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India warned terror state Pakistan that our forces can attack every inch of its land: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday attended the Theatrical performance of Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's epic poem 'Rashmirathi', organised by University of Jammu.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor paid homage to the great poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar and recalled his invaluable contribution to Hindi literature, Indian nationalism, and society at large.

"Dinkar is incomparable. His poems are timeless and each verse is dedicated to existence. He induces intense feeling in his epic and the nation can sing a song through his words. Our ancestors and great warriors have given voice to their feelings through the immortal personality of Dinkar," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the representation



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at an event organised by Jammu University on Monday.

- ▶ **LG attends Rashmirathi's Theatrical performance organised by University of Jammu**
- ▶ **The representation of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's epic was dedicated to heroes of Armed Forces, who taught a lesson to terrorist nation Pakistan and demonstrated courage, sacrifice, prowess and justice: LG**
- ▶ **Entire existence of Pakistan could be wiped off from face of earth, if it continues to nurture terrorists in its backyard**
- ▶ **Says, I am proud to see that our young generation is fulfilling dreams of our founding fathers. They are upholding democratic values, protecting sovereignty and integrity of nation and making sure that terror state Pakistan is punished for its misadventure**
- ▶ **Just like brave soldiers are standing firm in protecting the borders, similarly our young students too should dedicate themselves in driving innovation and India's economic growth**
- ▶ **Rashmirathi is not just our ancient history. It is symbol of ancient values of righteousness and dharma which is more relevant than ever before in the**

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of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's epic was dedicated to heroes of the Armed Forces, who taught a lesson to the terrorist nation Pakistan and demonstrated courage, sacrifice, prowess and justice.

"Rashmirathi is not just our ancient history. It is a symbol of ancient values of righteousness and dharma which is more relevant than ever before in the evolving Geopolitical Situation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor saluted the valour and indomitable courage of brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces for their strong and decisive action against terrorist country Pakistan through Operation Sindoor.

"India has warned terror state Pakistan that our forces can attack every inch of its land and its entire existence could be wiped off from the face of the earth, if it continues to nurture

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government, under Omar Abdullah's leadership, will hold a special cabinet meeting in Pahalgam on Tuesday, a move intended as a powerful message against terrorism and violence in the Union territory, officials said.

This is the first time the cabinet meeting will take place outside the usual summer capital, Srinagar, or winter capital, Jammu, during this government's tenure.

The choice of Pahalgam also aims to show solidarity with the residents of the tourist town, which has experienced a sharp decline in tourist footfall since the deadly April 22 terror attack that resulted in the deaths of 26 people, mostly tourists.

Although the meeting's agenda is not yet public, officials stressed that the gathering's significance lies more in its symbolic communication to anti-national and

anti-social elements that violence has no place in Jammu and Kashmir.

Abdullah, during his first stint as the chief minister of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir from 2009-14, had held cabinet meetings in remote areas like Gurez, Machil, Tangdhar of north Kashmir and Rajouri and Poonch areas of Jammu region.

The decision to hold a special cabinet meeting comes two days after Abdullah on Saturday proposed a dual approach to resuscitate Jammu and Kashmir tourism sector, severely impacted by the Pahalgam terror attack, urging the Centre to mandate PSUs to hold meetings in Kashmir and to convene parliamentary committee meetings there.

He had made this appeal at the Governing Council meeting of the NITI Aayog under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The chief minister believes that these concerted efforts by the government will significantly alleviate public fears, foster a renewed sense of security and trust, and ultimately pave the way for the revival of tourism in the Kashmir valley, bringing much-needed economic relief and a return to normalcy.

During a special day-long assembly session in Jammu on April 28, the Jammu and Kashmir government had unanimously passed a resolution against the Pahalgam attack and resolved to fight resolutely to defeat the nefarious designs to disturb communal harmony and hinder progress.

