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Pakistan on notice...

The Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Home Minister Amit Shah, for ushering in an era of equality in Jammu and Kashmir, and empowering marginalized communities.

He also reiterated his commitment to the welfare and prosperity of the Jat community. Vikram Choudhary, Member of Legislative Assembly from Bahu constituency; Sukhmanand Choudhary, former Minister; Manjit Singh, President, All J&K Jat Sabha; Taranjit Singh Tony, and other members of J&K Jat Sabha, prominent citizens, and people from different walks of life were present.

HIGHLIGHTS...

to defeat adversary's nefarious designs.
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CDS conducts 'strategic...

"At Udhampur, the Chief of Defence Staff was briefed on the success of the Northern Army in neutralising the terror network, adversary's assets that supported terror and counter measures taken to protect own military assets and civil population during Operation Sindoor," it said.

The Army said Gen Chauhan was apprised about the efforts by the Northern Army Command in the rehabilitation of the civilians of the border areas who were targeted by the "adversary".

At Chandimandir, the CDS was briefed by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar on the kinetic and non-kinetic punitive response by the forces during Operation Sindoor.

"A detailed overview of the operational environment, defence preparedness and key outcomes of the operation were provided, while underscoring the prevailing security situation along the western borders," the Army said in a statement.

It said inputs on technological infusion and enhanced logistics capability, contributing to high operational efficiency, real-time situational awareness, strengthening the military capability of Western Army were also highlighted.

"Gen Anil Chauhan remembered the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty during Operation Sindoor, lauding the valour, resolve, precision & discipline of all ranks," it said.

He acknowledged the "operational excellence" achieved by the field formations responsible for the northern and western borders in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab, the Army said.

"The visit concluded with the CDS expressing his deep appreciation for the exemplary conduct and successful execution of military operations which reaffirmed the faith reposed by the nation in its armed forces," it said.

"He attributed the overall success achieved in attaining national security objectives to high morale, discipline and unwavering commitment of the Indian Army," it added.

Under Operation Sindoor, India carried out precision strikes on nine terror infrastructures early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalagam 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.

India has become...

likely GDP of Japan which is estimated at USD 4.187 billion, the IMF had said. According to IMF data, India's per capita income has doubled from USD 1,438 in 2013-14 to USD 2,880 in 2025.

The IMF in its WEO report also said the Indian economy is projected to grow at 6.2 per cent in 2025-26, slower than earlier estimated rate of 6.5 per cent, due to escalated trade tensions and global uncertainty.

"For India, the growth outlook is relatively more stable at 6.2 per cent in 2025, supported by private consumption, particularly in rural areas," the IMF had said.

According to the report, the global growth is projected at 2.8 per cent in 2025, lower by 0.5 percentage points estimated earlier. In 2026, the global economy is estimated to grow at 3 per cent.

NTTI Aayog approach paper titled "Viksit Rajya For Viksit Bharat @ 2047" said from being considered a part of the 'fragile five' economies of the world, India rose to become the top five economies of the world in just a decade.

The World Bank defines high-income countries as those whose annual per capita income is more than USD 14,005 (2024- 25). India has the potential and aims to be a high-income country by 2047. The approach paper said a Viksit Bharat @ 2047 will be a USD 30 trillion economy.

"It will have all the attributes of a developed country with a per capita income that is comparable to the high-income countries of the world today," the paper said.

According to the paper, in order to achieve the goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, an overall framework for strategic interventions and reforms based on six key building blocks, with a total of 26 themes covered across all the building blocks have been identified.

The six key building blocks are: Macro-Economic Goals and Strategy; Empowered Citizens; A Thriving and Sustainable Economy; Technology and Innovation Leadership; A Global Leader; Vishwa Bandhu; Enabling factors -- Governance, Security and Justice Delivery.

Dr Jitendra praises...

road traffic burden and will enable perishable goods like cherries reach its intended markets with minimal damage or deterioration in quality.

