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NEWDELHI: After the intervention of the United States President Donald Trump, India and Pakistan on Saturday agreed to a "full and immediate ceasefire" after four days of escalating skirmishes.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri while addressing the media here said, "Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) called Indian DGMO at 15:35 hours earlier this afternoon.

It was agreed between them that both sides would stop all firing and military action on land and in the air and sea with effect from 1700 hours Indian Standard Time. Today, instructions have been given on both sides to give effect to this understanding. The Directors General of Military Operations will talk again on the 12th of May at 1200 hours."

Just before the Foreign Secretary's ceasefire announcement, President Trump posted on social media: "After a long night of talks mediated by the



United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE. "Congratulations to both Countries on using Common Sense and Great Intelligence. Thank you for your attention to this matter," he wrote.

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar wrote on X: "India and Pakistan have today worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military action. India has consistently

maintained a firm and uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It will continue to do so."

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio highlighted Washington's intensive diplomatic efforts over the past two days. "Over the past 48 hours, @VP Vance and I have engaged with senior Indian and Pakistani officials, including Prime Ministers

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Any escalation from Pak will get befitting response: Armed Forces

Reject Pak's false propaganda that Indian armed forces targeted mosques

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NEW DELHI: Soon after India and Pakistan announced "immediate ceasefire," the armed forces on Saturday said that they would adhere to the understanding and reiterated that they are ready to deal with any situation and any escalation from Pakistan would get a befitting response.

Addressing a special tri-services press conference here, Commodore Raghu R Nair, along with Col Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "While we adhere to the understanding, the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy

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India will maintain firm, uncompromising stance against terrorism: Jaishankar

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NEW DELHI: India and Pakistan have worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military action, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday and noted that India will continue its firm and uncompromising stance against terrorism.

"India and Pakistan have today worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military action. India has consistently maintained a firm and uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It will continue to do so," he said in a post on X.

The minister's remarks came after DGMOs of India and Pakistan agreed that both sides would stop all firing and military action.

Earlier, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri told the media that Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations contacted his Indian counterpart on Saturday afternoon.

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"Today, instructions have been given on

both sides to give effect to this understanding. The Directors General of Military Operations will talk again on the 12th of May at 1200 hours," he added.

Pakistan Deputy PM and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar also confirmed the ceasefire. "Pakistan



and India have agreed to a ceasefire with immediate effect. Pakistan has always strived for peace and security in the region, without compromising on its sovereignty and territorial integrity," he said in a post on X. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that both countries had agreed to start

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UN welcomes India, Pakistan ceasefire announcement

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UNITED NATIONS: UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Saturday welcomed "all efforts to de-escalate the conflict", as India and Pakistan agreed to an immediate ceasefire.



"We are monitoring but we welcome all efforts to de-escalate the conflict," Farhan Haq, Deputy Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, told PTI here.

The US-brokered ceasefire came hours after India and Pakistan attacked each other's military facilities,

dangerously escalating the ongoing conflict.

Earlier, US President Donald Trump said India and Pakistan have agreed to a "full and immediate" ceasefire after a "long night" of talks mediated by Washington.

"After a long night of talks mediated by the United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE. Congratulations to both Countries on using Common Sense and Great Intelligence. Thank you for your attention to this matter," Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that over the past 48 hours, Vice President JD Vance and he engaged with senior Indian and Pakistani officials, "including Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Shehbaz Sharif, External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Chief of Army Staff Asim Munir, and National Security Advisors Ajit Doval and Asim Malik."

"I am pleased to announce the Governments of India and Pakistan have agreed to an immediate ceasefire and to start talks on a broad set of issues at a neutral site," he said.

"We commend Prime Ministers Modi and Sharif on their wisdom, prudence, and statesmanship in choosing the path of peace," Rubio said. "India and Pakistan have today worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military action,"

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Indian Army Shoots Down Pakistani Kamikaze Drones Over Amritsar



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AMRITSAR: In a swift and decisive response, the Indian Army's Air Defence units today neutralised multiple kamikaze drones launched by Pakistan in the early hours of the morning.

According to defence sources, the drones—identified as Byker YIHA III models—were fired across the International Border around 5:00 AM,

targeting densely populated civilian areas in and around Amritsar, Punjab.

Defence sources told Kashmir Convener that the Army's Air Defence network, operating on high alert following recent cross-border escalations, detected and tracked the incoming drones within seconds of their incursion into Indian airspace.

"Using quick-reaction air-defence guns strategically deployed along the

border belt, Indian gunners successfully brought down the drones mid-air. Officials confirmed that no civilian casualties or property damage occurred, with the wreckage falling safely in open fields".

Officials told Kashmir Convener that Preliminary analysis suggests that the drones were loaded with high-explosive payloads, designed to cause mass casualties and panic among the civilian population—a move that marks a dangerous escalation in Pakistan's asymmetric warfare tactics.

"This was a deliberate attempt to target civilians under the guise of cross-border tension. Our forces responded with clinical precision, neutralising the threat before it could inflict harm," a senior defence official stated.

The successful interception highlights the operational readiness and effectiveness of India's layered air-defence system, which combines ground-based radars, electro-optical surveillance, and automated command-and-control systems.

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J&K leaders welcome Indo-Pak ceasefire

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SRINAGAR: The leaders associated with the different political parties in Jammu and Kashmir welcomed the ceasefire pact between India and Pakistan.

President of National Conference, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, has welcomed the complete and immediate ceasefire agreed upon by India and Pakistan, emphasising the urgent need to end hostilities, as they have been taking a toll on the people living along the Line of Control (LOC) and International Border (IB) in J&K, Ladakh.

In a statement Dr. Farooq expressed his support for the ceasefire, acknowledging the significant impact the ongoing situation has had on the people and their property in the region. He stated, "Our people along the LOC and IB have borne the brunt of the

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Cooperation of public in maintaining peace crucial: Govt

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JAMMU: The government of Jammu

& Kashmir appreciates all its citizens for their continued resilience and trust in the face of recent developments. All the necessary measures are being taken and the government is fully prepared and equipped to handle any situation and there is no cause for alarm.

The general public is requested to stay calm and not panic. Please follow SOPs issued by NDMA and Government

in this regard.

Misinformation and unverified claims circulating on social media can cause unnecessary panic. The residents are strongly advised to avoid engaging with or spreading rumours. Trust only credible news channels and government communications for accurate information.

The Government is fully prepared to deal with any kind of exigency and is

continuously monitoring the situation. Health department has fully activated its emergency protocols and is fully prepared to handle any medical exigencies.

The cooperation of the public in maintaining peace and discipline during these times is crucial.

Public in general and media persons in particular are

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LoC Residents Welcome US-Mediated Ceasefire



Sajid Raina

SRINAGAR: Border residents in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday welcomed the announcement of a full and immediate ceasefire between India and Pakistan, made by the United States President Donald Trump.

People living along the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez, Poonch, Rajouri, Uri and Karnah, speaking to the news agency—Kashmir

News Observer (KNO), said war has never brought solutions but only losses. They expressed hope that this ceasefire would bring stability to their lives.

After a night of talks mediated by the United States, Trump announced on a social media platform, Truth Social, that both countries had agreed to cease hostilities. Earlier, the Indian Air Force

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J&K Has Adequate Supply Of Essential Commodities: Sharma

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JAMMU: In view of the prevailing situation, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs; Transport; Science and Technology; Information Technology; Youth Services; Sports and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, has appealed to the public to remain calm and avoid panic.

He assured that there is no shortage of essential commodities, including food grains, petroleum products and LPG across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister informed that sufficient stocks are available at all distribution points and necessary arrangements are in place to maintain regular supplies. "There is absolutely no need to panic. We have adequate reserves, and my team of dedicated officers is constantly monitoring the situation and taking timely decisions to ensure uninterrupted supply," the Minister stated.

He also expressed gratitude to Trader Associations and Federations for their cooperation in ensuring that the supply chain remains unaffected. "Their support has been crucial in maintaining



normalcy in availability of various commodities," he added. On the transport front, the Minister informed that the Managing Director of RTC along with RTOs and ARTOs are working tirelessly to provide transportation to those who need to travel. He emphasized that fare regulations are being strictly enforced and action is being taken against operators found overcharging passengers.

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CM Omar Visits Family Of Martyred Officer Raj Kumar

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today visited the residence of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa (JKAS), Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty due to cross-border shelling near his residence Rajouri.

Expressing profound grief over the loss, the Chief Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, acknowledging the officer's outstanding dedication and supreme sacrifice. "His service and sacrifice will never



be forgotten. The Government stands firmly with his family in this hour of grief," CM Omar Abdullah said during the visit.

Dr. Thapa was stationed in Rajouri town when he was

fatally struck by Pakistani shelling. His untimely demise has sent shockwaves through the administrative and civil community,

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'Cross-border shelling' CM Omar announces Rs 10 lakh ex-gratia relief for NoKs of deceased

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led government on Friday announced an

ex-gratia relief of Rs 10 lakh for the families of those who lost their lives recently, terming it a gesture of support and solidarity.

