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Modi calls out...

communication between the two armed forces, and it was initiated at Pakistan's request," he said, sharing key points of the Modi-Trump meeting.

The foreign secretary said Modi "firmly stated that India does not and will never accept mediation" and that there is complete political consensus in India on this matter.

PM Modi told President Trump in clear terms that after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, India had conveyed its determination to take action against terrorism to the whole world.

Modi told Trump that India had only targeted the terrorist camps and hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, adding India's actions were very measured, precise, and non-escalatory, according to Misri.

"India had also made it clear that any act of aggression from Pakistan would be met with a stronger response," the foreign secretary said.

"On the night of May 9, Vice President (JD) Vance had made a phone call to Prime Minister Modi. Vice President Vance had conveyed that Pakistan may launch a major attack on India," Misri said.

Prime Minister Modi had conveyed to him in clear terms that if such an action were to occur, India would respond with an even stronger response, he said.

"On the night of May 9-10, India gave a strong and decisive response to Pakistan's attack, inflicting significant damage on the Pakistani military," he said on the phone conversation.

"Their military airbases were rendered inoperable. Due to India's firm action, Pakistan was compelled to request a cessation of military operations," he said.

Misri said President Trump enquired if PM Modi could stop over in the US on his way back from Canada.

"Due to prior commitments, Prime Minister Modi expressed his inability to do so. Both leaders agreed to make efforts to meet in the near future," he said.

"Don't turn blind..."

accountable and made to pay the price.

There must be no place for "double standards" in dealing with terrorism, he said and questioned whether those spreading terror and those who suffer from it be "weighed on the same scale."

Modi was addressing the G7 outreach session on Energy Security on Tuesday.

"Terrorism is the enemy of humanity. It stands in opposition to all nations that uphold democratic values. Unity in the fight against terrorism is imperative," Modi said.

"Unfortunately, our own neighbourhood has become a breeding ground for terrorism."

"For the sake of global peace and prosperity, our thinking and our policies must be extremely clear - any country that supports terrorism must be held accountable and made to pay the price," he said.

Modi said the reality is quite the opposite.

"On the one hand, we are quick to impose various sanctions based on our own preferences and interests. On the other hand, nations that openly support terrorism continue to be rewarded," he added.

The prime minister posed certain questions too.

"Are we truly serious about addressing terrorism? Will we understand the true meaning of terrorism only when it knocks on our own doors?"

"Can those who spread terror and those who suffer from it be weighed on the same scale? Are our global institutions at risk of losing their credibility?," he asked.

The prime minister called for decisive global action in dealing with terrorism.

"If we don't take decisive action today against this terrorism that stands against humanity, history will never forgive us," he said.

"Turning a blind eye towards terrorism for the sake of vested interests, or extending support to terror or terrorists, is a betrayal of all humanity," he added.

The prime minister said there must be no place for double standards when it comes to terrorism.

"Recently, India faced a brutal and cowardly terrorist attack. The terrorist attack that took place on April 22 was not just an assault on Pahalgam, but a direct attack on the soul, identity, and dignity of every Indian," he said.

"It was an assault on all humanity. I express my sincere gratitude to all friends who condemned the attack in the strongest terms," he added.

On energy security, Modi said ensuring energy security for future generations is "one of our biggest challenges."

"We consider it not only a priority but also as a responsibility towards our citizens. Moving forward on the basic principles of availability, accessibility, affordability and acceptability, India has chosen the path of inclusive development."

He noted that it is essential for all countries to move forward together towards energy transition.

"We must move forward with the spirit of 'not I, but us'."

"Unfortunately, the countries of the Global South are having to bear the maximum impact of uncertainty and conflicts. No matter where the tension is in the world, these countries are the first to be affected by food, fuel, fertiliser and financial crises," Modi said.

He added that masses, materials, manufacturing, and mobility also get impacted.

