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but, unfortunately, the valour of the armed forces did not receive support from the Congress," he said  
While India is surging to become "aatmanirbhar", the Congress is becoming dependent on Pakistan for issues, he said.

After India hit the terror facilities, the Indian DGMO informed his Pakistani counterpart of the military action. India was also waiting for an opportunity to hit back, Modi said.

When Pakistan retaliated, the Indian armed forces taught it a lesson it will not forget for years, Modi said, adding that the neighbouring country was brought to its knees following Indian strikes in its different corners.

The prime minister cited comments of some Pakistanis, which appeared on social media, to stress on their shock at the Indian attack.

Their DGMO called up the Indian DGMO saying, "Bas karo, bahut mara... stop the attack." They could not bear it any more, he said.

In this era of technology-driven war, the Indian defence system proved its mettle, he said, noting that over 1,000 drones and missiles launched by Pakistan were destroyed midair.

The main opposition party is importing issues from Pakistan and the Congress and its allies have become spokespersons of Pakistan's disinformation at a time when narratives play a big role in warfare and are used to demoralise the armed forces and people, the prime minister alleged.

His opponents, Modi said, echo Pakistan's statements to the comma and full stop.

The country is amazed that the Congress is giving a clean chit to Pakistan in the Pahalgam attack, he said in a swipe at former home minister P Chidambaram who had asked if proof existed to state that the terrorists were Pakistanis.

Be it the surgical strikes or the air strikes, opposition parties always hoped for "Modi to get trapped", and they had a similar wish this time, the prime minister said, citing the campaign against his government over the capture of a BSF personnel by Pakistan. He was safely returned later.

"Terrorists are crying, their masters are crying and some people are crying watching them," he said in a swipe at the Congress, asserting that Pakistan-based leaders of terrorist groups, who earlier thought they were safe from any Indian action, were now having sleepless nights.

He accused the opposition of doing politics over the deaths of 26 civilians in the Pahalgam terror attack, saying they had started to taunt him within three-four days of the tragedy.

As the Congress questioned the government's decision to stop military action when Indian forces had got the better of Pakistanis, he said Operation Sindoor had met its 100 per cent objective by destroying terror masterminds and their facilities not only in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir but also deep within the neighbouring country.

Keeping the Congress in his line of attack, he alleged that the opposition leaders seized on the propaganda being spread from across the border.

They ignore facts presented by the armed forces but promote Pakistan's lies, he said, adding that previous precise military operations like surgical strikes and the Balakot air strike had met their targets as well, but opposition parties questioned them too.

Operation Sindoor targeted the epicentre of terrorism, where the Pahalgam attack had been planned and terrorists were recruited and trained, the prime minister said.

In a swipe at Rahul Gandhi over disclosure by WikiLeaks, Modi said a Congress leader had said "Hindu groups" are more dangerous than terror outfit LeT and added that the party leaders had floated the links of "saffron terrorism" to the Mumbai attack despite the clear evidence of Pakistan's involvement.

With opposition leaders probing his government as to why it did not allow the armed forces to reclaim Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK), he cited a host of incidents when the previous Congress governments did not do so despite having the military advantage, as in the 1971 war, and even ceded the territories it had captured.

The Congress government under Jawaharlal Nehru lost over 38,000 km of territory of Aksai Chin, he said and slammed the Indus Waters Treaty agreement that the first prime minister signed with Pakistan as a "big blunder".

The Modi government has put the treaty in abeyance.

"Before asking why PoK has not been taken back yet, Congress must respond -- who let it go. India is still suffering the pain of mistakes committed by previous Congress governments, starting from Jawaharlal Nehru," he said.

Asserting that Operation Sindoor demonstrated the prowess of India's indigenous defence industry, he said it has raised the global demand for Indian weaponry.

## "Rectified Nehru's big..

historic move, India has put the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance in the best interests of its citizens and farmers.

"India has firmly conveyed its stance that blood and water cannot flow together," he said.

"The previous Congress-led governments neglected the Indus Waters Treaty and failed to address the mistakes made during Nehruji's era. However, today, India has taken decisive action to rectify those errors," Modi said.