He said that 24 tons of cargo will be moved in a VP attached to a goods train from Katra station to Bandra station in Mumbai. The cargo will reach its destination in 30 hours.

"It will be a win-win situation for both the railways and fruit growers and in turn the economy of J-K region," added Singhal.

Reacting to the development, the minister of state in the PMO said the work on Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, sanctioned in 1994-95, was almost stopped given the challenging topography and the cost escalation when Modi took over as the prime minister in 2014.

"The alignment was reestablished and the result is that a railway track was successfully laid to connect Kashmir with the rest of the country today. It also saw the construction of the world's highest railway bridge (Chenab bridge)," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

He said before the launch of the cargo train to transport cherry from Jammu and Kashmir to Mumbai, a train carrying soldiers from Delhi to Kashmir was also run on the track recently.

The Modi-led government took several important decisions to ensure that the rail link to Kashmir is completed.

First, a division has been established in Jammu, while work on Udhampur and Jammu railway stations is underway to develop them as major stations along with Mata Vaishno Devi Katra station.

Two Vande Bharat trains will be launched from Katra to Kashmir before the service shifts to Jammu once the station is ready later this year, he said.

Meanwhile, the minister expressed hope about revival of tourism, which suffered a major setback following the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalagam that left 26 persons, mostly tourists, dead on April 22.

"After the Pahalagam attack, the number of devotees visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine also recorded a decline. But I am happy to see the number of people visiting the shrine has increased again. So gradually, people will start coming back once they have faith in you," he said.

Consequences would be...

the consequences would be more severe than Operation Sindoor," he asserted. Lauding the indigenous defence industry for the success of the Indian Army in Operation Sindoor, he said that India used to import defence equipment due to lack of technology, entrepreneurship and skill but over the last one decade, the country is gradually not only becoming self-reliant but is also on the verge of becoming a world leader in the export of defence equipment.

"Modiji has given a new direction to domestic industries. He has stressed the need to become self-reliant," Birla said.

Birla asserted that India is a land of opportunities despite the prevailing competitive world scenario.

He said the country, with its intellectual prowess and innovative ideas, technology and young and skilled human resources, has enough potential to lead the world.

"We have the capacity and young skilled human resources, which the world lacks," he asserted.

"Developed nations such as Japan and Russia come to our country believing that India has vast intellectual knowledge and innovative ideas," he said, adding that big industries of the world were looking at India.

The Union government has been making efforts to suitably bring in reforms and

implement industry-friendly policies, he said.

The socio-economic development of the country will gain pace if we continue to frame industry-friendly policies considering the fast-changing scenario to ensure their smooth functioning, he said.

Attributing progress in developed nations to Indian brains, he said that India has contributed not only in the field of technology, service and professional fields but across various sectors while many global firms have Indian CEOs.

"We have enough potential to lead but we need to utilise our potential to the optimum... India is a land of opportunities and there are possibilities to grow fast. Also, employment opportunities will increase if we enhance our capabilities across sectors," he said.

Birla stressed the need to develop IITs and IIMs as research centres to tap the untapped sectors.

Appreciating the founder of Tata Steel, J N Tata, for setting up the country's first steel plant in a forest area in Jamshedpur over a century ago, Birla said he did not only establish a steel plant but also ensured socio-economic development.

Apart from Birla, Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, former Union minister and ex-Jharkhand chief minister Arjun Munda and BJP MP Bidyut Baran Mahato were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Birla was felicitated at Nagrik Abhinandan Samaroh (civic felicitation ceremony) at Swarna Bhoomi, Dangratoli, in Ranchi on Sunday evening by various religious and social organisations.

Addressing the gathering, Birla said, "The country is moving fast towards the vision of Vikshit Bharat and we will achieve it by 2047 with everyone's collective efforts."

He said that India's influence and credibility have increased in the world and the country is advancing rapidly in every sector including economic, technological and innovation.

He added Jharkhand was once called an underdeveloped state.

"Today, Jharkhand is progressing rapidly due to expansion of road, rail and air connectivity," Birla said.

