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## India's 'Lakshman Rekha' Against Terror Drawn: PM Modi

Visits Admapur airbase, salutes courage, dedication of armed forces

Sajid Raian

**ADAMPUR (PUNJAB):** Reaffirming India's unwavering resolve to fight terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday issued a strong warning to Pakistan and terror outfits, asserting that any future attacks on Indian soil would be met with a befitting response—on India's own terms and conditions.

While addressing armed forces personnel at Adampur Airbase in Punjab, which Pakistan had claimed was damaged during the recent attacks, PM Modi, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "India's new doctrine is clear: any terror attack will evoke a decisive response. India's Lakshman Rekha against terror is drawn. If crossed the response will be powerful, precise, and on our terms."

"If Pakistan dares to carry out another terror attack, our armed forces will respond by hitting them within their dens," said the Prime Minister, while addressing armed forces personnel at Adampur Airbase in Punjab.



"We have suspended Operation Sindoor, not called it off. New India wants peace, but it cannot tolerate attacks on humanity," he said.

Highlighting the success of "Operation Sindoor," PM Modi said the Indian forces not

only defended critical airbases but also took the battle deep into enemy territory. "Our Air Force entered deep inside Pakistan in just 20 to 25 minutes and

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**Tales Of Our Soldiers'  
Valour Etched In History Forever  
After Operation Sindoor**

KC NEWS NETWORK

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" is not just a slogan but a pledge by the country's soldiers to dedicate their lives for the nation and tales of their valour are etched in history forever after Operation Sindoor.

Addressing air force personnel at the Adampur air base in Punjab, Modi said that when "our armed forces take the wind out of nuclear blackmail, our enemies understand the importance of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'."

"Bharat Mata Ki Jai is not just a slogan, but our soldiers' pledge to dedicate their lives for the nation. When our drones and missiles hit our enemies, they hear 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. When our armed forces take the wind out of nuclear blackmail, our enemies understand the importance of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'," he said.

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## Three local LeT terrorists killed in Shopian encounter

Jahangeer Ganaie

**SRINAGAR:** Three local terrorists affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were killed in an encounter with security forces in the Shukro Kella area of south Kashmir's Shopian district, officials confirmed on Tuesday.

An official said that a joint team of police, Army, and CRPF launched a search operation in the forested Shukro area after



receiving intelligence about terrorists' presence. As forces intensified the search, terrorists fired upon them, which was retaliated, leading to the gunfight, he said.

"During the encounter, three terrorists were killed and arms and ammunition were recovered from the site," the official said, adding, "The slain terrorists have been identified as Shahid Ah Kuttay of Chotipora Kella Shopian, Adnan Shafi Dar of Zainapora Shopian, and Ehsan Ul Haq Sheikh of Murran Pulwama."

It is noteworthy that the houses of all three terrorists were demolished last month

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## Awareness Drive On Forest Rights To Begin From June 1

KC News Network

**NEW DELHI:** The Centre has asked all states and Union Territories to conduct a month-long awareness campaign on the Forest Rights Act (FRA) from June 1 to improve the law's implementation and ensure wider participation among tribal communities and other traditional forest dwellers.

In its letter, the Union Tribal Affairs Ministry said the campaign should be carried out at state and district levels, led by district FRA Cells and project management units.

It called for collaboration with NGOs, academic institutions and

community-based organisations with experience in implementing the FRA.

The campaign will focus on educating stakeholders about their individual and community forest rights, the role of Gram Sabhas in the FRA process and the procedures for filing claims, according to the ministry.

Other suggested activities include distribution of FRA land titles (pattas), providing soil health cards and agricultural inputs to FRA beneficiaries, linking them with schemes like PM-KISAN and Aadhaar enrolment and holding weekly meetings to clear pending claims.

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## Will take up construction of individual bunkers with GoI: CM Omar

KC News Network

**TANGDHAR (KUPWARA):** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that the construction of individual bunkers will be taken up with the Union Government to enhance the safety of border residents during periods of heightened tension.

He made these remarks during his visit to Tangdhar in district Kupwara to assess the on-ground situation and interact with the affected families.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Trehgah Mir Saifullah, MLA Sogam Qaiser



Jamshed Lone, MLA Kamah Javaid Mirchal, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Ayushi Sudan, Senior Superintendent of Police Kupwara Ghulam Jeelani Wani and other senior officials.

During the visit, the Chief Minister toured various villages in the Kamah border sub-division, including Tangdhar, Hajinard, Nachayan,

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## Massive Exercise Underway To Clear Border Villages Of Unexploded Shells

KC NEWS NETWORK

**RAJOURI/JAMMU:** The bomb disposal squads of Army and police are undertaking a major exercise in Jammu and Kashmir's border villages to defuse the unexploded artillery and mortar shells fired by Pakistan.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo said they are monitoring the situation and will facilitate the return of the displaced

border residents after getting clearance from the security agencies and will also ensure early compensation to those whose houses were damaged in the indiscriminate shelling on civilian areas.

The officials said dozens of unexploded explosives were destroyed by the experts along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri and Poonch districts and along the International Border in Jammu and Samba which witnessed intense cross-border shelling and drone attacks from May 7 to May 10.

The intensity in the shelling from Pakistan intensified on May 7 after the India armed forces carried out missile strikes at nine terror targets across the border under Operation Sindoor in retaliation to Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 that had left 26 persons, mostly

tourists, dead.

The ceasefire violations from Pakistan had started from north Kashmir immediately after the Pahalgam terror attack and extended to the areas along the LoC and IB in Jammu division, prompting effective retaliation by Indian troops before the deadly four-day-long clashes.

As many as 28 persons were killed and over 50 others injured in the cross-border shelling which also forced over 2 lakh border residents to move out and take refuge at safer places. A good number of them have already returned to their villages over the past three days.

However, many more are still waiting at relief camps set up by the government for the green signal from the authorities.

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## Cautious Calm Returns To Kashmir Border Villages



Waris Fayaz

**SRINAGAR:** After days of deafening shelling and sleepless nights, a fragile calm has returned to the border villages of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, with markets partially reopened and residents cautiously resumed daily activities.

Border areas in Baramulla, Kupwara, and Gurez in the Kashmir Valley, as well as

villages in Jammu affected by cross-border shelling and forced evacuations following the Pahalgam terror attack and subsequent Indian retaliation under Operation Sindoor, had descended into silence. Homes were emptied, and shops remained shut, reflecting the widespread fear and displacement.

Locals of Kashmir's border areas speaking to the news agency—Kashmir

News Observer (KNO) said the recent calm has brought a much-needed sigh of relief after days of relentless fear and displacement.

"We want peace, not war. War brings nothing but destruction," a local shopkeeper at Uri, whose shop reopened for the first time since the hostilities began, said. "Our children deserve to live in peace and focus on their education, not grow up in fear and uncertainty."

Many residents echoed similar sentiments, urging both countries to maintain the ceasefire and prioritise the well-being of people living along the Line of Control (LoC).

On Monday, the residents of several Uri areas were allowed to return only after security forces

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## Flight operations resume at Sgr airport after 6-day suspension

>>> Haj 2025 departures to begin today <<<

Rehan Qayoom Mir

**SRINAGAR:** After a six-day suspension, the flight operations at Srinagar International Airport resumed on Tuesday with the arrival of Air India's flight from New Delhi, marking the formal restart of air traffic to and from the Valley.

Asenior official at the airport told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that Air India's service from Delhi was the first to land this morning. "This marks the official resumption of flight operations that had remained suspended due to the prevailing security situation," the official said.

He said the airport saw a total of four arrivals and four departures, facilitating the travel of 935 passengers on the first day



of resumed operations.

Earlier, flight operations across 32 airports, including Srinagar, had been temporarily suspended following India's launch of Operation Sindoor—a military response targeting terror camps in Pakistan after the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam.

The airlines, both IndiGo and SpiceJet, also announced that flights on the affected routes,

including Srinagar, would be progressively restored starting May 14 (tomorrow).

"Scheduled operations to and from Jammu, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Leh, Srinagar, and Rajkot will resume gradually from tomorrow," a statement from IndiGo said, advising passengers to check their flight status before heading to the airport.

SpiceJet also resumed its scheduled flights to Srinagar today. The airline's first service, SG 9835, departed from Delhi at 2:30 PM, while the return flight from Srinagar was scheduled for 4:30 PM.

SpiceJet further announced that Haj 2025 operations from Srinagar would begin on May 14, with two wide-body Airbus A340 aircraft transporting pilgrims to Medina. "Each aircraft will carry 324 pilgrims, and the airline is facilitating the travel of approximately 15,500 Haj pilgrims this year," the airline's spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, the resumption of flights brought relief to stranded passengers and their families in the Valley.

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## Sgr Police intensify crackdown against terrorist aides

KC NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** In its continued resolute efforts to combat terrorist ecosystem by targeting terrorist associates of proscribed terrorist outfits and in the furtherance of investigation into cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Srinagar Police Tuesday continued to intensify searches across multiple locations in the city with the aim to dismantle terrorist ecosystem in the district.

Pertinently, searches of residences of numerous terrorist associates have been conducted till now to target the infrastructure supporting terrorist activity unsparingly, a statement issued reads.

In continuation wrt the same, Srinagar Police has conducted searches at the residences of Noor Mohammad Sheikh son of Late Gh Mohammad resident of Kanimazar involved in case FIR No. 156/2023 u/s 7/25 A Act, 13, 23, 39 UAP Act, Waseem Tariq Matta son of Tariq Ahmad resident of Rampora involved in Case FIR No 46/2023 u/s 7/25 A, Act 4/5 Exp

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# Will Modi Govt Conduct Kargil Review Committee-Type Exercise On Pahalgam, Asks Cong

**NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Tuesday said its repeated demands for a Prime Minister Narendra Modi-chaired all-party meeting and a special session of Parliament assume even greater urgency and importance in light of the statements from Washington DC.

The opposition party also asked whether the Modi government will conduct an exercise similar to the Vajpayee government that set up the Kargil Review Committee on July 29, 1999, three days after the Kargil War ended.

“Three days after the Kargil War ended, the Vajpayee Government set up the Kargil Review Committee on July 29 1999. Its report was tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2000 although sections of it have remained classified – as indeed they must,” Congress general secretary in-charge Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X.

The Committee was chaired by India's strategic affairs guru K. Subrahmanyam, whose son is now India's External Affairs Minister, he said.



“Will the Modi Govt now conduct a similar exercise on Pahalgam, notwithstanding the NIA probe?” Ramesh said.

“Given the statements from Washington DC, the INC's repeated demands for an all-party meeting TO BE CHAIRED BY THE PM himself and for a special session of Parliament – which is now scheduled to meet at least two and a half months from now – assume even greater urgency and importance,”

he said on X.

Ramesh's remarks come a day after President Donald Trump reiterated his claim that his administration stopped a “nuclear conflict” between India and Pakistan, telling the South Asian neighbours that America will do a “lot of trade” with them if they end hostilities.

“On Saturday, my administration helped broker a full and immediate ceasefire, I think, a permanent one between India and Pakistan, ending a

dangerous conflict of two nations with lots of nuclear weapons,” Trump said at the start of a press conference in the White House where he announced that he will set 30-day deadline for drugmakers to lower cost of prescription drugs.

He started the briefing by describing the historic events that took place over the last few days in the Indian subcontinent. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on Saturday to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

Indian government sources in New Delhi have been maintaining that the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOS) of India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect. They said no third party was involved.

Trump said that India and Pakistan were going at it hot and heavy, and it was seemingly not going to stop.

“I'm very proud to let you know that the leadership of India and Pakistan was unwavering, powerful, but unwavering

in both cases, having these they really were from the standpoint of having the strength and the wisdom and fortitude to fully know and to understand the gravity of the situation,” Trump has said.

The US President said he told India and Pakistan that America will do “a lot of trade” with them if they stop the conflict.

