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# Mamata opposing Op Sindoor to appease minorities: Shah

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KOLKATA: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday launched a blistering attack on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, accusing her of "stooping low" by opposing Operation Sindoor and the Wakf Amendment Bill to appease the Muslim vote bank, and alleged that the Murshidabad riots were "statesponsored".

Addressing party leaders and workers in Kolkata, Shah gave a clarion call to uproot the TMC government from power in the 2026 assembly elections.

"The tenure of Mamata Banerjee as the CM will end in 2026. The BJP will uproot this TMC government in the next elections. To appear the Muslim vote bank, Mamata didi opposed Operation Sindoor. By doing so, she is insulting the mothers and sisters of this country. You have not only opposed the military operation, but you have also played with the lives of crores of mothers and sisters,' Shah claimed.

The home minister said he has come to Bengal to "appeal to the women of the state and explain the



value of sindoor (vermilion) to those who are against Operation Sindoor". Shah claimed the mothers and sisters of Bengal would teach Banerjee and her party a lesson in 2026 for opposing the military strike, launched in retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack in April that left several tourists, including some from Bengal,

Banerjee had recently accused the Centre of politicising Operation Sindoor for electoral gains.

Responding to the allegation, Shah

said, "During previous regimes in which Mamata didi was also a minister, no steps were taken to deal firmly with terror attacks. But our PM

Narendra Modi took firm measures

against terror attacks. But Mamata

For the sake of her vote bank, Mamata didi has "crossed all limits of stooping low", he alleged.

didi has a problem with it."

"Pakistan-backed terrorists killed our innocent citizens in front of their families after asking them about their religion. Operation Sindoor was

carried out to punish these terrorists. The headquarters of the terrorists were destroyed by entering Pakistan. However, Mamata didi was pained over the death of these terrorists. She opposed Operation Sindoor by issuing a cheap political statement," he claimed.

Shah asserted that the Centre had launched a "deep strike 100 km into Pakistan, targeting terrorist headquarters. "Numerous terrorists were killed, but this seems to trouble Mamata ji. By doing so, you are not only opposed to the mission but also disregard the sentiments and emotions of the women of our country," he

Referring to the killing of tourists from the state in the Pahalgam attack, Shah claimed, "When tourists from Bengal were killed in the assault, Mamata didi remained silent, but now she is having problems with Operation Sindoor.'

Turning his attention to the Murshidabad violence that erupted during protests over the contentious Waqf Amendment Act, Shah alleged that it was "state-sponsored". "The

## Assam Minister calls on LG, visits Pahalgam attack victims residence

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Atul Bora, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Excise, Implementation of Assam Accord, Border Protection

Development Government of Assam called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on

Minister Atul Bohra also visited the family of Adil Hussain Shah, who was killed by terrorists in the April 22 attack in Pahalgam, to offer condolences on behalf of Assam government.

Bora presented a cheque of Rs 5 lakh to Shah's family as relief from the Assam government.

Talking to reporters later, Bora said he will meet Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and plead the case of the bereaved family which lost its sole bread winner.

"We wanted to meet the Chief Minister (Omar



Assam Minister Atul Bora calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday.

station," he said.

Bora said the entire world condemned the terror attack and there was wide-

Narendra Modi government on its reprisal.

"We are all one and we have to work together," he

### All-party delegations emphasise global unity against terrorism, assert PoK priority in Pakistan talks

### STATE TIMES NEWS

LUMPUR/ AGIERS/ LONDON: Allparty parliamentary delegations on Sunday emphasised a unified global stance against terrorism and asserted that future dialogues with Pakistan should focus solely on reclaiming Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Interacting with the Indian diaspora in Kuala Lumpur, Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee, who is part of an all-party parliamentary delegation visiting Malaysia, said the next dialogue with Pakistan should be only on reclaiming PoK. "We have been in talks with

81 'anti-nationals'

### arrested in Assam after Pahalgam terror attack STATE TIMES NEWS

GUWAHATI: Two more persons, accused of being "antinationals", have been apprehended in Assam, taking the total number of such arrests to 81, since the Phalgam terror attack in April, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Sunday.