Earlier in the day, Birla arrived in Ranchi on a two-day visit to Jharkhand and paid floral tributes at the 25-foot-tall statue of tribal icon Birsa Munda at the Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Freedom Fighter Museum situated in the Old Central Jail, where he breathed his last on June 9, 1900.

"Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udyaan and Museum has been built in the same old Central Jail of Ranchi where Bhagwan Birsa Munda sacrificed his life. This museum displays the struggle of the tribals to protect water, forest, land rights and their culture."

"It shows the sacrifice of Bhagwan Birsa for the nation. The life of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa, the pioneer of Ulgulana, is a source of continuous inspiration," Birla posted on X.

Jharkhand Assembly Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato and Seth welcomed Birla upon his arrival at Ranchi's Birsa Munda Airport.

"I salute the land of Birsa Munda. This is the land of valour, tribal culture, values and traditions. Jharkhand is progressing on the path of modern development while preserving the culture of its tribal communities. This land is an inspiration for all of us," Birla told reporters at the airport. Birla is scheduled to return to New Delhi on Monday.

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accused were arrested and booked under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for further investigation to expose their backward and forward links.

The ANTF appealed to the general public to come forward regarding any information related to drugs so that this menace could be uprooted completely from the society and the young generation could be saved from it, he added.

All party delegations...

prominent members of the Indian-American community and individuals from leading media and think tanks on Saturday, Tharoor said that India's message to Pakistan has been clear: "We didn't want to start anything. We were just sending a message to terrorists."

"This has now got to be a new norm. No one sitting in Pakistan is going to be allowed to believe that they can just walk across the border and kill our citizens with impunity. There will be a price to pay, and that price has been going up systematically," Tharoor said.

Pakistan covets India's territory, and they want to have it at any price, he said, adding: "And if they can't get it through conventional means, they're willing to get it through terrorism. That is not acceptable, and that's really the message that we are here to give all of you in this country and elsewhere".

Tharoor and other members of the delegation visited the 9/11 Memorial in New York "in a spirit of solidarity" but which was also meant "to send a very strong message that we are here in a city, which is still bearing the scars of that savage terrorist attack, in the wake of yet another terrorist attack in our own country," he said, a reference to the April 22 Pahalagam attack.

In Bahrain capital Manama, after meeting of the delegation, led by BJP MP Baijyant Jay Panda, with Bahrain's Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa; Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, the chairman of Shura Bahrain, the upper house of the legislative body of Bahrain, and Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed, First Deputy Speaker, Council of Representatives.

The Indian delegation "underscoring India's resolve to fight against terrorism and strengthen bilateral ties," said a post on X by the Indian Embassy in Bahrain.

On their first day Saturday, the Indian MPs also met prominent Indians and civil society members when Panda said, "Bahrain and India have a deep and long-standing relationship... I would like to thank the government of Bahrain for the consistent stand that it has taken. We truly appreciate Bahrain's strong comments during recent developments."

AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi, also a member of the delegation, while answering a question during the meeting, said, "Our government has sent us here, and various other delegations comprising all party members across various parts of the world, so that the world knows of the threat that India has been facing."

"The terrorists have justified killings of innocent people in India. ... In our opinion, there is no difference between terrorists in Pakistan and ISIS takfiri ideology," Owaisi said.

In South Korea, the all-party parliamentary delegation led by JD(U) MP Sanjay Jha on Sunday shared with the members of the Indian diaspora the insights on the military campaign Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the Pahalagam terror attack.

The delegation reiterated the Modi government's stand against terrorism and said that dialogue with Pakistan cannot co-exist with terror.

The team also held "substantive interactions" with eminent Korean dignitaries, including former Foreign Minister Dr. Yoon Young-kwan, Vice-Chairman of Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee Rep. Kim Gung, former Vice Foreign Minister Cho Hyun, Director of the National Counter-Terrorism Center, Major Gen Shin Sang-gyun, former Korean Ambassadors to India, Amb. Shin Bong-ki and Amb. Lee Joon-gyu, the Indian Embassy in Seoul said in a post on X.

