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Addressed the air warriors at the Bhuj Air Force Station in Gujarat

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SRINAGAR:, "India's fight against terrorism is not just a matter of security, it has now become a part of the national defence doctrine, and we will root out this hybrid & proxy warfare," said Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh while addressing the air warriors at the Bhuj Air Force Station in Gujarat on May 16, 2025.

He asserted that the current ceasefire means that India has kept Pakistan on probation on the basis of its behavior. If the behavior improves, it is fine; but if there is any disturbance, harshest punishment will be given, he said.

Raksha Mantri made it clear that Operation Sindoor is not yet over. "Our actions were just a trailer, we will show the full picture, if need be. 'Attacking and eliminating terrorism' is the new normal of New India," he said.

Stating that Pakistan has again started to rebuild its terror infrastructure



Akashteer: The unseen force behind India's new war capability

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NEW DELHI:In the dark skies, a new kind of warrior awakened. It did not roar like a fighter jet or flash like a missile. It listened. It calculated. It struck. This invisible shield, Akashteer, is no longer a concept confined to defence journals. It is the sharp edge of India's air defence, the unseen wall that stopped a barrage of missiles and drones on the night of May 9th and 10th, when Pakistan launched its deadliest attack on Indian military and civilian areas. Akashteer is India's fully indigenous, automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System, that intercepted and neutralised every inbound projectile. What stood between them and their intended

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Operation Sindoor reflects PM's firm political will: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said Operation Sindoor was a reflection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's firm political will, precise intelligence gathering by various agencies and unmatched strike capability of the country's armed forces.

He said this after inaugurating an upgraded multi agency centre in Delhi for intelligence sharing among various agencies.

"Operation Sindoor is a unique symbol of Prime Minister Modi's firm political will, the precise intelligence of our agencies and the unmatched strike capability of our three armed forces," Shah said.

The multi agency centre, under the Intelligence Bureau, was created in the aftermath of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks with an aim to share timely inputs among various stakeholders involved in law enforcement.

Under Operation Sindoor, India carried out precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan



and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

India and Pakistan agreed on May 10 to stop military actions. India has,

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Public Concerns Need Redressal With Sincerity And Urgency: CM

Meets several delegations at his Raabita Office in Srinagar



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today listened to grievances and issues of public at the Chief Minister's Outreach Office, Raabita in Srinagar.

The programme witnessed participation of several public delegations, representatives and individuals from diverse sectors who apprised the Chief Minister of various pressing problems and concerns requiring his attention.

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani was also present during the outreach programme.

Among the prominent delegations was one

representing the residents of Saderkoot Payeen, Ajas area Bandipora, seeking the Chief Minister's intervention for the expeditious disbursement of compensation to Wular land dwellers affected by developmental works. Another delegation raised the matter of delayed release of withheld recommendations for Class IV posts, urging the CM for immediate redressal.

A deputation of Junior Anesthesia Assistants from the Health & Medical Education Department urged the finalization of the long-pending selection process. In an important academic interaction, Professor Fayaz Ahmad Nika, Dean & Head of the School of Business

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MHA orders posting of 9 IAS, 3 IPS officers to J&K

Retracts transfer of two IAS officers

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SRINAGAR: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) ordered the transfer of 9 IAS and 3 IPS officers from the AGMUT cadre to Jammu



and Kashmir while 6 IAS officers from the Union Territory have also been transferred. However, the transfer of two IAS officers has also been retracted.

According to an order, Ashish Chandra Verma (1994 batch) and Anil Kumar Singh (1995 batch) have been posted to Jammu & Kashmir from Delhi.

The other IAS officers include Naveen SL (2012 batch), Choudhary Mohammad Yasin (2015 batch), Shrikant Balasaheb Suse (2016), Shreya Singhal (2020), Mahima Madan (2021), Ananth Dwivedi (2021), and Rakesh Kumar (2021) have also

been transferred.

IPS officers who have been transferred to Jammu and Kashmir include Sameer Sharma (2011 batch) from Lakshadweep, Sandeep Gupta (2015 batch) from Delhi and Rishi Kumar (2021 batch) also from Delhi.

IAS officers transferred from J&K include Pandurang K Pole (2004 batch), Vijay Kumar Bidhuri (2005 batch), Sanjiv M Gadkar (2013 batch), Shakeel Ul Rehman Rather (2013 batch), Pardeep Kumar (2013 batch), and Rahul Sharma (2013 batch) have been shifted to other states.

Meanwhile, the MHA cancelled the transfer of two IAS officers. According to the latest order issued by the MHA, "In partial modification of MHA's order of even number dated 17.10.2024, the transfers of Saugat Biswas, IAS (AGMUT: 2006), from Arunachal Pradesh to Jammu & Kashmir, and Yasha Mudgal, IAS (AGMUT: 2007), from Jammu & Kashmir to Puducherry,

India in no hurry to review suspension of Indus Waters Treaty: MoJS



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NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) is in no hurry to dilute the decision to keep the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in abeyance, a stand taken by the Centre as part of tough measures announced against Pakistan after the Pahalgam attack, a top official said on Friday.

The Treaty figured prominently in MoJS monthly report sent to the Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan earlier in the week, indicating a status quo on the suspension.

Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, noted in the monthly report that the

IWT shall remain suspended "until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism".

The Indian government is in no hurry to consider a request from Pakistani Water Resources Secretary Syed Ali Murtaza offering to discuss objections raised by New Delhi earlier while seeking the IWT's renegotiation.

The developments on the IWT came close to Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his predecessor Mehbooba Mufti taking contradictory stands on calls for revival of the Tulbul Navigation project in J&K after the suspension of the IWT. The Tulbul Navigation project - that seeks to

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NIA Raids 15 Locations In Punjab To Probe Khalistani Network

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NEW DELHI: Cracking down further on the activities of the banned Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist group, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday searched 15 locations in Punjab in connection with the grenade attack on a police station in Gurdaspur district last December.

"Today's searches, carried out in Gurdaspur, Batala, Amritsar and Kapurthala districts of Punjab,

led to the seizure of various incriminating materials, including mobiles/digital devices and documents," the probe agency said.

On the radar were premises of suspects linked with US-based BKI operative and gangster Harpreet Singh alias Happy Passion and his nodes Shamsher Singh Shera alias Honey along with others based in various countries, it said in a statement.

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"Swift, coordinated operations led to elimination of six terrorists"

Jahangeer Ganaie

SRINAGAR : The security forces on Friday said that a swift and coordinated response

said such operations are crucial after any terror strike and that the Pahalgam incident triggered an intensified and intelligence-led combing operation across south

operations—one in the Kelar area of Shopian and another in Tral, Pulwama—resulting in the elimination of six terrorists," he added.

The IGP reaffirmed the security forces' resolve to dismantle the terror infrastructure in the region. "We are committed to ending the terror ecosystem here," he said, highlighting ongoing efforts in coordination with intelligence inputs.

The joint operations were carried out by teams from the Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, and CRPF, based on specific intelligence about terrorist movements in the respective areas. Arms, ammunition, and other incriminating materials were recovered from the encounter sites.

Birdi urged the public's cooperation, saying such operations are part of a broader strategy to establish a peaceful, terror-free environment in the valley. "Public

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by multiple security agencies following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack has resulted in the neutralisation of six terrorists over the past 48 hours in Shopian and Pulwama districts in south Kashmir.

Addressing a press conference in the Police District Awantipora of south Kashmir, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, VK Birdi,

Kashmir. "These operations were launched promptly based on credible intelligence. Cooperation among security agencies and rapid follow-up actions ensured terrorists involved were quickly tracked down and neutralised," Birdi said.

"In the last 48 hours, we successfully conducted two

Amarnath Yara

Over 3.5L Pilgrims Registered Online



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JAMMU: As the tension between India and Pakistan is normalising gradually and the shelling on the borders has stopped, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has geared up to welcome the pilgrims for this year's Shri Amarnath Yatra starting from July 3 and ending on August 9.

More than 3.5 lakh devotees from across the country have registered themselves online for the yatra.

However, the Yatri Niwas with a capacity to accommodate 2000 pilgrims will get a facelift and be ready for the yatries by mid of June. "Situation on borders is peaceful and normalcy has restored," officials said. They said that very soon the repair work will begin at Bhagwati Nagar based Yatri

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Haj-2025

CM Omar urges centre to arrange addl flights, clear backlog

Mubashir Alam Wani

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday urged the Government of India to arrange additional Haj flights from Srinagar to address the backlog of pilgrims stranded due to recent flight disruptions.

"I have taken up with the Government of India the urgent need to arrange additional Haj flights from Srinagar to clear the backlog of 1,895 pilgrims caused by recent flight disruptions. Ensuring a smooth and timely pilgrimage for our pilgrims is the Government's priority," Omar Abdullah posted on X, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

The air travel disruptions caused by the recent tensions between India and Pakistan have left at least 1,895 Haj pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir stranded, prompting the J&K Haj Committee to

consider operating additional flights to clear the backlog. Speaking to KNO, Executive

total of 1,895 pilgrims have been impacted by the week-long disruption and are currently



Officer of the Haj Committee, Dr Shujhat Qureshi, said that efforts were underway to accommodate those who were unable to fly earlier due to the disruptions. "For additional flights, we are waiting for approval from HCoI. We are expecting a schedule in the next 2-3 days", Dr Qureshi said. According to official data, a

awaiting rebooking. The J&K Haj Committee is in active discussions with the concerned agencies to arrange special flights and clear the backlog at the earliest.

As per the data, of a total of 3622 pilgrims from J&K and 242 from Ladakh, 480 have left from Delhi,

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Supreme Court Directs High Courts To Frame Rules On Court Managers

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday directed all high courts to either frame or amend rules on the functioning of court managers and submit it to the respective states for approval within three months.

The concept of court managers was first proposed by the Thirteenth Finance Commission (2010-2015) with the aim of providing assistance to judges in performing their administrative duties.

Court managers were to be appointed in both district courts and high courts.

A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavi, Justices Augustine George Masih and K Vinod Chandran said the high courts should frame or amend rules taking cue from Assam Rules of 2018.