“And we helped a lot, and we helped also with trade. I said, ‘Come on, we're going to do a lot of trade with you guys. Let's stop it. Let's stop it. If you stop it, we're doing trade. If you don't stop it, we're not going to do any trade’”.

Trump added that “People have never really used trade the way I used it, that I can tell you. And all of a sudden they (India and Pakistan) said, I think we're going to stop.” “And they have, and they did it for a lot of reasons, but trade is a big one. We're going to do a lot of trade with Pakistan. We're going to do a lot of trade with India. We're negotiating with India right now. We're going to be soon negotiating with Pakistan, and we stopped a nuclear conflict,” Trump said.

## Chinese Foreign Ministry official meets Indian envoy amid India, Pakistan confrontation

**BEIJING:** China's senior foreign ministry official in-charge of Asian affairs Liu Jinsong met Indian Ambassador to China Pradeep Kumar Rawat amid India-Pakistan military conflict and exchanged



views on bilateral relations and issues of common concern.

Liu, who is the Director General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, met Rawat on Monday, a brief press release from the ministry said.

India carried out precision strikes under ‘Operation Sindoor’ on terror infrastructure early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. Following the Indian action, Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on Saturday to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

## China presents united front with Latin America, aiming to counter Trump's trade war

**TAIPEI (TAIWAN):** China is moving to strengthen its alliances with other countries as a counterweight to President Donald Trump's trade war, presenting a united front with Latin American leaders at an event Tuesday in Beijing.

China's leaders have positioned the world's second-largest economy as a reliable trade and development partner, in contrast to the uncertainty and instability from Trump's tariff hikes and other policies.

On Monday, Beijing and Washington announced a breakthrough on tariffs after weekend talks

in Geneva, Switzerland, where they agreed to cut sky-high tariffs on both sides for 90 days to allow for negotiations.

Having moved to defuse antagonisms with the US, Chinese President

Xi Jinping said China stands ready to “join hands” with Latin countries “in the face of seething undercurrents of pure political and bloc confrontation and the surging tide of unilateralism and protectionism.”

“There are no winners in tariff wars or trade wars,” Xi said, reiterating a phrase China has



used repeatedly when referring to Trump's policies.

He was speaking to the China-CELAC, or Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, Forum, which began in 2015. The presidents of Brazil, Chile and Colombia were among the Latin American and Caribbean officials attending.

Xi announced five programmes, focused on political exchanges, economic development,

cultural and academic exchanges and global security to build closer ties between China and Latin American nations.

He promised to boost imports from the region and to encourage Chinese companies to increase their investments

there. He announced a new 66 billion yuan (\$9.2 billion) credit line to support Latin American and Caribbean financing.

China also plans to expand cooperation in clean energy, 5G telecommunications, the digital economy, artificial intelligence and global security.

China's trade with the region has been growing rapidly, exceeding \$500 billion for the first time last year. Much of that growth has come from increased Chinese imports of farm goods

including soybeans and beef, and energy imports such as crude oil, iron ore and critical minerals.

Beijing's investments in the region through Xi's Belt and Road Initiative, or BRI,

have included installing 5G networks and building ports and hydropower plants.

Colombian President Gustavo Petro announced Monday that his country would formally join the BRI – in a vote of confidence after several Chinese projects in Latin America hit snags in recent months.

In February, Panama became the first Latin American country to quit the initiative under pressure from the US.

And earlier this month, Chinese electric vehicle maker BYD and stainless steel producer Tsingshan announced they were abandoning plans to build lithium cathode plants in Chile due to falling lithium prices.

In other pledges, Beijing plans to invite 300 members from Latin American political parties to China annually for the next three years and facilitate 3,500 government scholarships and various other types of exchanges.

Five Latin American countries will receive visa exemptions for travel to China, with more to follow, Xi said. It was not immediately clear which countries would become visa exempt.

## Oppn Will Question Govt At All-Party Meet About Trump's Claims On Brokering ‘Ceasefire’: Kharge

**KALABURAGI (KARNATAKA):** Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said that the opposition will question the government at the all-party meeting, regarding US President Donald Trump's claims that his administration helped broker a “ceasefire” between India and Pakistan.

The Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha said he will urge the government to call an all-party meeting soon, to discuss the latest developments in border tension between India and Pakistan, including “ceasefire”.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, “Trump is saying things to claim credit. These people (PM and central government) are saying no. It is a sensitive matter. When an all-party meeting is called, we will discuss – what's the matter, what happened and what were the telephone talks—and ask all these things”.

In response to a question whether PM Modi gave in to Trump's mediation, he said



“It won't be right for me to speak about it now. We have our party meeting today. I'm going for that.

I will ask (centre) to call an all-party meeting, let's see what they will do.” India and Pakistan reached an understanding on

Saturday to end the military conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

Indian government sources have been maintaining that the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOS) of India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions, and no third party was involved.

There was no reference to trade in talks between top leaders of India and the US during the India-Pakistan military conflict, government sources said on Monday after American President Donald Trump claimed that he pressured New Delhi and Islamabad to stop hostilities by threatening to cut trade with both countries.

The source-based clarification came after Trump on Monday said he forced the two countries to stop the hostilities by using the trade card.

## Six Russian civilians killed in Kiev's attacks during victory day ceasefire: Moscow

**MOSCOW:** A total of 23 civilians were injured and six of them died in Ukrainian attacks during a three-day Victory Day ceasefire declared by Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Russian Foreign Ministry's ambassador-at-large for crimes committed by Kiev, Rodion Miroshnik, said in a report obtained by Sputnik.

“During the three-day ceasefire, the strikes of the Ukrainian armed units damaged residential buildings, medical transport, civilian cars, commercial objects. There were also victims among civilians. Twenty-three civilians were injured, six of them died,” Miroshnik said.

The most appalling cases took place in the Kursk Region, where the Ukrainian forces used heavy armament such as HIMARS rocket launchers and aircraft bombs.

In the Belgorod Region on May 9, Ukrainian forces attacked the building of the local administration with a drone. As a result, Deputy Governor of the Belgorod Region Aleksander Lorents and an officer of the Russian Federal National Guard were injured.

Overall, from May 5 11, 21 people were killed, another 70 injured in the Ukrainian forces' attacks, Miroshnik said. The Ukrainian armed units fired no less than 2,636 munitions, including 122mm multiple launch rocket systems, 152mm and 155mm artillery shells, including those with cluster warheads, as well as grenades, mines and drones.

“The vast majority of the weapons used by the Ukrainian armed forces to attack civilians is produced by the West,” Miroshnik added.

Ahead of Victory Day, President Putin declared a ceasefire from midnight Moscow time on May 8 to midnight Moscow time on May

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### EXTENSION NOTICE-3

In view of the poor response the last date of receipt of tenders (online), bid submission end date and bid opening date of NIT No: TLMD/IV/e-NIT/04 of 2025-26 for “Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 220KV CTS and CVTs and Replacement of old 220KV CTS and CVTs of Wagoora II Bay at 450 MVA, 220/132/33 KV GSS Zainakote/ is further extended as under:

1 e-Bid submission end date and time 20-05-2025 up to 14:00 hrs

2 Date of opening of online techno commercial/financial bid 21-05-2025 at 16:00 hrs

All other terms and conditions shall remain same. The tender document / NIT / BOQ can be downloaded from websitethttp://jktenders.gov.in.

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**TLMD-IV Pampore**

## Government of Jammu and Kashmir

# DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM KASHMIR

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders is invited from registered dealers/suppliers for washing/cleaning of curtains, linen and bedding items etc

S.No.	Name of Job	Value of CDR/FDR	Cost of tender Document
1.	Washing of curtains, linen and bedding items etc	Rs. 5000/- pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir	Rs. 300/- pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir (Non-refundable)

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05-05-2025
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	05-05-2025 02.00 PM to 18-05-2025 04.00 P.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	05-05-2025 From 2.00PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	18-05-2025 Upto 04.00 P.M
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid	20-05-2025

In case of any eventuality, the online tender opening date will be considered on any other convenient working date.

Note:-

i. This office reserves the right to reject any item or items if found not of standard quality.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

Eligibility Criteria

i. GST Registration Certificate & GST Returns for month/quarter of i.e. 2023-24

ii. Pan Card.

iii. Registration Certificate of the Establishment/firm

iv. Relevant CDR/DD.

v. Income Tax Returns for last financial year.

General terms and Conditions.

1. No conditional tender shall be entertained/accepted.

2. The tenderer must upload scanned copy of cost of document in shape of CDR/FDR for an amount of Rs. 300/- from any nationalized bank, pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir and original also be submitted through registered post.

3. The tenderer must upload scanned copy of earnest money in the shape of CDR for an amount of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) in the form of CDR/FDR from any nationalized bank, pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir and original also be submitted through registered post. No interest shall be paid by the department on such deposits.

4. The tenderers/firms should also upload the following DESIRABLE documents if any:

i. Previous Job orders from Government Deptt./Public Sector.

ii. Order completion certificates from the concerned department if any.

iii. Any other document which proves that the agency has worked for any Govt./Public Sector Enterprise.

5. Draft charges (bank commission) on payment made to the firms will be borne by the supplier/service provider.

6. GST&TDS will be deducted at source as per rates in vogue.

7. The tenderer shall have to deposit sample of items (whenever necessary) in the office of DoT.

8. The tenderer should not have been blacklisted or barred by the State/UT/Central Government.

9. The original copies of documents have to be produced whenever demanded by the DoT.

10. These terms and conditions are illustrative and not exhaustive. In case of non-availability of any provision in these terms and conditions, recourse should be taken from relevant codes, Acts like General Financial Rules 2017, J&K Financial Codes, Manual of Goods, Works and Services etc.

11. The successful tenderer shall have to supply the items to the Department as per the quality, size and specification approved by the competent Authority.

12. The CDR of the tenderer who backs out or withdraws his tender or fails to abide by the supply order shall be forfeited besides recommending him for black-list.

13. All legal proceedings arising out of any dispute between the parties shall have to be instituted in the jurisdiction of courts situated in Srinagar and not elsewhere.

14. The agency shall not sublet the contract or any part thereof to any other agency.

15. The approved service provider shall be deemed to have fully understood the conditions of the Tender Document.

16. The successful tender has to execute the agreement with the department before issuance of rate contract to abide all the terms and conditions laid down in the NIT/tender document and other government instructions for this purpose.

17. Rates be quoted including all taxes and duties including GST and the transportation cost. Since, the work has to be executed at Srinagar and at different resorts of tourism department located in different places of Kashmir Division.

18. The successful tenderer if fails to provide the facility/service at any stage will be liable for penalty upto 10% of the work order.

19. Rate contract will be valid for one year from the date of rate contract or issue of fresh tenders whichever is earlier. However, if new rate contract is not finalized due to unavoidable circumstances, the rate contract can be extended upto 3 months by the contract committee.

20. The Department reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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## Advocate Sofi Feroz Elected President of Bandipora Bar Association

SUHAIL RATHER

**BANDIPORA:** Bandipora Bar Association today elected Advocate Sofi Feroz as its president, while Advocate Asif Iqbal as vice president, during the election at a district court complex in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

A total of 53 members cast their votes during the election for the District Bar Association.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Service (KNS) that advocate Sofi Feroz secured 35 votes to be elected as president, while the other contender for the post secured 16 votes.

Moreover, Advocate Asif Iqbal, elected as vice-president, secured 21 votes.

Advocate Shafeeq Bhat was elected as secretary, he secured 41 votes & Advocate Aamir was elected as joint secretary uncontested, Ad-



vocate Parveen Hussain was elected as lady executive and Advocate Nisar Kumar was elected as Treasurer.

On this occasion, Advocate Sofi Feroz said that "he will do his job honestly to uphold the dignity and respect of the lawyers. I will work for the betterment of this association," he said.

The election was conducted by the election body of the District Bar Association, Bandipora.

