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Bullets will be answered with cannon balls: Modi warns Pak

STATE TIMES NEWS

BHOPAL: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said proxy wars by terrorists will not work and bullets will be answered with cannon balls, adding that 'sindoor' has become a symbol of valour following India's response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

He also described Operation Sindoor as the biggest and most successful anti-terror operation in the country's history.

Speaking at the Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Mahila Sashaktikaran Maha Sammelan here on the occasion of the legendary queen's 300th birth anniversary, Modi said, "Through a decisive response, Bharat gave a message that proxy war by terrorists will not work. Bharat, a land of culture and values, sees sindoor as a symbol of women's power. Today, that same sindoor has become a symbol of our val-



our and resistance to terrorism."

"If you fire bullets, then rest assured that they will be answered with cannon balls," Modi said.

"India is a country of culture and traditions, and sindoor is a symbol of women

power in our tradition. Hanuman ji, who is immersed in Ram Bhakti, also sports sindoor. We offer sindoor in Shakti Puja. This sindoor has become a symbol of bravery," he said.

Earlier this month, Indian armed forces carried out mis-

sile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir under Operation Sindoor. The operation was conducted two weeks after the massacre of 26 civilians in Kashmir's Pahalgam.

Sindoor or the vermilion mark symbolises the marital status of Hindu women, and its use as the operation's name resonated powerfully in light of the April 22 Pahalgam massacre.

"In Pahalgam, terrorists not only shed the blood of Indians, but also attacked our culture. They tried to divide our society and the biggest thing is that they challenged the women power of India," Modi said.

"This challenge has sounded the death knell for terrorists and their handlers. Operation Sindoor is the biggest and most successful operation in the history of India against terrorists."

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Summer vacation from June 7

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) on Saturday announced summer vacations for all educational institutes of summer zones areas of the region from June 7 to July 17, 2025.

The order issued by DSEJ reads, "All the government and recognized private schools falling in summer zones of Jammu division

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India says Pakistan violating IWT through terrorism

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has said that Pakistan should stop blaming it for the breach of the Indus Water Treaty, as the unrelenting cross-border terrorism from its soil is interfering with the treaty's implementation.

Addressing the plenary session of the first UN conference on glaciers in Tajikistan's Dushanbe on Friday, Minister of State

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Civil defence exercise 'Operation Shield' conducted across J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Mock drills under Operation Shield were conducted across Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday to test and strengthen the preparedness for emergency situations, officials said.

As part of the mock drill, a blackout was observed from 8 pm to 8:15 pm as lights of government buildings, houses and business establishments were turned off, they said.

In Srinagar, lights were turned off in the Lal Chowk City centre, including the historic Ghanta Ghar (Clock Tower), as well, the officials said.

The exercise was aimed at familiarising citizens with emergency response protocols during blackout or crisis situations and to evaluate the readiness of the public and the administration.

Business activities, vehicular movement and routine operations were paused for



Civil Defence and SDRF men carrying out mock drill in Jammu on Saturday evening.

the 15-minute duration, they added.

The civil defence mock drills, under the banner of Operation Shield, conducted by District Administrations in collaboration with SDRF and Civil Defence, aimed at strengthening the preparedness for emergency situations, the officials said.

Experts and personnel from SDRF, Health Department, Fire and Emergency Services, along with a large number of students and locals participated

in the exercises, they said. The exercises involved demonstrations of rapid response tactics, simulated rescue operations, and real-time coordination between various emergency services, they added.

The demonstrations emphasised the importance of timely, well-coordinated responses to minimize casualties and damage, the officials said.

As a part of 'Operation Shield' the exercise took

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Teacher held for duping job seekers remanded to 15-day judicial custody

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JAMMU: A suspended government school teacher, arrested last week on duping job seekers, was on Saturday remanded to 15 days of judicial custody, an official of the Crime Branch said.

