counter-terrorism operations to uphold peace and stability in the region, the spokesperson said.

SWD Reasi organises capacity building events on gender sensitization

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REASI: In a continued effort to promote gender equality, awareness camps on gender sensitization were organized by Mission Shakti- Hub for Empowerment of Women, Social Welfare Department in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood (JKRLM), across the areas of Arnas, Pouni, Katra, and Panthal of district Reasi.

The events held under the overall supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Reasi, Sachin Sharma with an aim to create a society where individuals are treated equally and fairly, free from prejudice and discrimination based on gender. The officials from Mission Shakti highlighted the importance of gender equality and equal participation to local women and girls. The participants were encouraged to break free from traditional roles and embrace opportunities in all fields.

The officials highlighted that the root cause of gender discrimination is the patriarchal mind set prevalent in the Indian society. Though this mind set is changing with urbanization and education, still there is long way to go for a permanent change in the scenario.

The participants were made aware about various flagship schemes of Social Welfare Department including Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Pradhan Mantri Mantru Vandana Yojana, Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana, Mission Shakti and Mission Vatsalaya schemes.

At the end of the programme, HEW Team also disseminated information regarding the ill consequences of substance abuse and motivated all the participants to call on Anti Drug Police Helpline Number 9070907017 and Tele Manas Toll Free number 1933 to report drug trafficking.

Curtain raiser held for "Veeron Ki Vaatika - Wall of Fame at SPPND GDC Samba

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SAMBA: In a deeply moving curtain raiser event, SPPND Government Degree College, Samba unveiled the spirit of its upcoming memorial initiative - "Veeron Ki Vaatika - Wall of Fame" - A Living Tribute to the Bravehearts of Samba Tehsil under the national campaign "Meri Maati Mera Desh", supported by the Department of Higher Education, J&K and funded



through the CAPEX budget.

The Wall of Fame commemorates 18 martyrs from Samba Tehsil who made the supreme sacrifice in service to the nation - from the earliest conflicts of 1947 to Kargil and beyond. The initiative began with the planting of 18 trees by the martyrs' families in their honour and has now evolved into a permanent tribute symbolising patriotism, sacrifice, and national pride.

Shantnam, Financial Commissioner, Higher Education, J&K in his message, expressing deep admiration for the vision behind the initiative stated that the Wall of Fame is not just about remembering the past - it is about nurturing a future rooted in patriotism. Such efforts ensure that our youth grow up with a deep sense of rashtira prem, responsibility and naitikta towards the nation.Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Director Colleges, lauded the college's initiative exhorting that this upcoming Wall of fame- Veeron Ki Vaatika is a model of how academic spaces can become sacred spaces of remembrance. Through this effort, SPPND GDC Samba has honoured not just the martyrs, but the very soul of Samba - the land of warriors.

Dr. Twinkle Suri, Principal, SPPND GDC Samba, shared an emotional byte stating an institution is not remembered by what it builds, but by what it inspires. When our students walk past this Wall of Fame, they walk past a living legacy. We hope to awaken in them a sense of kartavya, samarpan, and deshbhakti - to live not just for themselves, but for the nation.

The local Sarpanch, Sunil Chowdhary from Balore expressed that this wall, built in memory of the brave soldiers of Samba, is a matter of pride for every home in every village and it should remind every student that true education lies not just in books, but in living with courage, character, and commitment to the nation.

Faculty representatives of the college also sharing their thoughts stated that they felt honoured to be a part of an institution that doesn't just teach, but also pays homage to the spirit of India. This initiative will shape generations of students with both wisdom and character.The Wall of Fame, featuring engraved names and citations of the 18 martyrs, is nearing completion and will be formally inaugurated soon. The college has turned this initiative into a space of collective memory, national pride, and educational inspiration.

Janipur Police solves theft case; two thieves arrested, stolen gold recovered

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JAMMU : The Janipur Police have successfully cracked a theft case, arresting two accused individuals and recovering stolen gold items. On April 6, 2025, a complaint was lodged by Suresh Sharma regarding the theft of gold items from his residence, leading to the registration of FIR No. 50/2025 U/S 331(3)/305 BNS at Police Station Janipur. Deepak Kumar was arrested during the investigation and confessed to handing over the stolen gold items to Irfan Mehmood.

Today, Irfan Mehmood was arrested, and a gold chain was recovered from his possession. The Janipur Police have demonstrated their commitment to solving crimes and bringing perpetrators to justice.

The successful arrest of the accused and recovery of stolen gold items is a testament to the police department's dedication to maintaining law and order. The investigation is ongoing, and the police are working to ensure that justice is served. The Janipur Police appreciate the cooperation of the public and encourage anyone with information to come forward.

This case highlights the Janipur Police's ability to crack complex cases and bring criminals to justice, providing relief to the victims and ensuring public safety.