“We further direct that upon receipt of the rules framed or amendments thereof by the high courts, the respective state governments shall finalise and grant approval to the same within a further period of three months,” the bench said in its verdict on the issue.

The top court said the high courts and the state governments had the liberty to make suitable modifications or changes to suit their peculiar needs.



It clarified that the minimum rank of court managers should be of a class-II gazetted officer for the purpose of basic pay, allowances and other service benefits.

“We direct that all the high courts in the country shall frame or amend the rules providing for recruitment and conditions of service of court managers, by taking the Assam Rules of 2018 as the model rules, and submit it to the state government for approval within a period of three months from the date of this judgment,” the bench said.

Court managers appointed in high courts should work under the directions and supervision of the registrar general or registrars of the high court, it added.

The bench said court managers appointed in district courts should work under the supervision of the registrars or superintendents of the courts concerned.

“While determining the duties, functions and the responsibilities of the court managers, the rules committee of the high courts shall ensure that their duties, functions and responsibilities do

not overlap with that of the registrars of the high court/district courts,” it said.

The bench said court managers, who are already working either on contractual or consolidated pay basis or on adhoc basis, should continue to offer services and be regularised subject to their passing the suitability test which will be provided in the proposed rules.

Those court managers are who already working would be entitled to regularisation from the date of their initial appointment, it added.

The bench directed that the process of regularisation of court managers will be completed within three months from the date of approval of the rules by the respective states.

“We clarify that the respective registrar generals of the high courts and the chief secretaries of the state governments shall be personally responsible for adhering to the aforesaid timelines,” it said.

The bench referred to the apex court’s August 2018 verdict which discussed about the need of sound infrastructure in subordinate courts. The role and importance of court managers, the bench said, was also discussed in the verdict.

India contributing to climate action with the urgency it demands: Bhupender Yadav

NEW DELHI: India is deeply committed to contributing to climate action with the urgency it demands, despite its minimal role in the climate crisis, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Friday.

Addressing the first edition of ‘Sagarmatha Sambaad’, a global dialogue on climate change and its impact on mountainous regions, the minister said the global carbon budget is rapidly being depleted with developed nations continuing to disproportionately grab the meagre remaining share.

The global carbon budget is the amount of carbon dioxide that can be emitted into the atmosphere while keeping the rise in average global temperature since the industrial revolution below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Yadav said the developed countries’ commitments to providing climate finance, technology transfer and capacity building have been profoundly neglected, intensifying the climate crisis for which they bear far greater responsibility.

The dialogue, he added, is not just a forum for discussion but a call for collective concerted action. “India, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, is deeply committed to contributing to climate action with the urgency it demands, despite our minimal role for the crisis it faces,” Yadav said. He said that India is walking the talk on climate action, integrating sustainability into the very fabric of its development paradigm, guided by Mission LiFE, an initiative focusing on the sustainable and mindful use of resources. The minister said the Himalayas bear a significant part of the burden of the environmental crisis.

“We in India, with our significant Himalayan territory, witness these impacts firsthand. We share the concerns of the mountain states and their people. Our environmental futures are intrinsically linked,” he said.



But, he stressed, these futures also depend on the collective action of all nations in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, in line with the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

He said that South Asia has been responsible for only 4 per cent of global cumulative carbon dioxide emissions until 2020, despite being home to nearly 25 per cent of the global population.

The minister expressed hope that the dialogue would pave the way for enhanced scientific cooperation on climate change in mountain regions, building climate resilience and ensuring adequate and predictable climate finance for mountain nations.

Israeli strikes kill 20 people in Gaza as Trump wraps up his Middle East visit

DEIR AL-BALAH (Gaza): Israeli strikes killed at least 20 people in Gaza on Friday morning, as US President Donald Trump wraps up his Middle East visit.

An Associated Press journalist counted the bodies at the Indonesian Hospital in northern Gaza, where they were brought. Survivors said many people were still under the rubble.

The widespread attacks across northern Gaza come as Trump finishes his visit to Gulf states but not Israel.

There had been widespread hope that Trump’s regional visit could usher in a ceasefire deal or renewal of humanitarian aid to Gaza. An Israeli blockade of the territory is now in its third month.



The Israeli military had no immediate comment on the strikes. The strikes lasted hours into Friday morning sending people fleeing from the Jabaliya refugee camp and the town of Beit Lahiya and followed days of similar attacks that killed more than 130 people, according to Gaza’s health ministry.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed earlier in the week to push ahead with a promised escalation of force in Israel’s war in the Gaza Strip to pursue his aim of destroying the Hamas militant group, which governs Gaza.

In comments released by

Netanyahu’s office Tuesday, the prime minister said Israeli forces were days away from entering Gaza “with great strength to complete the mission ... It means destroying Hamas.” It was unclear if Friday’s bombardment was the start of the operation.

The war began when Hamas-led militants killed 1,200 people in an Oct 7, 2023, intrusion into southern Israel. Israel’s retaliatory offensive has killed more than 53,000 Palestinians, many of them women and children, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry, which does not say how many were combatants. Almost 3,000 have been killed since Israel broke a ceasefire on March 18, the ministry said.

Democrats want to focus on Trump. Instead, they’re being asked about Biden’s mental acuity



PHOENIX (US): Joe Biden’s time in public office is now behind him, but his age and mental acuity have become a litmus test for the next leaders in his party.

A new book that alleges White House aides covered up Biden’s physical and mental decline has put the questions about Biden’s health back in the spotlight, months after former Vice President Kamala Harris lost to President Donald Trump.

Several potential Democratic contenders for the 2028 nomination in recent days have been asked whether they believe Biden was declining in office or whether he should have sought reelection before a disastrous debate performance led to his

withdrawal. Many Democrats would prefer to focus on Trump’s second term. Trump has done his best to prevent that – mentioning Biden’s name an average of six times per day during his first 100 days in office, according to an NBC News analysis – and Republicans have followed his

lead, betting that voters frustrated by Trump’s policy moves will still prefer him over memories of an unpopular presidency. In the race for Virginia governor, one of this year’s highest-profile contests, Republican Winsome Earle-Sears is running a pair of television ads tying Democrat

Abigail Spanberger to Biden, with images of the two hugging and the former president calling her a friend. “The stench of Joe Biden still lingers on the Democratic Party,” Democratic strategist Sawyer Hackett said. “We have to do the hard work of fixing that, and I think that includes telling the truth, frankly, about when we were wrong.”

Democratic Sen Chris Murphy of Connecticut told Politico this week that “there’s no doubt” that Biden, now 82, experienced cognitive decline as president.

Pete Buttigieg, the former transportation secretary, wasn’t nearly as blunt but still stopped short of defending Biden’s decision to run.

Russia And Ukraine Hold Their First Direct Peace Talks In 3 Years Amid Low Expectations

ISTANBUL: Russia and Ukraine held their first direct peace talks in three years on Friday, gathering in Istanbul for Turkish-brokered negotiations, but officials and observers expected them to yield little immediate progress on stopping the more than three-year war.

A Ukrainian delegation led by Defence Minister Rustem Umerov sat down with a low-level Russian team headed by presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky, according to Ukraine’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson Heorhii Tykhyi,

who published a photo of the meeting.

The officials present sat around a U-shaped table, with the Russians and Ukrainians facing each other.

A senior Ukrainian official close to the talks said that Kyiv’s delegation was prepared to “achieve a lot today” and with a real mandate to resolve key issues.

The official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make official



statements, said the outcome hinges on whether Moscow is equally serious.

Both countries have tried to

punish foot-dragging, that they are eager to resolve the conflict amid extensive diplomatic maneuvering.

The latest push to end the fighting got off to a rocky start on Thursday, when Russian President Vladimir Putin spurned an offer by Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy to meet face-to-face. Delegations from the two countries also flew to different Turkish cities and put together teams of significantly different diplomatic heft for possible talks.

India Enriched Enormously By Integration Of Sikkim: Jairam Ramesh

NEW DELHI: On the 50th anniversary of Sikkim’s statehood, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Friday said India has been enriched enormously by the integration of Sikkim and the state has a number of impressive achievements to its credit.

The Congress general secretary in-charge communications said the 36th Constitution Amendment Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on April 23, 1975, and by the Rajya Sabha three days later.

Subsequently after the President’s assent, the 36th Amendment was enacted and on May 16, 1975 – exactly fifty years ago – Sikkim became the 22nd state of India with special provisions for it and its people enshrined in Article 371-F of the Constitution, he recalled.

“The Republic of India has been enriched enormously by the integration of Sikkim. The state has a number of impressive achievements to its credit,” Ramesh said.

P.N. Dhar’s book called Indira Gandhi, the ‘Emergency’ and Indian Democracy (2001) is the topmost insider’s account of how the merger happened, he said.

“My own Intertwined Lives: PN Haksar and Indira Gandhi (2018) has two fascinating notes written in the early 1970s by Haksar, who was then the PM’s chief aide, which formed the backdrop to what was finally accomplished in 1975,” Ramesh said on X.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

J&K Handicrafts (S&E) Corporation, Emporium Buildings, Residency Road, Srinagar invites Expression of Interest from the interested Artisans/Craft persons/firms of UT of J&K dealing with the making & selling of genuine Handmade Traditional Jewellery products for display and sale of the same at its Showroom as mentioned below. The Artisans/ Craft person/Firm shall be allotted space at Kashmir Government Arts Emporium, A-7 Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi on the basis of Highest Sales Target/Commission offered which should be over and above the minimum reserve target shown on commission basis as per the terms & conditions:

Name of the Showroom Under the name & style "Kashmir Govt. Arts Emporium"	Name of the Craft	Space to be provided	Minimum Sales Target (in Lacs)
A-7 Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi	Traditional Jewellery	Space previously provided to Jewellery Consignor near Stairs leading to Basement	60.00 Or 20% of the above

The consignment arrangement will be valid for a period of Three years from the date of allotment of the arrangement with yearly increase of 5% from 2nd year. 2% of the bid amount should be accompanied with EOI in shape of CDR pledged to Managing Director, J&K Handicrafts (S&E) Corporation, Srinagar which should reach the office of Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer, J&K Handicrafts (S&E) Corporation, Residency Road, Srinagar within 7 days upto 2.00 PM from the date of publication of this EOI.

