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terror group's chief , was "torn into pieces" in the Indian missile strikes on May 7 on the outfit's headquarters in Bahawalpur, Pakistan.

"Terrorists from Pakistan desecrated the vermilion of our sisters and daughters. We carried out Operation Sindoor and demolished the terror launch pads," Modi said.

Heavily armed Pakistani terrorists targeted tourists in Kashmir's hill resort of Pahalgam, killing 26 people and leaving India in rage and grief.

Speaking at the 'Hyderabad Liberation Day' celebrations organised by the Centre in Hyderabad, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh warned Operation Sindoor would resume if any terrorist attack took place in the future.

He virtually rejected US President Donald Trump's claims of intervening to stop the Indo-Pak conflict following Operation Sindoor, saying the action against terrorists was not suspended due to any third-party mediation.

"There are some people who ask whether the ceasefire between India and Pakistan happened because of the intervention of someone. I would like to make it clear -- the operation against terrorists was not suspended because of someone's intervention," he affirmed.

"Some claim to have stopped the operation between India and Pakistan. Nobody stopped it. I would like to clarify that Mohammad Ishaq Dar, who is Pakistan's Deputy PM and foreign minister, also made it clear that India rejected the third-party role in mediation," Singh stated.

He also referred to the video where JeM commander Kashmiri is heard admitting killing of Azhar's family members during Operation Sindoor.

Singh clarified Operation Sindoor was suspended after Pakistan made repeated pleas for a ceasefire, emphasising the operation is only "paused" and not over.

"Today's India does not take dictation from anyone. India writes its own script. Today India is ready to write script of such a world order, which the entire world will follow happily and willingly," the minister said.

PM turns 75...

development programmes from different states on his birthday, Modi travelled to Dhar in Madhya Pradesh to launch a nationwide campaign focusing on the health and nutrition of women and children.

At a public meeting, he hailed the rise of a New India which brought Pakistan "to its knees" during the recent military conflict.

"Our brave soldiers brought Pakistan to its knees in the blink of an eye. Just yesterday, the country and the world saw a Pakistani terrorist weeping and recounting his plight," Modi said, a day after a viral video emerged of a Jaish-e-Mohamad (JeM) commander speaking of the Indian strikes destroying the organisation's headquarters, killing terrorists and their associates.

"This is the New India, which does not fear any nuclear threats. It enters the enemy's house and strikes," Modi said.

He made a strong pitch for 'swadeshi' goods and also launched "Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar" and the eighth annual National Nutrition Month campaigns.

He urged people to buy made-in-India goods. "Shops selling 'made in India' goods should have 'Garv se kaho yeh swadeshi hai' boards," he said.

BJP governments in states and the party's organisation in different places started or have lined up an array of outreach, welfare and awareness programmes covering health camps to cleanliness drives, get-togethers of intellectuals and fairs to promote indigenous products. The exercise will continue till October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Birthday wishes for Modi, who was born in a poor family in Gujarat's Vadnagar and has led the BJP to unprecedented geographical expansion and electoral successes since 2014, poured in.

President Droupadi Murmu praised him for instilling a culture of achieving great goals in the country. "Today, the global community is also expressing its faith in your guidance," she said.

Vice President C P Radhakrishnan said India is making a mark on the global stage and moving steadily towards the goal of a developed nation under his visionary leadership.

BJP leaders and members of other parties extended birthday wishes to Modi.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Modi, with his visionary leadership, dedication to the nation and untiring hardwork, has given the country new energy and shown it a new direction.

He has enhanced India's capability and respect globally, and his commitment to people's and the poor's welfare is exemplary, Singh said.

Home Minister Amit Shah said Modi has been working tirelessly for people's welfare for more than five decades, and he is a living inspiration of the 'nation first' motto for every citizen.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha wished him good health in their greetings.

In posts on X, Shah described the prime minister as a symbol of sacrifice and dedication, and inspiration for crores of countrymen.

The home minister said from the RSS to the party and the government, Modi's journey in life shows the possibility of extensive transformations when resolve is as unwavering as the Himalayas and vision is as vast as the ocean.

"Workers like me are fortunate to have had the chance to work with him in every role he has undertaken," he said.

BJP president J P Nadda said PM Modi has taken many transformative steps to build an "aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat" with the goal of progress of every section of society.

Under his leadership, India's spiritual and cultural heritage has received global prestige, he added.

Omar hopes Centre...

and Tribal Affairs, Javed Rana, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, and other senior officers.