"India considers it its responsibility to bring the priorities and concerns of the Global South to the world stage. We believe that as long as double standards persist in any form, sustainable and inclusive development of humanity shall remain out of reach."

grims. He highlighted the need for meticulous planning and execution of security measures to address any potential threats and challenges.

He directed all the officers, special focus given on the security being extended to the pilgrims during enroute, places of stay especially Base Camp, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu and all Lodgement centres and Langer sites.

All the officers were exhorted to implement operation third eye in their respective jurisdiction in coordination with other stake-holders for the foolproof security of yatries.

Moreover, all the officers were directed to strengthen all the Nakas especially in the border areas as well as in the city during night hours.

They were also directed to identify places where more nakas to be established for the security of Yatries.

DIG JSK Range stressed the significance of maintaining a high level of vigilance and preparedness throughout the duration of the Yatra.

He instructed the officers to conduct regular reviews and mock drills to ensure that all plans are effectively implemented and proper checking of the vehicles plying on the road specially on wee hours and late night, proper checking of the vendors any suspicious activity found should take an immediate necessary action.

During security check of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, DIG Sharma instructed the officers to keep proper liaison with all the intelligence agencies (Army/Para Military forces and other Centre agencies) in their respective jurisdiction and share the same on real time basis and established joint nakas for better results.

During security review of Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 of district Jammu, Samba and Kathua all the officers from their concerned jurisdiction of JSK Range were present.

India lashes out...

from Pakistani soil."

Coming down heavily on Pakistan's attempt to "misharacterise Operation Sindoor," the Indian diplomat said, "When a state harbours terrorists who massacre innocence, defensive action is not just a right, it is a solemn duty."

"From hosting Osama bin Laden in its military cantonment to conducting state funerals for globally sanctioned terrorists, Pakistan never fails to disappoint. It claims victimhood while remaining the acknowledged epicenter of Jihadist terror," he asserted. Earlier, Tyagi started by saying that India is constrained to exercise its right of reply, to address Pakistan's deeply troubling statement, which he said "seeks, with breathtaking audacity, to invert victim and perpetrator as usual, to deflect attention from its own record of shame."

Pakistan chose to spend almost its entire speaking time, not engaging with the High Commissioner's comprehensive review of the global human rights situation, but obsessively focused on India with its tired, fabricated narrative, he added.

Among the several punitive measures taken by India after the April 22 Pahalgam attack was putting the 1960 vintage Indus Water Treaty into abeyance, a step hugely criticised by Pakistan.

CM chairs high...

The Chief Minister emphasized that administrative focus should not be limited to just the first ten days of Muharram.

"The rituals and religious observances of Muharram span two months and eight days. The government must remain responsive even beyond the 10th day of Muharram," he stressed.

Acknowledging that this year Muharram coincides with the Amarnath Yatra, the Chief Minister noted the increased responsibility on the administration to ensure the smooth conduct of both events. In this context, he announced the appointment of a Secretary-level Nodal Officer-independent of the Divisional Commissioner-to coordinate inter-departmental efforts and oversee Muharram arrangements across the Union Territory.

The Chief Minister outlined key focus areas identified during the meeting:

- Water Supply: CM assured uninterrupted water availability through the deployment of tankers and installation of storage tanks at key locations.
- Electricity and Lighting: The Power Development Department was directed to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply and install high-mast lights at major congregation points.
- Ration and Firewood: He instructed the Food Department, in coordination with PCI, to ensure timely availability of ration. Firewood will be provided, particularly in rural areas where demand is higher.
- Sanitation and Health: Municipal bodies and the Health Department was asked to intensify sanitation drives and ensure the availability of essential healthcare services: Fire and Emergency Services will use high-pressure water canons to clean congregation areas.

The Chief Minister added that the newly appointed Nodal Officer will coordinate efforts across departments and districts, and report regularly to avoid any lapses.

Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir gave a presentation on the planned arrangements for Muharram, covering key areas such as power, water, ration supply, sanitation, and infrastructure readiness in Shia-dominated areas.

