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# No world leader told India to stop Op Sindoor: Modi

"Congress shedding tears with terrorists"

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Tuesday that no world leader had told India to stop Operation Sindoor as he lashed out at the Congress for "importing issues from Pakistan" and said the opposition party is joining terrorists and their masterminds in shedding tears after the victorious Indian mili-

Replying to an over 16-hour discussion in Lok Sabha on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, Modi rebutted the Opposition's charge over US President Donald Trump's repeated claims of mediating "ceasefire", saying he had told US Vice President J D Vance on May 9 night that Pakistan will pay dearly for any attack on India.

In his 102-minute speech, the prime minister lauded India's military action as a "vijayotsav" (victory celebration) and told the House amid cheers from the treasury benches that he was presenting the "stand of

"India destroyed Pakistan's military strength between May 9 and May 10. Pakistan now clearly understands that India's response will always get bigger and that India can do anything if it engages in any misadven-



## "Rectified Nehru's big blunder, kept IWT in abeyance"

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his government took a strong decision and put the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance, thus rectifying a "big blunder" committed by the country's first prime minister,

Participating in a 19-hour debate in the Lok Sabha on Operation Sindoor, Modi described the signing of the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan in 1960 by Nehru's government as a "big betrayal" of India's dignity

"It has been an old habit of the Congress to mortgage India's interests. The Congress members. The prime minister said in a

ture in future," he said, emphasising

Modi said Vance called him up a few times but he was busy in meetings

with the armed forces brass and returned the call later. "The Vice President told me that Pakistan is going to launch a big attack. I told him if this is Pakistan's intention, then this will cost it dearly. We will respond with a bigger attack. We will fire cannonballs against their bul-

"No world leader asked India to stop its military operation," he said.

India has made it clear that it will respond to terror on its own terms. won't tolerate nuclear blackmail and will treat terror sponsors and masterminds alike, he said.

No country stopped India from acting in its defence, PM Modi stressed, adding that only three of the 193 UN members spoke in favour of Pakistan, remarks which came soon after Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi claimed no country condemned Pakistan and cited Trump's claims to question Modi's leadership.

Modi then turned on the Congress. The opposition party has fallen to such a low that despite governing India for so long, it does not trust the country's establishment and its trust is in fact guided by remote control in Pakistan, he said. "The world sup-■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# 'Even chocolates carried by terrorists were from Pakistan, but Chidambaram doubts it': Amit Shah slams Ex-Finance Minister

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday accused Chidambaram, a previous incumbent of the ministry, of giving "clean chit" to Pakistan in the Pahalgam terror attack, asserting that it amounted to questioning India's attack on terror facilities in the country. Shah lashed out at the senior Congress leader as he informed Lok Sabha during a discussion on the terror strike and Operation Sindoor that three terrorists killed by security forces in Kashmir on Monday were behind the horrific Pahalgam incident.

He said the government had proof of the three being from Pakistan, including the voter numbers of two of them. He added that they carried chocolates made in Pakistan, turning up the heat on the former home minister.

The Congress leader, a Rajya Sabha member, Shah said, raised the questions



Home Minister lashes out at the senior Congress leader as he informed Lok Sabha during a discussion on the terror strike and Op Sindoor that 3 terrorists killed by security forces in Kashmir on Monday were behind the horrific Pahalgam incident.

when Parliament was to begin this discussion. "Whom do you want to save? What will you gain by shielding Pakistan?

interview. Chidambaram had raised questions on the claim that the terrorists behind the incident were from Pakistan.

He had said, "Have they (NIA) identified the terrorfrom? For all we know, they could be homegrown terrorists. Why do you assume they came from Pakistan? There is no evidence of that."

If Chidambaram says these were not Pakistanis, then it means that the former home minister of the country is giving clean chit to Pakistan in front of the world, Shah said. With such a statement,

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# NIA launches probe into killing of Pahalgam attack mastermind in Srinagar encounter

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A team of NIA sleuths on Tuesday launched a probe into the killing of the alleged mastermind of the Pahalgam terror attack and his two associates in an encounter with security forces near Srinagar, officials

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) team arrived at the Police Control Room (PCR) here early Tuesday for the identification of the bodies of the three terrorists, they said.