Jameel Anjum, a resident of Ustad Mohalla, was arrested on May 23 and was produced in a local court which remanded him to 15 days judicial custody, the official said.

He said Anjum was arrested following a fresh complaint lodged by Rashid Manhas of Gujjar Nagar, claiming that he was duped of Rs 10 lakh cash and gold

ornaments worth Rs 5 lakh on the pretext of arranging government jobs for him and his sister, the official said.

The accused provided fake appointment orders to the complainant and made him believe that certain posts in various government departments are to be filled by educated candidates having no one in government services and belonging to middle class strata, the official said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh constituted a special investigation team after getting the complaint for an in-depth investigation.

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1,36,020 cases settled in 2nd National Lok Adalat across J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its endeavour to fulfill the constitutional commitment of providing swift, cost-effective, and efficient dispute resolution to the masses in general and the litigant public in particular, the J&K Legal Services Authority under the patronage of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority), the leadership of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, and the guidance of Justice



Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, JKLSA inaugurating National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Srinagar.

Vinod Chatterji Koul, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee on Saturday organized the deferred 2nd National Lok

Adalat of the year 2025 across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, to promote amicable settlements in a wide range of cases, includ-

ing MACT claims, matrimonial disputes, cheque bounce cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act, money recovery, commercial disputes, and compoundable criminal offences.

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ACB arrests Patwari for accepting bribe of Rs 10,000

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday arrested Gulzar Ahmad Ganai, Patwari, Halqa Larkhpura, Tehsil Dooru, District Anantnag for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 10,000.

"ACB received a written complaint alleging therein that complainant had submitted an application in Tehsil Office Dooru, District Anantnag requesting therein for cutting/pruning Chinar tree branches, situated near his house, as there were apprehensions of damage of life/property of the com-

plainant due to gusty/strong winds," ACB official said.

"Tehsil Office Dooru forwarded his application to Patwari Halqa Larkhpura, Tehsil Dooru for report. When the complainant approached the Patwari Halqa Larkhpura, he (Patwari) demanded Rs. 10000 as bribe from the complainant in lieu of providing favourable report," official said and added, "The complainant chose not to pay bribe and instead approached Anti Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the

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IGP reviews security arrangements for Kheer Bhawani Mela

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SRINAGAR: Kashmir zone Inspector General of Police (IGP) V K Birdi on Saturday reviewed the security arrangements for the upcoming Mela Kheer Bhawani, an official said.

Talking to reporters, Birdi said stringent security arrangements have been put in place for the smooth conduct of the annual fair on June 3 at the Kheer Bhawani temple in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

"The main function of the Mela Kheer Bhawani is on June 3. Jammu and Kashmir Police has made stringent (security) arrangements so that the devotees coming here from different districts of the valley do not face any difficulty and they get proper security," Birdi told reporters in Ganderbal.

In response to a question on fear among the people in the wake of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, the Kashmir police chief said, "The Jammu and

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AAP stands by broken promise as 'Yudh Nasheyan Virudh' goes to drain as well: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday lashed out at the Aam Aadmi Party government for turning its so-called 'War on Drugs' into yet another theatrical show by Arvind Kejriwal's PR-driven politics.

Chugh said, "Today is May 31, 2025 - the very deadline that the AAP government set for making Punjab drug-free. Has the 'War on Drugs' really been won, or has it quietly fizzled out like all their other gimmicks?"

He questioned the complete silence of the Bhagwant



Mam government on the final day of this grandly branded campaign. "Why is there no official declaration of victory? Why is the government hiding behind num-

bers and slogans rather than showing real outcomes?" Chugh continued, "If this war has truly been won, the people of Punjab deserve

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BJP names 2 MLAs as deputy leaders, another chief whip in J&K LA

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit on Saturday assigned key responsibilities to several of its MLAs to strengthen the party's organizational structures and legislative functioning in the assembly.

