

India Revokes Pak Visas Amid Escalating Tensions Asks Indians In Pakistan To Return Home Immediately

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: India on Thursday announced revoking all visas issued to Pakistani nationals from April 27 and advised Indian nationals residing in Pakistan to return home at the earliest as tensions between the two countries escalated over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people.

New Delhi also announced suspending visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect as part of the retaliatory measures over the cross-border links to the worst terror strike on civilians in India since the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

The latest move came a day after India announced a raft of



measures against Pakistan including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down

of the Attari land-transit post. The punitive measures against Pakistan were decided at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security headed

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by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said all existing valid visas issued by India to

Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from April 27. It said medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till April 29.

The MEA said all Pakistani nationals currently in India must leave the country before the expiry of visas. It also "strongly advised" Indian nationals to avoid travelling to Pakistan.

"In continuation of the decisions made by the Cabinet Committee on Security in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, the government of India has decided to suspend visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect," the MEA said in a statement.

"All existing valid visas issued by India to | More on P6

India Will Pursue Killers To 'Ends Of The Earth': PM

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday declared that India will "identify, track, and punish" every terrorist and their "backers" involved in the Pahalgam carnage and pursue the killers to the "ends of the earth", as it stepped up the diplomatic offensive against Pakistan.

Delivering a stern

message in his first public speech after the April 22 attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed, Modi vowed that terrorism will not go "unpunished" and that every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done, adding India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism.

The prime minister told a public | More on P6

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Airlines Cut High Fares After Govt Crackdown

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In the wake of the terror incident in Pahalgam that culminated in the demise of at least 26 civilians and left numerous others wounded, the Indian civil aviation sector has come under governmental scrutiny.

Responding to the rising airfares from Srinagar to major Indian cities—where ticket prices had skyrocketed to an astonishing 65,000—the Ministry of Civil Aviation issued binding directives to airline operators, mandating them to reinstate fare normalcy, deploy additional flights, and facilitate the urgent repatriation of stranded tourists amid heightened panic and logistical bottlenecks.

Following this government intervention, ticket prices on the Srinagar-Delhi route have dropped significantly, now hovering around ₹8,000-9,000.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), in its advisory, noted that in the aftermath of the Pahalgam carnage, there was an abrupt surge in outbound demand as tourists rushed to evacuate. The advisory urged airlines to act expeditiously by enhancing the frequency of flights and waiving cancellation and rescheduling charges, while also ensuring comprehensive support to passengers facing the brunt of the crisis.

Air India was among the first to respond, announcing capped fares on its Srinagar-Mumbai and Srinagar-Delhi | More on P6



Pak Suspends Simla Agreement, Closes Airspace To India

Warns Indus Water Diversion Will Be Treated As 'Act Of War'

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: Pakistan on Thursday put Simla Agreement and other bilateral accords with India on hold, suspended all trade, closed its airspace for Indian airlines and said any attempt to divert the water meant for it under the Indus Water Treaty will be considered an Act of War.

Islamabad also closed the Wagah border post, cancelled visas given to Indians under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) and asked



military advisers at the Indian High Commission to leave -- mirroring steps taken the

previous evening by India over the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. | More on P6

Explainer: Indus Treaty Suspension & Kashmir's Grievances

KO Web Desk

In the aftermath of the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, India has suspended the decades-old Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan, a move that marks a

dramatic escalation in bilateral tensions. The treaty, signed in 1960 and brokered by the World Bank, has long governed the distribution and usage of the Indus basin's five rivers. Its suspension brings to the fore old grievances, not just between India and Pakistan, | More on P6

Pahalgam Fallout

Kashmiri Students Report Assaults, Forced Evictions

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In the aftermath of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 25 tourists and a local resident, Kashmiri students studying across various Indian states are reportedly facing increasing harassment, threats, and physical assaults.

The J&K Students Association has raised alarm over what it calls a "growing wave of targeted violence" against Kashmiri students outside the region. According to the association's national convener, Nasir Khuehami, multiple distress calls have been received from students in Dehradun, Chandigarh, Noida, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh.

"The situation is becoming increasingly grim. Kashmiri students are being intimidated, labelled as terrorists, and physically assaulted. In Dehradun, a video circulated by the Hindu Raksha Dal warned Kashmiri



Muslim students to leave the city by 10 am today," Khuehami said. In one of the most disturbing incidents, students from the Universal Group of Institutions in Derabassi, Chandigarh, were allegedly attacked inside their hostel late at night. "Their rooms were broken into, they were beaten with sharp weapons, their clothes were torn, and one student suffered serious injuries," Khuehami added.

He noted this was the seventh such incident reported since the deadly attack on tourists in Baisaran, also known as 'Mini Switzerland'. In Noida, a Kashmiri | More on P6

Rahul Gandhi To Visit J&K Today

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will travel to Jammu and Kashmir on April 25 and meet those injured in the Pahalgam terror attack, Congress sources said on Thursday.

They said Gandhi will visit the Government Medical College (GMC) in Anantnag to enquire about the health of the injured.

At least 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed and several injured when terrorists opened fire at a meadow near Pahalgam town in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday afternoon.

Gandhi cut short his visit to the United States to attend the crucial meeting of the Congress Working Committee held earlier on Thursday.

He also | More on P6



Shikara owners at Dal Lake in Srinagar protest against the attack on tourists in Pahalgam. KO Photo By Faisal Khan

Dispatch Officials For Student Safety: Ruhullah To CM

Member of Parliament from Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency and senior National Conference leader, Syed Aga Ruhullah Mehdi on Thursday urged the Chief Minister to depute as many officials | More on P6

Prior Permission Now Must For Border Visits

Agencies

Srinagar: The administration in North Kashmir's Kupwara has issued an advisory urging all visitors and members of the public to obtain prior permission before travelling to the border areas of the district, including Karnah, Keran, Machil, and the Bungus Valley.

According to the advisory, permission must be obtained online at <https://epass.kupwara.co.in>.

"In case of any inconvenience, the public is advised to contact the 24x7 District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, or the Police Control Rooms in Kupwara | More on P6

J&K Leaders Unite To Condemn Pahalgam Attack

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Following the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah presided over an all-party meeting in the SKICC, Srinagar today evening, wherein a resolution was passed to denounce the deadly attack.

A unanimous resolution denouncing the attack, expressing solidarity with the families of the victims, and reiterating Jammu & Kashmir's commitment to peace and communal harmony was passed in the meeting.

The April 22 attack was referred to as "barbaric" and an "attack on the values of Kashmiriyat and the idea of India".

The participants strongly denounced the attack on defenceless civilians and expressed their shock



and agony. The resolution stated that such cowardly acts of brutality have no place in society and are a direct attack on the region's traditions of unity and harmony. The leaders pledged full support for all efforts to bring the

perpetrators to justice and affirmed that no act of terror could weaken their resolve. They also expressed support for the steps taken by the Union Government in response to the attack. A special tribute was also paid

to Syed Adil Hussain Shah, a local horse ride operator who was killed while attempting to fight off terrorists to save tourists.

The resolution hailed him as a symbol of Kashmiriyat and Kashmir's hospitality, stating that his bravery would remain an inspiration for all.

It also extended deepest condolences to the families of the victims and expressed solidarity with them. It also commended the people of Jammu & Kashmir for their overwhelming support to tourists and for organising peaceful demonstrations across the region to condemn the attack.

Expressing concern over the safety of Kashmiri students and citizens outside the Union Territory, the resolution made an earnest appeal to all state governments and | More on P6

Rains Expected Till April 26: MeT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The light rainfall lashed the parts of Kashmir on Thursday while the weatherman predicted the possibility of a brief spell of light rain and thundershowers for the next two days.

Jammu and Kashmir's deficit rainfall has reduced further after the recent heavy wet spell.

The data prepared by the local Meteorological department reveals that the present deficit rainfall in J&K from March 01, 2025 to April 23, 2025 has reduced to 32 per cent with Srinagar, the

summer capital of the region, recording an average rainfall.

Against the normal precipitation of 231 mm, Jammu and Kashmir has recorded a rainfall of 156.2 mm in the last 54 days, the data revealed.

Besides Srinagar, the other stations including Bandipora, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Kupwara and Ramban have recorded an average rainfall during the period.

However, Anantnag, Budgam, Doda, Kishtwar, Kulgam, Poonch, Shopian and Udhampur have recorded deficit | More on P6

Army Man Killed In Udhampur Encounter

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: An army soldier was killed in an encounter between security forces and terrorists following a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Thursday, officials said.

The firing took place in the Dudu-Basantgarh area during a cordon and search operation which was launched based on information about the presence of terrorists, they said.

"Based on specific intelligence, a joint operation with Jammu and Kashmir Police was launched today in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur," the White Knight Corps said on X. Contact was established and | More on P6



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I want to change my name in my aadhar card bearing no 7888 2822 8283 from Jali Banu (old name) to Jalley (New name). If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..
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The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Asmat Jan D/o Abdul Majeed Mian R/o Mian Mohalla Pattan with verified date of birth 15/07/1996 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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fko Naib Tehsildar Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE
I JABEENA BANO w/o Mohammad IQBAL BHAT R/o DRAWANI SHOPIAN want to correct my Name and Husband's Name in Aadhar Record which has been wrongly entered as MAHJABEENA AKHTER instead of JABEENA BANO and Husband's Name wrongly entered as mohd IQBAL BHAT instead of Mohammad IQBAL BHAT. Now correction required. If any body has any objection may contact concern Aadhar centre or concern authorities within 7 days.

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan
Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..
Public Notice
The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Irshad Ahmad Lone s/o Mohd Assadullah Lone R/o Zangam Pattan with verified date of birth 08/01/1977 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained..

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fko Naib Tehsildar Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE
The dob of my son namely Mohsin Ali has been wrongly written in his school records which needs to be corrected. As per birth certificate issued by BDO BK Pora his Correct DOB is 25-02-2011. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohammad Ishaq Mir
F/o Mohsin Ali Mir (DOB 25-02-2011)
R/o Chatergam Chadoora Budgam fko

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Syeda Zubaida, W/o Syed Mehmood Mehdi, R/o Zahid Pora, Srinagar, do hereby inform the general public that I have purchased a house situated at Zahid Pora, Srinagar. It is further notified that there exists an electric connection at the said premises bearing Consumer No. 020404005483 and Installation No. 90580, which is presently in the name of Mohammad Yaseen. I intend to transfer the said electric connection to my own name. If anyone has any objection to the proposed transfer, they may file the same in writing before the office of the Sub Division Office, Hawal within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections will be entertained thereafter.

Syeda Zubaida
W/o Syed Mehmood Mehdi
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Year & Session: 2016 - 17
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Father's Name: GH. MOHIUDDIN
Mother's Name: SHAHEENA BANO
Date of Birth: 06-05-2002
Residence: PARIGAM PULWAMA



Now the candidate has applied for issuance of Duplicate Qualification Certificate. Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.
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Sd/-
Assistant Secretary,
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My name has been wrongly written in my aadhar card as Jan Mohd Chakan while my correct name as per school records is John Mohd Checken S/o Siraj ud Din Checken which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

John Mohd Checken inf
S/o Siraj ud Din Checken R/o Midoora Tral

PUBLIC NOTICE
The name and DOB of my son has been wrongly written in his adhaar card as Sahib Manzoor S/o Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, DOB, 18-07-2018 while his correct name and DOB is Suhaib Manzoor Bhat S/o Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, DOB 13-04-2018. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Manzoor Ahmad Bhat
F/o Suhaib Manzoor Bhat
R/o Waterhall Budgam fko

NOTICE
I Danish Qayoom father of Muhammad Nabeel Dar R/o Dar Mohalla Awanta Bhawan Srinagar 190011, Class LKG, Section: Diamond at Foundation World School Illahi Bagh, Srinagar wants to correct my name & the mother's name of my ward in his school records from Danish Qayoom Dar To Danish Qayoom & Shugufra To Shugufra Nabi. Anybody having objection may contact Principal of the said school within a week at the most.

