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CM calls on PM Modi, discusses key issues concerning J&K

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DELHI: Minister Omar Abdullah called on the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday evening in the national capital to discuss key issues con-Jammu and cerning Kashmir, with particular emphasis on the recent developments in the region.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister briefed the Prime Minister on the prevailing situation in the wake of the heinous terrorist attack that occurred on April 22 in Baisaran Valley of the Pahalgam tourist resort, which tragically claimed the lives of 26 innocent civilians.

According to an official spokesperson, the Chief Minister reiterated the deep sense of grief and outrage felt by the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

On April 28, the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution con-



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi on Saturday.

Committed to act firmly, decisively against terrorists, backers: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced a USD 200 million defence credit line for Angola and expressed commitment to act firmly and decisively against terrorists and their backers, an assertion that came days after the Pahalgam terror strike.

Modi made the remarks after holding wide-ranging talks vith Angolan President Joao Manuel Goncalves Laurenco that focused on ramping up overall bilateral ties, including in areas of digital public infrastructure. In his media statement the prime minister said

demning the Pahalgam terror attack in the strongest possible terms, reflecting the collective will of the people's representatives to stand united against terrorism and safeguard the peace and harmony of the region.

The Chief Minister conveyed to the Prime Minister the deep sense of solidarity among the people of

India imposes complete ban on imports from Pakistan

Suspends all postal services; bans entry of Pakistani ships into Indian ports

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has imposed a complete ban on imports of all goods from Pakistan with immediate effect on the grounds of national security and public policy, following last month's terror attack in Pahalgam, according to a government

Though the 200 per cent import duty imposed on Pakistani goods in 2019 after the Pulwama terror attack had effectively halted direct imports, the latest decision also prohibits the entry of Pakistani goods routed through third countries.

India's exports to Pakistan in April-January 2024-25 stood at USD 447.65 million, while imports were meagre USD 0.42 million. These imports were limited to niche items like figs (USD 78,000), Basil and Rosemary herbs (USD 18,856), certain chemicals, and Himalayan pink salt. The imports were USD 2.88 million in 2023-

A provision has been added in Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023 "to prohibit direct or indirect import or transit of all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan with immediate effect until further orders", the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification dated May 2.

It added this restriction is imposed in the interest of "national security and public policy". Any exception to this prohibition will require approval of Government of India, the order said.

Inserting the provision $_{
m the}$ heading "Prohibition on Import from Pakistan" in the FTP, it said: "Direct or indirect import or transit of all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan, whether or not freely importable or otherwise permitted, shall be proeffect, until further orders". The decision follows a terror attack in Pahalgam on

April 22, in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed. "This will prohibit import of goods from Pakistan directly or through any other trade route," the commerce min-

istry said. Following the terror attack last month, India took a series of measures including immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post, used for movement of certain kinds of goods. Besides, India has announced expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, and suspension of

1960. In retaliation, Pakistan also announced suspension of all trade with India, including to and from any third country through Pakistan.

the Indus Water Treaty of

Bilateral trade between the two countries nosedived after the Pulwama terror attack. Besides imposing 200 per

cent duty, India had also withdrawn Pakistan's 'Most Favoured Nation' trade sta-

The bilateral trade dipped to USD 647.2 million in 2023-24 from USD 2.41 billion in 2017-18 and USD 2.27 billion in 2016-17.

Both countries have a long history of strained relations, primarily due to the Kashmir issue as well as the cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

Commenting on India's decision, think tank GTRI said that India does not depend on Pakistani goods, so the economic impact is minimal.

"However, Pakistan still needs Indian products and may continue accessing them through third countries recorded and through unrecorded routes. India's already minuscule imports from Pakistan will now drop to zero. No one in India

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perpetrators of Pahalgam-like attacks

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ANANTNAG: National Conference supremo Farooq Abdullah on Saturday urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to stand against the perpetrators of Pahalgamlike attacks for progress and prosperity, asserting that those behind the April 22 massacre would "rot in hell".

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state visited the residence of Adil Hussain Shah, a pony ride operator who was among the 26 victims, at Hapatnaar in this south Kashmir district.