The meeting also deliberated on issues related to macadamisation, street lighting, road repair, and other civic amenities required during the observance. Legislators and religious leaders present on the occasion provided valuable feedback and suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of the arrangements.

Chugh salutes PM...

is a step toward restoring confidence, stability, and ease in people-to-people exchanges. It marks a fresh beginning for Punjab ties across borders - built on trust and mutual respect, he added.

India, Canada agree...

diplomatic spat over the killing of a Khalistani separatist.

The two prime ministers also underscored the importance of restarting senior ministerial as well as working-level engagements across various domains to "rebuild trust" and "bring momentum" to the relationship, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

The two leaders reaffirmed the importance of India-Canada ties, based on shared democratic values, respect for the rule of law and commitment to upholding the "principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity", it said.

The statement assumes significance as India has been pressing Canada to not allow pro-Khalistani elements to carry out anti-India activities.

The two leaders underlined the importance of restarting the stalled negotiations on the early progress trade agreement (EPTA), with a view to paving the way for a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA).

In a social media post, Modi said India and Canada are connected by a "strong belief in democracy, freedom and rule of law" and that he and Carney are looking forward to working closely to add momentum to the India-Canada friendship.

The MEA said the two prime ministers underlined the need to pursue a "constructive and balanced" partnership "grounded in mutual respect for concerns and sensitivities, strong people-to-people ties, and growing economic complementarities."

"In this regard, both sides agreed to take calibrated and constructive steps to restore stability in the relationship, begin-

ning with the early return of high commissioners to each other's capitals," it said.

Govt to roll...

managed by State Governments or local bodies, the FASTag will operate as a regular FASTag, and applicable user fee charges may apply.

FASTag - the electronic toll collection system - uses Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to automatically deduct toll charges from a prepaid account linked to the vehicle. Over 10.1 crore FASTags were issued till December 1, 2024, according to the road transport ministry's 2024 year-end review.

"In a transformative step towards hassle-free highway travel, we are introducing a FASTag-based annual pass priced at Rs 3,000, effective from 15th August 2025," Gadkari said.

Valid for one year from the date of activation or up to 200 trips, whichever comes first, this pass is designed exclusively for non-commercial private vehicles such as cars, jeeps, and vans, he said. "The annual pass will enable seamless and cost-effective travel across national highways throughout the country."

A dedicated link for activation and renewal will soon be made available on the Rajmarg Yatra app as well as on the official websites of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

According to Gadkari, the move will address long-standing concerns regarding toll plazas located within a 60 km range and simplify toll payments through a single, affordable transaction.

Committee on Estimates...

administrative efficiency and economy. Besides, it will formulate a report suggesting improvements in the organizational structure, economics, efficiency and administrative reforms in line with the policy objectives of the Estimates Committee.

The Committee resolved to review the functioning of key departments, scrutinize the budget estimates and analyze the original estimates, revised estimates and actual expenditures incurred on different developmental projects.

During the meeting, the members shared their suggestions and raised issues related to fund utilization. They reasserted their commitment towards working diligently for public welfare and regional development.

It was decided that a department-wise review would be conducted in the coming sessions to ensure effective fund utilization and timely completion of projects.

Iran's leader rejects...

demands that Iran give up its disputed nuclear programme.

The latest Israeli strikes hit a facility used to make uranium centrifuges and another that made missile components, the Israeli military said. It said it had intercepted 10 missiles overnight as Iran's retaliatory barrages diminish. The UN nuclear watchdog said Israel had struck two centrifuge production facilities in and near Tehran.

The Israeli military said it also carried out strikes in western Iran, hitting missile storage sites and a loaded missile launcher.

Israeli strikes have hit several nuclear and military sites, killing top generals and nuclear scientists. A Washington-based Iranian human rights group said at least 585 people, including 239 civilians, have been killed and more than 1,300 wounded.

