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‘NYAY HO KAR RAHEGA’

Blood of every Indian boiling, victims will definitely get justice: PM Modi on Pahalgam attack

Kashmir saw progress, but terrorists want to destroy it: Modi

Speaking during the 121st episode of his radio programme ‘Mann Ki Baat’, PM Modi said Kashmir had witnessed unprecedented growth in recent years, with booming tourism, vibrant schools and colleges and a surge in opportunities for the youth, but terrorists want to derail the region's progress

ANI

New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday condemned the Pahalgam terror attack and spoke about the “deep agony in his heart” while reassuring the families of the victims that “conspirators and perpetrators of the attack will face the harshest response.”

“Nyaye milke rahega”, the PM said. Referring to the April 22 attack in Pahalgam as a sign of the desperation of the patrons of terrorism, calling it an act that highlights their cowardice.

In the 121st episode of Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi called the terror attack as an attempt by those behind terrorism to disrupt the peace in Kashmir.

Today, as I talk my heart out with you, there is a deep agony in my heart. The Pahalgam terrorist attack has left every citizen of the country heartbroken. Every Indian feels deep sympathy for families of the victims

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER DURING MANN KI BAAT



AUTHORITIES DEMOLISH HOUSES OF THREE MORE ACTIVE TERRORISTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR



Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have demolished the houses of three suspected active terrorists in Bandipora, Pulwama, and Shopian districts as part of an ongoing crackdown on the terror ecosystem. This brings the total number of houses razed to nine since the terror attack at Pahalgam on April 22, which left 26 people dead and shocked the nation.

130 NUKES AIMED AT YOU: PAK MINISTER'S OPEN THREAT TO INDIA AS TENSIONS FLARE

In an explosive escalation of tensions, Pakistan Minister Hanif Abbasi openly threatened India with nuclear retaliation, warning that Pakistan's arsenal - including Ghori, Shaheen, and Ghaznavi missiles along with 130 nuclear warheads - has been kept “only for India”. Abbasi said if India dares to halt Pakistan's water supply, it should “prepare for a full-scale war”.

CDS ANIL CHAUHAN MEETS DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH, BRIEFS HIM ON STRATEGIES



Days after the tragic Pahalgam terrorist attack, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday in Delhi and briefed him on key developments and strategies to counter Pakistan. According to reports, CDS briefed the Defence Minister on Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force's readiness and strength.

537 PAKISTANI NATIONALS, INCLUDING NINE DIPLOMATS & OFFICIALS, LEAVE INDIA IN 4 DAYS



The exit deadline for Pakistani nationals visiting India on SAARC visas ended on April 26, while for the rest, except those on medical visas, it closed on Sunday. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals are valid till 29 April. At the Attari border in Amritsar, vehicles queued up as Pakistani nationals rushed to cross over to their country. As many as 537 Pakistani nationals, including nine diplomats and officials, left India in four days from the Attari-Wagah border border point.

CHINA CLOSELY FOLLOWING ‘EVOLVING INDIA, PAKISTAN SITUATION’, REPORTS STATE MEDIA

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi in a phone call with his Pakistani counterpart Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said his country is closely following the situation between India and Pakistan. Wang told Dar that China supports an impartial investigation into the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

GUNMEN KILL SOCIAL ACTIVIST IN J&K'S KUPWARA DISTRICT

A 45-year-old civilian has been killed after he was shot at by unknown gunmen near his home in the Kandikhas area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district. The victim succumbed to his injuries during the treatment in Handwara hospital in Kupwara on Sunday.

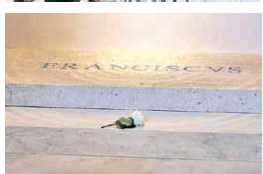
POK FLOODED AS PAK SLAMS INDIA FOR JHELMUM WATER FLOW

Pakistan accused India of suddenly releasing water into the Jhelum river without informing Pakistani authorities on Saturday. A report by Dunya News said a sudden surge in the water levels of the river was witnessed near Muzaffarabad in Pakistan occupied Kashmir.

TOURISTS RETURN TO PAHALGAM DAYS AFTER ATTACK

Days after the devastating terror attack, the serene valley of Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir is gradually returning to a sense of normalcy. The region has once again begun welcoming both domestic and international visitors, although there has been a decline in the number of tourists.

IN BRIEF



Mourners began lining up to visit the tomb of the late Pope Francis at the St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome as it opened for public on Sunday.

9 killed, 20 hurt after vehicle rams into fest

A 30-year-old man drove a vehicle into a crowd at a Filipino heritage festival (Lapu Lapu Day festival) in the Canadian city of Vancouver, killing at least nine people and injuring more than 20 others, authorities said on Sunday. Suspect was detained by bystanders before the police arrived and further probe is on in the incident.

Jaishankar, Doval may not attend BRICS meet

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval's participation in the BRICS NSA meeting in Brazil on April 30 remains uncertain due to heightened tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. Also, sources said a final decision regarding Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar's travel has not been made yet.

SP MP Ramjilal's convoy attacked in Aligarh

Samajwadi Party MP Ramjilal Suman's convoy was allegedly attacked by members of the Karni Sena near Khereshwar Chauraha in Aligarh on Sunday. Suman was stopped at Gabhana toll plaza. Visuals show several individuals hurled tyres at the high-speed vehicles, causing them to swerve and collide on the road.

Indian Navy test fires anti-ship missile in sea

Anytime, anywhere, anyhow message: Displaying 'combat-ready' strike power

Agencies
New Delhi

The Indian Navy on Sunday successfully carried out multiple anti-ship missile firings, reaffirming its commitment to protecting the nation's maritime interests.

In a statement released on X, the Navy said, “Indian Navy Ships undertook successful multiple anti-ship firings to revalidate and demonstrate readiness of platforms, systems and crew for long range precision offensive strike. Indian Navy stands Combat Ready Credible and Future Ready in safeguarding the nation's maritime interests Anytime Any-



where Anyhow.”

The tests come against the backdrop of heightened tensions between New Delhi and Islamabad following the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, where 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed.

On Thursday, Navy's latest indigenous guided missile destroyer, INS Surat, also conducted a successful test firing.

Terrorists trekked 22 hrs via rough terrain: Sources

Forensic analysis confirms use of AK-47 and M4 rifles

Agencies
New Delhi

Fresh details emerging from the investigation into the Pahalgam terror attack suggest that the terrorists who carried out the horrific assault on April 22, killing 26 people, trekked nearly 20 to 22 hours through difficult terrain from Koker-nag forests to the scenic Baisaran valley to execute their deadly plan.