In a major breakthrough, the Army's elite para commandos on Monday gunned the alleged mastermind of the April 22 attack, along with two of his associates, in

### 1400 pilgrims leave Jammu for Amarnathji Yatra

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The 27th batch of 1490 pilgrims left Jammu on Monday for the twin base camps of 3, 880-meter-high cave shrine of Amarnath in southKashmir Himalayas amid tight security arrangements.

More than 3.86 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at 'ice lingum' of Lord Shiva at the cave shrine since the 38-day pilgrimage commenced on July 3 from the valley.

The 27th batch of pilgrims, which included 1,262 men, 186 women, 42 sadhus and sadhvis. left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here in 61 vehicles for the twin base camps in Kashmir between 3:25 am and 3.57 am escorted by CRPF and police personnel, officials said.

The first pilgrim convoy, carrying 327 pilgrims in 16 vehicles, left for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in the Ganderbal

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Max: 92 Min: 74 Max: 34.0°C Min: 21.7°C

Max: 76 Min: 42 Sunset: 19:32 Hours Sunrise: 05:42 Hours

an encounter at Mulnar in Harwan area near Dachigam National Park here.

security launched a surprise action, codenamed 'Operation Mahadev', following a technical signal indicating the use of a satellite phone that was used by the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack.

The other terrorists killed in the action have been identified as Jibran, who was allegedly involved in the Sonamarg Tunnel attack last year, and Hamza Afghani.

As many as 26 people, mostly tourists, were shot dead by terrorists at Baisaran meadows Pahalgam, which prompted the armed forces to

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Tuesday said if Pakistan

cannot take action

against terrorism on its

soil, India is ready to

help it as Indian forces

are capable of fighting

terror on the other side

Initiating a special dis-

cussion on Operation

Sindoor in Rajya Sabha,

Singh said three terror-

by Indian forces.

ists involved in the Pahalgam

attack have been eliminated

of the border as well.

NEW DELHI: Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh on

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biggest example of this is the Indus Waters Treaty. Who signed this treaty? Nehru did it and granted rights to 80 per cent of the waters of the rivers originating in India and flowing to Pakistan," Modi said, amid protests from the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

that Operation Sindoor is continuing.

# Hopes, dreams of youth can only flourish in peaceful environment: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the Kashur Riwaaj event at Baramulla on Tuesday.

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BARAMULLA: Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha on Tuesday attended  $_{
m the}$ Kashur Riwaaj 2025, a mega

If Pak not able to take action against

terrorism, India can help: Rajnath

Operation Sindoor -" India's

response to the Pahalgam

attack - has been halted, and

can be resumed anytime if

Pakistan indulges in terror

He further said that activities in India again.

Culture at Baramulla. In his address, Lieutenant Governor extended his heartiest congratulations to 20,000 youth of

"India wants terrorism to

including Pakistan... I

had advised Pakistan

earlier as well, and today

I want to say again, that

if you are unable to take

effective action against

terrorism, take India's

help. India's forces are

capable of taking effec-

tive action against ter-

rorism this side of the

border, as well as on the

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other side. Pakistan has

already witnessed this

end in the whole world,

title.

Ladishah and Calligraphy,

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### **Search operation launched** after suspicious movement detected in Kathua

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A search operation was launched in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Tuesday following the suspicious movement of three persons, officials said. The search operation was launched after a woman spotted three suspected per-

Monday night, they said. A joint team of the Indian Army, police and Special Operations Group (SoG) is engaged in the search and vigilance has been intensified in the area and along

sons in the Rajbagh area late

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Expresses gratitude on behalf of nation and J&K UT to Army, Paramilitary and Police force for successfully executing Operation Mahadev, in which three Pakistani terrorists involved in the April 22 heinous Pahalgam terror attack were eliminated in Dachigam forest

Congratulates 20,000 youth of Baramulla for making history and setting a new world record by coming together for Ladishah and Calligraphy; lauds commendable endeavour by Indian Army and Dist Administration

### **GoC-in-C Northern** Command briefs LG on **Operation Mahadev** STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Northern Command on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and briefed him on Operation Mahadev.

