

# Kashmir Convener



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## ‘Operation Sindoor’ IAF jams Pak’s Chinese-supplied air defence systems ● Unmanned Aerial Systems, ADS neutralized Pak drones, other threats

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force (IAF) in the first phase of “Operation Sindoor” completely jammed Pakistan’s Chinese-supplied air defence systems and wiped out the nine terror camps in Pakistan and the Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) within a span of 23 minutes, officials said on Wednesday.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that all strikes were executed without loss of Indian assets. “These strikes underscored the effectiveness of our surveillance, planning, and delivery systems. The use of modern indigenous technology, from long-range drones to guided munitions, made these strikes highly effective and politically calibrated,” he added.

The official said, “Indian Air Force bypassed and jammed Pakistan’s Chinese-supplied air defence systems, completing the mission in just 23 minutes, demonstrating India’s technological edge.”

According to the officials “Operation Sindoor” also produced concrete evidence of hostile technologies neutralized by



Indian systems: Pieces of PL-15 missiles (of Chinese origin) Turkish-origin UAVs, named “Yiha” or “YEEHAW” Long-range rockets, quadcopters and commercial drones

These were recovered and identified, showing that despite Pakistan’s attempts to exploit advanced foreign-supplied weaponry, India’s indigenous air defence and electronic warfare networks remained superior.

The officials said, “Operation Sindoor emerged as a calibrated military response to an evolving pattern of asymmetric warfare, one that increasingly targets unarmed civilians along with military personnel. The terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam on 22 April 2025 served as grim reminder of this shift. India’s response was deliberate, precise, and strategic.

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## ● CDS, Chiefs share perspective

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NEW DELHI: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan along with Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Navy Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Air Chief Marshal AP Singh provided a direct perspective from the Apex Leadership of Indian Armed Forces into the successful

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## ● Prez Murmu praises bravery, dedication of armed forces

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NEW DELHI: Tri-services chiefs, including General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff; General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff; Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, Chief of the Air Staff; and Admiral

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## CM Omar Assures Relief And Rehabilitation For Affected Families Visits shelling affected areas of Uri



—KC NEWS NETWORK

URI (BARAMULLA): Reaffirming his government’s commitment to ensure welfare and well-being of residents living along the Line of Control (LoC), Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today visited several areas in Uri sector affected by recent cross-border shelling, including Salamabad, Lagama, Bandi, Razarwani and Gingal.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by his Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, Member of Legislative Assembly Uri Dr. Sajjad Shafi, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Minga Sherpa, SSP Baramulla Gurinderpal Singh and other senior officials.

At Salamabad, the Chief Minister met with affected families and assured them of sustained relief and long-term rehabilitation measures. “It is the responsibility of my government to ensure you receive the necessary support to rebuild your lives with dignity,” he said during an interaction with residents.

During his visit to Razarwani Uri, the Chief Minister offered heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Nargis Begum, who tragically lost her life when a shell struck their vehicle as they attempted to flee the area. “No words can truly capture the depth of your grief or the magnitude of this tragedy. I pray you find the strength to endure this irreparable loss. We stand

with you in this hour of sorrow,” he said.

Commending the unwavering spirit of the people of Uri, Omar Abdullah said, “This land has borne tremendous hardship — from the devastating 2005 earthquake to recurrent cross-border shelling. Yet, its people have consistently demonstrated courage and resilience.”

Expressing solidarity with the affected families, the Chief Minister remarked, “Over the past few days, I have witnessed immense suffering and loss, but also unparalleled courage. These visits should have been about progress and development — not grief. The pain of my people is deeply personal to me.”

The Chief Minister also visited the Lagama market, where several homes and commercial establishments suffered damage. After assessing the situation on ground, he assured affected individuals of prompt relief.

In Gingal village, Omar Abdullah inspected the NHPC’s Uri-I Hydro Electric Project, which was also targeted in the recent shelling. He interacted with NHPC officials and assessed the damage caused to the infrastructure, including residential quarters.

Speaking to the media, the Chief Minister noted that the situation in Uri mirrors that of Tangdhar, Rajouri, and Poonch. “It appears that civilian areas were

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## Pak deliberately targeted civilian areas in J&K, says CM Omar Abdullah ● Says people’s pain ‘deeply personal’

Waris Fayaz

BARAMULLA: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday accused Pakistan of deliberately targeting civilian areas in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the local population bore the brunt of cross-border shelling.

The Chief Minister said that civilians bear the brunt — homes destroyed, lives uprooted in relentless cross-border attacks. “Relief and support are being extended to affected families,” he said.

“The pattern of shelling in Uri mirrors what we’ve seen recently in Tangdhar, Rajouri and Poonch. Civilian areas were hit hard and people have suffered immensely. It appears that the targeting was deliberate,” he told

reporters in Uri.

Omar assured the residents that relief measures are being initiated and that a detailed damage assessment is currently underway. “We are taking stock of the situation. Relief efforts are in motion and will continue over the next few days,” he said, adding that the priority would be to provide immediate relief to the affected families, followed by long-term safety measures, including the construction of bunkers in vulnerable areas.

He said the demand for bunkers, which had faded over the years due to relative calm, has now resurfaced as a unanimous plea from border residents. This need cannot be ignored anymore.

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## Army Commander briefs LG, CM on security situation



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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) Northern Command, called on Lieutenant Governor

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## India Rejected Trump’s Mediation Offer: Union Minister

Sajid Raina

NEW DELHI : Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Wednesday said that India turned down the offer of US President Donald Trump to defuse recent India-Pakistan military tensions.

Addressing a news conference here, Athawale, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, “US President Donald Trump had volunteered to mediate in the ongoing military tensions between India and Pakistan. However, New Delhi firmly rejected any third-party involvement.”

Athawale praised the opposition for supporting the government during the standoff but criticized them for politicizing the matter.

He urged the opposition to remain



united with the government and avoid questioning its approach on such a crucial issue.

Pertinently Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Adampur airbase in Punjab on Tuesday praised the Indian Armed Forces for their decisive response

during “Operation Sindoor” and the message they sent to Pakistan.

“Armed Forces had made it clear to the Pakistan Army that there is no place in Pakistan where terrorists can hide,” PM Modi said, adding, “If there is another

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## Lashkar Terrorists Killed In Shopian Behind Recent Terror Activities: Army

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SRINAGAR: A day after three terrorists affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba and its shadow outfit “The Resistance Front”

were killed in a gunfight in south Kashmir’s Shopian district, the Army said the trio were actively involved in recent terror activities in the region. The terrorists — Shahid Kuttay, Adnan Shafi Dar, and Ehsan ul Haq Sheikh — all residents of Shopian, were killed during an encounter in the upper reaches of Keller on Tuesday. Officials identified Kuttay as the operational commander of LeT in South Kashmir.

According to the Army, the operation

was launched based on intelligence inputs regarding the presence of terrorists in the Keller forest. A joint team of the Army, J&K Police, and CRPF was involved in the operation, which culminated in the elimination of the three “hardcore terrorists,” including the LeT/TRF commander. “The three were actively involved in recent terror activities in the region. Recoveries from the operation include AK series rifles, a large quantity of am-

munition, grenades and other war-like stores,” the Army said in a statement.

It added that the operation was a result of excellent coordination between security forces and intelligence agencies. Reaffirming its commitment, the Army stated: “We remain unwavering in our mission to eliminate terrorism. Every attempt to disturb peace will be met with decisive and unrelenting force.”

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## India Appears To Have Had ‘Clear Edge’ In Targeting Pak’s Military Facilities: NYT Report

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NEW YORK: India appears to have had a “clear edge” in targeting Pakistan’s military facilities and

facilities by Indian attacks, according to the report. “The four-day military clash between India and Pakistan was the most expansive fighting in half



airfields during the recent four-day confrontation, the New York Times reported, citing satellite images.

High-resolution satellite imagery, from before and after the strikes, shows “clear damage” to Pakistan’s

a century between the two nuclear-armed countries. As both sides used drones and missiles to test each other’s air defences and hit military facilities, they claimed to inflict severe damage,” the report said. At Bholari air base,

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It added that satellite imagery indicates that while the attacks were widespread, the damage was far more contained than claimed — “and appeared mostly inflicted by India on Pakistani facilities.”

In the new age of high-tech warfare, the report said that strikes by both sides, verified by the imagery, appeared to be precisely targeted.

“Where India appears to have had a clear edge is in its targeting of Pakistan’s military facilities and airfields, as the latter stretch of fighting shifted from symbolic strikes and shows of force to attacks on each other’s defence capabilities,” the report said. At Bholari air base,

## BOTTOM STORY

### Airspace To Cyberspace

## How India Fought Swarms Of Drones, Wave Of Misinformation During Conflict

KC News Network

NEW DELHI: During the four-day intense military confrontation, the Indian armed forces intercepted and neutralised swarms of Pakistani drones to push back aerial incursions, while teams of cyber warriors on ground countered digital intrusions and a wave of misinformation.

In fact, even before India decimated nine terror camps in Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir and Pakistan under Operation Sindoor with precision strikes early on May 7, many Indian websites had become targets of cyberattacks.

Days after the dastardly Pahalgam attack in Jammu and



Kashmir in April, Jalandhar-based Army Nursing College’s website was hacked and defaced with an inflammatory message.

At least four Army Public Schools (APS), including APS Nagrota and APS Sunjwan, were targeted by hackers recently, a

source said on May 5.

Besides, attempts to hack and compromise websites, a “campaign of misinformation” was run against India and the Indian armed forces on the internet, including on popular social media platforms, starting

late April which intensified after the launch of Operation Sindoor and following counter-offensives by India after Pakistan’s military retaliation.

“At 8 pm local time on May 8, several Pakistan unmanned aerial systems, drones, combat vehicles attacked multiple IAF bases. These included Jammu, Udhampur, Pathankot, Amritsar, Bathinda, Nal, Dalhousie, Thoise, Jaislamer, Uttarlai, Phalodi, Naliya. These were almost simultaneous and they came in waves. All our AD (air defence) guns, and other systems were waiting for them. All these waves were neutralised by our trained crew,” Director General of Air Operations,

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## Hajj flights resume, 640 pilgrims depart today

Mubashir Alam Wani

SRINAGAR: After a brief but tense pause in Hajj operations triggered by rising tensions between India and Pakistan, the flights ferrying pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir resumed on Wednesday, with 642 pilgrims successfully departing for the holy city of Madeena.



Executive Officer J&K Hajj Committee, Dr Shujhat Qureshi, confirmed the resumption while speaking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said, “Today, we operated four flights from Srinagar Airport to New Delhi. From there, two Hajj flights departed directly to Medina, carrying a total of 642 pilgrims.” Dr Qureshi noted that the committee was working round-the-clock

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# Convinced India, Pak To Let’s Have Peace: Trump

**NEW YORK:** US President Donald Trump has repeated his claim that Washington “got involved” with India and Pakistan, saying he “didn’t like what was happening” and that he did a “good job” as he “convinced” the two countries “to let’s have peace and let’s go and make trade deals.”

Trump was speaking to Fox News aboard Air Force One after he wrapped up his Saudi Arabia visit on Tuesday. This is the fifth time since Saturday that Trump has claimed that the US brokered the “ceasefire” between New Delhi and Islamabad.

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.

“Well, I’ve been busy, but I’ve enjoyed it, because we’re getting things accomplished. You can have times when you’re working very hard and

not getting things done. That happens too, but we’re getting a lot done,” Trump said in an interview to Fox News’ Sean



Hannity.

Trump was responding to a question that it has been “an amazing week so far”, with the President getting a trade deal with China, playing a big role in India and Pakistan and slashing prescription drug prices.

“I don’t think there’s ever been a little period like this with the potential nuclear war. And two countries (India and Pakistan), they have very good leaders, people I know very well. And, yeah, it was, it was a very important process. We got involved with India and Pakistan,” Trump said.

