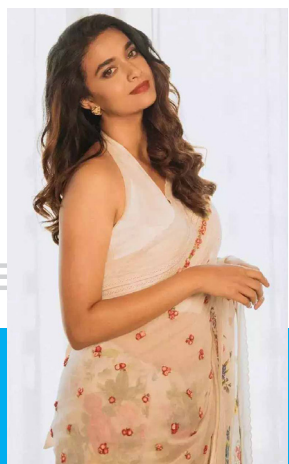




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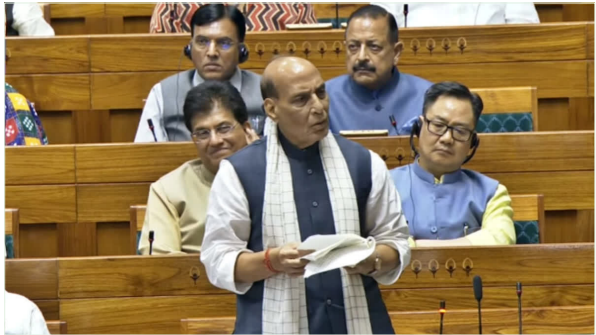
NEW DELHI, JULY 28:

As Defence Minister Rajnath Singh started the debate in Lok Sabha today on Pahalgam attack and India's response, he posed some tough questions to the opposition while asserting that the armed force are ever vigilant to defend India's borders.

Singh said that Operation Sindoor was "paused" as the armed forces had achieved the desired politico-military objectives and asserted that there was "no pressure" to end it.

If Pakistan indulges in fresh misadventure, it will resume again, the Minister said in his opening remarks on the special debate on Pahalgam terror strikes and Operation Sindoor in the lower house.

"Opposition is asking how many of our aircraft were shot down, they never asked how many enemy aircraft came down," Singh said as he came down heavily on the opposition for questioning the government.



"In any exam, results matter, not whether pencil was broken during exam or pen lost; ultimately, results matter," Singh said.

Operation Sindoor, he said, was an effective and well-coordinated strike against nine terror sites in PoK and Pakistan. "Opposition should ask whether Operation Sindoor was successful. The answer is, yes," Singh said and shared details of the operation.

He said of the nine terror camps, seven were fully destroyed and India had proof of the damage incurred inside PoK and Pakistan. "The entire operation was over in 22 minutes and the Pahalgam killings were avenged. The attacks were non-escalatory in nature," the defence minister said.

"Opposition should ask, were any of our brave soldiers harmed? The answer is no, none of our soldiers were harmed," Singh asserted. He said that before executing Operation Sindoor, Indian armed forces studied every aspect and chose option that would cause maximum damage to terrorists, while ensuring no harm to innocent civilians.

India's air defence systems, counter-drone system and electronic equipment foiled Pakistan's attack, Singh said adding that armed forces fully achieved the objectives they had set in Operation Sindoor.

Referring to past attempts to improve ties with the neighbouring country, Singh said that India wants friendly relations with Pakistan and other countries and successive governments have made efforts in this regard.

"We once spoke language of 'Lahore bus journey', but Pakistan did not understand that; we now respond with 'Balakot strike'. India first extends hand of friendship, but it also knows how to twist the wrist if any country betrays it," Singh said. Op Sindoor, he said, was a symbol of

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Domestic tourist visits to J-K 2025 stood at over 95 lakh: Govt data

NEW DELHI, JULY 28:

The figures for domestic tourist visits (DTV) to Jammu to Kashmir during January-June this year stood at more than 95 lakh, according to data shared by the government.

Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat shared the data in a written response to a query on whether the Centre is aware of the decline in tourist footfall and business losses in Jammu and Kashmir during the peak tourist season following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi also asked if any assessment was made by the government on its economic impact on local tourism-dependent stakeholders.

"No such assessment has been made by the Ministry of Tourism on economic impact on local tourism-dependent stakeholders in Jammu and Kashmir," Shekhawat said. In his response, he shared year-wise tabulated data

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Pahalgam Attack mastermind believed to be among 3 'Foreign' Terrorists Killed

**Will take us
some time for
identification": IGP**

**SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, JULY 28:**

Three terrorists were killed in an "intense" gunfight with security forces in the Dachigam forest range of Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, on Monday, the Indian Army said. The forest range connects with south Kashmir, and the terrorists are believed to be hailing from Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) offshoot, The Resistance Front (TRF).

The TRF, accused of carrying out the Pahalgam terror attack in which 25 tourists and a pony operator were killed on April 22, was designated by the United States (US) as a terror outfit early this month.

A statement from the Army's Chinar Corps, which guards the borders along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir, confirmed killing three terrorists in the operation. "OP MAHADEV Update: Three terrorist have been neutralised in an intense fire-



fight. Operation Continues (sic)," the Army's Chinar Corps posted on X.