The tenders received will be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM by the Committee in presence of the tenderer/s who may wish to be present during the tender opening process. In case of reasons beyond the control of management, holiday or any other unfavorable circumstances the tenders will be opened on the next working day.

Tender without CDR shall not be entertained. The tenders are to be submitted in sealed envelope with super-scribed with NIT No, CDR and Copy of registration.

The Terms & Conditions can be had from the office of Manager Accounts, J&K Handicrafts (S&F) Corporation, Residency Road, Srinagar during office hours on all working days. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/s without assigning any reasons thereof.

The EOI is also available at www.jkhsec.com
Dated: 15-05-2025

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

GIST of Detailed e- NIT No:- 03/JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2025-26.

For and on behalf of Government of UT - J&K, e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Firms/Companies/drilling agencies/Joint Ventures etc for “*registered experienced Contractors of Machine Drilled Hand pump wells*” as per details given below The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S.No	Name of work	Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs	Earnest money	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Major Head /Programme	Technical Sanction	Tender Call
1.	Construction of 125mm dia Machine Drilled Bore Well with Allied Works Near KGBV Sangarwani District Pulwama.	Rs.6.88 Lacs	Rs.21,000/-	Rs.500/-	10 Days	Machine Drilled Hand Pump wells	District Fund	JS-PHE/GWDS/ Cover 01 of 03, 2025, Dt:07-05-2025	1 st

Position of Funds:- Available:

Accord of Administrative Approval issued by the Distt. Development Commissioner Pulwama’s Order No: 40-DDCP of 2025 Dated: 16.04.2025 issued vide endorsement NO: DDCP/CAPEX/2025-26/237-38.

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.jktenders.gov.in>

From 16.05.2025 (10:00 AM) UPTO 26.05.2025 (11:00 AM)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website:

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As per Critical Dates/Information scheduled given below

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2.	Period of Downloading of Bids 16-05-2025 (10:00 a.m) upto 26-05-2025 (11:00 a.m)
3.	Period of Submission of bids 16-05-2025 (10:00 a.m) upto 26-05-2025 (11:00 a.m)
4.	Date of opening of Tender. 27-05-2025 (11:00 a.m)
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer , Jal Shakti (PHE) Ground Water Srinagar Kashmir- 190011
6.	Cost of Tender Document : Non-Refundable should be in form of DD /TR/e-challan deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar(at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply) NOTE: In case the firm/agency/contractor submits/uploaded scanned copy of tender document fee in the shape of DD/e-challan, the hard copies shall have to be submitted in the divisional office before opening of cover 2 nd (Financial Cover) of e-NIT.
7.	Bid Validity Period: 180 Days
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.jktenders.gov.in

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR and (The date of CDR/FDR etc must **not be prior to 03 months from the date of issuance of this e-Nit and Treasury Receipt** (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under Account Head 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Ground Water Division Srinagar (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 180 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Ground Water Division Srinagar (H.Q. Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar) on 26.05.2025 at 11:00 am, if the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

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Dated: 16-05-2025

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**Sd/-Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.
Ground Water Division, Srinagar**

Smart Class Installed at Govt PS Colie Mohalla Athwadoo: A Dream Come True for Students

BANDIPORA: A wave of joy has swept through the remote village of Athwadoo in Bandipora district, where the Government Boys Primary School in Colie Mohalla has recently been equipped with a fully functional smart classroom.

This digital transformation, operational for the past month, has breathed new life into the school and brought renewed enthusiasm among students and parents alike.

The initiative, made possible through the efforts of the Education Department and the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, is being hailed as a long-cherished dream finally realized.

Situated at the farthest end of Zone Bandipora, the school caters to nearly 90 students and has long struggled with geographic isolation and limited resources. The addition of state-of-the-art digital tools has now placed it on par with



urban institutions in terms of access to modern learning. The smart class has not only enhanced the teaching-learning experience but also reinvigorated student interest in education.

Ab Hamid Chohan, Village Education Secretary of the Village Education Committee, expressed heartfelt gratitude during a recent visit to the school. "We are extremely thankful to the Education Department and the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora for not ignoring this far-flung school," he said. "The headmaster has been tirelessly advocating for the students, and this smart class is the result of his consistent efforts. It is truly a dream come true for us."

Local parents also spoke with joy and pride, noting the dramatic change in their children's

attitude towards school. "Earlier, I had to push my children to attend school. Sometimes they missed classes. But ever since the smart class was installed, they wake up excited every morning. When I asked them why, they said it's because they enjoy learning now—it feels like fun," one parent shared.

This initiative is part of the district administration's broader mission to bridge the rural-urban divide in education through technology. More than a digital upgrade, the smart class is seen as a symbol of inclusion and progress—bringing quality education to one of the most underserved corners of the district. As the community celebrates this milestone, it also reinforces the bond between the school and the families it serves, paving the way for a brighter academic future for the children of Athwadoo.

CEO Conducts Surprise Inspection at KGBV and Other Schools in Quilmuqam

BANDIPORA: In a concerted effort to strengthen academic accountability and ensure the delivery of quality education in remote regions, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Bandipora, Abdul Rashid Mir, on Tuesday conducted a surprise inspection of various educational institutions in Education Zone Quilmuqam.

Among the key institutions visited was the



Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Quilmuqam – a residential school dedicated to girls' education and currently housing 50 enrolled students.

During the visit, Mir interacted with students and staff, inspecting the school's classrooms, dormitories, kitchen facilities, and sanitation units.

He emphasized the need for a safe, hygienic, and conducive atmosphere for learning, particularly in residential schools. The CEO appreciated the dedication of staff members managing both academic and residential responsibilities and encouraged students to remain focused on their academic goals while also nurturing their overall development.

The inspection also included Government Pri-

mary School Muqam and Girls Middle School Quilmuqam, where the CEO conducted a detailed academic and administrative review. Classroom activities, lesson delivery, student attendance, and institutional records were scrutinized to assess the overall functioning of the schools.

Mir issued a series of instructions to Heads of Institutions (HOIs), directing them to regularly check teachers' diaries to ensure lesson plans are prepared in advance and aligned with the student's level and the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

He stressed the importance of regular classroom monitoring, performance-based reporting on teachers, and the adoption of interactive teaching methodologies to improve student engagement.

Other directives included the need to maintain discipline and cleanliness in school premises, track student attendance and academic progress meticulously, and develop individual student profiles based on learning levels to enable targeted interventions.

CEO Bandipora also underscored the significance of focusing on students' moral, physical, and emotional well-being, and encouraged teachers to maintain a positive attitude that fosters an uplifting learning environment.

Abdul Rashid Mir highlighted the importance of consistency, accountability, and teacher preparedness to raise academic standards across the zone. He urged educators to align their teaching with the academic calendar and the expected learning outcomes under NEP 2020. He was accompanied by Zonal Education Officer Quilmuqam, Ab. Rehman Mir, and other departmental officials, who expressed satisfaction with the functioning of the schools and acknowledged the commitment of teachers and staff operating in challenging and remote areas. The visit concluded with the CEO reaffirming the Education Department's resolve to ensure inclusive, equitable, and quality education in far-flung areas like Quilmuqam.

PDP Bandipora Expresses Concern Over Hajin-Markundal Road Row

BANDIPORA: The People's Democratic Party (PDP) Unit Bandipora on Thursday held an emergency press conference at its Sumbal office, voicing concern over the escalating political tussle between two local parties regarding the Hajin-Markundal Road project.

Speaking to the media, PDP leaders called for an end to political rivalry over developmental issues and urged all stakeholders to adopt a unified, people-centric approach.

"Development must not fall victim to political ego clashes," a PDP spokesperson said, urging both ruling and opposition parties to "rise above partisan interests" and work collectively for the betterment of the region.

The party also demanded the formulation of a comprehensive policy to address the persistent issues faced by people living in tension-prone areas, especially those affected by delays



in infrastructure and basic services.

The PDP leadership reiterated its commitment to protecting citizens' rights and livelihoods, stressing that no resident should be left behind due to political conflicts or security challenges.

The press conference comes amid rising public frustration over stalled works and perceived political blame games affecting road connectivity and development in the Sonawari belt.

CMO Bandipora Issues Strict Guidelines to Ensure Discipline in Health Sector

SUHAIL RATHER

BANDIPORA : In a bid to streamline the functioning of health institutions and improve patient care, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Bandipora has issued a circular directing all Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) in the district's health sector to strictly adhere to a set of operational guidelines. The circular, issued on May 16, emphasizes that no officer or official shall visit the office of the Director Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) or the CMO Bandipora frequently without prior permission from the concerned DDO.

It also mandates that all employees must perform only those duties that are part of their official job roles and refrain from engaging in unauthorized assignments.

Highlighting another key concern, the CMO's



circular strictly prohibits volunteers from undertaking any task in health institutions unless they are properly qualified in the relevant field and have completed a recognized course from an accredited institution.

"Any non-compliance found in this regard in any health institution is a violation of rules and will be the sole responsibility of the concerned DDO," the circular reads.

The directive has been circulated to the Director Health Services Kashmir, the Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Bandipora, and Block Medical Officers of Bandipora, Hajin, and Gurez for strict compliance. It is seen as a move to enhance accountability and ensure that healthcare delivery in the district remains uninterrupted and professional.

REC Limited Launches 'Swachhata Pakhwada 2025' with Waste-to-Art Charkha

GURGAON: REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Power, kicked off its fortnight-long Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 campaign



on Friday, pledging intensified cleanliness and sustainability efforts across all company locations from 16 to 31 May.

The inaugural programme at REC's corporate office began with a Swachhata Pledge administered by CMD Jitendra Srivastava who urged employees to mirror the achievements of the Swachh Bharat Mission in their daily work.

"Swachhata is not merely an act; it reflects our values and respect for community and nature," Srivastava said, noting India's trans-

formation to Open-Defecation-Free (ODF) status through behavioural change at the grassroots.

While speaking on the occasion, he inspired employees to continue championing cleanliness and environmental consciousness.