When asked to give an insight into what happened behind the scenes, Trump said,

“Well, I didn’t like what was happening. And you know, they’re two very strongly nuclear countries, with very,



very powerful amounts of nuclear, too, serious stuff.

“And if that ever started, boy, that’s the beginning of something that could be really bad. Even a minimal minimum, you could have millions of people killed and with one shot, two shots. And I just thought it was something we could get involved in,” he said.

“And I did a good job. (Secretary of State) Marco (Rubio) did a good job, and (Vice President) J D (Vance) did a good job. We sort of were a team. And we, I think, convinced them to let’s have peace and let’s go and make trade deals. If we can make trade deals, we like that much better than nuclear

weapons. And that was a great thing.”

Hours earlier, addressing a high-level audience at the Saudi-US investment forum in Riyadh, that he doesn’t like war and wants to be a peacemaker and unifier.

With Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the audience, along with senior members of the Saudi and American governments, Trump said, “Just days ago, my administration successfully brokered a historic ceasefire to stop the escalating violence between India and Pakistan.”

“And I used trade to a large extent to do it. And I said, ‘Fellows, come on. Let’s make a deal. Let’s do some trading.’” Trump, who was in Saudi on the first leg of his four-day Gulf region trip, said to applause from the audience.

Sitting in the audience were billionaire Elon Musk, Rubio and other senior members of the Trump administration as well as the Saudi leadership.

“Let’s not trade nuclear missiles. Let’s trade the things that you make so beautifully. And they both have very powerful leaders,

very strong leaders, good leaders, smart leaders. And it all stopped.

# At Cannes opening, Robert De Niro calls Trump ‘America’s philistine president’

**CANNES:** Much of the cinema world, including Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio and Quentin Tarantino, descended on the Cannes Film Festival as the French Riviera extravaganza got its 78th edition underway.

Expectations are running high for a potentially banner Cannes. All of the ingredients — loads of stars, top-tier filmmakers, political intrigue — seem to be lined up.

Over the next 12 days, Cannes will play host to megawatt premieres including those of “Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning” – Spike Lee’s “Highest 2 Lowest” and Ari Aster’s “Eddington”.

DiCaprio skirted the red



carpet but drew a standing ovation when he presented De Niro with an honorary Palme d’Or on Tuesday. The moment, which brought together two of Martin Scorsese’s most regular stars, came 49 years after “Taxi Driver” was crowned with the

Palme d’Or.

DiCaprio praised De Niro as “the archetype” actor, while also praising the 81-year-old performer — a fierce critic of US President Donald Trump — for “fighting for our democracy.”

When the crowd rose to its

feet for a lengthy ovation for De Niro, DiCaprio handed him the Palme. “Thanks, kiddo,” said De Niro.

After thanking the festival, De Niro quickly turned to speaking about Trump, who recently said he wants to enact a tariff on films made outside the country. “Art is the truth. Art embraces diversity. And that’s why art is a threat to the autocrats and the fascists of the world,” said De Niro. “America’s philistine president has had himself appointed head of one of America’s premier cultural institutions.

He has cut funding and support to the arts, humanities and education.

# Hope parties will use deal for outstanding issues: UN spokesperson on India, Pak understanding

**UNITED NATIONS:** With India and Pakistan having reached an understanding to end hostilities “we’re in a better place,” a spokesperson for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said and hoped the countries would use it to deal with their “outstanding issues”.

India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

“The ceasefire is holding. I think we have

seen we’re in a better place than we were before. We hope that the ceasefire will continue to hold, and we hope that the parties will use this to deal with a lot of the outstanding issues between them,” Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the Secretary-General, said at the daily press briefing Tuesday.

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.

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

# India Hosts 31st ICGEB Board of Governors Session in New Delhi

**NEW DELHI:** India is hosting the 31st session of the Board of Governors of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) in New Delhi, bringing together representatives from 69 member countries to deliberate on global scientific cooperation and innovation in life sciences.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the high-level session on Wednesday morning.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Singh highlighted the growing role of ICGEB in advancing biotechnology research and promoting scientific excellence, especially in the Global South.

Dr. Singh also virtually inaugurated India’s first publicly funded Biofoundry, established at ICGEB New Delhi. The facility, supported by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, marks a major leap in the country’s synthetic biology and biotechnology



capabilities.

ICGEB has been instrumental in fostering innovation and capacity-building in life sciences. With the inauguration of the Biofoundry, India reaffirms its commitment to cutting-edge research and bioeconomy growth,” the Minister said. He welcomed the delegates and emphasized the timeliness of the session, calling it “the

right time and the right location for a brainstorming of this magnitude.”

An official spokesperson said the Biofoundry is envisioned as a next-generation facility to accelerate the design-build-test-learn cycle in synthetic biology, crucial for innovations in health, agriculture, and environment sectors. It will serve as a hub for research, technology

development, and translational science.

The ICGB Board of Governors is the organization’s highest decision-making body, responsible for reviewing ongoing programmes, evaluating projects, and setting future directions.

The current President of the Board is Dr. Jelena Begovi, former Minister of Science, Technological Development, and Innovation of Serbia.

ICGEB operates through three advanced research centres located in New Delhi (India), Trieste (Italy), and Cape Town (South Africa), and plays a key role in tackling global health and environmental challenges through biotechnology, especially in developing countries.

Spokesperson further state that ICGEB New Delhi continues to lead biotechnology research in Asia and remains central to India’s scientific aspirations, bridging the gap between foundational research and industry applications.

# Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER MINI-SECRETARIAT SHOPIAN

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Subject:-Final Seniority list of Teachers of District Shopian.

## ORDER NO. 18- CEOSPN of 2025

Dated: 13/05/2025

Whereas, vide this office Notification No. CEO/SPN/Estt/25/5617-5677 dated: 24-04-2025, a tentative seniority list of Teachers of District Shopian as on 31.03.2025 was notified in pursuance to Director School Education Kashmir’s communication No. DSEK/Estt-III/A/0678 dated: 16-04-2024 for inviting objections if any, within 05 days from the date of publication of the notification; and

Whereas, necessary deletion of retirees/ expiry/ promote teacher(s) have been made in seniority list of teachers stood on 01.07.2024; and

Whereas, the Zonal Education Officers furnished the data of respective teachers as per directorate format after feedback from concerned Principals and Headmasters for fixation of their seniority.

Whereas, this office has received no objection regarding the tentative seniority list of teachers published by this office on 24.04.2025; and

Now, therefore, the final seniority list of Teachers as stood on 31.03.2025 is hereby issued framing Annexure ‘A’ to this notification. The list is also available on the official website of Chief Education Office Shopian [www.ceoshopian.in](http://www.ceoshopian.in).

No. CEO/SPN/Estt/25/ 6071-74

Dated: 14/05/2025.

**Sd/-Chief Education Officer  
Mini-Secretariat Shopian**

DIPK-1415/25

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## TENDER NOTICE

**E-NIT No: 06/EEP/RNB/of 2025-26/ 1078-88**

**Dated : 14/05/2025**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on %age Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work :-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. Lacs.)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Earnest Money (In %age.)	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administrative Accord Approval No:	Call No:
1	Construction Of Tehsil Office Kakapora Pulwama.	66.59	1600	2% of Adv. cost	18 Months	AAV	Regular component of UT Capex Budget 2024-25	20- DDCCof 2025 dt.13.02.2025	1st call

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	14 - 05-2025
2.	Bid downloading Start Date	14- 05-2025 from 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	14- 05-2025 from 10:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	28- 05-2025 upto 0 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29 - 05-2025 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within three (03) days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide 5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2% shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance security.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan /Receipt as per Annexure -C (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama (The Date of Treasury Challan and EMD should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
- The Contractors are advised to visit the site and to be aware of the conditions for launching at site of work before quoting the rates.
- The contractor shall also be responsible for any theft/ damage to any of the component at site and the cost of damage/ theft if any shall be deducted from the work done or CDR of the Contractor till completion of work and handing over.
- The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama within three (03) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond DLP

Dated: 14/05/2025.

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**Sd/-Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Pulwama**

## Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

# OFFICE OF THE EXECUIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NITNo- 10 of RnB-Soporeof2025-2026e-tendering DATED 14.05.2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/DO C (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for completion of work	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M. Hof Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
01	Construction of Boys Toilet at Boys Higher Secondary School Sopore.	22.919	800/-	44400/-	90 days	05.06. 2025	BEE/CEE	PAB Samagra Shiksha 2024-25

Project Authority: Director Education (Samagra)

Position of funds: Available

Position of: AAA/ TS / Accorded

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

1	Date of issue of tender Notice	14 .05.2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14 .05.2025
3	Bid Submission start date	14 .05.2025
4	Bid submission End date	04.06.2025 (4.00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bides (online)	05.06.2025 (12 PM) in the office of Ex. Engineer R&B Division. Sopore

2, Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan and CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3, At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government’s circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the quoted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period

3(b), Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x 21 cm to be provided.

All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per e-NIT No. 01 of 2025-26

21, If the contractor/HMP quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected outrightly.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT,

No: 921-30

Dated: 14.05.2025.

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**Sd/-Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Sopore**



# With Guns Silent Along LoC, Markets Reopen as Life Returns to Normal in Gurez Valley

AADIL ABDULLAH

**BANDIPORA:** As guns fall silent along the Line of Control (LoC), a long-overdue calm is returning to the remote border region of Gurez Valley in North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

The recent ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan has brought a renewed sense of hope to this historically volatile area, where locals have often borne the brunt of cross-border hostilities.

For weeks, markets in Gurez remained shuttered, and the hum of daily life was replaced by the anxiety of possible escalation. But with shelling halted and tension easing, shops have reopened, bringing relief to traders, shopkeepers, and daily wage earners who depend on seasonal activity for survival.

"We hope the authorities will allow tourists to visit Gurez Valley. It will boost our economy and help us live without the fear of conflict," said Nazir Ahmad Lone, a local shopkeeper, voicing a growing demand from the valley's residents. Another trader, Mohammad Sultan Lone,



echoed the sentiment: "We live in a border area and suffer the most due to the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan. Our livelihood depends on tourism, which has been badly hit after the Pahalgam attack on tourists. I appeal

to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to allow tourists to visit Gurez Valley. Unemployment here is at its peak."

He added, "Only four months are crucial for the tourist season in Gurez. Unlike other destinations, we have a unique environment and hospitality. We've always said—we want peace, not war. Dialogue is the only way forward if we are to live normal lives in border areas."

Beyond economic concerns, education remains a major worry for families in Gurez. Schools have been intermittently shut due to security concerns, worsened by the valley's harsh winters, which

isolate the region for several months each year. Adding to the crisis is a severe shortage of teachers.

"Our students suffer the most whenever tensions rise between the two countries. It's a cycle of misfortune," said a local parent. "We dream of our children becoming doctors, engineers, IAS and KAS officers. I appeal to the authorities to post qualified and dedicated teachers here so our children can receive the education they deserve."

Even as optimism returns, a temporary setback was evident when the Chief Education Officer of Bandipora ordered the suspension of classwork in all schools across Gurez zone for May 14. However, teaching and non-teaching staff have been instructed to report to duty to ensure administrative preparedness.

Despite challenges, the people of Gurez remain hopeful. With its breathtaking meadows, glacial rivers, and rich traditions, they believe the valley can emerge as a premier tourism destination—provided peace holds and policy makers prioritize its development.

## District Judge Inspects Under-Construction Court Complex, Lawyers' Chambers in Bandipora

**Bandipora:** District and Sessions Judge Bandipora, accompanied by the Additional Sessions Judge and Chief Judicial Magistrate, Wednesday conducted an inspection to review the progress of the under-construction Court Complex and Lawyers' Chambers in Bandipora.

The inspection was carried out in coordination with the Executive Body of the Bar Association Bandipora, led by its newly elected President, Advocate Sufi Feroz.

