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## Operation Sindoor paused, will resume if Pakistan commits any 'misadventure': Rajnath tells Parliament

Objectives of operation fully met; strikes were precise, avoided civilian areas; Terrorism and talks can't go together

NEW DELHI, JULY 28

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told Parliament on Monday that India's stance remains firm that terrorism and talks cannot go together. He said Operation Sindoor, launched after the Pahalgam terror attack, has only been paused and will resume with greater force if Pakistan engages in any future "misadventure".



Addressing the Lok Sabha during a discussion on India's response to the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, Singh, as reported by the news agency, said Operation Sindoor was a decisive military response that achieved all its stated objectives without targeting civilians. The operation was launched after a detailed assessment by the Indian armed forces, he said,

adding that the purpose of the operation was to target terrorist camps, their supporters, and to destroy them.

Operation Sindoor, according to Rajnath, was not a campaign to occupy land or escalate to full-scale war, but a targeted strike. "Our aim was not to occupy territory or start a full-scale war. It

"The operation was completed within 22 minutes," he said, adding that over 100 terrorists were killed. The strikes on May 10 also targeted key Pakistani air bases, including Nur Khan Air Base in Rawalpindi, PAF Base Mushaf in Sargodha, Bholari Air Base, and PAF Base Shahbaz in Jacobabad. Singh said India informed Pakistan in advance about the nature of the strikes. "On May 7, Indian DGMO called the Pakistan DGMO and informed him about the rationale of the attacks; told him they were non-escalatory," he said. Rejecting suggestions that the operation was paused under external pressure, Rajnath said, "This is completely wrong. In my political life, I have tried not to speak

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



JAMMU, JULY 28

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today handed over the appointment letters to 80 Next of Kins (NoKs) of terror victims, at Jammu. Following the historic event in Baranulla, where 40 terror-victim families received appointment letters, this marks yet another significant step in delivering justice to those who have suffered from terrorism in Jammu Kashmir.

The families of terror victims courageously spoke out, sharing their harrowing experiences and exposing the role of Pakistan-sponsored terrorists and their sympathizers. The Lieutenant Governor paid homage to civilian martyrs and shared the pain and grief of the families of victims of terrorism. "Common citizens of J&K endured unspeakable trauma caused by Pakistan sponsored terrorists and the terror ecosystem

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Lieutenant Governor hands over Job Assurance letter to daughter of ADCD Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa martyred during unprovoked shelling by Pakistan

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today met Ms. Mareesa Thapa, daughter and Smt. Meenakshi Kundan Thapa, wife of ADCD Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who was martyred during unprovoked shelling by Pakistan in Rajouri. The Lieutenant Governor handed over an assurance letter to the daughter of the martyr ADCD that she will be appointed as an Assistant Law Officer after completion of her studies. The Lieutenant Governor expressed his solidarity with the family of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa and reaffirmed the commitment of the Administration in providing all possible assistance. Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu was also present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

## Police reshuffle in J&K: Dr. Sunil Gupta relieved for central assignment, Sujit Kumar Gets additional charge of IGP Crime

8 police officers transferred

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 28

In a significant reshuffle, the Jammu and Kashmir Home Department on Monday issued transfer and posting orders for over half a dozen senior police officers across the Union Territory, including the relieving of a top officer for central deputation. According to an official order issued by Home Secretary Chandrakar Bharti, Dr. Sunil Gupta, IGS (2007 batch), Inspector

General of Police (IGP) Crime, J&K, has been relieved of his duties to enable him to take up a new assignment at the Centre. Sujit Kumar, IPS (2007 batch), presently IGP Security, J&K, has been assigned additional charge of IGP Crime, in addition to his existing responsibilities. In a related development, several mid- and senior-level officers have been transferred in the interest of administration, with

immediate effect. According to the order issued by Home Secretary Chandrakar Bharti, the transfers were made in the interest of administration and involve officers of the Indian Police Service (IPS) as well as the Jammu and Kashmir Police Service (JKPS). Vinod Kumar, IPS (2011 batch), presently serving as DIG Armed Jammu, has been transferred and posted as DIG IRP Jammu, Cont. on page 11

## Expecting 'something' this Monsoon session, says CM Omar on statehood restoration

Says it 'good thing' if anyone among Pahalgam terrorists killed in today's encounter



GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 28

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said he is expecting the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in the ongoing Monsoon session of Parliament. Talking to the reporters

here, Omar, as per the news agency, said the party won't go on strike at least till the Monsoon session is ongoing. "We are expecting something in this session. If there is no progress on statehood restoration, then we will talk after

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## 3 terrorists killed in Harwan encounter, operation Mahadev still underway: Officials

LG Sinha congratulates security forces for eliminating 3 Pak terrorists in Srinagar

Three bodies spotted, says IGP Kashmir



GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 28

Three terrorists were killed in an encounter with the security forces in Lidwas forest area of Harwan in Srinagar outskirts on Monday. Officials told the news

agency, that a joint anti-terror operation was launched by the Army, CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police under code-name Operation Mahadev in the upper reaches of Harwan. "Security