Srivastava said, "Swachhata is not merely an act; it is a reflection of our values and our respect for community and nature. India's journey from open defecation to dignity through sanitation has been transformational. The success of Swachh Bharat Mission lies in the fact that it connected with people at the grassroots level and brought behavioural changes in people."

The inaugural ceremony featured an impactful awareness session by Ramveer Tanwar, popularly known as the Pondman of India, for his grassroots environmental activism. He sensitized employees about the nexus between cleanliness, water conservation, and public health.

Another motivating session was delivered by Jasmer Singh Chauhan, Sarpanch of Sultanpur Village, which won the Clean-

est Village Award in Swachhata Survekshan Gramin 2023. His address shed light on community-level leadership and collective will.

A major highlight of the day was the unveiling of a "Waste to Art" installation – a CHARKHA, constructed entirely from 200 kg of recycled waste materials. The artwork, symbolizing self-reliance and sustainability, was unveiled by CMD along with senior officials.

Further underscoring its commitment to the environment, REC conducted a Tree Plantation Drive led by the CMD, Directors, and CVO within the campus to promote biodiversity and ecological balance.

A Health Camp was also organized for REC's housekeeping staff, where routine health checkups were conducted. Additionally, a facilitation session was arranged in collaboration with banks to inform the staff about various government welfare schemes and financial inclusion initiatives. Simultaneously, REC's Regional Offices undertook the restoration of Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) to scale up decentralized cleanliness efforts.

Two Key Bridges in Sonawari Left Unfinished for Over a Decade

BANDIPORA: Two important bridge projects in the Sonawari area of Bandipora district have remained incomplete for more than ten years, causing serious difficulties for residents of several villages.

The first project is a footbridge in Sumbal town, whose foundation stone was laid in 2014. Construction began but was soon abandoned, and no work has been done since. Due to the absence of this bridge, people from nearby villages are forced to take risky boat rides or travel long detours to reach Sumbal.

The second bridge, located at Shelvat Sumbal and meant to connect parts of Sonawari with the neighbouring Ganderbal district, also started in 2014 but remains unfinished. This has cut off vital connectivity for many remote villages in the area.

Local residents said they have repeatedly requested the completion of these projects from successive governments, including the Omar Abdullah administration and the current Lieutenant Governor's administration, but their appeals have gone unheard.

"We suffer every day because these bridges are not a luxury, they are a necessity," said a local resident.

People are now demanding urgent government action to restart and complete the construction of both bridges to restore much-needed connectivity in the region.

Shailendra Kumar visits Poonch, meets victims of cross border shelling

POONCH: Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar today visited Poonch district and met families affected by recent cross border shelling.

During the visit, Shailendra went to affected villages and personally met with families who have suffered due to shelling.

Expressing his solidarity, he assured them of the government's full support and directed the district administration to adopt a proactive, public centric approach to relief and rehabilitation.



As part of his visit, the Principal Secretary also went to Mankote, where he met the bereaved family of a woman who lost her life in the shelling incident. Offering condolences, the Principal Secretary assured them that the administration stands shoulder to shoulder with affected families.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, during the visit, briefed the Principal Secretary on the relief and restoration works carried out in the affected areas.

The DC informed that power and water supply have been fully restored, hospitals are functioning normally, and all essential services are running smoothly.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch further informed the Principal Secretary that village level assessment teams have already been constituted and are actively working on ground to identify and document losses.

He also informed that for the ease of the affected public, district administration has also launched 'Report to Support' initiative, under which Tehsil wise WhatsApp numbers have been issued for allowing residents to report damage or seek assistance directly and efficiently.

Shailendra appreciated the prompt and coordinated response of the district administration and stressed the importance of continuing relief measures in an efficient, and people focused manner.

Khonmoh Super Football League Concludes with Thrilling Finale

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: In a nail-biting finish, Khonmoh Hustlers Football Club emerged champions of the Khonmoh Super Football League after defeating Panthers Football Club Khonmoh in a dramatic penalty shoot-out during the final played in Khonmoh area of Srinagar district.

The closely contested summit clash saw both teams locked at 1-1 at the end of regulation time, forcing the result to be decided through spot kicks. The Hustlers held their nerve to edge past Panthers FC and lift the coveted trophy, sending their supporters into wild celebrations.

Sponsored by Aloha Khonmoh and organised by the Khonmoh Football Fraternity, the two-week



long league featured 12 high-octane matches with four teams competing for the top honour. A standout feature of the tournament was its player auction system, where over 100 players went under the hammer—a first-of-its-kind initiative in the region.

Chief Organiser Zakir Ayoub, while expressing satisfaction over the successful completion of the league, said the event provided a vital platform for local footballers.

"The fans witnessed some high-quality football. It's heartening to see local talent get a stage to showcase their skills. We are committed to giving these players more opportunities and better facilities to help them pursue the sport seriously," he told Kashmir Convener.

Burhan Yaseen Peer, representative of Aloha Khonmoh, congratulated the winning side and lauded the spirit of all participating teams.

"Aloha will continue to support youth-centric sports initiatives. Our goal is to provide infrastructure and encouragement to help young athletes realise their potential," he said.

The closing ceremony was marked by the felicitation of the champions, runners-up, and match referees, who were presented with trophies and certificates by the dignitaries present.

Kashmir University VC Nilofer Khan's tenure extended by 2 years

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday extended the tenure of Kashmir University Vice Chancellor Nilofer Khan by two years.

The LG, who is also the chancellor of the university, issued an order to the effect in exercise of powers vested in him under Section 12(5) of the Kashmir and Jammu Universities Act, 1969.

"I, Manoj Sinha, Chancellor, University of Kashmir, hereby re-appoint Prof. Nilofer Khan as the Vice Chancellor of University of Kashmir, for a period of two (02) years w.e.f. 19.05.2025, the date of completion of her existing term as the Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir," the order issued by Sinha said.

Khan became the first woman vice chancellor of the varsity when she was appointed earlier on May 19, 2022.

Editorial



Climate Resilience

India has emerged as a global exemplar in the fight against climate change, steadily progressing toward a sustainable, carbon-neutral future. The recently reported 7.93% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2020, as highlighted in India's 4th Biennial Update Report (BUR-4) to the UNFCCC, is a testament to the nation's unwavering commitment to climate resilience. This milestone underscores India's resolve to balance developmental aspirations with environmental stewardship. Despite being home to 17% of the world's population, India's cumulative contribution to global GHG emissions remains a modest 4%, reflecting its historical restraint. Yet, the nation has adopted ambitious goals, pledging to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070 and outlining its pathway through the Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS). India's strategy involves a multi-pronged approach, encompassing low-carbon electricity systems, sustainable urban planning, decoupling economic growth from emissions, and afforestation. Noteworthy initiatives like the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, the Green Credit Program, and urban policies under missions such as AMRUT and Smart Cities demonstrate the government's proactive stance. India's innovative measures, such as the Miyawaki afforestation technique showcased at Mahakumbh 2025, blend environmental conservation with cultural practices, creating models for community-driven climate action. As global temperatures rise, the need for unified action becomes ever more urgent. India's achievements, rooted in equity and the principles of the Paris Agreement, set a compelling example for other nations. By demonstrating that economic growth and environmental responsibility can coexist, India reinforces its role as a leader in global climate governance. In this critical decade for climate action, India's commitment to a low-carbon pathway reflects the vision of sustainable progress. With continued innovation and resolute implementation, India is well-poised to meet its ambitious targets, paving the way for a greener, more resilient world.

Gani Rajendra Vijay: The Great Revolutionary Spiritual Saint



Lalit Garg

From ancient times to modern times, many saints, sages, and religious leaders have enriched India's spiritual tradition with their invaluable contributions. These great individuals have raised numerous revolutionary voices in the realm of religion. Among such exceptional and extraordinary saints is Dr. Gani Rajendra Vijayji. Despite belonging to the tribal community, he is a revered Jain saint, and despite being a Jain saint, he is a beacon of hope for the tribal people. Currently, he is actively fighting for their rights in the tribal regions of Gujarat. On May 19, 2025, Gani Rajendra Vijayji will be celebrating his 51th birthday. Dr. Gani Rajendra Vijay, the pioneer of the Sukhi Pariwar Campaign, the messiah of tribal life and eminent Jain saint has been active on tribal issues for the last five decades. he has launched many public welfare activities-schemes for the upliftment and development of tribal life, including education, service, medical and has taken initiatives for economic upliftment, which is a shining light in the lives of tribal people. Some days berore while launching projects worth 4400 crores in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Gani Rajendra Vijay with affection and intimacy while talking to the tribal women of online Kanwat, the whole country saw this scenario and felt their services. . Remembering this saintly man by Modi in this way, makes us feel his pride and existence. Definitely Gani Rajendra Vijayji is ready to give proper status to the tribal society and solve their problems. They themselves are capable and prosperous, so they themselves come forward for basic facilities like education. In a way, with the efforts of a saint, an entire backward and neglected tribal society is getting ready to build itself in an ideal form; this is an exemplary and commendable effort. But these tribal people also got political patrons, for this they made contact with the leaders of all political parties and made them aware of the pain of tribal life. The ideals that have been conceived in Indian society are accepted by Indians with the same reverence even today. The public's faith in price loyalty is not yet lost. Even if a person is alone but is in favour of morality and someone powerful is opposing him with crookedness and conspiracy, then the public will like the person alone. Establishment of these values

is the aim of Gani Rajendra Vijay's mission and vision. Gani Rajendra Vijay is such a personality who has blossomed further in the effort of spiritual development and moral upliftment. He has been striving for the upliftment of tribal life for a long time and is especially aware of the plans for education in tribal life; In 2007, he then Chief Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated this school and other schemes among about one and