"The Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir reaffirms its unwavering commitment to foster an environment of peace, development, and inclusive prosperity for all its citizens, and to resolutely defeat the nefarious designs of those who

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Biennial polls to eight Rajya Sabha seats on June 19

NC urges EC to hold RS polls in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: With the term of eight members of the Rajya Sabha -- two from Assam and six from Tamil Nadu -- coming to an end in June and July, the Election Commission on Monday announced biennial polls to the seats on June 19.

According to practice, counting of votes will take place on the same evening. The terms of Birendra Prasad Baishya (BJP) and Mission Ranjan Das (also BJP) from Assam are coming to an end on June 14.

Similarly, the terms of six

members from Tamil Nadu - Anbumani Ramadoss (PMK), N Chandrasegharan (AIADMK), M Shanmugam (DMK), P Wilson (DMK) and Vaiko (MDMK) ends on July 24.

The notification for the biennial exercise will be held on June 2, the EC said.

Meanwhile, the National Conference has appealed to the Election Commission of India to hold elections for the Rajya Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir, while pointing out that more than six months have passed since

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CBI registers DA case against Ex-Tehsildar Rohit Sharma; assets over 200 pc beyond income

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday registered a fresh FIR against the suspended Tehsildar of Bahu, Rohit Sharma, in a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case.

This comes after Rohit Sharma was earlier caught red-handed while accepting a bribe by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of J&K, following which he was placed under suspension by the government.

According to CBI officials,

a reliable source indicated that Rohit Sharma amassed wealth vastly disproportionate to his known sources of income between January 1, 2020, and November 14, 2022.

The assets were allegedly acquired in his own name and in the names of his wife Shavi and other close family members, in the form of land, jewellery, and other moveable and immovable properties.

According to FIR, Rohit Sharma began his service as Naib Tehsildar in 2010 after being appointed on the basis of J&K Government's

Financial Commissioner's order. He underwent training at the Revenue Training Institute, Jammu, and served at various postings before taking charge as Tehsildar, Bahu, from March 20, 2020, until he was caught red handed in ACB's trap laid on November 14, 2022.

The CBI revealed, on the basis of investigations, financial details showing a massive rise in his assets. At the beginning of the check period in January 2020, his total assets stood at Rs 14,35,388. By the end of the check period in November

2022, his assets had ballooned to Rs 1,30,68,091 - a net gain of Rs 1,16,32,703.

Meanwhile, his legitimate income during this period was Rs 65,45,206, while his total expenditure was Rs 82,51,960, resulting in negative savings of Rs 17,06,754.

These figures have led to a conclusion that Rohit Sharma is in possession of assets 203.80% more than his known sources of income. Unable to satisfactorily explain the vast difference, he is now under investigation for possessing illicit wealth.

The case has been

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Op Sindoor showed no one can mess with India: Amit Shah

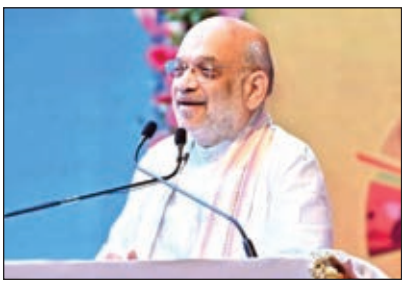
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NANDED: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the success of Operation Sindoor has sent the message to not just Pakistan but also the world that no one can mess with India's armed forces, its people and borders.

He was addressing a 'Shanknaad' rally in Maharashtra's Nanded. "Operation Sindoor has sent the message to not just Pakistan but also the world that no one can mess with

our armed forces, people and borders. Else, the perpetrators will have to face consequences," Shah said.

Calling the Pahalgam attack by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists cowardly, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had



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Highest altitude KVK to be part of nationwide agri campaign

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH/JAMMU: India's highest altitude Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Nyoma, located around 13,000 feet above sea level in the Union Territory of Ladakh, will become part of a nationwide campaign aimed at empowering farmers with knowledge and tools for the Kharif crop season.