In a post on X, the Office of Chief Minister J&K, wrote: "Deeply pained by the loss of innocent lives due to recent shelling from Pakistan. My Government is taking every possible measure to minimise the hardship of our people."

The Chief Minister visited the bereaved family of ADC Rajouri, Dr Raj Kumar Thapa, who lost his life due to shelling by Pakistan. "Paid my heartfelt condolences

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CDS Meets Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Apprises Him Of Current Situation

NEWDELHI: As military confrontation between India and Pakistan continued to escalate, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday and apprised him of the current situation, sources said.

“The CDS met the defence minister at the latter’s residence this morning, during which he apprised him of the current situation,” a source said.

India on Friday said Pakistan launched between 300 and 400 Turkish drones across 36 locations from Leh to Sir Creek in its failed attempt to target Indian military installations on Thursday night.

On Saturday morning, the Indian Army said, “Pakistan’s blatant escalation with drone strikes and other munitions continues along our western borders.” The military confrontation between the two nuclear-armed neighbours escalated in the past few days with both the military and civil authorities in India remaining on high alert.

Rajnath Singh on Friday took a comprehensive review of the security scenario with the top military leadership, a day after Pakistan’s attempts to target



Indian military installations were repelled.

Every aspect of the evolving security situation was discussed at the meeting, it was learnt.

The meeting was attended by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Chauhan, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi, IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.

As the two countries continued to attack each other’s military facilities, it dangerously escalated the ongoing conflict.

On Saturday morning, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi at a press briefing along with Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said, “The Pakistan military is observed to be moving their troops to the border areas.” Pakistan, she said, launched a high-speed missile in

Punjab besides attacking medical facilities in Srinagar, Avantipura and Udhampur.

“A befitting reply has been given to Pakistani actions,” Col Qureshi said.

On Thursday afternoon, the defence ministry said Indian armed forces foiled Pakistan’s attempts to target military installations in 15 cities in the northern and western parts of the country using missiles and drones.

It said the Pakistani military attempted to target Awantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarai, and Bhuj.

Rajnath Singh on Thursday said no limit will become an obstacle to protect India’s sovereignty and the nation is fully prepared for such responses.

Tensions between India and Pakistan flared up significantly after the Indian armed forces early

Wednesday conducted precision strikes targeting nine terror launchpads in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in response to the April 22 Pahalgam attack that had cross-border linkages.

Russia assured full support to India in its fight against all manifestations of terrorism: MoS Defence

MOSCOW: Russia has assured full support to India in its fight against all manifestations of terrorism and promised to promptly fulfil military orders in the pipeline, visiting Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth said on Saturday.

Seth, who represented India at the 80th anniversary of the Soviet Union’s victory over Nazi Germany in the Second World War, called on Russian Deputy Defence Minister Col Gen Alexander Fomin to discuss deepening military and technical cooperation.

“Russia assured that it will support us in our battle against all manifestations of terrorism and said the cooperation between the two nations will continue to advance based on existing agreements,” Seth told PTI before leaving for New Delhi.

Russia promised to promptly fulfil military orders in the pipeline, he said.

Both sides agreed to enhance ties through existing frameworks and regular consultations. During the meeting, he thanked Russia for its support against cross-border terrorism.

During the visit, Seth laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

He also addressed the members of the Indian



community in Moscow on Friday.

“The colder the weather in Russia, the warmer the friendship with India,” he said, observing that the month of May is supposed to be pleasantly warm, but this year it was unusually cold.

Seth said he was highly impressed by Russian President Vladimir Putin’s humble nature.

“I had an opportunity to meet President Putin thrice. He very warmly greeted me and impressed me with his humble nature,” he said.

Seth was chosen to represent India at the Victory Day parade as Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Defence Minister Rajnath Singh could not travel abroad in view of escalating tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack

JD Vance: India-Pak conflict ‘none of our business’

WASHINGTON: As tensions between India and Pakistan continue to escalate, US Vice President JD Vance has reiterated America’s policy of non-intervention, declaring that the conflict is “fundamentally none of our business.”

His remarks, made in a recent interview with an US news channel, come amid growing concerns over the potential for the situation to spiral into a larger regional war or even a nuclear conflict.

“What we can do is try to encourage these folks to de-escalate a little bit, but we’re not going to get involved in the middle of war that’s fundamentally none of our



business and has nothing to do with America’s ability to control it,” Vance stated, emphasising that the US will not intervene directly in the conflict despite its global significance.

While acknowledging the gravity of the situation, Vance stressed that the US would continue to engage through

diplomatic channels in an effort to help reduce tensions. “We can’t tell the Indians to lay down their arms. We can’t tell the Pakistanis to lay down their arms. And so, we’re going to continue to pursue this thing through diplomatic channels,” he added.

Amidst the rising tensions,

Vance expressed hope that the situation would not escalate beyond the current state of affairs. “Our hope and our expectation is that this is not going to spiral into a broader regional war or, God forbid, a nuclear conflict,” he said, assuring that the United States does not believe such an outcome is likely at this stage.

The conflict, which has seen periodic flareups over the years, remains a key point of concern for global leaders. With both India and Pakistan possessing nuclear capabilities, the international community has repeatedly voiced the need for dialogue to avoid catastrophic consequences.

Saudi Foreign Minister speaks with EAM Jaishankar, Pak FM Dar; discusses efforts to de-escalate tensions

DUBAI: Saudi Arabia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Faisal bin Farhan on Saturday evoked its “close and balanced relations” with both India and Pakistan and discussed efforts to de-escalate tensions and end ongoing military confrontations between them.

Faisal held two phone calls, with Minister of External Affairs India S Jaishankar and Pakistan’s Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, a statement from the Saudi Foreign Office said.

The discussions focused on efforts to de-escalate tensions and end ongoing military confrontations, it said, adding, Faisal affirmed the Kingdom’s commitment to the security and stability of the region and its close and balanced relations with both friendly countries. The Saudi statement came as the Indian and Pakistani militaries targeted



each other’s installations using missiles in the last more than 12 hours, further escalating the already tense conflict situation.

Earlier on Saturday, a brief statement from the Foreign Ministry said that upon the directives of the Saudi leadership, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel Al-Jubeir visited India and Pakistan on May 8 and 9 as part of the Kingdom’s “ongoing efforts to de-escalate

tensions, end current military confrontations, and promote the resolution of all disputes through dialogue and diplomatic channels” Al-Jubeir travelled to New Delhi on Thursday on an unannounced visit and discussed with Jaishankar the situation that has developed since India’s military strikes on terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir early Wednesday prompted by

the April 22 terror attack that killed 26 people in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam. Fine dining reservations On Friday, the Saudi minister visited Islamabad, where he held talks with Pakistan’s top leadership. Tensions between India and Pakistan increased after the Indian armed forces on Wednesday conducted precision strikes targeting terror launchpads in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in response to the April 22 Pahalgam attack that had cross-border linkages. Pakistan launched a fresh wave of drone attacks targeting 26 locations in India – from Jammu and Kashmir to Gujarat – for the second night on Friday, with the Indian defence ministry saying the enemy’s attempts to hit vital installations, including airports and air bases, were successfully thwarted.

Monsoon Likely To Reach Kerala On May 27: IMD



NEW DELHI: The southwest monsoon is likely to reach Kerala on May 27, earlier than the usual date of June 1, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Sunday.

If the monsoon arrives in Kerala as expected, it will be the earliest onset over the Indian mainland since 2009, when it began on May 23, according to IMD data.

Typically, the southwest

monsoon makes its onset over Kerala by June 1 and covers the entire country by July 8. It starts retreating from northwest India around September 17, withdrawing entirely by October 15.

The IMD had in April forecast above-normal cumulative rainfall in the 2025 monsoon season, ruling out the possibility of El Nino conditions, which are associated with below-normal rainfall in the Indian subcontinent.

CBI Raids 42 Locations, Arrests Five For Sale Of Illegal SIM Cards Used In Digital Arrest Scams

NEW DELHI: The CBI on Saturday carried out searches at 42 locations across eight states and arrested five people in for the illegal sale of SIM cards allegedly used in digital arrest scam cases, officials said.

The searches were conducted as part of the ongoing Operation Chakra V, aimed at curbing cybercrimes and digital arrest-related frauds, they said.

Raids were carried out at the premises of various point-of-sale agents of telecom operators in Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, a CBI spokesperson said.

These agents were allegedly working in connivance with cybercriminals and unidentified executives of telecom service providers to issue SIM cards



used in offences such as digital arrest scams, impersonation, fraudulent advertisements, investment frauds and UPI frauds, the spokesperson said.

“The searches led to seizure of incriminating documents/articles such as mobile phones, electronic devices, copies of KYC documents and identification of individuals

including middlemen involved in distribution of unauthorised SIM Cards and seizure of movable property acquired from crime proceeds,” the spokesperson said.