The operation was launched by forces early this morning based on inputs about the presence of terrorists in Lidwas meadow, which falls in the upper belt of Dachigam National Park in Harwan, Srinagar.

Northern Army Command chief Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma complimented the forces for the swift and precise execution of the terrorists in 'Operation Mahadev'.

Officials said the bodies of the terrorists have been recovered, with US-made carbines and AK-47 rifles alongside ammunition and other material recovered from the spot. However, the identity of the trio was not disclosed at the time of filing this report.

Suleman Musa, a Pakistani terrorist, is thought to have been one of the three foreign terrorists killed. If confirmed, this would be seen as a big achievement for the forces, as he is believed to be the key architect of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

Earlier, the Jammu and Kashmir Police had released sketches

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Hopeful of statehood restoration during ongoing Parliament session: CM Omar

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JULY 28:

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said he is hopeful of restoration of statehood to the Union Territory during the Monsoon session of Parliament, asserting that his government will raise the issue if there is no progress on it during this period.

However, the J&K Congress said they are intensifying the statehood restoration agitation from August 1 and announced a three-week programme including chain hunger strike as part of its 'Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq' campaign. Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, Chief Minister Abdullah said, "Let this Parliament session pass. We are hopeful that we will get something in this session. If we do not get anything, we will

talk after that. I will not go for a strike as long as the Parliament is in session." He was responding to



a question on the Congress' announcement that it will intensify its agitation for the restoration of statehood. The National Conference and the Congress fought the last year's assembly elections together with the national party

only winning six seats against regional party's 42 seats. The NC is also enjoying the support of five independent MLAs. The Congress has decided to stay away from the government till the restoration of statehood to J&K. "If I am right, the Parliament session will continue till August 21 or 22. If we do not see any progress on restoration of statehood within or outside the Parliament during this period, then we will talk (on the subject)," Abdullah said. Addressing a press conference earlier in the day, J&K Congress president Tariq Hameed Karra said they are intensifying the statehood restoration campaign from August 1 by reaching out to traders, transporters and unorganized sectors

followed by a chain hunger strike in district headquarters from August 9 to 21. Karra said the party's campaign for restoration of statehood is on the right track and both rallies in Srinagar and Jammu on July 19 and 20 followed by the Delhi march two days later proved successful. "The Congress central leadership is supporting our movement and said it will not stop here (in Delhi). We have also stated that this is just the beginning of our struggle and we are intensifying this further to press for the restoration of statehood to J&K," he said.

As part of the new programme, he said the Congress will conduct an outreach campaign from August 1 to 5 and seek support of traders, transporters, chamber of commerce and unorganized sectors in both Jammu and Srinagar, he said.

LG flags off the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra from Jammu

Under PM Modi, Terrorism will be defeated and its aiders punished: LG Sinha

**AI-driven warfare,
and modern
communication
systems: LG**

**SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, JULY 28:**

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of devotees for the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas today.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually-fulfilling journey.

"The sacred journey to the abode of Mahadev is an enlight-



ening experience. I strongly believe this pilgrimage is the greatest alchemy and unveils secrets of life before the devotees," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated the meticulous work done by Baba Amarnath and Budha Amarnath Yatri Nyas, tourism department, district ad-

ministration, other stakeholders and organisations serving langar. All the arrangements have been made for the annual pilgrimage and Budha Amarnath Ji Mela, the annual festival. Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said: "In the first batch, more than 1000 pilgrims from across

the country set off for the holy yatra of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji. Till yesterday, 3.77 lakh pilgrims have performed darshan at holy cave of Shri Amarnath ji. I hope that pilgrims from across the country will also arrive to pay their obeisance at Shri Budha Amarnath ji and pray to Bholenath for the peace and progress of J&K and the nation. Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of civil administration, Police, security forces, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present at the Flag-off ceremony. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the

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Anti-Corruption Bureau Cracks down on Graft in ACR Poonch Office

**SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, JULY 28:**

Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau registered a formal case against Mohd. Jameel, Multi-Tasking Staff(MTS), then posted in Office of Collector Agrarian Ref-orms (ACR), Poonch S/o Jalal-Din R/o village Chandak Tehsil Haveli, Poonch A/P Ward No.01 near Mirza Morh, Tehsil and District Poonch vide FIR no. 03/2025 U/S 7, 13(1)(a) r/w 13(2), Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018)& Sections 120-B, 467,471, IPC. The instant case was registered on the outcome of a miscellaneous verification

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CM Omar visits family of Gujjar youth killed in Jammu



**SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, JULY 28:**

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday visited the bereaved family of Gujjar youth Parvez Ahmad, who was killed in a crossfire when police were chasing suspected peddlers in Jammu city.

Abdullah on Friday called for an

investigation into the the incident and said that the use of force by police has to be calibrated and not "indiscriminate." The chief minister who flew in from summer capital Srinagar to Jammu went straight to the house of the deceased Gujjar youth to express his condolences.