During the visit, the judiciary assessed the ongoing construction and issued on-the-spot directions to the contractor to expedite the pace of work while strictly maintaining quality standards to ensure timely completion.

The Executive Body of the Bar Association raised several key concerns regarding the need for essential facilities within the court premises, including an ATM, a post office, and a mosque, which are vital to meet the day-to-day needs of advocates and litigants.

Responding to the concerns, the District and Sessions Judge assured the legal fraternity of his full support and cooperation in addressing these infrastructural needs.

He emphasized the importance of completing the project within the stipulated timeframe to enhance access to justice and working conditions for legal professionals in the district.

The visit underscores a collaborative approach between the judiciary and the Bar to improve judicial infrastructure and support systems for the legal community in Bandipora.

## Arrangements Underway to Ensure Smooth, Spiritual Mela Kheer Bhawani: Div Com Kashmir

**SRINAGAR:** To ensure a smooth and spiritually enriching experience for devotees during the upcoming Mela Mata Kheer Bhawani, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday chaired a detailed review meeting with officials from various departments.

Calling for meticulous planning, Bidhuri directed Deputy Commissioners and departmental heads to put in place robust arrangements at the main shrine in Tulmulla, Ganderbal, as well as at other key locations in Kupwara, Kulgam, and Anantnag. He emphasized the need to surpass last year's efforts in providing facilities for pilgrims.

Key areas of focus included transportation, accommodation, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, food services (langars), and toilets.

Div Com stressed timely desilting of the canal at Tulmulla, beautification of temple surroundings, repair of approach roads, and restoration of non-functional streetlights.

He directed for security arrangements, deployment of SDRF teams and fire tenders near the shrine. Departments were instructed to nominate nodal officers to ensure effective coordination throughout the festival.

He directed for providing special transport facilities for migrant employees wishing to attend the mela. The Health Department was asked to position skilled medical teams, while the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department was directed to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essentials including LPG.

Deputy Commissioners of all concerned districts briefed on ongoing preparations, while representatives from Kashmiri Pandit organizations outlined their suggestions for a smooth and safe celebration.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Anantnag, Kupwara and Kulgam besides senior officers from Tourism, Relief and Rehabilitation, Police, Traffic, PWD, KPDC, PHE, SRTC, SDRF, Fire & Emergency, Information departments and representatives of various Kashmiri Pandit organizations.

## Teachers Thank CEO Bandipora for Swift Action on Long-Pending Grade-II Promotions

**BANDIPORA:** Teachers from across Bandipora district, particularly those from the remote Gurez valley, have

become a source of growing frustration among the teaching staff, were issued this week following the intervention



expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Bandipora Abdul Rashid Mir for resolving their long-pending Grade-II promotion orders, which had been delayed for over six months.

The promotion orders, which had

of the newly posted CEO. Teachers said repeated visits to the CEO's office over the past half-year had yielded no results until the matter was finally addressed with urgency and seriousness by the new officer.

"We had lost hope. We were men-

tally and emotionally exhausted," said one teacher from Gurez, reacting to the issuance of the long-awaited orders.

The teachers commended the CEO's prompt action, especially in light of his holding additional administrative responsibilities. "Despite handling dual charges, the CEO showed dedication and efficiency. His proactive approach brought justice to dozens of teachers who had been waiting in uncertainty," a group of teachers said in a joint statement.

In an emotional moment, one teacher remarked, "Today, I will take sweets home. My family is waiting to celebrate. We are deeply grateful to the CEO and his entire office for restoring our dignity and hope."

The move has been widely welcomed within the education department, with many calling it a much-needed morale booster for teaching staff posted in difficult terrains like Gurez.

## CS Takes Stock Of Relief Efforts In Jammu's Border Areas Post Shelling

**JAMMU:** In a move aimed at assessing the ground situation and ensuring the well-being of affected populace, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited the border subdivisions of Akhnoor and Khour, that had witnessed unrelenting cross border shelling over the past few days.

Accompanying the Chief Secretary were Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, along with other senior officials from the local administration. The Chief Secretary inspected the local Higher Secondary Schools of Sohal and Bhalwal Brahmna in Subdivision Akhnoor, which had been converted into temporary shelters for the residents displaced due to cross border shelling. He interacted with the affected families to assess their concerns and issues. He reviewed the arrangements made for their stay, including the provision of food, water and power supply.

CS also assessed the medical

facilities available to the sheltered villagers. He took note of the adequacy of medical aid being pro-



vided to the inmates. He directed the health officials to enhance medical services, ensuring that these distressed families receive proper treatment without the need to travel elsewhere.

While interacting with the inmates, the Chief Secretary sought feedback regarding the arrangements. He instructed the local administration to remain in constant touch with the affected people, ensuring their needs are met without any disruption.

Later, the Chief Secretary toured

the villages impacted by the shelling, inspecting the damage inflicted upon the residential houses and

## NHRC Launches Online Short-Term Internship on Human Rights

**New Delhi:** The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India has commenced its two-week Online Short-Term Internship (OSTI) programme, with 80 university-level students selected from a pool of 1,795 applicants across 21 States and Union Territories.

The internship is aimed at imparting foundational knowledge and insights into the promotion and protection of human rights in India.

In his inaugural address, NHRC Secretary General Shri Bharat

Lal emphasized the importance of youth as carriers of India's civilisational ethos rooted in empathy, compassion, and justice. He urged the interns to act as ambassadors of justice, equality, and dignity, and to seize the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the constitutional framework and human rights mechanisms in India.

Highlighting the rationale behind conducting the programme online, Shri Bharat Lal said it enhances accessibility for students from remote and far-flung areas who might otherwise be unable to travel to Delhi. "Reflection over reaction," he advised, encouraging participants to introspect and engage meaningfully with the subject. He also gave a historical and legal overview of human rights evolution in India, touching on constitutional guarantees, the role of the Supreme Court, and India's long-standing tradition

## Imtiyaz Parray Slams Attempts to Hijack Credit for Markondal-Hajin Road Work

**BANDIPORA:** Senior Apni Party leader Imtiyaz Parray has expressed strong resentment over the manner in which the ongoing road development work on the Markondal-Hajin stretch is being projected, accusing certain individuals of attempting to take undue credit for the project.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Convener, Parray said that the widening of the road had long been demanded by the civil society members of Hajin and the local Municipal Chairman during their tenure.

"It is the result of those persistent efforts that the work has finally commenced. No one should attempt to hijack the credit for this," he said.

He also raised serious concerns regarding the quality and specifications of the ongoing work. "The execution on the ground is not in line with the approved estimates. The administration must intervene without delay to ensure transparency and adherence to sanctioned norms," he said.

Parray further stated that several other developmental projects in Hajin-Sonawari, which were either proposed by the municipal body or planned during his tenure, are expected to be implemented in the near future. He reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that the aspirations of the local population are fulfilled.



## ECI Launches Capacity-Building Programme for Field-Level Electoral Officers

**NEW DELHI:** Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Shri Gyanesh Kumar on Wednesday inaugurated a two-day capacity-building training programme for grassroots electoral officials from Bihar, Haryana, and the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), New Delhi.

A total of 371 field-level officials — including 306 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) from Bihar, and 65 Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and BLO Supervisors from Haryana and Delhi — are participating in the training.

Addressing the gathering, CEC Gyanesh Kumar announced that standard identity cards will soon be issued to BLOs to streamline door-to-door verification processes. He stressed that the functioning of election officials must strictly adhere to the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, and other relevant laws and ECI guidelines.

The training focuses on enhancing practical knowledge in voter registration, form handling, field-level implementation, and appeal procedures under Section 24 of the RP Act. Officials will also receive hands-on training in EVMs, VVPATs, mock polling, and digital tools such as the Voter Helpline App (VHA).

According to the ECI, no appeals were filed from Bihar, Haryana, or Delhi following the Special Summary Revision (SSR) held in January 2025. With this batch, over 2,600 field officials have been trained in New Delhi over the past two months.

## Indian Army Organises Agniveer Registration & Training Camp in Doda

**DODA:** Indian Army on Wednesday organised an Agniveer registration and training camp in Doda to encourage youth participation under the Agnipath recruitment scheme.

An official spokesperson said a total of 49 aspiring candidates, including one girl, took part in the programme aimed at preparing them for a transformative journey in service and skill development.

The camp is part of the Indian Army's broader commitment to national development, youth empowerment, and community engagement. It sought to inspire local youth to take up the Agniveer path, equipping them with the necessary guidance and motivation for upcoming recruitment rallies.

"The Agnipath scheme offers an opportunity for youth to serve the nation and return to society with enriched skills, discipline, and patriotism," said a defence spokesperson.

The training and registration drive also served to strengthen the Army's bond with the local community. Participants expressed deep appreciation for the initiative and called for more such camps in the future to ensure better preparedness.

The programme underscored the Army's role in fostering a skilled and patriotic young population ready to contribute to India's security and progress.

of providing refuge to persecuted communities.

Joint Secretary Shri Samir Kumar provided an overview of the meticulously designed curriculum, which includes expert lectures, virtual institutional visits (including to Tihar Jail), team and individual competitions, and interactive sessions. Participants will engage in activities like group research presentations, book reviews, and declamation contests, gaining practical insight into human rights issues and advocacy strategies.

Lt. Col. Virender Singh, who serves as the Course Coordinator, will guide the interns through the diverse and enriching programme.

This internship initiative continues NHRC's mission to build awareness, sensitise future leaders, and strengthen the foundation of human rights culture among India's youth.



Editorial



E-Waste Challenge

As the world becomes increasingly dependent on electronic devices, the challenge of managing electronic waste (e-waste) has grown into a significant environmental and public health concern. Recognizing the gravity of this issue, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change revised the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, and introduced the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, which came into effect on April 1, 2023. The revised rules aim to revolutionize e-waste management through a robust Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework. This framework mandates that manufacturers, producers, refurbishers, and recyclers register on a portal developed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). In tandem with the goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the new rules emphasize reduction, reuse, and scientific disposal of e-waste. By promoting recycling and refurbishing, the initiative helps conserve resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support the transition to a circular economy. This focus on sustainability is critical for addressing the environmental challenges posed by the rapid proliferation of electronic devices. A significant highlight of the 2022 rules is the inclusion of responsibilities for urban and rural bodies. These local authorities are required to ensure that e-waste, when mixed with municipal solid waste, is segregated and sent to registered recyclers or refurbishers. They must also establish systems for the collection and disposal of orphaned e-waste while conducting training programs to build capacity. Such measures are designed to create a comprehensive e-waste management framework that reaches the grassroots level. Producers, too, are held to high standards under the revised rules. They must register on the EPR portal, set and achieve specific targets, and actively create awareness about proper e-waste disposal. India's proactive stance on e-waste management reflects a broader commitment to sustainable development. By fostering collaboration among government bodies, industries, and the public, the revised rules aim to transform e-waste from an environmental hazard into an opportunity for resource efficiency and economic growth. The success of these measures will hinge on their implementation, as well as on the collective efforts of all stakeholders to adopt and promote responsible practices.

