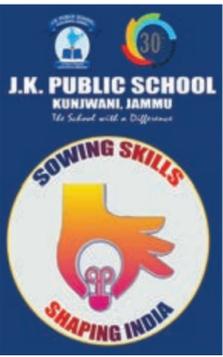


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## Sinha becomes emotional in Aap Ki Adalat

# I could not sleep after Pahalgam massacre: LG

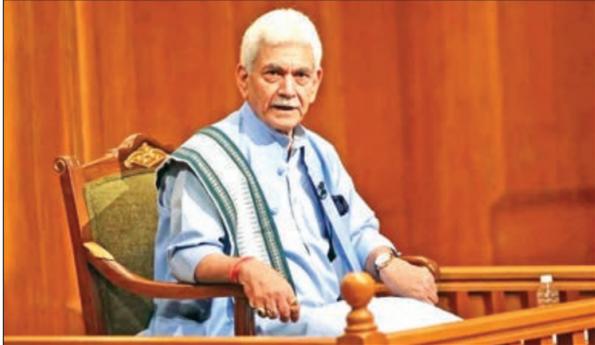
### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha became emotional while speaking about the massacre of 26 innocent tourists in Pahalgam by Pakistani terrorists.

Appearing in Rajat Sharma's 'Aap Ki Adalat' show, Sinha, in an emotional voice, said, "I could not sleep after April 22. It was an attack on India's soul. It was only after the three killers were eliminated that I got a sound sleep."

Asked by Rajat Sharma why there was not a single policeman present in Baisaran Valley, where tourists were enjoying picnic with pizza sellers around, the Lt. Governor replied, "The person who provided ziplining and other leisure activities to tourists in Baisaran was a private player. Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation had not granted him any permission. He did not inform the administration and police that he had started this. For four years, there was peace and calm throughout Kashmir Valley, and several small tourist spots had sprung up."

On Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's remark that the Lt. Governor's failure in providing security to tourists put the nation on the brink of war,



**Aap Ki Adalat: LG Manoj Sinha said temples which were demolished in Kashmir are now being rebuilt. "As part of our conservation plan, we are rebuilding not only temples but also gurdwaras, churches and even mosques in the valley."**

Manoj Sinha said, "If he has said this, I welcome it. But he must also say that for decades, Pakistan used to bring out a 'strike calendar' for the Valley, and schools, colleges and markets used to remain closed for 132 days in a year. There were frequent incidents of stone pelting, and security personnel were being killed."

On remarks by Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut that there was no proof of the killers checking whether tourists were Hindus before killing them, the Lt. Governor replied, "I was there in the postmortem room with relatives of victims. The relatives were loudly saying (chilla-chilla

kar keh rahe they) that the killers checked whether the tourists were Hindus."

On Akhilesh Yadav's question why the three terrorists were killed on the day the Home Minister was to reply to the debate in Parliament, Manoj Sinha replied, "Unko maaloom nahin hoga (he may not know). The operation began on April 22 itself, and the directive was that the killers must not be allowed to flee from Kashmir at any cost. God (Ishwar) helps those whose 'neeyat' (intention) is good, and they had to die on that very day."

On Rahul Gandhi alleging that PM Modi had "surrendered" when he allowed a ceasefire, Sinha replied, "Let him think so. This will continue for 10 more years (10 saal aisa aur chalega)."

Asked whether the ceasefire was called in a hurry, the Lt. Governor said, "Bhavavesh mein hum bahut aagey soch lete hain (We think too far because of emotions). It was left to the armed forces to choose the place, the timing, the mode and when to call a halt. The objective was quite clear. It was to eliminate the killers, their sponsors and their training camps. The army easily achieved this aim. When Pakistan retaliated, our army and air

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## Two soldiers martyred, as anti-terror ops in Kulgam enter Day-9

### LG, CM pay tribute to martyrs

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two Army soldiers were martyred and as many injured in an overnight gunfight with terrorists in Kulgam district, in one of the longest anti-terror operations in the Valley that entered the ninth day on Saturday, officials said.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah paid tributes to two Army soldiers martyred in an overnight gunfight, saying their grit and determination will never be forgotten.