BJP vice-president and Samba MLA Surjit Singh Salathia and Udhampur West MLA Pawan Gupta have been nominated as the deputy leaders of the opposition, while Jasrota MLA Rajiv Jasrotia has been nominated as the party's chief whip, said a BJP spokesperson.

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Court awards 2 years imprisonment to then CEO, four others in Microscope Purchase Scam

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu Haq Nawaz Zargar on Saturday after 20 years investigation and trial awarded two years imprisonment to Jatinder Kumar Gupta, the then Account Officer, Directorate of School Education, Jammu, Balwan Singh, the then Lecturer, SIE, Rameshwar Sharma the then Lecturer Geology, Govt. HSS Samba, Balbir Singh Jangwal then CEO Udhampur and Jaswinder Singh Manocha in much publicized microscope purchase scam.

As per brief facts of the case during the year 2004-2005 Education Department Jammu purchased substandard laboratory equipments including Microscopes for examining properties of minerals on highly exorbitant rates. Accordingly JSC was conducted so revealed that in response to the tender notice issued no August 25, 2004 Divisional Level Purchase Committee of Education Dept Jammu, M/s Cosmo Politan Traders Vir-Marg Jammu offered quotations for supply of Microscopes @ Rs 1800 per item print

price/bills of Rs 650. "Jatinder Kumar Gupta the then Accounts Officer, Directorate of School Education Jammu (Member Secretary), Balwan Singh Lecturer SIE Jammu as Expert while Rameshwar Sharma then Lecturer Geology Govt Higher Secondary School Samba being an expert member has also facilitated the approval of rate and purchase of sub-standard dissection microscopes.

Having succeeded in getting the rates approved with active connivance of

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Rain brings respite from scorching heat in Jammu

Fresh snowfall in higher reaches of J&K



all government and recognised private schools falling under the summer zone of Jammu division.

The officials said two to three inches of snowfall was reported from different high altitude areas of Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts. The unseasonal snowfall

forced closure of many hilly roads, including Mughal road connecting Poonch and Rajouri districts in Jammu with Kashmir's Shopian district and Sinthan road connecting Kishtwar in Jammu with Anantnag in Kashmir, they said.

The snowfall in Peer Ki Gali along Mughal road and

Margal top, Sinthan top and Warwan in Kishtwar and Chasana in Reasi disrupted the normal life and also resulted in death of several sheep and goats, they said.

A couple of mud-houses and cowsheds also collapsed due to heavy rains in the hilly areas of Rajouri and Reasi but there was no loss of life, the officials said.

Jammu recorded a maximum of 32.9 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 19.3 degrees Celsius, both the temperatures being over 6 notches below normal during this part of the season, a spokesman of the weather office said.

The winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir was reeling under intense heat wave for the past week with

the temperature hovering around 40 degrees Celsius. The drop in the day and night temperature in Jammu, which recorded 2.8 mm of rains with gusty winds and overcast skies, came as a big relief to the people.

Katra, the base camp for pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district, recorded a high of 28.6 degrees Celsius and a low of 17.2 degrees Celsius, the spokesman said, adding the town recorded 21.4 mm of rainfall during the day.

The weatherman predicted widespread light to moderate rain possibility of light snow over higher reaches during the next 24 hours.

Meanwhile, several areas in the higher reaches of

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Army Chief felicitates BSF woman officer, praises ex-servicemen for role during Op Sindoor



Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi awarding a BSF woman officer in Jammu on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Army chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi has awarded a BSF woman officer and praised the paramilitary force and ex-servicemen for their role during Operation Sindoor, the army said on Saturday.

The chief of Army Staff

(COAS) reached Jammu on a two-day visit on Thursday and attended the high-level security review meeting chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah.

"General Dwivedi reviewed operational preparedness in Jammu and Kashmir's

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 32.9°C Min: 19.3°C

Humidity
Max: 79 Min: 25

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 14.5°C Min: 11.8°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 52

Sunset : 19:32 Hours
Sunrise : 05:23 Hours