He said India gets its identity from the Indus river, but Nehru and the Congress allowed the World Bank to decide on the sharing of the waters of the Indus and the Jhelum.

"Nehru signed this treaty that granted rights to 80 per cent water to Pakistan and 20 per cent to a big country like India. What kind of diplomacy is this?" Modi asked.

He said had the treaty not been signed, several projects could have been built on the west-flowing rivers to solve the problems of farmers in states, such as Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi.

"India could have generated more electricity and solved its problem of drinking water shortages," Modi said, contending that the treaty had led to inter-state water disputes in the country.

The prime minister slammed Nehru for giving crores of rupees to Pakistan to build canals on the Indus and other rivers, and giving up India's rights to de-silting the dams built on its territory on these rivers. Modi said Nehru had admitted his mistake later and said he believed that the Indus Waters Treaty would lead to the solution of other problems with Pakistan. "But he (Nehru) realised that the problems remained as they were," Modi said. As a response to the Pahalgam terror attack, India announced keeping the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance on April 23.

## 'Even chocolates carried...

the Congress leader is questioning the rationale behind the "attack on Pakistan", he added. The whole world, Shah claimed, has accepted Pakistan's role in the attack but Chidambaram is creating doubts. "Had he asked me I would have given him proof." He said Indians are watching this conspiracy to shield Pakistan, and the Congress will not be able to save itself.

## GoC-in-C...

of three Pakistani terrorists responsible for the heinous Pahalgam terror attack.

GOC-in-C Northern Command informed that search operations had been ongoing in South Kashmir to Dachigam forest areas for the past few months. There were persistent reports about terrorists hiding in this area. Recently, based on specific intelligence inputs, special teams were activated. A joint operation was then launched by the Army, Jammu & Kashmir Police and Central Reserve Police Force, with the significant assistance of intelligence agencies, leading to the elimination of Pakistani terrorists.

## Hopes, dreams of...

world record. This accomplishment will serve as an inspiration across the sections of society to reconnect with their heritage, embrace their culture, and uphold their values," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also lauded the Indian Army and District Administration Baramulla for the commendable endeavour.

"I salute the dedication and commitment of our Army. They are not only safeguarding the nation's unity and integrity but also actively serving as a custodian of this region's vibrant cultural heritage and consistently striving to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of our youth.

Unity in diversity is a hallmark of India's great culture. The Indian Army has consistently worked to harness this power for societal benefit, creating opportunities for youth to strengthen national unity through literature, music, art, and sports," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of Government of India and J&K Administration, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to empower Youth of J&K. With a whole-of-government approach, we are working to align the aspirations of youth of Jammu Kashmir with the nation's aspirations, he said.

"Hopes and dreams of youth can only flourish in a peaceful environment. Pakistan-backed terrorism and separatism had robbed Jammu and Kashmir of peace, progress, and the youth's aspirations. Now, Jammu and Kashmir is rapidly moving forward," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude on behalf of the 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.

He also called upon the youth to rise above language, sect, and religion and collectively counter those who spread public unrest.

"There are disturbing elements in society who attempt to justify terrorism and the killing of innocent lives and try to held hostage the aspirations and dreams of lakhs of youth. Such individuals need to be unmasked," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He further sought the cooperation of young generation in the fight against drug menace and to bring the youth who have fallen prey to drug addiction back into the mainstream.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor announced Guru-Shishya Parampara programme of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and Calligraphy course in collaboration of JKAACL with University of Kashmir.

J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages with University of Kashmir is going to launch a 6 month and one year Certificate/ Diploma course in Calligraphy.

Under the JKAACL's Guru-Shishya Parampara programme, Gurus to train 4-8 shishyas in extinct arts and will receive Rs 10,000 per month. The Shishyas will also get Rs 5000 per month, while assistants will receive Rs 7500 per month.

Principal Secretary Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma; GOC 19 Infantry Division, Major General Paravir Singh Punia; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; DIG North Kashmir, Maqsood-Ul-Zaman; Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa; senior officials of Security Forces, Civil and Police Administration; office bearers of Universal Record Forum, Artists, prominent citizens and youth in large number were present.

## NIA launches probe...

launch Operation Sindoor on May 7 against the terror infrastructure in Pakistan. The bodies of the slain terrorists were brought from the encounter site to the PCR here late Monday.

