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Operation Sindoor paused, will resume if Pakistan commits any 'misadventure': **Rainath tells Parliament**

untruths." He said the operation was paused only after achieving the political and military objectives defined before and during the conflict. He recalled that India had made multiple efforts over the

He recalled that India had made multiple efforts over the years to build peaceful relations with Pakistan. "Whenever India extended a hand of friendship, the response was war," he said. "We once spoke the language of the Lahore bus journey, but Pakistan did not understand that. We now respond with the Balakot strike."The Defence Minister said the armed forces were granted full operational freedom, including the authority to select targets. He clarified that the objective was not to wage war, but to compel the adversary to back down in the face of India's military strength. Referring to previous actions like the 2016 surgical strikes and the 2019 Balakot air strike, Singh said the government had adopted a new approach. "Our

strikes and the 2019 Balakot ar strike, singh said the government had adopted a new approach. "Our government made numerous efforts to establish peace. But later, through these operations and now Operation Sindoor, we have taken a different path." "If there is any misadventure in the future, the operation will resume," he said, adding that the global community had condemned the Pahalgam attack and backed India's right to resond

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right to respond. Rajpath also recalled the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, calling it one of the deadliest in India's history. He said the government in power at the time failed to respond effectively, and noted that no major global platform, including the BRICS joint declaration, even acknowledged the attack. Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced a firm approach to tackling terrorism, including cross-border strikes inside Pakistan, a policy he believes earlier governments should have adopted. He also noted that during the SCO defence minister's meeting, no joint statement was released because india refused to soften its position on terrorism. The Defence Minister said India has shifted its approach to dealing with terrorism under Prime Minister Narendra Modis, leadership. He said that instead of at dismantling the source of terrorist activity. According to Singh, this approach is based on the idea that India must directly address the origin of cross-horder threats and has the capacity to act when required. Rajpath said that the current government has adopted a clear and structured policy in response to national security threats. "Under Prime Minister Modi, India does not stop at documentation. It goes to the root of terrorism and has the strength to uproot it," he said **Lieutenant Governor hands over appointument**

Lieutenant Governor hands over appointmen letters to 80 NoKs of terror victims in Jammu

— — — — ранкая, ине strings, letror victim families were threatened into silence. Their sufferings were growed to shield the perpetrators and those aided them. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we are determined to crush terrorism and bring those aiding and abetting terror outfits to justice. I assure the terror victim families that the perpetrators will be punished," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Satu. The Lieutenant Governor narrated the heartrending incident of 21st July 2001 when Smt. Tara Devi, a resident of Cherji village, Kishtwar sacrificed her life while protecting her son from the Pakistan-sponsored

terrorists. "On 30th April 1998, Pakistani terrorists slit the thro

Wina: protecting iner soft from the realistan-sponsored terrorists. "On 30th April 1998, Pakistani terrorists slit the throats of 5mt Gyan Devi and her one-and-a-ball-year-old son Kikar Singh in Balgran village of Kishtwar. On 5th April 2005, Shri Asklisq Ahmed, from Doda, a member of the Village Defense Committee was martyred in an encounter with terrorists. His son Shahmim Ahmed was only 7 years old at that time. For decades, countless families and their loved ones lost to Pakistan sponsored terrorism, were reduced to mere statistics, their pain unheard, their tears unwiped. Finally, after all this time, justice has come knocking at their doors. After years of grief and suffering, terror victim families of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban Poonch, Rajouri, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Reasi get JusticeDharma's victory over Adharma is inevitable. We are committed to ensuring justice for every terror victim family, making their rehabilitation, jobs, financial assistance, and livelihood opportunities our foremost responsibility. This initial step towards justice has already brought a ray of hope to the terror victim families. It is the beginning of a new era of justice in Jammu and Kashmir. For too long, Pakistan sponsored terrorists and its supporters, conflict entrepreneurs and separatist ecosystem suppressed the voice of thousands of victim families. The fabricated narratives of separatist elements are now crumbling," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor observed that an internal web portal has been launched and a centralized database of terror victim families is being developed to monitor and

portal has been launched and a centralized database of terror victim families is being developed to monitor and pursue vacuum tamuues is peing developed to monitor and process all cases, ensuring timely relief. Additionally, helplines are now active in every district of Jammu and Kashmir for victims to register grievances. Further support is available through divisional helplines, staffed by trained employees, at the offices of the Divisional Commissioners.