Two mobile phones - one belonging to a local resident and the other to a tourist - were snatched by the terrorists during the attack, sources said. Four attackers were involved in the carnage: three Pakistani terrorists and one local terrorist, Adil Tho-



Two mobile phones, one belonging to a local resident and the other to a tourist, were snatched by the terrorists during attack.

kar, sources added.

Thokar, who initially joined Hizbul Mujahideen in 2018 after getting radicalised, crossed over to Pakistan legally using valid documents, where he received battle-hardened training with the Lashkar-e-Taiba before

returning to the Kashmir Valley in 2024.

Since his return, Thokar is said to have been actively assisting Pakistani terrorists by providing logistics and acting as a guide through the region's treacherous terrain.

Pakistan Ratna: BJP calls Siddaramaiah

...after Karnataka CM's remark makes headline across border

Agencies
Bengaluru

A day after his “not in favour of war with Pakistan” remark sparked a massive row, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday clarified that he “never said we should not go to war”. The Congress veteran's remarks have, meanwhile, drawn sharp responses from the BJP, with its leaders calling Siddaramaiah a “Pakistan Ratna” and pointing to Pakistan media reports about his remark.

“I never said we should never go to war with Pakistan, I just said war is not the solution. Protection should have been given to



Strict security measures must be initiated. We are not in favour of waging war, Siddaramaiah had said sparking a controversy.

the tourists. Whose responsibility is this? I have said there has been a failure,” the Congress leader said. He added, “There is a failure of intelligence.”

NATION-BUILDING SPIRIT

PM Modi's inspiring ‘Mann Ki Baat’ reflects India's development journey: CM Bhajan Lal

First India Bureau
Mumbai/Jaipur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on Sunday during the 121st edition of his monthly radio programme, ‘Mann Ki Baat’. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, who was in Mumbai, listened to the broadcast at Mumbai Airport.

Reflecting on the programme, Chief Minister



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma listens to PM Modi's address during the 121st episode of ‘Mann Ki Baat’ at Mumbai Airport on Sunday.

Sharma said that through this inspiring address, the Prime Minister viv-

idly illustrated India's remarkable journey of development.

He noted that the Prime Minister's words encouraged every section of society to ensure active participation in the grand mission of nation building.

Sharma further remarked that Prime Minister Modi's message carries a profound impact, inspiring the people to move forward with renewed determination under the pledge of “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat” (One India, Great India).

Temple ‘purification’ row: BJP expels ex-Rajasthan MLA Gyan Dev Ahuja

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The ruling BJP in Rajasthan on Sunday expelled its former MLA Gyan Dev Ahuja, who was recently at the centre of temple “purification” controversy, from primary membership of the party.

The action has been taken against Ahuja following a probe by BJP's disciplinary committee, a party order said.

BJP state president Madan Rathore has given orders to terminate Ahuja's primary membership



Ahuja had sparked a controversy earlier this month after he sprinkled Ganga water at a Ram temple in Alwar to “purify” it following Congress leader Tikaram Jolly attended a consecration ceremony there.

Ex-chief minister Ashok Gehlot had termed Ahuja's act an “insult” to a Dalit.

of the party for “indiscipline”, it said.

Earlier on Sunday, Ahuja appeared before the BJP's disciplinary committee to present his side.

Later, talking to re-

porters, he said, “I have not done anything anti-Dalit.”

He claimed that the BJP has made a mistake by expelling him by falling prey to the propaganda of the Congress.

Weather Update

Jodhpur and Bikaner divisions hit hard

Heatwave grips Rajasthan, Barmer records 46.1°C

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The weather conditions across Rajasthan have been experiencing extreme heat, with the Jodhpur division witnessing heatwave conditions on Sunday. Barmer recorded the highest temperature at 46.1 degree Celsius, which is 4 degrees above the normal temperature.

According to the meteorological department, in the next 3-4 days, the majority of the state will continue to experience dry weather conditions. There is a strong likelihood that temperatures will rise by 2-3°C in coming days in certain areas of the Jodhpur and



Bikaner divisions expecting maximum temperatures between 44-46°C. The heatwave will intensify in western Rajasthan, which is expected to experience a significant rise in temperature, along with warmer

nights, between April 28 and 29 .

In Eastern Rajasthan, some parts will also witness heatwave conditions between April 29 and 30. Around 26 cities in the state recorded 40 degrees and above.

There is a strong possibility of temperature falling due to thunderstorm, storm and rain activities in the first week of May

Police bust IPL ticket racket in Jaipur, 56 tickets and a car seized

PTI
Jaipur

Jaipur Police in a successful operation have arrested two persons for allegedly black marketing tickets of the IPL match between Rajasthan Royals and Gujarat Titans, scheduled to be played on Monday at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium here, officials said on Sunday.

Fifty-six tickets and a car have been recovered from the accused.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Tejaswani Gautam said that instructions had been given to all police stations in the city to prevent black marketing of tickets for the IPL match.

On April 26, based on a tip-off from CST constable Pradeep, police arrested Sandeep Nantani (45), a resident of Chaura Rasta under the Kotwali police station, and Chandra Prakash (26), a resident of Kanwar Nagar under the Brahmapuri police station. During interrogation, the accused allegedly revealed that they were selling tickets worth Rs 2,400 for Rs 4,000 and tickets worth Rs 3,200 for Rs 5,000.



The accused with match tickets in police custody on Sunday.

DRUG TRAFFICKERS FROM PUNJAB CAUGHT AFTER 2 KM CHASE

In a major operation, Punjab-based drug traffickers, who broke through a police barricade, were caught after a 2 km chase. The Pugal police apprehended two drug traffickers who had come from Bajju with illegal opium. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Khajuwala CO Amarjeet Chawla. The Pugal SHO, Pawan Singh Tanwar, and his team were successful in catching the traffickers. The two traffickers from Punjab were arrested. The two individuals arrested were 65-yr-old Butta Singh, the driver, and 40-yr-old Gurvinder Singh. They were carrying 30 kgs of opium.

Locked gates, empty hospital for hrs force woman to give birth outside

Gopal Lodha
Gogunda

In a heart-wrenching incident in Nandeshma, a woman was forced to deliver her baby outside the government hospital after finding the gates locked and no staff available. Kamlesh Gameti of Chalva village went into



labour late at night and gave birth en route to the hospital. Upon arrival, with both mother and newborn in serious con-

dition, they were left unattended outside for nearly six hours. A local woman had to cut the baby's umbilical cord.

Massive fire erupts in six-storey building near Kartarpura

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A massive fire broke out in a six-storey building near Kartarpura Crossing, Jaipur, leading to a significant emergency response on Sunday evening. Several fire engines and tenders along with rescue teams rushed to the scene to control the fire, which quickly spread across multiple floors of the building.