Five people were arrested from four states for their alleged role in unauthorised SIM card issuance in violation of KYC norms, the agency said.

Russia celebrates 80th anniversary Victory Day parade amid ongoing conflict with Ukraine

Russia celebrated the 80th anniversary of the Soviet Union’s victory over Nazi Germany in World War Two on Friday with a major military parade that was conducted smoothly, with no interruptions from Ukraine, despite the two nations being embroiled in a devastating conflict.

The ceremony saw President Vladimir Putin – the longest serving head of the Kremlin since Joseph Stalin – stand beside Chinese President Xi Jinping, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio, and numerous other high-profile faces.

Commonly called Victory Day, May 9 marks one of Russia’s biggest secular festivals, conducted with immense pomp and splendour to project Moscow’s status as a formidable global power, amid its ongoing conflict with Kyiv, which is well-past its third year.

“It’s again showing that Russia is not isolated, that Russia is seen as a very legitimate victorious nation that is among victors in World War II,” said Alexander Gabuev, director of Carnegie



Russia Eurasia Center, as per an Associated Press report.

The report added that the Soviet Union lost 27 million people in a phase of WWII that it calls the Great Patriotic War (1941-45), an enormous sacrifice that left a deep scar in the national psyche. Putin capitalised on this collective historical sentiment, attempting to encourage

national unity at a time when the country’s conflict with Ukraine openly bleeds both sides, and the West tries to prise the two apart.

Addressing crowds at the Red Square, Putin praised the grand scale of the celebrations, with a special mention for a section of the soldiers (1,500 of them) who had

fought against Ukraine, praising “their spiritual force that always has brought us victory”.

“We highly appreciate the contribution of the soldiers of the Allied armies, the members of the resistance, the courageous people of China, and all those who fought for a peaceful future to our common struggle,” he added, more generally.

More than 11,500 troops had been organised into ranks on Red Square. The time’s parade also saw Russia’s drones – the biggest technological innovation of the conflict –

being paraded for the first time, as well as tanks and intercontinental Yars missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads, a Reuters report stated.

Despite the two nations attacking each other several times this week, Russia’s prestigious ceremony saw no interruptions from Ukraine, which respected the 72-hour ceasefire from May 7-9, unilaterally declared by Putin last month.

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Public Notice

The unit M/s Divine Industries at IGC Lassipora Pulwama stands formally registered with D.I.C. Pulwama under No. 01/005/11/02398/PMT/MSME dated: 27.02.2017 for the line of activity "Mfg. of Readymade Garments", as a partnership concern of 1. Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Wani S/o Ab. Ahad Wani R/o Bamnoo, Pulwama 2. Mr. Nazir Ahmad Dar S/o Gh. Mohd. Dar R/o Sirhama, Bijbehara. Now, the partners of the said unit have submitted an application before office of the undersigned wherein they have requested for change of constitution by retirement of one existing partner namely Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Wani S/o Ab. Ahad Wani R/o Bamnoo, Pulwama from the partnership business.

Any person (s) or any organization/department having any objection in this behalf should convey in writing to the General Manager DIC Pulwama within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the time frame no objection shall be entertained.

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Abbreviated Tender Notice

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 2/- are invited from interested persons for auction of fruit crop of departmental orchards and farms of the Horticulture Department, Kashmir Division for the year 2025.

Interested persons in this regard can obtain the detailed tender notice, prescribed tender form, and a list of orchards/farms from the Directorate of Horticulture, Kashmir, Rajbagh, Srinagar. These documents will be available upto 20th of May 2025, on all working days, between 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM, upon submission of a proper application alongwith with Photostat copy of the aadhar card of applicant and payment of Rs.200/-.

Properly sealed tenders are to be deposited in the Directorate of Horticulture, Kashmir, by or before 21st of May, 2025 upto 4:30 P.M. The auction Committee shall open the tenders at the Horticulture Complex Rajbagh Srinagar on 22nd of May, 2025, at 11:00 AM, in presence of the tenderers who wish to be present in the auction proceedings. In case of a holiday, unavoidable circumstances, or preoccupation of the Chairman, Auction Committee, on the fixed date(s), the Department reserves the right to change the auction date(s), including the opening of tenders. The changes if any will be notified in the press.

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Sd/- (A. H. Bhat)
Joint Director (H)

Teaching As Social Service

By: Mukhtar Ahmad Qureshi

As I sit and think about what being a teacher really is, one refrain rings louder than all the rest, teaching isn't a profession it is a social service. It is a passion for influencing minds, hearts and futures. With every step into a classroom every teacher is not simply imparting information they are creating a society.

In my world, so many professions do good for the public. Physicians heal, lawyers defend justice and engineers

they believed in a child when no one else would. That belief is a turning point in the life of the child.

One of my own mentors always said, "Teaching is the only profession that creates all other professions." What a profound truth! Without teachers, there would be no doctors, engineers, writers, or leaders. We are the foundation upon which every society is built. We are the quiet revolutionaries changing the world, one child at a time.

But for all this high-minded work, teaching is usually devalued. The sacrifices teachers make the long hours, the

and student focus is a daily struggle, committed teachers extend their call of duty to instruct, encourage, and guide their students. Whether it's managing afterschool clubs, coming in early to assist a struggling student, or simply being a listening ear, these gestures extend far beyond a job title. They are acts of service.

Teaching also requires profound emotional strength. We take in our students' pain, carry their stories and continue to try to fill their days with hope and learning. We bask in their joys as our own and their failures are personal. It's a



construct infrastructure. Teachers, though? We construct humans. We ignite curiosity, support creativity, raise dreams and sometimes we are the only people who encourage a child who might ever get in their lives. That, to me, is a kind of holy service.

As a teacher myself, I have seen firsthand how education transforms lives not just academically but emotionally and morally. I have taught students from diverse backgrounds, some of whom arrived at school carrying invisible burdens of poverty, conflict or broken homes. For them, school was not just a place to learn mathematics or language it was a heaven, a space where they felt safe, seen and heard.

That is the invisible, yet profoundly necessary, function of a teacher, to offer hope. Hope that things can change. Hope that they have a voice. Hope that their aspirations are within reach.

We should never forget, teaching is not just in blackboards or books. A teacher who is able to listen with empathy, who sees the kid sitting quietly in the back, who is able to celebrate small wins such as better handwriting or saying a whole sentence in the classroom that teacher is doing an act of social service as important as any grand scale reform.

In my own classroom, I have marked moments that are small but rich in meaning, a quiet girl raising her hand to read, a boy who used to be afraid of school now showing up early with a smile, a student communicating their feelings through pictures because they don't yet have words. These are victories. These are why we teach.

There's a reason why the greatest teachers are remembered for life. Not because they taught an intricate equation or an obscure rule of grammar, but because they cared. Because

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emotional investment, the continuous learning and adapting are not recognized. But we do it anyway. Why? Because we are motivated by something more profound than pay or prestige. We are motivated by purpose.

In the countryside, where quality education is lacking, a teacher can be a ray of hope for an entire community. I've seen it firsthand in my own district, where teachers trek miles to teach in isolated schools, grade in temporary classrooms and use their own money to buy simple supplies just because they want each child to have an opportunity.

Even in city environments, where temptations abound

profoundly human vocation, full of struggle and grace.

But this is the wonderful thing, the rewards of teaching are not tangible, but long lasting. The note from a student years after thanking you for the guidance you provided, the grin of a child finally comprehending a troublesome concept, the parent who tells you their child now enjoys school all of these remind us that our work counts. These are the things that inspire our passion and reaffirm our commitment.

I used to have a boy who had lost his father and lost his voice in class. I would greet him every day with a soft smile, leave him alone and rejoice over the smallest movements. Gradually, he opened up. Months later, he delivered a speech on Teacher's Day, thanking his teachers for making him feel important. That day, I knew the real extent of our impact.

In a world where material success so often takes center stage, teaching reminds us of the strength of human relationship and service. It reminds us of the importance of humility, patience, and unwavering compassion. It reminds us that even amidst adversity, we can make a difference not by great deeds, but by steady, loving presence.

So, to all the teachers out there reading this, know that your labour is holy. You are not merely teaching subjects you are shaping society. You are building the foundation of a more considerate, better-informed, and compassionate world. And that is the ultimate social service.

Let us proudly wear this badge, understanding that in each lesson we teach, each life we touch, and each dream we foster, we are serving humanity at its best.

(The columnist is a teacher by profession)



IMF 'reimbursing' Pak for ordnance it is using to devastate border areas: CM

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday hit out at the IMF for granting a billion dollar loan to Pakistan, saying the global financial organisation was "essentially reimbursing" Islamabad for the ammunition used to devastate border areas of the Union territory.

The International Monetary Fund on Friday approved the disbursement of around USD 1 billion to Pakistan under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

"I'm not sure how the 'International Community' thinks the current tension in the subcontinent will be



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de-escalated when the IMF essentially reimburses Pakistan for all the ordnance it is using to devastate Poonch, Rajouri, Uri, Tangdhar & so many other places," Abdullah said in a post on X.

