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India closes its
airspace for all flights
from Pakistan

New Delhi, Apr 30 : In a big action in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack, India has closed its airspace for aircraft registered, operated, owned, and leased by Pakistani airlines, Times Now reported. The action will affect both civil and military planes. According to the Notice to Air Mission (NOTAM) issued by India on Wednesday, no Pakistani aircraft will be allowed to enter Indian airspace with effect from April 30 to May 23, 2025. Last week, Pakistan decided to shut its airspace to all flights owned and operated by Indian carriers.

Train services
restored after
brief halt

Srinagar : Train services have been restored after a brief suspension on Thursday due to an accident in the Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. An official said that Train services have resumed after being suspended following an accident that occurred early this morning in Qazigund. Notably, train operations were halted as a precautionary measure after a truck bearing registration number JK02AT-5895 rolled down a slope and came to rest on the track at KM 167/10-11, between Banihal and Qazigund (Hiller). Clearance work was initiated promptly after the incident to ensure the safe resumption of rail services.

Pakistan violates
LoC ceasefire for
7th straight night

Jammu : For the seventh consecutive day on Thursday, Pakistan Army resorted to unprovoked firing on Indian positions on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir. A Defence Ministry Spokesman said, "During the night of 30 April and May 1, Pakistan Army posted initiated unprovoked small-arms fire across the LoC opposite Kupwara, Uri and Akhnor sectors in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. These were responded proportionately by the Indian Army." For the last seven days, Pakistan has been resorting to unprovoked firing on the LoC and on Wednesday, Pakistan Rangers fired with small arms at the Indian posts along the International Border in Pargwal sector of Jammu district. Ensnarements have mounted between the two countries after Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists sponsored and aided by Pakistan killed 26 innocent civilians, including 25 tourists and a local, on April 22 in Baisaran meadow of Pahalgam. The entire country was outraged by the cowardly act of terrorists as Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his first reaction on Pahalgam killings that the terrorists, their handlers and backers would be chased and hunted down to the ends of the earth. After a meeting with the Defence Minister, National Security Advisor, Chief of Defence Services (CDS) and the three Chiefs of Army, Navy and the Air Force, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a free hand to the defence forces to respond to Pahalgam terror attack by choosing the timing, targets and the magnitude of response to avenge the innocent killings by the terrorists in Pahalgam.

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We will hunt down every terrorist
involved in Pahalgam attack : Shah

New Delhi, May 01 : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday vowed to hunt down each and every terrorist involved in the Pahalgam attack and said all of them will be made answerable for the heinous act.

Shah asserted that the Narendra Modi government will not spare any terrorist. "Whoever has carried out the dastardly attack in Pahalgam, we will not spare anyone. We will hunt down each and every perpetrator," he said at an event here to unveil a statue of Upendra Nath Brahma, the patriarch of Assam's Bodo community, and name a road after him. The home minister said the Modi government has been pursuing a zero-tolerance policy against terrorists. "If someone thinks they will escape by carrying out such a cowardly attack,

they are wrong. This is Narendra Modi's government. We will not spare anyone. Shah said the government's fight against ter-



rorism will continue till the menace is completely wiped out.

Do not think that you have won by killing 26 people. Everyone of you will be made answerable," he said. The event was attended by Assam Chief Minister

Himanta Biswa Sarma, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Chief Executive Member of the Bodoland Territorial Council Promod

Boro, among others. Twenty-six people, mostly tourists, were killed and several injured when terrorists opened fire at a meadow near the popular tourist town of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on April 22.

Shah said, "I pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack. This is not just the sorrow of their families, but a shared grief felt by the entire nation. I want to assure everyone that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India maintains a strict zero-tolerance stance towards terrorism. If someone, by doing a cowardly attack, thinks that it is their big victory, then understand one thing, this is the Narendra Modi government, no one will be spared. We will exact retribution for every loss. It is our resolve to uproot terrorism from every inch of this country and it will be accomplished. Not only 140 crore Indians but the whole world is standing with India in this fight, all the countries of the world have come together (Cont. on Page-11)

NIA Intensifies Investigation into
Pahalgam Attack, conducts 3D mapping

TT Correspondent Srinagar, May 01 : To investigate the tragic Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 civilians, including 25 tourists and one local resident, Sadanand Date, Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), visited the attack site in Baisaran Valley, Pahalgam, on Thursday.