"I salute the indomitable courage of our bravehearts, Lance Naik Pritpal Singh and Sepoy Harminder Singh, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the motherland."

"Their valour, grit and determination will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief," Sinha said.

Chief Minister Abdullah visited the Chinar Corps



Martyrs Lance Naik Pritpal Singh & Sepoy Harminder Singh

headquarters at Badamibagh in Srinagar, where he laid a wreath in the honour of the martyred soldiers.

"Chief Minister laid the wreath and paid rich tribute to the brave soldiers who made ultimate sacrifice at Kulgam," Abdullah's office said in a post on X.

Expressing deep sorrow and gratitude, the Chief Minister said that the sacrifices of these valiant soldiers would always be remembered.

He reiterated his government's unwavering support for the armed forces and their families.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, in his condolence message, said, "I salute the indomitable courage and selfless devotion of our brave hearts L/Nk Pritpal Singh and Sep Harminder Singh, who laid down their

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## 5 Pakistani fighter jets, one large aircraft shot down during Op Sindoor

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BENGALURU: The Indian Air Force (IAF) shot down five Pakistani fighter jets and a large aircraft during Operation Sindoor, in the largest-ever recorded surface-to-air kill by India, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh said on Saturday.

This is the first official comment on the damage caused to Pakistan during the Indian strikes over three months ago. Many opposition leaders have been attacking the government over the delay in revealing the extent of damage caused to both India and Pakistan during Operation Sindoor,

which was in response to the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed.

Singh, who was delivering the 16th Air Chief Marshal L M Katre Memorial Lecture here, also presented a detailed account of the May 7 strikes on terrorist headquarters and other terror assets near the border and inside Pakistan.

"We have at least five fighters confirmed killed and one large aircraft, which could be either an aircraft or an AWC, which was taken at a distance of about 300 kilometres. This is actually

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## Police searches 26 houses in massive crackdown on terror ecosystem in Kishtwar



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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday conducted searches

at 26 houses, including that of Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Mohammad Amin Bhat alias "Jehangir Saroori", in

a massive clampdown on the terror ecosystem in the Kishtwar district, officials said.

Besides Bhat, the raids mostly targeted homes of terrorists operating from Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and smuggling arms and ammunition from across the border, they said.

The raids in Kishtwar came a day after similar searches were conducted at 15 locations in nearby Doda district.

The officials said various police teams carried out searches at 26 locations across Kishtwar district.

The properties raided include Bhat's house, who had joined the proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen in the 1990s and is considered the longest surviving terrorist.

## Chinese manja fatally slits biker's throat

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UDHAMPUR: A 25-year-old man on motorcycle died after a Chinese kite-string, locally known as Gattu, slit his throat in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police officials said.

The sale and use of the Chinese kite-string or 'Manja' is banned by the authorities and several shopkeepers were arrested in recent past across Jammu for clandestinely dealing with the material.

Rajinder Kumar, a resident of Seen Brahmana village, was moving towards Rehambal from

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## Modi celebrates Raksha Bandhan with students, others

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday celebrated Raksha Bandhan at his residence here, with school students and members of the spiritual organisation Brahma Kumari among others tying rakhis on his wrist.

The festival is the celebration of the traditional bond between brothers and sisters. Modi shared a video clip of the celebration as a bunch of happy young students shared their joy and sentiments.

One student lauded him as a "warrior and saviour", while some made references to

## Chhari Mubarak carried to Shri Amarnathji cave shrine for prayers



### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chhari Mubarak, the saffron-robed holy mace of Lord Shiva, was Saturday carried to the Amarnath holy cave shrine for traditional prayers and rituals, marking the ceremonial conclusion of the annual pilgrimage, officials said.