The fire brigade teams have successfully rescued six people caught in massive blaze, including two women. Efforts to extinguish the fire are still ongoing. Local residents of the area, along with fire personnel, are actively trying to put out the flames while dealing with the heavy smoke. Efforts are underway to control the fire.

Road turns into junkyard!



Along the main road from Sanganer to Muhana Mandi, government land on both sides—stretching over half a kilometre—has been severely encroached upon. Garages and workshops for four-wheelers have expanded nearly ten times beyond their designated limits. Hundreds of scrap vehicles now line the road, causing major obstruction. Despite this long-standing encroachment and the strong-arm tactics of shopkeepers, the administration remains indifferent. The problem worsens due to the heavy traffic pressure, as this route leads to Jaipur's largest market, Muhana Mandi. **FI LENSMAN MUKESH KIRADOO** highlights the plight of pedestrians crossing this stretch in the morning and evening.

‘One nation, one election’ workshop held in Jaipur

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A state-level workshop for lawyers was held on Sunday at the BJP state office under the One Nation One Election campaign. BJP State Presi-

dent Madan Rathore, during the workshop, stated that the separation of Lok Sabha and state assembly elections results in the country being in a constant election mode. This keeps the administrative machinery, security forc-

es, and political leadership preoccupied with elections, causing disruption to development activities and delays in policy decisions. “Frequent elections waste the country's time, money, and energy,” he said.

Campaign State Convenor Sunil Bhargava highlighted that conducting simultaneous elections will allow governments to focus on development and governance throughout their entire tenure.



Madan Rathore addressing the workshop on Sunday.

Four miscreants loot ₹19 lakh from Toshina ATM

Narpat Zoya
Didwana

In a daring heist, miscreants targeted an ATM in Toshina, cutting it open and stealing cash worth several lakhs. The ATM reportedly contained around Rs 19 lakh at the time of the incident.

CCTV footage from the scene shows four individuals involved in the

theft. As the market was closed during the night, local residents remained unaware of the robbery until much later.

It was only by the afternoon that news of the incident reached the authorities, prompting the police to rush to the spot. Superintendent of Police Hanuman Prasad also arrived at the scene to oversee the investigation.

Meeting to finalise implementation of Annapurna Bhandar at 5000 shops today

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A meeting to invite suggestions for the successful implementation of Annapurna Bhandar at 5000 fair price shops across the state will be held today at the corporation headquarters under the chairmanship of Raj State Food and Supplies Corporation Managing



Director Rajendra Verma. The budget announcement proposed to open Annapurna Bhandar at

5,000 fair price shops to provide daily essential goods to low-income families at reasonable prices. This will provide financial support to fair price shopkeepers working under public distribution system & high quality multi-brand consumer goods will be made available to the general public through them at competitive rates.

Teacher makes student cut & clean chicken; suspended

First India Bureau
Gogunda

A govt teacher was suspended after he was found guilty of making a student slaughter a chicken in the school.

The education department took swift and strict action against Mohan Lal Doda, posted as teacher level-I in the govt senior secondary school, Savan who made a student slaughter a chicken during examination on Saturday. Following a report aired by First India News, an inquiry was ordered in which the teacher was found guilty- an act that tarnished the image of the department.

Doda has been suspended following an official inquiry led by Kotda Sub-Divisional Officer Hansmukh Kumar. The report confirmed his involvement in forcing the student to slaughter the chicken.



The visuals of the barbaric act surfaced on social media.

WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY & HEALTH AT WORK

Vedanta boosts safety with smart technologies

First India Bureau
New Delhi

On World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Vedanta Limited (NSE: VEDL) reaffirmed its commitment to a safety-first culture through a comprehensive suite of initiatives rooted in predictive and inclusive safety, supported by cutting-edge technologies. The company has deployed a host of leading-edge technologies including Artificial Intelligence (AI)-led monitor-



ing systems, drones, fatigue detection systems, smart helmets, and teleremote operations, which are transforming industrial safety across its operations.

Vedanta's zinc business in India, is the first in country to deploy virtual reality (VR)-based winder training simulator system that mimics the working of shafts (lifts)

Vedanta's proprietary T-Pulse platform uses artificial intelligence to enhance safety in critical operational areas in real time

which are used for material and manpower movement. The company is also the first to introduce VR-based underground vehicle simulator that trains employees in driving vehicle in mines.

Vedanta's aluminium business has deployed drones to perform in-

spections before material extraction at its operations. In oil & gas vertical, Vedanta has implemented an AI-based Safety Surveillance Monitoring System with AI cameras, resulting in an 80% reduction in manual efforts.

Vedanta is also engaging with Shark Tank India participant Jarsh Safety, a startup involved in the development of smart safety wearables that is focused on reducing heat stress and improving connectivity in various industrial setups.

Minister urges swift action on water works

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A review meeting on drinking water-related works in Jaipur division was held on Sunday at the Gandhi Nagar office of the Public Health Engineering Department, chaired by the Public Health Engineering Minister, Kanhaiya Lal.

He emphasized that under the summer contingency plan, tasks like deepening bore wells, replacing pipelines, and changing pump sets should be completed swiftly to provide relief

In light of the challenges posed by the summer season, the Water Supply Minister provided various important directives to strengthen the drinking water system.

to the public during the intense heat. He also stated that emergency works approved by the district collector should be completed immediately, warning that any delay or negligence would not be tolerated.

PAHALGAM EFFECT Borders tightened, emotions high, leaders seek unity amidst deportations, family anguish & calls for strong action

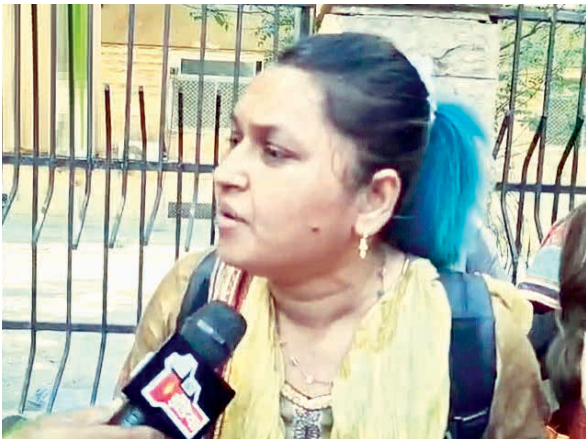
Afseen Jahangir denied entry to Pak; returns to Jodhpur

Rajeev Gaur
Jodhpur

Afseen Jahangir, who reached Jodhpur via the Atari-Wagah border in Punjab, couldn't hold back her tears on Sunday. Afseen, who had married in Karachi, Pakistan, had come to India with the hope of returning to her in-laws. But now, the situation has turned such that her children have gone to Pakistan, and she is left alone in Jodhpur.