Deputy Commissioners in every district are now receiving a steady flow of applications, which are being thoroughly scrutinized. We are also integrating a thoroughly scrutinized. We are also integrating a mechanism in the portal for extending self employment assistance to the members of terror victim families. Furthermore, appointment letters and other assistance will be handed over to Terror Victim families in large numbers on 5th August, in Sraingar. This process will continue till every terror victim family gets justice, the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to all the officials for working with sensitivity and readiness to address the issues of Terror victim families. On the occasion the Lieutenat Governor also scoke on

adurts the issues of relive vicinit initiality. On the occasion, the Leutenant Governor also spoke on the unfortunate incident that occurred in Jammu on the guilty' is our policy. Police have taken effective action. SIT has been constituted and magisterial investigation has been ordered. Two officials have been suspended. Further action outlike taken on the basis of the inquiry report,' he said. The Lieutenant Governor also comparatulated the Security Forces J&K Police and all the personnel for eliminating Pakistan sponsored terrorists during the anti-terror operation in Srinagar. Chief Secretary, Shri Atal Dulloo; DGP, Shri Nalin Phabhat Principal Secretary, GAD Shri M Raju, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Shri Ramesh Kumar, IGP Jammu, Shri Bhim Sen Tuti, Deputy Commissioners On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also spoke on

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Hon'ble Chairpersons of District Development Councils, Hon'ble Members of Legislative Assembly, and members of various social organisations were also present.

Police reshuffle in J&K: Dr. Sunil Gunta relieved for central assignment. Suiit Kuma

Gets additional charge of IGP Crime

agantst an available vacancy. Sameer Sharma, IPS (2011), who was awaiting posting, has been appointed as DIG Armed Jammu, replacing Vinod Kumar.

Kulbir Singh, JKPS (1999 batch), SSP Ramban, has been transferred and posted as Director, Commando Training

transferred and posted as Director, Commando Training Centre, Lethyora, against an available vacancy, Kandeep Kumar, JKPS (1999), SSP Security Headquarters, JKK, has been transferred and posted as SSP PTWS Jammu, against an available vacancy. Arun Gupta, JKPS (2001), SSP SB CID Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SSP Ramban, replacing Kulbir Singh,Liagat, JKPS (2001), SSP SB CID Jammu, has been transferred and, JKPS (2001), SSP SB CID Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SSP Primes and the second PTWS Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Jameel Ahmad, JKPS (2001), Principal STC Sheeri, will additionally hold the charge of Commandant IR-13 while retaining his current duties. Mohammad Tafi Giri, JKPS (2008), DV, CO 2nd Border Batalion, has been transferred and posted as S0 to Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K, replacing

stonammad Iati Giri, JKPS (2008), Dy. CO 2nd Border Battalion, has been transferred and posted as SO to Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K, replacing Liagat AliSumi Kumar Kear, JKPS (2011), Additional SP (Operations) Doda, has been rosted as Dy. CO IR-15, against an available vacancy. Zahid Aziz Samoon, JKPS (2011), Dy. SP (Operations) Pulwama, has been transferred and posted as Dy. CO IR-17, against an available vacancy. These administrative changes are aimed at streagthening the functioning of the police force and strengthening the law and order mechanism in the Union Territory. Explection (Samethian) 'this Maneane accelian'

Expecting 'something' this Monsoon session,

says CM Omar on statehood restoration

that," he said. Regarding today's encounter, Omar termed the reports of the killing of a terrorist involved in the recent Phalagam attack as a positive development, asserting that security forces, including police and Army, have been pursuing terrorists since the attack took place. "If anyone among those involved has been killed today, if's a good thing," he said. Although it has not been confirmed yet, it is a 'good thing' if anyone amongs them has been killed today, he added. Omar said that while the discussion on Operation

"When Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has admitted intelligence and security failures, it is imperative to discuss who has been held accountable," he said. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister visited the bereaved family of Cajiar youth, Parvez Ahmad, who was killed in crossfire when police were chasing suspected peddles. Omar was accompanied by his Advisor, Nasir Aslam Wani and Minister Javid Rana. The CM had carlier called for an impartial and time-bound probe into the incident –

LG Sinha congratulates security forces for

eliminating 3 Pak terrorists in Srinagar

eliminated. The police will give full information about this. I congratulate the army, police and all those involved in this operation."