## MLA Tral Distributes Ex-Gratia Relief, Reviews Wildlife Conservation Initiatives

BILAL HABIB

**TRAL:** Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Tral, Rafiq Ahmad Naik, on Monday conducted a detailed review of conservation and development activities at the Conservation Breeding Center, Shikargah, and across sectors of the Tral Wildlife Sanctuary.



ment's scientific approaches to conserving vulnerable species such as the Hangul, and the broader Himalayan landscape, while stressing the importance of balancing conservation goals with the needs of local communities.

Wagay also emphasized collaborative efforts with academic institutions, Panchayati Raj bodies, and civil society groups to ensure inclusive conservation. He said the department is addressing the increasing challenges of human-wildlife conflict (HWC) through early warning systems, awareness campaigns, and timely compensation.

As part of the visit, the MLA and Wildlife Warden jointly presided over a cheque distribution ceremony, disbursing ex-gratia relief to victims of recent HWC incidents. Notably, a compensation cheque of Rs 5 lakh was handed over to the family of a deceased victim. The move was widely appreciated and seen as a humane response to growing conflict between people and wildlife in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Rafiq Ahmad Naik said, "The Government remains committed to a people-

Accompanied by Wildlife Warden Shopian, Suhail Ahmad Wagay, and other senior officials of the Wildlife Protection Department, the MLA assessed ongoing habitat restoration, captive breeding programs, and eco-development projects that aim to conserve biodiversity while supporting sustainable livelihoods and eco-tourism.

During the field visit, Wildlife Warden Suhail Wagay presented a detailed overview of the department's strategies, particularly highlighting the sanctuary's importance as a critical biodiversity hotspot. He underlined the depart-

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## RAMP District-Level Awareness Workshop Held At Kupwara

**KUPWARA:** Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), in collaboration with the State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) – Grant Thornton Bharat LLP and District Indus-



MSMEs through a multifaceted support system.

The RAMP program focuses on enhancing market linkages, promoting digital financing solutions, advancing skill development, fostering cluster-based growth, and implementing critical business reforms.

The SPIU team during the sessions outlined detailed implementation strategies and responded to participants' questions to facilitate smooth execution of the RAMP initiatives. This interactive approach ensures that Implementing agencies/stakeholders are well-informed and equipped to effectively leverage the benefits of the RAMP initiatives, thereby fostering a more resilient and competitive MSME ecosystem in the region.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from a wide range of stakeholders including officers from DIC Kupwara, representatives from ITI, JKEDI, Handloom & Handicrafts department, Lead Bank Kupwara, officials from JKTPO, members of industrial associations, MSME unit holders, Self Help Groups (SHGs), and other local entrepreneurs.

The event aimed to familiarize local stakeholders with the objectives, components, and benefits of the RAMP program, while also facilitating dialogue between departments and MSMEs for improved support and outreach.

Detailed sessions were conducted on various schemes and interventions under RAMP that promote capacity building, access to credit, marketing support, skilling, and technology adoption.

Speaking at the event, representatives from SPIU/JKTPO emphasized the UT Government's commitment to making the MSME sector more resilient, competitive, and growth-oriented.

## Hakeem Yaseen Seeks Compensation For Cross-Border Shelling Victims

**SRINAGAR:** President of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) and former minister, Hakeem Muhammad Yaseen, on Tuesday welcomed the recent ceasefire and restoration of normalcy in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minis-

"The return of calm is a welcome development, but the government must now shift focus to the rehabilitation of border residents who have suffered immense losses due to cross-border shelling," Yaseen said.

He called for an urgent and comprehensive assessment of the damage to homes and properties and demanded that affected families be provided with adequate compensation and assistance for reconstruction.

"The government has a moral and constitutional responsibility to not only ensure the safety of its citizens but also to restore their dignity and means of livelihood," he stated.

The PDF chief further highlighted the plight of the Gujjar, Bakerwal, and Chohan communities, whose seasonal migration to highland pastures is essential for their survival. He raised concern over the continued restrictions in these areas, which have prevented shepherds from accessing traditional grazing lands for their cattle, sheep, and goats.

"While combating terrorism is absolutely necessary, it should not come at the cost of our own people's livelihoods," Yaseen said. "These communities have depended on these pastures for generations. Their exclusion from these areas threatens their only source of income, pushing them deeper into poverty."

He emphasized that while tourism and civilian movement may understandably be restricted in sensitive zones due to security concerns, the needs of local residents—especially those engaged in traditional occupations like pastoralism—must be handled differently and with empathy.



ter Narendra Modi and the security forces for their firm response during the crisis, which helped de-escalate tensions and safeguard civilian lives.

In a statement issued to the press, Hakeem Yaseen emphasized that the fight against terrorism must continue with full force until it is completely eradicated. However, he stressed that the pursuit of peace must be accompanied by long-term plans that prioritize the well-being of the region's residents, particularly those living in vulnerable border areas.

## CEC Holds Talks with NPP Chief Sangma on Electoral Reforms



New Delhi, May 13: Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar, along with Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi, held a meeting today with National People's Party (NPP) President Shri Conrad Sangma at Nirvachan Sadan. The interaction is part of the Election Commission of India's ongoing engagement with national and state political parties aimed at fostering greater dialogue and cooperation on electoral matters.

The Commission stated that these interactions are being held to fulfil a longstanding need for direct and constructive discussions with political party leaders. The initiative aims to strengthen the electoral process through collaborative dialogue within the framework of the existing legal and constitutional framework. The NPP meeting is the latest in a series

of engagements that began earlier this month. On May 6, the Commission met with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) President Km. Mayawati, followed by a meeting with Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on May 8, and with CPI(M) General Secretary Shri M.A. Baby on May 10.

These high-level discussions are part of a broader outreach campaign. So far, a total of 4,719 all-party meetings have been held across the country, including 40 by Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs), 800 by District Electoral Officers (DEOs), and 3,879 by Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), engaging over 28,000 representatives from various political parties.

The Election Commission reiterated its commitment to inclusive, transparent, and participative electoral reforms through continuous engagement with all stakeholders.

## Mission Director chairs review meeting of Jal Shakti Divisions

**SRINAGAR:** Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), J&K, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, convened a review meeting of Jal Shakti (PHE) Divisions of J&K through virtual mode.

The meeting was attended by Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Kashmir, Superintending Engineers of respective circles in J&K, Executive Engineers of all civil and Mechanical divisions and the officers in Mission Directorate.



The MD enquired about the status of Water Supply Schemes in the areas affected by recent situation. He was informed that as per the field reports the water supply schemes in whole J&K are functioning normally.

The MD also took a division wise review of scheme completion under JJM. He directed the recently posted Superintending Engineers to assess the ground situation and review the progress on works fortnightly so that the timelines set for scheme completion are adhered to in letter and spirit.

The MD also discussed Har Ghar Jal certification of reported villages in the last year besides water quality monitoring and surveillance being undertaken by the water testing laboratories in the UT.

## Indian Army Emerges as a Lifeline Amid Enemy Shelling in Doda

**DODA:** The Indian Army has once again reaffirmed its role as not just the defender of borders, but as a lifeline for civilians affected by cross-border shelling, stepping in with compassion and commitment during a time of great distress.

Following recent enemy shelling in the region, Army personnel swiftly mobilized to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to the affected population in the Doda area. From delivering food and essential supplies to offering medical aid and psychological support, the Army has stood by the people, offering not only material relief but emotional reassurance as well.

"In these testing times, our soldiers are not only guarding the nation—they are touching lives," said a senior Army official. "Their courage is not just in facing bullets, but in extending a hand of hope to the helpless."

Residents, many of whom were forced to flee their homes amid rising tensions, have praised the Indian Army for restoring a sense of safety and normalcy in the face of fear and uncertainty. Community shelters and aid stations set up by the Army have become beacons of relief for displaced families, especially children and the elderly.

Through their swift and selfless actions, the Indian Army has shown that their duty extends beyond the battlefield. In the aftermath of devastation, they are helping heal wounds—both seen and unseen—by serving as protectors, providers, and pillars of hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

## J&K administration salutes the Martyrdom of ADDC Raj Kumar Thapa, JKAS

**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir administration expresses deep sorrow and heartfelt condolences on the martyrdom of Shri Raj Kumar Thapa, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, who laid down his life during cross-border shelling while serving the nation with unwavering dedication.

Shri Thapa was a highly respected and committed officer known for his integrity, discipline, and people-centric approach. His contribution during the Budhal crisis in Rajouri stands out as a shining example of administrative courage and responsiveness. Amid heightened tensions and difficult terrain, he played a crucial role in coordinating relief, maintaining peace, and ensuring the safety of civilians. His leadership in those testing times earned him immense respect across all sections of society.

His martyrdom is an irreparable loss not only to the civil administration but to the entire Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The J&K administration stands in solidarity with the family of Martyr Thapa in this hour of grief and honours his sacrifice with deep reverence.

The memory of his service and sacrifice will continue to inspire generations of public servants and citizens alike.

## Karra demands PM's special relief package for shelling-affected People in Poonch

**SRINAGAR:** JKPC President Tariq Hameed Karra has urged the Prime Minister to immediately announce a special comprehensive package for the relief and rehabilitation of people affected by cross-border shelling in the border districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

During his extensive tour of Poonch district, Karra strongly condemned Pakistan for targeting civilian areas in Poonch, Rajouri, and other border regions. He expressed deep grief and solidarity with the families of those martyred or injured and acknowledged the widespread damage to livestock and property. The delegation visited Baila in the Mandi area and offered condolences to the family of Islamic scholar Qari Mohammad Iqbal, who was martyred in the shelling. They also paid respects to another civilian victim in Bandichechan.

Karra condemned a section of the national media for falsely labelling a martyr as a terrorist. He called it a grave injustice, urging legal action against those responsible for spreading misinformation, which has caused immense anguish to the grieving family and damaged the deceased's reputation.



Editorial



Renewable Energy

India's renewable energy sector has emerged as a global leader in the transition toward sustainable energy, achieving remarkable milestones in 2024. With the country's total non-fossil fuel energy capacity reaching 217.62 GW as of January 20, 2025, India is steadily progressing toward its ambitious target of 500 GW by 2030. Solar energy continued to dominate the renewable landscape, contributing 47% of the total installed renewable capacity. In 2024, India added a record 24.5 GW of solar capacity, including 18.5 GW of utility-scale installations, a 2.8-fold increase from 2023. States like Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu led this growth, collectively accounting for 71% of the nation's utility-scale solar additions. The rooftop solar sector also saw a significant surge with a 53% increase, adding 4.59 GW of new capacity, bolstered by the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. This initiative enabled over seven lakh rooftop installations within ten months, reflecting the government's focus on energy accessibility for urban and rural households alike. Wind energy also experienced notable growth, with 3.4 GW of new capacity added in 2024, marking a 21% increase compared to the previous year. Gujarat, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu emerged as the leading contributors, collectively accounting for 98% of the new wind installations. As India enters 2025, addressing these challenges becomes critical to sustaining the pace of renewable energy adoption. The roadmap ahead involves further expanding domestic manufacturing under initiatives like Atmanirbhar Bharat, strengthening energy storage solutions, and fostering private sector participation to drive investments. The push for green hydrogen as a viable clean energy alternative will also require focused attention to reduce costs and enhance scalability. India's achievements in renewable energy are a testament to its commitment to sustainability and innovation. By overcoming existing hurdles and maintaining policy support, the nation is well-positioned to achieve its 2030 targets and inspire other countries to adopt cleaner, more sustainable energy pathways. The renewable energy sector not only represents a cornerstone of India's climate goals but also highlights its potential to lead the global energy transition toward a greener future.

Bihar Education Project Council :Vehicle of Educational Revolution in Bihar



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Bihar has been presented as a challenge in the execution of any action plan. In the 90s, all the indicators related to education in Bihar were negative. Enrollment rate was very low, especially among girls and those below the poverty line, and the dropout rate was the highest compared to the national ratio. The education system in the state was crippled due to community and administrative apathy towards schools. To deal with these difficult circumstances, the Government of India, Government of Bihar and UNICEF jointly accepted the challenge of universalization of primary education and in April 1991, the outline of an educational program called "Bihar Education Project" was designed. For the implementation and operation of this project, an autonomous statutory body "Bihar Education Project Council" was established on 13th May 1991 under the administrative control of the Education Department, Government of Bihar and a senior officer of the Indian Administrative Service was made its State Project Director.