The campaign, 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan', will be launched on May 29 from 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in coordination with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

"KVK Nyoma, the highest altitude kendra in India, will launch the nationwide campaign in the Union Territory of Ladakh from Thursday," a senior officials of Ladakh administration said.

The campaign, aimed at empowering farmers with knowledge and tools for the Kharif cropping season, "will be held from May 29 to June 12 across all states and Union Territories of India", the official said.

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Implementation of Post Matric Scholarships for ST candidates ACB registers FIR against Ex-Dir TA, others for violations

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu on Monday registered a case against M.S Choudhary, then Director Tribal Affairs J&K and others for gross violations in implementing the Post Matric Scholarships for ST candidates.

"ACB Jammu registered a formal case FIR No. 09/2025 under Section 5(1)(c) (d) read with section 5(2) of J&K PC Act, Svt. 2006 & section 120-B RPC at Police Station ACB Jammu against M.S. Choudhary, the then

Director Tribal Affairs J&K, (now retired), Shanaz Akhtar Malik, Catalog Computers, Anquaf Complex Jammu, Humera Banu and Firdous Ahmed, Chirag Institute of IT Channi Himmat, Jammu, Sham Lal Targotra, JKS-Industrial Training institute (ITI), Jindar Mehlu, R.S Pura, Jaffer Hussain Wani, Ever Green Institute of Computer Technology, Shastri Nagar Jammu, Parshotam Bharadwaj Global Institute of IT, Janipur Jammu, Ramneek Kour, Pankaj Memorial Charitable Trust

for Education and Research, Rajpura Subash Nagar, Puneet Mahajan, Supertech (India) Computer Education, Talab Tillo and others, for the allegations of gross violation of guidelines and releasing of crores of rupees to un-recognized institutes for un-recognized courses while implementing Post Matric Scholarship, Government of India, sponsored scheme entitled for ST candidates," an official said.

During the course of verification conducted into the matter, it was revealed

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NEET-aspirant from J&K hangs self in Kota

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KOTA: An 18-year-old NEET aspirant from Jammu and Kashmir allegedly hanged herself from the ceiling fan of her paying guest room here at Pratap Chouraha in Kota, police on Monday said.

This is the 15th such incident this year and second this month alone.

Before she killed herself on Sunday evening, the girl, Zeeshan, spoke to a relative of hers on the phone and told him that she might commit suicide before hanging up, Circle Inspector Ramesh Kavia, posted at Mahaveer Nagar Police Station,

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CM calls for data-driven planning, district level goals to accelerate dev in J&K



CM Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday underlined the importance of setting short-term, district-level goals rooted in data

analysis and tailored to the specific needs and potential of each region.

He stated this while chairing a comprehensive review meeting of the Planning,

Development & Monitoring Department at the Civil Secretariat, where detailed presentations were made on three critical initiatives - the Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), District Domestic Product (DDP), and the District Good Governance Index (DGGI).

"What we now require is targeted district-level planning - identifying where the potential lies and where gaps need to be filled. These short-term objectives will cumulatively guide us toward our long-term goal of

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Terrorism is open business in Pakistan: EAM

Op Sindoor halted only after DGMO talks at Pak's request, Jaishankar clears air about US role

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Terrorism is an "open business" in Pakistan that is financed, organised and used by the state and its military, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said.

The external affairs minister also said that India and Pakistan were "very, very far away" from a nuclear conflict during their recent clashes.

In an interview to German newspaper FAZ, Jaishankar, in an apparent criticism of the West, said there has been a tendency to link everything in "our part of the world" to a

"nuclear problem". "Very, very far away. I'm frankly astonished by your question," he said when



asked how far away was the world from a nuclear conflict between India and Pakistan.

"At no point was a nuclear level reached. There is a narrative as if everything that happens in our part of the world leads directly to

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 37.5°C Min: 23.8°C

Humidity
Max: 57 Min: 41

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 31.8°C Min: 16.3°C

Humidity
Max: 55 Min: 35

Sunset : 19:29 Hours
Sunrise : 05:25 Hours