India abstained from the vote at the IMF, pointing out that rewarding continued sponsorship of cross-border terrorism sends a dangerous message to the global community, exposes funding agencies and donors to reputational risks, and makes a mockery of global values.

Distt admin convenes Civil Defence meeting in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR: The district administration today convened a meeting on Civil Defence and maintenance of proper law and order in Kishtwar.



The meeting, which was attended by representatives from various religious and community organisations, aimed to promote communal harmony and assess preparedness in the district.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Aijaz Asad, Secretary, Rural Development Department who is also Mentor for District Kishtwar.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, was present in the meeting.

During the session, the district administration noted the suggestions of the participating organisations and assured all possible administrative support during the prevailing

circumstances. The officials from key departments including Food, Transport and Health briefed the participants about the availability of adequate stock of essential commodities such as ration, LPG, fuel and medicines. Speaking on the occasion, Aijaz Asad lauded Kishtwar's legacy of peace and brotherhood. He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to maintaining communal harmony and encouraged citizens to volunteer for community welfare efforts. He further assured that sufficient stock of all essential items is being maintained and will continue to be replenished as needed.

DC Kishtwar emphasized that there is no need to panic or fall prey to rumors. He informed that mock drills and preparedness activities will continue across the district. He urged the public

to cooperate and adhere to all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). He also appreciated the ongoing community services, particularly those led by the youth and stressed the importance of continuing these initiatives.

The Deputy Commissioner further highlighted that control rooms at the district and sub-divisional levels, along with the Police Control Room, are fully operational to provide assistance to the public.

The SSP Kishtwar also advised and urged everyone to remain prepared for any situation.

The participants from various organizations, including Majlis-e-Shoura, Sanatan Dharma Sabha, Beopar Mandal, Chamber of Commerce and other prominent citizens, expressed their gratitude to the district administration for organising the meeting and fostering a spirit of cooperation and unity.

The meeting was also attended by SSP Kishtwar Naresh Singh; ADC Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal; CPO Shahnawaz Bali; ACR Idrees Lone and other senior officers.

Sakeena Itoo condoles sad demise of ADDC Rajouri

Remembers late Dr. Thapa's exceptional service during Budhal tragedy



SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo has condoled the sad demise of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who was tragically killed today morning by cross border shelling.

Remembering the late officer's unwavering dedication to public service, Sakeena Itoo recalled his exceptional efforts during the Budhal tragedy, highlighting that his swift and compassionate response brought solace to many affected families.

The Minister said that Late Dr. Thapa used to update about the situation even during the night hours and was active on the ground for the relief of common masses. "He was a symbol of sincerity and responsibility, particularly during times of crisis.

His humane approach during the Budhal tragedy left an indelible mark on the hearts of the people", Sakeena said.

Describing the late ADDC as a committed and upright officer, Sakeena said that the loss is not only a blow to the administration but also to the countless lives he touched through his selfless service.

No Need to Panic; J&K has adequate supply of essential commodities: Satish Sharma

JAMMU: In view of the prevailing situation, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs; Transport; Science and Technology; Information Technology; Youth Services; Sports and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, has appealed to the public to remain calm and avoid panic.

ensure uninterrupted supply," the Minister stated.

He also expressed gratitude to Trader Associations and



He assured that there is no shortage of essential commodities, including food grains, petroleum products and LPG across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister informed that sufficient stocks are available at all distribution points and necessary arrangements are in place to maintain regular supplies.

"There is absolutely no need to panic. We have adequate reserves, and my team of dedicated officers is constantly monitoring the situation and taking timely decisions to

Federations for their cooperation in ensuring that the supply chain remains unaffected.

"Their support has been crucial in maintaining normalcy in availability of various commodities," he added.

On the transport front, the Minister informed that the Managing Director of RTC along with RTOs and ARTOs are working tirelessly to provide

transportation to those who need to travel.

He emphasized that fare regulations are being strictly enforced and action is being taken against operators found overcharging passengers.

Satish Sharma further urged the public to stay vigilant and not believe in rumors.

"Vehicles are plying across the UT in accordance with advisories issued by the authorities. I request everyone to avoid panic besides urging the members of the business community not to indulge in hoarding or overpricing," asserted the Minister. The Minister extended his best wishes for the safety and well-being of all citizens and reiterated the importance of adhering to official guidelines.

"Let us stand together, remain calm and follow all advisories to ensure the safety and stability of our society," he appealed.

Jamia Millia Islamia reschedules exams for J&K students

SRINAGAR: On the request of Jammu and Kashmir Government and in view of the prevailing situation, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has announced rescheduling the Admission Tests for the students of Jammu and Kashmir being held on May 10-11, 2025.

Minister for Education J&K Government, Ms. Sakina Itoo informed about the development through a tweet on social networking site 'X,' "Considering the ongoing

situation Jamia Millia Islamia will reschedule the admission tests for students from Jammu and Kashmir at the request of the J&K Government.

I thank the university administration for

understanding the current challenges faced by the students of J&K".

The admission tests of Jamia Millia Islamia for the session 2025-26 commenced on 26th April, 2025 and are scheduled to be completed by 31st May, 2025.

The admission tests of a few programs are scheduled on 10th and 11th May, 2025.

However, for the remaining students, the admission tests will be held on given dates and time (May 10-11, 2025).



LoC residents welcome US-mediated ceasefire

Sajid Raina

Srinagar: Border residents in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday welcomed the announcement of a full and immediate ceasefire between India and Pakistan, made by the United States President Donald Trump.

People living along the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez, Poonch, Rajouri, Uri and Kamah, speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said war has never brought solutions but only losses. They expressed hope that this ceasefire would bring stability to their lives.

After a night of talks mediated by the United States, Trump announced on a social media platform, Truth Social, that both countries had agreed to cease hostilities.

Earlier, the Indian Air Force (IAF) had carried out strikes on eight military sites in Pakistan, including radar units and ammunition depots, in response to Pakistani military attacks on Indian installations and civilian areas.

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi said Indian forces had thwarted infiltration attempts at more than 26 locations and that Pakistan had used drones and long-range weapons along the western borders. In Gurez, 62-year-old Mohammad Ramzan said, "We don't want war. It brings damage to both sides. We want our children to study in peace and our families to live without fear."

People in Poonch said the ceasefire brings hope to families who have seen loved ones die in cross-border shelling.

Shakeela Begum, whose husband was killed in a shelling incident in 2019, said, "We have suffered a lot. War only takes lives. We want both governments to think about the people living at the borders."

In Rajouri, Javed Iqbal, a government school teacher, said, "Every time tension rises, we prepare for loss. Education, farming, trade, everything stops. Ceasefire helps us move forward."

From Uri, 60-year-old Ghulam Ahmad said, "When there is peace, we work, children go to school, life continues. When there is war, there is fear, loss, and silence."

In Kamah, Shabir Lone, a farmer Sarpanch, said, "People living in Delhi or Islamabad may not feel the impact of shelling, but we do. We want the peace to continue. War only creates more problems." Residents along the LoC said they have witnessed multiple ceasefire violations in the past and appealed to both governments to uphold this agreement. They called for long-term peace and communication between the two nations to prevent further escalation.

"We are tired of counting dead bodies," said a resident from Poonch. "Now we want to count school days, harvests and celebrations."



DC Reasi holds consultative meeting with prominent citizens to strengthen disaster response preparedness

REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today chaired a consultative meeting with prominent citizens of the district to review public concerns and enhance community coordination in disaster response and preparedness.

During the meeting, participants raised various issues, including instances of non-compliance by certain shopkeepers during a recent power blackout. In response, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the critical importance of adhering to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during emergencies to ensure public safety and efficient disaster management.

Highlighting the crucial role

of community participation, DC Nidhi Malik encouraged citizens to volunteer for emergency services.



The initiative received an enthusiastic response, with several individuals coming forward to assist in blood donation drives and other essential voluntary services.

She urged residents to

prioritize personal safety during blackouts or shelling by remaining indoors and avoiding unnecessary movement. Citizens to intensify awareness campaigns about emergency protocols and the importance of public cooperation in maintaining safety and order.

Assuring the public of the administration's preparedness, Ms. Malik confirmed that adequate food supplies and essential services will be maintained throughout any emergency situation.

She also appealed to the public to remain vigilant and to promptly report any suspicious activity or unidentified individuals to the authorities to help preserve communal harmony. ADC Reasi, Rakesh Kumar, and Tehsildar Reasi, Suresh Singh were also present at the meeting

The Deputy Commissioner directed concerned departments

JKTPO conducts RAMP Awareness Workshop to strengthen MSME ecosystem

PULWAMA: A district-level awareness workshop on the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) program was organized today at the Town Hall, Pulwama.

The workshop was a collaborative effort of Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), the State Programme Implementation Unit (SPIU) – Grant Thornton, and the District Industries Centre (DIC) Pulwama. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), artisans, and key stakeholders from the district.