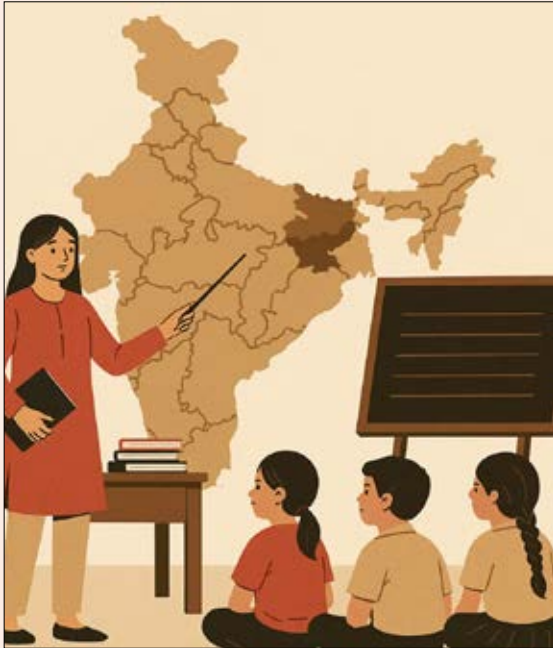
The main objective of the Council is – "To speed up the all-round development of Bihar through educational reconstruction." The Council has seven core principles for managing and conducting the educational programs, namely - Education is a medium of change, everyone's support, teachers are the pivot of educational development, equality towards women and their empowerment, social justice and not administration but a mission.

Under the banner of Bihar Education Project Council, the educational program named "Bihar Education Project (BEP)" was first launched in the year 1991-92 in three districts of the state, namely Ranchi, Rohtas and West Champaran. In fact, this project was India's first project for "Education for all" in the field of basic education. In 1992-93, the scope of the project was extended to four other districts, namely Sitamarhi, Muzaffarpur, East Singhbhum and Chattra. The tenure of this project was till 31 March 1998.

Under the banner of the Council itself, on 2 October 1997, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a new central scheme "District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)" was launched in the state, whose area of operation was extended to ten other educational districts along with the above mentioned seven districts. Thus, the District Primary Education Programme operated

from October 1997 to 31 March 2005, covered 17 educational (27 revenue) districts of the state - (1) West Champaran, (2) Sitamarhi (including Sheohar), (3) Muzaffarpur, (4) Rohtas (including Kaimur), (5) Chattra, (6) Ranchi, (7) East Singhbhum, (8) Purnia (including Araria and Kishanganj), (9) Darbhanga, (10) Vaishali, (11) Bhोजपुर (including Buxar), (12)

20 districts to 534 revenue blocks in all the 38 districts of Bihar state. From 1 April 2010, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Elementary Education Act, 2009 has been implemented throughout India and given legal validity. To meet the standards, norms and conditions of the Right to Education Act, some standards of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan were changed.



The education system of India is divided into many sections such as early childhood education, primary education, elementary education, secondary education, higher secondary education etc. and large scale dropouts are seen during admission from one faculty to another. To deal with this situation, in the financial year 2018-19, the Government of India brought all educational schemes such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and teacher education under one umbrella so that education from early childhood education to class 12 is conducted and made available to children under one system and the structure of schools is also developed in the same manner. This centralized scheme, operating in the name of "Samagra Shiksha", is expected to prove to be a milestone in the

Gaya, (13) Munger (including Jamui, Lakhisarai and Sheikhpura), (14) Bhagalpur (including Banka), (15) Dumka, (16) Hazaribagh (including Koderma), (17) West Singhbhum.

After the division of Bihar on 15 November 2000, under the District Primary Education Programme 11 educational districts (20 revenue districts) remained in Bihar state and the remaining 6 educational districts (7 revenue districts) went to Jharkhand state. While the "Bihar Education Project" was being implemented entirely with the grant of UNICEF, the "District Primary Education Programme" was implemented by the Central Government with the help of soft loan from the World Bank (85 percent share) and the joint efforts of the Bihar Government (15 percent share).

In the year 2001, the Central Government started the "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)" programme to achieve the goal of universalization of elementary education in all the districts of all the states of India, the responsibility of implementation of which in the state was given to the "Bihar Education Project Council". Thus, the scope of the BEPC expanded from

field of education in India. Also, "Samagra Shiksha" will prove vehicle for the successful implementation of National Education Policy 2020.

The main works done under the programmes implemented in different phases by "Bihar Education Project Council", namely, Bihar Education Project, District Primary Education Programme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Samagra Shiksha are- (1) Teacher training for joyful teaching and cluster level orientation for remedial teaching, (2) Free textbooks, (3) Formation/ Reorganisation and Empowerment of Village/School Education Committees, (4) Grant to School Education Committees for school development, maintenance and teaching learning material, (5) Grant for bench-desks to middle schools, (6) Establishment of Apna/Angana Vidyalaya, Utperan, Utkarsh, Unnayan, Residential/Non-Residential Special Centres for alternative education, (7) Establishment of Lok Shikshan Kendras under Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS), (8) Training/Empowerment of Balwadi Centre, Balvarg in Schools and Anganwadi Centres under Early Childhood Education, (9) Block Resource Centre

(BRC), Cluster Resource Centre (CRC), School Building without Building, Additional Classroom, New School Building, Girls Building, Toilet, Boundary Wall, Mahila Kutir, Kitchen Shed, Renovation of School Building, Innovative Construction, Construction of Anganwadi Centres under Civil Works, (9) Establishment and Operation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), (10) National Programme for Education of Girls at Primary Level (NPEGL), (11) Enrolment, Retention and Quality Education to Unenrolled and Disabled Children, (12) School uniforms for children from class 1 to class 8, (13) Planning, training and salary payment of Panchayat, Prakhand and Nagar teachers through Panchayati Raj Institutions in proportion to the enrolled students, (14) Availability of inclusive education and equipment to disabled children, (15) Collection, analysis and diagnostic action of educational data, (16) Operation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose hostels, (17) Availability of LEP/FLN kits to children/schools, (18) Self Defence/Martial Arts training to girls, (19) Vocational education in schools, (20) Ratification and empowerment of officers/employees.

Along with the establishment of the council, its operational memorandum and rules were formulated in which it was clearly stated regarding the creation of necessary posts in the Bihar Education Project Council and their salaries that "the pay scale in respect of the posts to be created by the Executive Committee will be in accordance with the pay scale of the Central Government or the State Government". But the irony is that the personnel working in mission mode in the Council are working on the fourth pay scale fixed in February 1998 and are deprived of the fifth, sixth and seventh pay scales. After the implementation of the Right to Education Act, the Government of India made many changes in the framework of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and a plan was made to integrate the Education Department and the Implementation Society to strengthen the management structure.

Before the implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan program, the management structure of the Bihar Education Project Council was completely different from the Education Department. After the implementation of the program, during the integration of both the institutions, officials of the Education Department started getting posted in the Bihar Education Project Council, but the officials / employees of the council were not posted on departmental posts. As a result, due to the departmental posts being vacant on a large scale, the work of the Education Department is affected from the state level to the block level.

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AI and media freedom: A double-edged sword



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Artificial intelligence is reshaping multiple industries, including journalism. In the week of World Press Freedom Day, it's worth considering how technology can impact media freedom. This picture is complex. On the one hand, AI and generative AI, can be a powerful tool to support newsrooms, but it can also be weaponized against them.

Globally, the state of press freedom was classified as a "difficult situation" in the latest RSF World Press Freedom Index, the first time this label has been used to categorize the overall state of media freedom worldwide.

Against this backdrop, the U.N. notes that "AI brings new risks." "It can be used to spread false or misleading information," they observe, and "increase online hate speech, and support new types of censorship."

At the same time, AI can be used to filter the viewpoints that audiences are exposed to, as well as monitor journalists and citizens. Furthermore, "there are growing worries that AI may make global media too similar," the U.N. reflects, as AI-driven content may homogenize reporting, and potentially "push out smaller media outlets."

Navigating these challenges is crucial for newsrooms, journalists, and media advocates worldwide, especially at a time when press freedom is under increasing threat. In doing this, AI can also be used to pushback against these challenges. Here's a walkthrough of both sides of this dynamic.

Four ways AI threatens media freedom

(1) Surveillance and targeting

AI technologies are increasingly being used to monitor and intimidate journalists. As the Journal of Democracy shares, "AI-driven bots and algorithms bombard activists, journalists, and opposition figures with harassment, trolling, and false information."

Governments and other actors deploy facial recognition systems, predictive analytics, and other AI surveillance tools to track reporters' movements, monitor online activities, and suppress dissent and critical reporting.

These tactics are not new. As far back as 2021, at least 180 journalists around the world were known to have been targeted by Pegasus, a

form of spyware. But each wave of AI enables this anti-journalistic aggression to intensify.

The rise in AI-powered surveillance increases the risks faced by reporters and their sources, especially those covering investigative issues. This may have a chilling effect on the reporting of subjects such as corruption, human rights abuses,



and organized crime, which journalists should be able to pursue without reprisal.

(2) Deepfakes and disinformation

The spread of misinformation through AI-generated deepfakes is another area where concerns have been expressed for some time. These anxieties have only heightened as the technology that makes it possible to manipulate or fabricate videos, images, or audio, has improved.

Although some of these earlier efforts were quickly debunked, they demonstrated how AI can be used to spread misinformation. The speed with which this is evolving, incorporating memes, fake audio, AI-faked celebrity endorsements and more, makes it harder than ever for journalists – and their audiences – to discern fact from fiction.

For journalists, there's a growing challenge of being able to verify these fakes. Spreading misinformation, however inadvertently, can undermine trust in journalism. Moreover, journalists can also fall victim to themselves being deepfaked and impersonated, making the need to safeguard their identities and reputations more important than ever.

(3) Automated censorship

Authoritarian regimes are increasingly deploying AI-driven moderation tools to suppress

independent voices online. Algorithms can quickly detect and remove politically sensitive content. China's "Great Firewall" is the most prominent example of this, but other nations are also following suit.

Freedom House observes that AI can enable this type of activity to happen "at a speed and scale that would be impossible for human censors or less sophisticated technical methods." Moreover, this can be done in a manner that can be hard to detect, "minimizing public backlash and reducing the political cost to those in power."

This can undermine independent journalism, and public discourse, making it increasingly difficult to share content that governments do not want to see online.

(4) Economic pressures and job losses

Beyond direct action against journalists and newsrooms, AI is indirectly threatening media freedom by reshaping the economics of the news industry. Newsrooms, especially those already under financial strain, are increasingly using AI tools for automating or speeding up tasks like content generation, editing and distribution. In tandem, the growing capabilities of AI may lead to job losses, and the hollowing out of original reporting.

Some audiences appear to be alive to this threat. A 2024 survey by the Pew Research Center found that 59% of Americans say AI will lead to fewer jobs for journalists in the next two decades, with views currently mixed on what this means for the type of news that is produced and people can access.

If AI accelerates the shift away from original reporting toward mass-produced content, a long-term consequence will not just be fewer newsroom jobs, but a diminished public square, both of which are issues we should all be concerned about.

How AI can help protect and promote media freedom

Despite these very real threats, it's not all doom and gloom. AI also holds promise as a tool that can potentially strengthen journalism and help defend media freedom.

(1) Identifying and combating disinformation

Although journalists should be wary of an overreliance on AI tools, the technology can support efforts to detect deepfakes and misinformation, as well as improve wider fact-checking efforts.

These tools may not be as effective for lesser spoken languages at present, but that may change as the technology evolves. Moreover, as AI's influence in shaping, creating and disseminating disinformation continues, we will increasingly need to add AI to our journalist's toolkit in order to counter it.