The NIA team is taking witnesses in batches of two to three people "for ensuring a cent per cent confirmation that the slain terrorists include Sulieman Shah", officials said. Meanwhile, the operation is ongoing as intelligence inputs have suggested the presence of another group of terrorists in the area, officials said.

Jibran was allegedly involved in the terror strike at the Sonamarg tunnel project at Gagangir in October last year. Seven people, including a doctor, were killed in the attack. An M4 carbine rifle, two AK rifles and other munitions were seized from the site of Monday's encounter.

## J&K Police refunds...

of District Jammu, and SHOs of the Rural Zone.

SSP Jammu Joginder Singh and SP Rural Jammu Brijesh Sharma briefed the audience regarding this sensational case including quality and quick investigation done by team of Jammu Police headed by SHO Nagrota, Inspector Parvez Sajad under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota and SP Rural, to ensure speedy and timely justice to the victims of Job scam by outstanding utilisation of Victim Centric provisions available under New Criminal Laws-2023.

In a landmark action under the newly enacted Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Jammu Police has successfully executed its first-ever property attachment in a high-profile job fraud case, resulting in the recovery and refund of Rs 1.53 cr to victims. This milestone reflects the victim centric approach embodied in India's new criminal justice reforms.

The case revolves around Harpreet Singh, a resident of Pallanwala, who posed as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Army and defrauded multiple individuals of more than Rs 2.39 crores by falsely promising them jobs in prestigious government institutions such as MES, MoD, and DRDO. The fraud came to light when Arun Sharma, a resident of Nagrota, filed a complaint on 6 November 2024, leading to the registration of FIR No. 293/2024 under Sections 319(2), 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 338, and 340(2) of the BNS at Police Station Nagrota, Jammu. The accused was arrested the following day.

Investigation revealed that a sale agreement was executed between Kamaljeet Kour (Suriender wife) and the accused's mother, Paramjeet Kour to the tune of Rs 2 crores, 22 lakh & 50 thousand for the purchase of Double story Duplex building constructed over 08 Marlas of land in Channi Bheja, Tehsil Bahu Fort Jammu.

Moreover, an amount of Rs 1,93,50,000 was received by Suriender Singh(Co-Accused) and his wife from accused Harpreet through online transactions and cash. The amount paid by accused Harpreet Singh was proceeds of crime collected from innocent victims in lieu of providing Govt. Job.

Acting on a police plea, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu, passed an attachment order on 18th January 2025 under Section 107(5) BNSS, which was executed by Tehsildar Bahu. A 14-day show cause notice was issued to the accused to justify the source of funds used in the transaction, failing which the property was to be auctioned.

During court proceedings, based on clinching evidence presented by the Investigating Officer, Kamaljeet Kour made a judicial admission that she had received Rs 1.53 crores from the accused. In a significant development, she voluntarily agreed to refund the amount initially committing to deposit Rs 50 lakhs within 7 days, and the remaining Rs 1.03 crores within two months. Moreover, an amount of Rs 40,50,000 which is disputed amount can be proved only during trial.

The Court ruled that the attachment order shall remain in effect until the admitted amount is fully deposited. It also prohibited the seller from creating any third-party interest in the property. The SSP Jammu was directed to open a dedicated account for collecting and distributing the recovered funds among the verified victims.

In the first instance, recovered amount of Rs 75 lakh has been distributed equally among 17 victims through cheques and today recovered amount of Rs 78 lakh has been distributed equally among 22 victims through cheques. Till date, total amount of Rs1.53 cr has been distributed to the victims.

This marks the first instance in UT of J&K under BNSS where defrauded money has been returned to victims, exemplifying the law's focus on justice, accountability, and restitution.

The case was meticulously investigated by Inspector Parvez Sajad (SHO Nagrota), under the supervision of DySP Vinod Kundal (SDPO Nagrota), with overall oversight by SP Rural Brijesh Sharma and SSP Jammu Joginder Singh.

Legal assistance was provided by Senior Prosecuting Officer Altaf Wahid, DPO Jammu and Financial expertise provided by Account Officer, kamal Bhagat.

