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minister incited the violence, it can be said that the Murshidabad riots were state-sponsored, which caused injustice to the Hindus...Mamata Banerjee's minister abused the BSF, and the party's leaders were standing there and encouraging the rioters," he claimed.

"If BSF personnel had been deployed, Hindus would have been protected. It was only after BJP workers approached the high court that the BSF was finally sent in," Shah said.

Sharpening his attack on the state of affairs under Banerjee's rule, Shah alleged, "Today, Mamata Didi has turned the great Bangla land into a centre of infiltration, corruption, atrocities on women, crime, bomb blasts and mistreatment of Hindus."

"Mamata Banerjee is opposing the Waqf Amendment Act for appeasement politics...What is wrong with the Waqf Act? Should the land of Bengal be sacrificed because of Waqf," he claimed, adding that the Act was necessary to end corruption and irregularities in Waqf properties.

The home minister also accused the ruling TMC of facilitating illegal cross-border movement from Bangladesh.

"The Bengal elections will not only decide the future of the state, but it is also linked to the security of the country. Mamata Banerjee has left Bengal's borders open for Bangladeshis. Infiltration is taking place with her blessings. Only the BJP government can stop this," he claimed.

On erecting fences along the border, he alleged, "Mamata Ji, we had requested you for land to construct a fence along the India-Bangladesh border, which would have effectively curbed infiltration. But you deliberately withheld the required land. Why? To ensure infiltration continues and your vote bank expands."

Taking a swipe at the TMC over the teachers' recruitment scam, Shah said, "Jobs of the youth are sold in the markets of Kolkata. So much money of the TMC has been seized from its leaders' homes that even machines became tired of counting currency."

He also attacked Banerjee for allegedly prioritising her nephew's political future over national interest.

Shah, who served as the BJP's national president from 2014 to 2020, recalled the party's rise in Bengal. "In the 2021 assembly elections, we won 77 seats. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP was ahead in 97 assembly segments, and in 143 seats, we secured over 40 per cent of the votes," Shah claimed.

He took a dig at the TMC, claiming that "without the use of violence, even Mamata Didi would lose her deposits in the elections."

## All-party delegations...

JD(U) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, said.

India has made it clear that any talks with Pakistan will only be on terrorism and PoK.

India has tasked seven multi-party delegations to visit 33 global capitals to reach out to the international community on Pakistan's designs and India's response to terror; especially in the wake of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people.

Terrorism is a global menace to be addressed by humanity in unison was the all-party delegation's message as it concluded its visit to Algeria on Sunday.

The multi-party delegation was led by BJP MP Baijyant Jay Panda.

"Terrorism is a global menace to be addressed by humanity in unison. The all-party parliamentary delegation, led by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Mr. Baijyant Jay Panda, briefed the Algerian media, members of think tanks, a cross-section of the Indian diaspora, and friends of India in Algeria. Senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Community Abroad and African Affairs of Algeria graced the occasion," the Indian embassy in Algeria said in a post on X.

"After the briefing and interaction, tributes were paid to the innocent victims of the Pahalgam terrorist attack by observing a minute of silence and laying a wreath," the post said.

The all-party delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi began its visit to Spain by paying homage to the bust of Mahatma Gandhi.

The delegation arrived Madrid from Latvia on Saturday. During its three-day visit to Spain, the delegation will meet members of the Spanish government, the Indian diaspora and civil society representatives to present India's stance on zero-tolerance against terrorism.

"The all-party parliamentary delegation began its visit to Madrid by paying homage to the bust of Mahatma Gandhi, a powerful tribute to the enduring force of peace over violence and truth over fear," the Indian embassy in Spain said in a post on X.

Earlier in the day, BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad said the all-party delegation will "effectively" convey India's stance on terrorism and engage with key stakeholders in the UK.

The Prasad-led nine-member team arrived here on Saturday for a three-day visit as part of a European tour.

Another parliamentary delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor arrived in Brazil on Sunday to convey India's strong national consensus and resolute stance in the fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

The delegation, which arrived here from Colombia, was received at the airport by Sandeep Kumar Kujur, Charge d'Affaires.