JKTPO, under the supervision of the Department of Industries and Commerce, J&K, is conducting workshops to enhance the outreach and capacity-building of local MSMEs and entrepreneurs.

These workshops aim to raise awareness about the RAMP program, which supports MSMEs through market linkages, digital financing, skillings, cluster

development, and business reforms. The SPIU team presented detailed implementation procedures and addressed queries to ensure effective execution of RAMP initiatives.



The session was presided over by Waseem Ahmad Malik, General Manager, DIC Pulwama, who emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach for successful implementation of the RAMP scheme. "It is imperative that all implementing agencies work in synergy with MSMEs to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Pulwama. We must extend consistent handholding to our entrepreneurs to ensure sustainable growth and self-reliance," he said.

The workshop featured participation from a diverse array of departments and institutions including the Assistant Commissioner Development, Pulwama, Dr. Peerzada Farhat, Manager SIDCO, DGM SICOP, Principal ITI Pulwama and representatives from JKEDI, ITI, Handloom and Handicrafts Department, Lead Bank, Horticulture and Agriculture Departments, and other district officials.

Various sessions were conducted to create awareness among MSMEs about the benefits, components, and application procedures under the RAMP program. These included discussions on capacity building, access to finance, consultancy support, and marketing assistance.

The workshop also provided a platform for direct interaction between entrepreneurs and government departments, enabling grievance redressal and identification of potential interventions.

District Administration Rajouri pays heartfelt tribute to Martyr ADDC Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa

RAJOURI: The District Administration Rajouri today paid a solemn and heartfelt tribute to Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, who attained martyrdom during cross-border shelling, laying down his life in the line of duty while serving the nation with unwavering commitment.

In a poignant message, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, lauded the extraordinary dedication and bravery of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa. "His supreme sacrifice during the tragic incident at Badhaal will be remembered forever. He was a beacon of courage and

devotion, serving the people of Rajouri till his last breath," the DC remarked.

Dr. Thapa, a 2001 batch officer of the Jammu and Kashmir



Administrative Service (JKAS), was known for his integrity, humility, and deep sense of responsibility. His passing is a tremendous loss to the administrative fraternity and

the people of Rajouri.

"He was not just an able administrator, but a true hero in service—a symbol of sincerity and dedication," DC Abhishek Sharma added while extending condolences to the bereaved family.

The District Administration, along with officials from various departments, observed a moment of silence and resolved to carry forward the legacy of selfless service exemplified by the late officer.

His memory will continue to inspire generations of civil servants to uphold the highest values of duty, service, and sacrifice.

Reasi Administration observes two-minute silence to pay tribute to ADDC Rajouri and others who lost their lives

REASI: The officers and officials of District Administration Reasi, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik observed a two-minute silence today in memory of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, and others who lost their lives due to cross-border shelling. The solemn tribute was held at the DC Office



Complex, Reasi, where heartfelt homage was paid to Dr. Thapa for his unwavering dedication and selfless service. Addressing the

gathering, Deputy Commissioner, Nidhi Malik expressed her deepest condolences to the bereaved family and extended solidarity to all those affected by the tragic incident.

The entire District Administration stands united in grief, honoring the legacy and sacrifice of Dr. Raj Kumar Thappa and others who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Kishtwar admin discusses implementation of Skill Development Program under Power Projects R&R Plan

KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan convened an important meeting today to review and strategize the implementation of Skill Development Program under the Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) Plan of the Kiru, Kwar, Pakal Dul, and

Rattle Hydroelectric Power Projects in District Kishtwar.

The meeting featured a detailed, point-wise discussion on the minutes issued by the Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction (DMRRR) Department, with a particular focus on preparing a roadmap and strategies

for the implementation of the skill development program in the district. The DC issued key directives to the members of the Project Management Unit (PMU), outlining a structured roadmap for the effective and timely execution of the skill development initiatives.

Recognizing The Warning Signs Of Kidney Trouble



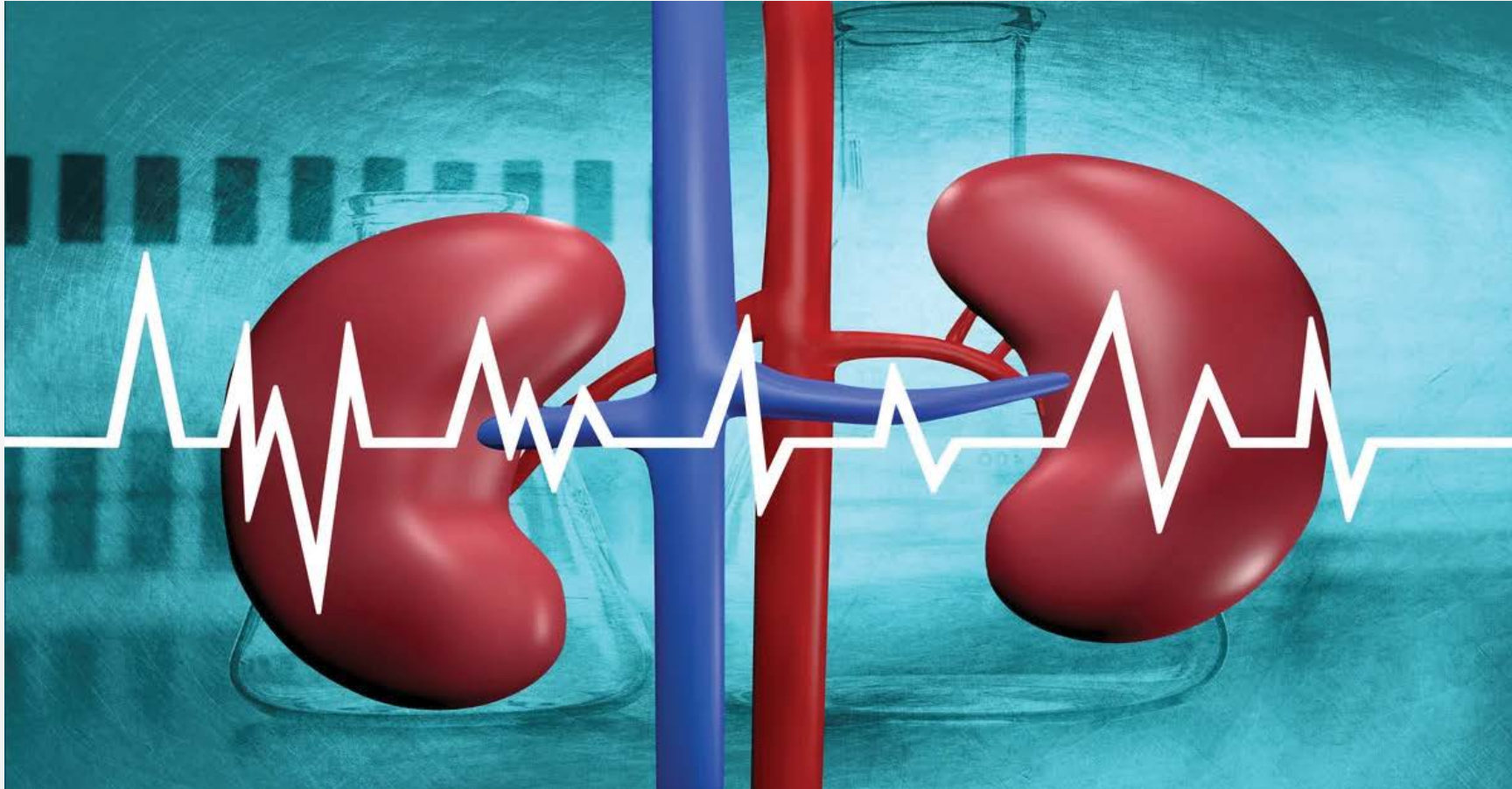
DR VIPIN SISODIA

Kidneys play a vital role in maintaining overall health by filtering waste products, balancing fluids, regulating blood pressure, and supporting red blood cell production. However, kidney problems often go unnoticed until they become severe. In India, kidney diseases are a growing concern, with Chronic Kidney Disease affecting nearly 15-17% of the population, according to recent studies. Factors such as uncontrolled diabetes, high blood pressure, poor hydration, and indiscriminate use of over-the-counter painkillers contribute significantly to rising kidney issues in both urban and rural populations.

Common Warning Signs to Watch For

Kidney problems often begin silently, but the body gives early hints when the kidneys are under stress or beginning to fail. Common warning signs include swelling in the hands, feet, or face due to fluid retention, and noticeable changes in urination patterns such as frequent urination at night, reduced urine output, or foamy, dark-colored urine. Many individuals experience persistent fatigue or weakness as waste builds up in the blood, along with loss of appetite, nausea, and vomiting—especially in the mornings.

Itchy or dry skin, caused by imbalanced minerals, and shortness of breath or difficulty concentrating, linked to anemia from kidney dysfunction, are also key indicators. Recognizing these symptoms early and con-



sulting a doctor can make a significant difference in managing kidney health and preventing further complications.