The Chief Minister personally inspected the affected site and obtained a firsthand appraisal of the situation. He interacted with the locals and affected families, assuring them of all possible support from the Government.

To provide immediate relief, the Chief Minister sanctioned Rs 38 lakh for the affected families in addition to the Rs 50 lakh already sanctioned under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). He reiterated that it is the Government's duty to extend maximum possible assistance to the people during such difficult times.

During his interactions, the Chief Minister emphasized that the Government stands firmly with the affected families and will ensure all necessary measures for their rehabilitation.

Highlighting the broader impact of this year's heavy rains across Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister said that almost every district has suffered damage to infrastructure and private property. He added that the Government has been extending all possible help to the people and noted that a Central Team has recently visited J&K to assess the losses. He expressed hope for a relief package for Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

CM visits Udhampur...

about the progress of works including widening, metalling, and restoration of the second tube of NH-44.

He also apprised him of the current single-lane traffic arrangements in place to manage vehicular movement.

The Chief Minister directed the NHAI authorities to expedite the restoration process to ease the movement of commuters and the general public. He instructed the executing agencies to mobilize additional men and machinery to ensure timely completion, underlining that safe and smooth road connectivity is the top priority of the Government. Later, the Chief Minister interacted with local residents at Thard, patiently listening to their grievances. He assured them that the Government is making every possible effort to fully restore NH-44 at the earliest and provide necessary relief to both commuters and the public.

ACB arrests JE...

officer of ACB Srinagar. On the basis of contents of the complaint, findings and recommendations of verifying officer offence under Sections 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, read with Section 61(2) of the BNS are prima facie established against the accused public servants namely Junior Engineer Shaiq Sultan Bhat, son of Gh. Nabi Bhat, resident of Sanat Nagar, Srinagar, and Sectional Officer Mohammad Ayoub Dar, son of Gh. Nabi Dar, resident of Sail, Tehsil Avantipora, District Pulwama.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 18/2025 under Sections 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, read with Section 61(2) of the BNS at Police Station ACB Srinagar today and investigation was taken up, official said.

During the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted and deputed to Pantha Chowk for laying a trap and to arrest these public servants involved in the commission of crime. The team laid a successful trap and both public servants were apprehended red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs 50000 from the complainant. The bribe money of Rs 50,000 was recovered on the spot

from their possession, officail said adding that further investigation into the case is going on.

Peace can only...

and children. The event also witnessed the commencement of 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah which will be celebrated from 17th September to 16th October 2025, across the country.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for dedicating the national health campaign to promote women's health and well being.

He called upon all the stakeholders to work with Whole of Government Approach and make this campaign a huge success.

"A healthy woman is the foundation of a happy and prosperous family, which in turn builds a strong nation. Today, the supreme position of women in public life is seen as key to ensuring peace and progress in the society. The "Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan" is poised to turn a new chapter in women's empowerment.

Prime Minister's holistic approach to improving the lives and prioritising health of women has given new strength to Nari Shakti. Prime Minister's vision, which places Nari Shakti at the forefront of development, has made women powerful agents of change," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, highlighted India's rapid economic development, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister.

India has overcome previous slow growth to become one of the world's fastest-growing economies, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said peace is essential for development, and peace can only be achieved by completely dismantling terror ecosystem.

"The people from all sections of society must realise that those who provide ideological and financial support for terrorism, create false narratives are dangerous to peace and development.

"Viksit Bharat" requires a "Viksit Jammu Kashmir", which can only be achieved when economic benefits reach the poor and the common man, and not only to handful of persons. On this occasion, we must also introspect on these important issues," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called for a widespread awareness campaign using various platforms to encourage public participation and leveraging Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Anganwadi centres for dissemination of detailed information on health camp schedules and services.

The Lieutenant Governor inaugurated a health camp to mark the occasion. He also distributed medical aids and handed over sanction letters under Mission YUVA among beneficiaries

"Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan" is a landmark initiative by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), aimed at strengthening healthcare services for women and children across India, with a focus on improving access, quality care, and awareness.

The Abhiyan is organising more than one lakh health camps, making this the largest ever health outreach for women and children in the country. These camps will be organised at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Community Health Centres, and other healthcare facilities and will actively promote nutrition, health awareness, and overall family well-being.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur; Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sarmad Hafeez; Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg; Deputy Commissioner, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Shobhna Gupta; Mission Director NHM J&K, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary; Administrative Secretaries, senior officials, women and people from different walks of life were present at the UT level event in Srinagar.