Filled with sacrifice, meditation, simplicity, enlightenment and compassion, you are constantly striving to protect the identity of the tribal caste and to establish human values. As if he is the emerging 'Gandhi' of Gujarat holding Dandi. Gani Rajendra Vijayji, born in a tribal family on May 19, 1974 in this tribal soil, became a Jain monk at the age of just eleven. There is a flame within this saint who has written



a half lakh tribal people, such a huge tribal presence was showing Ganiiji's influence in this area. Many public welfare schemes are being run under his leadership, in which Brahmi Sundari Girls Hostel is being run efficiently for girl's education. In this tribal area, where a Gaushala is operated with the view of life, then the mobile hospital is also providing its remarkable services for medical and service. For the economic progress and self-reliance of the tribal people, they are also running the happy family village industry. For the success of these broad undertakings, they do hard meditation and heat their body. In his programs, along with education among the tribals as well as common people, he awakens the light of drug addiction and eradication of stereotypes. The aim of his efforts is to awaken interest in education and reading as well as to inculcate faith in the minds of tribal people towards non-violence, morality and human values. Let every man look within himself and examine himself. Humanity is in danger today not because immorality is on the rise. Immorality has always been there - sometimes less and sometimes more. The most dangerous thing is that there is no faith in morality.

more than twenty books, which is sometimes seen agitating against obscenity, and sometimes becomes vocal against those who forcibly convert religion. Sometimes it becomes vocal for the existence of water, land and forest. The kind of efforts that this saint has made for building a healthy and non-violent society, there is no show-off, no demonstration, no hunger for publicity, no longing for any respect, calling any politicians on his platforms There is no desire for a show of power. In his passion, this saint is trying to establish the ideal and change the face of the tribal society and if we want to see the results of these efforts, it can be seen in tribal areas like Kanwat, Balad, Rangpur, Bodeli etc. Gani Rajendra Vijayji is active in the Sukhi Pariwar Campaign run by the Sukhi Pariwar Foundation to make the family strong. It is my good fortune that from the year 2006 being the founder general secretary of this foundation, I am currently serving as its president. Ganiiji's topmost priority is that first of all the family should become cultured, the parents should become cultured, only then the children will be able to increase the prestige of the family by becoming cultured. If the children go astray from the right path,

then their life will go into that deep pit of darkness from where it will be very difficult to get out again. Gani Rajendra Vijay is making special efforts to make children cultured. India is waiting for a cultural revolution today. This task cannot be left to the government machinery. Family, society and nation can be made moral and character-rich in real sense only by building the right education and right values. In my view, the initiative and efforts of Gani Rajendra Vijayji is the incarnation of a light in the tribal area, it is such a light that is becoming the solution to problems like violence, terrorism, Naxalism, Maoism. Often we seek solutions to these problems through politics, while the crisis seems to be deepening instead of the solution. Because due to political interests these neglected and needy people have been seen being exploited. The tribal society under the leadership of Gani Rajendra Vijayji is determined to move forward with the light to improve the life of this tribal area and to motivate the entire humanity. The result of Gani Rajendra Vijayji's spiritual aura and hard penance is the empowerment of the tribal society. It is a matter of great pleasure that Gani Rajendra Vijayji has prepared the basis for building a non-violent society with his spiritual brilliance. Many times he not only pacified the bloody struggle, but also brought different opposing groups on a single platform. While the groups were eager to kill each other with different types of weapons for widespread violence and loss of life. To make this area non-violent surrounded by wide possibilities of violence would be called a revolution and a miracle. Tribal people really need love, compassion, affection and strength, which is possible only through a saint like Ganiiji and a human welfare initiative like the Sukhi Pariwar Campaign, a light is indeed being born, which is exemplary for other violence-affected areas as well. The specialty of Gani Rajendra Vijayji is that he has made tribal upliftment the resolution and yearning of his life. There is a lot of light in the lives of tribal people too, but efforts have been made to snatch these lights, which are happening and will continue to happen. Today there are more internal threats than external threats. There are many challenges of violence and alienation that beg solutions. But never get the right answer on the wrong question. When bread is needed, bread becomes the solution. Without bread, you cannot make any theory an injection of strength.

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Operation SINDOOR

Introduction
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 in April 2025 served as grim reminder of this shift. India's response was deliberate, precise, and strategic. Without crossing the Line of Control or international boundary, Indian forces struck terrorist infrastructure and eliminated multiple threats. However, 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. Air Defence Capabilities: Tech as the First Line of Protection
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. 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 neutralised.[1] PERFORMANCE OF SYSTEMS
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.[2]
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. Offensive Actions with Pinpoint Accuracy
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. 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. 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. Evidence of Neutralized Threats
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. Performance of Systems: Air Defence Measures of the Indian Army
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:
Preparedness and Coordination:
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:
a. Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems
b. Shoulder-Fired Weapons
c. Legacy Air Defence Weapons
d. 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. ISRO's contribution: 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.[3] The Business of Drone Power: 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.[5] Some companies involved in the drone space are:
• Alpha Design Technologies (Bengaluru): Partnered with Israel's Elbit Systems to build SkyStriker.
• Tata Advanced Systems offers a full range of integrated solutions across Defence & Security and has served as a trusted partner to India's armed forces for over six decades[6]
• Paras Defence & Space Technologies operates within the Defence and Space segments, distinguished by Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured (IDDM) capabilities[7]
• IG Drones is a Drone Technology Company for manufacturing and R & D of Drones specialized in defence and other industry applications along with provider of drone related services like drone surveying, mapping & inspection by industry experts. The company has partnered with Indian Army, Government of India , multiple State Governments, among others.[8]
The Indian drone market is projected to reach \$11 billion by 2030, accounting for 12.2% of the global drone market.[9] Drones at the Centre of Modern Warfare

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. [11] 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 SRIJAN, 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 3 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. Conclusion:
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.

Raabita reflects continued commitment of Govt to public welfare: Sakeena Itoo

SRINAGAR: In line with the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah's Public Outreach Programme Raabita, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo met scores of public delegations and individuals at Civil Secretariat here today.

During the interactions, the Minister patiently listened to a wide range of public grievances, developmental issues and other concerns raised by the visiting delegations.

These delegations, hailing from various districts and constituencies, raised matters pertaining to road connectivity, healthcare facilities, water supply and social welfare schemes before the Minister and sought timely redressal of the same.

our government to public welfare and responsive governance. "These Public Outreach engagements are essential for

unique platform to public to raise their genuine issues and concerns with the government.

The Minister further reaffirmed the dedication of Government towards public welfare, adding that the public voices are being heard and acted upon during the present government.

Sakeena further assured the visiting delegations that their genuine concerns would be promptly taken up for immediate redressal. Meanwhile, MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi also met the Minister and apprised her of various public issues pertaining to Pampore constituency.



Interacting with the public delegations, Sakeena highlighted that Raabita reflects the continued commitment of bridging gap between the government and the people", the Minister stated. She added that such engagements provide a

Javed Rana visits LoC Villages in Mankote sector of Poonch district

POONCH, MAY 16: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana today conducted an extensive tour of Line of Control (LoC) villages in Mankote Sector, including Uchhad and Jhulas, of Poonch district to meet people affected by recent cross-border shelling.

The Minister was accompanied by SDM Mendhar, Imran Kataria, and other senior officers of the Sub-Divisional Administration.

During his visit, the Minister assessed the extent of damage caused by shelling and met the affected families, expressing his deepest sympathies for their losses. He directed the administration to expedite compensation disbursement to the affected families, ensuring timely support and relief.

The Minister also reviewed the damage to infrastructure and directed the administration to prioritize restoration work. He emphasized the need for immediate action to address the humanitarian needs of those affected by the shelling.

Minister Rana assured the affected families of the government's support and commitment to their welfare.



Satish Sharma conducts extensive tour of Chhamb constituency

MAIRA MANDRIAN: Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma today conducted an extensive tour of Chhamb constituency, during which he laid foundation

This Unit shall cater to the increasing health demands of not only Maira Mandrian but adjoining areas of district Reasi as well.

The Minister inaugurated

These installations are aimed at enhancing public amenities by providing access to clean drinking water for travellers, students and the general public.

As part of his outreach efforts, Satish Sharma also addressed large public gatherings at Panchayat Godhan, Payan and PHC Maira Mandrian, where he directly engaged with residents and listened to their concerns and suggestions.

During his visit, he also interacted with several public delegations and community representatives at Khuga Morh, Govt Ayurvedic College and Maira Mandrian Bus Stand. Key issues raised included improvements in local infrastructure, healthcare, education and water supply.

Satish Sharma issued immediate directions to departmental officials to take action on the issues raised, emphasizing the need for prompt and effective solutions, especially for matters requiring urgent attention.



stone of key infrastructure projects as well as inaugurated several public utility projects, reaffirming Government's commitment to the welfare of public.

During the visit, the Minister laid foundation stone for construction of Block Public Health Unit (BPHU), to be built at an estimated cost of Rs. 45.00 lacs, in the premises of PHC Maira Mandrian.

Community Hall built at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.76 lacs village Godhan of Kandi Panchayat. He also inaugurated GMS Payan built under District Capex Budget at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.94 lacs.

The Minister on the occasion also made available open coolers for public use at Maira Mandrian Bus Stand, of Nardi Panchayat and Government Ayurvedic College, Akhnoor.

Arrangements for Mela Kheer Bhawani reviewed at Kulgam

KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today chaired a comprehensive meeting with officers to review and finalize the arrangements for the smooth conduct of Mela Kheer Bhawani

facilities, traffic management, medical services, sanitation, and uninterrupted power and water supply.

DC emphasized the importance of ensuring that all necessary facilities are in place



at Manzgam and Mata Tripur Sundari, Khanbarni, Devsar.

The meeting focused on key aspects including security arrangements, availability of essentials, accommodation

to enable devotees to perform religious rituals with ease and comfort. He directed officers from KPDC and Jal Shakti to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply at both locations during

Mission YUVA: Awareness/ Registration campaign launched at Baramulla

BARAMULLA: District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Baramulla today launched the Mission YUVA awareness-cum-registration campaign to support and guide aspiring entrepreneurs at the grassroots level. The initiative aims to engage potential candidates identified during the January 2025 Baseline Survey and introduce them to the opportunities available under Mission YUVA. The opening session focused on briefing

YUVA Doots and Block Head Doots (BHDs) about recent updates. It was shared that the Mission YUVA mobile app and online portal are now live, allowing eligible youth to apply directly for benefits.