After arriving in Jodhpur, Afseen spoke to the media and said, "What kind of justice is this that my children were allowed to cross the border, but I was separated from them? My in-laws and children are in Pakistan, and I am here alone. Can any government separate a mother from her children like this?"

The pain of being separated from her children was clearly visible in Afseen's eyes. She was feeling helpless, caught between anger and sorrow. Afseen explained that her children are Pakistani citizens, which is why they were allowed to return to Pakistan, but she was kept away from her family members.



Afseen Jahangir interacting with First India News in Jodhpur on Sunday. She was denied entry to Pak at Attari-Wagah border.

109 PAKISTANI NATIONALS SENT BACK FROM RAJASTHAN AFTER PAHALGAM ATTACK

Following the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, the Centre has issued an advisory ordering Pakistani nationals staying in India on short-term visas to leave the country immediately. Acting on the directive, Rajasthan has so far sent back 109 Pakistani citizens. According to police headquarters, 28 individuals were deported on Friday alone. It is reported that over 500 Pakistani nationals had arrived in Rajasthan on short-term visas. Authorities are swiftly identifying and deporting them. The move follows concerns over security after the Pahalgam attack, with efforts being made to ensure compliance with the government's advisory across the state.

Hindu family rejects order to move to Pak

First India Bureau
Barmer

Following the recent Pahalgam attack, authorities have intensified efforts to identify and repatriate Pakistani nationals residing illegally in India. In Rajasthan, several such individuals have been identified, including an 18-member family that had settled in Barmer.

On Saturday, the family – comprising six women, five children, and seven men – approached the CID office, pleading not to be sent back to Pakistan. They



Suresh's family wants to stay in India. They want to earn their living by working in Barmer.

expressed their deep desire to remain in India, citing better living conditions and opportunities for their children.

"India is a good place; the cost of living in Paki-

stan is very high," they said. The family emphasised that their children have now adapted to life in India and wish to continue their future here. A family member of the



stranded family Suresh added that there were no means of earning in Pakistan. The expenses were very high. We have applied for a long term visa to stay in India.

Day after row over offensive poster, Walled City peaceful

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A day after tension erupted in the Walled City area of Jaipur over "Pakistan Murdabad" posters and offensive slogans allegedly pasted outside the Jama Masjid in Johri Bazaar, the area remained largely peaceful on Sunday. Police have been deployed here for the last 48 hours. They had to resort to mild force on Saturday evening but no untoward incident has been reported so far.

Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph, Ad-



After the Friday incident, an FIR was registered against BJP leader and Hawa Mahal MLA Balmukund Acharya.

ditional Police Commissioner Kunwar Rashtradeep, Additional Police Commissioner Rameshwar Singh, DCP North Rashi Dogra Doodi along with senior officials were present till late on Saturday. Additional police force and the Abhay Command are together keeping a close vigil in the area.

Pilot meets Udhwani family, calls for united response on terrorism

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot, reacting to the Pahalgam attack, said terrorists must be given a strong response in their own language. He stated that Cong & entire opposition stand united with the govt. Pilot noted the public's anger over attack and warned that its aim was to create division and inflame religious tensions. Expressing con-



On Sunday, Sachin Pilot meets family members of late Neeraj Udhwani, who lost his life in Pahalgam terror attack.

dolences to victims' families, he said the PM should have personally attended the all-party meeting. Acknowledging the govt's admission

of a lapse, he urged avoiding blame games. On Balmukund Acharya, Pilot said his actions were wrong and he has been reprimanded.



Sikkim Governor Om Mathur & Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurating the Vivekananda E-Library at Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Alwar on Sunday.

Sikkim Guv: Modern edu is key to Viksit Bharat

Ashvini Yadav
Alwar

Sikkim Governor Om Mathur inaugurated the 'E-Gurukul' digital library at the Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Alwar and flagged off two mobile e-libraries. He also planted saplings for environmental conservation. During a felicitation ceremony at Pratap Auditorium, Mathur virtually inaugurated additional e-libraries at

the State Library and Information Centre, joined by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav and MoS Sanjay Sharma. Mathur emphasized modern education's role in nation-building, with e-libraries aiding youth's development. Yadav announced 101 e-libraries for Alwar, benefiting students, especially those preparing for competitive exams. Sharma discussed Alwar's infrastructure and water supply projects.

Strength of 140 cr Indians is biggest asset against terrorism: Rathore

Yogesh Sharma
Jaipur

BJP state president Madan Rathore on Sunday said that PM Narendra Modi has assured the nation that justice would be delivered to the families of the victims of Pahalgam terror attack. He said that those responsible for the attack and its conspirators would face the strictest punishment. The live broadcast of PM Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat was held on Sunday at the BJP state headquarters. Madan Rathore along with other leaders of the party listened to the PM Modi's programme.

He echoed the Prime Minister's sentiment, stating that the strength of 140 crore Indians united against terrorism is the nation's biggest asset.



BJP State President Madan Rathore during the press conference at BJP State headquarters in Jaipur on Sunday.

"The attack, carried out in a heinous manner, has been strongly condemned by major countries around the world, who stand in solidarity with India in the global fight against terrorism," Rathore said. He said that Modi through Mann Ki Baat always encourages and uplifts artists,

talents, and hardworking individuals from across the country. In the 121st episode, Modi spoke about Jitendra Singh Ranawat from Rajasthan, who achieved success in cultivating lychee in the state. Rathore noted that the BJP state office was also connected live during the programme.

MLA Rafeek Khan welcomes Madan Rathore's remarks on Balmukund

First India Bureau
Jaipur

MLA Rafeek Khan said, "We welcome Madan Rathore's remarks. Those who attempt to incite unrest should be rejected by the people. Such elements should not be honoured but should be taught a lesson." He added, "The soil of Jaipur carries fragrance of love, the strength of brotherhood, and spirit of Ganga-Jamuni culture. The Cong and its leaders have always been guardians of unity, harmony, and progress, both for the nation and for the state."

"We are merchants of love, not hatred. We walk the path of development, not division and we also hope that Rathore will assure his commitment to these values," he added.

Wife critical, Mahesh Joshi rushes to hosp with ED officials

Nareish Sharma
Jaipur

Former PHED Minister Mahesh Joshi rushed to Manipal Hospital in Jaipur on Sunday morning to meet his wife, Kaushal Devi, who was on a ventilator. During this, he was accompanied by ED officials, who arrested him on Thursday in a money laundering case in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Rajasthan.