Products like NewsGuard's AI Safety Suite, "aided by proprietary machine-learning processes, identify false claims spreading online in real time, globally." We can expect these types of AI services to become increasingly integrated into newsroom workflows. As the Indian journalist Karen Rebelo told Nieman Lab last year, given the growing complexity of our information ecosystems, "you can no longer solely rely on your human skills as a fact checker."

(2) Protecting journalists' safety and identity

AI is also being used by some news outlets to enhance digital security. Last year in Venezuela, independent media outlets protected the identities of their journalists by creating a show using AI-generated anchors.

Meanwhile, at the International Journalism Festival in Perugia last month, an initiative called JESS (Journalist Expert Safety Support) was announced. The AI-powered tool will source security tips from different media organizations and NGOs, and distribute it to newsrooms that may not have access to this level of guidance. The tool is expected to roll out globally next year, with availability in multiple languages.

These quick examples demonstrate how AI, when used creatively and responsibly, can offer new forms of protection for journalists operating under threat. We can expect to see more advances in this space as newsrooms and NGOs consider how AI can be a friend, as well as a potential foe.

(3) Amplifying underreported stories

AI can help journalists discover stories hidden in public documents and data, or by sending alerts when something out of the ordinary has happened. U.K. academic Paul Bradshaw offers a raft of examples of AI in action in this way, on his Online Journalism Blog.

Not only can AI help to identify patterns and anomalies, but it can also help to ensure that reporting on these matters reaches the widest possible audience. The ability of generative AI to create audio summaries, or translate content into different languages, are just two of the ways stories can be disseminated in fresh ways and to those who might otherwise not consume it.

Collectively, these efforts – uncovering important stories and getting as many eyeballs on them as possible – will be fundamental to the continued health of journalism. AI can therefore help in both the impact and distribution of journalism, both of which will be integral to its future.

Looking ahead

Given AI's potential to both harm and help journalism, it is essential that we continue to have an active dialogue about the pros and cons of this fast-changing technology. While AI offers tools for efficiency and new products, it is not a panacea for issues of news avoidance, low levels of trust, or the economic woes of the journalism industry.

Similarly, although it can present challenges for the work that journalists do and how they do it, some of these issues can be mitigated. To do that, it is essential for us to understand how AI works, how it is evolving, and the implications for journalism. Newsrooms and journalists must have access to the right training, policies and research, to combat this.

The future of media freedom in the AI era will be shaped by choices made by governments, tech companies, civil society – and by journalists and media organizations. Pooling expertise will be essential. As will voices continuing to champion media freedom at a time when AI is shaping, and redefining, this critical issue and the world around us.

Look forward to witnessing, and potentially being part, of that conversation.

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# Satish Sharma visits shelling affected villages; assures relief to victims

**JAMMU:** Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, today visited several villages affected by recent cross border shelling to assess the damage and extend support to the affected families. During the visit, the Minister met with the residents whose homes and livelihoods have been severely impacted. A preliminary assessment indicated that numerous households have suffered losses, including damage to residential structures and loss of livestock. The villages visited by the Minister included Kot Maira, Chaprial, Pahariwala, Panjtoot, Narayana, Dhaleri and other adjoining areas. The Minister expressed deep concern over the situation



and assured all affected families that the government

stands with them in this time of crisis. He directed the local authorities to expedite relief and rehabilitation measures, ensuring timely assistance to the victims. "The safety and well being of citizens is our top priority. We will take all necessary steps to provide immediate relief and long term support to the affected families," said the Minister. He added that the administration is conducting a detailed survey to determine the full extent of damage. He said that further announcements regarding compensation and assistance packages will follow accordingly.

# Javed Rana Visits Mendhar, Promises Relief to Families Affected by Cross-Border Shelling

**Mendhar:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment, and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, emphasized the destructive impact of war while highlighting the significant relief brought by the Ceasefire Agreement between India and Pakistan, especially for the border communities. The Minister noted the daily challenges faced by residents of border districts, where hostilities disrupt lives and livelihoods. During his extensive tour of the villages affected by LoC shelling in Mendhar, Rana paid his respects to the family of Late Balwinder Kour, a victim of cross-border shelling. The Minister's visit aimed to provide support to the grieving families who have lost loved ones and property to the ongoing hostilities. Accompanied by officers from the Sub-Divisional

Administration, Rana was briefed on the measures taken to assist the affected families. He assured

The Minister directed the Sub-Divisional Administration to fast-track the processing of



them of the Omar Abdullah-led government's unwavering support during these difficult times and committed to providing all possible help. Rana praised the efforts of the district administration for relocating families to safer areas and implementing measures to reduce the impact of the conflict. He emphasized that the administration remains vigilant and proactive in ensuring the safety and well-being of residents in border areas.

cases to ensure prompt relief for the affected families. Later, Rana visited the bereaved families who had lost their loved ones in the shelling. He offered heartfelt condolences to the family of Lt. Balwinder Kour at Mankote Mendhar, who tragically lost her life due to cross-LoC shelling. Extending his deepest sympathies, the Minister acknowledged the profound pain of the families and stated that no words could ease their sorrow.

# Chief Secretary visits shelling hit border village; reviews relief measures

**RAJOURI:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited Kalsian panchayat in Tehsil Nowshera,

Later, the Chief Secretary visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri where



located near the Line of Control (LoC), where some houses have been damaged due to recent cross border shelling. During his visit, the Chief Secretary interacted with the affected residents and assured them of all possible support from the administration. He expressed solidarity with the people in this hour of distress and emphasized the government's commitment towards ensuring their safety and welfare.

he met with the patients, including those injured in the shelling incident. He directed the Principal GMC to ensure best possible medical treatment is provided to all the patients. He reviewed the overall functioning of the institution. The Chief Secretary also reviewed the availability and condition of bunkers in the border areas. He directed the concerned officers to ensure the construction of new

bunkers wherever needed. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high quality standards in all such works to safeguard the civilian lives. He also enquired about any challenges being faced by the district administration and assured necessary support from the higher authorities. Commending the efforts of the district administration in managing the situation effectively, he lauded the swift and coordinated response to the recent shelling incidents. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, briefed the Chief Secretary on the district's civil defence preparedness and detailed the status of all 12 essential services, including Warden Service, Rescue, Casualty, Firefighting, Transport, Survey Committee, Supply Services, Welfare, Headquarters, Communication, Disposal and Training Services was also reviewed.

# DC Kulgam visits Altaf Memorial GDC Kilam, GHSS Kilam



**KULGAM:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today visited Altaf Memorial Government Degree College Kilam and Government Higher Secondary School (HSS) Kilam to take firsthand assessment of their overall functioning. During the visit, DC took stock of the existing infrastructure, academic environment, and staff availability. He also conducted an interactive session with students at both the institutions to gain insights into their academic needs, challenges, and aspirations. Emphasizing the importance of quality education, DC assured that all necessary measures would be taken to further strengthen the educational setup. He urged the teaching staff to maintain high standards of education and work collectively for the holistic development of students. He also urged students to make the best use of facilities, resources and time for a bright and successful future. On the occasion students also put forth several demands aimed at enhancing academic excellence and improving facilities at these institutions. DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Viqar Ahmad Giri; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Education Officer, Tehsildar and other concerned officers.

# OSC Shopian organises awareness programme at Pehlipora Keller

**SHOPIAN, MAY 13:** One Stop Centre (OSC) Shopian organized a comprehensive awareness programme at Pehlipora Keller, Shopian, focusing on the services offered by OSC and the 181 Women Helpline. The event aimed to sensitize the local community, particularly women, about the support mechanisms available to victims of violence and abuse. During the programme, participants were informed about the wide range of

assistance provided by OSC including legal aid, psychological counseling, temporary shelter, and police facilitation.



Special emphasis was laid on the significance of the 181

Helpline, a toll-free number dedicated to addressing women's issues and ensuring timely intervention. Notably, several cases were registered on the spot, reflecting the immediate impact and relevance of the initiative. The programme underscored the commitment of OSC Shopian towards creating a safer and more responsive environment for women, empowering them to seek help and assert their rights with confidence.

# Chief Secretary pays tributes to martyr ADDC Rajouri



**RAJOURI:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today offered high tributes to Additional District Development Commissioner, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who attained martyrdom during the recent cross border shelling incident. Expressing profound grief over the tragic loss, Chief Secretary said, "Officers must carry forward their responsibilities with the same dedication and sense of duty as exemplified by Dr. Thapa." He lauded the ADDC's courage and integrity, calling his martyrdom a loss not only to the administrative machinery but also to the entire Union Territory. The Chief Secretary said this while chairing a condolence meeting organised by the district administration Rajouri to pay homage to Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa. The meeting commenced with officers observing a moment of silence as a mark of respect for the departed soul. A heartfelt tribute was paid to Dr. Thapa for his supreme sacrifice and unwavering commitment to duty. His service to the nation and the district of Rajouri was remembered with deep reverence by all present. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma highlighted the invaluable contributions of Dr. Thapa during his tenure as ADDC. He recalled Dr. Thapa's leadership in key development projects, his people-centric approach and his unflinching commitment to public welfare.

# 33 Hajj Pilgrims flagged off from Ramban

**RAMBAN:** Amid elaborate arrangements by the District Administration under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, a batch of 33 Hajj pilgrims, including 11 females were today flagged off from Ramban to Srinagar for their onward journey to the Holy Pilgrimage. Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo congratulated the Hajj pilgrims for getting the opportunity to embark on the sacred journey. He extended his best wishes to pilgrims for a safe and secure pilgrimage and earnestly appealed to them to pray for the peace and prosperity of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Tehsildar Deep Kumar, ARTO Kuldeep Singh, religious leaders and other officers, prominent citizens and relatives were also present on the occasion.

# Deputy Commissioner G'bl reviews preparations for Kheer Bhawani Mela

**GANDERBAL:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today directed all the concerned departments to ensure upgraded and timely completion of all preparations for smooth celebration of annual Kheer Bhawani Mela 2025 at Tulamulla Ganderbal. The DC gave these directions during a review meeting held here in the V.C Room to review the status of preparations for the Mela. He issued specific instructions for ensuring uninterrupted power and drinking water supplies, availability of adequate transport, sanitation and mobile toilet facilities and overall cleanliness in and around the temple premises.

DC reviewed the status of ongoing preparations like installation of street lights and drinking water supplies, adequate transport facilities, toilet facilities, provision of



and drinking water facilities, provisions for mobile toilets, macadamization of roads, cleanliness, and setting up of stalls. Directives were issued to ensure uninterrupted power sanitation in and around the temple premises. Assistant Commissioner Panchayat was directed to make arrangements for mobile toilets as per requirement with deployment of sufficient

# Sufficient stocks of essential commodities available in District Poonch

**POONCH:** The District Administration Poonch today said that all essential services, including healthcare and supplies are functioning smoothly and that the needs of residents are being met efficiently. "Hospitals across the district are fully operational with sufficient stocks of essential medicines and drugs. Ambulance services are readily available to ensure timely medical support. Banking services are functioning seamlessly, with all ATMs having sufficient cash to meet public needs" the District administration authorities said. Regarding stock and supply position of essentials, the authorities said that, there

is adequate availability of all necessary commodities in the district, including food grains, petrol, diesel, and LPG. "The supply chain is stable, and no shortages have been reported from any region"



they added. It was further informed that the Power and Water Supply departments have successfully restored major supply lines. Regular electricity and clean drinking

water are being provided, with prompt resumption of services in previously affected areas, the stakeholder officers said. The Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal assured the public that the administration is fully committed to the welfare of the residents adding that the departments are working in close coordination to ensure uninterrupted support and assistance. Meanwhile, the Revenue authorities have started assessing damages and losses in the cross border shelling affected areas. "Based on these assessments, appropriate relief measures will be provided to support impacted families" the authorities assured.