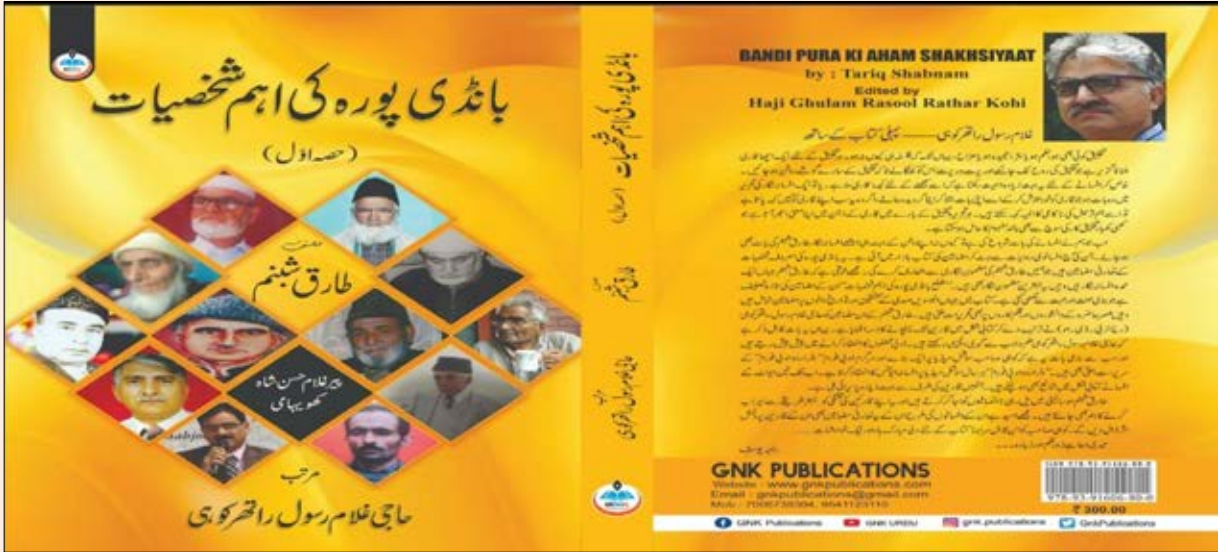
Tariq Shabnam Pens The Legacy Of Bandipora’s Cultural Icons



RAYEES AHMAD KUMAR

North Kashmir's Bandipora district is famous for three things, Ilm-Knowledge, Adab-Literature and Aab-Water. The blessed soil of this district has given birth to a number of intellectuals, Litterateurs, educationists, authors, poets and social reformers. Tariq Shabnam, a young literary sensation and noted Urdu fiction writer too belongs to Bandipora. Hailing from the Ajas village, Tariq Shabnam has authored a couple of short story collections, which were highly praised and commended in literary circles. Recently he came up with a new book, titled Bandipora ki Aham Shakhsiyaat, published by famous GNK Publications. Spanning 91 pages, this book is compiled by Haji Gh Rasool Rather Kohi. Boasting an alluring cover page with photographs of the literary icons of Bandipora, this book sketches the life and achievements of thirteen renowned litterateurs of Bandipora district. Tariq Shabnam has dedicated this compilation to his beloved parents. While writing a brief summary of the book, Dr Riyaz Tawhidi- internationally acclaimed critic and well-known short story writer, has appreciated the efforts of Tariq Shabnam and Gh Rasool Rather Kohi for coming up with a treasure trove of information about the local litterateurs, who's contribution to promote language and literature is unparalleled, who otherwise would be unknown to the young generation. Raja Yousuf, noted fiction writer has too commended both Tariq Shabnam and Gh Rasool for writing this book about literary giants of Bandipora. In its poem, Gh Rasool Rather writes about his endeavors to collect articles about the literary figures of Bandipora or who contributed for the society. Gh Rasool Rather besides being the patron of Vullar Urdu Adbi Forum, is an enthusiastic litterateur and a retired BDO. He expresses his heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped him in compiling this collection. Pir Gh Hassan Shah Khoihami- Born at Gamro village, Pir Hassan Shah is credited to have authored famous Tawarikhi Hassan, an authentic history of Kashmir in Persian, translated into urdu by Dr Sarif Hussain. According to Tariq Shabnam, his grandfather was also a learned scholar besides a Persian poet. His whole family were in allegiance to Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom (RA). It was Pir Hassan Shah, who helped Sir Walter

Lawrence, the land settlement commissioner of JK to write The Valley of Kashmir, translated into Urdu by Gh Nabi Khayal. About his life and achievements, Tariq Shabnam has painted an eloquent Picture. Prof Mohiuddin Hajini - He was a celebrated poet, litterateur, social worker, educationist and a reformer from Hajin Bandipora.



Tariq Shabnam has elegoquently tried to enlighten readers about his contributions and literary prowess which is reflected through his books. His Kashmiri drama, Greas sund Ghara Peasant's Home got so popular that it was published on multiple platforms. He was drawn to literature from his early schooling years and in all major languages like Urdu, English, Persian and Kashmiri, he proved his mettle by writing some award winning books. From laying the foundation of Adbi Markaz Kamraz, a vibrant and oldest literary forum of Jammu Kashmir, spending a greater part of his life in prison and then his contributions being acknowledged by honoring meritorious scholars and authors through Khilati Mohiuddin Hajini and Mohiuddin Hajini gold medal award, are some brightest aspects of his life which Tariq Shabnam has unwrapped in this article. Prof Rashid Nazki -The Nazki dynasty of Bandipora has ever been at forefront in enriching the literary landscape of valley. It's profound literary stars include Mir Gh Rasool Nazki, Farooq Nazki, Ayaz Rasool Nazki and Prof Rashid Nazki, who's contribution to promote literature is unparalleled. He was among the founding members of Adbi Markaz Kamraz, an ace poet of Kashmiri and Persian besides a good translator. His translatvie masterpiece

of Qasida Burda Sharif of Hazrat Sharfuddin Bosri of Egypt into Kashmiri is famous across the whole Kashmir. Prof Bashir Ahmad Nehvi, ex-director Iqbal Institute of Culture and philosophy too has admitted his literary prowess and is all praise to him. Mohd Ahsan Ahsan - Mehtab Manzoor has written a thought provoking and meticulous article about Mohd Ahsan

at erstwhile SIEK and members of advisory boards of various literary organisations. He also served as president of AMK thrice, convenor of Sahitya Academy and editor of Sheeraza. He is the recipient of first gold medal from Kashmir university and in 1976 topped the essay competition organized by Adbi Markaz Kamraz.

Wular on the Brink: Will We Act Before It’s Too Late?



Wular (also spelt as Wullar) Lake, nestled in the heart of the Kashmir Valley, is one of Asia's largest freshwater lakes, a breathtaking expanse where nature unfurls in vibrant hues of blue and green. Fed by the Jhelum River, framed by lush wetlands and cradled by the snow-capped Harmukh peaks of the Himalayas, its shimmering waters stretch across about 130 square kilometers, though its size fluctuates with the seasons. This ecological and cultural treasure has long captivated the imagination—poets find in its serene ripples a muse, storytellers weave tales of its timeless mystique and artists capture its ever-changing palette of light and color. Beyond its aesthetic allure, Wular Lake is a vital lifeline for the region. Its abundant fish stocks sustain local livelihoods, its fertile shores support agriculture and its vast basin acts as a natural buffer, absorbing floodwaters to protect the Valley's communities. However, this natural wonder is caught in a slow-motion crisis. Encroachment gnaws at its boundaries as settlements and farmland creep closer, shrinking its expanse. Pollution—stemming from untreated sewage, agricultural runoff and human negligence—clouds its once-pristine waters, threatening its rich biodiversity. Climate change exacerbates these woes, altering rainfall patterns and glacial flows that feed the lake, while siltation from deforestation in the surrounding hills chokes its depths. Despite its ecological and economic significance, efforts to preserve Wular have stumbled. Conservation plans, such as the Wular Conservation and Management Project initiated under the country's National Lake Conservation Plan, have been mired in bureaucratic delays, inadequate funding and inconsistent enforcement. Local communities, dependent on the lake, often lack the resources or awareness to combat these threats effectively. As the lake's vibrant ecosystem fades, its silent cry grows urgent, raising a question for all who care: will we rise as stewards to restore Wular Lake's splendour, or allow apathy to consign it to a diminished shadow of its former glory? History, geology Wular Lake was born from ancient tectonic shifts and glacial forces that sculpted it thousands of years ago. Known as Mahapadmasaras in Kalhana's Rajatarangini, it has long been a thread in

Kashmir's historical tapestry, serving as a trade route, irrigation source and cultural emblem for centuries. Persian chronicles and Mughal records speak of royal expeditions across its waters while ancient caravans once ferried goods from Srinagar to Baramulla making Wular a thriving artery of commerce. Its waters whisper tales of a vibrant past,



of bustling houseboats, colourful markets and fishing traditions passed from father to son. The 15th-century Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin is said to have initiated conservation efforts in his reign, understanding the lake's crucial role long before modern environmental concerns. It has been both a protector and provider, a witness to Kashmir's changing seasons and shifting fortunes. Now, that legacy stands at risk of becoming a mere footnote in history. Situated at 1580 meters in Bandipora district, with edges spilling into Baramulla district, Wular is fed by the Jhelum River and streams like Madmati, Arin and Pohru. Its size shifts with the seasons, stretching from 30 to 189 square kilometers, though its average depth of 14 meters is steadily shrinking—down perhaps 20 percent in recent decades, locals estimate. Yet, even in decline, it remains a landscape of raw beauty. Ecological powerhouse The lake thrives as an ecological powerhouse. It shelters 27 fish species including Schizothorax and trout and welcomes migratory birds like the Eurasian wigeon and golden eagle each winter. Its aquatic plants purify water and recycle nutrients, while the lake itself acts as a flood buffer, soaking up Jhelum overflows to protect downstream communities. The surrounding wetlands even

store carbon, quietly bolstering the region's climate stability. It's a living engine, humming with life—yet sputtering under strain. For over 32000 families, Wular is a source of survival. Fishing alone sustains countless households. A question raised by veteran journalist-politician Nizamuddin Bhat who represents Bandipora in the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative

Assembly, revealed a striking fact: 60 percent of the Valley's fish supply flows from this lake. Beyond fish, seasonal harvests of water chestnut (singhara) and lotus stem (nadru), provide vital income. The lake's untapped potential for eco-tourism—bird-watching, boating and nature retreats—could also transform local fortunes if nurtured with vision and sustainability. Bashir Ahmad, a fisherman, recalls: "Ten years ago, my nets brimmed with fish. Now, I pull up plastic and despair."

Wular's promise still glimmers but hangs by a thread. Relentless pressure Wular's existence is under relentless pressure. Over the years illegal willow plantations and encroachments have devoured its edges, shrinking both its area and depth. What were once sprawling waters are now choked shallows, with islands of invasive trees replacing thriving wetlands. Rampant deforestation in the surrounding hills sends silt cascading into its waters, choking its flow—some say 30% more sediment than a generation ago. The Jhelum's muddy flow bears silent witness to this tragedy. Pollution from untreated sewage, plastic waste and agricultural runoff is poisoning its fragile ecosystem, while climate change is upsetting its delicate hydrological balance. Menacing aquatic functions within the next decade. And with it will wipe out not just livelihoods, but an irreplaceable part of Kashmir's soul. WUCMA's best so far is not good enough In 2012, the government formed the Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA) with the mission to protect and restore this precious lake. However, more than a decade later, results have been far from satisfactory. While WUCMA has carried out occasional willow removal drives, limited dredging and awareness campaigns, these efforts remain fragmented and fall far short of what the lake's degradation demands - just 15 percent of dredging targets met last year, insiders suggest. Illegal encroachments continue unchecked, pollution pours in without control and essential infrastructure like sewage treatment plants remains unfulfilled promises. Scientific monitoring is patchy, enforcement weak and local community involvement remains minimal. Conservation plans, although grand on paper, are poorly executed, weighed down by bureaucratic delays, lack of sustained political will and absence of accountability. Only with real authority, transparent reporting, and consistent action can WUCMA become the environmental force it was envisioned to be. A roadmap to revival

To save Wular, half-measures will not suffice. A bold, coordinated push is needed: (a) Complete removal of illegal willow plantations to restore natural water flow—rip them out root and stem; (b) Large-scale reforestation in catchment areas to stop siltation, planting now to choke the flood of sediment; (c) Immediate installation of sewage treatment plants and a total ban on waste dumping, with strict enforcement and penalties—build them fast, fine violators hard; (d) Real-time monitoring with hydrological stations, combined with biannual satellite mapping to track changes—watch it live, map it clear; (e) Strengthening WUCMA with legal powers, independent oversight and a clear accountability framework—give it teeth, not just a title; (f) Local communities, especially fishermen, women and youth, should become "Wular Guardians," trained and incentivised to protect the lake—pay them to fight for their future; (g) Promotion of eco-tourism under strict environmental norms to generate income while preserving the ecosystem—open the gates, guard the soul; (h) An annual "Wular Festival" to celebrate conservation milestones and strengthen community participation—rally pride, mark wins; (i) Quarterly public reports from WUCMA and related authorities to ensure transparency and maintain pressure—no hiding, no excuses. Wular Lake's morphology is not just about water—it is the lifeblood of Kashmir's ecology, economy and cultural soul. At the risk of repetition, it must be reiterated to underscore the lake's significance: 60 percent of Kashmir's fish economy depends on its waters. Yet, despite the formation of WUCMA in 2012 and multiple official plans, the current pace—slow and piecemeal—threatens to push this treasure toward irreversible decline. Bashir Ahmad's shrinking catch tells the story: neglect is winning. The path forward demands more than words; it requires bold action, accountability and collective commitment. Saving Wular is not merely a conservation effort—it is an obligation to future generations. The question remains: will we act decisively, or stand by as this natural marvel vanishes from history—remembered only as a monument to human neglect? Will Wular rise again, or become a tombstone to our apathy? The writer is a socio-political activist residing along the scenic banks of Wular Lake in Bandipora district. Wular is a designated Ramsar site—recognised as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. This intergovernmental treaty, named after the Iranian city of Ramsar where it was adopted in 1971, provides the global framework for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands and their resources. India is a signatory to the Convention and committed to its principles.