They said that after a night's halt, the Chhari Mubarak left Panchtarani camp in the morning

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## CS assesses preparedness for implementation of e-Office at Tehsil level

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dullo, on Saturday reviewed implementation of e-Office 2.0 at the Tehsil level, aimed at establishing a seamless and paperless governance model across all basic administrative units of Jammu & Kashmir.

The initiative seeks to extend the digital governance to 207 tehsils in the UT.

Present in the meeting were Secretary, IT; CEO, JaKeGA; SIO, NIC and other concerned officers while the Deputy Commissioners participated virtually.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of the legacy data in these offices. He said that this data stored in paper files is of paramount importance hence deserves to be protected for the posterity for smooth functioning

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## First freight train arrives in Valley, connects Kashmir to National freight network

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SRINAGAR: The first freight train arrived in the Kashmir Valley on Saturday as the Northern Railway opened its Anantnag goods shed under its larger Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project for the movement of goods, officials said.

The train with 21 BCN wagons loaded with cement reached the Anantnag goods shed from Rupnagar, Punjab, they said.

The journey spanning approximately 600 km culminated at the newly-commis-



sioned goods shed in less than 18 hours, marking a significant milestone in connecting the Kashmir region to the national freight network, the officials added.

The goods shed is equipped to handle both incoming and outgoing freight,

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## DFCO's major Crackdown on Food Adulteration 2,700 kg decomposed chicken, 100 kg rotten fish seized

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant crackdown on the sale of unsafe food, the Drug and Food Control Organisation (DFCO), Jammu, on Saturday seized and disposed of a massive haul of 28 quintals of rotten and spoiled non-vegetarian products, including 2,700 kg of decomposed chicken and 100 kg of rotten fish.

The operation was carried out under the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), 2006, with the primary aim of safeguarding public health and ensuring consumer safety.

The operation was led by Madan Magotra, Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety Division Jammu, and Pankaj Soni, Deputy Commissioner, Food ICIL Jammu, along with the active support of Food Safety Officers and Manoj Prabhakar,



DFCO Team carrying out raid in Jammu on Saturday.

Deputy Controller, Legal Metrology Jammu.

Acting on credible information, the team raided a cold storage facility located at Kanji House, Jammu,

where they discovered large quantities of spoiled non-vegetarian food items.

These items were found to be deteriorated, decayed, and emitting a

strong putrid smell, rendering them wholly unsafe for human consumption.

The entire consignment was immediately seized and placed under the custody of the Municipal Corporation of Jammu. It was stored in sealed vehicles to prevent any further contamination or exposure.

Subsequently, the rotten meat was safely disposed of at the Koud Balwal Dumping Yard, following proper Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The owner of the business establishment has been booked for operating under insanitary conditions, and legal proceedings have been initiated under Sections 56 and 58 of the FSS Act for gross violations, including failure to maintain the mandatory cold chain for frozen products.

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## Op Sindoor was declaration of India's self-reliance in defence sector: DRDO Chief

### STATE TIMES NEWS

PUNE: Operation Sindoor was a "declaration" of India's ability to stand tall through self-reliance, strategic foresight, and indigenous technological strength, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman Samir Kamat said on Saturday.

Speaking at the 14th convocation of the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) here, Kamat said the highly coordinated, multi-dimensional operation along the western borders highlighted not just the courage of the soldiers, but also the technological backbone that supported them.

After Operation Sindoor's success, he expects India's defence exports to double in the next two to three years, he said.

"Operation Sindoor was more than a mission. It was a declaration of India's ability to stand tall through self-reliance, strategic foresight, and indigenous technological strength. It was a statement to the world that India has the capability to protect its borders through homegrown technology," the DRDO chief said.

From sensors, unmanned platforms and secure communications to AI-based decision support systems and precision weapons,

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 34.6°C Min: 24.8°C

Humidity  
Max: 79 Min: 76

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 32.8°C Min: 19.0°C

Humidity  
Max: 64 Min: 52

Sunset: 19:22 Hours  
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