Danish Qayoom
F/o Muhammad Nabeel Dar

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Sariwarpora
Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..
Public Notice..
The registrar birth BDO Wailoo has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Ruqaya Fayaz D/o Fayaz Ahmad Wani R/o Seru Guiva Dangerpora with verified date of birth 10/02/2009 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained..

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fko Naib Tehsildar Sariwarpora

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Sariwarpora
Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..
Public Notice
The registrar birth BDO Wailoo has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Bisma Fayaz D/o Fayaz Ahmad Malik R/o Sariwarpora Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 06/04/2010 occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained..

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fko Naib Tehsildar Sariwarpora

email: electricdivisionrmb@gmail.com Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) ELECTRIC DIVISION KASHMIR, ENGINEERING
Complex Srinagar Rajbagh.
Near Silk Factory Srinagar-190008.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT No.FI/09/R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2025-26 issued under Endorsement No: ERB/697-705
DATED: -21-04-2025.

For and on behalf of The Government of J&K(U/T)e-tenders (Single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/UT/Central Government Departments for the following works:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender/ Doc. (In Rs.)	2% Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (Calendar Days)	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account	Remarks
01	Repairment of Servo Transformer (15 kVA) at Aishmuqam Park Anantnag.	Rs. 0.97/- Lacs	Rs. 200/=	Rs. 1945/=	07 Days	"AAY" Class Electrical	M&R (023) Non Plan	Accord of Administrative Approval accorded by Director Floriculture Kashmir vide order No.54-Flori of 2024-25 Dated:-18-02-2025

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22-04-2025
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	22-04-2025 from 04.00 PM
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	22-04-2025 from 04.00 PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	02-05-2025 upto 04.00 PM
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	03-05-2025 at 02:00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kashmir, Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh.
6.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids(Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:
Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the E-NIT carefully before uploading soft's copy. As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat/Finance department vide No. OM No. A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018 which reads as under:-

- a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.
 1. The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @5% of contract value in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG after issuance of Letter of Acceptance which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. The EMD @ 2% of successful bidder will be released only after the submission of 5% performance Security deposit.
 - 1.2. The bidder who so ever participate the e-tenders floated by this office will submit Additional Performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG in case the bidder has Submitted the below Percentage Bid against the Advertised Cost for the work as per below mentioned percentage Breakup in order to avoid unbalancing of e-tender and shall be released after 100% completion of work"-

S. No.	% age of Unbalanced bid Viz-a-viz advertised cost on account of Low Rate.	Additional Performance security to be Deposited on quoted bid by L1
1.	Upto and including 15%	NIL
2.	Greater than 15% upto & including 20%	5%
3.	Greater than 20% upto & including 25%	10%
4.	Greater than 25% upto & including 30%	15%
5.	Greater than 30% below	20%

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kashmir, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority)

2. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
3. The Employer reserves the right to invite fresh tender without any Prior Notice to the Bidders. Executive Engineer
4. The earnest money (EMD) shall be released in favour of unsuccessful bidders only after submission of Treasury Challan.
5. The earnest money may be forfeited if:-
 - a. Any bidder/ tendered with draws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - c. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

- 6.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 - 6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
 - 6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - 6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 - 6.5. Bidders must insure to upload can need copy of all necessary documents with the bid.
 7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
 8. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
 - 8.1. Price escalation and Taxes:-The percentage quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the percentage rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
 9. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to stores much documents as are required.
 10. In case of CRF and any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding document shall be followed.
 11. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.
- No.ERB/697-705
DIPK-747/25 DATED:-24-04-2025
- Executive Engineer,
(R&B) Electric Division Kashmir
Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION PULWAMA.
TENDER NOTICE
E-NIT No: :01/EEP/RNB/of 2025-26/565-75 Dated: 24/04/2025

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

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. Lacs.)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Earnest Money (In %age.)	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administra-tive Accord Approval No:	Tech. Sanc-tion No.	Call No:
1	Construction of Double Storey Residential Quarter at MC Pulwama Besides Town Hall Pulwama-Phase I	33.40	1200	2% of Adv. cost	365	BEE, AAY	14th FC	AAA No: MC/PUL/	01-14th FC 17-04-2025	1st

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	24-04-2025
2.	Bid downloading Start Date	24-04-2025 from 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	24-04-2025 from 10:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	13-05-2025 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	14-05-2025 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama
6.	Submission of Performance Security(PS)	Within three (03) days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide 5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2% shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance security.

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

Sd/- Head Draftsman DIPK-766/25
Sd/- Technical Officer dated: 24-04-2025
Sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama

KCCI Seeks PM's Intervention Over Harassment Of Kashmiris

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In light of the increasing incidents of harassment faced by Kashmiri students and businessmen in various parts of India, the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has issued a strong condemnation and sought immediate intervention from top government functionaries, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, and Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Minister Mr. Omar Abdullah.

Expressing grave concern over the growing violence and intimidation targeting Kashmiris, the KCCI has appealed to the Central Government to coordinate with all state governments and union territories to ensure effective protection and prevent further victimisation of Kashmiri citizens residing outside the Union Territory.

According to reports received by the Chamber, Kashmiris living in other states have faced repeated threats and intimidation. In some cases, individuals have been served ultimatums to vacate their accommoda-

tions, leading to an atmosphere of fear and deep anxiety within the community.

In its official communications addressed to the central and state leadership, KCCI has emphasized the urgent need to issue strict directives ensuring the safety, dignity, and security of Kashmiri students, traders, and residents living beyond Jammu and Kashmir. The Chamber has cautioned that the ongoing harassment and threats risk not only the well-being of individuals but also the broader ideals of unity and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution.

"We urge the government at all levels to act decisively in safeguarding the fundamental rights of all citizens, including those from Jammu and Kashmir, who contribute significantly to the socio-economic fabric of the nation," said Faiz Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary General, KCCI&I.

The Chamber has reiterated its call for immediate and effective measures to prevent forced displacement and discrimination against Kashmiris, and to ensure that they are treated with dignity, respect, and equality wherever they reside in India.

DC Finalizes Arrangements For NEET Examination

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SRINAGAR: In order to ensure smooth and fair conduct of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET UG-2025) examination in the district, a meeting to review the preparedness was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

On the occasion, DC took a detailed stock of the preparations and the arrangements with regard to various logistical and security measures being put in place at all designated NEET examination centers across the district, which is scheduled to be held on

the importance of seamless coordination between the Administration and the National Testing Agency (NTA) to ensure the proficient and transparent conduct of this prestigious National-Level Exam.

He also emphasized on close coordination among all concerned stakeholders to ensure free, fair and transparent conduct of the examination.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadi Fareed, the meeting was attended by senior Officers of Police, District Administration, Principals of City Colleges and other Educational Institutions, representatives of NTA and other concerned.

PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

Kashmiri Pandit Employees Stage Silent Demonstration

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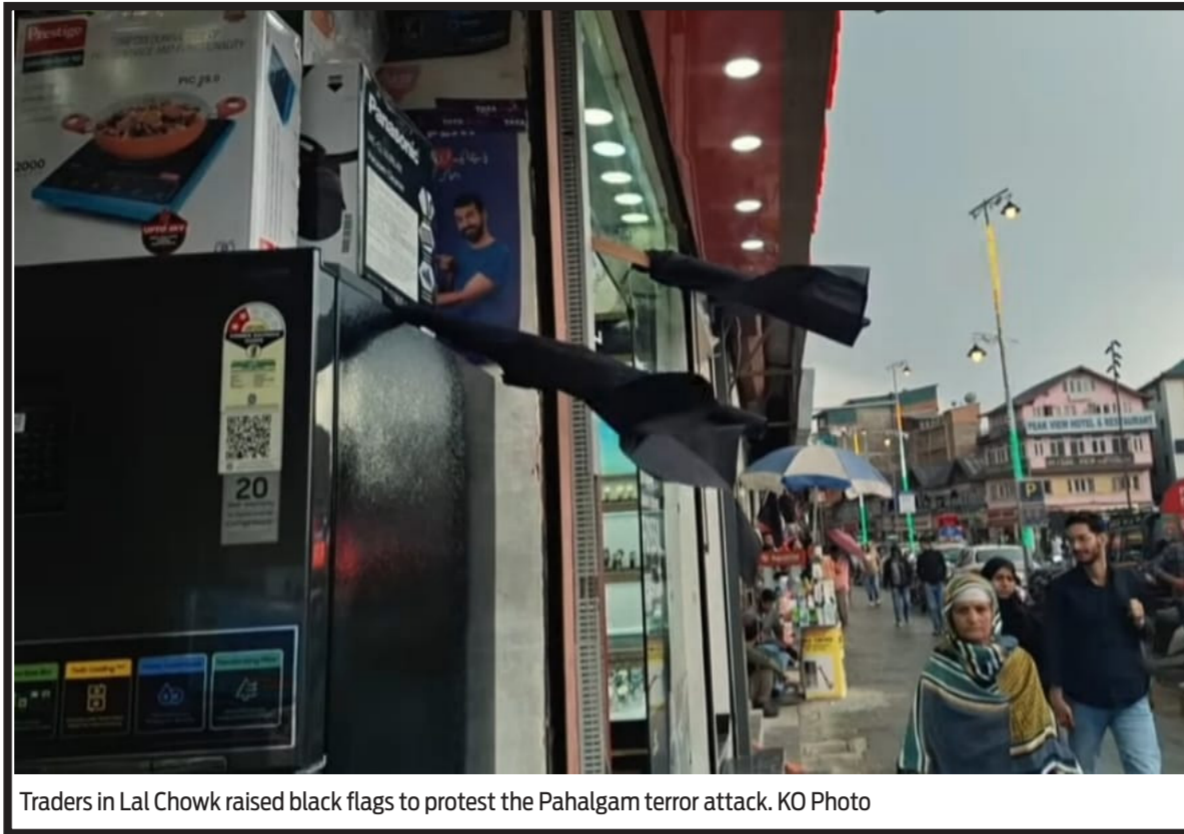
Srinagar: In a display of collective grief and disquiet, Kashmiri Pandit employees appointed under the Prime Minister's special employment package convened a silent sit-in protest in Srinagar on Thursday, vehemently denouncing the recent act of violence in Pahalgam and imploring authorities to fortify their security apparatus.

The demonstrators, hailing from various districts across the Valley, assembled to pay solemn homage to the victims of the attack, which they described as an abhorrent and

intolerable act that underscores a deteriorating security milieu.

"We, the PM package employees, have converged here to honour the memory of those who perished in the Pahalgam carnage. These barbaric killings are unconscionable. Our presence here is a plea for justice and protection," one of the aggrieved employees remarked.

The protest, conducted in stoic silence, symbolized not only mourning but also the escalating apprehension and existential anxiety pervading the Kashmiri Pandit community residing and working in the region.



Traders in Lal Chowk raised black flags to protest the Pahalgam terror attack. KO Photo

Pahalgam Killings Brutal Attack On Humanity: Grand Mufti

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's Grand Mufti, Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam Thursday strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians and left dozens injured, terming the carnage as a brutal attack on humanity.

The Grand Mufti while addressing the media persons here said that the Pahalgam carnage was a brutal attack on humanity that is unacceptable and has no place in our society.

The Grand Mufti added that the attack targeted not just individuals but the very ethos of Kashmir. "Hospitality flows in the veins of Kashmiri people. We compete in welcoming tourists—how could we remain silent while our guests were being killed? This is an attack on Kashmiriyat and humanity itself."

Meanwhile, Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam demanded swift justice, saying, "Those responsible should be publicly hanged. Bring them to Lal Chowk—we Kashmiris will hang them ourselves."

However, he vehemently re-

Lal Chowk Shopkeepers Raise Black Flags

Srinagar: The grief that has enveloped the valley continued for a third consecutive day following the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of 27 people, mostly tourists, and left many others injured. The region remains in deep mourning as the aftershocks of this tragedy resonate.

Grand Mufti said, "Our children studying outside—what fault have they committed? Didn't they hold candlelight marches in solidarity? Why defame us?"