# Safety of our people is government's topmost priority: Surinder Choudhary

**RAJOURI:** Following the recent cross border shelling, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, undertook an extensive visit to the border areas in Nowshera subdivision of Rajouri district.

During his visit, the Deputy Chief Minister visited the damaged houses, inspected the loss due to shelling, met with the affected families besides interacting with the border residents at various locations.

During the interaction, he assured that the government stands firmly with them in this hour of need and is actively mobilizing the resources and efforts to ensure that they don't face any inconvenience.

He also assured that the safety of every single resident living near the LOC is our topmost priority and best possible measures are being taken in this regard.

During the extensive tour, the Dy CM met several

delegations at different locations in which the local residents apprised him of various issues which were



mainly pertaining to construction of individual and community bunkers, compensation for their loss during recent cross border firing, water scarcity, unscheduled power cuts, link roads etc. The Dy CM gave on spot

instructions to the concerned officials to resolve their grievances and assured them that all their other genuine issues will be redressed in a phased manner.

In a step to safeguard lives and livelihoods, the Dy CM also assured that additional individual and community bunkers will be constructed at strategic locations based on requirements identified. "These bunkers will provide immediate safety during instances of cross-border shelling and are a critical component of the administration's border protection strategy" he added.

The visit underlined the unwavering commitment of the Government towards the safety, security, and well-being of the people living in the border belt.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa and other district and sectoral officers accompanied the Dy CM during his visit.

## Javid Dar inaugurates macadamization work on Sopore Fruit Mandi

**SOPORE, MAY 14:** In a major step towards strengthening the Horticulture infrastructure in media, the Minister said that the government is committed towards creating



North Kashmir, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today visited the Fruit and Vegetable Mandi Sopore and inaugurated the long awaited macadamization work on the Mandi premises.

The macadamization project, being executed by the Roads & Buildings (R&B) department at an estimated cost of Rs 117.63 lakh, aims to improve transportation and trading conditions for the fruit growers and dealers. This development fulfills a long pending demand of the fruit growers of North Kashmir.

While speaking to the

a comprehensive and grower friendly environment in the Mandi. "Along with road improvement, we are also working to enhance the facilities for the labourers, including construction of a Labour Sarai and other essential amenities to support their welfare, he added".

He announced that a Mega Kisan Mela will be organized soon at Sopore Mandi to promote awareness, showcase innovations in the horticulture sector and connect the growers with new market opportunities.

In terms of security and infrastructure, Javid Dar said that additional CCTV cameras

and high mast lights will soon be installed across the Mandi premises to ensure better surveillance, safety and night time functioning.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar; Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing; Director Animal Husbandry and Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore.

The team inspected ongoing works and interacted with various stakeholders at the Mandi.

Later, the Minister visited Ahabal Sopore and inspected the newly constructed New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) building. He directed the concerned executing agency to expedite the formal handover of the facility to the Health Department so that it can be made operational at the earliest.

Javid Dar stressed the need for timely completion and effective utilization of public assets, saying that projects must translate into services without delay for benefit of the people.

## Awareness, Enrollment Drive under Mission YUVA conducted at Kulgam



**KULGAM:** To monitor and assess the implementation and effectiveness of the ongoing awareness-cum-enrollment drive under Mission YUVA, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Altaf Ahmad visited multiple awareness venues on the second day of the drive.

As part of the drive, awareness camps were held at Hangalbus, Nowpora, Kheejogipora and Pariwan, covering a total of 12 Panchayats.

During the visit, detailed information regarding Mission YUVA was disseminated among potential entrepreneurs.

Participants were also facilitated in downloading the official mobile application and assisted in initiating the application submission process on the spot.

The drive aims to empower local youth by encouraging entrepreneurship and facilitating access to various self-employment schemes.

The ADC was accompanied by Assistant Director Employment & Career Counselling Officer (AD Employment & CCO), District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kulgam, along with other concerned officers.

## Govt committed for holistic development of every section of society: Sakeena Itoo

**ANANTNAG:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today inaugurated the Outpatient Department (OPD), AYUSH & Wellness Centre and several other critical sections of the Trauma Hospital at Bijbehara here.

Addressing a large gathering on the occasion, Sakeena Itoo maintained that the present government led by Omar Abdullah is committed for the holistic development of every sector and section of the society across Jammu and Kashmir. "This Government has been formed by the vote and trust of people and, as such, we are committed to work tirelessly for the welfare and development of our people", Sakeena stated.

"The report card of our last seven months of governance reflects that Jammu and Kashmir is back on the track of development in every sector, be it health, education or other social sectors", she added.

The Minister further said that the medical infrastructure is being upgraded across J&K besides an ample push has also been given for recruitment of medical officers as well as other paramedical staff.

"In the last few months this government recruited more than three hundred doctors

and posted them in required areas to uplift the medical care facilities", Sakeena said.

Trauma Hospital and assessed its functioning. She interacted with doctors and other staff,



She added that a large number of doctors were also posted in rural areas to strengthen the medical care services from grassroots level, which is core objective of present Omar Abdullah led government.

On the occasion, the Minister advised the people to take best utilisation of this newly established Ayush and Wellness Centre for their well-being.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Srigufwara-Bijbehara, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Veeri submitted a detailed memorandum concerning various developmental needs related to the health and education sectors in his constituency.

The Minister assured him that these demands would be taken up with urgency and fulfilled on a priority basis.

After the inauguration ceremony, Sakeena Itoo also took a detailed round of the

emphasising on the availability of all critical care equipments and other medicines.

During the inauguration ceremony, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anantnag briefed the Minister about the range of facilities now available in the upgraded sections of the hospital. He briefed the Minister about current infrastructure, manpower deployment and services.

Later, the Minister also visited the Government Degree College (GDC) Bijbehara and Government Girls Higher Secondary School Bijbehara, where she conducted a comprehensive review of the existing infrastructure, academic environment and faculty positions. She personally interacted with the students and enquired about their academic needs and institutional requirements.

## District admin Srinagar reaches out to the fire victims of Guru Bazar

**SRINAGAR:** On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat a team of District administration, Srinagar led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed today visited Guru Bazar area in Tehsil South of the District to provide immediate assistance to the fire affected families whose houses

were gutted in a fire incidents here on Wednesday.



The Immediate relief was sanctioned by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and was

provided to the affected families in the form of blankets, Mattress etc to each affected families as an interim relief out of the District Red Cross Fund.

The Team of District Administration Srinagar also expressed sympathy with the affected families on loss of property.

## DLSA Budgam organises awareness programme

**BUDGAM:** District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam, in collaboration with Legal Literacy Club, Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam conducted an awareness programme on the Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Scheme, 2024.

The programme was held under the supervision of O.P. Bhagat, Chairman, DLSA Budgam and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam.

Members of the Legal Services Unit for Mentally ill Individuals and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (LSUM), students, teachers & officials of DLSA and Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam attended the programme.

All the participants actively engaged in comprehensive discussions to deepen their understanding of the NALSA scheme 2024 and strategize its effective execution.

The scheme's significance in ensuring access to justice for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities was discussed at length.

Assistant LADC Budgam, Zahoor Ahmad Malik addressed the attendees, highlighted the significance of the NALSA Scheme 2024 in safeguarding the individuals with mental illnesses and intellectual disabilities. He emphasized the necessity of a collaborative approach to ensure the scheme's successful implementation.

He stressed the importance of equipping participants with the knowledge and tools required for effective implementation of the scheme, ensuring justice reaches the most vulnerable sections of society and implementation of the NALSA scheme 2024 & also shared his practical experiences in the field.

All the participants actively participated in the discussions, sharing insights and experiences contributing to a broader understanding of the scheme's objectives and strategies for its successful implementation.

## Medical camp, Yoga sessions organised at Keegam, Kapran

**SHOPIAN:** On the directions of Director AYUSH J&K, Dr. Nuzhat Bashir Shah, a series of wellness activities were conducted today in Shopian.

A Medical Camp was organised at Astanpora, Keegam by a team of AHWC Keegam and AHWC Zarkan, providing essential healthcare services to the local community.

In continuation of the countdown to the 11th International Yoga Day, a Yoga session was also held at Government Higher Secondary School Kaprin

The session focused on promoting holistic health and well-being through yoga, receiving active participation from students and staff.

## Indian Army: A Shield at the Borders, A Lifeline for Shelling-Affected Civilians in Doda

**DODA:** Beyond its steadfast role as a protector of the nation's frontiers, the Indian Army has emerged as a vital lifeline for civilians affected by cross-border shelling in the Doda region. In areas where daily life is disrupted by fear and destruction, the Army's role transcends traditional defence—it becomes a symbol of hope, resilience, and humanity.

Shining example of this compassionate commitment is the effort undertaken by the Doda-based Army battalion. Acknowledging the silent suffering of families displaced or distressed due to shelling incidents, the battalion has stepped in with empathy and swift action.

From delivering essential food supplies to stranded civilians to establishing emergency medical camps for the injured and ill, Army personnel have ensured that no family feels

abandoned. Their presence in high-risk and hard-to-reach areas has filled a critical gap where civilian agencies often face logistical and safety challenges.



"The Army not only guards our borders but also protects our lives," said a local resident, recalling the timely assistance

provided during a recent shelling episode.

Whether offering a comforting word, a helping hand, or crucial medical aid, the soldiers have stood tall as both protectors and caregivers. Their selfless service has brought comfort to communities living under constant threat and has helped restore a semblance of normalcy in troubled regions.

Over time, the Indian Army has built strong bonds of trust with the local population by listening to grievances and responding with timely, effective support. These humanitarian efforts have not only saved lives but also rekindled public faith in institutional care.

In the face of the enemy, the Indian Army stands firm. In the face of human suffering, it stands kind. Its courage is evident on the battlefield, but its compassion shines equally bright in the hearts of the people it serves.

## Pulwama set to launch Dharti Aaba Abhiyan across tribal villages

**PULWAMA:** In a major step towards ensuring holistic and sustainable development of tribal communities, District Administration Pulwama is set to implement the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan—a flagship initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 2, 2024.

This nationwide campaign seeks to saturate tribal villages with essential service infrastructure and bridge gaps in human and economic development.