3 terrorists killed in Harwan encounter,

operation Mahadev still underway: Officials

Operation Mahadeu still underway. Officials forces on a tip-off cordoned dense Mulnar forests near Mahade. The terrorists present there opened fire which was retaliated to, triggering a gunfight which led to the elimination of three terrorists, they added. Moreover, Inspector General of Police (ICP) Kashmir, Vidhi Kuma Birdi, confirmed the killing of the terrorists. "As per initial reports, three bodies have been spotted, and they appear to be neutralised. However, identification is underway," IGP Birdi told reporters-However, sources told that one of the slain terrorists has been identified as Suleiman Shah, a top Lashkare-Taiba commander and mastermind of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 people, mostly tourists dead. They said the other two terrorists killed are believed to be Abu Hamza and Jibran, both fordgin terrorists and reportedly linked to the same Pahalgam strike. Moreover, no official confirmation has been received from Army or police regarding the groups link with Pahalgam ttack, and they are likely to speak on the details once the operation concludes. About the recovery, sources also revealed that weapons recovered from the encounter site include Carbine, AK-47 rifles and other arms, indicating the group was preparing for a major strike.

47 filles and other arms, humano, and a preparing for a major strike. Earlier in the day, the Indian Army's Chinar Corps confirmed the operation in a post on X (formerly Twitter)"OP MAHADEV: Contact established in the general area of Lidwas. Three terrorists have been neutralised in an intense firefight. Operation continues.

neurausea in an intense tirengit. Operation continues. #Kashimi" (ChinarcorpsIA") In a separate development, the GOC, Chinar Corps, along with senior Army and CAPF officers, was scheduled to brief the media on Operation Mahadev at Udaan, Badami Bagh Cantonment, Srinagar, at 500 PM

Udah, badam hagir cantonnent, srindgar, at 500 FW today. However, according to an update from PRO Defence Srinagar, the briefing was postponed due to new developments in the operation. It says, a revised date and time will be communicated. Meanwhile, the Lidwas area has witnessed a surge in anti-terror operations recently and is considered a hotspot for terrorist activity, given its difficult terrain and forest cover – over

Surev Chak incident: Inquiry Office invites inform

evidence from any willing person(s)

evidence from any willing person(s) of the general public that a Magisterial Inquiry has been ordered by the competent authority vide endorsement No. DMJ/JC/Magistrate Inquiry/1367-1372 dated 25.072025° into the circumstances that led to the death of one Parvez Ahmed @ Bachi S/o Rehmat Ali R/o Javed Nagar, Beli Charana Jammu. In order to conduct a fair and transparent inquiry, any person having Istowledge; information, evidence or any other input related to the incident is hereby requested to come forward and submit the same before the undersigned (SDM Jammu South). Statements, information or evidence (oral or written) may be submitted in person or in writing to the Inquiry Officer (Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu South) in his office during office hours by or before 04.08.2025 (04.30

cmp, monimum can also be shared at email address (sdmsouthjammu@mail.com) or at contact number 9484002110. The office address of Inquiry Officer is given as below: "Office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu South, Gadigarh, Tehsil Jammu South, District Jammu – J&K PIN: 181101. "The identity of individuals resonables of increasing."

Jammu – J&K PIN: 181101. "The identity of individuals providing information or evidence, if desired, shall be kept confidential upon request. This notice is issued in the interest of justice and to ensure that all relevant facts are brought on record for fair and transparent conclusion of inquiry of the incident."

ACB Books Govt Employee For Embezzlement Of Bs 55.99 Lakh In J&K's Poonch

55.99 (abit in JaX's Poench verification further revealed that Mohammad Jameel, during his position in the office of the Collector Agrarian Reforms, Poonch, had embezzled Rs 559,947 from the accounts of the deputy commissioner, Poonch, between January 7, 2019 and October 21, 2023. It also surfaced that the amount was fraudulently withdrawn by the accused official in connivance with concerned bank officials from three accounts of the deputy commissioner's office in Poonch using fake invoices: either by forzing the signatures of the deaving

ucput commissioner's once in rooted using lake invoices, either by forging the signatures of the drawing and disbursing officers or by using his signature, the spokesperson said. Further, it was found that besides transferring the

Further, it was found that besides transferring the embezzled money to his own account, the accused had also transferred portions of the public money to the accounts of his close relatives and some unidentified persons. The involvement of the concerned bank officials, who processed the fake invoices bearing forged signatures that did not match the specimen signatures provided to the bank, has also come to light, he added. "In this way, Jameel abused his official position as part of a well-knit conspiracy with the concerned bank officials of the J&K Bank branch in Poonch city and others. fraudulently withdrawine mublic money officials of the J&K Bank branch in Poonch city and others, fraudulently withdrawing public money amounting to Rs 55,99,947 from three accounts of the DC office, Poonch, causing a huge loss to the government excheguer, the spokseperson said. Following the registration of a formal case under relevant sections of law, simultaneous searches were conducted with the help of local police in the presence of magistrates and independent witnesses at the premises of the accused in Poonch district, he added. A detailed and independent witning of the seized records