Risk Factors for Kidney Problems in India

India has one of the highest burdens of kidney disease globally. With over 200,000 new patients developing kidney failure each year, many are forced to rely on dialysis or transplantation. Unfortunately, due to low awareness and delayed diagnosis, many patients reach hospitals at advanced stages. Early detection through recognizing warning signs can prevent serious

complications and the need for expensive treatments like dialysis.

Certain groups in India are at higher risk of developing kidney diseases, particularly those with diabetes (a major contributor to Chronic Kidney Disease in nearly 40% of cases) and high blood pressure. Additionally, consuming high-sodium diets, using herbal or unregulated medications, and chronic dehydration due to hot climates, especially in northern and central India, further exacerbate the risk.

The Role of Timely

Diagnosis and Care

Early-stage kidney disease can often be managed or even reversed with dietary changes, medication, and proper hydration. Routine blood tests (serum creatinine), urine analysis, and kidney function tests are essential for early detection. Ultrasound and imaging also help to assess structural problems like stones or obstructive uropathy and other reversible causes. Individuals with risk factors should undergo regular screening, even in the absence of symptoms.

Kidney diseases are silent killers that

progress gradually. Early recognition of symptoms and timely consultation with a nephrologist or urologist can prevent long-term damage and improve quality of life. With increasing awareness and preventive health check-ups, more people can avoid the serious consequences of untreated kidney problems. Paying attention to your body's early signals can be the first step toward protecting your kidney health and ensuring a healthier future.

Consultant - Urology, Yatharth Hospital, Greater Noida

Solution To Water Crisis Confluence Of Traditional Knowledge And Modern Technology

DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

The water crisis is one of the most serious issues in today's world. Increasing population, uncontrolled industrialization, and climate change have severely impacted the availability of water. To deal with this crisis, we need a combination of traditional water conservation techniques and modern science and technology. Water conservation means managing water resources wisely so that there is no shortage of water in the future. India has only 4% of the world's fresh water, but 18% of its population is facing a water crisis. To solve this problem, participation of government and communities is necessary. Schemes like Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Neeru-Chettu in Andhra Pradesh have helped in increasing the availability of water.

Local communities can make better use of water by adopting their traditional knowledge and new technological measures. Hiware Bazaar model of Maharashtra: Groundwater level was increased in this village using traditional and modern techniques. Water availability increased here by rainwater harvesting and cleaning of wells. Johad system of Rajasthan: Construction of small ponds (johads) improved the groundwater level and reduced the problem of drought. Chal-Khal system of Uttarakhand: These small reservoirs store rainwater and help in groundwater recharge. Adoption of traditional methods and new technologies is necessary for efficient use of water. Zabo agricultural system of Nagaland: This method collects rainwater and uses it for farming, which reduces the impact of drought. Tanks of Rajasthan are small water reservoirs built for rainwater harvesting, in which modern filtration technology is also being added now. Aeri (pond) system in Tamil Nadu: This system stores rainwater and helps in irrigation and drinking water supply.

For water conservation, it is important to maintain a balance between forests, rivers, ponds, and soil. Oran (sacred forest) areas in Rajasthan pro-



tect water sources and biodiversity, preventing desertification. Under the waterfall restoration project of Meghalaya, forests and catchment areas are being revived, thereby conserving water sources. The Narmada Seva Yatra initiative in Madhya Pradesh aims to promote water conservation and environmental improvement by planting trees along the Narmada River. Pani Panchayats of Maharashtra and Gram Sabhas of Jharkhand are ensuring equitable use of water resources.

Climate change and erratic rainfall can increase water scarcity. In such a situation, traditional water conserva-

tion systems can prove to be helpful. Drought relief work in Bundelkhand: Reconstruction of ponds and rainwater harvesting is reducing water problems in the region. In Ladakh, artificial glaciers are created in winter so that water is available from them in summer. However, this method is facing challenges due to rising temperatures. In Gujarat, drip irrigation and multi-cropping are adopted for water conservation in the Wadi system. Climate change, industrial pollution, uneven water distribution, and ignoring traditional systems in government schemes are the major obstacles.

Communities should be empowered

to manage water resources so that they can use water sustainably. Pani Panchayats in Maharashtra: These panchayats ensure equitable distribution of water to farmers. In Jharkhand, under the Gram Sabha Act, village assemblies are managing small reservoirs. Pani Panchayat in Odisha: This scheme promotes water management with community participation. Cities are given more water, leading to shortages in rural areas. For example, water for Chennai is taken from nearby villages, causing problems for farmers. Himalayan glaciers are melting rapidly, reducing the flow of rivers like the Ganga and increasing the water crisis.

Traditional water conservation systems are not given much importance in government schemes. Many industries release wastewater into rivers and ponds, contaminating water sources.

Traditional water conservation systems should be given legal status. Partnerships between scientific institutions, government agencies, and local communities should be strengthened. IIT Madras is providing technical assistance for rainwater harvesting in rural areas. Participation of local people should be increased in water management plans. Conservation plans should be made by linking water, forest, and land together. Strategies to reduce the effects of climate change should be made by combining modern technologies and traditional knowledge. Urban water recycling: Systems should be developed to reuse wastewater in cities.

Water conservation is not possible only through government efforts, but the participation of communities is also very important in this. Water resources can be efficiently managed by combining traditional knowledge and modern technology. Water conservation can be made more effective by linking AI-based monitoring systems with schemes like Jal Shakti Abhiyan and MNREGA. This will help in dealing with the water crisis and ensure water security for the future. Water conservation can be made effective by adopting legal recognition, scientific cooperation, local participation, water recycling, and climate adaptation measures.

To tackle the water crisis, we need to strike a balance between the learnings of the past and the technologies of the future. Traditional water conservation systems give us knowledge of sustainability and local adaptation, while modern technologies can help in efficient management of water resources. If we work by combining both, a sustainable solution to the water crisis can be achieved.

"Drop by drop the pot fills"—even" a small effort towards water conservation can bring a big change in the future.

Poet, freelance journalist and columnist, radio and TV panelist

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Trump triumphs

Narendra Modi and Shehbaz Sharif, External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Chief of Army Staff Asim Munir, and National Security Advisors Ajit Doval and Asim Malik," Rubio, as per KNO wrote on X.

"Iam pleased to announce that the Governments of India and Pakistan have agreed to an immediate ceasefire and to start talks on a broad set of issues," he added.

It may be recalled that the crisis began on May when India launched strikes on "terrorist infrastructure" in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan under Operation Sindoor, following an attack two weeks earlier that killed 26 civilians, mostly tourists, at Pahalgam in South Kashmir.

Any escalation

remain fully prepared and ever vigilant and committed to defend the sovereignty and integrity of our motherland."

"Every misadventure by Pakistan has been met with strength and every future escalation will invite a decisive and befitting response," he added.

Col Sofiya Qureshi rejected "Pakistan's false propaganda" that Indian armed forces have targeted mosques. "India is a secular nation and the Indian armed forces are a reflection of our constitutional values. We hold every places of worship of all faiths in the highest regard."

"The Indian operation was aimed at terrorist camps and facilities used for anti-India activities," she added.

Wing Commander Vyomika Singh said that Pakistan has suffered significant and unsustainable losses in recent days, following its unprovoked attack on Indian installations. She added that the damage affected Pakistan's capabilities both in land and air.

"Pakistan has suffered very heavy and unsustainable losses after it has given us an unprovoked attack on our installations. It has suffered losses both in land and air."

The IAF officer said that several crucial Pakistan air bases have suffered extensive damage including Sargodha and Jacobabad.

"Across the LoC, extensive and precise damage to military infrastructure and command control centres and logistic installations have led to breakdown of the Pakistani morale," she said.

Earlier Colonel Qureshi and Wing Commander Singh while addressing the media had rejected Pakistan's claims that it had destroyed the Sirsra and Suratgarh airbases and neutralized India's S-400 air defence system at Adampur.

They described the claims of Pakistan as baseless and part of a misinformation campaign aimed at misleading the global community.

The officers played the live videos of the Sirsra, Suratgarh airbases during the press conference where normal activities were going on.

"Pakistan has launched multiple long-range weapon attacks, including high-speed missile strikes on airbases in Punjab, and carried out air intrusions and heavy calibre firing along the Line of Control," they said. "However, the Indian armed forces successfully neutralized these threats with precision and professionalism."

They, as per KNO, confirmed that India faced missile attacks on several airbases in Punjab and reported damage to civil infrastructure, including medical care centres and schools in Srinagar, Udhampur, and Awantipora airbases. "Despite these provocations, Indian forces launched calibrated counter-attacks targeting Pakistani military installations, including the Sialkot Aviation Base," they added.

"Pakistan made at least 26 infiltration attempts through Indian airspace, using both military aircraft and, alarmingly, civilian airlines for strategic operations," they said.