He was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Prashant Srivastava, General Officer Commanding (GOC)15

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the Army, CRPF, and J&K Police for the successful Operation Mahadev. This crucial operation, executed in the challenging Dachigam forest, resulted in the elimination

# **J&K Police refunds Rs 1.53 Cr to victims** in Rs 2.39 Cr job scam

Police following LG's mantra not to touch innocent, not to spare guilty: DGP

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director General of Police, J&K, Nalin Prabhat, on Tuesday visited Police Station Nagrota to preside over the function organised by Jammu Police to distribute Rs 1.53 Cr among 22 victims of Rs 2.39 Cr job scam.

He was accompanied by IGP Jammu Zone, B.S. Tuti, IPS; DIG JSK, Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, and SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh.

The event was attended by officers from the Army,



BEST INVESTIGATIONS: DGP Nalin Prabhat giving award to SHO Nagrota Insp Parvez Sajad on Tuesday.

CRPE civil administration.

along with Zonal SPs of

Jammu, all SDPOs

### leadership war turns ferocious



The battle over Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) leadership has become more intense ever since its current

chief Tariq Hamid Karra led a hand-picked team of leaders and workers to Delhi for a protest at Jantar Mantar in support of reinstating Statehood. This led to the battle lines between the rival groups becoming sharper as Karra has done nothing to keep the party united during his tenure so far. In fact, he, through his cronies, has fanned factionalism by sidelining senior, estab-

lished and influential leaders. There has been a near total revolt against Karra in the Kashmir unit while the Jammu unit has also been in sham-

Karra, a former PDP leader who joined the Congress in 2017, was appointed President of Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on August 16, 2024, replacing Vikar Rasool Wani just before the assembly elections. This move took everyone surprise but further shock was in reserve as the new incumbent, arrogant and bureaucratic by nature, failed to take everyone along and unite the party to face the formidable BJP, particularly in Jammu region.

Karra's elevation came amid internal resistance: many senior leaders had demanded Vikar Rasool's removal, accusing him of lacking the leadership qualities.

After the 2024 Assembly elections, in which Congress won just six seats (5 in Kashmir and one in Jammu), a section of senior leaders submitted a formal resoluto Congress President Mallikarjun? Kharge, accusing Karra of misconduct, electoral manipulation, financial irregularities, and sidelining tradition-

Karra's strange style of working and insistence on fomenting groupism and his penchant to give space to only a few hangers-on who have little or no influence on ground, has put the Congress in yet another peculiar situation. While there were allegations that a strong BJP- sleeper cell was guiding him on contours of Jammu politics, the critics now claim Karra has tried forcing a "PDP proxy Congress" by promoting recent entrants over long standing members. Net result is the Congress in Jammu and Kashmir has been taken over by the BJP and PDP sleeper cells. This has resulted in the genuine Congresspersons of different age and genre getting sidelined and feeling suffocated. Intriguingly the high-command has preferred to look the other way.

Fact of the matter is that the Congress has always come to power in the erstwhile state on the basis of its strong base in Jammu region where now, for the last

decade, it is direct contest with the BJP with latter almost pushing Congress to the brink. The successive electoral losses in Lok Sabha and assembly elections convey the story and the pathetic state of the party particularly in the Jammu region.

Some Jammu leaders allege systematic marginalization, describing Karra as unsympathetic towards Jammu region and accuse him of having a narrow Valleycentric view and not taking the old and genuine Congress leaders and workers there into confidence. They feel a systematic attempt has been made to push them to the corner at the behest of a small vested interest in the Jammu unit.

Critics argue that the Congress has drifted ideologically, becoming out of sync with Jammu's socio-political ethos, and Karra's PDP style and Kashmir-centric hardcore views are cited as exacerbating these divisions.

With National Conference and PDP dominating the political space in Kashmir,

in Jammu, the real political contest lies in Jammu. If Congress retrieves its space in this region and weakens BJP in the Hindu belt, it will be able to find its feet in the Valley too. There is no scope for the vice versa. The crux of the matter is that the road to Congress's survival, under the cir cumstances, starts from Jammu and Karra seems either oblivious of this fact or simply looking the other way. With his PDP background and strong views, as minister in the Congress-PDP coalition government on issues related to Jammu and Hindus (Bam Bam Bole agitation in particular), he alone cannot inspire political narrative in Jammu, which needs more focus and power to make a gaping hole in the BJP vote-bank. Karra's tryst with controversies took a

fresh turn from the manner he planned his Delhi visit with a group of supporters while others living out. Reports suggest Karra and his ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9