In alignment with the national vision, District Administration Pulwama has initiated a focused strategy for the effective rollout of the campaign. This includes conducting a baseline gap

analysis under the supervision of Block Development Officers to identify critical deficits in infrastructure and human development indicators in tribal settlements, ensuring these are addressed during the campaign.

The programme will be implemented through a series of well-structured awareness and service camps designed to reach the last mile beneficiary in each location. As part of this initiative, awareness and benefit saturation camps will be conducted from 15th June to 30th June in various tribal villages of the district.

The Dharti Aaba Abhiyan in Pulwama will focus on intensive outreach, benefit saturation, and awareness campaigns across the tribal villages of the district. These camps will provide

on-the-spot services and entitlements under various government schemes, including social security, livelihood, education, housing, skill development and financial inclusion. The campaign will ensure on-the-ground delivery of services such as Aadhaar and voter ID enrolment, Jan Dhan Account, Ayushman Bharat card issuance, social security pensions, and registration under schemes like PMAY-G, Ujjwala Yojana, and PM-KISAN among others.

Besides, focus will also be on spreading awareness about Sickle cell disease and relating testing. Special attention will be given to addressing local development bottlenecks, ensuring universal access to basic amenities.

## Mission Director reviews implementation of key HADP components

**JAMMU:** Secretary Agriculture Production Department, J&K and Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) Sandeep Kumar today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation of different components of the HADP.

The meeting was held here in the Conference Hall Directorate of Agriculture Krishi Bhawan.

Key agenda items included a review of the action taken on decisions from previous meetings, submission of training calendars, and the status of farmer training initiatives. Progress updates were also shared regarding the Daksh Kisan Portal and the Kisan Sathi Portal, particularly in relation to course completion and farmer registration, respectively.

During the meeting, Sandeep Kumar directed all departments to fast-track the implementation of assigned tasks and ensure robust inter-departmental coordination for effective execution of developmental projects under HADP.

A detailed review of all ongoing projects under HADP was conducted. The Mission Director stressed the importance of improving animal health, breeding programs, and value addition through various schemes and initiatives under HADP.

Special focus was given to the area expansion of millets under

the Promotion of Nutri-Cereals (Millets) project. Sandeep Kumar highlighted the significance of Research & Development (R&D) in this domain and called for the conservation of traditional landraces and indigenous varieties.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on organizing farmer-centric workshops under HADP, particularly on themes such as organic farming and beekeeping. Progressive farmers will be invited to share their experiences during these events, fostering peer learning and community engagement. Sandeep Kumar further stressed the need for documentation of success stories, which will serve as motivational case studies for the wider farming community.

## RAMP awareness programme held at Ramnagri

**SHOPIAN:** As part of its ongoing efforts to boost the local entrepreneurial ecosystem, District Industries Centre (DIC) Shopian today conducted a programme on formalization of MSMEs under RAMP (Raising and

Accelerating MSME Performance) for block Ramnagri at the Govt. Higher Secondary School, Ramnagri.

The event was attended by a diverse group of over 75 participants from handicrafts,

SHGs, MSMEs, traders, entrepreneurs, etc.

Programme aimed to create awareness around Udyam Registration and facilitate access to various Government support schemes for Micro, Small, and

Medium Enterprises.

The session commenced with a detailed presentation highlighting the Udyam Registration process, its benefits, and the role it plays in formalizing and strengthening MSMEs. The importance of aligning with flagship Government schemes

was emphasized, showcasing how such initiatives can drive business growth and sustainability.

Speakers from District Industries Centre Shopian engaged with the audience, offering insights, importance of Udyam in availing various Government schemes.



# The Soul Of Economics: Relaiming The Moral Grammar Of Human Flourishing



SHABEER AHMAD LONE

Economics must serve life, not profit. True development is freedom (Sen), not want (Tagore), rooted in justice for all (H.George) and dignity before wealth (Aristotle, Pope Francis). Poverty is not natural but structured (Schuon)-its remedy lies in reclaiming the soul of economics.

Economics, in its most radiant and redeemed vision, is not merely a mechanical calculus of markets or a sterile science of efficiency-it is the deeply moral, civilizational inquiry into the architecture of human flourishing. It is the grammar of how societies imagine justice, distribute dignity, and sustain the delicate weave of material, emotional, ecological, and spiritual well-being. To reduce it to GDP, utility curves, or price indices is to blind ourselves to its original and ultimate vocation: to serve life, not merely livelihood. Rooted in choices we make as communities and civilizations, economics should illuminate how the world can be more just, more compassionate, and more whole. It is at once a science of structured incentives and an art of ethical imagination. Tom Butler-Bowdon's 50 Economics Classics serves as a prismatic gateway into this deeper terrain-curating a galaxy of voices that, across centuries and contexts, have tried to articulate how wealth, work, power, and purpose intersect. Yet to truly honor the promise of economics in the 21st century, we must not only distill inherited insights but widen the conversation to include forgotten, marginalized, and emergent paradigms-especially those arising from the Global South, ecological thinkers, and feminist economists who critique the very foundations of dominant systems. This task is urgent and timeless, for the soul of economics is not abstract theory but the destiny of how humanity chooses to live together on this fragile Earth.

A striking and timeless voice among these is that of Henry George, whose Progress and Poverty confronts the tragic contradiction of modern economies-where technological and industrial advances yield unprecedented wealth for a few, while multitudes languish in deprivation. George identifies land monopoly as a root cause of economic injustice, arguing that since land is not produced by human effort, its rising value should be returned to society. His proposed land value tax-though radical for its time-continues to provoke debate for its moral clarity and practical potential to reduce inequality. George's work retains a sharp contemporary relevance amid global urban crises, housing inequities, and speculative economies that reward ownership over productivity. It reminds us that flourishing cannot occur where access to the Earth's gifts is gated by rent-seeking and privilege.

Yet, as compelling as George's insights are, they alone are not sufficient to grasp the full landscape of economic flourishing. The canon of economic thought-especially as distilled in many Western texts-has often marginalized voices from the Global South, feminist economists, ecological theorists, and indigenous traditions. This is a notable shortcoming in otherwise commendable syntheses like 50 Economics Classics, which, while accessible and wide-ranging, occasionally echoes the structural silences of mainstream discourse. To rectify this and deepen our understanding, we must foreground alternative paradigms. Ha-Joon Chang, for example, dismantles the myth that free markets alone guarantee prosperity, pointing out how today's developed nations industrialized through protectionism, public investment, and developmental states. His empirical and historical insights expand the toolkit for emerging economies and challenge the moral claims of laissez-faire orthodoxy.

Feminist economists such as Joan Robinson and Manisha Desai offer a powerful critique of how economic models have long ignored the unpaid labor of care, emotional labor, and the unequal burdens women bear under capitalist structures. They reveal that the supposedly objective language of economics often conceals hierarchies of gender and power. Incorporating these critiques not only improves analytical rigor but also aligns economics with ethical and social inclusivity-crucial components of any vision for human flourishing. Likewise, postcolonial scholars underscore how economic categories were historically forged in imperial contexts, often reflecting the interests of the powerful rather than the lived realities of colonized or marginalized peoples.

The ecological dimension further pushes economics into its most transformative form. Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen's entropic critique of economic systems warns of the unsustainable illusion of infinite growth within a finite biosphere. His work presaged today's ecological crises by insisting that economics must be grounded in thermodynamic realities. Kate Raworth's Doughnut Economics builds on this by mapping a safe and just space for humanity, where social foundations meet

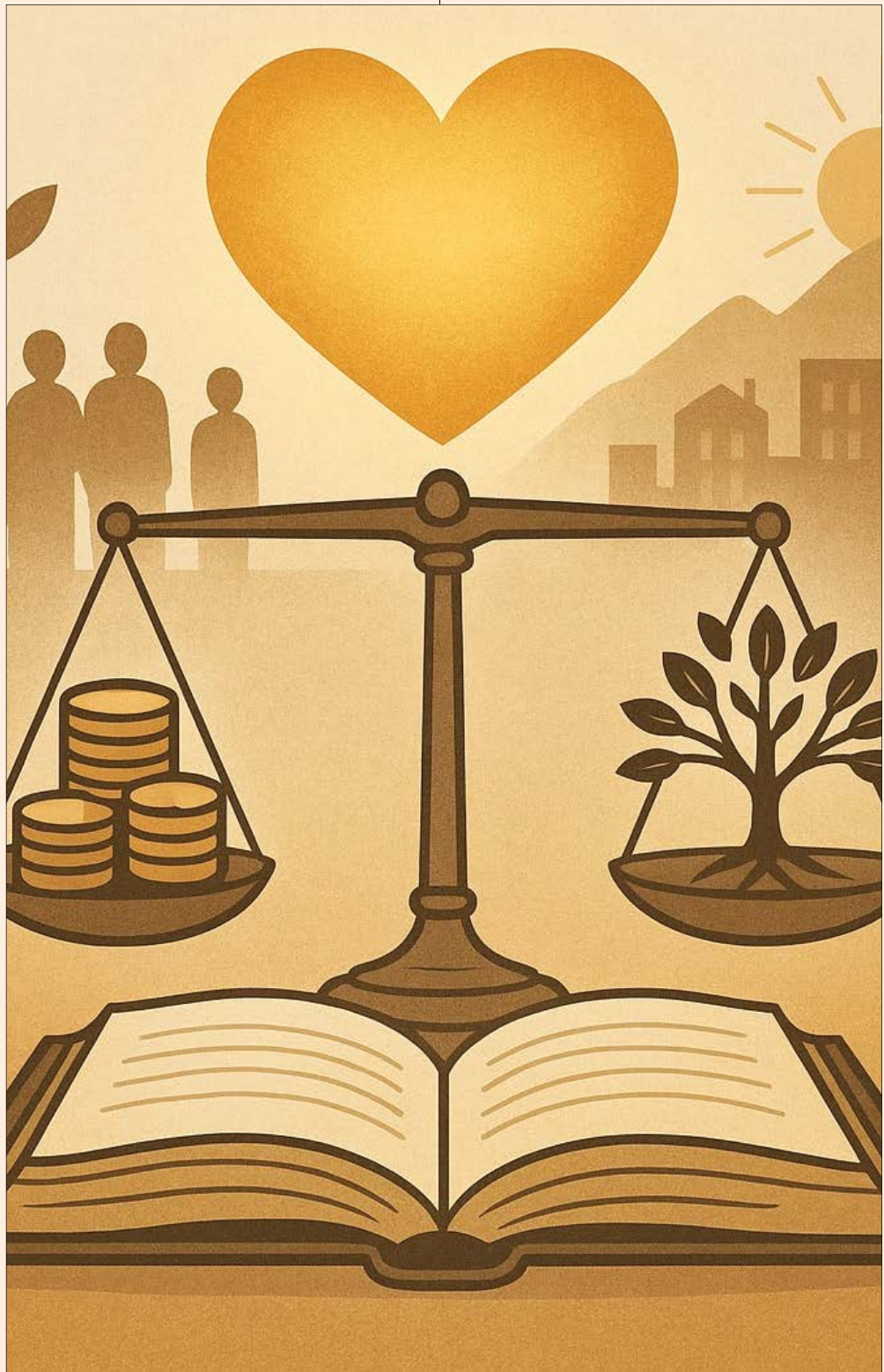
ecological ceilings. Tim Jackson, in Prosperity Without Growth, challenges societies to rethink affluence-not as an accumulation of goods but as the capacity to live meaningfully within planetary boundaries. These thinkers expand the definition of economic success from a narrow measure of material throughput to a richer, more integrative vision of balance, well-being, and intergenerational justice.

Politics not only animates economics but also distorts or redeems its soul. It decides whose interests shape markets, whose voices are silenced in policymaking, and whether economics serves collective flourishing or entrenched privilege. When politics prioritizes growth over justice or stability over equity, economics becomes an instrument of exclusion. Conversely, when guided by democratic ethics, ecological responsibility, and cultural plurality, politics can elevate economics into a means of shared dignity and human wholeness. In this light, economics is never neutral-it is always a battleground of values, visions, and vested interests.