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the Pahalgam terror attack, with India carrying out precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in the early hours of May 7.

Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9, and 10. The Indian side strongly responded to the Pakistani attempts by inflicting heavy damage to a number of key Pakistani military installations, including air bases, air defence systems, command and control centres and radar sites.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on May 10 announced that India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect.

## 149 drug peddlers...

accused were arrested and contraband substances worth Rs 2.21 crore were seized.

Sixteen vehicles used in drug trafficking were also seized along with the closure of four pharmacy shops for violations related to H1 drugs, he said.

In a significant crackdown on financial assets, the spokesperson said 35 bank accounts of drug peddlers amounting to Rs 16.70 lakh were frozen, while properties including residential buildings, vehicles, and commercial properties worth over Rs 4.19 crore were attached.

Police also successfully secured convictions against 27 drug peddlers in 20 cases from courts, he said, expressing determination to continue its drive against the menace to ensure a drug-free society.

With regard to cattle smuggling, he said a total of 87 cases were registered, resulting in the rescue of 618 animals being smuggled illegally from January to May end.

About 99 persons were arrested including four under the Public Safety Act (PSA) while 70 vehicles used for cattle transportation were seized, and registration of 20 more vehicles were cancelled, the spokesman said. He said 34 convictions were secured during this period.

## Two abducted sisters...

unidentified person outside the court complex.

He along with his wife had gone inside the court to attend a case and had kept her daughters outside. On return he found his daughters missing and came to know that they were taken away by some unidentified person.

On getting information, a police team led by Janipur SHO Vikram Sharma and Sub-Inspector Manzoor Wani worked tirelessly to track down the accused and rescue the kidnapped girls, the spokesperson said.

Leveraging technical expertise and human intelligence, the police were able to identify and apprehend the accused and rescue the abducted girls from his clutches, he said.

## India must give...

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are building and setting every parameter based on Indian standards, which is a matter of pride," he said.

The Union minister cited the various ideas put forth by Upadhyaya and stressed how Modi is implementing those.

"He emphasised self-reliance (swadeshi) and the reconstruction of economic values, and today, we are moving strongly towards aatmanirbharta (self-reliance)," he said.

India has become the fourth-largest economy in the world, Nadda said, adding that as far as electronic gadgets are concerned, the country has reached Rs 70,000 crore in exports.

"Ten years ago, India imported 92 per cent of its mobile phones but today, 97 per cent of mobile phones are made in India. In the toy and automobile industry, we now stand third globally," he said.

Hailing the success of Operation Sindoor, Nadda said India's defence production has reached Rs 1.3 lakh crore and the country is rapidly becoming self-

reliant in every sector. "In the truest sense, no one has shown greater concern for the society than Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, who always prioritised the last person in the line. Following his principles, the Modi government, through the motto 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas' (everyone's support, everyone's development, everyone's efforts), has worked for the welfare of the poor," he stressed.

Nadda said it is the Modi government that has truly cared for the poor by providing five kg of wheat, five kg of rice and one kg of pulses each to 80 crore citizens.

"What has this done? This has ensured that 25 crore people have risen above the BPL (Below Poverty Line)," he said.

A transformational change in women's lives has come through the distribution of more than 10 crore domestic LPG cylinders by the Modi government, he said.

"Twelve crore women have been given proper sanitation facilities (izzat ghar), inspired by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision," he added.

## Mata Kheer Bhawani...

Tulmulla (Ganderbal), Tikker (Kupwara), Devsar and Manzang (Kulgam) and Logripora (Anantnag).

The main congregation is being held at Tulmulla (Ganderbal). The District Administration Ramban had organized a brief halt for the Yatris at Chandarkot before the Yatra proceeded to Tulmulla and other destinations.

The necessary arrangements of accommodation, langar facility, essential services has been made by the concerned district administration in collaboration with the Relief Organization for the convenience of the pilgrims. The Yatra shall return back on June 4, 2025.