# DC Poonch visits shelling hit areas in Mandi and Haveli

**POONCH:** Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal on Tuesday undertook a visit to shelling affected areas of Tehsil Mandi and Haveli to assess the situation on the ground and review the relief and rehabilitation measures initiated by the local administration. Accompanied by a team of officers, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the status of basic supplies and public services. He instructed concerned officials to ensure uninterrupted availability of the essential supplies and services for residents in the affected areas. During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner visited village Baila in Tehsil Mandi to meet

the family of a person who lost his life in Poonch city in the cross border shelling. He offered condolences to the bereaved, and assured them of all possible support from the



district administration. Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited affected areas in Block Nangali of Tehsil Haveli to assess the damage to property. He also met the family of a person who fell to cross border shelling at village Kojra.

He interacted with the affected families and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to providing necessary assistance and standing by them in this difficult time. To ensure a timely relief process, the DC directed the Mandi and Haveli Tehsildars to immediately start the assessment of damages to private property and submit detailed reports. He emphasized the importance of swift reporting so that relief and compensation measures can be initiated promptly. The visit reflects the district administration's prompt and empathetic response to the situation and its ongoing efforts to address the needs of the affected population.

# 20-year-old legacy issue of similar EPIC numbers resolved

**JAMMU:** In its effort to sanitize the electoral rolls and keep them updated, ECI has resolved a nearly 20-year-old legacy issue of similar EPIC numbers which got erroneously issued to genuine electors just because similar series were used by different EROs in such cases since 2005. To resolve this long pending problem, the entire electoral database of over 99-crore electors was searched by CEOs of all the 36 States/UTs and EROs of all the 4123 Assembly constituencies across India in all the 10.50 lakh polling stations. On an average there are about 1000 electors per polling station. The number of

similar EPIC numbers found were miniscule, i.e. averaging to around 1 (one) in 4 (four) polling stations. During the field level verification, it was found that holders of such similar EPIC numbers were genuine electors in different assembly constituencies and different polling stations. All such electors have since been issued new EPIC cards with new numbers. The genesis of the issue has been traced from 2005, when various States/ UTs were using Assembly Constituency-wise different alphanumeric series in a decentralised manner.

These series had to be changed again in 2008, after delimitation of the constituencies. During this period, some ACs erroneously continued to use either the old series or because of typographic errors they used the series allotted to some other constituencies. Every voter's name is in the electoral roll of the Polling station, where he/she is an ordinary resident. Having had an EPIC of similar number never enabled any such person to vote at any other polling station. Thus, the issue of a similar EPIC could not have impacted the results of any elections.

# Randomization process for Tent & Shop Allotment for SANJY 2025 via Baltal conducted at G'bl

**GANDERBAL:** In a step towards ensuring fair and transparent arrangements for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, the randomization process for allocation of tents and shops along the Baltal route was conducted today at the V.C Room of the DC Office Ganderbal. The process was supervised by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, and attended by Additional Deputy



Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihaqi; District Informatics Officer NIC, and representatives of tent and shop owners. Randomization was carried

out for multiple key locations along the Yatra route, including Baltal, Domail, Railpathri, Brarimarg, Sangam, and outside Baltal. This process ensures equal

opportunities for all applicants and reinforces the district administration's commitment to a transparent and efficient system. DC reiterated the administration's commitment to organizing a well-coordinated and safe pilgrimage experience for all devotees. All the stakeholders expressed satisfaction over the smooth conduct of the process.



PART-II

# The Concept of God in Attar's Mantiq-ut-Tayr



SHOWKAT AHMAD WANI

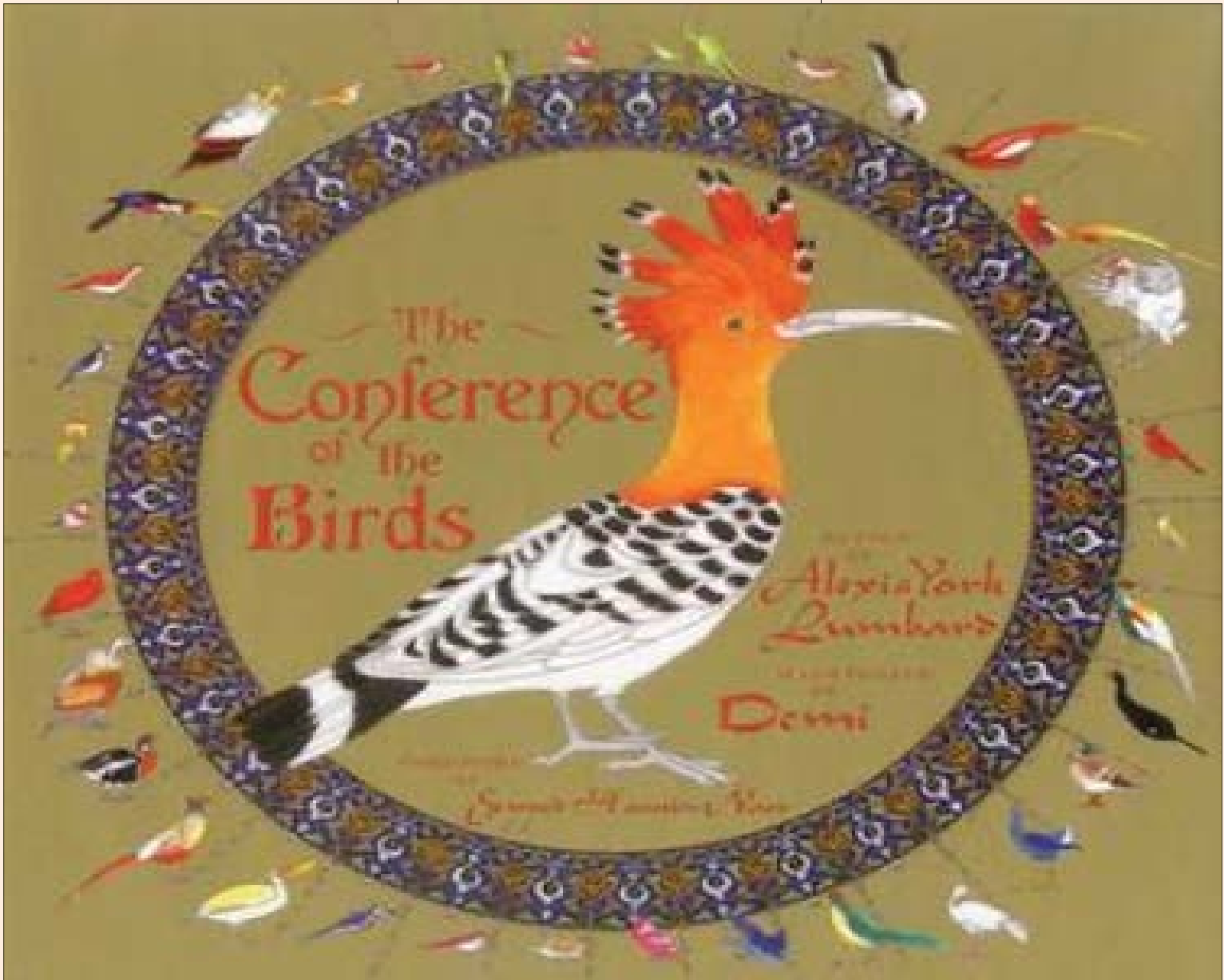
God, the “Friend” (Dost), is the beloved whose intimate bond with the seeker is steeped in divine love (‘ishq). His “nobility” (sharaf) encompasses sublime attributes—beauty, mercy, and majesty. A purified heart mirrors these divine qualities (sifat), enabling the seeker to bask in God’s presence. This reflection aligns with takhalluq (adopting divine traits) and

beyond grasp, yet His light illuminates the seeker’s heart through grace. The “Friend’s nobility” kindles divine love, driving the seeker toward fana, while the “atoms of the Whole” affirm wahdat al-wujud, uniting creation in God’s singular reality. The heart, as mirror and throne, is the crucible for divine encounter, achieved through love, purification, and the realization of God’s indwelling presence.

“The Simorgh’s shadow and Himself are one;  
Seek them together, twinned in unison.  
But you are lost in vague uncertainty –  
Pass beyond shadows to Reality.”

that embraces both God’s transcendence (tanzih) and immanence (tashbih). The seeker is thus invited to behold creation as a divine sign (ayat), in accordance with Qur’an 41:53: “We will show them Our signs on the horizons and within themselves.” This revelation prepares the wayfarer for the Valley of Wonder (hayrat), where the unity of God’s Essence and His manifestations overwhelms the intellect with awe. God’s oneness encompasses both His transcendent Essence and His immanent expressions, demanding a discerning vision that steers clear of both pantheistic dissolution and dualistic fragmentation.

The birds are chastised for their hesitancy, ensnared in “vague uncertainty” born of their inability to ap-



foreshadows fana, where the ego dissolves, leaving only God’s radiance. Central to the valley of love, this evokes the seeker’s ardent yearning for the Divine, whose Asma’ al-Husna (Beautiful Names) become manifest through inner contemplation.

God, the “sovereign” (malik), radiates divine glory (jalal), a luminous outpouring that illuminates the heart with spiritual awakening. This divine light (nur) signifies gnosis (ma’rifat), where the seeker beholds God’s majesty and truth. The heart becomes a chalice for divine radiance, aligning with the valley of unity (tawhid), where God’s singular dominion reigns supreme. This echoes the Qur’anic metaphor of God as the “Light of the heavens and the earth” (Qur’an 24:35). God’s transcendent glory is tempered by His grace, making His light accessible to the seeker.

The “palace” symbolizes the purified heart, now a sanctified throne for God’s sovereign presence. “Reigns in proper state” declares God’s full majesty manifested when the heart is cleansed of impurities. In Sufi thought, the heart becomes a locus of divine manifestation (tajalli), resonating with the valley of contentment (qana’a), where the seeker finds serenity in God’s indwelling. The royal imagery, prevalent in Persian poetry, exalts God’s kingship (mulk) within the intimate chamber of the soul, affirming His immanence.

The seeker is urged to seek God, the “king,” within the heart, prioritizing introspection over external quests. “His soul” (jan) denotes God’s life-giving essence, intimately present within the seeker. This aligns with the prophetic maxim, “Know yourself, and you will know your Lord,” and prepares the seeker for the valley of unity (tawhid), where God’s oneness is realized within. The “king” underscores divine authority, while “soul” emphasizes God’s living presence, heralding the realization of wahdat al-wujud. God’s nearness is affirmed, accessible through self-knowledge.

God’s essence (dhat) permeates every particle of creation, from the infinitesimal “atoms” to the boundless “Whole.” This encapsulates wahdat al-wujud, where God is the singular reality underlying all existence. Every fragment of creation is a divine sign (ayat), as in (Qur’an 41:53) (“We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves”). This aligns with the valley of wonder (hayrat), where the seeker is awestruck by God’s all-encompassing presence, bridging microcosm and macrocosm in divine unity.

God is immanent, dwelling within the heart’s “palace” and every “atom” of creation, accessible through purification and introspection. His transcendence, as the “sovereign” with radiant “glory,” elevates Him

The Simorgh symbolizes God, the Absolute Reality (al-Haqq), while His “shadow” signifies His manifestations—creation, human souls, and divine attributes. Affirming their oneness collapses the dualistic chasm between Creator and creation, embodying wahdat al-wujud (the unity of being), a metaphysical doctrine later crystallized by Ibn al- Arabi but already luminously envisioned in Attar’s mystical narrative. Creation, as the “shadow,” is not autonomous but a theophany (tajalli), existing solely by virtue of God’s Reality—like a shadow inseparable from its source. This vision aligns seamlessly with the Valley of Unity (tawhid), wherein the seeker discerns all existence as a mirror reflecting the singular Divine Essence, echoing the Qur’anic affirmation: “Everything will perish except His Face” (Qur’an 28:38).

The Hoopoe, serving as the Sufi guide, exhorts the

prehend divine unity. Their confusion arises from a dualistic mindset—perceiving God as severed from creation, or clinging to the deceptive multiplicity of the world, thereby obstructing their journey toward the Simorgh. Attar critiques this veil of multiplicity (kathra), which obscures spiritual clarity by masking the One behind the many. This critique resonates with the Valley of Knowledge (ma rifa), where the seeker transcends ignorance to behold the truth of divine reality, echoing the Qur’anic admonition: “The life of this world is but amusement and diversion” (Qur’an 57:20).