Colonel Qureshi and Wing Commander Singh condemned Pakistan's use of social media to spread false narratives. "Pakistan is indulging in a deliberate disinformation campaign. Their claims about inflicting damage on key Indian assets are nothing but lies," added the officials.

Artillery shelling by Pakistan has been reported in border regions including Kupwara, Baramulla, and Rajouri, prompting strong and proportionate responses from the Indian Army

India will

talks on a broad set of issues at a neutral site.

"Over the past 48 hours, VP Vance and I have engaged with senior Indian and Pakistani officials, including Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Shehbaz Sharif, External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Chief of Army Staff Asim Munir, and National Security Advisors Ajit Doval and Asim Malik. I am pleased to announce the Governments of India and Pakistan have agreed to an immediate ceasefire and to start talks on a broad set of issues at a neutral site. We commend Prime Ministers Modi and Sharif on their wisdom, prudence, and statesmanship in choosing the path of peace," he said in a post on X.

Earlier in the day, Misri emphasised that the actions being undertaken by Pakistan against India are "escalatory" and "provocative" in nature and are being responded to effectively. He made the remarks at a media briefing on Saturday morning, where proofs of Pakistan's escalatory were provided alongside exposing the lies being peddled by the neighbouring country.

India had launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 in reply to the ghastly terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22. The terror attack had killed 26 people. India had struck nine terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan sought to up the ante with a series of unprovoked escalations using artillery guns and drones.

J&K leaders

deteriorating situation between the two neighboring countries. This measure will greatly alleviate the suffering of our people who have been caught in the crossfire."

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President and former chief minister of J&K state, Mehbooba Mufti welcomed the ceasefire, saying that military solution is no solution as there should be a political intervention to resolve the issues.

"US President's intervention resulting in an immediate ceasefire between India & Pakistan is a welcome step. I hope both countries will work towards an everlasting peace for this region," Mehbooba wrote on X.

"Ultimately, a military solution is no solution; there should be a political intervention to resolve the issues. India being a largest democratic country should work like an elder brother with the other countries to restore peace and ensure a peaceful environment to the people," she said in a video posted on her X handle.

Peoples Conference (PC) Chairman and MLA Handwara, Sajad Gani Lone in a post on X, said that there is a sense of relief all around.

"The announcement of the ceasefire by the Union Government is a welcome step. There is a sense of relief all around. The inhabitants of the border areas in J and K have had a harrowing time. Hope they are able to resume their lives and hope we as a society come to their aid and help them rebuild their homes," Lone wrote on X.

Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir, Molvi Umar Farooq said that the possibility of talks among the two as stated by US Secretary Marco Rubio on broad set of issues is a welcome outcome.

"Alhumdulillah. Better sense has prevailed and India and Pakistan have agreed to a ceasefire. It's a huge relief for all, especially those living on both sides of the LOC where precious lives were lost and shelter and livelihoods destroyed. The possibility of talks among the two as stated by US secretary Marco Rubio on broad set of issues, is a welcome outcome. Talks is the means to peace and stability. Glad that leadership on both sides agreed to this," Mirwaiz wrote.

Apni Party President and former minister, Syed Altaf Bukhari welcomed the announcement and congratulated the entire nation.

"I welcome the ceasefire announcement and congratulate the entire nation, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Home Minister, Hon'ble Defence Minister, National Security Advisor (NSA) and other dignitaries of the country for the resolve they have shown during these challenging times. The tough decisions and decisive actions taken against terrorism and terrorist activities on Indian soil are commendable. A strong message has been successfully delivered to the perpetrators and handlers of the heinous massacre at Pahalgam's Basaran meadow on 22 April, which claimed the lives of 26 tourists and a local pony ride operator, and left 16 others injured. This horrific act of violence has shaken us to the core and left a deep scar on our collective consciousness. May those who lost their lives in this barbaric tragedy rest in eternal peace," Altaf Bukhari wrote.

CPI (M) leader and MLA Kulgam, Muhammad Yousf Tarigami in a post on X, said, "India and Pakistan have reached an agreement today to cease firing and halt military operations, bringing a big relief to people on both sides."

President of Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) and former minister, Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen welcomed the announcement of a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, hailing it as a crucial development that offers a ray of hope for peace and stability in the region.

In a statement, Hakeem Yaseen congratulated the armed forces of both nations and the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly those living along the Line of Control (LoC), for the successful implementation of the ceasefire.

He described the move as a "significant and positive step" towards de-escalating tensions and fostering mutual trust between the two nuclear-armed neighbors. "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our brave armed forces and to our people on the successful achievement of a ceasefire between both countries. This is a significant step towards peace, stability, and mutual understanding," Yaseen said.

He stressed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially those residing in border areas, have long borne the brunt of hostilities, often paying with their lives, property, and psychological well-being. "The ceasefire brings much-needed relief to the innocent civilians who have been living in constant fear and uncertainty due to frequent cross-border shelling," he added.

Senior leader of Awami Ittehad Party and spokesperson Firdous Baba termed the India-Pakistan ceasefire announced from tonight as a historic step towards peace and prosperity in the region.

He hailed the exemplary acumen shown by the Government of India in ensuring that the situation returns back to normal. Baba said the Pahalgam massacre of innocent tourists had already shattered the nation and humanity and the growing escalation between India and Pakistan had made the situation worrisome with loss of precious lives.

Pertinently, after days of fighting, India and Pakistan have agreed to a "full and immediate ceasefire"

Indian Army

The incident comes just days after Operation Sindoor, during which Indian forces struck nine terrorist camps across Pakistan and PoK, prompting retaliatory attempts by Pakistan, including missile and drone attacks.

As tensions remain high, Indian security forces are maintaining heightened alert across border areas, with airspace surveillance and counter-drone mechanisms further reinforced.

UN welcomes

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in a social media post.

The announcement came days after India carried out Operation Sindoor striking nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir to avenge the Pahalgam attack. Since the operation, Pakistan targeted various Indian military installations without success.

CM Omar

marking a sad and solemn moment for the entire Jammu and Kashmir.

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Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister also visited the affected areas of Rehari and Roopnagar in Jammu to assess the damage caused by the cross-border shelling, which continued for the second night in a row. "The pain and disruption faced by residents is deeply concerning. We stand with every affected family and will ensure all necessary support is provided without delay," he stated.

The Chief Minister reiterated his government's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the lives and well-being of its citizens amidst ongoing hostilities.

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to the family of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, JKAS, ADDC Rajouri who lost his life in the line of duty today due to shelling by Pakistan. His service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. The Government stands firmly with his family in this hour of grief," the CM's office wrote.

Earlier, Omar Abdullah described the loss as devastating and expressed his shock and sadness. "Devastating news from Rajouri. We have lost a dedicated officer of the J&K Administration Services. Just yesterday, he was accompanying the Deputy CM around the district and attended an online meeting I chaired. Today, his residence was hit by Pakistani shelling. I have no words to express my shock and sadness at this terrible loss of life. May his soul rest in peace," the Chief Minister's office stated.

He also visited Rehari and Roopnagar areas in Jammu to assess the damage caused by recent shelling. "Visited Rehari and Roopnagar in Jammu today to see the damage caused by shelling. The pain and disruption faced by residents is deeply concerning. We stand with every affected family and will ensure all necessary support is provided without delay," the post added.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister, along with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, later held an interaction with civil society members.

"After returning from Jammu today afternoon, I, along-with Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, held an interaction with Civil Society members. Grateful for their insights and concerns. I urged the members to act as ambassadors of trust--reaching out to people with the message that the government is fully alert and committed to safeguarding every citizen. Together, we shall prevail," the CM's office said

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Satish Sharma further urged the public to stay vigilant and not believe in rumors. "Vehicles are plying across the UT in accordance with advisories issued by the authorities. I request everyone to avoid panic besides urging the members of the business community not to indulge in hoarding or overpricing," asserted the Minister.

The Minister extended his best wishes for the safety and well-being of all citizens and reiterated the importance of adhering to official guidelines. "Let us stand together, remain calm and follow all advisories to ensure the safety and stability of our society," he appealed.

LoC Residents

(IAF) had carried out strikes on eight military sites in Pakistan, including radar units and ammunition depots, in response to Pakistani military attacks on Indian installations and civilian areas.

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi said Indian forces had thwarted infiltration attempts at more than 26 locations and that Pakistan had used drones and long-range weapons along the western borders.

In Gurez, 62-year-old Mohammad Ramzan said, "We don't want war. It brings damage to both sides. We want our children to study in peace and our families to live without fear."

People in Poonch said the ceasefire brings hope to families who have seen loved ones die in cross-border shelling.

Shakeela Begum, whose husband was killed in a shelling incident in 2019, said, "We have suffered a lot. War only takes lives. We want both governments to think about the people living at the borders."

In Rajouri, Javed Iqbal, a government school teacher, said, "Every time tension rises, we prepare for loss. Education, farming, trade, everything stops. Ceasefire helps us move forward."