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## Surey Chak incident: Inquiry Office invites information, evidence from any willing persons(s)

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 28

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Jammu South, the inquiry officer into the Surey Chak incident, through a public notice, has invited any person(s) to submit relevant information, evidence, or statements concerning the events of July 24 that resulted in the death of Parvez Ahmed (alias Bachi). A Public Notice issued by the SDM states "It is hereby notified for the information

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

GY CORRESPONDENT POONCH, JULY 28

The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday booked a multi-tasking staff (MTS) employee for alleged embezzlement of Rs 55.99 lakh from government accounts in Poonch district, officials said. "A formal case has been registered against multi-tasking staff Mohammad Jameel, previously posted in the office of the collector, agrarian reforms, in Poonch," an ACB spokesperson said. The case was registered following a miscellaneous verification conducted by

the ACB, based on a complaint lodged by Tahir, Mustafa Malik, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, against Jameel for embezzling an amount of Rs 55,99,947 from government accounts, he said. The verification revealed that an enquiry into the matter had already been conducted by a committee headed by Poonch Additional District Development Commissioner Sandesh Kumar Sharma and constituted by the deputy commissioner in 2023, he added. The

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## SC upheld judgment of J&K High Court, reaffirms importance of Recognized Qualifications in Public Service Appointments

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 28

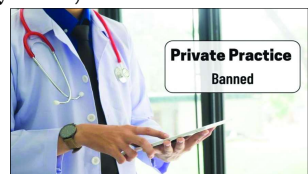
Supreme Court of India after hearing Mr. Sanjiv Sen, Senior Advocate and Mr. Arup Banerjee, Advocate-on-Record for the Petitioner; and Mr. Raghavendra Srivatsa, Senior Advocate, along with Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr. Manik Mahey, Mr. Parth Awasthi Advocates and Mr. Amit Pai, Advocate-on-Record for the Respondents, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on

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## J&K Govt Bans Six Doctors for Private Practice During Duty Hours, Unethical Referrals

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JULY 28

The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Monday ordered a ban on six doctors for allegedly engaging in private practice during official duty hours and making unethical referrals to private Empanelled Health Care Providers (EHCPS). According to Government Order issued by the Health & Medical Education Department the action follows an evaluation conducted by the State Health Agency under the Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY/SEHAT



Private Practice  
Banned

Scheme, which revealed that these doctors had been violating norms and undermining the scheme's objectives. The doctors found involved in private practice during duty hours include Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bashir

(Consultant Surgeon, GMC Anantnag) with 312 cases, Dr. Ishaq (Medical Officer, DH Pulwama) with 170 cases, and Dr. Younis Kamal (Associate Professor Orthopaedics, GMC Anantnag) with 185 cases. Cont. on page 11

## LG addresses the Inaugural Ceremony 'Navarambh' to welcome incoming students of IIT Jammu

Launches four new programs for B.Tech and M.Tech students

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 28

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the inaugural ceremony 'Navarambh' to welcome incoming B.Tech, M.Tech, PhD and MSc students at Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Jammu. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to all the students embarking on their new journey. He lauded the Indian



Institutes of Technology (IITs) for their exemplary facilities and resources to nation-building and for developing remarkable scientific

technological capabilities over the decades, positively impacting lives worldwide. "Science and Technology are going to be the key drivers for Viksit Bharat and the country expects IITians to make it happen. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, continuous efforts are underway to provide facilities and resources to tech-entrepreneurs. Today's India offers better opportunities to IIT graduates

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

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 28

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on Monday announced an outreach campaign followed by a series of hunger strikes across the region as part of its 'intensification drive' for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood. Addressing a press conference in Jammu, JKPCC President Tariq Hameed Karra, as per the news agency, said the campaign will begin on



August 1 under the banner 'Humara Riyasat, Humara Haq' (Our State, Our Right), a movement the party has been building

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

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JULY 28

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday welcomed the ongoing discussion in Parliament on Operation Sindoor but questioned the absence of a similar debate on the Pahalgam terror attack of April 22, which claimed 26 lives and left several injured. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a Forest Department event, Abdullah emphasized the need to address the Pahalgam incident in

light of recent statements by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who termed the attack a result of "intelligence and security failure." "While it's good that Parliament is discussing Operation Sindoor, the silence on the Pahalgam attack should have been addressed first," Omar said. "The LG himself acknowledged that it was a failure on the part of security and intelligence agencies. If that is the case, then who is being held accountable?" He noted that security

forces, including the police, paramilitary, and army, had been actively pursuing the attackers since the day of the Pahalgam tragedy. Referring to a possible breakthrough, he added, "Although there's no official confirmation yet, if one of the attackers was neutralized in today's Dachigam encounter, it would be a positive development." Abdullah maintained that discussions on Operation Sindoor should continue until peace

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