"He (Shah) is a martyr. He sacrificed his life, he was not afraid of the guns of the

Day after drowning,

man's body fished out of

Dal Lake in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: A day after a

man drowned in the Dal

Lake here, his body was

fished out of the water on

On Friday, two boats carry-

ing five passengers over-

turned in the Dal Lake as

winds blowing at a very

speed swept Srinagar and

other areas of the Valley, offi-

cials said. While four passen-

Rajnath set to skip Russia's

victory day parade

NEW DELHI: Defence

Minister Rainath Singh is set to skip Russia's Victory

Day parade and his deputy Sanjay Seth is likely to rep-

resent India at the event in Moscow this week, official

The move to send the

Minister of State for Defence

to the May 9 ceremony

comes amid increasing ten-

sions between India and

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Pakistan over the

sources said on Saturday.

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gers were saved by the

Saturday, police said.

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beasts. This is 'insaniyat (humanity)', this Kashmiriyat. One who is afraid is dead," Abdullah

"We have to fight them (terrorists) and fight them with courage. We will never be happy and prosperous and we can never move forward until we fight them. So, we must have courage," he

Abdullah, however, refused to comment on India's actions against Pakistan in the aftermath of the attack. "Our prime minister will take such a decision." Pakistan Peoples

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Farooq urges J&K people to take stand against ACB arrests I/C PP GMC Jammu, his driver for demanding, accepting bribe

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday arrested Incharge Police Post GMC Jammu and his driver for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 13,000.

According to a statement, the ACB received a complaint alleging therein that the PSI Murtaza Rehman, Incharge PP GMC Jammu and his driver/SPO namely Himanshu Sharma had demanded illegal gratification for running Rehari at the exit Gate of GMC Jammu from the com-



The accused had demanded illegal gratification from the complainant for running Rehari. Since, the complainant didn't want to pay bribe, he approached Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant

On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirmed the demand of bribe by the

public servant concerned and accordingly, a case FIR No. 06/2025 U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 61(2) BNS, 2023 was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu and investigation taken up. During the course of inves-

tigation, a trap team headed by a Gazetted rank officer was constituted, which laid a successful trap and accused PSI Murtaza Rehman and his driver/SPO Himanshu Sharma were caught redhanded while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 13,000 from the

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 incident of firing along the

Border skirmishes continue in different sectors along LoC for 9th day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The post-to-post small arms firing between India and Pakistani troops continued in different sectors along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir for the ninth consecutive night, officials said on Saturday.

However, there was no casualty in the border skirmishes initiated by Pakistan troops in violation of the ceasefire agreement.

This was the nine consecutive nights of unprovoked firing from across the border, which had mostly restricted to LoC. There was only one

International Border (IB).

"During the night of May 2 and 3, Pakistan Army resorted to unprovoked small arms fire across the Line of Control opposite the Kupwara, Uri, and Akhnoor areas of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

"Indian Army responded promptly and proportionately," a defence spokesman said.

Civilians living along the LoC and IB have begun cleaning their community and individual bunkers to make them habitable in case of an escalation to shelling. Since the night of

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Pahalgam terror attack: Police carry out searches at multiple locations in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police Saturday carried out searches at multiple locations in the city here as part of a clampdown on the terror ecosystem in the wake of the Pahalgam attack that left 26 people

A spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Police said they have intensified searches across multiple locations in the city, with the aim to dismantle the terrorsupporting infrastructure in the district.

He said the searches were part of the continuing action



of proscribed outfits and in furtherance of the investigation into cases registered Activities (Prevention) Act

The spokesperson said the

the Unlawful

searches were conducted at five places in the city.

The searches were carried out in accordance with proper legal procedures, in the presence of executive ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

CRPF dismisses jawan who married Pak woman without intimation

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Central Reserve Police Force has dismissed from service its jawan Munir Ahmed for 'concealing" his marriage with a Pakistani woman as his action was found to be detrimental to national security, official sources said

The jawan was last posted with the 41st battalion of paramilitary CRPF, the lead internal security force of the

Saturday.

He was "dismissed from service" under the rules that do not require conducting an enquiry, official sources

as compared to courtroom adjudication: CJI **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Observing that mediation is not a "lesser form of justice" but it's "wiser form", Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Saturday said mediation offers a more holistic solution to disputes as compared to courtroom adjudication.