He also criticized sections of Indian media for spreading hatred.

Expressing concern over mistreatment of Kashmiri students outside Jammu and Kashmir, the

Srinagar was gripped by shock on Thursday, with widespread protests marking the third day of mourning. In a powerful show of solidarity, black flags flooded the city's commercial hub of Lal Chowk, as shopkeepers raised these flags on their shutters and displayed banners denouncing the brutal killings.

Black flags adorned shops and were visible on shutters along the entire stretch of Lal Chowk's business district. Shopkeepers expressed their sorrow and anger over the incident, saying the flags represented a demonstration of solidarity with those who lost their lives in the Pahalgam attack.

He made a special appeal to religious leaders: "This Friday, every imam must condemn this attack in Masjid. We completely disown this act. We stand with the families of the victims. This pain isn't just yours—it's every Kashmiri's pain. We want brotherhood, not division."—(KNO)

SAD DEMISE



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Fayaz Ahmad Joo S/o Gulam Qadir Joo R/o Weyen Pampore who left for heavenly abode on Thursday 24th April. May Allah grant the departed soul highest place in Jannah and give courage to family to bear this irreparable loss. In this regard no congregational Fateh Khawani will be observed, however mourning shall be only for 3 days.

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NOTICE

Subject: - Invitation of applications from Master Crafts Persons in Tilla Work Craft for participation in Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Programme (GSHPP) under Skill Development In Handicrafts Sector (Sub Component) of National Handicrafts Development Program during the Financial Year 2025-26 – reg.

Applications are invited from eligible Handicrafts Master Crafts Persons (Shilp Guru/National Awardee/NMC/State Awardee) for participation in Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Programme (GSHPP) under Skill Development In Handicrafts Sector (Sub Component) of National Handicrafts Development Program during the Financial Year 2025-26 for a period of 50 days—reg.

Period	Date from which MCP's can submit application	Last date of submission of application	Proposed Venue	Remarks
50 days	22-04-2025	28-04-2025	Shopian	The final selection of the MCP's will be done by Assistant Directors, HSC, Pulwama and selected MCP's will be intimated.

- Please note:**
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 - Only PEHCHAN Card holder artisans will be allowed for participation.
 - Only one application per Master Craft Persons will be entertained. No application will be entertained after last date.

(Ajaz Ahmad Ganai)
Assistant Director (A&C)
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FORM No. STK -6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice/ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2025-26/131 Date: -16/04/2025

Reference:
In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (4) companies in the state of Jammu and Kashmir under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S.No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AB3071411	U47912JK2024PTC015472	SNOW VALLEY ORGANIC PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AB3095471	U28999JK2022PTC013740	KNEST FORMWORK PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AB3135840	U58203JK2023PTC014356	BARDIFIY TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AB3169695	U72900JK2016PTC009817	KAWWEB TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

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KO VIEW

India Draws Line

The terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed 26 lives—many of them tourists—has shaken the country. It's a painful reminder that even in moments of peace, the threat of violence still lingers, especially in Kashmir. The timing couldn't have been more tragic. Just as the Valley was witnessing a sustained return to normalcy, with successful elections and growing tourist footfall, this brutal strike seems intended to snatch that hope away.

But the government's response this time has been anything but routine. In an unprecedented move, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cut short his trip to Saudi Arabia and immediately convened the Cabinet Committee on Security. The decisions taken signal a major shift in how India plans to deal with Pakistan going forward.

Five key measures were announced: the Indus Waters Treaty, long seen as a symbol of cross-border cooperation, is being put on hold; the Attari land crossing is being shut; Pakistanis will no longer get visa exemptions under SAARC; and diplomatic presence in both countries will be scaled back significantly. These steps go beyond the symbolic: they reflect a deep rethink of India's approach to its western neighbour.

The prime minister Narendra Modi's televised address struck a noticeably firmer tone than in the past. Switching to English midway, he appeared to speak directly to the international community, declaring that India would not tolerate safe havens for terrorists or those who support them. His words carried a sense of resolve rarely heard in such statements.

The Indus Waters Treaty has survived multiple wars and diplomatic flare-ups since it was signed in 1960. But its suspension is a signal of intent. It sends a strong message: India is no longer willing to separate terrorism from diplomacy.

India's challenge will be to stay firm without closing the door on future diplomacy. Equally, it's time for global powers to stop looking the other way. For Kashmir, the attack is heartbreaking. The presence of tourists was a sign of hope, a signal that the Valley was inching its way back to peace from decades of turmoil. That hope must not be allowed to fade. The people of Kashmir deserve a future free of fear, and the rest of the country must stand with them in that vision. Here's hoping that the situation stabilizes soon and the tourists return to our wounded but not the lost paradise.



How Kashmiri Families Can Build Wealth

Irshad Mushtaq

Kashmiri households can secure long-term stability by adopting disciplined financial habits early, according to a new guide promoting economic resilience through family engagement and education.

The first step is enhancing income generation through skill development. Investing in education or vocational training can improve earning potential. Once income is earned, saving a portion before spending is essential to building a strong financial base.

Early saving habits help instill discipline. Encouraging children to save from allowances or part-time work lays the foundation for future financial planning. Families should explore investment options, diversify to manage risk, and use compound interest to build wealth over time.

Responsible spending supports long-term goals. Families are advised to focus on necessities and avoid lifestyle inflation. Teaching children budgeting skills early can help develop lifelong financial discipline.

Building skills outside the classroom is also important. Reducing time spent on mobile phones and video games, while encouraging productive hobbies, helps children grow. Early career planning and promoting a strong work ethic prepare teenagers for future responsibilities.

Parents play a key role by setting examples. Involving children in simple financial decisions teaches money management and accountability. Embracing responsibility helps children handle life's challenges and builds resilience.

A collaborative family approach strengthens financial habits. Discussing saving and investing together encourages participation from all members and reinforces the importance of long-term thinking.

Financial independence is not just about meeting present needs, but also about building a foundation for future generations. With time and consistency, even small steps today can lead to meaningful wealth tomorrow.

By embedding these practices in everyday life, Kashmiri families can create a sustainable path to financial security for themselves and their children. The sooner the journey begins, the greater the reward.

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Adil Shah and the Kashmir We Need to Talk About

After the Pahalgam attack, Kashmiri people showed the world who they really are: brave, kind, and unbroken. In the face of hate, they chose humanity

Kashmir won't be remembered for bullets or bloodshed. It'll be remembered for its people. People who choose dignity even in grief. People who offer shelter in chaos. People who believe that no matter how dark the night, the morning will come, and it will be beautiful.

What happened recently in Pahalgam was not just a terror attack. It was an attack on Kashmir's spirit, on everything this land has stood for over centuries: peace, kindness, and humanity. The aim wasn't just to hurt people, it was to break something deeper. But the attackers failed. Because the soul of Kashmir is strong.

Pahalgam isn't just a tourist spot. It's a place where people come for peace. It's where meadows meet the Lidder river, where pilgrims walk together, and where strangers become friends. But most of all, it's where Kashmir's real strength shines, its people.

Kashmiris have lived through decades of conflict. But their warmth hasn't faded. Their hospitality, their mehman-nawazi, is unmatched. A guest here is treated like family. Even in tough times, locals have shared food, opened doors, and protected visitors.

But this time, in a moment meant to divide and destroy, something extraordinary happened. When bullets were fired at tourists in Pahalgam, a young local man, Syed Adil Shah, didn't run away. He ran toward the danger. He tried to protect the victims. He gave his life doing it.

Adil didn't just save lives. He reminded the world what Kashmir really stands for: compassion, courage, and humanity. He wasn't an exception. He was proof. Proof that the real Kashmir is not defined by violence but by people like him.

Ordinary Kashmiris have always stood up in times of crisis. Floods, earthquakes, curfews, or attacks. It's the common people who come forward to help. They cook for strangers. They donate blood. They give shelter, no matter who you are or where you're from.

This is the Kashmir we don't see on TV. The one that doesn't make it to breaking news. The one that deserves to be told again and again.

Kashmiris are not the problem. They're usually the first responders. That's the truth. And it must be told louder than ever. Too often, after tragedies like this, the media zooms in on death counts, political soundbites, and the identities of the attackers. What we don't see enough of are the stories of



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people like Adil. Stories that show love, not hate. That show unity, not fear.

Newsrooms have a choice to make. Are they telling the full story of Kashmir, or just its pain?

This attack should be a wake-up call. Not just for security forces, but for leaders too. Because keeping people safe isn't just about guns and fences. It's also about trust, opportunity, and healing.

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Terrorism doesn't come out of nowhere. It grows in places where people feel ignored. So the answer lies in creating hope that's real and long-lasting.

Let's not forget: tourism is the heartbeat of Kashmir's economy. From pony riders in Sonamarg to tea sellers in Pahalgam, thousands of families depend on it. Tourism isn't just income here. It's identity. It's pride.

Terrorists want to destroy that. We can't let them. Instead, we must promote stories of togetherness. Invest in peace. Bring youth from across states to Kashmir. Share stories like Adil's far and wide.

Every tourist who visits and returns home with a good story becomes a messenger of peace. Let tourism not fall victim to fear. Let it become the reason we heal.

So what now?

The answer isn't hate. It's connection. It's lifting each other up. It's remembering those we lost, and building something better for those who remain.

Let's create spaces where different communities can talk, share, and understand each other. Let's invest in art, music, writing. Let's raise a new kind of leader, one who builds bridges, not walls.

Let every tragedy teach us something. And let that lesson move us forward.

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Beyond Free Transport, What Kashmiri Women Truly Need

I am writing to share my thoughts on the recent announcement by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir regarding free public transport services for women starting April 2025. This step, though well-received by many, calls for a deeper look at its actual impact and long-term relevance.

Women hold a central place in our society, as daughters, mothers, sisters, and caretakers. In J&K, where cultural and spiritual values run deep, women have long carried the dual responsibility of managing homes and contributing to the community when needed. It is only fair that policies aim to support their well-being and empowerment.

While free transport may seem like a welcome move, I believe it doesn't address the more pressing concerns of women in the region.

Only a limited number of women, mainly working professionals and a few homemakers, use public transport regularly. Instead of focusing resources on a symbolic gesture, the government could have taken a more meaningful approach to women's welfare.

One such concern is the growing number of unmarried women in J&K. Thousands of women have crossed the traditional marriageable age, many of them now in their 50s, with little hope of settling down. Late marriages, in turn, are often linked to health complications, family breakdowns, and even divorces. Unfortunately, these deeper issues remain overlooked.

Drug addiction, particularly among young men, the potential spouses of these women, is another alarming issue. This has directly

affected the lives of many married women who suffer abuse, dowry demands, and eventually divorce due to their husband's addiction. The free transport scheme does little to ease such burdens.

Instead of focusing on symbolic reliefs, the government should consider policies with long-term benefits. For instance, introducing a law to encourage timely marriages could be explored, while also ensuring that young girls receive support to become financially independent by a certain age. This would help them make life decisions with confidence and dignity.

Funds should be directed towards programs that support education, skill-building, and marriage assistance for underprivileged families. More importantly, we need district-level drug de-addiction centres, both

public and private, to tackle the root of family disruptions.

If the goal is to build a respectful and safe society for women, then policies should reflect that vision, not just in appearance but in substance. Extending free transport benefits to students and senior citizens instead would be a better use of resources, while simultaneously working towards a robust strategy for women's empowerment.

I appeal to the government, civil society, and private organizations to join hands in drafting a comprehensive plan that truly addresses the needs of women in Jammu & Kashmir, beyond politics, and with genuine purpose.

Sincerely,
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The Cruel Wisdom of Some Kashmiri Mothers

Torn by separation and silence, a father stands in the rain, reaching for the love of his children shaped by absence and influence.



Syed Majid Gilani

It was the stillness of the night, a time when the world lay in deep sleep, but Junaid's heart remained awake. Suddenly, he woke up, tears streaming down his face. He had seen a dream, a dream so painful that it broke the fragile peace of his heart.