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'Operation Sindoor' changed India Narrative Militarily, Diplomatically: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI, JULY 28:

In a powerful and evidence charged keynote address, as chief guest, commemorating "Kargil Vijay Diwas" with theme "EK Bharat - Shreshta Bharat - Akhand Bharat" seminar organised at the Delhi University today, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh declared that "Operation Sindoor" had changed India narrative, both militarily as well as diplomatically.

The seminar was organised by People's Forum and presided by Vice Chancellor, Delhi University Prof Yogesh Singh.

Dr Jitendra Singh outlined four major shifts, during the last one decade of the Modi Government, that have redefined India's strategic posture. First, he noted a decisive



change in India's narrative—both militarily and diplomatically, where India now commands respect and influence on the global stage.

Second, Dr Jitendra Singh emphasized that earlier, the enemy chose the time and place to strike, today India chooses the time and place to strike.Third, he pointed out that India has moved from a reactive stance to an active proactive approach. Finally, he stated that while earlier India bought peace at a price

quoted by the enemy, today India hands down peace on terms and conditions laid down by her.

The day marks the 26th anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict and the successful conclusion of Operation Vijay.

"Earlier the separatists were sought to be wooed by appeasement, today, they too have quietly fallen in line," Dr. Jitendra Singh remarked confidently.

India's technological capabilities were put on full display during Operation Sindoor, said the Minister.

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Will meet PM, HM to discuss Ladakh's Immense Development Potential: LG Kavinder

**SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, JULY 28:**

Lieutenant Governor Kavinder Gupta, who arrived in his native land Jammu for the first time after taking command of the Union Territory of Ladakh, received a grand welcome on Monday.

Talking to reporters here, Gupta said he will soon meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss Ladakh's immense potential for development.

He also took a dig at senior Congress leader P Chidambaram for his statement that "homegrown terrorists" were behind the Pahalgam attack and said that it has become a habit of some parties to al-



ways give a clean chit to Pakistan. Hundreds of people carrying the tricolour and shouting slogans of "Bharat mata ki jai" welcomed him at the Jammu airport. "I will meet the Prime Minister and the Home Minister in a couple of days and

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Jammu Police cracks down against use of Chinese manjha, warns of tough action against suppliers, sellers

VISHAL BHARTI

JAMMU, JULY 28 (UNI)

Taking tough action, Jammu Police has launched a massive drive against the supply and sale of Chinese kite string or 'manjha', after a man riding a two-wheeler died when his throat was slit with a sharp Chinese 'manjha' in the city.

On Saturday, a 37-year-old man riding on a two-wheeler with his wife, lost his life due to throat slit when hit by Chinese 'manjha', near Talab Tillo area in the heart of Jammu city.

Initiating stern action against the suppliers and sellers of such kite string, Jammu Police have



launched a crackdown in the markets and seized stocks of Chinese 'manjha' and nylon

drive against the sellers of Chinese manjha and also seized Chinese and nylon thread in the markets," Vivek Shekhar, Superintendent of Police, Jammu North, told UNI.

The officer said, "For a small amount of profit, you cannot risk anybody's life. Chinese kite thread is fatal to human lives and people must understand that its use poses a risk to so many lives." "We are spreading awareness and have also appealed to the people that if they have any

threat ahead of Raksha Bandhan festival falling on August 9. Kite flying is a tradition in Jammu on the occasions of Raksha Bandhan and Janmashtami. "We have launched a strict

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Woman police officer fighting cancer dies by suicide

**SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, JULY 28:**

A woman police officer, who had been battling life-threatening illness and depression, allegedly died by suicide at her residence here, officials said on Monday.

The body of Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) Kulbir Kour (52) was found hanging from a ceiling fan inside a room of her house at Lower Gadigarh on Sunday evening, they said.

"She was posted at District Police Lines Jammu and was

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Karra announces fresh schedule of protests, hunger strike for Statehood

Hunger strike from 9th Aug till 20th

**SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, JULY 28:**

JKPCC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra today announced fresh schedule of protests, hunger strike and outreach programmes to intensify the statehood movement of the party ,after successful conduct of its Delhi chalo programme.

Addressing a press conference at PCC HQ Jammu today, JK-PCC Chief disclosed that party shall hold peaceful protest dharana at Jammu, Srinagar and all Districts of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5th, the sixth anniversary of the downgrading of the state. It shall be observed as

a black day and impressive sit in Dharana shall be held Maharaja Hari Singh statue Park besides all district headquarters to press for statehood.

Flanked by senior leaders Shri Raman Bhalla Working President, Mula Ram, Yogesh Sawhney, Ved Mahajan, Th Balbir Singh, Naresh Gupta, Manmohan Singh, Hari Singh Chib, Dina Nath Bhagat, Yash Pal Kundal & Neeraj Gupta, Karra said that a massive Outreach campaign shall be launched from 1st August to seek public support for statehood. He said on 9th August, Quit India Day,

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