A detailed and in-depth scrutiny of the seized records will be carried out during the further course of the investigation, the spokesperson said

SC unheld judgment of I&K High Court, reaffirms portance of Recognized Qualifications in Public

Service Appointments

Wednesday, dismissed the Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by the Petitioner, Viiav Kumar against th Weanesday, distinsed the Special Leave Fernion (5) filed by the Petitioner, Vijay Kumar against 1 judgment dated November 19, 2024, passed by the Hi Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Srinagar Writ Petition (Civil) No. 2001 of 2024. the High

Cours of jaminu & Assimitr and Ladaka at Smagar in Wir Petition (Gvil) No. 2010 of 2024. The accompanying Contempt Petition filed against the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir was also dismissed. The matter pertained to the Petitioner's claim for parity with Degree Engineers. The High Court had earlier rejected the claim, holding that the Petitioner's Aniving failed to appear in the re-test conducted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) pursuant to the decision in Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation Limited v. Rabi Sankar Patro [(2018) 1 SCC (486], could not claim equivalence with Degree Engineers. Upholding the High Court's view, the Supreme Court, while dismissing the petitions, observed: "This Court, in its earlier judgment, held that AICTE is the final authority to determine the validity of such certificates/degrees...

AIC.1 is the final automy to determine the valuaty o such certificates/degrees... We find no fault in the action of the respondents in reverting the petitioner to his original post. Thus, we de not find any merit warranting interference." A Division Bench of the High Court, comprising Horf ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Kumar (authoring judge) and Hor/ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Sekhri, had delivered a well-reasoned any

Justice Rajesh Sekhri, had ddivered a well-reasoned and comprehensive judgment, which the Supreme Court found no reason to interfere with. The Apes: Court also found the Central Administrative Tribunal's earlier order—set aside by the High Court— to be a misinterpretation of the ruling in Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation Ltd. The Supreme Court clarified that the Petitionne would continue to be entitle to claim seniority only alongside other Diploma Engineers serving in the Union Territory of Januar & Kashnnir. This decision realowes the critical role of recognide This duction in determining seniority and parity within public service, and underscores the principle that academic and technical equivalence must be established through competent regulatory procedures.

J&K Govt Bans Six Doctors for Private Practice During **Duty Hours. Unethical Referrals**

Duty Hours, Unethical Referrals Additionally, three doctors were found involved in unethical referrals to private EHCPs: Dr. Vikas Gupta (Medical Officer, CHC Hiranagar) with 19 cases, Dr. Manju Kumari (Medical Officer, EH Vijapyur) with 18 cases, and Dr. Raj Kumar Bhagat (Medical Officer, DH Samba) with 12 cases: The order states that these actions "significantly outweighed their contribution to government service, thereby undermining the objectives of the AP-PM/AY/SEHAT Scheme.

Four Arrested Out 7 Accused Involved In Cheating, Corruption Case: CBK.

Configuring, contribution cases: cont. wrongful insertions in Revenue records following a thorough investigation based on evidence. An FIR No. 14/205 J/S 167.420, 120-B RFC r/w 5(2) Frevention of Corruption Act Svt. 2006. dated 09/07.2025 stands registered against seven individuals, including two revenue officers for their involvement in corruption, obstation (the metubles and useroardal incertifypacing) wrongful cheating, false mutations and wrongful insertions in Revenue records. These involved persons have been Revenue records. These involved persons have been operating in an organized manner causing substantial financial loss and agony to gullible people in District Srinagar and District Budgam areas. The arrested accused individuals are Riyaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o Nowgam Srinagar, Mohammad Shafi Lone @ Shafi Cheeni S/o Abdul Ahad Lone R/o House No. 187 Sec. B. Peerbagh Srinagar, Shahnawaz Ahmad Rather S/o Noko Mohammad Kather R/o Padshahi Bagh Srinagar and Shabir Ahmad Wani S/o Mohammad Ismail Wani R/o Bagandar Lasjanli is Pertinent to mention that the alleged accused Ms. Nusrat Aziz D/o Abdul Aziz Lone R/o Gurez A/P Mehjoor Nagar Srinagar (Tehsildar), had applied for "bail", however, it was cancelled by the Hon'ble Court of Anti Corruption Judge Srinagar. Since then the Tehsildar is at large and is evading her arrest. She is also involved in four other FIR's (two in Crime