Excise Deptt nabs...

cognisance, contacted the concerned ETO Kathua Range Mudasir Nazir and Excise Sub-Range Inspector Dheeraj Pathania accompanied by Excise Inspector Sumit Chaudhary and Karan Chagotra, a case u/s 48(a), 50(1), 56 was registered as well as accused were taken into custody on the spot by the team of Excise Range Kathua. The recovered contraband has been seized as per legal procedures, and further investigation is in progress to trace the source and linkages of the illicit liquor through these smuggling networks.

SIA arrests narcotic...

last three years, was apprehended by a special SIA team from Kathua district.

"His arrest marks a severe blow to narco-terror module backed by Pakistan-based terror handlers. This module was involved in smuggling of narcotic substances through LoC in Uri sector and subsequent transportation and sale in both the Kashmir valley and Jammu region. Sale proceeds of these narcotic substances were later channelised to sustain the waning terrorism in J-K," the spokesperson said.

The arrest was made in a case registered under sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act pertaining to the recovery of one kg heroin, seven kg poppy straw and four kg poppy seeds, he said.

The chargesheet in this case has already been filed against five members of this narco-terror module. Khan's arrest would help the SIA track forward and backward linkages in this case with a view to dismantle the narco-terror modules operating in the valley, he added.

Over the months, SIA Kashmir has intensified its crackdown against narco-terror networks across the Kashmir valley. Last week, another notorious terror handler Abdul Rashid Bhat who was absconding for more than two years was arrested from Pulwama.

Operation against terrorists...

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PM Modi has also made it clear that it is a bilateral issue and a third party cannot interfere, he said.

In an interview with Al Jazeera in Doha, and when asked about negotiations with India or Pakistan's openness to third-party involvement, Dar had replied, "We don't mind, but India has categorically been stating it's a bilateral matter..."

Dar recalled that when he met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in July and asked about dialogue with India, the top US diplomat clarified that India has maintained it is a "bilateral issue."

"When I met Rubio on July 25 in Washington, I asked him what happened to the dialogue. He said that India says it is a bilateral issue," Dar recalled.

Tensions between India and Pakistan soared after terrorists killed 26 people, mostly civilians, in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgam attack.

Sinha inaugurates Bailey...

areas. This Bailey Bridge is a testament to the dedication, expertise and unwavering service of the Indian Army. The vital connectivity and aid to affected communities by the Indian Army has also given a new hope to this entire region," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also congratulated the Indian Army and civil administration on the occasion.

He said the bridge will restore the connectivity between Ramban, Sangaldan, Gool and surrounding areas, ensuring uninterrupted access to essential supplies, medical assistance, and emergency services. This bridge underlines the fact that in times of need, the Indian Army always stands with the nation and its people, he added.

Maj Gen APS Bal, General Officer Commanding (GOC) Delta Force; Dr Mandeep K Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Mohammad Alyas Khan, Deputy Commissioner Ramban; Brig K Arun, Commander 11 Sector RR; Shridhar Patil, DIG Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range, senior officials of Army, Civil and Police Administration attended the inaugural ceremony.

Vaishno Devi pilgrimage...

Trikuta hills with weatherman forecasting heavy rains.

"Over 2,500 pilgrims joined the yatra during the day and many of them have already paid their obeisance at the shrine. The helicopter service remained suspended, but the battery car functioned normally," an official said.

He said the shrine board will review the situation later tonight and accordingly a decision will be taken about allowing the pilgrims on the track for the yatra on Thursday.

Earlier, the shrine board advised the pilgrims to carry valid identification, follow designated pathways and cooperate with on-ground staff. Radio Frequency Identity Card (RFID)-based tracking remains mandatory for transparency and traceability. The shrine board expressed its gratitude to all devotees for their patience and

understanding during the temporary suspension.

"The resumption of the Yatra marks a reaffirmation of our collective faith and resilience and the board remains committed to upholding the sanctity, safety and dignity of this revered pilgrimage," an official said.

"We are extremely happy that the yatra has resumed. We reached the base camp from Pune two days ago and it was a difficult wait but we were sure that we are going to have a 'darshan' before returning to our home town," said a woman pilgrim, part of a group from Maharashtra.

The pilgrims termed the resumption of the yatra as a very special day and said "visiting the shrine is a blessing, and we thank the officials for making this possible."

The shrine board urged all pilgrims to strictly follow safety guidelines and remain updated through official communication channels.

With the path now declared safe, the pilgrimage is expected to see a large number of devotees in the coming days, especially during the upcoming Navratri scheduled to start from September 22 till October 1.