In that dream, he saw his three kids, his life, his happiness, his reason for breathing. They came running to him, arms wide open, calling out, "Papa! Papa!" He held them tightly, kissed their little faces, and felt their tiny hands holding his. But before he could say a word, a dark shadow appeared and dragged them away. He cried out, begged them not to go. Their innocent eyes filled with tears, their mouths opened to call him again...but no voice came out.

Junaid woke up, his face wet with tears. The pain of their absence felt like a sharp wound to his heart. This wasn't an ordinary separation, it was cruel and planned. His wife, Falak, had created a wall between him and his children.

Sleep left him. He sat on the bed, holding their pictures close, remembering every word they

had spoken, every hug, every laugh. In that silent moment of grief, he made a decision. He had to see them. Even if only from a distance.

In the morning, without telling anyone, Junaid left his home. His heart was set on one thing, he would go and wait outside their school.

The rain was falling softly when he reached the school. He stood alone as vans arrived and children got down. He didn't know which van would bring his kids, but he refused to take shelter. He stood there, drenched in rain, unwilling to miss even a second.

Some teachers came and asked him to come inside, but he didn't move. His eyes stayed fixed on the school gate.

Then, the Director of the school, a kind and understanding man who knew him, saw him standing there. He walked over, carrying an umbrella, and softly said, "After you meet the kids, come to my office for tea." Junaid nodded quietly, too lost in his emotions to properly hear the words.

And then it happened. A van stopped. His heart skipped a beat. There they were, his three

kids. The very reason for his existence, standing in front of him.

But as soon as their eyes met, something inside him shattered. The children quickly looked away, pretending not to see him. The pain in Junaid's heart was unbearable. He rushed to them, called their names, and pulled them close in his arms. He kissed their faces, but they stood still, cold and silent.

But their eyes, their innocent eyes, told him everything. Those eyes spoke of the pain they carried, of hearts wounded by lies. Their mouths remained closed, but their eyes narrated every tale of their forced separation and suffering. Their love for their Papa was clear in the way they looked at him, but their voices were gagged by the influence of Falak.

The eldest child's eyes silently pleaded for understanding. The middle one's eyes showed both love and fear, fear of the punishment that might come if they showed their love. The youngest one looked up at him, as if asking for permission to cry, to call him "Papa" again. But invisible chains held their voices down.

The meeting lasted only two minutes. Then, without a word,

they turned and walked towards their classrooms, never looking back.

Junaid stood in the rain, motionless, a father who had sacrificed everything for his children. Now, he was left standing alone, heartbroken, feeling betrayed by the very hands that once embraced him with love. His children hadn't betrayed him, it was their mother's calculated scheme that had torn them apart. This was no coincidence. It was a cruel, deliberate act by Falak, a plan to erase a father's love from his children's hearts.

The rain kept falling, and so did Junaid's tears. After some time, the Director came back, gently placed a hand on his shoulder, and led him inside. Junaid's eyes were still moist, his heart heavy. The Director offered him tea. He took the cup, but couldn't even taste it. He sat there in silence, carrying the weight of a thousand emotions inside him.

That day, Junaid made a promise to himself. No matter how many lies Falak spread, no matter how much she poisoned their innocent minds, no matter how long the silence lasted, he would live on only for his children. Like before, he would continue to perform every duty, fulfill every responsibility, and keep loving them, quietly, faithfully, and without caring for the hatred their mother had planted in their tender hearts. He would wait for the day they would return, when their hearts would find their way back to him. And until that day, every beat of his heart would call their names, every breath would carry a prayer, and every tear would hold a silent hope.

In orchestrating such deceitful games, perhaps Falak had forgotten the most important principle of nature, that what one sows, one will inevitably reap. And above all, there is an ultimate overseer, Allah, who watches over all, ensuring that justice will always prevail in the end.

Syed Majid Gilani writes about human emotions, family bonds, personal struggles, moral values, and deep, heartfelt experiences drawn from real life.

Dear Men: Household Chores Are Your Responsibility Too

Women are excelling in careers, but at home, they still carry the bulk of the load. It's time for men to share the responsibility, not just "help."



Shah Zeeshan Fazil

In today's world, women are earning degrees, climbing career ladders, and becoming breadwinners. Yet at home, an outdated script still plays out: one where women do most of the housework and caregiving, regardless of their job title or paycheck.

The numbers speak loud and clear. Across developed countries, women spend an average of 2.5 more hours each day on unpaid care work than men. In the U.S., women are 40% more likely to plan meals and do the grocery shopping. Even in Sweden, often praised for gender equality, women still do 65% of all housework. And during the COVID-19 crisis, women shouldered 75% of the extra childcare.

This gap doesn't shrink even when women earn more or have higher degrees. Education or income doesn't level the playing field at home. Women are still expected to manage the house, while men are seen as "helping," a word that quietly suggests the work is not really theirs to do.

It's not just about mopping floors or cooking dinner. The real weight lies in the mental load: keeping track of birthdays, remembering to buy soap, booking doctor appointments, managing school forms. It's a constant, invisible job. Many women say this silent planning is more draining than the chores themselves.

The consequences are serious. The imbalance causes resentment and fatigue. It strains relationships and forces women to scale back on their

careers. It affects sleep, health, and emotional well-being. On the flip side, research shows that couples who split household work equally enjoy better relationships, more intimacy, and lower chances of divorce.

So how do we fix it? It starts with changing how we think and talk. Men aren't "helping" at home, they're sharing responsibility. Emotional labor must be counted as real work. Kids need to see both parents folding laundry or packing lunches, not just one. Schools and media must stop reinforcing the idea that women are naturally better at caregiving.

On a practical level, couples can use shared calendars and chore charts. Families can talk openly about expectations. And governments can pitch in too, with paid family leave, better childcare options, and workplace flexibility.

Even a simple question like "Who cooks dinner?" can reveal deeper truths. Cooking takes time, thought, and energy. It's not just a task, it's about who gets to rest, who decides, who carries the daily burden.

True equality means both men and women seeing home life as shared ground. It means recognizing rest not as a luxury for women, but as a right. The real revolution isn't just happening in offices or courts, it's in kitchens, playrooms, and laundry baskets.

To finish what we started, we must rewrite the rules of home. Together.

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How Exam Hype Is Harming Kashmiri Students

Celebrating academic success is important. But in Kashmir, the way we do it is quietly pushing countless others into anxiety and despair.

Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad Wani

Every time in Kashmir, as exam results are announced, a familiar ritual begins.

Local news channels run special bulletins. Social media fills up with grinning portraits of students holding their result sheets. There are hashtags, video interviews, and a steady stream of congratulatory posts from neighbors, friends and distant relatives. In a region where government jobs and competitive exams are seen as the surest path to stability, topping an exam isn't just a personal milestone, it's a public event.

And that's exactly the problem.

For every student who clears JEE, NEET, or the civil services, there are many more who don't. Some miss the cutoff by a few marks. Others struggle silently under pressure they never learned to talk about. Their names don't appear in the papers. No one comes to interview their parents. Instead, they scroll through the success stories and feel a growing sense of failure.

I've seen this up close. I teach at the University of Kashmir and work closely with students and athletes. Some of them come into my office smiling but leave with slumped shoulders once they talk about the weight they carry. Others never say a word. They just disappear for a while, lost in their own minds.



Mental health counselors in the Valley have been warning us. Anxiety peaks during result season. Depression among young people is rising. In some of the worst cases, students take extreme steps. These aren't isolated tragedies. They are part of a pattern.

The way we tell stories of success is feeding this crisis. We don't just

celebrate achievement, we magnify it. We create heroes overnight, then let their success become a measuring stick for everyone else. What's left behind is a generation of young people who feel like they're constantly falling short.

This doesn't mean we should stop celebrating hard work. But we need to do it with more care. Not every

student who succeeds takes the same path, and not everyone who falls short has failed. There are students building quiet, meaningful futures in fields we don't write about: craftsmanship, caregiving, coding, art, sport. Their stories matter too.

Media outlets need to broaden the lens. Instead of chasing toppers, let's find students who've shown resil-

ience in the face of failure. Let's talk to young people who are exploring non-traditional careers and those who are still figuring things out. Let's remind everyone that life isn't a single exam, and worth isn't defined by a roll number.

Schools and colleges should offer better mental health support. Counseling must be a core part of the education system, not an afterthought. Parents, too, need help unlearning the belief that their child's future is tied to a scorecard. They deserve spaces where they can speak honestly, ask questions, and learn to support without pressuring.

Above all, we need to rethink what success looks like in a place like Kashmir. Our youth are already dealing with uncertainty on so many fronts. Let's not add to that burden by turning every exam into a public referendum on self-worth.

There is still time to shift the culture. To make room for every kind of story, not just the ones that come with medals and media attention. If we listen more and hype less, we may just save a few lives in the process.

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India Revokes Pak

Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from April 27. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till April 29."

"All Pakistani nationals currently in India must leave India before the expiry of visas, as now amended," it said.

The number of Pakistani nationals holding Indian visas is not immediately known.

"Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid travelling to Pakistan. Those Indian nationals currently in Pakistan are also advised to return to India at the earliest," the MEA said.

The new retaliatory actions shut down the few existing diplomatic mechanisms between the two sides taking bilateral relations to yet another new low.

As part of the punitive measures, India on Wednesday also announced expelling Pakistan's three military attaches and directed Islamabad to tone down the staff strength at its high commission in New Delhi from 55 to 30.

New Delhi also asked all Pakistanis who entered the country via the Attari land border to leave by May 1.

Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) and any such visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are deemed cancelled, India said on Wednesday.

In its response to India's measures, Pakistan on Thursday announced shutting its airspace to all Indian airlines and suspended trade with New Delhi including through third countries.

Pakistan also rejected India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty and said any measures to stop the flow of water belonging to Pakistan under the pact will be seen as an "act of war".

Amid nationwide outrage over the terror strike, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the killers of Pahalgam will be pursued "to the ends of the earth" as he promised to "identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers".

In an address at a rally in Bihar's Madhubani, Modi vowed to punish terrorists behind the strike and said India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism.

"Friends, today from the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist and their backers," he said.

"We will pursue them to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished," he added.

"Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us in these times," he said.

India Will Pursue

gathering in Madhubani in poll-bound Bihar that time has come to destroy the "remaining ground" of the terrorists and that the Pahalgam killers and those who "conspired" for this attack would get a punishment "bigger than they could have ever imagined."

Modi spoke briefly in English and said, "Friends, today from the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist and their backers. We will pursue them to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism."

"Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us in these times," Modi said amid a nationwide outrage and global condemnation of the terror strike.

In a message to Pakistan without naming the country, Modi said in Hindi, "I want to say in very clear words, those terrorists who have carried out this attack and those who conspired for this attack will get a punishment bigger than they could have ever imagined. Now the time has come to destroy the remaining ground of the terrorists. The will power of 140 crore Indians will now break the back of the masters of terror."

As the last rites of several of the 26 gunned down by terrorists in Baisaran in the upper reaches of Pahalgam were held on Thursday - from Odisha to Gujarat and from Rajasthan to Karnataka, the attack has sparked a demand for decisive action from the Modi government, which is identified with a muscular stand on the plank of national security.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced suspending visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect in line with its retaliatory measures against Islamabad in the wake of the Pahalgam attack. It said all existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from April 27.

Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till April 29, the ministry said.

The MEA also said all Pakistani nationals currently in India must leave the country before the expiry of visas.

India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam

attack.

At the Mahubani rally, the prime minister said the willpower of 140 crore Indians will break the back of patrons of terrorism.

Modi, other leaders on the dais and the crowd observed silence to pay homage to the victims of the attack at the beginning of the prime minister's speech.

The government also briefed leaders of various political parties on the Pahalgam massacre and heard their views at an All-party meeting in Delhi.

At the beginning of the All-party meeting, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the attack.

After the meeting, Union minister Kiren Rijju told reporters that the government assured leaders of action against terror. He said the Pahalgam attack was carried out to vitiate the atmosphere when economy was on an upswing and tourism was booming.

