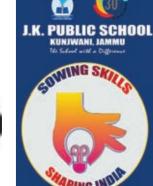


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SPECIAL CABINET MEETING IN PAHALGAM

Won't be intimidated by terror, says Omar

PAHALGAM: should be conflict neutral and should not be a barometer to project normalcy, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Tuesday after a special cabinet meeting here to give a clear message that the government will not be "intimidated by cowardly acts of ter-

The chief minister, in his first press conference after the April 22 terror attack at Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam, began by expressing gratitude to people for unequivocally condemning terror violence.

"I want to thank the people of Kashmir especially those of Pahalgam who condemned and stood in one voice against the April 22 terror strike on tourists. For this, I thank them and salute them," he said.

The chief minister also said that steps are being taken to support the tourism sector by



CM announces memorial for **Baisaran victims**

PAHALGAM: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday announced to establish a memorial in memory of the 26 victims of last month's tragic terror attack at Baisaran near

"We have been discussing this from day one - a memorial will be set up in Baisaran for the 26 innocent lives lost, as a lasting tribute and a reminder that they will never be forgotten," the Chief Minister said.

Addressing a gathering of travel & tour operators from across the country, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of reviving tourism in Jammu and Kashmir. "In today's cabinet meeting, held here in Pahalgam, the Public Works Department was authorized to grant in- principle approval for this memorial," he announced.

administration and the Centre especially Prime Minister Narendra Modi. who held a high-level meeting of stakeholders last week.

"I was in Delhi recently where I had a chance to meet the prime minister on the sidelines of the NITI Aayog meeting. I have apprised him about the condition of the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir and he has assured of complete support," Abdullah said, adding that last week's meeting at the central level had

Landslide blocks Jammu-Kishtwar national highway; restoration work in progress STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A massive landslide blocked the Jammu-Kishtwar national highway near Kandani, leaving hundreds of commuters stranded, officials said on Tuesday.

The landslide struck the highway at 4 pm on Monday near slide-prone Phagumar in Kishtwar district.

They said the road clearance operation was

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Tax Deptt extends ITR filing due date for AY26 to Sep 15

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Income Tax department on Tuesday extended the due date for filing ITRs for Assessment Year 2025-26 by individuals and entities who do not have to get their accounts audited to September 15.

The extension from the current deadline of July 31, was on account of "structural and content revisions" in the income tax return (ITR) forms, which was notified

Terrorism is Pakistan's deliberate 'war strategy', India to respond accordingly: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDHINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said terrorism was not a proxy war but a deliberate war strategy adopted by Pakistan, and India will respond to it accordingly.

Speaking at a Gujarat government programme here, he also batted for buying Indian products to boost the country's economy.

Refusing to make any distinction between non-state and state actors in Pakistan, Modi said the neighbouring country is engaging in war by continuing to support terror-

"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family) is our `sanskar' (value imbibed through tradition), we want happiness for our neighbours too, but if you challenge our strength, then India is also a land of heroes," he said, speaking at an urban development programme of the state government.

accordingly," he added.

proxy war, as those who were killed after May 6 (during Operation Sindoor) were given state honors in Sindoor. Pakistan. Pakistani flags During were draped over their coffins, and their military saluted them. This proves that these terrorist activities are not just a proxy war, this is a deliberate war strategy

on their part," the prime minister said. "If they are engaging in war, then the response will be

Modi was on his first visit to Gujarat after Operation

his visit to Vadodara, Dahod, Bhuj, Ahmedabad Gandhinagar, he experienced 'fervour of patriotism with the roar of success of Operation Sindoor", he said, adding that this feeling could

be seen across the country.

A single thorn can

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Centre amends key pension rules; PSU employees Modi's 11-year reign as PM will be written to lose retirement benefits on dismissal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The dismissal or removal of an employee of a public sector undertaking (PSU) will lead to forfeiture of the retirement benefits, the Centre

However, the decision of such dismissal or removal shall be subject to review by the administrative ministry concerned, it said. The Personnel Ministry has

effected key changes in the Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 in this regard.