Sacred traditions have long affirmed that economics

A truly transformative economics, then, is not one discipline but a conversation among disciplines, not a universal theory but a responsive dialogue shaped by cultures, soulful traditions, ecologies, sacred scriptures, politics and histories etc. It honors the analytical without sacrificing the ethical, the empirical without evading the existential. By weaving together Henry George's moral economy, Chang's developmental pragmatism, Robinson's gendered critique, Desai's decolonial insight, Raworth's planetary ethics, and Jackson's philosophical clarity, we begin to see economics not as a discipline trapped in abstraction but as a living, evolving inquiry into the good life in a shared world. This synthesis is urgently needed in our age of climate crisis, rampant inequality, and societal fragmentation.

Thus, a revitalized economics-infused with historical consciousness, ethical/sacred depth, ecological sobriety, gender justice, and intercultural wisdom-emerges not as a closed doctrine but as an open conversation, perpetually evolving in response to the crises and possibilities of each era. The insights of Henry George



is a moral endeavor. The Qur'an warns against wealth "circulating only among the rich" (59:7) and calls for justice, moderation, and care for the vulnerable. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "The best of people are those most beneficial to others," rooting economic virtue in service. Ibn Khaldun envisioned prosperity not through accumulation but through justice, trust, and civilizational health. Christianity, too, emphasized distributive justice-Aquinas spoke of the "just price," and early Christian ethics upheld mercy over profit. Hinduism and Gandhi's Sarvodaya upheld simplicity and collective welfare. Buddhist economics, echoing the Dhammapada, favors sufficiency over excess. Indigenous traditions treat land as sacred trust, not property, and view wealth as shared responsibility, not private hoarding. These traditions converge on a timeless truth: economics divorced from ethics is impoverished. As Seyyed Hossein Nasr warns, "Modern man has become the measure of all things, forgetting that he too must be measured." To reclaim economics is to remember its soul-a compass for justice, compassion, balance, and the flourishing of all life.

Globalization and economic hegemony have reduced economics to profit maximization, deepening inequality and eroding cultural and ecological balance. To restore its soul, economics must prioritize justice, sustainability, and the well-being of all, redefining growth as a means to human flourishing, not just wealth.

on land and justice, Ha-Joon Chang on developmental realism, Joan Robinson on gendered labor, Vandana Shiva on agrarian resilience, Kate Raworth on planetary balance, and Tim Jackson on post-growth dignity form a constellation of thought pointing toward an economics that nurtures the conditions for a just and sustainable life. No longer can we afford an economics severed from ecology, alienated from ethics, or blind to the scars of colonial and patriarchal histories. The future demands a new grammar of value-where care, cooperation, ecological balance, cultural dignity, and intergenerational responsibility take precedence over extractive growth and short-term gain. To realize such a vision, economists must become stewards of meaning, policy-makers must become architects of compassion, and scholars must become bridge-builders across traditions, geographies, and epistemologies. This is not merely a disciplinary reform-it is a civilizational awakening. In this light, economics becomes not just a tool to explain the world but a compass to heal it. It becomes, in its fullest essence, the science and art of human flourishing. And in reclaiming this essence, we do not merely redefine economics-we redefine what it means to be human.

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## IAF jams Pak’s

Without crossing the Line of Control or international boundary, Indian forces struck terrorist infrastructure and eliminated multiple threats.”

They said, “Beyond tactical brilliance, what stood out was the seamless integration of indigenous hi-tech systems into national defence. Whether in drone warfare, layered air defence, or electronic warfare, Operation Sindoor marks a milestone in India’s journey towards technological self-reliance in military operations.”

Providing details about how the adversary tried to escalate the tension, the officials said, “On the night of 07-08 May 2025, Pakistan attempted to engage a number of military targets in Northern and Western India including Awantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarlai, and Bhuj, using drones and missiles. These were neutralised by the Integrated Counter UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) Grid and Air Defence systems.”

They said that Air Defence systems detect, track, and neutralise threats using a network of radars, control centres, artillery, and both aircraft- and ground-based missiles. “On the morning of May 8, the Indian armed forces targeted air defence radars and systems at a number of locations in Pakistan. An air defence system at Lahore was neutralized.”

“As part of “Operation Sindoor,” the following were used: Battle-proven AD (Air Defence) systems like the Pechora, OSA-AK and LLAD guns (Low-level air defence guns). Indigenous systems such as the Akash, which demonstrated stellar performance.

AKASH is a Short Range Surface to Air Missile system to protect vulnerable areas and vulnerable points from air attacks. The AKASH Weapon System can simultaneously engage Multiple Targets in Group Mode or Autonomous Mode. It has built in Electronic Counter-Counter Measures (ECCM) features. The entire weapon system has been configured on mobile platforms,” they added.

The officials said, “India’s Air Defence Systems, combining assets from the Army, Navy, and primarily the Air Force, performed with exceptional synergy. These systems created an impenetrable wall, foiling multiple attempts by Pakistan to retaliate. The Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS) of the Indian Air Force brought all these elements together, providing the net-centric operational capability vital for modern warfare.”

According to the officials India’s offensive strikes targeted key Pakistani airbases- Noor Khan and Rahimyar Khan with surgical precision. Loitering munitions were used to devastating effect, each finding and destroying high-value targets, including enemy radar and missile systems. “Loitering munitions also known as “suicide drones” or “kamikaze drones”, are weapons systems that can hover or circle a target area, searching for a suitable target before attacking,” they added.

“All strikes were executed without loss of Indian assets, underscoring the effectiveness of our surveillance, planning, and delivery systems. The use of modern indigenous technology, from long-range drones to guided munitions, made these strikes highly effective and politically calibrated,” they said.

On May 12, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, Director General Military Operations, in the ‘Operation Sindoor’ press briefing highlighted the excellent performance of a mix of legacy and modern systems.

“Since precise strikes on terrorists were conducted without crossing the Line of Control or International Boundary, it was anticipated Pakistan’s response would come from across the border.

A unique blend of counter Unmanned Aerial Systems, Electronic Warfare assets, and Air Defence Weapons from both Army and Air Force Multiple defensive layers from the International Boundary inward: Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems Shoulder-Fired Weapons, Legacy Air Defence Weapons, Modern Air Defence Weapon Systems. This multi-tier defence prevented Pakistan Air Force attacks on our airfields and logistic installations during the night of May 9-10. These systems, built over the last decade with continuous government investment, proved to be force multipliers during the operation. They played a crucial role in ensuring that both civilian and military infrastructure across India remained largely unaffected during enemy retaliation attempts,” the officials added.

At an event on May 11, ISRO Chairman V Narayanan mentioned that At least 10 satellites are continuously working round-the-clock for the strategic purpose to ensure the safety and security of the citizens of the country. To ensure the safety of the country, the nation has to serve through its satellites. It has to monitor its 7,000 km seashore areas. It has to monitor the entire Northern part continuously. Without satellite and drone technology, the country can’t achieve that.

A Rising Indigenous Industry, the Drone Federation India (DFI), is a premier industry body representing over 550 drone companies and 5500 drone pilots[4]. DFI’s vision is to make India a global drone hub by 2030, and it promotes the design, development, manufacturing, adoption and export of Indian drone and counter-drone technology worldwide. DFI enables ease of doing business, promotes the adoption of drone technology, and hosts several programs like Bharat Drone Mahotsav. Some companies involved in the drone space are: Alpha Design Technologies (Bengaluru): Partnered with Israel’s Elbit Systems to build SkyStriker.

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The Indian drone market is projected to reach \$11 billion by 2030, accounting for 12.2% of the global drone market.

The integration of drone warfare into India’s military doctrine owes its success to years of domestic R&D and policy reform. Since 2021, the ban on imported drones and the launch of the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme have catalyzed rapid innovation. The scheme of Production Linked Incentive for drones and drone components of Ministry of Civil Aviation was notified on 30th September, 2021 with a total incentive of Rs 120 crores spread over three Financial Years (Fys), FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24.[10] The future lies in autonomous drones with AI-driven decision-making, and India is already laying the groundwork.

Defence exports crossed the record figure of about Rs 24,000 crore in Financial Year 2024-25. The aim is to increase the figure to Rs 50,000 crore by 2029, and make India a developed nation and the world’s largest defence exporter by 2047.

Make in India continues to power the growth of the defence sector.

India has emerged as a major defence manufacturing hub, driven by the “Make in India” initiative and a strong push for self-reliance. In FY 2023–24, indigenous defence production reached

a record 1.27 lakh crore, while exports soared to 23,622 crore in FY 2024–25, a 34-fold increase from 2013–14. Strategic reforms, private sector involvement, and robust R&D have led to the development of advanced military platforms like the Dhanush Artillery Gun System, Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun, Light Specialist Vehicles, High Mobility Vehicles, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Light Utility Helicopter (LUH), Akash Missile System, Weapon Locating Radar, 3D Tactical Control Radar, and Software Defined Radio (SDR), as well as naval assets like destroyers, indigenous aircraft carriers, submarines, frigates, corvettes, fast patrol vessels, fast attack craft, and offshore patrol vessels.

The government has backed this growth with record procurement contracts, innovations under iDEX, drives like SRILAN, and two Defence Industrial Corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Key acquisitions such as LCH (Light Combat Helicopters) Prachand helicopters and the ATAGS (Approval for Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System) highlight the shift towards indigenous capability. With targets of 31 lakh crore in production and 50,000 crore in exports by 2029, India is firmly positioning itself as a self-reliant and globally competitive defence manufacturing power.

Operation SINDOOR is not just a story of tactical success. It is a validation of India’s defence indigenization policies. From air defence systems to drones, from counter-UAS capabilities to net-centric warfare platforms, indigenous technology has delivered when it mattered most. The fusion of private-sector innovation, public-sector execution, and military vision has enabled India to not only defend its people and territory but also assert its role as a hi-tech military power in the 21st century. In future conflicts, the battlefield will increasingly be shaped by technology. And India, as shown in Operation SINDOOR, is ready, armed with its own innovations, backed by a determined state, and powered by the ingenuity of its people.

### CDS, Chiefs share

conduct of Operation Sindoor on Wednesday.

Insights into Tri-Services synergy achieved during the operation were deliberated upon during this interaction.

“General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), along with General Upendra Dwivedi (COAS), Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi (CNS) and Air Chief Marshal AP Singh (CAS) provide a direct perspective from the Apex Leadership of Indian Armed Forces into the successful conduct of Operation Sindoor. Insights on the TriServices synergy achieved through clearly stated Strategic guidance, and the successful execution of new-age multi-domain operations, with an exceptional degree of jointness and integration, deliberated with Veterans and Think Tanks,” Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff wrote.

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### Prez Murmu

Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff called on President Droupadi Murmu here on Wednesday.

A Rashtrapati Bhavan statement in possession of the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, “They briefed the President on the successful conduct of Operation Sindoor”

“The President praised the bravery and dedication of the Armed Forces, which made India’s response to terrorism a resounding success.”

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Notably, “Operation Sindoor” was a series of precision missile strikes conducted by the Indian Armed Forces on May 7, 2025, targeting nine terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

The operation was a direct response to the Pahalgalam attack, aimed at neutralizing terrorist camps linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), and Hizbul Mujahideen.

The strikes were carried out at around 1:00 AM on May 7, lasting 23 minutes, using Indian Air Force (IAF) jets, including Sukhoi-30MKI fighters armed with BrahMos missiles, SCALP cruise missiles, Crystal Maze-2 missiles, Hammer precision-guided munitions, and Spice-2000 bombs

### CM Omar Assures

deliberately targeted in this instance, endangering more lives,” he said. “Thankfully, the ceasefire is currently holding, and we are working diligently to assess damages and extend help wherever needed.”