A visibly worried Joshi enquired about the condition of his wife admitted in ICU there. His wife's condition is said to be very serious for the last 24 hours and she was given CPR twice.

Even the doctors are discouraged by the deteriorating condition of



Mahesh Joshi in ED custody.

Kaushal Devi. Meanwhile, Joshi's well-wishers have been praying to the Almighty for his wife's speedy recovery.

Joshi will be presented in the special court for PMLA cases on Monday. Officials from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) will present Mahesh Joshi before the court. Prior to the court appearance, Joshi will undergo a medical check-up. The check-up will take place at SMS Hospital by around 11 AM.

WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS ELATED

Tigress Rani gives birth to 5 cubs at N'garh

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

At Jaipur's Nahargarh Biological Park, the tigress 'Rani' has recently made a unique record by giving birth to five cubs. This time, Rani has given birth to one white cub and four golden cubs.

This is the first time in the history of both the Nahargarh Biological Park (NBP) and the entire state of Rajasthan that a tigress has given birth to five cubs at once. All the cubs are healthy,



Tigress Rani has given birth to one white cub and four golden cubs at the Nahargarh Biological Park.

and the park's special team is continuously monitoring them. Chief

Conservator of Forests (CCF), Wildlife, T. Mohanraj, and Divisional

Conservator of Forests (DCF), Vijaypal Singh, are personally overseeing this significant event. Senior veterinarian Dr. Arvind Mathur and his team are also conducting regular health checks.

It is noteworthy that last year, on May 10, Rani gave birth to four cubs, one of which was stillborn, and one later died. The remaining two golden cubs, 'Bheem' and female cub 'Skan-dhi', are now major attractions at NBP. The birth of a white cub for the second consecutive

year has generated great excitement among wildlife enthusiasts and park management. Additionally, there may be more good news at the park—Asiatic lioness 'Tara', who gave birth to a cub on October 14 last year, is expected to give birth again soon.

Furthermore, the park has also recently seen the birth of a male hippo calf and two cubs from a female bear named Jhumri, making Nahargarh Biological Park a vibrant celebration of life and biodiversity once again.

RUHS conducts medical officer exam peacefully across 70 centres

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

The Medical Officer Recruitment exam by Rajasthan University of Health Sciences was conducted at 70 examination centres in Jaipur on Sunday. Observers were appointed at all centres and exams were conducted peacefully everywhere.

The exam was conducted in two shifts and a total of 17,190 candidates registered for the exam for 1700 posts. Officials in the Control room in the District Collectorate Office kept an eye on the



Candidates at an exam centre in Bani Park, Jaipur on Sunday.

exams. A total of 70 sub-coordinators and 18 flying squads were deployed for the examination.

The exam started sharp at 11 am at all the 70 centres. Out of 17,190 candi-

dates, 15040 candidates reached the examination centre. According to RUHS sources, more than 99% of candidates who downloaded admit cards appeared for the exam.

MANY COUNTRIES RESIDING WITHIN INDIA



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NATIONAL PARADOX

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"Unity in diversity" - We had read this motto in school books. But now the time has come to update it - "Many countries in India: more than one!" The price of patriotism is no longer limited to the tricolour. In some Mohalla's, patriotism is determined by Bangladeshi flags, from Pakistani eyes in some streets, some homes from foreign or woke ideologies. Whether the passport is valid or not, the spirit has become foreigner. Now the question is - whether Indians will survive in India or not?

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When the protesters pasted Pakistani flags on the streets of Karnataka, the women were seen to cover them with great pride - as if a fallen crown was being handled. Patriotism is no longer a feeling, a certificate based course has become-against whom to speak, whose flag is not to be touched, now everyone has their own manual.

Bonus Level: Many Indian women who have married Pakistani citizens are still proudly holding Indian passports. Their needs, treatment, ration, government facilities - all run with the money of the same taxpayers, and the soldiers of the country are protecting the country by taking their lives on the palm on the border.

The great use of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" may not be found anywhere in the whole world! So what was the result? India is no longer a nation. It has become a huge, vibrant fair - where everyone can choose a country of their choice, can hoist the flag of their reverence, live citizenship of their convenience. And what about us? We are standing in the crowd, which every time picks up the book of the Constitution and comfort itself - "All is well," "Everything is its own," "everything will improve."

And finally: Whether it is the statements of the Chief Minister of Karnataka, or the 'sour-sweet' comments of showing on social media, all of these together highlight the mentality of cheap, selfish, and masked holders. Where real issues are left behind,

And the politics of immediate profit keeps distributing us.

Saving India within India has now become our biggest struggle.

Jai Hind!

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IN-DEPTH

India keeps Pak guessing about it's response

The suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, while a significant symbolic step, may not alone suffice as retribution for the brutal terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam. India's patience is clearly wearing thin, yet New Delhi is choosing its response with careful deliberation rather than haste.

In the past, surgical strikes and air raids have signalled India's resolve. This time, the government appears content to keep its cards close to its chest, allowing speculation to mount. By maintaining strategic ambiguity, India retains the element of surprise, forcing Pakistan to remain on edge.

A measured response could be more punishing than an immediate reaction. Diplomatic isolation, covert operations, or targeted economic measures are all possibilities. What is certain is that New Delhi will not allow the attack to go unanswered. By resisting the urge to react impulsively, India signals both strength and maturity, qualities essential in handling a volatile neighbour like Pakistan which is testing India's patience unprovoked firing from across the border.

BIG REPRIEVE FOR STUDENTS IN US



The Trump administration's decision to reverse its controversial directive on F1 visas for foreign students offers a much-needed reprieve to thousands of students studying in the United States. Earlier, the administration had announced that international students taking online-only classes would have to leave the country or face deportation, an order that sparked outrage across campuses and states. Universities like Harvard and MIT quickly filed lawsuits, with many institutions joining the legal challenge. The threat to international students was seen not just as unfair but also as economically damaging, considering the billions they contribute annually to the U.S. education sector.

This reversal follows a familiar pattern seen in Trump's trade policies as well — sharp moves aimed at a domestic political audience, later softened when faced with legal challenges, economic reality, and widespread opposition. Much like his partial retreats in the tariff wars, the administration's climb-down on student visas reflects a recognition that hard-line tactics often backfire. The Trump administration's initial visa move risked damaging America's reputation as the world's leading hub for higher education. It also ignored the extraordinary circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, where online classes are a necessity, not a choice. International students enrich American campuses intellectually, culturally, and financially. Policies that alienate them would have long-term adverse effects.

The reversal, prompted by over a hundred lawsuits, highlights the volatility of U.S. policy making under Trump — impulsive decisions often hastily reversed. However, the respite may be short-lived as new rules were being developed by Customs and Enforcement.