IGP Jammu Zone, B.S. Tuti, also congratulated the team of Jammu Police and urged them to maintain the same level of professionalism, commitment, and public service in the future.

Speaking on the occasion, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat, reaffirmed his force's unwavering commitment to justice, guided by the core principle of "not touching the innocent and not sparing the guilty", as laid down by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

He said the new laws enacted by the government are gradually being implemented on the ground and are built around a victim-centric approach.

The DGP highlighted the role played by police in its outreach initiatives to people in difficulties.

"We do our utmost to reach out to those who are oppressed, distressed or in pain. In whatever way possible, we try to help them and for those who have no support, we stand with them in addressing all their problems," he said.

Highlighting the multifaceted demands of policing, the DGP likened the duties of the force to achieving excellence across disciplines.

"I often tell my team to aim high - like winning a Nobel Prize in Physics, a gold medal in Mathematics or earning a PhD from a top university. We must be ready to play every role and become instruments of real change," he said.

He also underlined that no problem in society is disconnected from police work and said it is the mission of police to ensure justice in all such matters.

"It has always been the mission of police to deliver justice in one way or another. Just as it is the duty of police to bring justice to any individual or section of the society in distress, it is equally the society's responsibility to support police in their efforts," he added.

Referring to a recent case where fraudsters promised jobs in exchange for money, the DGP called it a "clear-cut case of cheating" and urged the public to stay vigilant.

"Why do we often slip on the same banana peel? Why don't we open our eyes before the damage is done?" he asked.

He also said that crime is an unfortunate reality that can't be entirely eliminated even with societal awareness.

"The first line of defense against crime is society itself. Citizens must stay alert and responsible," he said.

The DGP reiterated that police has always stood by people and will continue to do so in every fight - be it against drugs, gangsters, general crime or terrorism.

"Every day is a test for police and every day we must deliver results worthy of the highest medals," he asserted.

Commenting on recent legal reforms, DGP said the government has enacted new

laws that are gradually being implemented on the ground.

"These laws are built around a victim-centric approach. The aim is to quickly nab the culprits, seize their properties and deliver timely justice to victims," he added.

DGP Nalin Prabhat congratulated the Jammu Police team for this significant achievement and encouraged all officers and personnel to continue striving for excellence in the implementation of New Criminal Laws-2023 to ensure timely and speedy justice to the victims of Crime.

DGP J&K lauded the exceptional performance of Investigating team of Police Station Nagrota led by SHO Nagrota Parvez Sajad and supervisory officers SDPO Nagrota Vinod Kundal, and SP Rural Brijesh Sharma, and the leadership of SSP Jammu Joginder Singh.

This breakthrough demonstrates a strong legal and administrative resolve to tackle economic offences and restore public trust. It sets a crucial precedent for future enforcement under the BNSS and reflects the evolving framework of a more responsive and victim-oriented criminal justice system.

## Search operation launched...

the highway, said the officials, adding they are combing the area around the Ujh river -- a known infiltration route from across the border.

The locals have been urged to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police, the officials said.

## If Pak not...

during Operation Sindoor," he said.

"If Pakistan commits any terror incidents in future, we will relaunch Operation Sindoor without hesitation," he said.

Singh stressed that our vision is that Operation Sindoor should carry on continuously. "There can be a comma but no full stop."

While expressing surprise over questions raised by some opposition leaders over getting back Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, he said, "I am surprised at this demand, because when they were in power they did just the opposite."

"It has always been the stand of the Bharatiya Janata Party that the day is not far when the people of Pak-occupied Kashmir will have the privilege of becoming a part of the Indian governance system," he said.

## JKPCC on brink...

close associates had protested against the AICC leaders inviting Vikar Rasool Wani, presently a CWC member, to sit on the dais when Rahul Gandhi was addressing the gathering. The controversy, these reports suggest, took a new dimension when Karra feigned illness and remained absent from the high-level press conference held at the AICC headquarters the same evening. Did he become incommunicado and even not took phone calls from AICC in charge of Jammu and Kashmir, Syed Nassir Hussain?