The seekers are summoned to transcend the “shadows”—the illusory autonomy of creation, the false lights of multiplicity, and the fragmented partial truths—to attain the Absolute Reality (al-Haqq), God Himself. This summons is a clarion call to journey from the ephemeral to the eternal, from manifestation to Source, culminating in the direct apprehension of the Divine. To “pass beyond shadows” signifies fana (annihilation of the self), wherein ego, illusion, and falsehood dissolve, and giving way to baqa (subsistence in God). This ascent mirrors the Valley of Poverty (faqr), where all that remains is the abiding Reality of God alone. The invocation of “Reality” directly evokes the Divine Name al-Haqq, prefiguring the poem’s climactic moment, when the birds behold themselves as the Simorgh, thus realizing their ultimate union in divine oneness.

Formation is a luminous reflection of God’s Reality, inseparable from His Essence. God is the transcendent al-Haqq, surpassing the ephemeral shadows of creation, however immanent as their very source—binding Essence and manifestation in an indivisible unity. The critique of “vague uncertainty” underscores the imperative of spiritual insight (ma rifa) to pierce the veil of multiplicity, an insight attained through disciplined striving and illuminated guidance. The call to “pass beyond shadows” exhorts the seeker to embrace zuhd (detachment) and fana, charting the inward path from illusion to Reality, culminating in the ecstatic realization of divine unity, as consummated in the birds’ ultimate merging with the Simorgh.

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birds to seek both the Simorgh (God’s Essence) and His shadow (creation) as an indivisible whole, urging them to perceive their profound interwovenness. The phrase “twinned in unison” evokes a mystical inseparability, calling the seeker to a holistic vision



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## India’s ‘Lakshman

destroyed terror hideouts with such precision that the adversary couldn’t even react,” he said.

“More than 100 terrorists were killed, and nine major terror centers were destroyed. The Indian forces taught a stern lesson to the Pakistan Army. Our soldiers proved that India will enter the homes of terrorists and eliminate them,” he declared, evoking thunderous applause from the troops.

Saluting the courage and dedication of the Army, Air Force, Navy, BSF, and other security agencies, PM Modi, as per KNO, said, “Every Indian is proud of you. When the feet of our veer jawans touch the earth, the land becomes blessed. I have come here for your darshan. You are the inspiration for generations to come.”

“It is because of your valour that the entire world is hearing about Operation Sindoor. Operation Sindoor is not an ordinary operation. The echoes of Operation Sindoor’s success can be heard across the globe. It reflects India’s intent, policy and strength,” PM Modi told the soldiers.

He appreciated the exemplary coordination during “Operation Sindoor,” noting that the joint effort of manpower and advanced military technology has given India a new strategic edge. “The adversary tried to target this and other airbases, but every attempt was foiled. Our airmen even ensured civilian aircraft were not harmed, despite Pakistan using them as shields.”

PM Modi said, “We trampled terrorists in their homes. Pakistan tried to attack this base (Adampur) but failed. They tried to dare ‘Hind Ki Sena’. The terrorists have now realised, you try to attack us and the result would be their destruction...massive destruction. No place in Pakistan is now safe for terrorists. The godfathers of terrorism have realised that casting an evil eye on India will only mean their destruction.”

In a pointed reference to nuclear posturing by Pakistan, PM Modi stated firmly, “India will not tolerate nuclear blackmail. The terror bosses and the government that supports them will be dealt with in the same way.”

PM Modi reiterated his pride in the armed forces and expressed confidence in their ability to defend the nation. “A strong security framework has become the identity of India today. I am proud of our brave soldiers and the new technology that empowers them. This is the new Bharat—resilient, resolute, and ready.”

“India’s army, Navy and Air Force have made the Pakistani military bite the dust. Pakistan will not get any sleep for a long time just thinking of our drones and missiles. Our intent is clear, if there is another attack, India will respond. We saw this during the surgical strikes and Balakot strikes but Operation Sindoor is the new normal,” he added.

## Tales Of Our

“The tales of your valour will be etched in history forever. I salute our Army, Air Force and Navy personnel,” PM Modi said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to the Adampur air base in Punjab on Tuesday morning and interacted with air force personnel, who have been in the thick of action during the recent conflict with Pakistan.

The prime minister’s visit comes after days of intense conflict between India and Pakistan following Indian strikes on terror sites in the neighbouring country on May 7 under Operation Sindoor. (Agencies)

## Three local

following the killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam.

According to the official, Shahid Kuttay, son of Mohammad Yousuf Kuttay from Chotipora Heerpora, had reportedly joined LeT on March 8, 2023, and was classified as a Category-A terrorist. “He was a key figure in several high-profile terror incidents in south Kashmir, including the firing at Danish Resort on April 8, 2024, which injured two German tourists and their driver. He was also accused of the targeted killing of a BJP Sarpanch in Heerpora on May 18, 2024, and is suspected to have been involved in the killing of a Territorial Army personnel in Behibagh, Kulgam, on February 3, 2025,” he said.

The second terrorist, Adnan Shafi Dar, son of Mohammad Shafi Dar from Wanduna Melhora, Shopian, had joined LeT on October 18, 2024, and was classified as a Category-C terrorist. He was involved in the killing of a non-local labourer at Wachi, Shopian, on the same day he joined the group, the official said.

The third terrorist, Ehsan from Murran, who reportedly joined in September 2023, was involved in multiple terror cases, according to police sources.

Security forces are continuing search and sanitisation operations in the area.

An official said the elimination of terrorists and the recovery of arms and ammunition from the encounter site mark a blow to LeT’s operational capabilities in the region.

## Awareness Drive

The ministry has asked state governments to coordinate with relevant departments like agriculture, fisheries, panchayati raj and district collectors to begin planning immediately.

The Forest Rights Act, 2006, recognises the rights of tribals and forest-dependent communities over the land they have lived on and protected for generations.

However, its implementation has been marked by violations, with policy experts claiming that a large number of claims were wrongly rejected.

In 2019, while hearing a plea filed by a wildlife NGO, the Supreme Court ordered the eviction of more than 17 lakh families whose FRA claims were rejected.

Following nationwide protests, the court put the order on hold in February 2019 and directed a review of the rejected claims.

However, many tribal and forest-dependent communities allege that the review process remained flawed, with both the central and state governments failing to sincerely implement the law.

More than 51 lakh claims have been received under the Act till January 31 this year, with over one-third of them rejected, official data show.

The highest number of claims were received in Chhattisgarh (9.41 lakh), followed by Odisha (7.20 lakh), Telangana (6.55 lakh), Madhya Pradesh (6.27 lakh) and Maharashtra (4.09 lakh).

Chhattisgarh also tops the list in terms of rejections, with more than 4 lakh claims turned down. Madhya Pradesh has rejected over 3.22 lakh claims, followed by Maharashtra (1.72 lakh), Odisha (1.44 lakh), and Jharkhand (28,107). (Agencies)

## Will take up

Shamspora, Baghbela, Batpora, and Tarboni.

He took stock of the damage to residential structures and listened to the grievances of the affected residents.

Assuring support from the administration, he said: “The affected families have shown remarkable courage in the face of adversity. Their resilience is inspiring. The government stands shoulder to shoulder with them. Their pain will not go unnoticed, and every possible step will be taken to help them rebuild their lives with dignity and renewed hope.”

He further emphasized that ensuring the safety, support, and swift rehabilitation of affected families remains government’s top priority.

The Chief Minister also visited Sub-District Hospital, Tangdhar, to review the availability and quality of healthcare services in the border area. He inspected key departments including Outpatient and Inpatient Units, Gynaecology, Operation Theatre, Ultrasonography, and X-Ray facilities. Interacting with the Chief Medical Officer, doctors, and staff, he directed them to work with utmost dedication and compassion to serve the people in this far-flung area.

He also spoke to patients and attendants to understand their concerns and degree of satisfaction with medical services.

Speaking to the media, CM Omar Abdullah said he had come personally to assess the damages caused by shelling and reiterated that adequate help would be provided to the victims as part of relief and rehabilitation measures.

While inspecting community bunkers in Tangdhar, the Chief Minister acknowledged their critical role during crises.

“These structures are a lifeline during times of escalation. We will ensure the construction of additional bunkers to safeguard our people living in vulnerable areas,” he said.

During the visit, the Chief Minister also inspected the Hydel Power Project at Gundi Shart, the progress of which had been affected due to recent hostilities. He assured that the project would be completed within the stipulated timeline.

## MEA dismisses

Social, the US President said: “Additionally, I will work with you both (India and Pakistan) to see if, after a “thousand years,” a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir.”

Asked about the discussions that took place between India and US leadership between May 7 and 10, Jaiswal said: “There were conversations between Indian and US leaders between May 7 and May 10, but no discussion on trade were held.”

“As regards the conversations with other nations, the message from India was clear and consistent. “And exactly the same message that we were conveying from public platforms was the one conveyed in private conversations. It was that India was responding to the 22nd April terrorist attack. However, if the Pakistani armed forces fire, Indian armed forces will fire back; if Pakistan stops, India will also stop.”

He said, “This was also the message that was conveyed to the Pakistani side at the time of the commencement of Operation Sindoor, which was not heeded to by the Pakistani side at that time. It is natural that many foreign leaders who heard this from us would have shared it with their Pakistani interlocutors.”

He said, “Links have been established between the attackers and The Resistance Front (TRF) — a known proxy of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).”

“TRF initially claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack and later denied it. We have shared detailed information with the UN Security Council’s Sanctions Committee and reiterated our demand that TRF be designated as a global terrorist organization as it’s the shadow outfit of Lashkar-e-Taiba,” Jaiswal said.

The MEA spokesperson said that several terrorist camps and infrastructure in Bahawalpur, Muridke, and Muzaffarabad were destroyed in Indian strikes. “Pakistan’s military capability has been significantly degraded,” he said, “The message is clear — a nation that nurtures terrorism at an industrial scale cannot escape consequences.”

On the question of the status of the Indus Waters Treaty, Jaiswal said, “Following the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting after the Pahalgam attack India decided to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). The spirit of goodwill and friendship that led to its signing has been betrayed. The treaty will remain in abeyance until Pakistan abjures cross-border terrorism.”

He also dismissed any concerns about escalation into nuclear conflict. “All Indian military actions were within conventional bounds. India does not give in to nuclear blackmail. Our actions were calculated, legal, and strategic,” Jaiswal said.

He emphasized that the international community now recognizes Pakistan’s role in global terrorism. “The UN Security Council has clearly stated that the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack must be held accountable,” he said.

He added that India’s right to self-defence remains non-negotiable, and any future act of terror will be met with a swift and decisive response.

The MEA spokesman also raised concerns about the ban on Awami League in Bangladesh “without due process,” calling for independent elections. On the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India reiterated its support for direct dialogue and peaceful resolution

Security forces are continuing search and sanitisation operations in the area.

## Massive Exercise

The Chief Secretary visited shelling-hit areas to assess the situation besides inquiring about the health of the victims undergoing treatment at Government Medical College hospital, Rajouri.

“I am here to assess the ground situation after Pakistan indiscriminately targeted civilian areas. Three persons, including a senior government officer, were killed in Rajouri, dozens of houses were damaged and livestock perished,” Dulloo told reporters after visiting the hospital.

He said the government wants to rehabilitate the displaced people as soon as possible and also ensure that they are adequately compensated to rebuild their homes.

“We express sympathies with the families who lost their members and also assure that the injured will be provided best healthcare for their complete recovery,” the chief secretary said.

He said the displaced people will be taken back to their villages after getting a green signal from army and police authorities that the border areas were cleared of the littered explosives.

On the need to provide underground bunkers to the people in Rajouri town, he said this was for the first time that many towns like Rajouri and Poonch were hit by Pakistani shelling and “we have to think how the people would be safeguarded”.