He also said that all parties are with the government against terror.

Leaders across party lines sought decisive action for destroying terror camps. The opposition MPs raised the issue of security lapses but assured that they are with the government in dealing with the menace of terrorism.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefed envoys of the US, the UK, France, China, Russia, Germany and several other countries on the Pahalgam attack and its link to cross-border terrorism, people familiar with the matter said.

Misri, who on Wednesday said the cross-border linkages to the Pahalgam attack was "brought out" during a briefing to the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), apprised the diplomats about various aspects of the terror attack and India's firm policy of "zero tolerance" against terrorism, they said.

Diplomats of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Norway, Italy, Indonesia and Malaysia were also part of the briefing.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called on President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President's office said in a post on X.

In Srinagar, the all party meet convened by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah passed a resolution unequivocally condemning the heinous and inhumane attack on innocent civilians.

Reading out the resolution, Abdullah said the all party meet stands "unwavering in our commitment" to support all efforts in bringing the perpetrators to justice."

"In doing so, we affirm that no act of terror can ever weaken our resolve or extinguish our indomitable spirit. We also support the steps taken by the Union Government announced yesterday," he added.

At its meeting, the Congress Working Committee (CWC), chaired by party chief Mallikarjun Kharge, asserted that it is imperative that a comprehensive analysis is conducted into the intelligence failures and security lapses that enabled such an attack in a Union Territory, which is directly under the purview of the Union home ministry.

The Border Security Force (BSF), meanwhile, said it has "scaled down" the retreat ceremony held at Attari, Hussainiwala and Sacki along the India-Pakistan border in Punjab.

The Jalandhar-headquartered BSF's Punjab frontier, which guards 532 km of this front out of the total 2,200 km, said in a statement that as part of a "calibrated decision", it was "suspending" the symbolic handshake of the Indian guard commander with its counterpart and the border gates will remain closed during the ceremony.

These steps, it said, reflected "India's serious concern over cross-border hostilities and reaffirms that peace and provocation cannot coexist".

Airlines Cut

sectors, clarifying that any unusually high rates appearing on online platforms were likely due to business-class bookings or multi-stop itineraries.

The airline affirmed its commitment to keeping travel affordable during this sensitive period. IndiGo, the leading carrier in the region with 20 daily departures connecting Srinagar, confirmed it had extended fee waivers for all changes and cancellations until April 30 and had introduced two special relief flights on April 23 to and from Delhi and Mumbai.

Akasa Air also instituted full refunds for cancelled bookings for flights between April 23 and 29, adding that passengers can make a one-time schedule change without incurring any penalties or fare differences, provided the revised travel date is within seven days of the original date.

Similarly, Air India Express announced that all passengers traveling to or from Srinagar until April 30 would be granted full flexibility, including waiver of date change charges and fare differentials, in view of the prevailing unrest.

Despite the recent panic, airfares have begun stabilizing. On April 27, Akasa Air's non-stop flight from Srinagar to Mumbai was priced at approximately 10,000. That same day, both SpiceJet and IndiGo are offering direct Srinagar to Delhi flights for 7,415. On April 26, an IndiGo flight with a layover in Jammu was available for around 8,000. By April 30, Air India Express is listing a non-stop Srinagar to Delhi flight for as low as 6,600.

This swift recalibration of air services—spearheaded by the central government and implemented by the

airlines—aims to mitigate widespread disruption and ensure that tourists caught in the vortex of turmoil are not further victimized by exploitative pricing and logistical paralysis.

Pak Suspends

The Pakistani announcements followed a meeting here of its National Security Committee chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in response to the Indian decision on Wednesday to suspend the Indus Water Treaty and downgrade diplomatic ties with Islamabad.

That call was taken by India after the attack Tuesday in Pahalgam that killed 26 people, mostly tourists. The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba claimed responsibility for the attack.

On Thursday, without naming Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at a public meeting in Bihar that the killers of Pahalgam will be pursued "to the ends of the earth" and promised to "identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers".

A statement issued after the Islamabad meeting, which included the key minister and the three services chiefs, said Pakistan's armed forces "remain fully capable and prepared to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity against any misadventure".

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said there were reports that India was planning to target different cities through terrorist acts. "If our citizens are targeted then Indian people will also suffer," he told reporters after the meeting.

Pakistan pointedly mentioned the 1972 Simla Agreement that said differences will be settled through negotiations, and recognised the Line of Control between the two countries.

"Pakistan shall exercise the right to hold all bilateral agreements with India, including but not limited to the Simla Agreement, in abeyance till India desists from its manifested behaviour of fomenting terrorism inside Pakistan; transnational killings; and non-adherence to international law and UN Resolutions on Kashmir," it said.

The statement said Pakistan will close down the Wagah border post with immediate effect. On Wednesday, India had closed the Attari border point.

"All cross-border transit from India through this route shall be suspended, without exception. Those who have crossed with valid endorsements may return through that route immediately but not later than April 30," Pakistan said.

Pakistan said all visas under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) issued to Indian nationals were deemed cancelled, with the exception of those given to Sikh pilgrims.

Pakistan declared the Indian military advisers at New Delhi's mission in Islamabad persona non grata, asking them to leave by April 30, replicating the Indian move. Their support staff would also leave. New Delhi, in any case, had announced the previous evening that it is pulling its own personnel from the high commission.

The strength of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad will be reduced to 30 diplomats and staff members, the same as that of Pakistan in India.

"All trade with India, including to and from any third country through Pakistan, is suspended forthwith," the statement said.

Pakistan's NSC "rejected" the Indian decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty, and called it a lifeline for 240 million Pakistanis. "Any attempt to stop or divert the flow of water belonging to Pakistan as per the Indus Waters Treaty and the usurpation of the rights of lower riparian will be considered as an Act of war," it said.

A Notice to Airmen, or NOTAM, issued later in the day indicated that the airspace was being closed to Indian aircraft for a month. It was not immediately clear that the ban would be extended after this period.

Pakistan said it unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

"It remains committed to peace but will never allow anyone to transgress its sovereignty, security, dignity, and their inalienable rights," it said.

"Any threat to Pakistan's sovereignty and to the security of its people will be met with firm reciprocal measures in all domains. India should refrain from its reflexive blame game and cynical, staged, managed exploitation of incidents like Pahalgam to further its narrow political agenda," Pakistan said.

Pakistan accused India of putting out a "worn-out narrative of victimhood", fomenting terrorism on Pakistan's soil borders, carrying out "state oppression" in Kashmir and persecuting Muslims. "Attempts at forced passage of Waqf Bill is the latest effort to marginalize Muslims across India.

It alleged that Indian attempts to link Pakistan to attempts to link the Pahalgam attack with Pakistan are "frivolous, devoid of rationality and defeat logic".

Explainer: Indus Treaty

but also from within Jammu and Kashmir, the region most affected by the treaty's provisions.

What is the Indus Waters Treaty? Signed in 1960 between India and Pakistan, brokered by the World Bank. It governs the use of the waters of the six rivers of the Indus basin. India controls the three eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas,

Sutlej) and Pakistan controls the three western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab), with India allowed "limited use" of the western rivers (for hydropower, agriculture, etc.).

Friction over Kashmir waters

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party has progressively adopted a more assertive stance on water-sharing with Pakistan. In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi went as far as stating that India would prevent "every drop" of water from the eastern rivers from reaching Pakistan.

"For the last 70 years, the waters that belonged to India and farmers of Haryana were going to Pakistan. Modi will stop it and bring it to your households," Modi is reported to have said in Charkhi Dabri in Haryana.

"This water belongs to farmers of Haryana, Rajasthan and the country and we will get it. Work towards realisation of this has been started and I am committed towards it. Modi will fight your battle," he added.

In January 2023, India sent a notice to Pakistan demanding modification of the Indus Waters Treaty which hasn't been spelled out in concrete detail. Indian government officials have mostly sought "renegotiation" or "scrapping" of the treaty.

In February 2023, India stopped the flow of Ravi river water to Pakistan following the completion of the Rs 3300 crore Shahpur Kandi Barrage which had witnessed delays over the past three decades.

The differences are nowhere closer to resolution. But much of this strain has been political posturing as there is nothing in the treaty that allows either country to either demand renegotiation of the treaty or withdraw from it entirely. And now the suspension of the treaty has brought the matters to a head.

Ironically, the current tensions were presaged in the former Pakistan's former military ruler General Pervez Musharraf's study at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London in 1990 in which he concluded that "germs of a future conflict" between India and Pakistan lay in the distribution of the Indus basin rivers.

J&K grouse against the IWT
People in J&K have been complaining that the treaty was signed without involving Jammu and Kashmir, even though the rivers originate here. The narrative also goes that the treaty leads to economic losses that amount to billions of rupees annually.

Since terminating the treaty isn't legally feasible, J&K leaders demand that New Delhi quantify and compensate for the state's losses under the treaty.

In short, Kashmiris see the Indus Waters Treaty as a historic injustice that robs them of control over their most valuable resource - water - and stifles their economic growth and energy independence.

Despite being the source of these rivers, Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as the biggest loser under the treaty. The region is struggling to meet its own irrigation and energy needs. Experts estimate that only 40% of Kashmir's cultivable land is currently irrigated. Ironically, despite being rich in water resources, Kashmir remains a power-starved state.

Pak delegation's visit last year
Last year, a five-member Pakistani delegation was flown to Jammu's Kishtwar to inspect power projects set up on the rivers covered under the Indus Water Treaty (IWT). It was the first such visit since Jammu & Kashmir's special status was revoked in 2019.

The delegates from India, Pakistan and neutral experts from the World Bank visited the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) headquarters in Kishtwar. The 850 megawatts (MW) Ratle hydroelectric power project site at Drabshalla and the 1,000 MW Pakal Dul project on river Marusudar were inspected. Both these projects are over a tributary of the Chenab river.

Kashmiri Students

student was reportedly assaulted on the campus of Amity University.

In Uttarakhand, Kashmiri students from BFIT College, Sudhawa, fled toward Jolly Grant Airport fearing for their safety after threats from right-wing groups went viral on social media. Khuehami also highlighted similar cases in Himachal Pradesh, where students in Arni University (Indora) and Kangra were allegedly harassed and assaulted. In Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, landlords are reportedly forcing Kashmiri tenants to vacate their accommodations immediately, citing security concerns.

"Students are living in fear. They're being coerced into leaving their colleges and hostels, often with no place to go," Khuehami said.

The association has activated a dedicated helpline and response team to provide on-ground support and coordinate with local authorities. National President of the Association, Umamur Jamal, urged immediate intervention from state governments and educational institutions.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah responded to the growing crisis, stating that the J&K government is in close contact with the governments of the concerned states. "I'm in touch with my counterparts and have requested that they ensure the safety of all Kashmiri students," he said.

The Pahalgam attack has sent shockwaves through the Valley, prompting an unprecedented shutdown across Kashmir in protest—a rare response in

over three decades of conflict.

Former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti also said that she also spoke with the Home Minister, requesting him to intervene in the wake of certain elements openly threatening Kashmiri students and traders.

"Spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah to extend my deepest condolences & also express solidarity with bereaved families of the Pahalgam terror attack. We stand with the nation in this hour of mourning. Also requested him to intervene in the wake of certain elements openly threatening Kashmiri students & traders across various states," she said.

She also urged the Home Minister to intervene without delay to ensure their safety and protection wherever such incidents are being reported.

Peoples Conference Chairman Sajad Lone also raised concern over reports of Kashmiri students being harassed, beaten up and bullied across the country.

"There have been many incidents across the country wherein Kashmiri students are being harassed, beaten up, bullied and even asked to vacate their residential premises. I request the union government to please ensure the safety of Kashmiri students," he said.

Meanwhile, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, the head cleric of Jamia Masjid, expressed concern over the attack on Kashmiris outside Jammu and Kashmir. "Fear and distress expressed by Kashmiris outside, especially students who are being attacked in the aftermath of the dastardly Pahalgam incident seen on videos circulating, is deeply concerning. Urge the concerned authorities to immediately intervene and ensure their safety and protection," Mirwaiz wrote.