In a post on X, Sarma said one person each was apprehended from Sonitpur and Kamrup districts.

"81 Anti-Nationals are now behind bars for sympathising with Pak...Our systems are constantly tracking antinational posts on social media and taking action," he

Earlier, opposition AIUDF MLA Aminul Islam was arrested on sedition charges allegedly defending Pakistan and its complicity in the Pahalgam terror attack. After getting bail in the

Islam was again detained under the National Security Act (NSA).

On May 2, Sarma had threatened to take



Sunrise: 05:24 Hours

# PM Modi meets ADB president Masato Kanda

### STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Development Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda and said his government was working to add further momentum to India's rapid transformation over the last decade.

In his post on X, Kanda said his organisation is supporting India's ambition of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047, describing it as a bold vision.

"We will direct USD 10 billion, including third-party capital, over the next five years into municipal infrastructure development, extending metro networks, building new Regional Rapid Transit System corridors, and modernising city services," he said. India, a founding ADB member since

1966 and its largest borrower, is a steadfast partner. Kanda noted.



PM Narendra Modi meeting Asian Development Bank President Masato Kanda.

He added, "By scaling up public and private sector finance, deepening knowledge collaboration, and mobilizing capital, we stand ready to support India's drive to become a developed nation by 2047 and to deliver inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth for its

Modi replied, "Had a wonderful meeting with Mr Masato Kanda, in which we shared perspectives on a wide range of issues. India's rapid transformation over the last decade has empowered countless people and we are working to add further momentum to this jour-

### Shooting stone hits cab in Ramban, driver killed STATE TIMES NEWS their 10-month-old son

BANIHAL: A driver died and three members of a family were injured when a boulder from a hillock hit a cab in Ramban district on Sunday, officials said.

The incident took place near Khari while the passenger vehicle was en route to remote Trana village, the officials said. They said the cab was

extensively damaged in the incident, resulting in onthe-spot death of its driver Mohammad Iqbal, a resident of Mundakbass vil-

Bahar Ahmad Malik, his wife Mansoora Begum and ous injuries and were evacuated to hospital, the officials said. Meanwhile, two youth identified as Bilal Ahmad of Chamber-Kanari and Zahid Ahmad of Bandi

Mohd Saad suffered seri-

Chechian were killed when their scooty collided headon with a mini-bus coming from opposite direction at Chandak near Mandi in Poonch district Saturday evening. The bodies were handed

over to their families for last rites after completion of legal formalities this morning, the officials said.

## India must give primacy to Indian thought: Nadda

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

them (Pakistan) for decades,

despite changes in various

paradigms and governments.

But one thing remains con-

stant - the conflict with

"After what happened on

April 22, where 26 people

were killed at point-blank

range solely based on their

religion and gender...I want

the ruling dispensation to

engage in dialogue with

Pakistan only to discuss

reclaiming Pakistan-occu-

pied Jammu and Kashmir.

Otherwise, these terror

attacks will continue,"

Banerjee, who is part of the

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delegation led by

Pakistan.

NEW DELHI: BJP president J P Nadda said on Sunday that in order to develop an ideology, India must give primacy to Indian thought and that is what Deendayal Upadhyaya did under the banner of integral humanism.

Nadda was addressing a seminar organised by the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation and PPRC.

The Bharatiya janata Party (BJP) chief said Upadhyaya was a "three-inone" personality -- a thinker, a leader and an organiser.

very short span of time, he established the Bharatiya Jana Sangh as a national



party. Though he left us early, the party adopted his ideology and today, that very ideology has become our identity," he said.

Laying stress on redefining our thinking from an ecoperspective too,

Nadda said, "Our tradition is more than a thousand years old and hence, its political,

> significance is vast. We must redefine our thinking from an economic perspective as Prime

Narendra Modi, Nadda said he is inspired by the ideals of Upadhyaya and is working for the betterment of people

"Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's core ideas, if discussed back then, may have seemed impractical but

# rescued within 4

### hours, accused held **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Two minor sisters were rescued within four hours of their abduction outside Jammu and Kashmir High Court, police said on Sunday.

accused, Sanjay Chouhan, was also arrested during the rescue operation and further investigation is progress, a police spokesperson said.