From Uri, 60-year-old Ghulam Ahmad said, "When there is peace, we work, children go to school, life continues. When there is war, there is fear, loss, and silence."

In Karnah, Shabir Lone, a farmer Sarpanch, said, "People living in Delhi or Islamabad may not feel the impact of shelling, but we do. We want the peace to continue. War only creates more problems."

Residents along the LoC said they have witnessed multiple ceasefire violations in the past and appealed to both governments to uphold this agreement. They called for long-term peace and communication between the two nations to prevent further escalation.

"We are tired of counting dead bodies," said a resident from Poonch. "Now we want to count school days, harvests and celebrations."

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requested to be responsible in sharing information and follow the guidelines issued by government in this regard.

Further updates will be shared through official government channels only. The Government reaffirms its commitment to the safety and security of every

citizen and stands united with its people in these testing times.

Stay vigilant, stay informed, and let's work together to uphold security and stability of our great nation

Pakistan's Hostile Actions Effectively Countered: India

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday said it has effectively blunted Pakistan's provocative action of employing multiple threats along the western border using drones, long-range weapons, fighter jets, targeting civilian areas and military infrastructure, as the conflict between the two neighbours widened further.

Pakistan has been observed to be moving its troops into forward areas, indicating an "offensive intent", to further escalate the situation, the Indian military said, adding that it remains in a high state of operational readiness. As fears of a larger military conflict looms, military spokeswoman Colonel Sofiya Qureshi said the Indian armed forces reiterate their commitment to non-escalation, provided it is reciprocated by the Pakistani military.

She was addressing a special press briefing along with Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri. Misri said India has responded to the Pakistani military's "provocative" and "escalatory" actions in a measured manner and that Islamabad has resorted to a wanton campaign of targeting innocent people and civilian infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab. Fine dining reservations

In a "cowardly" act, Pakistan attacked a medicare centre and school premises at the air bases of Srinagar, Awantipora and Udhampur, and several "high-speed missile" attacks were noticed after 1:40 am at various air bases in Punjab, causing some damage, Qureshi said. All hostile actions have been effectively countered and responded appropriately, she added. "In a swift and calibrated response, the Indian armed forces carried out precision attacks only on identified military targets," she said.

Qureshi said the Pakistani military targets at Rafiqui, Murid, Chakdala, Rahim Yar Khan, Sukkur and Chunian were engaged using air-launched precision weapons from Indian fighter jets and the retaliation largely focused on command-and-control centres, radar sites and weapon-storage areas.

Radar sites at Palsur and the Sialkot aviation base were also targeted using precision munitions, she said, adding that India has ensured minimum collateral damage while carrying out these responses. Singh said the Pakistani military is continuing with its "provocations", carrying out "aggressive actions" and employing multiple threat vectors all along the western border. Pakistan employed unmanned combat aerial vehicles, drones, long-range weapons, loitering munitions and fighter aircraft to target civilian areas and military infrastructure, she said.

The Pakistani military also resorted to air intrusions using drones and fired heavy-calibre weapons along the Line of Control (LoC), she said. Along the International Border and the LoC, air intrusions and several "harassment attacks" were also attempted from Srinagar till Naliya at more than 26 locations, the officer added..

"Indian armed forces successfully neutralised these threats and the majority of the vectors. However, limited damage was sustained to equipment and personnel at the Indian Air Force stations at Udhampur, Pathankot, Adampur and Bhuj," she added.

The helicopter pilot said Pakistan also attempted to execute a continued malicious misinformation campaign with claims of destroying the Indian S-400 system at Adampur, destruction of airfields at Suratgarh and Sirsra, the BrahMos base at Nagrota and artillery-gun positions at Dehrangary and the Chandigarh Forward Ammunition Depot.

India unequivocally rejects these false narratives being spread by Pakistan, she said. The officer also showed a few images of air force bases in the Punjab and Rajasthan sectors, debunking the Pakistani claims of causing destruction at these facilities.

"You can also see the normalcy at these air force stations," she said, showing images of runways remaining "intact" at the Sirsra and Suratgarh air force bases.

Qureshi said Pakistan attempted multiple air intrusions using drones and conducted shelling using heavy-calibre artillery guns along the LoC, targeting civilian infrastructure and killing some civilians.

Heavy exchange of artillery mortars and small-arm fire in the Kupwara, Baramulla, Poonch, Rajouri and Akhnoor sectors continues and the Indian Army has responded effectively and proportionately, causing extensive damage to the Pakistan Army, she noted.

China strongly urges India, Pakistan to exercise calm and restraint: FM spokesperson

BEIJING: China strongly urges India and Pakistan to act in the larger interest of peace and stability and exercise calm and restraint, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Saturday.

The spokesperson made the remarks when asked to comment on the escalating tension between India and Pakistan, media reports said.

According to reports, Pakistan said India hit targets including the Nur Khan air base on the early morning of May 10.

Pakistan has vowed to resolutely strike back and launched "Operation Bunyan-ul-Marsoos."

Noting that China is closely following the ongoing situation between India and Pakistan and is deeply concerned about the escalation, the spokesperson said China strongly urges both sides to act in the larger interest of peace and stability, exercise calm and restraint, return to the track of political settlement through peaceful means, and refrain from any action that could further escalate tensions.

"This will be important for the fundamental interest of both India and Pakistan, and for a stable and peaceful region.

This is also what the international community

hopes to see," said the spokesperson, adding that China is willing to continue to play a constructive role to this end.

Indian envoy meets Nepal PM Oli, briefs on latest of Indo-Pak confrontation

KATHMANDU: India's Ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava called on Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Friday and briefed him about the latest development related to the India-Pakistan tension in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Tensions between India and Pakistan soared significantly following India's Operation Sindoor on early Wednesday in response to the Pahalgam attack on April 22 that had cross-border linkages and Pakistan's subsequent unsuccessful attempt to attack 15 Indian cities.

"Ambassador Srivastava briefed Prime Minister Oli regarding the recent tensions and the scenario developed between India and Pakistan due to a terrorist attack at Pahalgam in India on April 22," a statement issued by the Prime Minister's office said after the meeting at his official residence at Baluwatar.

The Indian Ambassador made it clear that "India has only carried out a retaliatory attack, but the propaganda that it carried out a 'jet attack' was not the reality," it said.

Srivastava thanked Nepal government for the statement Nepal made public on Thursday regarding the incident, said the PM Oli's Secretariat.

Saying Nepal is always in favour of world peace, the Prime Minister condemned the terrorist attack as per Nepal's principled stance against all types of terrorism.

He made it clear that Nepal would not allow its territory to be used against its neighbouring countries.

Chinese-Australian researchers discover fossils of 400 million year old fish

BEIJING/CANBERRA, May 10: A team of Chinese and Australian researchers has for the first time discovered fossils of Palaeospondylus, a small, eel-like fish that lived millions of years ago.

The fossils were found in an area located outside Scotland, according to the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Dating the fossils to approximately 400 million years ago, the research team has pushed the chronological record of this species back by about 10 million years.

Using CT scanning and 3D reconstruction, the team fully restored the neurocranial structures of Palaeospondylus, providing critical evidence for unraveling its evolutionary position. Palaeospondylus was a small, enigmatic early vertebrate.

The study, published as a cover article in the academic journal National Science Review, was highlighted in an accompanying commentary. "They make progress with interpreting its anatomy, and are able to disprove some previous hypotheses about its relationships," and the interpretation "represents a huge improvement on our previous understanding," the commentary noted.

First documented in 1890, this tiny, eel-like fish measuring just a few centimeters, has long baffled



scientists. Over 1,000 specimens from Scotland revealed skeletal features starkly different from other fish.

For over a century, researchers variously classified it into nearly every major fish group, from jawless hagfish to lobe-finned fish larvae, and yet its phylogenetic position remained unresolved, earning it the title of "one of the most mysterious early vertebrates."

The newly discovered fossils, named Palaeospondylus australis, were found in Cravens Peak Beds, Georgina Basin, western Queensland, Australia, within Early Devonian Emsian epoch strata, believed to be roughly 400 million years old. These fossils coexisted with jawless fish, armored placoderms, early sharks, spiny fish and diverse bony fish.

Scientists revealed three-dimensionally preserved brain structures and mineralized tissues via these fragmentary fossils.

High-resolution CT scans and 3D techniques allowed the team to reconstruct the complete brain cavity, including semicircular canals and nerve canals, which are key morphological evidence for determining its evolutionary lineage, said Lu Jing, leader of the research team.

Phylogenetic analysis based on this data suggests Palaeospondylus likely belongs to the cartilaginous fish lineage rather than the tetrapod stem group as previously hypothesized, said Lu with the IVPP.

Also, the team developed a novel cross-platform volumetric data reconstruction method, enabling efficient restoration and cross-verification. This technique significantly enhances the processing and visualisation of paleontological CT data, paving the way for more in-depth morphological analyses and shared validation workflows, and is expected to play a transformative role in future research, Lu said.