One of the members of the delegation to Seoul, Abhishek Banerjee of TMC, said, "The dialogue spanned issues of peace, regional stability, and strengthening multi-lateral efforts to confront the threat of terror," he said in a post on X.

The multi-party delegation led by NCP MP Supriya Sule met with Dr. Hamda Al Sulaiti, Deputy Speaker of the Qatar Shura Council and other Qatari MPs in Doha on Sunday taking "India's strong message against terrorism to the world".

Meanwhile, the all-party delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi reached Slovenia for "Taking Bharat's message to the world."

All the delegations described the Indian diaspora as a "force multiplier" and asked the members to help sensitise public opinion and political opinion in their respective countries about India's stance on combating terror.

These delegations are among the seven multi-party delegations India has tasked to visit 33 global capitals to reach out to the international community on Pakistan's designs and India's response to terror.

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the April 22 Pahalagam attack, which claimed 26 lives. India carried out precision strikes as part of Operation Sindoor on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in the early hours of May 7.

It was followed by Pakistan's attempt to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9, and 10. The Indian side responded strongly to the Pakistani actions.

The on-ground hostilities ended with an understanding of stopping the military actions following talks between the directors general of military operations of both sides on May 10.

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determination," Modi said.

"This itself is the real strength of India. I urge all of you too. Come, let us take a pledge on this occasion, wherever possible in our lives, we will accord priority to products made in the country," he said.

"This is not just a matter of economic self-reliance - it is a feeling of participation in nation building. One step of ours can become a huge contribution to the progress of India," he said.

The Prime Minister said the precision with which Indian forces attacked the terrorist infrastructure across the border was "extraordinary."

Modi emphasised that the operation was not a one-off military action, but a reflection of a changing and resolute India.

"Operation Sindoor is the picture of our resolve, courage, and the face of a changing India," he said.

The operation's success was followed by a series of gestures in tribute to the armed forces, ranging from patriotic poems on social media to paintings by children and massive Tiranga Yatras.

"In many cities, youth volunteered for civil defence, wrote poems, sang songs of resolve, and children made paintings carrying powerful messages," Modi said.

He talked about a recent visit to Bikaner where he was gifted paintings made by children.

"In cities like Katihar and Kushinagar, families named their newborns 'Sindoor' in honour of the operation," he said.

The Prime Minister credited India's home-grown defence capabilities for the mission's success, following the spirit of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.

"This was the ultimate bravery of our soldiers, backed by the power of weapons, equipment, and technology made in India," he said.

Modi noted a renewed energy across the country towards the 'Vocal for Local' campaign post-Operation Sindoor, saying the mission had not just inspired patriotism but also strengthened the spirit of self-reliance.

"This victory carries the sweat of our engineers, technicians, and every citizen who contributed," he said.

Modi asks NDA...

rows triggered by insensitive and contentious remarks made by the members of the ruling alliance at several places following Operation Sindoor.

Briefing reporters, BJP president J P Nadda said 20 chief ministers and 18 deputy chief ministers attended the conclave in which two resolutions - one hailing the valour of armed forces and Modi's brave leadership in the context of the recent military action and another praising the decision of caste enumeration in the next census- were passed.

Nadda said the prime minister in his remarks praised the bravery of the armed forces. Modi also emphasised the goal to turn India into a developed country at a fast pace and to make it "powerful, capable and self-reliant", the BJP president noted.

A census of castes, Nadda said, was always part of the ruling alliance's imagination, noting that the Bihar government headed by JD(U) leader and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was the first to do it.

"The resolution has made it clear that the NDA does not believe in caste politics but acknowledges the need for a caste census to bring into the mainstream of development the deprived, exploited, Dalits and others left behind. It is the need of the society, he added.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu did not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment in his state, sources said.

The sources said Modi noted that his government has worked for those left behind, be it geographic regions like the North East and backward districts or women as a gender, in every sector.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini proposed the resolution, which was seconded by Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, both leaders from backward classes.