Search operation launched...

killing of three terrorists of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit in a nearby area enroute to Billawar. Four police personnel had also laid down their lives in the operation.

GDCT team visits Dansal block, extends relief to flood-affected families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu: A team from Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust (GDCT), led by its Chairman Arshad Ali Choudhary, visited Dansal Block to express solidarity with the families severely affected by the recent devastating flash floods and landslides.

The visiting team included prominent Gurjar leader Adv. Bharat Bhushan from Chandigarh, Adv. Manoj, General Secretary GDCT Er. Mohammad Sadiq Azad, Senior Trustees Ch. Shouket Javed, Adv. Aslam Khan, Er. Ghulam Rasool, Er. Khurshed ul Islam, Ch. Mohammad Amin and other dedicated members of the Trust.

As part of this humanitarian initiative, the team distributed blankets and essential food items among 30 flood-hit families, irrespective of caste, creed, or religion, demonstrating GDCT's commitment to compassion and community service.

The GDCT gratefully acknowledges a generous donation of Rs 50,000 from Akhil Bhartiya Gurjar Veer Adhivakta Parishad through Adv. Bharat Bhushan, as well as the valuable contributions of Trustees and well-wishers who came forward for this noble cause. Their participation and support played a crucial role in extending timely assistance to the poor and needy families during this hour of crisis.

Blood donation camp organised at DH Poonch

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POONCH: A blood donation camp was organised at Government District Hospital Poonch on Tuesday to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The camp was held under the supervision of Chief Medical Officer Poonch, Dr. Parvaiz Ahmed Khan, and witnessed the participation of Medical Superintendent Raja Sukhdev Singh and Dr. Mohd Shafeeq Choudhary.

As part of the drive, 30 units of blood of different groups were donated by members of the civil society as well as volunteers from the BJP unit Poonch. The collected blood has been preserved in the blood bank of District Hospital Poonch for use during medical emergencies and for patients in need.

Speaking on the occasion, District President BJP Poonch, Gurdeep Singh Khalsa, appreciated the voluntary participation of donors and highlighted the importance of such initiatives in strengthening healthcare facilities. He noted that blood donation is a noble service to humanity and can play a crucial role in saving lives during emergencies.

The hospital authorities also extended gratitude to the donors and assured that the collected blood units would be utilised effectively to meet the requirements of patients across the district.

Seva Pakhwada: Neelam Langeh leads BJP Yuva Morcha's blood donation camp

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RAMBAN: To mark the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a blood donation camp under Seva Pakhwada at Ramban.

Other present include DDC Ramban B Rakesh Thakur, Ex-Municipality Chairman Sunita Sumbria, District General Secretary Gurdeep Singh, District Vice Presidents Renuka Katoch, Adv Khajoor Singh, and Ramban Mandal President. DDC member and District Vice President Adv Balbir Singh Ball.

BJP District President and former MLA Neelam Langeh himself donated blood at the camp, setting an example of selfless service. Speaking on the occasion, Langeh lauded the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, describing him as "a global statesman whose vision has uplifted every section of society." He said, "On his 75th birthday, we pray for the long, healthy, and prosperous life of our beloved leader. His commitment to the poor, youth, and marginalized has transformed the nation and filled every Indian with pride. Donating blood on this day is the least we can do to follow his message of service before self."

The programme concluded with a collective resolve to continue such humanitarian efforts, keeping alive the spirit of Seva hi Sangathan (service is organization), which remains at the core of the BJP's ideology.

Col. Mahan Singh visits CHC Basohli

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BASOHLI: Col. Mahan Singh (Retd), Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Kathua participated in an event organized at the Community Health Centre (CHC) Basohli to witness the live telecast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationwide launch of the "Swasth Nari, Shashakt Parivar" programme from Dhar District of Madhya Pradesh.

The programme at CHC Basohli was organized by Dr. Rajnish Sharma, BMO, along with his team of doctors, paramedical staff, and ASHA workers. Several prominent personalities also joined, including former BDC Chairperson Sushma Jamwal, senior BJP functionary Yubkarn Singh, Ramesh Singh, Buntty Madjyal, Rajinder Singh (Sarpanch), media persons, and locals.

The event commenced with the live address of the Prime Minister, followed by an oath-taking ceremony to promote female healthcare, and concluded with the chanting of the Rashtriya Gayan.

Later, Col. Mahan Singh visited various facilities at CHC Basohli including OPDs, patient wards, medical store, and the laboratory. He interacted with patients, doctors, and staff, taking stock of the services being provided. He also enquired about the availability of medicines and other essential facilities.