What makes the matter further intriguing is that Karra, despite not "feeling well", preferred to travel by train (Vande Bharat) to cover 600 kilometers and sitting for eight hours. How could he do this if he was not feeling well? There's no credible source supporting claims of him feigning illness. This lends further credence to his arrogant style of functioning and even mocking at the party high-command by giving a miss to the press conference attended by senior leader Digvijay Singh and Syeed Nassir.

Many insiders argue his perceived insecurity is resulting in the party loyalists being pushed to the corners and the stalwarts marginalised. In the face of this scenario the young set of leaders are in a quandary and oscillating between the two factions. So are the old and established leaders, who do not know what to do under the circumstances.

Other stalwarts and many Congress supporters, both in Jammu and Kashmir regions, feel that the party should not be led by someone with lack of understanding of the Valley's cultural route and political ethos, and having no clue about the political nitty-gritty, particularly the region and caste configurations of Jammu region.

There is a strong case to work out a model whereby Jammu gets precedence even in the leadership issue in order to take on BJP. This is direly needed if the saffron party's core Hindu vote bank, which earlier was Congress's support base, is to be targeted.

The question currently confronting the Congress is how to take on the BJP to weaken its Jammu base. This is important for the party's revival and to form the government in future. The leaders of both Jammu and Kashmir regions should view as part of the war-time strategy rather than viewing it from the prism of one region or the other.

The first priority of the Congress should be to set the house in order and check-mate the BJP effectively. The rest will follow automatically. The Congress leaders must close their ranks, across the two regions, and keep vested interests aside for a broader cause.

Although the Congress high command, it is learnt, is keeping a close tab on the developments and devising ways to manage the internal tensions, much will also depend how the ruling clique in the PCC behaves. Otherwise, the lurking question would be whether Karra's leadership will continue or the Congress returns to a stalwart as per the traditional Congress governance model.

## 1400 pilgrims leave..

district, followed by the second convoy of 1,163 pilgrims in 45 vehicles, who are undertaking the yatra via the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in the Anantnag district, they said.

With this, a total of 14,27,85 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp for the valley since July 2, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

Last year, more than 5.10 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine, which houses a naturally formed 'ice lingam'.

The pilgrimage is scheduled to end on August 9, coinciding with the Raksha Bandhan festival.

## S.J.M Gilani among 35 IPS officers empanelled as DG rank at Centre

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JAMMU: IPS Officer of erstwhile J&K cadre and Special DG Coordination J&K, Syed Javid Murtaba Gilani-IPS among 35 Officers empanelled as DG rank post in Government of India.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved empanelment of 35 Indian Police Service (IPS) officers belonging to 1993 and 1994 batches for holding Director General/Equivalent posts at the Centre.

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## Two nabbed with 16 rolls of Chinese thread

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JAMMU: Janipur Police on Tuesday nabbed two persons and recovered 16 rolls of Gattu thread from their possession.

As per details, a team of Police Station Janipur under the command SHO Janipur Insp Vikram Sharma while on routine patrolling duty, apprehended two persons from different locations and seized 16 rolls of hazardous gattu (Chinese synthetic) thread.

One accused, Ankush Kumar, son of Chain Lal resident of Akalpur, was arrested from Upper Roop Nagar and second accused, Sachin Bandal son of Tilak Raj resident of Manyal Brahman, Sangrampur, was apprehended from Paloura. 8 rolls of banned Gattu thread were recovered from each of them. In this regard, two separate FIRs have been registered at Police Station Janipur under relevant sections of law.

## 'Chhari Pujan' performed on Lord Shiva's holy mace on Nag Panchami

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SRINAGAR: The 'Chhari-Pujan' of Lord Shiva's holy mace was performed on Tuesday at the Amreshwar temple in the Mahadev Gir Dashnami Akhara here on the occasion of Nag Panchami, officials said.

Amid chants of Vedic hymns, Mahant Deependra Giri, the mace's custodian," led a group of sadhus in performing the puja, they said.

Giri now will carry the mace to the Amarnath cave shrine for a puja and darshan on the morning of Shravan Purnima on August 9, the officials added.

The yatra will have night halts in Pahalgam, Chandanwari, Sheshnag and Panchtarni before reaching the holy cave. More than 3.93 lakh pilgrims have performed the Amarnath Yatra since the pilgrimage began on July 3.