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LG addresses the Inaugural Ceremony 'Navarambh' to

rule of law, reads the statement.(II addresses the Inaugural Geremony Havarambh' to welcome luccoming students of IIT Jammu than abroad, and I am confident that with your talent and hard work, India will become a hub of innovation in the future," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor called upon the students to develop new solutions for global challenges, prepare for un unpredictable future, and stay at the forefront of technological advancement. He also entrusted the faculty members of IIT Jammu with the responsibility of expanding research programs of national importance and improving the standard of engineering education to solve real problems faced by industry and the nation. "Operation Sindoor sent a clear message that India's defense system is second to none. It was a grat victory for armed forces and our engineers and this operation has proved that the era of conventional warfare. We must set new paradigms in the defense sector and encourage innovations in cybersecurity. Al-driven varfare, and modern communication systems," the Lieutenant Governor emphasised on increasing the participation and share of IIT gaduates in Tech lieutipation and share of IIT gaduates in iter-linetiligence an eother important sectors that will require evelors.

Sartings, Artificial interligence, Automotione and Space Sectors. Energy and environment along with artificial intelligence are other important sectors that will require leadership from the brainpower of IIT engineering graduates in the near future, he further addeed. Our new programs for Bfech and MTech students. He also congratulated Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu and all the faculty members for the new courses starting from this academic session and for making necessary changes in the syllabus to promote the idea of innovation and startups. "The Predictive Analytics program will forecast future outcomes through data analysis. Its algorithms are poised to revolutionize healthcare, risk management,

The frequency analysis program win torecast rulent outcomes through data analysis. Its algorythms are poised to revolutionize healthcare, risk management, operations, and marketing. This will not only empower industries with better decision-making, but it can also eapplied to governance and public services. The inter-disciplinary approach of the Engineering Physics program will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical engineering, thereby aiding in the development of new technologies. This program is expected to foster new innovations in product development and pharmaceuticals," the Lieutenant Governor further said. He observed that the MFech programs like Tunnel Engineering and Structural Engineering will offer modern and global standard solutions to the challenges, especially in Jammu Kashmir and other Himalayan regions.

regions. Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu pr a detailed overview of the institution's Ad

.et ₄rogra Prof. ` V₂` Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Matz Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), senior officials HoDs, faculty members, and incoming batches of students were present on the occasion.<

JKPCC unveils outreach campaign, hunger strikes to intensify demand for statehood

JKPCC unveils outreach campaign, hunger strikes to intensify demand for statehood since earlier this year. "From August 1, our outreach campaign will begin, covering every stakeholder, trade body, transport union, chamber of commerce, market association and unorganised sector," Karra said the movement had gained grassroots Karra said the movement had gained war and the Congress high command, including Rahul Candhi, Mallkarjun Kharge, KC Venugoal, and JcK in-charge Dr. Nasir Hussein, had extended their full support to the campaign the said the 'logical conclusion' of earlier phases of the campaign the said the 'logical conclusion' of earlier phases of the campaign the said the 'logical conclusion' of earlier phases of the campaign the said the 'logical conclusion' of earlier phases of the campaign the BKPCC will hold sit-in protests on August 5 at all district headquarters, including Srinagar and Jammu. "August 5 is seen as a day of disempoverment for the people of Jammu and Kashmir although BJP tries to glorify th," Karra said the 'logica' Hunger strikes will be held in both capitals and in district headquarters from August 5 10 and Jammashtami (August 10,'' Karra said the both capitals and in district headquarters from August 5 10 and Jammashtami (August 10,'' Karra said: Beheld in both capitals and in district headquarters from August 5 10 and Jammashtami (August 10, '' Karra said: Continue the fight for the restoration of statehood on the birth antiversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Candhi on August 5 Xarra during the preser also referred to Rahul Candhi's earlier visit to Poonch, where he 'adopted' childern who had lost one or both parents in recert militant attacks. "The agesture of compassion reflects the seriousness with which the leadership views the suffering of people leer," Karra said. He also mentioned that the Congress team will again travel to Poonch areas as part of their ongoing engagement with affected communities—

Omar Abdullah welcomes Parliament debate on Op Sindoor, questions silence on Pahalgam attack

Sindoor, questions silence on Pahalgam attack is restored but reiterated that the context of the Pahalgam attack cannot be ignored. Turning to the ongoing Parliament session and the Congress party's planned protests starting August 9, the former chief minister said his party would refrain from joining any agitation until the session concludes. "We're hoping something concrete will come out of this Parliament session, which is expected to lost till August 21 or 22. Until then, we won't participate in any protests. If nothing materializes, we will speak up. But1 will not go on strike, at least not while the session is underway," he stated. The Chief Minister's remarks highlight growing political pressure on the central government to address lapses in security management, even as anti-terror operations continue across the Union Territory.