Iran has fired some 400 missiles and hundreds of drones in retaliatory strikes that have killed at least 24 people in Israel and wounded hundreds. Some have hit apartment buildings in central Israel, causing heavy damage, and air raid sirens have repeatedly forced Israelis to run for shelter.

Iran has fired fewer missiles as the conflict has worn on. It has not explained the decline, but Israel has targeted launchers and other infrastructure related to the missiles.

The Washington-based group Human Rights Activists said it had identified 239 of those killed in Israeli strikes as civilians and 126 as security personnel.

The group, which also provided detailed casualty figures during 2022 protests over the death of Mahsa Amini, cross-checks local reports against a network of sources it has developed in Iran.

Iran has not been publishing regular death tolls during the conflict and has minimised casualties in the past. Its last update, issued Monday, put the toll at 224 people killed and 1,277 others wounded.

Shops have been closed across Tehran, including in its famed Grand Bazaar, as people wait in gas lines and pack roads leading out of the city to escape the onslaught.

A major explosion could be heard around 5 am in Tehran Wednesday morning, following other explosions earlier in the predawn darkness. Authorities in Iran offered no acknowledgement of the attacks, which has become increasingly common as the Israeli airstrikes have intensified.

At least one strike appeared to target Tehran's eastern neighbourhood of Hakimiyyeh, where the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard has an academy.

Now voter I...

card to the elector through the Department of Posts (DoP), the poll authority said. Electors will also receive notifications via SMS at each stage, keeping them informed about the status of their EPIC, it noted.

VC SKUAST-J releases brochure of 10th Asian PGPR Society India Chapter National Conference

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) in collaboration with Asian PGPR Society, India Chapter is organizing the 10th Asian PGPR Society India Chapter national conference on "Fostering PGPRs for secondary green revolution towards soil and crop health management" from 15-17 September, 2025 at the Main Campus, Chatha.

Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu and

Army jawan's body found hanging from ceiling at Badami Bagh camp

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The body of a jawan was found hanging from the ceiling of his unit at the Badami Bagh camp of the Army here on Monday, officials said.

They said the body of Naik P Kumar was discovered by his colleagues.

According to preliminary investigation, the jawan committed suicide, the officials said.

The body was taken to the Police Control Room here for medico-legal formalities, including post-mortem, they said.

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
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Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

Train Schedule	
Train 26401 (Katra to Srinagar)	
Departure:	8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival:	11:08 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop:	Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	Chair Car (CC): 715
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320
Train 26403 (Katra to Srinagar)	
Departure:	2:55 PM from Katra
Arrival:	5:53 PM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop:	Banihal at 4:40 PM
Fare:	Chair Car (CC): 660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
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CRPF conducts sanitisation...



arrangements for Shri Amarnath ji Yatra 2025 at Lakhapur Yatra Reception Centre, Rajbagh, Dayala Chak Hiranagar, Ghagwal, Nonath, Chiehi Mata, Samba, Vijaypur, Bari Brahmana, Kaluchak, Gangyal, Satwari Chowk of District Jammu, Samba and Kathua

(DIG) Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range convened a high-level security review for arrangements of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025. The review included senior officials from Police, and security forces, SHOs of the JSK Range.

During the review check, DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma, visit the lodgement centres and Langars sites of District Jammu, Samba and Kathua.

He emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to ensure the safety and security of the pil-



Chief Patron of the conference, formally released conference information brochure today and extended warm wishes for the great success of the upcoming event in the presence of statutory officers of the university.

This conference is being organized for scholars, researchers, industry and advisors with devoted interest and concern for scientific advances, policy making and strategic perspectives with focus on exploring new innovative approaches that includes fascinating world of Plant Growth-Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR) and their critical role in achieving agricultural sustainability.

Dr S.K. Gupta, Director Research & Convener, Dr. Brajeshwar Singh Organising Secretary, Dr. Anil Bhushan and Dr. Vishal Gupta as Co-Organising Secretaries were also present on the occasion.