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## Modi slams Pakistan, says terrorism will be crushed with full force



PM Narendra Modi at the Shradhanjali Samaroh organised on the occasion of 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas at Kargil War Memorial (Drass), in Ladakh on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DRASS (KARGIL): Pakistan has not learnt any lessons from history and continues to wage a proxy war in the garb of terrorism to stay relevant, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday, asserting that the evil designs of the enemy will not be allowed to succeed.

He also attended a 'Shradhanjali Samaroh' and heard the 'Gaurav Gatha', briefing on Kargil War by non-commissioned officers and visited Amar Sansmaran, and Hut of Remembrance here. He also visited the Veer Bloomi. The Prime Minister slammed Pakistan, saying it has always faced defeat in the past. "Pakistan has not learnt anything from its past and has continued to wage war in the garb of terrorism and proxy

wars to stay relevant," he said. The remarks come in the backdrop of surge in terror incidents in Jammu region. Modi, however, asserted that the nefarious intentions of terrorists will never be fulfilled. Paying tributes to the soldiers, Modi said the sacrifices made by the soldiers are immortal. "Kargil Vijay Diwas reminds us that the sacrifices made for the nation are immortal. Even though months, years, decades and centuries pass by, the lives laid down to protect the nation's borders cannot be erased. The nation is forever indebted and deeply grateful to the mighty superheroes of our armed forces," Modi added. Recalling the days of Kargil war, Modi said he was fortunate to be amidst the soldiers back then, and that he still remembers how the soldiers carried out a difficult operation at such a height. "I salute the brave sons of the country who made the supreme sacrifice to protect the motherland," he said. In Kargil, we not only won the war, we presented an incredible example of truth, restraint and strength, the PM said. Modi

## PM to chair NITI Aayog Governing Council meet today

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair NITI Aayog's 9th Governing Council meeting on July 27, which will focus on making India a developed nation by 2047, an official statement said on Friday. The council, the apex body of NITI Aayog, includes all state chief ministers, lieutenant governors of Union Territories, and several Union ministers. Modi is the chairman of NITI Aayog. According to the statement, the meeting aims to foster participative governance and collaboration between the Centre and state governments, enhancing the quality of life for both rural and urban populations by strengthening the delivery mechanisms of government interventions. "The Governing Council Meeting on July 27, 2024 will discuss the Approach Paper for the Vision Document on Viksit Bharat @2047...The meeting

## AC amends J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30; makes it more transparent, equitable

Approves construction works of GMCs in Kathua, Doda, Anantnag, Baramulla; transfer of 3188 Kanals for dev of IEs



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting at Srinagar on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council which met here on Friday under chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved amendments in the Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30. While firming up the changes, the Industries and Commerce Department has included views and comments from stakeholders for effectiveness in updation of

existing policy. Based upon feedbacks, amendments have been incorporated to elucidate different clauses of the existing policy with a view to provide simplification of processes and efficiency in land allotments. Periodic revision of lease premium, wide publicity for inviting applications, allotment of land on competitive merit basis, analysis of applicant/promoter/companies background including qualification and experience,

sector specific evaluation criteria for sector specific allotments, functions and jurisdiction of land allotment committees, timelines for restoration of cancelled allotments etc have been provided in the amendments to the policy. To encourage large investments having strategic importance to economy of UT, Government may allot land on preferential basis to mega projects viz.

## LG pays tributes to Kargil war martyrs

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid tributes to the martyrs of the 1999 Kargil war. "On the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, I pay my humble tributes to brave armed forces personnel, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the motherland during India's victory in 'Operation Vijay,'" Sinha posted on X. On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced



the successful culmination of "Operation Vijay", declaring victory after a

## Arms consignment dropped by drone seized in Rajouri

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI/JAMMU: Security forces seized on Friday a consignment of arms and ammunition suspected to have been dropped by a drone from across the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district, officials said. They said a search operation was initiated in the Nowshera area following the sighting of a suspected drone along the LoC in the Mangla battalion area. Army units engaged the drone with gunfire, and a cordon-and-search operation was launched in the

## Property of absconding drugs smuggler involved in narco-terrorism attached in Poonch



SIA sleuths attaching the property of drug smuggler at Poonch on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The State Investigative Agency (SIA) on Friday attached the property of a drugs smuggler evading arrest for over a year in a case of narco-terrorism in Poonch

district, officials said on Friday. The property of 1 kanal and 9 marlas of land belonging to Mohammed Liyaqat, situated in Khari Karmara, was attached under Section

83 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CRPC), they said. The attachment order was issued by the principal sessions judge of Poonch. "The entire process was executed

under the directions of the honourable court," an official said. Authorities are intensifying their search for Liyaqat and continue to investigate the networks facilitating illegal narco-terrorism activities, they said. Liyaqat and Arshad are wanted in a case registered last year under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Indian Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, they added.

## NTA declares final NEET-UG results, number of toppers down to 17 from 61

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) Friday declared the final results of controversially-ridden NEET-UG entrance exam, declaring that 17 candidates have shared the top rank, down from 61 in the revised results, while thousands of others have seen their marks and rankings change significantly. The number of qualifying candidates and the cut-off has also seen a marginal dip. The "re-revised" results have been released three days after the Supreme Court rejected multiple

## Over 2,500 pilgrims leave Jammu for Shri Amarnathji cave shrine

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: More than 2,500 pilgrims left a base camp in Jammu amid rain in the early hours of Friday for the Amarnath shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said. More than 4.36 lakh pilgrims have already paid obeisance at the naturally-formed ice lingam at the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine, compared to over 4.5 lakh last year. The 29th batch of pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp at 3:20 am in a convoy of 84 vehicles escorted by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the officials said. While 1,681 pilgrims will reach Pahalgam to undertake the pilgrimage through the traditional 48-kilometre route in Anantnag district, 885 have opted for the shorter but steeper 14-kilometre Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The 52-day annual yatra, which commenced formally on June 29, will conclude on August 19.