In the second session, held at Panchayat Delina-A, participants from Delina A, B, C, and D were guided through the application process. Ten individuals downloaded the app, with four completing their applications on the spot.

DC Ganderbal urges tribal population to actively participate in Janjatiya Service Delivery camps

GANDERBAL: As part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh and under the Government of India's flagship missions — Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) and the Dharti Aaba Abhiyan, District Administration Ganderbal will be organizing a special outreach campaign for tribal communities from 15th to 30th June 2025.

The campaign aims to ensure saturation of government welfare schemes in identified tribal villages through village-level service delivery camps, covering essential services such as; Aadhaar Card enrollment, Ration Card issuance, Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY) health coverage, issuance of Caste Certificates, PM-KISAN registration, Jan Dhan account facilitation, and more.

These camps will be held across the tribal villages of District Ganderbal.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, in a public message, highlighted that this initiative represents a transformative step towards inclusive governance, last-mile delivery, and empowerment of tribal communities. He also shared that developmental projects worth Rs. 13 crore have already been submitted to the government for approval under various tribal welfare schemes.

In addition, line departments will soon carry out a comprehensive gap analysis in the identified tribal villages. Based on these findings, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) will be prepared and submitted to the concerned ministries to address critical needs under centrally sponsored schemes.

Deputy Commissioner has appealed to all eligible tribal beneficiaries to actively participate in the upcoming service delivery camps, avail themselves of the facilities being offered, and encourage widespread community participation to ensure no one is left out.

22 AEEs Elevated as Executive Engineers in Jal Shakti Department

Srinagar: In a significant move aimed at strengthening the administrative structure of the Jal Shakti Department, 22 Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) have been promoted and adjusted as Executive Engineers (XENs) against vacant posts.

The elevations were formalized through an order issued by Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra on Thursday.

The department, which is currently under the charge of Minister Javed Ahmed Rana, has witnessed a series of cadre-level reforms in recent weeks, with particular emphasis on filling key posts to ensure smoother and more efficient functioning. According to officials, this wave of promotions follows the minister's focused approach towards improving cadre management within the department.

In the past two weeks alone, several Superintending Engineers (SEs) and Executive Engineers have also been elevated as part of the broader administrative revamp. The latest round of promotions is expected to bolster the department's operational capabilities and address long-pending staffing gaps at the executive level.

DCDRC Baramulla Hands Over 4.5 Lakh to 2005 Earthquake Victim

BARAMULLA: In a significant development showcasing the commitment to consumer rights, the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDRC) Baramulla today handed over a cheque worth Rs 4,50,000 to the complainants as part of the compensation awarded in a long-drawn case titled Mohammad Maqbool Bhat and another v/s National Insurance Company.

The case, which dates back to the 2005 earthquake that devastated North Kashmir, was initially decided by the DCDRC Baramulla. The insurance company had challenged the Commission's verdict before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in Srinagar/Jammu. However, the State Commission upheld the judgment passed by the compensation amount of over Rs 10 lac, which the insurance company has been directed to pay.

The event underscores the Commission's commitment to enforcing consumer rights and ensuring that justice, even if delayed, is ultimately delivered. The Commission reiterated that such verdicts reinforce public trust in consumer forums and act as a deterrent against unfair trade practices.



DC Kulgam chairs District Level Committee meet on CLU



KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, who is also Chairman District Level Committee, chaired a meeting of officers of various departments on Friday to review the progress made in cases for change of land use.

At the outset, Chairman enquired about the status of NOCs being issued in favour of the applicants and applications received till date, besides their reporting and follow up status by the concerned departments. During the meeting, 10 cases were put before the committee, in which 08 cases were approved and 2 cases were rejected as per norms. DC directed concerned members to ensure timely issuance of NOCs to the applicants after proper verification of documents and rules under land conversion. The meeting was attended by ACR, FM DIC, D.F.O, CEO, Executive Engineers from NH-444, Jal Shakti, KPDC, R&B, PMGSY, Irrigation and Flood Control, CAO, CHO, Tehsildars of Kulgam/Devsar/Quimoh, Tehsildar Hqg, Eos of

Indian Army Strengthens Civilian Ties Through Operation MILAP in Poonch Border Areas

Poonch: In a continuing effort to build trust and foster peace in the border belt, the Indian Army on Thursday conducted a civilian outreach programme under Operation MILAP in the forward villages of Khanetar, Haribudha, and Salani in District Poonch.

The outreach aimed to engage with communities frequently affected by cross-border shelling, offering a platform to address their concerns and reaffirm the Army's commitment to their safety, welfare, and resilience.

Senior Army officers interacted with local villagers, listened to their grievances, and assured them of continued assistance.

The event also served as a space to discuss developmental needs and infrastructure challenges, especially those personnel visited a Gurdwara under construction, which had sustained partial damage

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2nd National Lok Adalat on May-31 at Budgam

BUDGAM: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam is going to organize 2nd National Lok Adalat on 31 May, 2025 at Budgam and subordinate courts.

In this connection, all concerned Advocates as well as Persons/parties/Litigants who desire to get their cases settled through the said National Lok-Adalat may approach concerned courts for referring their aforementioned nature cases for their amicable settlement by or before 29 May, 2025.

Cases of Pre-litigation and Post-litigation nature shall be taken up for their mutual settlement in the said National Lok Adalat.

Pre-Litigation involves Commercial/Money Recovery cases and Labour and Employment disputes cases, electricity and water bills and other bill payment cases (excluding non-compoundable) if both the parties are ready for mutual settlement and Maintenance Cases.

Post-litigation cases include Criminal Compoundable Offences, NI Act cases, under section 138, Commercial/Money Recovery cases, Motor Accident Claim cases (MACT), Labour dispute cases, Disputes related to Public Utility services such as Electricity & water bills cases etc. (excluding non-compoundable) if both the parties are ready for mutual settlement, Matrimonial disputes (except divorce), Land Acquisition cases, Revenue cases and other civil cases (rent, easementary rights, injunction suits, specific performance suits etc.)

Besides Parties/Persons, whose cases/matters are not pending in any court but are desirous to settle their disputes at Pre-litigation stage can also approach office of the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Budgam personally or through email id: dlsabudgam2020@gmail.com by or before 29 May, 2025, so that their cases, claims/matters can be taken up in the said National Lok Adalat for their amicable settlement.



Awareness programme About POSH Act held at Court Complex Srinagar

SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, organized an awareness programme on the Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH) Act at the ADR Centre, District Court Complex Srinagar.

The objective of the awareness programme was to sensitize the stakeholders, especially staff, legal professionals, and para legal volunteers, about the core aspects of the POSH Act, including preventive measures, complaint redressal mechanism, and the importance of a safe and inclusive workplace.

The programme was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and under the supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar.

The event was graced by Massarat Jabeen (PT&E Magistrate Srinagar) Presiding Officer of the POSH Committee, and was attended by the members of the POSH Committee, staff members, Legal Aid Defense Counsels, and Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Srinagar.

Massarat Jabeen, in her address, emphasized the significance of understanding and implementing the POSH Act at every institutional level. She elaborated on the legal provisions, mechanisms for redressal, and the responsibilities of employers and committee members in ensuring compliance with the Act.

She underscored the necessity of fostering a workplace culture that prioritizes dignity, respect, and zero tolerance toward harassment. Her speech inspired the participants to take a proactive stance in spreading awareness and ensuring effective implementation of the Act within their respective spheres of influence.

MYSTIC THOUGHTS

The Question Of The Absolute And Its Envoy Or Muhammad As The Messenger



DR. MUHAMMAD MAROOF SHAH

Is it possible to state God's eye view or discover "a point of view" that comprehends the truth in all points of view? Is it possible to state one's "worldview" or vision that could resist any conceivable criticism or deconstruction? For an affirmative answer to these

not a designation of a particular historical community but the very name of universality and perfection. It is the name of a station, theoretically available to everyone, attainable to the select few who travel on and on, perfectly realizing all stations until he arrives at the station of no station in which one has nothing of one's own and therefore mirrors the Real most perfectly and is not defined by any particular divine name or attribute but brings together all standpoints or stations.

Invitation to the project of theosis and Perfect Man may be understood in terms of imagining a person whom nothing earthly or imaginable can satisfy, whom no belief binds, who is perfectly open to experience, who has nothing to fear, no anxiety to reach to apprehension of losing and who symbolizes ceaseless

given state or achievement or object. Muhammad (SAW) is the life and fire in every experience as all experience requires the Light of Muhammad (SAW) as an ontological ground. For those who can see, it is Muhammad's (SAW) flag everywhere. Great na't such as Iqbal's na't ("Nigaeishq-o masti main wahiawwal, wahi aakhir" or Zoaq-o-Shoaq etc.) is best understood in light of Ibn Arabi's understanding of the light of Muhammad (SAW).

Muhammedan saints give "each created thing exactly what is due to it on the basis of seeing it as a unique self-disclosure (tajalli) of the absolute Haqq." For Ibn Arabi a Muhammedan is one who realizes the innumerable perfections of all the prophets and the station of no-station which in turn presupposes disengaging oneself from all qualities, bonds, limitations, and constrictions



questions there either needs to be demonstrated access to such meta-truth claim or possibility of stating the same in clear terms. The former enterprise is obviously hard and arguably easily refutable or not possibly falsifiable ordinarily. The later enterprise is one that sages like Ibn Arabi invite us to consider when they call for polishing the mirror of heart to receive what is the case or what unveils itself. It is a call for unconditionally submitting to Truth or totality of all truths, a vision of radical innocence that is open to all experience, a humility to qualify all one's assertions or claims of access regarding anything including such ideals as Beauty, Truth, Justice and Goodness or revelations of Being or pursuit of Perfection and thus not claim absoluteness for any immanent thing or idea. And one who embodies the great Station that is not a particular station or ideological viewpoint and thus embraces the reality or truth of all stations, is Muhammad (SAW). This is how Ibn Arabi presents the underlying archetypal reality of the "supremely successful person" of secular-cum-spiritual history. Let us meditate a passage from Ibn Arabi's Naqsh al-Fusûs that sums up contents of larger work Fusûs -al-Hikm, in Chittick's translation:

God does not become determined for him according to ... various fields of knowledge, modes of perception, beliefs, visions, traditions or descriptions, because of his awareness of the Majesty of God and of the fact that He is not limited to all or any of these things.... He has shown them that He encompasses them from all of their hidden and manifest directions and that He reveals Himself to them in them, not in any one thing, direction, name or level. So they enter the Trackless Desert in His contemplation, and their bewilderment is from Him, through Him and in Him.