According to the recentlynotified Central Civil

Ghulam Nabi Azad hospitalized

STATE TIMES NEWS RIYADH: Former Union Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is part of an all-party

delegation to the Gulf region, has been admitted to a hospital and is now under medical supervision, BJP MP Baijayant Jay Panda said on "Halfway into our delega-

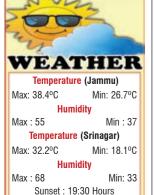
tion's tour, Shri @ghulamnazad has had to be admitted to hospital. He is stable, under medical supervision, and will be undergoing some tests and procedures,' Panda, who is leading

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Atmosphere of fear reduced in Kashmir: Faroog STATE TIMES NEWS

PAHALGAM: Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday asserted that the atmosphere of fear in Kashmir has significantly reduced and urged the tourists to visit the valley again to enjoy its beauty.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



Sunrise: 05:25 Hours

Amendment Rules, 2025, "the dismissal or removal from service of the public sector undertaking of any employee after his absorption in such undertaking for

any subsequent misconduct shall lead to forfeiture of the retirement benefits" for the service rendered under the government also. .. and in the event of his dismissal or removal or retrenchment the decision of the undertaking shall be sub-

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the new rules notified on

STATE TIMES NEWS

PAHALGAM: In a show of

resilience, Chief Minister

Omar Abdullah on Tuesday

cycled on the streets of

Pahalgam, alongside his two

sons Zamir and Zahir, and

interacted with people assur-

ing them of revival of

This outing comes just over

a month after the terrorist

attack that claimed the lives

of 26 people, mostly tourists,

The family's cycling tour,

spanning 2.5 kms, from a

hotel to the base camp for the

upcoming annual Amarnath

Yatra followed a special cabi-

in the hill resort.

in golden letters in history: Shah **STATE TIMES NEWS**

MUMBAI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 11-year reign will be written in golden letters in his-

Speaking at the 150th anniversary of Madhavbagh Laxminarayan temple here, Shah, who spoke in Gujarati, said that those who didn't know the value of "ek chutki sindoor" were ject to review by the ministry administratively concerned informed about it through with the undertaking," read 'Operation Sindoor'.

"Modi has completed 11 years as the prime minister. The son of Gujarat is com-

CM Omar cycles on Pahalgam streets,

assures people of tourism revival

net meeting led by Abdullah.

The event aimed to convey

a clear message that the gov-

ernment will not be cowed by

such acts of terrorism.



mitted to the nation's development, economic growth security. and national Those who violated the national security have been taught a lesson," he said. PM Modi has made people feel proud to be an Indian and enhanced the value of

over 100 livestock

Lightning kills

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: Over 100 sheep and goats belonging to nomadic families were killed after they were struck by lightning in the Rajouri district, officials said on

The incident occurred in the upper reaches of the Budhal sub-division, when lightning, accompanied by heavy thunder and hail storm, hit a shepherd's camp during the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday, officials said.

The nomadic families from the Targain village of Budhal had moved to the upper reaches along with their

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seas, the home minister

Shah said it was due to the strong political will that Ram Mandir in Avodhva and Vishwanath corridor were constructed during Modi's

He lauded the efforts of trustees in running the Madhavbagh Laxminarayan Temple in the heart of Mumbai.

The institution has the sentiment of social service, which has made it a centre of cultural, religious and social activities, the Union

Op Sindoor: Railways felicitates 209 employees of Jammu Div for 'excellent service' ■ STATE TIMES NEWS terror infrastructure in

JAMMU: Over 200 employ-

ees of operating and comdepartment of Northern Railway's Jammu division were on Tuesday felicitated here for providing excellent service during Operation Sindoor, an official said. Divisional

Senior Commercial Manager, Jammu Division, Uchit Singhal handed over certificates to 209 employees at a special programme organised by the railways in their honour for their duties with dedication.

Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on Pakistan and Pakistan-occu-Kashmir Operation Sindoor early May 7 in response to the dastardly April 22 Pahalgam mas-

"The main objective of the program was to honour the employees of the operating and commercial department of Jammu division who provided excellent service during operation Sindoor," Singhal

He said all the trains were operated by the Operating Department as per their scheduled time and the Commercial Department

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Ex-CJI Khehar, Dr Lalit among 68 personalities conferred with Padma awards

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Former Chief Justice of India Jagdish Singh Khehar, noted Dogri writer Lalit Mangotra, Shobana Chandrakumar, actor Anant Nag and Vice Chancellor of prestigious King George's Medical University Soniya Nityanand were among 68 eminent personalities conferred with the coveted Padma awards by President

Droupadi Murmu on

Lalit Mangotra, who has been working for the promotion and development of Dogri language, and litera-

Tuesday.

ture for the last 50 years, honoured with the Padma Shri. He was born to Shiv Devi and Pandit Lok Nath Magotra in Chougan Fattu, situated in the heart of old Jammu City., A scientist by profession, he retired as professor of physics from University of Jammu with more than 300 scientific publications in international journals. The 80-year-old entered the field of Dogri literature by penning down his first Dogri short story in 1970s.

In recognition of his contribution and works, Mangotra has received many presti-

gious awards and facilitation such as Sahitya Akademi Award in 2011, J&K state award for outstanding contribution to Dogri literature 2009, two times best book award by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and languages (2000 and 2010), and many Additionally, Mangotra is the President of Dogri Sanstha, the oldest and premier literary organi-

A total of 139 distinguished persons were named for the country's civilian awards --Padma Vibhushan,

the last 30 years.

sation working for Dogri for

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Have not let our guard down along IB, **Op Sindoor continues: BSF**

Yatra, which leads to the

3,880-metre-high holy cave

housing a naturally formed

ice-shivlingam, is set to com-

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BSF Inspector General, Jammu Frontier, Shashank Anand on Tuesday said the border force has not let its guard down along the International Border and that Operation Sindoor remains ongoing as Pakistan cannot be trusted.

Expressing apprehension about infiltration attempts along the border, the IG asserted that the Border Security Force (BSF) remains on high alert.

"We cannot let our guard down even for a second. We are maintaining the highest possible vigil along the border," Anand said in a press addressing conference

Operation Sindoor here. He was replying to a ques-

BSF IG Jammu Frontier, Shashank Anand briefing media on Tuesday. tion about the possibility of terrorist infiltration along the IB under the cover of Pakistani shelling and the security measures taken post

Operation Sindoor. The officer assured that a high degree of operational preparedness has been main-

tained along the border.

"There were inputs that the

enemy may plan to conduct some kind of mischief, crossborder firing, or stage infiltration. We are ready and vigilant," he said. Stating that Pakistan can-

not be trusted, the officer informed that the BSF is putting up robust surveillance systems to maintain high vigilance along the bor"We are rapidly upgrading

our surveillance equipment and systems. We are deploying technology that gives us advance information on any infiltration movement from across the border." he said. expressing confidence in the BSF to handle such situations.

On the issue of terrorists possibly infiltrating under the cover of shelling, the IG said, "Some foreign terrorists infiltrated in the past. This poses a serious challenge to security forces in both and Kashmir Jammu regions. The Army, BSF, other paramilitary forces, and police are jointly committed to eliminating terror-

He also shared that all information about possible terror infiltrations is being verified. "It is difficult to confirm anything at this stage. Our job is to assess and act on these inputs along with other agencies.

Expressing that infiltration remains a challenge for

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Anti-terror operation launched in Kathua



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces on Tuesday launched search operations in the higher reaches of Kathua district following information about movement of suspected terrorists, officials said.

The joint cordon and search operation by police,

army and CRPF was underway in the upper reaches of Lowang and Sarthal in Bani area since this morning, they They said security forces

received information about suspected movement of terrorists and immediately

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