Students Advised to 'Stay Indoors, Avoid Confrontation'

Amid rising tensions and reports of harassment following the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) has issued a public advisory urging Kashmiri students across India to prioritise their safety.

In a strongly worded statement, JKSA condemned the April 22 attack, calling it "an act of cowardice and brutality." The association reiterated that "no ideology or cause can ever justify such barbarity," and expressed solidarity with the victims' families, saying, "Our prayers are with them. This tragedy has shaken us all."

The advisory, issued late Tuesday, urged Kashmiri students to stay indoors, avoid public confrontations, and refrain from engaging in inflammatory or political content online. It comes amid growing reports of students from the region facing threats, intimidation, and physical assaults in states like Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh.

JKSA national president Umamur Jamal said the association had been receiving a flurry of distress calls from students. "I was getting calls as late as 3 am. The situation in Uttarakhand is particularly tense after a threatening video went viral, demanding Kashmiri Muslim students vacate the state by morning. This has caused panic not just in Dehradun but in other parts of the country as well," Jamal said.

The association has activated a dedicated response team and is coordinating with local authorities to assist affected students. "We are advising students to stay calm, document incidents, reach out to local police, and report through social media platforms like Twitter," Jamal added.

JKSA national convener Nasir Khuehami confirmed that the association had received reports of 8 to 9 incidents of targeted harassment, with calls pouring in from cities including Chandigarh, Prayagraj, and parts of Himachal Pradesh.

"In many of these cases, students are being directly threatened or pressured to vacate accommodations. We've been flooded with calls and messages seeking help," Khuehami said.

While student activists have been on the frontlines assisting those in distress, the association urged the Jammu and Kashmir government to step in more proactively. "Verbal support from senior leaders is not enough. This needs urgent intervention at the highest level," Jamal stated. JKSA also cautioned students against engaging in "misplaced bravado." "Focus on your safety, your studies, and maintaining peace. Don't get provoked by those trying to exploit this tragedy for political ends," Jamal said.

To provide timely assistance, JKSA has also released a set of helpline numbers for Kashmiri students: 9149676014, 7006922289, 8825005327, 9906299199, 9602689622, 6006169477, 8082602445, 9149500623, 6006333584. Additionally, the Jammu and Kashmir Resident Commission in New Delhi has set up 24x7 helplines to extend support to those facing difficulties: 7303620090, 9682389265, 9419158581, 01124611108, 01124615475, 0112461157, 01126112021, 01126112022.

Dispatch Officials

as possible to other states of the country to ensure security of the Kashmiri students studying there and assist them in case they want to return home.

Ruhullah spoke to the media soon after attending the All Party Meeting called by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the backdrop of the terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 27 tourists and a local.

Asked to comment on Indus Water

Treaty suspension decided by the union government soon after the attack, Ruhullah refused to speak on the issue, terming it the prerogative of the union dispensation.

He, however, added that the meeting expressed concern over the safety and security of the Jammu and Kashmir residents especially the students who are present are in different states.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir who are currently in other states of the country—their safety and security must be ensured. A special assembly session is being called where this will be discussed. Many students are stranded, crying for help, demanding to be rescued. Incidents have been reported from various places where such things have been seen. We have also raised this here with the Chief Minister, saying that the government should send as many officials as possible to different states so that if anyone wishes to return, their safe return can be facilitated with security. They should also engage with the governments of those states to ensure their safety. Additionally, the helplines that have been opened need to be expanded further. Logistic support and any other necessary assistance for these students must be ensured—this was discussed here," Ruhullah said.

(KNO)

Prior Permission

and Handwara. The DEOC can be reached at 01955-253522 or via email at deockupwara@gmail.com. Dedicated helpline numbers, including 9419268121 (Aabid Nabi) and 7006187901, are also available for assistance," the advisory states. It further added that all government and private schools must seek prior approval from the Deputy Commissioner's Office through the Chief Education Officer before organising tours or picnics to these areas. (KNO)

Rahul Gandhi To

attended an all-party meeting called by the government to brief parties on the horrific terror attack.

J&K Leaders Unite

Union Territories to ensure their protection.

It urged authorities to prevent any form of harassment, discrimination, or intimidation against Kashmiris residing or traveling outside J&K.

The meeting called upon political parties, religious leaders, youth groups, civil society organizations, and the media to maintain calm and resist any attempts to disrupt harmony.

It emphasised the need for collaborative efforts to ensure the prosperity and stability of Jammu & Kashmir.

The all-party meeting was attended by leaders including Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, NC President Farooq Abdullah, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, several ministers, Members of Parliament, former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress leaders Tariq Hameed Karra and Nizamuddin Bhat, CPI(M) leader MY Tarigami, Peoples Conference president Sajad Gani Lone, PDP leaders Mehboob Beigh and Basharat Bukhari, Apni Party president Syed Altaf Bukhari, and BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur, and others.

Rains Expected

rainfall upto 59 per cent during the period while Jammu, Kathua, Rajouri, Reasi and Samba have recorded large deficit rainfall upto 99 percent.

Meanwhile, the light rains lashed the parts of Kashmir this afternoon followed by the gusty winds at multiple places.

Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that there is a possibility of a brief spell of light rain and thundershowers for the next two days.

However, he said that the weather is expected to remain dry from April 27 to May 02. (KNO)

Army Man Killed

a fierce firefight ensued, it said. "One of our bravehearts sustained grievous injuries in the initial exchange and later succumbed despite best medical efforts," the army said. The operation was still underway when last reports came in from the spot, they added.

LC, Jitendra Singh Pay Tributes
Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh paid tributes to Army Havaldar Jhantu Ali Shaikh, who laid down his life during an anti-terror operation in the Udhampur district.

Expressing his condolences and tributes to the soldier, Sinha said, "I bow to our Army braveheart Havaldar Jhantu Ali Shaikh, who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. His valour and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

The lieutenant governor said that the entire nation stands firmly with the family of the martyr in this hour of grief.

Union Minister Singh took to his social media handle X and wrote, "My deepest condolences and salute to Havaldar Jhantu Ali Shaikh (6 PARA SF), who has made the supreme sacrifice during this operation."

He said that he is keeping a close track of the encounter going on in the Dudu-Basantgarh area of the Udhampur district. The Union minister said that Udhampur Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai is constantly in touch with him.

"The DIG and SSP are personally on the spot. Further security measures, as required, are being planned," he said.

RED Health Extends Free Ambulance Support To Victims Of Pahalgam Attack

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a compassionate and timely response to the heart-wrenching incident that unfolded in Pahalgam, RED Health—one of India's leading emergency medical service providers for the past eight years—has announced free ambulance services for those affected. The move underscores the organization's unwavering mission to ensure swift and accessible emergency care across the country.

The recent attack in the scenic hill town has left the nation in grief, highlighting the urgent need for rapid medical support during such crises. Recognizing the critical nature of timely intervention, RED Health is leveraging its expansive network of over 5,000 ambulances spread across India to provide free transportation for the injured and those requiring emergency care.

"Whether it's transferring someone to a better-equipped hospital in another city or providing immediate on-site medical assistance, our teams are

prepared and ready to act," a spokesperson for RED Health said. "This is not just about transportation—it's about standing with those who are suffering and ensuring they receive the care they need without any delay or financial burden."

Operating 24/7, RED Health's fleet is staffed by professionally trained medical personnel and supported by collaborations with over 100 top hospital chains throughout India. The organization emphasizes that its response is not merely logistical but also symbolic of national solidarity in times of distress.

"This initiative is our way of standing by the victims and their families," the spokesperson added. "In moments of crisis, medical support must be swift, and compassion must be at the forefront. We are committed to delivering both."

Victims or their families in need of emergency transport can contact RED Health's dedicated helpline at 9114911911 to avail themselves of the free ambulance services.

Widespread Outrage In Kashmir Against Tourist Killings

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: For the third straight day, the heart of Srinagar reverberated with protests as people from all walks of life continued to condemn the brutal terror attack in Pahalgam that left 27 people dead, most of them tourists.

The demonstrations were centred around the historic Lal Chowk Clock Tower and the Press Enclave, with participants holding banners, placards, and black flags as symbols of mourning and resistance against violence.

Civil society members, traders, political activists, and government employees came together in a rare display of unity, expressing outrage over the killings and solidarity with the victims. In Lal Chowk, black flags fluttered atop rooftops, while fruit traders at the Mandi prominently displayed posters decrying the violence.

"We joined the protest to send a message that we, as Kashmiris, reject such bloodshed," said a shopkeeper from the area. "Tourists are our guests. We feel deeply wounded by what happened in Pahalgam."

Police Arrest 3 Drug Peddlers In Bla, Kulgam

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police on Thursday said to have arrested three drug peddlers in Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered a substantial quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

A Police party of Police Post Mirgund at a checkpoint established at Check Raza Khan intercepted a vehicle (Alto) bearing registration number JK01V-3940 with two persons on board, a police spokesman said in a statement.

They have been identified as Parvaiz Ahmad Shah son of Abdul Ahad Shah resident of Lolab Kupwara A/P Rambailgarh, Khushboo Jan daughter of Bashir Ahmad Parray resident of Rambailgarh.

During the search, police said that 1146 grams of Charas Powder were recovered from their possession. Both the accused have been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of the crime has also been seized.

Meanwhile in Kulgam, a Police team from Police Station Qazigund set up a checkpoint at Levdoora crossing NHW and intercepted a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration number JK02BK-8707 driven by Sardar Chand son of Deena Nath resident of Samba Manan, Jammu.

During the search, a Poppy Straw-like contraband substance was recovered. He has been arrested and the vehicle used in commission of crime has also been seized, police said.

Accordingly, police said that cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations are underway.

"We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact the nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law," police said.

Locals' Bravery Shines Through Pahalgam Tragedy

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As gunfire cracked through the pristine meadows of Baisaran in Pahalgam on Tuesday, two ordinary Kashmiri men emerged as silent heroes—choosing courage over fear and compassion over safety.

Nazakat Ahmad Shah, a 28-year-old tourist guide from Halwan Ganegund, was leading a group of 11 tourists from Chhattisgarh through the scenic trails of Kashmir. What started as a peaceful stroll in the lush surroundings of Baisaran turned into chaos when sudden gunshots pierced the afternoon calm.

"At first, I thought someone had lit firecrackers," Nazakat recalled. "But then I saw people diving to the ground—and I knew it was gunfire."

What happened next was a moment of pure instinct. Nazakat, ignoring the hail of bullets, picked up three children from the group and motioned the rest to follow. Through a narrow opening in the park boundary, he led the terrified tourists to safety.

All the while, his heart raced—not just from the fear of bullets, but from the dread of not being able to speak to his own children one last time.



"I tried to call home, just in case... but the network was gone," he said, voice cracking.

The group was later sheltered in a Pahalgam hotel before Nazakat escorted them to the Srinagar Airport the following morning. But even as he ensured their safety, a personal tragedy unfolded: his cousin, Aadil Shah—a pony rider—had been killed in the attack.

"I couldn't attend his funeral," Nazakat said. "My priority

was to get these guests home."

'Kashmir is Incomplete Without Tourists'

Not far from the chaos, Sajad Ahmad of Ganeshbal received an urgent alert through a WhatsApp group of the local pony association. He and others rushed to Baisaran, fearing the worst.

"We were met with a horrifying scene," Sajad said. "People crying, blood on the grass, complete panic."

Without a second thought, Sajad began tending to the injured. In a video now circulating widely online, he can be seen carrying an injured tourist on his back, racing toward help.

"I didn't care about my safety. I just saw someone in pain and knew I had to act," he said, his voice thick with emotion. "When people are screaming for help, nothing else matters."

Sajad believes that beyond economics, tourism binds Kashmiris with the rest of the world. "Kashmir is incomplete without tourists," he said. "They light up our homes, not just with money—but with connection, with understanding."