The officials said the army along with police teams are moving from village to village to track and destroy the live Pakistani shells.

The operation was launched on Monday afternoon and is continuing with experts destroying the unexploded shells in controlled explosions, the officials said.

The police have already issued advisories requesting people not to touch any suspicious object and report it to the nearest police station or security establishment for their own safety.

Many border residents, who have returned to their villages, said they are still spending their nights in underground bunkers fearing Pakistan shelling.

India and Pakistan reached an understanding on Saturday afternoon to halt military actions with immediate effect after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

“Even after the announcement we are taking no chances as Pakistan is habitual of doing mischief. We are waiting for things to settle down,” Mohd Firdous, a resident of Manjakote sector, said.

He asked the government to sanction more underground bunkers for the border residents.

“There are less number of bunkers available in the forward villages and the recent military conflict demands that more bunkers should be provided so that the people can save their

lives in case there is shelling,” Firdour said.

Chuni Lal, a resident of Nowshera said, they have not witnessed such a heavy shelling since February 2021 when India and Pakistan renewed the ceasefire agreement.

“We want peace on the borders so that we can do our routine without the tension of cross-border firing,” he said, requesting for a special financial package for the border residents whose houses were damaged in the shelling. (Agencies)

## Sgr Police

Act 18,23,38 UAP Act of Police Station Chanpora, Anjum Younis daughter of Mohammad Younis resident of Kenihama involved in case FIR no 27/21 u/s 302,392,7/27 Arms act ,13,16,18,20 UAPA of Police Station Nowgam, Bilal Ahmad Lone son of Ab Rehman resident of Syedpora Eidgah , involved in case

FIR No. 51/021 u/s 302, 147,148,149 and 13 ULAP Act of Police Station Safakadal, Faizyab Showkat Dewani son of Showkat Ahmad resident of Pater Masjid Zainkadal involved in case FIR No. 35/2022 u/s 505, 153-A, 153-B IPC, 13 UAP Act Police Station M.R.Gunj Sgr, Bilal Lone @ Choonin son of Ab Rahman Lone resident of Saidpora Eidgah involved in case FIR No. 51/2021 u/s 302,147,148,149,341 RPC, 13 ULAP of Police Station Nowhatta and Case FIR No. 130/16 u/s 147,148,336,152 RPC Police Station Safakadal, Manzoor Tola [ Released Militant ] son of Asadullah Tola resident of KhaneSokta involved in case FIR No. 156/ 2023 u/s 13, 19, 39 UAP Act OF Police Station Safakadal, Mohammad Ayoub Dar son of Gh Mohammad Dar resident of Reiteng Khanyar involved in case FIR No. 31/2024 u/s 7/25 A.Act 13, 18, 20, 23, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar, Mushtaq Ahmad Bachoon son of Gh Mohi ud din Bachoon resident of Kathidarwaza Rainawari involved in case FIR No. 31/2024 u/s 7/25 A.Act 13, 18, 20, 23, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat son of Late Gh Qadir resident of Trehgam Kupwara A/P Deviagan Hawal involved in case FIR No. 31/2024 u/s 7/25 A.Act 13, 18, 20, 23, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar and Firdous Ahmad Dar son of Gh Mohd Dar resident of Ibrahim Colony, involved in Case FIR No 46/2023 u/s U/S 7/25 A.Act 4/5 Exp Act 13.23,38,UAP Act of Police Station Chanpora.

“The searches were conducted in accordance with proper legal procedures in the presence of Executive Magistrates and independent witnesses under the supervision of the officers of J&K Police. The searches were carried out to seize arms, documents, digital devices etc. with the objective of evidence collection and intelligence gathering to detect and deter any conspiratorial or terrorist activity against the security of the Nation,” the statement reads.

This decisive action of J&K Police aims to dismantle the terrorist ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir by identifying and taking legal action against individuals engaged in such anti-national and criminal activities, police said.

Srinagar Police remains committed to maintaining peace and security in the city. Any individual found furthering the agenda of violence, disruption, or unlawful activities will face strict legal consequences under the law, police said

## Flight operations

“I had to attend a medical appointment in Delhi, but my flight got cancelled last week. I am happy things are returning to normal,” said Saqib Ahmad, a resident of Srinagar, who was seen at the airport with his boarding pass.

Another local said he was stuck in Amritsar for days. “We were very worried, but now I am going back home tomorrow. I am happy that flights are finally resuming,” he said.

Notably, airport authorities have advised all travellers to remain updated through airline websites or official social media channels due to the evolving flight schedules.

Officials also said that coordination is being maintained with airlines and security agencies to ensure that all resumed operations are smooth, secure, and uninterrupted in the coming days.

## Cautious Calm

cleared unexploded ordnance (UXOs). Initially with six villages were declared safe by officials following clearance operations. The process is still underway in other parts of Uri and across LoC areas, including Kupwara, Rajouri, and Poonch.

Similarly, in other LoC areas across Jammu and Kashmir, life is gradually limping back to normal after days of intense shelling and displacement — markets that remained shuttered are beginning to open and locals are stepping out to rebuild what was lost.

Though the fear still lingers, the holding of the ceasefire has instilled a sense of cautious relief among residents. “We just want peace to stay now,” Jammu residents said.

Residents living along the LoC have collectively welcomed the ceasefire, describing it as a relief from fear and displacement.

# NOTICE

This is an information for general public that in my Disability Certificate, issued by CMO office Bandipora, the Cause has been Mistakenly Mentioned as Multiple 25% and Locomotor 20%, While as Actual and correct Cause is Locomotor 45% Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Chief Medical office Bandipora with in period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Aaqib Nazir Dar.**  
**S/O Nazir Ahmad Dar.**  
**R/O Kema , Malangam tehsil Alooosa District**

# NOTICE

This is an information for general public that in my Electricity Agreement bearing Consumer ID No: 0216020006747, my name has been Mistakenly Mentioned as Mudasir Ahmad Bhat, while as my Actual and correct name as per my Aadhaar Card is Mudasir Rashid, S/O Abdul Rashid Bhat. Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Executive Engineer Electricity Sub Division Kaloosa Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Muddasir Rashid.

**S/O Abdul Rashid Bhat.**  
**R/O Watapora Bala (B) District Bandipora jammu and kashmir.**

It is pertinent to mention that the recent flare-up left behind a trail of destruction, with civilians losing their lives and extensive damage to scores of homes, shops, and structures. The government says it is assessing the damage caused.

# NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Daughter Namely Sunnat - Bint -Azhar, has been Mistakenly Mentioned in her School Records as, 31-07-2010, while as her actual and correct DOB is, 31-07-2009. Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/ she may file the Objections in office of the Zonal Education office Bandipora / principal Govt Girls Higher secondary school Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Farendah Shaheen.**  
**Mother of: Sunnat-Bint -Azhar.**  
**R/O Plan Bandipora Ward NO:02.**

# NOTICE

This is an information for general public that the DOB of my Son Namely Mutaqqi Abdullah Sheikh, has been Mistakenly Mentioned in his school records as: 04-11-2012, while as his Actual and correct DOB is 04-11-2011, Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Zonal Education office Bandipora / principal Dubai Grand international school Ajar Bandipora, with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

**Farendah Shaheen.**  
**Mother of: Mutaqqi Abdullah Sheikh . R/O Plan Bandipora, Ward NO: 02 .**

ازعدالت ایگزیکٹیو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول نائب تحصیلدار گنڈ

مضمون: درخواست مجتہاد ولد محمد علی بلتی کا ریکورڈنگ اسٹاپ ہوا جس پر اجصول لیگل بیرسٹریٹفیکیشن۔

استنبہار بمبراد ہر خاص وعام

مندرجہ عنوان الصدر کی نسبت سائل نے بغرض لیگل بیرسٹریٹفیکیشن اجرا کرنے کی درخواست دایر کی ہے جو دفتر ہذا میں زیر کارواں ہے۔ جس کی نسبت رپورٹ پٹواری کے مطابق سائل کے والد فوت ہو چکے ہے۔ سائل مذکورہ کے وارثان مندرجہ ذیل ہیں:

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر تخمیناً	رشتہ
1	محمد قاسم ولد محمد علی بلتی	40	مزدوری
2	محمد صادق ولد محمد علی بلتی	38	مزدوری
3	فاطمہ متول دختر محمد علی بلتی	36	گھریلو کام

پس وارثان جائز مندرجہ بالا بال محمد علی بلتی ولد ایرا بہیم بلتی موجود ہیں اور کوئی وارث جائز دریافت نہیں ہوا۔ سرٹفیکیشن اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اپنا اعتراض دفتر ہذا میں پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔ تحریر الصدر

ازعدالت ایگزیکٹیو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول گنڈ

ازعدالت ایگزیکٹیو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول نائب تحصیلدار گنڈ

مضمون: درخواست غلام محمد کار و غلام احمد کار پیران مرحوم محمد جمال کار سا کینہ فراوا کنا گنڈ بمبراد حصول لیگل بیرسٹریٹفیکیشن۔

استنبہار بمبراد ہر خاص وعام

مندرجہ عنوان الصدر کی نسبت سائل نے دفتر ہذا میں ایک درخواست بغرض لیگل بیرسٹریٹفیکیشن دایر کی ہے جو دفتر ہذا میں زیر کارواں ہے۔ جس کی نسبت رپورٹ پٹواری کے مطابق سائل کی زوجہ بنام رتی بیگی کی فوت 19-04-2024 ہو چکی ہے اور موجودہ کے وارثان مندرجہ ذیل ہیں:

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر تخمیناً	رشتہ
1	غلام احمد کار و جمال کار	55	پسر
2	غلام احمد کار و جمال کار	50	پسر

پس وارثان جائز مندرجہ بالا رتی بیگی موجود ہیں اور کوئی وارث جائز دریافت نہیں ہوا۔ سرٹفیکیشن اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اپنا اعتراض دفتر ہذا میں پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔ تحریر الصدر

ازعدالت ایگزیکٹیو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول گنڈ

ازعدالت ایگزیکٹیو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول نائب تحصیلدار گنڈ

مضمون: درخواست غلام احمد کار و لدال کار کنا گنڈ فراوا کنا گنڈ بمبراد حصول لیگل بیرسٹریٹفیکیشن۔

استنبہار بمبراد ہر خاص وعام

مندرجہ عنوان الصدر کی نسبت سائل نے دفتر ہذا میں ایک درخواست بغرض لیگل بیرسٹریٹفیکیشن دایر کی ہے جو دفتر ہذا میں زیر کارواں ہے۔ جس کی نسبت رپورٹ پٹواری کے مطابق سائل کی زوجہ بنام فاطمہ کی فوت 24-14-2023 ہو چکی ہے اور موجودہ کے وارثان مندرجہ ذیل ہیں:

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر تخمیناً	رشتہ
1	غلام احمد کار و لدال کار خانہ فاطمہ	55	خاوند
2	خوشیدا احمد کار و غلام احمد فاطمہ	38	پسر

پس وارثان جائز مندرجہ بالا فاطمہ بیگی موجود ہیں اور کوئی وارث جائز دریافت نہیں ہوا۔ سرٹفیکیشن اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اپنا اعتراض دفتر ہذا میں پیش کرے۔ معیار گذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔ تحریر الصدر

ازعدالت ایگزیکٹیو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول گنڈ



## Kohli Still Had A Lot Of Cricket Left In Him: Kirmani



# It's A Huge Surprise, They Deserved On-Field Send-Off: **Kumble** On Kohli, **Rohit's Test** Retirements

A photograph of two Indian cricketers, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, standing on a field. Virat Kohli is on the left, seen from the back, wearing a white jersey with 'VIRAT' and the number '18' in blue. Rohit Sharma is on the right, facing him, wearing a white jersey with 'DREAM11' and the Indian national emblem. Both are wearing blue caps and sunglasses.

"I think the reason for that is Virat's nature on the ground. He is aggressive, we all know that, and in Test cricket, you need that nature somewhere, because Test cricket is a format that lasts for five days."

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