Shruti Dhar, an elderly devotee, said: "I am a regular visitor to Kheer Bhawani and have no fear of going there this time around. We have been witnessing such situations from our childhood days. Whatever happened in Pahalgam is highly condemnable and barbaric."

Dhar, who had migrated from Sanat Nagar in Srinagar to Jammu, said she is happy to join the caravan and offer her prayers at the temple to seek blessings and pray for the prosperity of J&K, the country and the return of Pandits to the Valley. Saroj, a non-Kashmiri married to a Kashmiri Pandit, said this was her first visit to the Valley and there is no fear in her mind.

"Kashmir is part of India and the (Pahalgam) attack was possibly an attempt by the terrorists to frighten us. We have to defeat their designs and visit the place in good numbers," she said.

Delhi-based Raj Kumar, also a member of the displaced community, said the government should be more alert to prevent Pahalgam type of incidents.

Sarla Bhat said she is happy to visit her birthplace in Kashmir. "I have full faith in Mata that we will complete the pilgrimage without any trouble."

## 81 'anti-nationals'...

stringent action against those who raised the 'Pakistan zindabad' slogan in the aftermath of the Jammu and Kashmir terror attack.

Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on April 22, killing 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others.

## Diesel theft case solved within 12 hours; 2 arrested

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Police in Awantipora have solved a diesel theft case by arresting two accused persons involved in the commission of crime and have recovered stolen Diesel. Police Station Pampore received a complaint from Mohammed Younis Shah resident of Khankhabagh Pampore stating there in that on 31/05/2025, some unknown thieves have stolen diesel from a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration number JK13F-3017 which was parked outside the house of the complainant.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 65/2025 under relevant sections of law was registered in PS Pampore and investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation, Police team under the supervision of SHO PS Pampore by taking assistance of modern techniques including collection of CCTV footages of various locations learnt about the involvement of two accused persons identified as Happy Kumar son of Devindar Kumar resident of Bada Dowlatpora Pathankot Punjab and Lucky Kumar son of Devindar Kumar resident of Bada Dowlatpora Pathankot Punjab.

Subsequently, both the accused were arrested and stolen diesel approx. 137 ltrs was also recovered from their possession. Further investigation of the case is going on.

## District Police Poonch seizes two vehicles in connection with illegal mining

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Continuing its efforts to curb illegal mining activities in the district, District Police Poonch today seized two vehicles involved in the illegal transportation of minor minerals.

The action was taken by Police Post Ajote during routine patrolling, where two tractor-trolleys bearing registration numbers JK12A-7854 and JK12C-1391 were intercepted and found carrying illegally extracted material without any valid permits. Both vehicles have been detained on the spot, and the Mining Department has been informed for taking further necessary legal action.

District Police Poonch reiterates its commitment to act tough against illegal mining, which not only harms the environment but also undermines lawful economic activity.

The public is urged to cooperate and report any instances of illegal mining to the nearest Police Station or District Police Control Room.

## Terror, extortion module busted in Amritsar with arrest of 2: Punjab Police

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Police on Sunday claimed to have dismantled a terror and extortion module linked to an operative of Pakistan's ISI-backed Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) with the arrest of two men.

Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said BKI member Jeevan Fauji was orchestrating an extortion racket, targeting individuals in Punjab's border districts. Two of his associates -- Karajpreet Singh, a resident of Verowal, and Gurlal Singh alias Harman, a resident of Goindval Sahib in Tarn Taran -- have been apprehended, he said.

Police teams have also seized a .30-bore pistol, along with a live cartridge. The DGP said Fauji had given the pistol to Karajpreet and Gurlal, and directed them to fire at a furniture shop in the Amritsar area.

The firing incident was part of an extortion attempt, with Fauji demanding ransom from a relative of the shop owner based in Canada, he said.

The DGP said further investigation is underway to establish backward and forward linkages in the case to completely dismantle the terror network.

Sharing operational details, Commissioner of Police (CP), Amritsar, Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said both the accused were arrested during an intelligence-led operation from the areas of Tarn Taran and Fazilka.