He now urges the government to ensure such incidents do not become a norm. "We must protect our guests. This is not who we are," he added.

Pahalgam Attack Won't Shake Our Faith In Kashmir: Tourists

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amidst the shadow of recent tragedy at Pahalgam, which claimed 26 lives and left several others injured, hope and resilience are still echoing at world's famous ski-resort—Gulmarg as tourists continue to find warmth, safety and solidarity.

Tourists, currently in Gulmarg said that they feel secure and supported, while many urged fellow travellers not to give in to fear.

"Yes, the day of the incident was very frightening, but now there is nothing to worry about. Locals and security agencies are cooperating very well and we feel absolutely safe here," said Rupali, a tourist from Mumbai.

Echoing similar sentiments, Jagdish Mishra, another visitor, appealed to the travellers not to cancel their bookings. He said the Kashmiri people are incredibly supportive—from drivers to hoteliers, everyone has been welcoming.

"The Pahalgam incident was tragic and did cause fear but the way we have been treated here has motivated us to stay. There is no reason to panic," Mishra added.

While the tragedy in Pahalgam left a deep scar, it has also united Kashmiris and tourists alike in collective grief and resilience, even as the Valley, often painted with narratives of fear, continues to reveal its true colours of hospitality, unity and undeterred hope.

The atmosphere in Gulmarg is calm, with enhanced security presence and visible efforts by locals to make visitors feel comfortable. "We are overwhelmed with the love and safety we have felt here. Those who attacked wanted to disturb peace, but it won't work. People here are treating us like their own," said another tourist, moved by the solidarity shown by the locals.

Similarly, a tourist from Karnataka, who expressed grief over the attack but at the same



Over 15,000 Visitors Enjoy Gulmarg Gondola Ride

SRINAGAR: In a strong message of resilience and unity, over 15,000 tourists took the iconic Gulmarg Gondola ride in the last 48 hours, days after the tragic terror attack in Pahalgam claimed 26 lives.

Amid shock and grief, the Valley is witnessing a return of faith from travellers, with many of whom continue to enjoy the beauty and warmth that Kashmir is known for.

Official data accessed revealed that over 15,000 tourists availed the Gondola ride in the past 48 hours including 7,299 on Wednesday and 7,616 on Thursday.

"10,398 tourists took the Gondola Phase-I ride while 4,517 went up through Phase-II," the data revealed.

Meanwhile, the tourists, while praising the region's safety, hospitality and the proactive support from both locals and authorities, said that the incident at Pahalgam was indeed unfortunate, but what they have seen on the ground is completely different from what some media reports suggest.

As a gesture of goodwill, tourists at the Gondola base station were served traditional Kashmiri Kahwa,

which many described as touching and thoughtful.

Officials say these efforts are a reflection of the Valley's determination to uphold its legacy of hospitality, even in times of sorrow.

Anita, a tourist from Delhi said that they have been treated with warmth, served Kahwa, and made to feel safe and welcome. "This is the Kashmir we always heard about—kind, welcoming and beautiful. The locals and security personnel have been outstanding," she said.

"We never felt any sense of fear or threat," another tourist said.

Managing Director of Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation, Syed Qamar Sajad, acknowledged the spirit of the visiting tourists. "We are grateful they haven't lost faith. The surge in Gondola rides is proof that tourism in Kashmir cannot be derailed by acts like Pahalgam," he said.

He said their teams, security forces and locals are working together to ensure that every visitor leaves with unforgettable memories.

The top JKCC official also announced the introduction of relaxation in its refund policy, to further support tourists.

time stood firm in his decision to continue the visit, saying that the attack at Pahalgam was painful. "We are sorry for the lives lost."

"We hope the government works to ensure such incidents don't repeat, but we never felt like leaving the Valley out of fear. People here stood with us at every step," he said, adding that they have been to Kash-

mir with a dream because it's a paradise on earth.

Earlier, a wave of concern gripped Kashmir's tourism industry post-Pahalgam terror attack, leading to cancellations and fear among incoming tourists, however, the tourists here in valley reassure the world of their safety and locals extending their unwavering warmth—(KNO)

Army Chief General Dwivedi To Visit Srinagar On Friday

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 civilians, mostly tourists, dead, Chief of Army Staff General Udaya Dwivedi will visit Srinagar on Friday to review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to details the top Army Commanders will brief Gen Dwivedi on various aspects of the security scenario and the steps being taken to counter terrorists in the Union Territory and along the Line of Control.

"The Corps commander of Srinagar based 15 Corps and other Rashtriya Rifles formation commanders will apprise the Army Chief about the prevailing situation in Kashmir and the strategies being framed to keep the terrorists at bay," sources revealed.

It's in place to mention



here that India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam carnage.

The punitive measures against Pakistan were decided at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Peace & Provocation Cannot Coexist: BSF

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Following the decision of the Government of India (GoI) to downgrade diplomatic ties with Pakistan the Border Security Force (BSF) on Thursday said it has "scaled down" the retreat ceremony held at Attari, Hussainiwala and Sadki along the India-Pakistan border in Punjab in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack.

In a statement to Kashmir Observer, a BSF spokesman said, "These steps reflect India's serious concern over cross-border hostilities. Peace and provocation cannot coexist. As part of this calibrated decision the BSF is suspending the symbolic handshake of the Indian guard commander with the counterpart and the border gates will remain closed during the ceremony."

The spokesman said, "All other drills will continue and common people will be allowed to witness this daily flag-lowering ceremony."

Pertinently, twenty-six men, mostly tourists and including a Nepalese citizen, were shot dead by the terrorists at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam earlier this week plunging the entire nation into mourning.

In the aftermath of the attack

India has launched a diplomatic offensive against Pakistan and taken a number of counter-measures linking these attacks to the neighbouring country.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday decided to put the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in abeyance with immediate effect. The integrated checkpoint at Attari was closed. Pakistani nationals who entered India through valid endorsements were asked to return through that route before May 1, 2025. Pakistani nationals will no longer be allowed to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES). All previously issued SVES visas are deemed cancelled. Pakistani nationals currently in India under SVES visas must leave the country within 48 hours.

The Defence, Military, Naval, and Air Advisors in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi have been declared persona non grata and have one week to leave India. India will also withdraw its corresponding Defence, Navy, and Air Advisors from its High Commission in Islamabad. These posts in both High Commissions stand annulled. The total strength of the High Commissions will be reduced from 55 to 30 by May 1.

Dy CM, Advisor To CM Meet Maharashtra Dy CM

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, along with Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, on the instructions of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Thursday met Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde, to express their deepest condolences on the death of Maharashtra civilians in Pahalgam terrorist attack.

The J&K Dy CM also raised the concern regarding safety of Kashmiri people residing in Maharashtra with Eknath Shinde.

Shinde assured full support from his government, assuring committed towards taking care of J&K residents in Maharash-

tra. He assured establishment of a dedicated helpline number with a Nodal Officer to assist those in need.

Surinder Choudhary said that the brutal targeting of innocent civilians in this cowardly attack is highly reprehensible. He added that targeting innocent tourists, is extremely condemnable and painful.

Condemning the cowardly terrorist attack, the Dy CM also expressed his condolences to the families of the deceased.

Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani, while expressing his condolences, said that the entire nation is united in fighting the scourge of terrorism. He added that these dastardly targeted attacks are a blot on humanity.

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It is informed to general public that I have lost my passport bearing passport No M5783571 and it was expired on 10-03-2025 and now I have applied for the reissue of passport So, in this regard if anybody have any objection he/she may file his /her objection at Regional passport office Srinagar within the period of one week after the publication of this notice after due date no objection will/shall be accepted or entertained.

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S/O: Gh Mohammad Wani

Mother's Name: Zaiba Bano

R/O: Sambora Pampore. District:Pulwama

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Medical Agency Suspended For Unethical Practices

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: In a decisive move against unethical practices, a team of Drug Control Officers in district Anantnag has suspended the operation of a medical agency located in Khah Bazar Cheenichowk Anantnag.

The action comes in response to violations of license conditions and guidelines pertaining to the disposal of expired medicines, a statement issued Kashmir Observer reads.



The Drug Control Authority in Anantnag initiated an investigation following a complaint regarding the improper disposal of expired medicines by M/s

Katlantic Pharmaceutical distributors.

The discarded consignments were discovered at Shipora road janglatmandi Anantnag and authori-

ties successfully traced the origin of the waste to the aforementioned distributor.

The ensuing investigation revealed that the wholesale distributor, M/s Katlantic Pharmaceutical distributor, situated at Khah Bazar, had breached the terms of their license and disregarded established protocols for the scientific disposal of expired pharmaceutical products. As a consequence of these violations, the operational license of the agency has been suspended for a

period of nine (09) days.

Due to this incident, the Drug Control Authority has issued a strong advisory and directive to all pharmaceutical traders within the district. They have been instructed to ensure the scientific and legally compliant disposal of any expired medical items in their possession.

This measure underscores the commitment of the authorities to maintain the integrity of the pharmaceutical supply chain and safeguard public health.



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IPL 2025: Chennai Take On Hyderabad In A Battle For Survival

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings will eye a crucial turnaround at home when they face an equally desperate Sunrisers Hyderabad in a battle for survival in the Indian Premier League here on Friday.

Both sides have endured a turbulent season, notching just four points from eight games, and must now win all remaining fixtures to keep their slim qualification hopes alive.

Known to make the most of home conditions, five-time champions CSK find themselves in uncharted territory as they haven't been able to read the wickets well at the Chepauk.

They started strong at their fortress, dominating Mumbai Indians as Nour Ahmad spun a web around the visitors. But the early promise fizzled out quickly, with three successive losses at home.

The also endured the igno-



miny of posting their lowest-ever IPL total at home -- 103/9 against Kolkata Knight Riders.

Head coach Stephen Fleming has also voiced frustration over the Chepauk surface, which has offered more to seamers than CSK's usual spin-heavy attack.

There away form has not been any better either, with just one win in four attempts.

CSK have lacked firepower in

the batting department and captain Ruturaj Gaikwad's absence due to an injury has only made it worse for the storied outfit.

MS Dhoni has returned as full-time captain. While his knee continues to limit mobility, the former Indian captain's leadership remains invaluable.

His death-overs batting, field placements, and ability to recalibrate the bowling attack

could be key in CSK's revival.

In encouraging signs, 17-year-old Ayush Mhatre made a promising debut against MI with the bat. The franchise has also roped in South Africa's Dewald Brevis in a bid to strengthen their power-hitting department.

SRH, meanwhile, have endured an equally erratic campaign. A bright start gave way

to inconsistency, with their ultra-aggressive, attack-at-all-costs strategy falling flat.

The explosive opening pair of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma, so vital last season, have failed to hit the same heights this year.

While Sharma's brilliance secured a win against Punjab Kings, Head is yet to truly make his mark.

The heavy dependence on their top two has exposed the frailty of the middle order, which has struggled to absorb pressure, something head coach Daniel Vettori also conceded after the seven-wicket loss to Mumbai Indians.

"When Head and Abhishek don't succeed, then it's the responsibility of the other batsmen. Potentially that's what we haven't had this season around. The ability for partnerships, for one or two guys to step up," Vettori said.

Match starts at 7:30pm IST.

Short TAKES

Team India Coach Gautam Gambhir Receives Death Threat Email

The head coach of the India men's cricket team, Gautam Gambhir, has found himself at the centre of a security scare after he received threatening emails, Delhi Police said on Thursday. The threats were received on April 22 -- the same day terrorists gunned down 26 people, mostly tourists, in Kashmir's Pahalgam -- from a suspicious Gmail account.

"We have been informed about an alleged threat mail received on an email ID associated with Gautam Gambhir. The matter is being investigated," DCP (Central) M Harsha Vardhan said in a statement.

"Gautam Gambhir is already a Delhi Police protectee and we do not comment on specific security arrangements," the officer said in the statement.

Gambhir, a former BJP MP, reportedly received two threat mails reading "I KILL YOU" from a sender identifying as "ISIS Kashmir", police sources said.