The resolution on Operation Sindoor was read out by Rajasthan CM Bhajanal Sharma and seconded by Maharashtra Deputy CM Eknath Shinde.

The resolution said Operation Sindoor has boosted the self-confidence of Indians, sources said.

Praising Modi's leadership, it said he has always supported the armed forces and that Operation Sindoor has given a befitting reply to terrorists and their sponsors.

PM Modi, and Union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and J P Nadda, who is BJP president too, attended the one-day conclave, where the programmes to commemorate the first anniversary of the Modi government in its third term, the 50th anniversary of Emergency and a decade of International Yoga Day were discussed too.

A significant part of deliberations at this conclave was devoted to best practices by different NDA state governments. Home Minister Amit Shah spelt out the government's drive to stamp out naxalism amid the killings of a large number of ultras by security forces.

Presentations on Bastar Olympics in the once citadel of Maoists in Chhattisgarh, a campaign against child marriage in Assam, Bihar's Jal Jeevan Haryana Abhiyaan, Gujarat's solar electricity drive and Meghalaya's scheme for accountable governance were made.

Dharami spoke about the rolling out of the Uniform Civil Code in his state, and how his government worked to remove bottlenecks in its implementation.

The meeting also paid tributes to the people killed in the April 22 Pahalagam terror attack.

Nadda said the prime minister underscored that water conservation programmes like building 'Amrit Sarovar' and the cleanliness campaign should be adopted as a continuous drive and not a one-off step.

Bootlegger nabbed with 51 bottles of illicit liquor

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BILLAWAR: J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saksena IPS today arrested one Bootlegger with 51 Bottles of illicit liquor(Desi) in the Jurisdictional area of P/S Billawar at Ghat Main road Macheedi - Billawar area.

A Party of P/S Billawar under the guidance of SDPO Billawar Neeraj Padyar and SHO PS Billawar Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq established Naka for checking/Trisking of vehicles at Ghat main road Macheedi towards Billawar. During vehicle checking, one person having two bags in his hand came from Nangala towards Billawar on his feet.

On seeing the police party, the said person tried to hide himself. Alert naka party apprehended him. On questioning, he disclosed his name as Raj Kumar S/o Romesh Chander R/o Upper Baggan Tehsil Billawar. On checking of his bags, 40 Quarters 180/180 ml each and 11 Bottles 375/375 ml each have been recovered from his possession. In this regard a Case FIR No. 76/2025 U/S 48(a) Excise Act stands registered at this PS Billawar. Further investigation of the case is going on.

Jammu South Police solves snatching case within 48 hours; both accused arrested

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JAMMU: In a commendable effort, the police team of Police Station Channi Himmat, led by SHO Channi Himmat Inspri Shariq Bhat under the supervision of SDPO South Sheezan Ahmed and SP South Ajay Sharma-JKPS and overall supervision of SSP Jammu Joginder Singh, has successfully apprehended two persons involved in a snatching case.



The arrest was made in connection with FIR NO.83/2025 U/S 307 BNS registered at the police station Channi Himmat.

Accused Arrested has been identified as Abdul Rehman son of Rashid Ahmed R/O HNO:31 Gujjar Colony, Channi Himmat, Jammu and Nadeem Choudhary S/O Mohd Yaqoob R/O Gujjar Colony Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Further investigation is underway to ascertain their involvement in other similar cases.

Notorious criminal detained under PSA

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KATHUA: An alleged notorious criminal was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in the Kathua district, police said on Sunday.

Suraj Masih, a resident of Haria Chak Marheen, has been booked under the PSA after obtaining formal detention order from the district magistrate, a police spokesman said.

He said multiple cases are registered against the accused who has been lodged in Udhampur district jail .

The spokesman said his alleged repeated criminal activities posed a serious threat to peace in the area, prompting police to prepare his dossier for the PSA, which allows detention without charge or trial up to two years in some cases.