For Ibn'Arabi, Muhammedan is, as one Ibn Arabi scholar puts it,

travel deconstructing any signpost or ideology or interpretation or form offered as an absolute on the way – and life is a wayfaring or movement without any conceivable object as end. This comprehensive, all inclusive, universal, open and daunting transformative project is what the grandeur and comprehensiveness of the Muhammedan Station of no-station connotes.

One of the supreme advocates of following the wont or sunnah of the Prophet – Ibn Arabi didn't miss a single one – The Greatest Master makes the most compelling case for understanding Muhammad as Perfect Man or exemplar whom it would be a privilege for anyone to seek to imitate. Emphasizing particularly metaphysical dimension of the Prophet, imitating him implies for Ibn Arabi, the way to perfection and "an ideal of inclusion rather than exclusion, an ideal of integral culture, not an attitude of purity in peril, not xenophobia disguised as piety, not totalitarianism, not reaction." Few jurists today are unfortunately able to approach the question of sunnah in such comprehensive terms and connect foundational elements of jurisprudence to ontology or metaphysics.

For those who wonder why and how come Muhammad is made the centre of history of salvation, let it be pointed out that when we meditate on the very etymology of word Muhammad (the praised one) and its metaphysical aspect of being/principle of manifestation or existentiating principle and consider writings of major Sufi poets and best of na't poetry, we get closer to appreciating why. For Sufi poets in wujoodi tradition, all endeavours are for realizing the station of Muhammad (SAW), all seeking is seeking of Muhammad (SAW), all roads lead to the abode of Muhammad (SAW) as we find, in all cases, ceaseless movement for reaching the unreachable Beyond rather than some resting place. Deep down, we are never satisfied with any

and standing Non-delimited Wuj d i.e., to be absolutely open to the Real with no imposition or will of one's own. Ibn 'Arabi thus demands nothing less than Universal Compassion and encountering the other with infinite humility and care – an ideal which Levinas attempts to appropriate.

It is in light of the Muhammedan Station of no-station that one can critique all Fascistic, Totalitarian or Fundamentalist or Class/Gender/Identity centric exclusivist ideological projects that claim access to absolute truth or privileged position. As beliefs limit or circumscribe the Formless Freedom that constitutes the Heaven/Void we finally seek, a perfect man needs to transcend all beliefs according to Ibn Arabi and be perpetually guarded against absolutization of humanly interpreted or conceived ideas or posing as God's spokesperson. When one sees anyone too anxious to label, judge and exclude in any name, on any pretext, impatient to live in uncertainties and aspiring to impose one's view on others, recall the understanding of bewilderment according to Ibn Arabi and seek to question. All men are united in their adoration for beauty, in their thirst for joy and love, in their endeavour to pursue perfection or the Good and respect for truth; they aren't and can't be united in any particular formulation of these ideals because the highest station we all seek is no particular station. We can afford to lose ourselves or break free in bewilderment or hairah (because Being can never cease to intoxicate or we can never finish see it lifting all its veils) and not in any object "... terae samnae aasman aur bi haen." It is on the Muhammedan axis of wonder that philosophy, science, mysticism and faith meet. Wonder implies eternal youth and freshness of life or birth of Prophet (Milad) is all about.



God does not become determined for him according to ...various fields of knowledge, modes of perception, beliefs, visions, traditions or descriptions, because of his awareness of the Majesty of God and of the fact that He is not limited to all or any of these things.... He has shown them that He encompasses them from all of their hidden and manifest directions and that He reveals Himself to them in them, not in any one thing, direction, name or level. So they enter the Trackless Desert in His contemplation, and their bewilderment is from Him, through Him and in Him.

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Certainly, a large part of IMF's one billion dollars assistance will be used to fund the terror infrastructure. Will this not be considered indirect funding by IMF, an international organisation? Any financial assistance to Pakistan is no less than terror funding. The funds India gives to IMF should not be used, directly or indirectly, to create terror infrastructure in Pakistan or any other country," he said.

Raksha Mantri commended the effective role played by the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Operation Sindoore which is being appreciated by the world. Lauding the air warriors for eliminating the terror camps in Pakistan and PoK in just 23 minutes, he said "when missiles were dropped inside the enemy territory, the world heard the echoes of India's valour and might". He added that IAF spearheaded this campaign against terrorism, and during the operation, it not only dominated the enemy, but decimated them.

Rajnath Singh highlighted that India's fighter aircraft are capable of striking every corner of Pakistan without crossing the border. "The world has witnessed how IAF destroyed terror camps and later Pakistan's airbases. IAF gave the proof that India's war policy and technology have changed. They conveyed the message of New India that we are not just dependent on weapons and platforms imported from abroad, but Made in India equipment have become a part of our military power. The weapons manufactured in India are also impenetrable," he said.

Raksha Mantri added that Pakistan has itself accepted the power of the 'BrahMos' missile. This Made in India missile showed Pakistan the light of day in the darkness of night, he said, also lauding India's air defence system, in which Akash and other radar systems made by DRDO have played a tremendous role.

On his interaction with the brave Indian Army soldiers at Badami Bagh Cantt in Srinagar yesterday, and the air warriors & soldiers in Bhuj today, Raksha Mantri stated that he is, once again, convinced that India's borders are completely safe. "I've witnessed the highest level of enthusiasm and patriotism among the soldiers on both the fronts. What our forces did during Operation Sindoore has filled the country with pride," he said.

Raksha Mantri stated that Bhuj has been witness to India's victory over Pakistan in 1965, 1971 and now. He termed Bhuj as a land of patriotism where soldiers stand tall with an unshakable resolve to protect national interests. He expressed gratitude to the air warriors and other brave soldiers of the Armed Forces and BSF for their service to the motherland.

Reiterating the Government's commitment to continuously equip the Armed Forces with latest weapons/platforms and modern infrastructure, Rajnath Singh stated a strong nation respects its military and provides it with resources, technology and every support. He highlighted that, earlier, India was heavily dependent on imports, but today it is indigenously manufacturing equipment such as artillery systems, radar systems, missile shields, drones and counter drones. "We are becoming exporters from importers; and this is just the beginning," he said.

Rajnath Singh stated that the people of India, the Government, the Armed Forces and other security agencies displayed unity and understanding in this fight against terrorism, with every citizen participating like a soldier. He stated that the Government and the people stand shoulder-to-shoulder with its forces at every step, expressing confidence that "Together, we will completely eradicate terrorism from the region, and no one dares to cast an evil eye on the sovereignty of the nation".

Raksha Mantri began his address by paying homage to the innocent lives lost in Pahalgam and the soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during Operation Sindoore. He wished a speedy recovery to the injured soldiers.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and other senior IAF officials were present on the occasion.

Akashteer: The

targets was not just technology, but years of commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat. While Pakistan relied on imported HQ-9 and HQ-16 systems that failed to detect and intercept Indian strikes, Akashteer showcased India's dominance in real-time, automated air defence warfare.

The integration of multiple elements reduces the possibility of friendly fire, allowing rapid engagement of hostile targets while ensuring the protection of aircraft in contested airspace. The sensors integrated include Tactical Control Radar REPORTER, 3D Tactical Control Radars, Low-Level Lightweight Radar and the radar of Akash Weapon System.

Akashteer is not about brute force, it is about intelligent warfare. The system provides a common, real-time air picture to all involved parties (control room, radars and Defence Gun), enabling coordinated air defense operations. It is a system designed to automate detection, tracking and engagement of enemy aircraft, drones and missiles. It integrates various radar systems, sensors and communication technologies into a single operational framework. Akashteer gathers data from multiple sources, processes it and allows for automated, real-time engagement decisions. Akashteer is part of the broader C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) framework, working in coordination with other systems. The system is vehicle-based which makes it mobile and easier to handle in hostile environment.

Unlike traditional air defence models that rely on ground-based radars and manual decisions, Akashteer enables autonomous monitoring of low-level airspace in battle zones and efficient control of Ground-Based Air Defence Weapon Systems. This marks a clear shift in India's strategic principle- from passive defence to proactive retaliation. Its seamless integration with India's larger C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) ecosystem allows the Army, Navy and Air Force to operate with unmatched synergy.

Akashteer is the core of the Indian Army's Air Defence (AAD) system. It connects smoothly with IACCS (Indian Air Force) and TRIGUN (Indian Navy), creating a clear and real-time picture of the battlefield. This enables the quick and effective use of both offensive and defensive weapons.

Because all three forces work together through Akashteer, there is a much lower risk of accidentally hitting friendly targets. It improves situational awareness and allows for precise, powerful action. Since Akashteer is vehicle-mounted and highly mobile, it is ideal for deployment in dangerous and active war zones.

Akashteer is not alone. It is part of a growing ecosystem of indigenous defence platforms that are reshaping India's war-fighting capabilities. The Make in India initiative has bolstered growth and enabled the development of advanced military platforms including 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), 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.

Experts across the world are calling Akashteer a "seismic shift in warfare strategy." With this system, India has entered the

elite club of nations with fully integrated, automated Air Defence Command and Control capability. It doesn't just see faster- it decides faster, and it strikes faster than anything fielded globally.

Akashteer is not just a technology; it is India's answer to asymmetric warfare, hybrid threats, and cross-border terrorism. It's successful use in neutralising Pakistan's offensive during Operation SINDOOR stands as proof that India's future lies not in imported platforms, but in its own innovation, being truly Atmanirbhar.

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however, made it clear it has merely paused its operation and its future actions will be guided by Pakistan's conduct.

Modi had said Operation Sindoore was India's new policy against terrorism and the country's unwavering pledge for justice.