He said the distressed father of the girls, aged around two and four, approached Janipur police station and informed them that her daughters were

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## Two abducted sisters Ticketless travel: Over 4,000 passengers fined in May by Jammu Railway Division

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 4,000 passengers were fined in May for travelling in trains without a ticket by Jammu Railway Division, realizing a total fine of Rs 21.93 lakh from them, an official said on Sunday.

The highest 2,094 passengers were caught by the ticket checking staff of Pathankot headquarters and a fine of Rs 9.77 lakh was collected from them, said Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division, Uchit Singhal. The ticket checking staff

of Jammu headquarters

charged 975 passengers and collected a fine of Rs 6.37 lakh, while 346 passengers were fined Rs 3.69 lakh by the ticket checking staff of Shri Mata Vaishno

Devi Katra station, he

About 752 passengers were also charged in the Kashmir Valley and a fine of Rs 2.1 lakh was collected , the officer said.

Making an appeal to the rail passengers to travel with valid railway tickets to inconvenience, avoid Singhal said travelling without ticket or with irregular ticket is a punishable

### 149 drug peddlers, cattle smugglers arrested in 5 months in Udhampur STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: As many as 149

drug peddlers and cattle smugglers were arrested in the last five months in Udhampur district, police said on Sunday.

Of them, 61 accused were convicted, while assets worth over Rs 4.19 crore belonging to drug peddlers were attached and 35 bank accounts were frozen, a police spokesperson said.

Highlighting the achievements in its war against drugs in the Udhampur district, he said a total of 44 cases were registered from January to May, 62

# Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra flagged off from Jammu amid tight security arrangements

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid tight security arrangements, religious fervour and chanting of religious hymns and slogans by the devotees, the annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra was on Sunday flagged off to Kashmir by IGP Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti, in presence Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar and Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), J&K Dr. Arvind

Several other Senior Police and Civil Officers, including DIG JKS-Range, Sharma, SSP Kumar Joginder Singh, Director ULB, Manisha Sareen, Director Tourism Jammu, Vikas Gupta, ADM Jammu, Rakesh Kumar, SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Kumar Sharma, CAO-Relief,



Vaishya and Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), Dr. Arvind Karwani from Jammu.

Kheer Bhawani Mela held

every year on the auspicious

Shiwani Bhan, AC (Relief), Kailash Devi, Tehsildar Nagrota, SDPO Nagrota Tehsildars/Camp Commandants/ Zonal Officers Relief Organization were also pres-

ent on the occasion. occasion of Jyeshta Ashtami, Relief Organization had which is falling on June 3 arranged buses through this year. JKRTC for carrying about The Mata Kheer Bhawani 2500 Yatris to attend Mata

Mela is being organized as per tradition at

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### **DGP** visits Mata Kheer Bhawani temple SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police Chief Nalin Prabhat on Sunday visited the Mata Kheer Bhawani temple in Ganderbal to take stock of security arrangements for the upcoming

Kheer Bhawani mela will be held at five shrines at Tulmulla in Ganderbal, Manzgam and Devsar in Kulgam, Logripora in Anantnag and Tikkar in Kupwara on Tuesday.

Amid tight security arrangements, hundreds people, mostly Kashmiri Pandits, left for the Valley in a convoy of 60 buses early Sunday from here to take part in

DGP Nalin Prabhat paying obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani temple in Ganderbal on Sunday.

the Kheer Bhawani mela, one of the biggest religious functions of the community. The Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police was accompanied by senior police offirials from the Ganderbal district during his visit to the temple. He also paid obeisance to Mata

All arrangements are in place for the security and lodging of pilgrims, officials said but added that fewer devotees have been turning up for the mela time compared to last year.