He said during a follow-up recovery operation in the area of Sultanwind, accused Gurlal Singh retrieved the concealed weapon and attempted to open fire at the police party.

In self-defence, the police retaliated, resulting in a bullet injury to Gurlal's left leg, he said, adding that the injured accused was immediately shifted to the Civil Hospital in Amritsar, where he is undergoing treatment.

The CP said investigations have revealed that the accused were acting on Fauji's instructions to terrorise locals and extort money from them.

## Several deputations meet Javed Rana

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR: Several deputations today met Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana, at his camp office, apprising him of their issues and seeking early redressal.

The Minister listened attentively to their concerns and assured them that their issues would be looked into and appropriate action would be taken. A deputation of daily wagers from Poonch, working under the CAMPA scheme in Social Forestry since 2013, met the Minister and sought regularisation of their services. Another delegation of Kisan Khidmat Ghar, operating in Poonch district, met the Minister and sought financial support to cover operational costs, aiming to improve efficiency and community outreach.

The Minister assured all the deputations that their concerns and issues would be addressed in a timely manner.



## Hardcore criminal/history sheeter arrested with sharp edged weapon

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: An information received through reliable sources that one hardcore criminal/ History sheeter namely Zahoor Hussain S/O Abdul Hussain R/O Dher Tehsil Billawar is roaming in Billawar area having sharp edged weapon i.e ( Khokhri) in his possession and must commit some heinous crime in the J/D of PS Billawar.

As per information a case FIR No.84/2025 U/S 4/25 Arms Act has been registered and During the course of investigation Police party of PS Billawar led by SHO Billawar Insp Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Sh Neeraj Padyar has been deputed towards Billawar area and arrested the said hardcore criminal. During search of the accused Person one sharp edged weapon i.e Khokhri has been recovered from his possession. It is pertinent to mention that 14 number of criminal cases have been registered in different police station and he is also history sheeter of PS Billawar.



## Russia confirms Ukrainian drone strikes on 5 air bases

### ■ AGENCY

MOSCOW: Russian Defence Ministry on Sunday confirmed that five air bases were attacked by Ukrainian drones damaging an unspecified number of aircraft.

Ukraine claimed that it has destroyed about 40 Russian aircraft including nuclear capable TU-95 and Tu-22 strategic bombers in Sunday's massive drone strikes on Russian bases in an operation prepared by Ukrainian Security Service - SBU during 11 months.

"Today, the Kyiv regime staged a terror attack with the use of FPV drones on airfields in the Murmansk, Irkutsk, Ivanovo, Ryazan, and Amur Regions. All terror attacks on military airfields in the Ivanovo, Ryazan, and Amur Regions were repelled."

"No casualties were reported either among servicemen or civilians. Some of those involved in the terror attacks were detained," the Russian Defence Ministry said in a statement.

For the first time it was established that Olenogorsk (Murmansk region) and Sredny (Irkutsk region in Siberia) were attacked from close proximity by using trailer trucks by the attackers.

"As a result of the launch of FPV drones from territories in the close proximity to military airfields in the Murmansk and Irkutsk Regions, several aircraft caught fire. The fires were extinguished," the Russian MoD said.

Observers here speculate that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wants to pressurise Moscow on the eve of tomorrow's second round of peace talks in Istanbul. The Russian delegation led by Kremlin aide Vladimir Medynsky has already reached Turkey for Monday's talks.

However, experts opine that there is little hope of an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine.

## Over 4 lakh hit by Assam floods as toll reaches 10; Shah dials CM to take stock of situation

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GUWAHATI/RANGLA/JORHAT/TINSUKIA (ASSAM): Two more deaths took the toll in floods and landslides in Assam to 10 as more than 4 lakh people remained affected in over 20 districts on Sunday, with seven major rivers in spate, an official bulletin said.