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TOP TWEETS

India's efforts in disaster management are significantly strengthened by the Sachet App, which provides warnings, alerts and timely information relating to disasters. #MannKiBaat

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

Inaugurated the TrueBeam Unit at GMC and Cancer Hospital, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. This advanced facility is dedicated to enhancing our cancer care capabilities, bridging regional gaps and delivering world-class treatment to those who need it most. During my visit, I also inaugurated the extension of State Cancer Institute, marking a major milestone in cancer care. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi ji, special focus has been placed on strengthening cancer care across the country.

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda

SPIRITUAL SPEAK

Meet this transient world with neither grasping nor fear, trust the unfolding of life and you will attain true serenity.

BHAGAVAD GITA

121st episode of Mann ki Baat

India leading most successful space programme in world: PM

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that India has emerged as a global space power and is now leading the most cost-effective but successful space programme in the entire world.

Addressing the 121st episode of Mann ki Baat, Modi said that many countries are taking the help of the ISRO for their satellites. He said, "April marks 50 years of the launch of the Aryabhata Satellite. Today, when we look back and remember this journey, we realise how far we have come. This flight of India's dreams in space once commenced with just conviction."

Recalling the time when some young scientists worked with no modern resources or technology, often carrying critical equipment themselves on bullock carts and bicycles, Modi said, It was their "talent, dedication, hard work and the passion to do something for the country", that laid the foundation of India's space success. Many of the satellites that India uses today were launched under the supervision of Dr. Kasturirangan, he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

PM MODI HAILS GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ARYABHATA, INDIA'S FIRST SATELLITE

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INDIAN YOUTH SET TO SHAPE THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that the youth are playing a pivotal role in changing the world's perception of India as Indian talent is being praised globally. In his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme, PM Modi said that the future of any country depends on the interests and thinking of its youth. "Today, India's youth is advancing in science, technology, and innovation," he added.

PM MODI URGES PEOPLE TO USE 'SACHET', MOBILE APP

Raising awareness about natural disasters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged people to use the mobile phone application 'Sachet' launched by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which he said can help them avoid getting caught in a natural disaster. The app provides real-time geo-tagged early warning alerts of disasters.

PM ON NOTEWORTHY EFFORT TO GROW APPLES IN K'TAKA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his 121st episode of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, took his listeners on a journey of agricultural innovation across the country, showcasing how Indian farmers are defying traditional norms. Apart from apples flourishing in the plains of Karnataka he also spoke about the saffron cultivation in Kerala and litchis growing in Tamil Nadu.



Manik Saha with the people of booth no-17 listens to PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program, at Bamutia in West Tripura on Sunday.

Govt allocated ₹3k cr for cancer treatment: Nadda



JP Nadda along with Devendra Fadnavis inaugurates the 'True - Beam Unit' and dedicates the expansion of the State Cancer Institute at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, in Aurangabad on Sunday. Atul Save and others also seen.

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

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Nadda said more than 26 crore people have been screened for oral cancer, following which 1.63 lakh cases were detected.

"As many as 14.6 crore people were screened for breast cancer, resulting in

57,179 detections. More than 9 crore people were screened for cervical cancer, and 96,973 persons were detected with it. The word cancer scares people, breaking them emotionally and financially. We can at least make timely interventions and improve the lives of patients," Nadda asserted.

President Murmu arrives in Delhi after attending Pope Francis' funeral mass

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New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu arrived here on Sunday after attending the funeral mass of Pope Francis in Vatican City.

Francis, who was the first non-European Pope in nearly 1,300 years, died on Monday. He was 88.

"President Droupadi Murmu arrived in Delhi after attending the funeral Mass of His Holiness Pope Francis," her office said in a post on X.

Murmu had on Saturday attended the funeral mass at St Peter's Square in Vatican City.

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Minority Affairs



Prez Droupadi Murmu returns to Delhi on Sunday.

George Kurian, and Deputy Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly Joshua De Souza, who were part of the official Indian delegation led by the president, had also attended the ceremony.

World leaders and a large number of Catholic followers attended the funeral of Pope Francis.

Bhupender Yadav flags off e-libraries

'Edu in mother tongues to grow under Modi govt'

Shyam Sharma

There is good news for those who have been campaigning for years in every corner of India to promote Hindi and other Indian languages. The Modi govt at the Centre has taken concrete steps to allow the study of the largest and most advanced courses in Indian languages, from science to various other fields.

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, after flagging off mobile e-libraries in his parliamentary constituency of Alwar, made this announcement at the inauguration ceremony of the Swami Vivekananda e-Gurukul, in the presence of Sikkim Governor Om



Bhupender Yadav flagging off the E-Gurukul Gyan vehicles in Alwar.

Prakash Mathur. He said that in order to promote Indian languages in the country, it is necessary to make them the medium of education. The Modi govt is firmly committed to this goal. The govt has already made Hindi and other Indian languages the medium of several UPSC exams, providing significant relief to tal-

ents coming from villages and rural areas. He announced that by June 30, 101 e-libraries will be dedicated to students in the Alwar parliamentary constituency. He emphasized that to promote the mother tongue, Modi introduced the new education policy, and the nation is united to realize this dream.

India's manufacturing, global integration driving economic strength: Goyal

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New Delhi

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, on Sunday, highlighted India's strong foreign exchange reserves and its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy, attracting both global and domestic capital.

"India's growth story is safe, secure, and stable," the Minister said in his address at an event organised by leading mutual fund managers and financial advisors in the national capital.

"Today, through initiatives such as 'Make in India', our country has become more integrated into global supply chains



Piyush Goyal

on the back of our competitive strengths and growing manufacturing capabilities," he added.

Goyal's statement on the strong economic fundamentals of the economy comes in the backdrop of India's forex reserves surging for the seventh straight week to a six-month high of \$686.15 billion as on April 18, according to the latest Reserve Bank of India data.

Congress slams Centre over rising inequality

PTI

New Delhi

Attacking the Centre citing a World Bank report, the Congress on Sunday claimed that sharpening inequality is now firmly embedded in the nature of

the country's economic growth, and asserted there is a compelling need for tax reforms in Goods and Services Tax (GST). Congress general secretary in-charge of communications **Jairam Ramesh** said the World Bank has released its Poverty and Equity Brief for India this month, and the report raises several concerns even as the Modi government spins it to its benefit.

FOSTERING AGRI-EDUCATION

Shift focus to farmer prosperity: Dhankhar

PTI

Coimbatore

The time has come for national agriculture agenda to move from food security to farmer prosperity and the latter has to rise above just being a producer, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said here on Sunday.