His nearly three-hour assessment marks a critical phase in the ongoing investigation into the incident that occurred on April 22.

During his visit, DG Date and his team meticu-

lously examined the site, gathering crucial forensic evidence aimed at identifying those responsible for the gruesome terrorist attack. The investigation is being further strengthened by intelligence reports suggesting that 15 local Over Ground Workers (OGWs) may have provided logistical support to the attackers. The NIA officially took charge of the investigation last week, following directives from the Counter Terrorism and Counter Radicalization (CTCR) division of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). According to

sources, the NIA conducted 3D mapping of the site as well. Sources indicate that these terrorist associates are affiliated with groups such as Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). NIA teams, supported by forensic experts, are conducting thorough searches throughout the area to uncover evidence that could shed light on the conspiracy behind this brutal attack. The Pakistan-based terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba's proxy group, The Resistance Front (TRF), has claimed responsibility for this heinous act.

ACB files disproportionate
assets case against CAPD
chowkidar in Banihal

Srinagar, May 01 : The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau has registered a disproportionate assets case against a public servant who was posted in the CAPD in the Banihal area.

According to a statement, the case was filed against Shahilal Showkat Ali, a night chowkidar of CAPD department, posted in Tehsil Supply Office (TSO) Banihal. The statement reads that the case was initiated following a secret verification into allegations that the accused has acquired substantial assets, both movable and immovable, disproportionate to his known sources of income, in his own name as well as in the names of his family members.

The verification revealed that the accused has accumulated significant assets, including a palatial double-storey residential house in Israrabad, Jammu, another double-storey house in Banihal, multiple land plots at vari-

ous locations, and luxury vehicles. Additionally, financial documents and evidence suggesting unaccounted wealth were uncovered," it reads. It added that during the course of the investigation, search warrants were obtained from the court, and extensive searches were conducted at the residential premises of the accused located in Sidhra and Banihal in the presence of independent witnesses and magistrates. "During the search, 16 cheque books and five passbooks belonging to various banks, land documents relating to properties at different locations, a passport reflecting international travel history, foreign currency notes, three official rubber stamps of senior officers, including one belonging to the assistant director, CAPD, Ramban and TSO Banihal and other incriminating material were seized. Further investigation is going on," it reads.

Government announces new Rule for
Documents proving Indian Citizenship

New Delhi, May 01 : Aadhaar, PAN, Ration Card Not Valid Proofs of Indian Citizenship: In a major policy update after the Pahalgam terror attack, Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, and ration cards will no longer be accepted as proof of a person's Indian citizenship if they are allegedly living illegally in the Capital. According to a report, the Delhi Police has confirmed that only Voter ID cards or passport will now be considered valid documents to establish Indian citizenship.

This move has been taken following instructions from the central government, according to a senior Delhi Police official. Since October last year, an extensive verification drive has been underway, during which authorities identified numerous foreign nationals—especially individuals from Bangladesh and the Rohingya community—falsely claiming Indian citizenship using Aadhaar, PAN, and ration cards. Moreover,

India issues various identity documents such as Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, and ration cards, these do not serve as definitive proof of Indian citizenship. Meanwhile, the Unique Identification Authority of

which serve as proof of citizenship if the individual was born in India. Following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the central government has decided to cancel visas issued to Pakistani citizens.



India (UIDAI) has clarified that Aadhaar establishes identity and address but not nationality. Similarly, PAN cards are issued for taxation purposes, and ration cards are primarily used for availing subsidized food—neither of which confirm one's citizenship status. The government considers birth certificates and domicile certificates as key documents for establishing Indian citizenship. Under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, authorized authorities can issue birth certificates,

Only those with medical, diplomatic, or long-term visas (LTV) are exempt. However, all medical visas will become invalid after April 29. Furthermore, Delhi Police and intelligence agencies have been directed to identify all Pakistani nationals living in the national capital and issue immediate departure orders. The government also clarified that Hindu Pakistani citizens who already have long-term visas will not be affected by this decision.