He also emphasized the need for individual bunkers in vulnerable areas. “With support from the Union Government, we will work for construction of individual bunkers in all shelling-affected regions,” CM said.

### Pak deliberately

The Chief Minister, who is on a visit to shelling-affected areas for the past three days, said the J&K government would coordinate with the central government to draft a comprehensive plan for bunker construction along the LoC. “After relief, bunkers are the next crucial step. We will work with the central government to ensure the safety of our people,” he said.

Replying to a query, Abdullah said, “Only those who buried

their loved ones can truly understand the cost of this conflict. From day one, I have maintained that this war was not initiated by us. It was a retaliatory response following the events in Pahalgalam.”

He acknowledged the efforts of the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMO) from both sides in facilitating communication and restoring the ceasefire. “It’s only after the DGMOs held talks that calm has returned along the borders. We are thankful for that, but long-term peace must be the goal,” he said.

Omar said hostilities from one side always lead to inevitable escalation. “The day guns fall silent from across the border, they will stop from our side as well. Violence benefits no one,” he remarked.

Moreover, in a series of posts on X, the Office of Chief Minister, J&K, shared the details of today’s visit to Uri. “Met the family of Nargis Begum, who lost her life in the recent shelling in Uri. No words can express the depth of their grief or the magnitude of this tragedy. I pray they find the strength to bear this irreparable loss. We stand with them in this hour of grief,” the post reads.

The CM, according to the post, visited shelling-affected areas of Uri, including Salamatnagar, Lagama, Bandi and Gingal. “This land has endured so much – from the impact of the 2005 earthquake to the pain of cross-border shelling. Yet, its people rise every time, with courage in their hearts and resilience in their spirit.”

The Chief Minister said these visits should have been to share joy, to speak of development – not to offer condolences. “The pain of my people is deeply personal,” he said

### India Rejected

terror attack, India will respond, and will definitely respond.”

PM Modi said that there’s a need for the armed forces to remain vigilant and to continually remind the enemy that “this is a new India.”

The Prime Minister stated that India had suspended its military actions only after receiving a plea for ceasefire from Pakistan

### Army Commander

Manoj Sinha, today and briefed him on latest developments and different aspects pertaining to prevailing security scenario.

He was accompanied by Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps.

Meanwhile The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command, Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah yesterday to apprise him of the prevailing security scenario and recent developments along the Line of Control (LoC) and other border areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

Lt. Gen. Sharma was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Prashant Srivastava, General Officer Commanding 15 Corps.

“Our forces are doing a commendable job in protecting the nation,” the Chief Minister stated.

### Haji flights

to clear the backlog caused by the suspension. “We have written to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, requesting additional flights to manage the pendency. Tomorrow, we have scheduled two more flights, one as per the regular schedule and another dedicated to accommodating those whose departures were delayed,” he said.

According to the plan, 641 pilgrims are set to fly out on Thursday around 320 from Jammu & Kashmir and 242 from Ladakh. An additional group of 80 pending pilgrims, initially scheduled to travel on May 9 from Ladakh, will also be accommodated.

“We are addressing the backlog in a phased, date-wise manner, starting with May 7, followed by May 8 and onwards,” Dr Qureshi said, adding that both J&K and Ladakh pilgrims affected by the disruption are being prioritised.

Notably, the temporary suspension of Hajji services had created concern among intending pilgrims, particularly those scheduled to travel earlier in the week.

However, with the situation easing, the authorities have swiftly reinstated operations, ensuring that no pilgrim is left behind.

Dr Qureshi added that they were hopeful that the entire backlog will be cleared soon, and the regular Hajji flight schedule will be back on track

### How India

IAF, Air Marshal A K Bharti told reporters on May 11.

There was no damage on ground from “these incursions, and mass raids if I could call them from the Pakistani side”, he said.

India had deployed Barak-8 missiles, S-400 Triumph air defence systems, Akash surface-to-air missiles and indigenously developed anti-drone equipment in thwarting Pakistan’s attempts to hit 15 Indian cities on the night of May 7, official sources earlier said.

However, as India’s robust air defence system intercepted, engaged and neutralised hordes of drones breaching India airspace from Srinagar to Sir Creek, during the conflict, on ground cyber experts debunked a barrage of erroneous claims, and called out fake news floating in cyberspace.

Besides cyber experts, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, Col Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, in their successive joint briefings to share details about Operation Sindoor, also fact-checked several claims made by Pakistan.

Misri told reporters here on May 9 that Pakistan made the “preposterous and outrageous” claim that it was the Indian armed forces and the Indian Air Force that was targeting cities like Amritsar and trying to put the blame on Pakistan, and countered it by saying, “...that we would attack our own cities is the kind of deranged fantasy that only the Pakistani State can come up with”.

“...this disinformation that is coming from Pakistan about India targeting the Nankana Sahib Gurdwara through a drone attack. This is again yet another blatant lie, and part of Pakistan’s disinformation campaign,” he said.

Strategic affairs experts and members of many defence think-tanks say spreading misinformation and fake news on cyberspace, especially in times of a conflict scenario, is “part of any new-age warfare”.

“It’s a mind game, even if the information is wrong, the adversary seeks to demoralise the other side,” a member of the senior management of Delhi-based Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, said.

The government’s Press Information Bureau (PIB), which has a dedicated Fact Check Unit, has debunked a series of false claims since the Pahalgalam attack.

On April 30, it trashed claims made in posts by “several pro-Pakistan social media accounts” that the then commander of Indian Army’s Northern Command, Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, had been ‘removed’ from his post after the Pahalgalam attack, and dubbed it as “fake”.

Soon after the cyberattacks, a defence source on May 5 said that “appropriate and necessary measures” were being taken to “bolster” cybersecurity infrastructure, “enhance the overall resilience” of online platforms and “strengthen digital defence” mechanisms to safeguard against further “intrusion attempts”.

Furthermore, “cybersecurity experts and agencies are actively monitoring cyberspace” to detect any additional cyberattacks, particularly those that may be sponsored by threat actors having alleged cross-border link, the sources had said.

The Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, in a post on X on Tuesday, said the “successful conduct” of Operation Sindoor has set “new normals in India-Pakistan relations”, highlighting the country’s strength and national resolve through military superiority in the “new-age warfare”.

“Synergised Force application through jointness and integration achieved in #OpsIndoor with demonstrated battle effectiveness

of indigenous kinetic force multipliers was showcased to the #FSAs, while highlighting Technological Superiority of the Indian armed forces in niche non-kinetic domains of space, cyber and electronic warfare,” it posted.

While India and Pakistan have reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions, Indian military and cyber warriors remain vigilant to thwart any misadventure from the adversary, in air or in digital domain. (AGENCIES)

### India Appears

located less than 100 miles from the Pakistani port city of Karachi, India’s defence officials said they had struck an aircraft hangar with a precision attack. “The visuals showed clear damage to what looks like a hangar,” the NYT report said.

Further, the Nur Khan air base, within a roughly 15-mile range of both the Pakistani Army’s headquarters and the office of the country’s prime minister and a short distance from the unit that oversees and protects Pakistan’s nuclear arsenal, was “perhaps the most sensitive military target that India struck.”

The Indian military said it had particularly targeted the runways and other facilities at some of Pakistan’s key air bases and “satellite images showed the damage”, the report said, noting that on May 10, Pakistan issued a notice for the Rahim Yar Khan air base saying that the runway was not operational.

At Sargodha air base, in Punjab Province in Pakistan, the Indian military said it had used precision weapons to strike two sections of the runway.

“Satellite images of the sites Pakistan claimed to have hit are limited, and so far do not clearly show damage caused by Pakistani strikes even at bases where there was corroborating evidence of some military action.”

On the Pakistani officials’ claim that their forces had “destroyed” India’s Udhampur air base, the NYT report said “an image from May 12 does not appear to show damage.”

India carried out precision strikes under ‘Operation Sindoor’ on terror infrastructure early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgalam terror attack that killed 26 people.

Following the Indian action, Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. The Indian armed forces launched a fierce counter-attack on several Pakistani military installations, including Rafiqui, Murid, Chaklala, Rahim Yar Khan, Sukkur and Chunian.

Radar sites at Pasrur and Sialkot aviation base were also targeted using precision munitions, causing massive damage.

India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes. (Agencies)

### Lashkar Terrorists

Defence officials said that in the wake of the Pahalgalam massacre, security forces have significantly intensified operations against LeT and other terror outfits. Vulnerable routes and areas in South Kashmir have been re-dominated and put under heightened surveillance.

“For the past several days, we had continuous inputs about terrorist movement in Shopian. On the night of May 12, their presence was confirmed in the upper reaches of Keller,” a defence official said.

A joint operation was swiftly initiated, and on the morning of May 13, around 9 AM, troops spotted movement of three armed terrorists.

“When challenged, they opened indiscriminate fire. Our troops retaliated effectively, resulting in the neutralisation of all three,” the official said, adding the trio were responsible for multiple terrorist incidents in the region. (Agencies)

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**F/O Mohammad Ibrahim Malik.**  
**R/O Ayathmulla Bandipora, District Bandipora, jammu and kashmir.**

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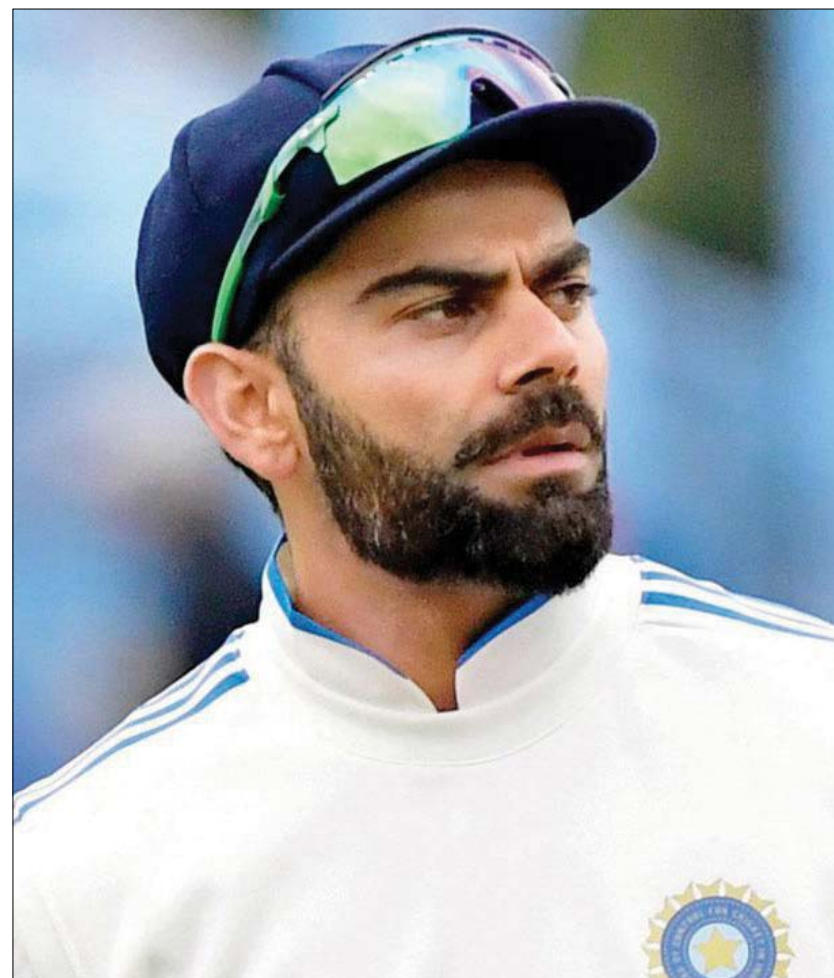
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## India Have Huge Amount Of Talent To Fill Big Shoes Of **Kohli And Rohit**: Anderson

England are scheduled to host India for a



"India is going to be such a tough challenge even at home. They are a strong side," said Anderson.