The situation is likely to aggravate for people living in low-lying and river bank areas due to continued heavy rainfall in the state and neighbouring areas, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma cautioned.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah dialled Sarma during the day to take stock of the situation and assured of all possible assistance, as multiple agencies remained engaged in rescue and relief operations. Fourteen stranded people were rescued by an IAF helicopter from the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border.

Road, railway and ferry services have been hit in different parts as most areas in the state continued receiving rain over the past few days.

The state government announced ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each for the families of the five persons killed in landslides in Guwahati over the last few days.

An Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) bulletin issued late evening said one death each has been reported in Cachar and Sribhumri districts over the last 24 hours.

The toll in floods and landslides in the state is now at 10. The bulletin said 3,64,046 people in 56 revenue circles and 764 villages of 19 districts are reeling under floods.

Cachar is the worst-hit with 1,03,790 affected people, followed by Sribhumri with 83,621 and Nagaon with 62,700.

An official statement from Cachar said all educational institutions in the district will remain closed for two days till Tuesday.

As much as 3,524.38 hectares of crop land has been inundated and 696 animals washed away, the ASDMA bulletin said.

A total of 52 relief camps are sheltering 10,272 inmates, while another 103 relief distribution centres are functional.

'Urban floods' have been reported from four districts, affecting over 41,000 people, while four districts also remained affected by landslides.

The rivers flowing above the danger level in the state are Brahmaputra in Dibrugarh and Neamatighat, Dhansiri in Numaligarh, Kopili in Kamrup, Katakhal in Matizuri, Barak in Badarpur Ghat and Kushiara in Sribhumri.

Multiple agencies have been engaged in providing relief and rescuing stranded people using various means, including an Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopter and boats, the ASDMA bulletin added.

Tinsukia District Commissioner Swapneel Paul said 14 people trapped in the swollen Bomjir River on the Assam-Arunachal border were rescued by IAF personnel in the early hours.

"The trapped individuals were stranded due to rising water levels caused by continuous rainfall in the region. The district administration quickly coordinated with the IAF and Arunachal Pradesh officials to execute the rescue plan," he said. All the 14 people have been sent back home, the official said.

Sarma, who briefed the Union Home minister over phone about the current situation, advised people living in riverside and low-lying areas to remain alert in view of incessant rain in the state and neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh.

'Hon'ble Home Minister Shri @AmitShah Ji called me a short while ago to enquire about the floods in Assam and has offered all possible assistance to deal with the ongoing situation," the CM said in a post on X.

"I have briefed him on the measures being taken and we are grateful for his concern and support," Sarma said.

In another post, Sarma said heavy rainfall has been recorded in Arunachal Pradesh's Kibitoo (17 cm), Hayuliang (15 cm) and Kalaktang (10 cm), which may lead to a sharp rise in river levels downstream.

"Assam is already witnessing intense rain in Silchar (42 cm), Karimganj (35 cm), Hailakandi (30 cm) and in nearby areas. People in low-lying and river-bank areas are advised to stay alert and follow local advisories. Stay safe, stay prepared," he added.

Meanwhile, four trains were cancelled and another short terminated/ short originated due to water flowing over the tracks on the Baraigram-Dullabcherra section, a Northeast Frontier Railway spokesperson said.

The Dullabcherra-Silchar, Silchar-Dullabcherra and Badarpur-Dullabcherra-Badarpur passenger trains have been cancelled for two days.

The Guwahati-Dullabcherra-Guwahati train will be short terminated/short originated at/from Baraigram and remained cancelled between Baraigram and Dullabcherra till Tuesday, he added.

A portion of National Highway-17 has been overtopped near Shingra Shahnibari in Chaygaon area of Kamrup district since Saturday, officials said. Heavy rain coupled with water flowing down from neighbouring Meghalaya has aggravated the situation in the area, they said.

Measures were being taken to facilitate traffic movement using alternative routes, they said.

Officials said ferry services between Jorhat and Majuli have been suspended with immediate effect due to the rising water level of the Brahmaputra river.

The chief minister had said on Friday that the state was facing an abnormal situation due to incessant downpour caused by massive cloud cover over several parts of the Northeast.