An email complaint regarding the threats was received at the Rajinder Nagar police station along with screenshots of the threat mails. This isn't the first time that Gambhir has been threatened. In 2022, he received similar threats, prompting the authorities to tighten his security measures.

PSL: Pakistan Govt Sends Back Indian Nationals In Broadcast Crew

The broadcast of the Pakistan Super League could be in jeopardy in coming days with all the experienced Indian crew members in PCB roster set to be replaced after escalating cross-border tensions in the aftermath of Pahalgam terrorist attack.

Pakistani terrorists are believed to be behind the killing of 26 Indian nationals, who were visiting Kashmir's Pahalgam area.

A concerned PCB source said: "Since more than two dozen of the production and broadcast crew of the PSL, included Indian nationals. Steps are being taken to replace them. The broadcast and production crew includes engineers, production managers, cameramen, player-tracking experts (all Indian nationals), who ensure a smooth coverage of the PSL."

The National Security Council after a meeting in Islamabad, on Thursday, announced that all Indian nationals in Pakistan should leave the country in the next 48 hours. The source said that PCB and the conglomerate which had rights to the PSL, had discussed the option of replacing the Indian nationals in the crew as soon as possible. The source said the Indian nationals in the crew have also been told to restrict their movements until they can leave Pakistan.

Pakistan PM Sheltering, Nurturing Terrorists: Ex-Spinner Kaneria

Former spinner Danish Kaneria has accused Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of 'sheltering and nurturing terrorists', suggesting that his country has a role in the Pahalgam terror attack in India which led to 26 deaths. The 44-year-old UK-based Kaneria said that Sharif has maintained a stoic silence on the attack, which is indicative of Pakistan's role.

Sharif may not have personally commented on the gruesome incident but the Pakistan Foreign Office has expressed concern over the loss of life.

"If Pakistan truly has no role in the Pahalgam terror attack, why hasn't Prime Minister @CMShehbaz condemned it yet? Why are your forces suddenly on high alert? Because deep down, you know the truth - you're sheltering and nurturing terrorists. Shame on you," Kaneria, who was banned for alleged spot-fixing in English county cricket, posted on X.

In another post, Kaneria, only the second Hindu cricketer to play for Pakistan, lauded Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for delivering a strong message against the attack on Thursday.

Real Madrid, Barcelona Lock Horns In Storied Copa Del Rey Final

Spanish football titans Real Madrid and Barcelona are set for a tantalising El Clasico clash in the Copa del Rey final on Saturday, marking the first such encounter in over a decade.

The bitter rivals will pen another chapter in their storied saga at Seville's La Cartuja stadium. This will be only the eighth time they have locked horns in the Spanish Cup final, with a balanced historical record.

Real edge the tally, having claimed victory in four of the seven finals, including memorable wins in 2011 and 2014 that still resonate with football enthusiasts due to their intensity and unforgettable goals.

In 2011, under Jose Mourinho, Real claimed the Copa del Rey trophy after an 18-year drought, winning 1-0 against Pep Guardiola's Barcelona in extra-time courtesy of a stunning header by Cristiano Ronaldo.

YSS Anantnag Organises Sports Events Across Multiple Zones

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag organised a series of inter-school competitions and events across various zones on Thursday. The primary highlight of the day was the resumption of the U-17 Inter School Football Tournament in Zone Bijbehara.

At DPS Sangam, Bijbehara, the U-17 Inter-School Football Tournament resumed with a solemn two-minute silence observed in memory of Pahalgam attack victims, followed by an Anti-Drug Pledge taken by all players and officials. The tournament, earlier postponed due to inclement weather, was relaunched with full fervour. A total of 48 students from different schools participated.

Notable outcomes included: BMHSS Bijbehara



defeating HSS Arwani (4-0), DPS Sangam received a walkover against HSS Marhama. The semi-final line-up scheduled for April 25 includes Public School Bijbehara vs. BMHSS Bijbehara and Oxford High Bijbehara vs. DPS Sangam.

Meanwhile, other zones also hosted significant sports events.

Zone Vailoo held Inter-School Badminton competitions for U-14 and U-17 boys at GMS Bidhard. Zone Mattan held a Run for Unity programme at GHS Kehribal, with 120 students participat-

ing. Zone Bidder held a U-17 Girls Inter-School Volleyball Tournament at HSS Koker-nag, where 96 girls competed. Khushboo Manzoor from HSS Hillar was adjudged the standout performer.

Zone Srighufwara held Chess and Badminton tournaments for U-14 boys and girls at MS Vidday, with BJP leader Lateef Ahmad Khan interacting with students. A total of 160 students (80 boys and 80 girls) participated. Zone Achabal hosted Netball tournaments for U-14 and U-17 girls at HSS Dialgam, with 133 girls participation.

Inter-School Zonal Level Sports Competitions Held In Budgam

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam, under the leadership of District Youth Services and Sports Officer G.H. Hassan Lone, organised a series of Inter-School Zonal Level competitions across various zones of the district, witnessing vibrant participation from students and educators alike.

In Zone Hardpanzoo, a thrilling cycling race marked the highlight of sporting events in Zone Hardpanzoo, commencing from Bus Stop Qum-roo and culminating at HSS Hardpanzoo. A large number of students from both government and private schools took part with great excitement.

The event was flagged off by Chief Guest Mohammad Amin Parram, Headmaster of MS Qumroo, alongside Dr. Feroz from the Health



Department and Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, In-charge Activity.

In Zone Dreygam, a Volleyball Inter-School competition was held at two venues - HSS Parnewa and HS Falchill. The events were inaugurated by Kifayat Hussain, Principal HSS Parnewa, and Altaf Hussain, Headmaster HS Falchill.

Zone Charisharief hosted the Table Tennis Inter-School competition at GHSS Charisharief and BHSS

Charisharief. The event was inaugurated by Younis Ahmad, PEL HSS Charisharief, and Hussain, PET, at their respective venues.

In Zone B.K. Pora, an Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament for Under-14 and Under-17 Boys was organised at International Delhi Public School, Gowharpora. The tournament was inaugurated by Abdul Hameed, ZPEO B.K. Pora, with Principal Khalid Abrar extending a warm welcome to all attendees.

Inter-School Zonal Events Begin At GGHSS Nowhatta

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Department of Youth Services and Sports Zone Rainawari on Thursday inaugurated its Inter-School Zonal level activities at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Nowhatta, marking the beginning of a series of sporting events for young talents in the region.

The opening day witnessed enthusiastic participation from Under 14 Year girls representing 18 government and private educational institutions. The students showcased their skills and competitive spirit in the Table Tennis, Badminton, and Chess competitions.



The event was declared open by Shaista Afshana, Vice Principal of GGHSS Nowhatta, along with Eidi Sharif Zahgeer, Senior Lecturer at GGHSS Nowhatta, Muzamil Ahmad, Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Rainawari, and the dedicated field staff of Zone

Rainawari. Adding a significant social message to the sporting event, a pledge against drug abuse was also administered during the opening ceremony, emphasizing the importance of a healthy and drug-free lifestyle among the young participants.

The ZPEO Rainawari expressed his gratitude to GGHSS Nowhatta for their invaluable support and cooperation in facilitating the smooth conduct of the tournaments. He conveyed his optimism for increased participation in the upcoming events, highlighting the commitment of ZPEO Rainawari to promote sports and healthy competition among students.

YSS Ganderbal Hosts Inter-School Football & Volleyball Events

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: As part of its annual sports calendar, the Department of Youth Services and Sports Ganderbal initiated Inter-School Zonal Level Football competitions for Boys and Girls under 17 years, paving the way for selection to the Inter-Zone District Level Football tournament. This effort is aimed at finalising the District team to represent Ganderbal in the forthcoming Provincial Level Championships.

Zone Ganderbal kick-started the U-17 Boys Football competition at the Government College of Physical Education Gadoora, while



the Girls' matches were held at BHS Shallabug.

In parallel, Zone Hariganwan hosted a spirited U-17 Girls Football competition at BHSS Hariganwan. A total of 36 young athletes participated in the matches.

Meanwhile, Zone Tullamulla conducted an Inter-School Zonal Level Volleyball tournament for U-17 Girls at BHSS Kurhama. A

total of 56 students participated, with GHS Lar and BHSS Lar making it to the finals.

In a thrilling contest, GHS Lar emerged victorious with a 2-1 set win. These events highlight the sporting talent across the district and serve as a platform to foster discipline, teamwork and healthy competition among students.

Get Ready For A Party At Anfield As Liverpool Looks To Clinch Premier League Title

Agencies

Fireworks exploded from the roof. Red smoke filled the air. Family members applauded as players, one by one, lifted the trophy.

Yet Liverpool's Premier League title-winning celebrations in 2020 could hardly be described as a party. For one, no fans were allowed inside a mostly empty Anfield to witness it because of restrictions in place during the pandemic.

Five years later, it will all be so different.

Liverpool is again set to be crowned as English champion and, this time, its storied stadium will be filled -- inside and no doubt on the concourses and roads outside -- with supporters ready to commemorate the team's achievement.

Only one point is needed against Tottenham on Sunday

for Liverpool to win the league.

In 2020, securing the title ended a 30-year drought. In 2025, it will mark another significant milestone: Tying fierce rival Manchester United's record of 20 English top-flight championships.

Expect the party to go on for some time, too. Liverpool fans have been waiting for this.

As the coronavirus raged in 2020, they were shut out of Anfield as Jordan Henderson did what no Liverpool captain had done since 1990 -- lift the league trophy. Only a late government reprieve ensured players at least had a few family members inside the stadium. The select few granted invitations had to wear face masks.

Some fans made their presence felt by setting off pyrotechnics in nearby streets but it wasn't what they imagined a title party would feel like.

Do the business against Spurs



and Liverpool would clinch the title with four games to go, ensuring an unassailable advantage over second-placed Arsenal.

For Arne Slot, it will be a Premier League title in his first season in English soccer. Only four managers -- Jose Mourinho, Car-

lo Ancelotti, Manuel Pellegrini and Antonio Conte -- have ever done that.

And there will be a huge sense of satisfaction at ending the four-year hegemony of Manchester City, whose big drop-off this season has allowed Liverpool to fill the void.

The Reds have done so in impressive fashion, losing just twice -- to Nottingham Forest and Fulham -- and racking up 24 wins from 33 games.

Catching Man United

When United sealed title No. 20 in 2013 to go two clear of Liverpool, it felt like that gap would only get wider. Liverpool, after all, finished in seventh place that season.

Instead, United has regressed in the post-Alex Ferguson era -- the team is in 14th place in the Premier League -- and Liverpool has regained its status as an

English and European giant, first under Jurgen Klopp and under his successor, Slot.

It's Liverpool which could pull clear now, especially with City needing to rebuild, the current Arsenal team yet to prove it can win a major trophy under Mikel Arteta, and United in crisis.

Liverpool will celebrate this title long and hard, but knows this can be just the start of a period of success.

FA Cup Semifinals

By the time, Liverpool attempts to wrap up the Premier League, the finalists for the FA Cup will be known.

Hours earlier Sunday, Man City will take on Forest in the second semifinal at Wembley Stadium. On Saturday, Aston Villa will meet Crystal Palace.

Of the four semifinals, only City has won a trophy this century. Forest's last piece of sil-

verware was the English League Cup in 1990, Villa's was in 1996 (also the League Cup), while Palace -- a beaten FA Cup finalist in 1990 and 2016 -- has never won a major trophy.

Ipswich Headed For Relegation

Ipswich is set to become the third and final team to be relegated, joining Southampton and Leicester back in the Championship.

Ipswich -- in third-to-last place -- is 15 points from safety with five games remaining, so it's a matter of when not if.

Even beating Newcastle away on Saturday -- which is unlikely in itself -- might not be enough, with fourth-to-last Wolverhampton at home to Leicester that day and needing only a point to ensure survival.

If Ipswich is demoted, it means the three promoted teams will all have been relegated for the second straight season.