## Justice Tashi exhorts citizens to perform their duties as enshrined in Indian Constitution



Acting Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan addressing gathering during an event at IIM Jammu on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Jammu and Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu, on Friday organized an awareness programme on "Duties of a Citizen Under the Constitution of India" at

IIM Jammu. Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan, was the chief guest on the occasion who was accompanied by M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Professor B. S. Sahai, Director, IIM Jammu, Dean Academic, Cmdr Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu and Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, as well as other faculty members of the Institute

## Kargil victory result of valour, courage of brave Indian army: Chugh

Modi Govt fulfilled the commitment to address severe shortage of Combat Aircrafts, Helicopters, Bulletproof Gear during Congress tenure

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Describing Kargil war was a conflict under special circumstances. BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday said that Pakistan did not launch a direct attack but, like thieves its soldiers stealthily established positions in Kargil. Addressing a function at Batote in Ramban district to commemorate the Vijay Diwas, Chugh said that 25 years ago the brave Indian Army achieved victory in Kargil, and today we are celebrating the silver jubilee of that victory. Chugh said that the enemy was positioned on the peaks of Kargil. India's brave soldiers had to climb the moun-



tains and capture those challenging heights. "Our

## 'Vijay Jyoti to touch all corners of J&K'

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday paid a rich tribute to the Army jawans, who sacrificed their lives during the Kargil operation and said that the nation would always remain indebted to them for protecting their motherland. Addressing a gathering in Ramban district, Chugh said the Kargil operation has completed 25 years but the nefarious designs of Pakistan are still fresh in the minds of the people. Paying a glorious tribute to the then Prime Minister

# PM captures Nation's mood from Drass on 25th anniversary of Kargil War victory

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 35.2°C Min: 24.7°C

Humidity  
Max: 87 Min: 57

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 35.2°C Min: 21.4°C

Humidity  
Max: 60 Min: 36

Sunset : 19:33 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:40 Hours

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Kargil war memorial relived its history of 25 years and the task of anchoring the narration was taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After paying homage to warriors of 1999 who climbed the barren mountains and evicted Pakistani soldiers from the bunkers and other points, Modi, in his inimitable style which was heard all across the country and also by those who had undertaken misadventure a quarter of century ago. Prime Minister's speech in more than one ways at Drass 'Kargil War memorial relived the memories of the years gone by since 1999 and unveiled a futuristic outlook for Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, two critically important union territories of the country. These two UTs define India's national security both internally and externally. China and Pakistan are on the borderlines. Pakistan did its misadventure in 1999, while China attempted in May 2020. Both were tough situations, in which India's pride and sovereignty were challenged. In 1999, Pakistan had thought that it has won the

war much before it exchanged first bullet with the Indian troops. It had occupied the heights on the Indian side of the Line of Control (LoC) and had taken full view control of National Highway 1 that was lifeline for the Indian troops to the whole of Ladakh region, including Siachen glacier, known as highest battleground of the world. Pakistan then army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf had undertaken this Himalayan misadventure in the belief that the Indian army had no way to evict his soldiers from the heights they had occupied. He was sure that India would succumb to this blackmail and talk of Kashmir and accept Pakistani terms. General Musharraf had committed a cardinal blunder, underestimated the will and fighting spirit of the Indian army. That became his undoing. Pakistan lost the war in disgrace, it was evicted from the critically important heights by the brave Indian soldiers who made supreme sacrifices to get every inch of their land back from the occupiers. Prime Minister Modi in his tribute-paying speech at Kargil War Memorial, spotlighted this spirit. "It was much more than the weaponry used in the war that

made victory possible. More than that was the spirit to do and die for the nation that guided soldiers. Prime Minister bridged the gap of that era and now - covering each and every detail with emotions and the undying spirit of sacrifice for the nation. As was natural, Pakistan did figure in the opening part of his speech, which will go down in the history as epic, as he cautioned Pakistan against any repeat of any such misadventure. He was telling the western neighbor that had it not sabotaged the peace-making initiative of India in February 1999, when Vajpayee took a bus to Lahore to see common ground for peace, things would have been different. "Pakistan sabotaged peace efforts, and brought a catastrophe on itself. Pakistan suffered a crushing defeat, and also faced an international embarrassment. In fact, Pakistan has not been able to stabilize itself till date. At a larger scale, Modi made Kargil war memorial a platform to convey to the world that no country, however big or powerful, should dare to question Indian sovereignty and integrity. Pakistan's example is before them. Today Pakistan is playing the same double game - exporting terrorism to Jammu and

Kashmir and beseeching for talks with India. It means, as PM put it, "Pakistan has learnt no lesson." Prime Minister brought August 5, 2029 decision of abrogation of Article 370 in the speech. It had more than one meaning. Kargil happened when militancy in Kashmir was at its peak, people were dying by dozens at the hands of terrorists. Pakistan was so emboldened that it took over the Indian posts, vacated during winter as per mutual agreement to keep the troops in less inhospitable conditions during the severe winters when there was a danger of losing lives to extreme weather conditions. It was not Kargil in isolation. Pakistan drew its misplaced confidence from the rising graph of militancy in Kashmir. It had perhaps calculated that Kashmir would rise in its favour, but that did not happen. Article 370 had become a basis for militancy, because it kept many options open for the sympathizers of militancy. Pakistan's game failed and it suffered crushing defeat. It suffered multiple defeats, but it learnt no lesson. Prime Minister said in plain words that Pakistan must mend ways or it will be in for more troubles given its courtship with export of terrorism to India.

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