Waqf Amendment legislation aims to uplift marginalised Muslims: Union Mins

Raipur, May 1 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday defended the recently introduced Waqf Amendment Bill, asserting that the legislation is not only pro-Muslim but also a necessary corrective to protect the interests of marginalised sections within the community. Addressing a press conference here, Dr. Jitendra Singh said the new provisions aim to restore transparency and fairness in the management of Waqf properties, which have often

been subject to misappropriation. "Contrary to the misinformation being spread, this bill has been brought in the interest of the Muslim community," the Minister said. The Minister highlighted widespread allegations of corruption and illegal encroachments on Waqf properties across several states, including Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh. He cited instances of high-value land being misused to build shopping malls and luxury hotels, diverging completely from the original charitable intent of Waqf. The irony is that while 31% of India's Muslim population still lives below the poverty line, the wealth meant for their welfare is being misappropriated," Dr.

Jitendra Singh said. "The new bill is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive development—where no community, no region, and no section of



society is left behind."

'Modi has courage, conviction to undo wrongs committed by earlier governments'

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Minister

of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday

hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "courage and conviction" to undo the wrongs and historical injustices committed by earlier governments, citing the revocation of Article 370, the abolition of Triple Talaq, and now, reforms in Waqf-related

laws. Speaking at a packed hall in Raipur, Dr. Jitendra Singh said Modi has ushered in a new political culture that transcends religion and prioritizes justice for all sections of society. In a sharp critique of the Congress party, Dr. Jitendra Singh alleged that earlier regimes had used the Muslim community merely as a vote bank, creating divisive narratives and institutionalising appeasement politics. "Unlike them, PM Modi has tried to undo the injustice done to the Muslim community by giving them dignity, rights, and development," he said. "Those who ruled for decades never answered why 31% of Indian Muslims still live below the poverty line. Modi ji's leadership aims to correct that." Referring to the

Waqf properties and the controversies surrounding them, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that under the previous Congress-led UPA government, large-scale misappropriation of Waqf lands had gone unchecked. "Waqf land was meant for the welfare of the poor, yet five-star hotels and malls stand on it today. Who benefited? Not the common Muslim," he said, accusing the previous regime of legalising land grabs under the garb of religious provisions. The Minister highlighted that the amended Waqf laws under the current government aim to bring transparency, accountability, and justice. "This law ensures that any land being claimed under Waqf will now be publicly notified, and objections, if

any, must be addressed before registration. Why should anyone have a problem with this unless they have something to hide?" he asked. Taking a dig at those questioning the reforms, Dr. Jitendra Singh stated, "This is the same mindset that protested against the Triple Talaq law. Why is it a problem when Muslim women get their rightful due? This government has given women across all communities equal rights—why not Muslim women too?" Dr. Jitendra Singh also reminded the audience that Waqf was a concept of charitable endowment meant to serve the underprivileged and that any deviation from this spirit was a betrayal of its founders' intent.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Speaks
With US counterpart Pete Hegseth

New Delhi, May 01 : Amid the heightened tensions between India and Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack, India has been in continuous touch with the United States. A day after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to S counterpart Marco Rubio, now, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a telephonic call with United States Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth, said the Defence Ministry.

The April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir saw terrorists killing 26 people, mainly tourists. While India is chalking up its retaliatory action plan against terrorists and their sponsors, the Pakistani military is continuing its build-up on the borders with India and has deployed air defence and artillery units at forward locations. Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan talked

over the hotline on Tuesday to discuss the unprovoked ceasefire violations by Pakistan, defence sources said on Wednesday. They said India warned Pakistan against the unprovoked ceasefire violations by the

districts in Jammu and Kashmir (J-K), officials said. On Wednesday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a telephonic conversation with US counterpart Marco Rubio and discussed the recent terror-



Pakistan Army along the Line of Control (LOC) and the International Border. The Indian Army has effectively responded to the Pakistan Army's unprovoked small arms firing across the Line of Control (LoC). The Army responded swiftly to the ceasefire violation on the night of April 27-28 in areas opposite Kupwara and Poonch

ist attack that took place in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. Jaishankar stated that the perpetrators, backers, and planners of the attack must be brought to justice. "Discussed the Pahalgam terrorist attack with US @SecRubio yesterday. Its perpetrators, backers and planners must be brought to justice," Jaishankar posted on X.