Dhankhar was addressing the students and others at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) on the topic "Fostering Agri-Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with wife Sudesh Dhankhar visit an exhibition on the premises of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

for Viksit Bharat."

While 46 per cent of population supports agriculture, the sector con-

tributes only 16 %to GDP. Institutions like TNAU should carry ahead legacy of veteran

You have to script a new chapter. It is time that our national agriculture agenda must move from food security, which was of prime importance, a national priority at one point of time. Because we had food scarcity, our concern was food security.

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR,
VICE PRESIDENT

agri scientist, the late Dr M S Swaminathan in ensuring "there is quantum jump in the contribution of this sector to our

GDP," he said. Swaminathan was an alumnus of TNAU. Dhankhar said India is now a net exporter of agriculture produce with agri food products forming over 11 per cent of our total exports.

"But now the time has changed. We must move from food security to farmer prosperity. Farmer has to be prosperous and this has to evolve from institutions like yours," he said. The gap between land and lab should be bridged and there should be a seamless connect.



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan pays tribute to former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan at Raman Research Institute, in Bengaluru on Sunday.

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NIA takes over investigation into Pahalgam terror attack

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New Delhi

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has formally taken over the Pahalgam terrorist attack case, intensifying its search for evidence and questioning eyewitnesses to unravel the terror conspiracy, officials said on Sunday.

The anti-terror agency registered a case in Jammu on Sunday following orders from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and several teams are involved in the investigation.

After the dastardly terror attack on Tuesday afternoon that claimed 26 lives, a team of NIA officials led by its Inspector General (IG) was rushed to the site to assist the local police, the officials said. The NIA, aided by forensic experts, is thoroughly examining the Baisaran Valley attack site in Kashmir, questioning eyewitnesses and recording survivor accounts nationwide. The probe reveals involvement of 5-7 terrorists, including two local militants trained in Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir Police announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh each for information leading to the neutralisation of the terrorists.



FILE

SIBAL URGES SPECIAL PARLIAMENT SESSION

New Delhi: Independent Rajya Sabha MP Kapil

Sibal on Sunday requested political parties to urge the government to convene a special session of Parliament as early as possible in May in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. He also suggested government to send ruling and opposition MPs delegations to important countries to create pressure on Pakistan.

PAK TALKS NONSENSE: BJP'S DILIP GHOSH

New Delhi: Amid escalating tensions between India and

Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam attack that claimed 26 lives, BJP leader Dilip Ghosh launched a scathing attack on Pakistani leader Bilawal Bhutto Zardari remarking that it is their old habit to talk nonsense. This was in response to Bilawal Bhutto's recent statement threatening India over Indus Waters Treaty,

J&K ATTACK GOVT'S FAILURE: AKHILESH

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on

Sunday blamed "intelligence failure" for the Pahalgam terror attack and accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government of prioritising "propaganda" over addressing critical issues. He demanded ₹10 cr financial assistance and a government job for the families of each of the victims of the terrorist attack.

ONE DAY SPECIAL SESSION OF J&K ASSEMBLY SUMMONED IN JAMMU

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has summoned a one-day special session of the assembly on April 28 to discuss the Pahalgam attack, officials said on Friday. The Council of Ministers met on Wednesday evening under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and decided to advise the L-G to convene a special session of the assembly.

CHINA UNLIKELY TO GET INVOLVED IN INDIA-PAK INSTABILITY

Guwahati: China is unlikely to directly intervene in Indo-Pak tensions post-Pahalgam attack due to geopolitical complexities and tariff issues, says Lt Gen (ret'd) Rana Pratap Kalita. He noted improving India-China ties post-Galwan, while warning of rising anti-India sentiment in Bangladesh, renewed terror threats, and regional vulnerabilities. Kalita affirmed Indian forces are prepared for any eventuality.

CONG EXTENDED SUPPORT TO GOVT IN ACTION AGAINST PAK

Bengaluru: Congress president Mallikarjun

Kharge on Sunday said Congress has extended full support to the central government in its actions against the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack and that they will have to properly utilise it, take everyone into confidence, and move ahead. "The country is important and everyone will have to fight together to protect it and work for its welfare", he said.

SHASHI THAROOR SLAMS BILAWAL BHUTTO'S REMARK

Thiruvananthapuram: The nation has been demanding military action against Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack, and some visible military response is unavoidable, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said. He also responded to Pakistan Peoples Party chief Bilawal Bhutto's "blood will flow" remark over India suspending Indus Water Treaty. He said, "If blood is going to flow, it will flow possibly more on their side than ours."

5,000 Pak nationals in Delhi identified, ordered to leave

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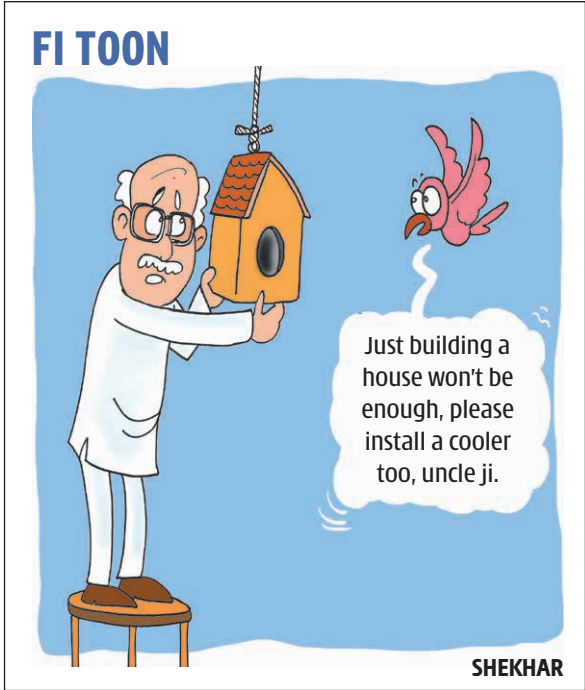
The Intelligence Bureau (IB) has handed over the list of around 5,000 Pakistani nationals living in the national capital to the Delhi police to ensure these people return home. Pakistan nationals visas have been revoked in the wake of the recent directive of the Centre, prompted by Pahalgam terror attack. The Foreign Regional Registration Office has shared the list with a special branch of the Delhi Police for verification and identification. The list includes the names of Hindu Pakistan nationals who have Long Term Visas (LTVs) and are exempted.

'ALL PAK NATIONALS IN MAHA ACCOUNTED FOR'

Pune: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday rubbished reports about Pakistani nationals being missing in the state and said all of them were accounted for. Fadnavis said arrangements are being made to deport Pakistani nationals. Talking to reporters, he said, "As the state's Home Minister, I request you not to run any wrong news on this issue. No Pakistani national is missing in Maharashtra, and all of them have been found. Arrangements have been made to deport them all, and there will be no Pakistani citizens left in the state. Everyone will be sent back by this evening or tomorrow," Fadnavis said.