Speaking at the National Conference on Exploring the Efficacy and Reach of Mediation, Khanna said that in courtroom adjudication, one party emerges the winner and the other the loser leading to relations

the other hand, can heal rela-

Mediation offers more holistic solution to disputes

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offered by it are less traumatic and more humane.

"Court litigation and adjudication are, in a way, grim and shallow. At times, the root cause remains unad-

The CJI said mediation, on bane remain. The relationships are strained, if not broken. There is a winner, there

is a loser," he said. "Mediation does the opposite. It seeks to identify and remedy the root cause. It goes deeper into the issue, the cause of the misunderstanding. It addresses the primordial and underlying concerns that are the cause

of the dispute. "It allows a more holistic solution that not only resolves the legal issue but goes beyond that.

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India has potential to become global leader in media, entertainment: Vaishnaw WAVES ushered new beginning in world of film, entertainment, media in India

VIVEK SHARMA

MUMBAI: Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday highlighted India's immense potential to become a global leader in media and entertainment, saying this is also the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

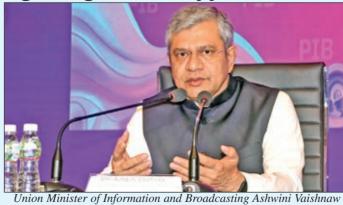
"Measures taken at WAVES are the initial steps toward that goal," he said after flagging off a series of strategic partnerships between the Indian Institute of Cinema and Technology (HCT) and leading industry giants.

The ceremony, held in the presence of Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, Dr. L. Murugan and I&B Secretary Sanjay Jha, Sanjay Jha, PDG PIB marked a significant step toward nurturing talent and building a robust ecosystem for the country's booming creative sector.

"India has over a billion talented individuals, a civilization spanning 5,000 years, and countless stories waiting to be told. We have what it takes to lead globally in this space," he declared, emphasizing the role of collaboration in achieving this vision.

Vaishnaw lauded the industry's overwhelming support for the initiative, saying: "Over the past two days, in many ways, a new beginning has taken place in the fields of film education, film entertainment, and media in India. This is a bold new step. The vision of the Prime Minister guides us. According to that vision, India has the power to take global leadership in the world of media and entertainment." he remarked.

"I am very happy that practically every senior executive I've met in the last two days has shown deep appreciation for this initiative and



addressing WAVE Summit 2025, in Mumbai on Saturday. has expressed great willingness to He said that HCT is on track to work with us, to work with our evolve into a premier institution in institutions, and to help build its field, much like how IITs and these institutions for long-term IIMs have become benchmarks in sustainable growth. There's a gentechnology and management eduuine willingness to collaborate and

invest in building long-term, sus-

tainable institutions," he said.

He emphasized that HCT aims to become a "major institution" in

the coming decades, likening its future trajectory to India's globally respected IIT and IIM systems. "This is just the beginning. We're setting a template for excellence and innovation. The government is fully committed to listening, adapting, and creating opportunities for our youth," he added.

"We are a very open-minded government. Our Prime Minister always encourages us to listen and make the necessary changes that will help our young people, help our talent find the right opportunities. Thank you. I wish you all the very best," he said.

Vaishnaw informed reporters that discussions with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) were also on for a collaboration with HCT. He had a meeting with Daren Tang, the Director General of WIPO, on the sidelines of WAVES here on Friday.

The HCT is being set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting as a National Centre of Excellence on the lines of the prestigious IIT and IIM in strategic collaboration with trade body FICCI and industry body CII.

The industry leaders present in the ceremony included Richard Kerris, (VP & GM, Media & Entertainment, Nvidia), Sanjog Gupta (CEO, Sports & Live Experiences, Jio Star), Mala Sharma (VP & GM - Education Adobe), Preeti Lobana (Country Head & VP, Google India), Rajiv Malik (Senior Director, WACOM) Sandeep Bandibekar (Head of Sales, State Govt. & Healthcare) Sandeep Bandivdekar (Director, Mainstream Services Partners Microsoft) and Sunil Abraham (Director, Public policy, Meta).

Board members and governing ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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