"It is the new normal. We have only kept in abeyance our operations against Pakistan and the future will depend on their behaviour," Modi had said in a 22-minute address.

Modi had also sternly warned Pakistan that India will not succumb to nuclear blackmail and sent a clear message to the world: terror and trade, terror and talks cannot go together.

Public Concerns

at Central University of Kashmir, presented key findings from a study on the NRLM/UEED programmes, underlining their role in enhancing women's empowerment and employment generation in the Ganderbal district.

The Jehlum Riverside House Rehabilitation Union from Habba Kadal Ganpatyar submitted a memorandum seeking allotment of land at Rakhi Aarth for the permanent rehabilitation of landless families displaced along the Jehlum river.

Likewise, a delegation from the Local Youth Coordination Committee, Chattabal, requested the construction of a playground in their area, emphasizing the need for sports infrastructure.

A deputation from the Sangarmal Traders Welfare Association called for the resolution of multiple pending issues affecting traders at the Sangarmal Shopping Complex.

Representatives of both private and cooperative Kerosene Oil Dealers, under their president, appealed for the restoration of kerosene supplies—particularly for horticulturists and agriculturists operating power-driven machinery.

Mechanical engineering graduates and engineers highlighted the need for assured career progression.

The Tempo Travelers Association, Srinagar, sought a temporary waiver of EMI payments on vehicles in light of the ongoing financial stress on transport operators.

Ms. Khair-ul-Nisa, Principal Advisor to the World Trade Center Association in New York and World Trade Center India, held a high-level discussion on major investment opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir and proposed the establishment of a World Trade Center in the region.

Academicians Prof. Hanief and Prof. Talat discussed the critical issue of NAAC accreditation for Islamia College and sought the government's support in strengthening institutional standards.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah gave a patient hearing to all deputations and assured sympathetic consideration of their demands.

He reiterated his government's unwavering commitment to participatory governance, inclusive development and responsive public administration.

"We remain committed to responsive governance and to addressing public concerns with sincerity and urgency," Omar Abdullah said.

India in no

rejuvenate the Jhelum-fed Wular lake in Bandipora district – was launched in 1987 but paused in 2007 amid objections from Pakistan under the IWT.

With India suspending the Treaty on April 23, a day after the Pahalgam terror attack, Abdullah on Thursday called for resumption of work in the project on Wular Lake.

In a post on X, the Chief Minister said that since the water pact with Pakistan has been kept in abeyance: "I wonder if we will be able to resume the project."

Mufti opposed the idea and described CM Abdullah's suggestion as "irresponsible and dangerously provocative".

Earlier last month, Union Minister of Jal Shakti C.R. Patil launched a web-based Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) Portal.

The Central Water Commission monitors Live Storage Capacity of 161 important reservoirs of country an issues weekly bulletin on every Thursday. The total live storage capacity of these reservoirs at full reservoir level (FRL) is 182.375 billion cubic meters (BCM) which is about 70.74 per cent of the total live storage capacity estimated to have been created in the country.

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Ghanie Ke Bangar police station had revealed that the arrested accused who had committed the crime was acting on the directions of Happy, along with Shamsher and other aides.

It was also found that BKI's operatives, based in various countries, were engaged in a criminal conspiracy to recruit and train India-based associates, provide funds, weapons and explosives to the field operatives of the terror group.

"These activities were being carried out through their associates and acquaintances, also based abroad, including in Pakistan. The conspiracy by the foreign based designated terrorists and handlers was aimed at carrying out terror acts on the Indian soil," the NIA said, adding it is continuing its investigation in the case registered on the directions of the home ministry. (Agencies)

CM Omar urges

10 from Mumbai, 2 from Hyderabad and 1461 from Srinagar, with the rest of the numbers remaining pending. As per the officials, there were a few fresh cancellations as well.

The disruptions have triggered anxiety among intending pilgrims and their families.

Over 3.5L

Niwas—the base camp of Shri Amarnath Yatra at Jammu and the facility will be handed over to the Tourism Department by June 20.

"The first batch of pilgrims from Jammu Yatri Niwas will leave for Shri Amarnath from twin routes– Pahalgam and Baltal– route on July 2," they added.

They further said that so far more than three and a half lakh devotees from across the country have registered online from April 14 for the Yatra.

"There is a great enthusiasm among the devotees and despite all challenges they are ready to visit the cave shrine during the yatra," they stated.

The administration at the Divisional and the District levels has directed the concerned officers to expedite the preparations for the Yatra.

"Devotees will get all facilities from the entry gate at Lakhanpur (J&K-Punjab Border) upto the holy cave of Shri Amarnath to facilitate their journey," said officials.

"The facelift work of Yatri Niwas has been allotted to the J&K Public Works Department and the repairs will begin very soon as the accommodation was being used for the stay of additional security personnel on duty in the aftermath of Indo-Pak tension," they added.

Director Tourism, Jammu, Vikas Gupta on Friday conducted a comprehensive inspection of Yatri Niwas and assessed the preparedness and infrastructural arrangements for the smooth facilitation of pilgrims.

He was accompanied by Ajiaz Qaiser, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu. The Director reviewed key facilities including accommodation, sanitation, uninterrupted power supply, potable water availability, hygiene standards, and overall management of the premises. The objective of the visit was to ensure seamless coordination among departments and timely completion of all essential works ahead of the Yatra.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of quality, sanitation, and coordination to ensure a safe, comfortable, and well-managed environment for the yatrīs.

The Director reiterated the commitment of the Tourism Department to ensuring that all necessary infrastructure, services, and logistics are put in place well in advance, in close coordination with all concerned departments, for the smooth and successful conduct of the Shri Amarnath Yatra.

Meanwhile officials said that besides infrastructural arrangements and facilities, health of the pilgrims visiting the Yatri Niwas will also be taken care of for which a team of Jammu and Kashmir Health Department will be deputed round the clock on roster basis.

Meanwhile, he said that the pilgrims from outside the Jammu and Kashmir, can also avail the facility of postpaid numbers of various telecom service providers.

Notably, the pre-paid SIM cards from rest of the parts of the country are not functional in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Likewise every year, this time also travel prepaid SIM card service will be available from telecom operators," they said, "devotees will get all facilities under one-roof like registration, travel to scenic places of Jammu etc."

Two counters will also be set up in the Yatri Niwas by Jammu-Kashmir Road Transport Corporation, said official.

They stated that around 120 mobile toilets will also be installed at Yatri Niwas.

"The two-storied Yatri Niwas has a capacity to accommodate 2000 pilgrims and apart from this, a prefabricated shed has also been built in the courtyard to accommodate nearly 200 pilgrims in case of heavy rush," they said.

CM Omar exchange war of words with Mehbooba on reviving Tulbul Project

SRINAGAR: What started as a war of words between Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti over the former's call to revive the Tulbul Navigation Barrage project on Wullar Lake turned into a mudslinging match, with the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister accusing his predecessor of taking the conversation to gutter level.

The altercation broke out after Mufti said Abdullah's call to revive the Tulbul Navigation Barrage project in view of the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) was "irresponsible" and "dangerously provocative".

The chief minister hit back at the PDP president, saying she refuses to acknowledge that the IWT was a "historic betrayal" with the people of Jammu and Kashmir because of her "blind lust" to score "cheap" publicity points and "please" some people across the border.

In a post on X on Thursday, Abdullah wondered if work could resume on the Tulbul Navigation Barrage project in view of the suspension of the IWT.

"The Wular lake in North Kashmir. The civil works you see in the video is the Tulbul Navigation Barrage. It was started in the early 1980s but had to be abandoned under pressure from Pakistan citing the Indus Water Treaty. Now that the IWT has been 'temporarily suspended' I wonder if we will be able to resume the project," the National Conference (NC) leader posted from his personal X handle.

He said if completed, the Tulbul project can help use the Jhelum river for navigation purposes.

"Along with other arrangements, 24×7 water and electricity supply will be made available at the Yatri Niwas for the pilgrims," they said.

However, tight security arrangements will be made in and around the base camp for the safety of the devotees, they added. (Agencies)

“Swift, coordinated

support is vital for the success of these anti-terror efforts. Sharing information can make a significant difference," he appealed.

Major General Dhananjay Joshi, GOC of the Army's Victor Force, said terrorists attempting to hide, whether in dense forests or within civilian residential areas, will be tracked and eliminated.

He said the two operations differed due to terrain: the Kelar operation was in a challenging, upper forested region, while the Tral operation was in a residential area where civilians were evacuated safely beforehand.

"We will not allow terrorists to find safe havens anywhere in the Valley. Our commitment is clear—we will pursue them wherever they hide," Major General Joshi said, adding that one of the six terrorists neutralised, Shahid Kuttay, was involved in two major attacks, including an assault on a German tourist.

Regarding the Kelar operation, Joshi said, "On May 12, intelligence indicated a possible terrorist presence in the higher reaches of Kelar. On May 13, surveillance detected movement in the area. When challenged, the terrorists fired upon our troops, leading to a swift encounter and their neutralisation."

The second operation in Tral was launched based on specific inputs. "As our teams cordoned off the village, terrorists hiding in different houses opened fire. Despite the hostile situation, the forces managed to evacuate civilians safely," he added.

Shahid Kuttay, a high-profile terrorist involved in multiple attacks, including the assault on a German tourist, and terror funding activities, was among those eliminated.

CRPF Inspector General Mitesh said these successes would not be possible without the support of local residents. "Public cooperation and timely information are vital for such operations," he said. "Our goal is not only to neutralise terrorism but to establish enduring peace in the region."

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are hereby cancelled."The order further states that all other contents of the original order shall remain unchanged

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Ashwin backs Bumrah and Jadeja for India's Test captaincy role

Ben Stokes Declares He's Ready For England Return After Hamstring Surgery

He is not part of the white-ball squads for Brook's first assignments against West Indies, but has not officially retired from either format. "I'd play more white-ball cricket for England, then great," Stokes said. "But if I don't, then I'm going to sit back and watch the incredible talent that England has go and put on a show, and hopefully win more World Cups in the future."

He also revealed discussions with coach Brendon McCullum around ensuring he does not push himself too hard. "We've spoken about