Police conduct searches at residences
of terrorist associates in Srinagar

Srinagar, May 01: In its continuing persistent action against terrorist associates of proscribed terrorist outfits and in the furtherance of investigation into cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Srinagar Police has intensified searches across multiple locations in the city with the aim to dismantle terror-supporting infrastructure in the district. As per police spokesperson, the searches were conducted at the residences of Aadil Nazir Janada son of Nazir ah Janada resident of Gousia Colony Babademb involved in case FIR No.

48/2024 U/S 109 BNS 13,16,19,20,39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar. Faizyab Showkat Dewani son of Late Showkat Ahmad resident of Pather Masjid involved in case FIR No. FIR NO 35/022 U/S 13 ULAP,505,153A, 153B IPC of Police Station M R Gunj. Momin Ahmad Sheikh adopted Son of Wali Mohammad resident of Aali Kadal involved in case FIR No. FIR NO. 73/2021 U/S 302, 120-B IPC 7/27 ARMS Act, 18, 16, 23, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar. Fayaz Ahmad Kullo son of Ab Aziz Kullo resident of

Rasmpora Chattabal involved in case FIR No. 97/2016 U/S 148, 189 336, 477, 341 RPC of Police Station Safakadal. Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar @ Latrum son of Gh Rasool resident of Gani Mohallah Jamai Masjid Kashmir based Pakistani Handler/Terrorist involved in case FIR No. 48/2024 U/S 109 BNS 13, 16, 19, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar. Showkat Ahmad Khandwa son of GH. Rasool Khandwan resident of Malpora Jamia Masjid Srinagar involved in case FIR No. 48/2024 U/S 109 BNS 13, 16, 19, 0, 39 UAP

Act of Police Station Khanyar. Mohd Bariq Magray son of Mohd Shafi Magray resident of Kolipora Khanyar involved in case FIR No. 48/2024 U/S 109 BNS 13, 16, 19, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar. Mohd Rafiq Shah son of Noor Mohd Shah resident of Hazari Bazar involved in case FIR No. 48/2024 U/S 109 BNS 13, 16, 19, 39 UAP Act of Police Station Khanyar. Yasir Hayat Ahanger son of Mohd Ashraf Ahanger resident of Hazari Bazar involved in case FIR No. 48/2024 U/S 109 BNS 13, (Cont. on Page-11)

5 drug peddlers held with contraband
substance in south Kashmir

Srinagar : Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, the Jammu and Kashmir Police have arrested five drug peddlers in Kulgam and Awantipora areas and recovered huge quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

As per police spokesperson, a police party of Police Station Qazigund at a checkpoint established at Lavdoora crossing intercepted a vehicle (Alto Car) bearing registration number JK14J-1218 with two persons on board. They have been identified as Farook Ahmad Bocken, son of Mohd Yousuf Bocken, resident of Pinger Rambagar Udhampur and Tanveer Hussain, son of Manzoor Ahmad Bocken, resident of RITI Kooch Nala Udhampur. During search of the vehicle, officers were able to recover 14.7Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance filled in the two bags. Both persons were arrested on spot and vehicle used in commission of crime was seized. Moreover, a police party

led by Police Post Jawahar Tunnel during checking of vehicles, intercepted a car (Alto) bearing registration number JK14L-2294 with two persons on board. They have been identified as Talib Hussain Bakarwal, son of Ghulam Hussain Bakarwal, resident of Chenani Udhampur and Yasir Ali Bokad, son of Gafoor Ahmad Bokad, resident of Rambagar Udhampur. During search, 09 Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance was recovered. Both the persons were arrested and vehicle used in commission of crime was seized, the spokesperson said. He said that cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at Police Station Qazigund and investigations are underway. Also a police party of Police Station Awantipora at a checkpoint established at Padgampora Crossing, intercepted a suspicious person identified as Nazim Ahmad Mir, son of Ab Hamid Mir, resident of Kawani. During search, 120 gms of Charas like sub (Cont. on Page-11)