DON'T PUNISH INNOCENT KASHMIRIS: MEHBOOBA

Srinagar: Following the Pahalgam terror attack, leaders like Mehbooba Mufti and Mirwaiz Umar Farooq urged authorities to avoid punishing innocent Kashmiris. Over nine militant homes have been demolished, and numerous people detained across the valley. Mufti appealed to the government for caution, emphasizing the need to differentiate between militants and civilians to prevent alienation. The indiscriminate actions, including demolitions and arrests are condemned. Local leaders expressed concern saying punishing families will not avenge terrorism but deepen existing wounds.



Several feared dead, as van falls into well

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Mandsaur

At least several people are feared dead after a van with 13 occupants fell into a poisonous well in Mandsaur district, Madhya Pradesh, on Sunday. The incident occurred in Kachariya village, with a rescue operation underway involving NDRF. Deputy CM Jagdish Devda said the driver likely lost control. Four survivors have been rescued and hospitalised.

12 militants held with ammunitions in Manipur



Sophisticated arms and ammunitions, wireless sets recovered.

PTI
Imphal

Security forces in Manipur arrested 12 militants from various banned outfits across three districts in the past 24 hours, officials reported on Sunday. The arrested individuals were affiliated with different factions of the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), the People's Rev-

olutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), and the United National Liberation Front (UNLF).

The arrested militants were allegedly involved in extortion activities, including abduction and forcibly collecting money from contractors, government employees, traders, and civilians in Imphal East, Imphal West, and Kakching districts of Manipur.

Hazrat Mubarak Khan Dargah hosts tribute to Pahalgam martyrs

First India Bureau
Gorakhpur

On the auspicious occasion of the annual Urs Mubarak of Hazrat Mubarak Khan (R.A.), a special event titled "An Evening Dedicated to Martyrs" was held with immense devotion, enthusiasm, and the spirit of national unity at Hazrat Mubarak Khan Dargah Sharif, Gorakhpur.

The event was graced by the presence of Haji Syed Salman Chishty, Gaddi Nashin of Ajmer Sharif Dargah and Chairman of the Chishty Foundation, who presented the sacred Ghilaf (holy covering) from Ajmer Sharif and led prayers for peace, harmony, and the prosperity of the nation.

Distinguished guests,



Haji Syed Salman Chishty, Gaddi Nashin of Ajmer Sharif Dargah and Chairman of the Chishty Foundation attended the event.

including Shri Goswami Sushil Maharaj Ji, Shri Lallesh Reddy Ji, and Shri Iqar Ahmed Ji, joined thousands of devotees to honor the martyrs of the Pahalgam attack and unite against terrorism.

Special prayers were offered for the injured and bereaved. Haji Syed Salman Chishty empha-

sized India's soul of peace and love. Leaders pledged unity beyond caste, religion, and language, reinforcing India's Ganga-Jamuni culture. The event concluded with patriotic chants, symbolizing national unity and commitment to peace, serving as a tribute to India's shared cultural and spiritual heritage.

Delhi High Court highlights acute judge shortage

PTI
New Delhi

The Delhi High Court has highlighted the "acute shortage of judges" with respect to the population and the litigation quantum due to which several matters remain unheard. The high court said that on account of overflowing dockets, it was unable to decide appeals within a reasonable period of time and when some matters remain unheard, it is "extremely painful" for the judge. The court's remarks came while hearing a plea by a cheating and forgery case convict, seeking permission to travel abroad to attend a club assembly of Rotary Club in Kazakhstan & Georgia for his social ties and business growth.

IOS Sagar completes joint EEZ surveillance

PTI
New Delhi

Indian naval ship IOS Sagar, with 44 naval personnel from nine friendly nations, has successfully completed the first phase of a joint exclusive economic zone surveillance with Mauritius as part of its deployment in the South Western Indian Ocean. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off the Indian Navy's off-shore patrol vessel, INS Sunayna, as Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) on April 5. The deployment of the ship with naval personnel from Madagascar, Maldives, Comoros, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka



and Tanzania is aimed at regional maritime security and international co-operation. "IOS SAGAR arrived at Port Louis Harbour in Mauritius on April 26 on completion of Phase-I of Joint EEZ (exclusive economic zone) surveillance with the National Coast Guard (of) Mauritius as part of the deployment to the South Western Indian Ocean," the Indian Navy said on Sunday.

FORMER CHAIRMAN OF ISRO REMEMBERED

Dr Kasturirangan left a transformative legacy

PTI
Bengaluru

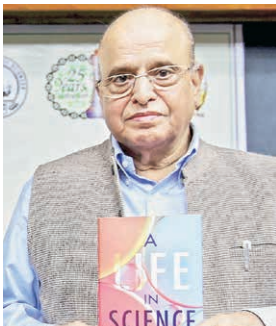
ISRO Chairman V Narayanan has remembered Dr Kasturirangan as a transformative figure of the nation, who profoundly shaped India's space ambitions, educational framework, and showed the vision for the future.

In his condolence message, he said, Kasturirangan's life, marked by an unwavering pursuit of knowledge and its application for the nation's ad-

vancement, has left an enduring legacy. Former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan, who was at the helm of the space agency for nearly a decade, passed away in Bengaluru on Friday at the age of 84.

His mortal remains were kept at the Raman Research Institute (RRI) on Sunday for the public to pay their last respects, ahead of the last rites with full state honours.

"In the Indian tradition, it is believed that the seeds sown by great individuals blossom into mighty trees, offering



Dr Kasturirangan

shade and sustenance for generations to come, thereby forming a rich ecosystem and legacies down the line. Professor Kasturirangan's visionary work in space and educa-

tion has indeed grown into such lofty trees, inspiring countless individuals to pursue careers in science and contribute to the nation's progress," Narayanan said.

His indomitable spirit, characterised by unwavering determination and a relentless pursuit of excellence, will continue to energise future scientific endeavours in the country, he said. "Let us honour this great inspiration through our own sincere, relentless, and selfless hard work towards building a stronger and more prosperous India," he added. Dr Kasturirangan was the Project Director for India's first two experimental earth observation satellites, BHASKARA-I & II.

2 children killed in massive fire at a slum in Delhi's Rohini area

PTI
New Delhi

At least two people lost their lives in a fire that broke out at a jhuggi (slum) near Shri Niketan Apartment in Sector 17 of Rohini in the national capital on Sunday, police said.

The bodies of the two victims have been recovered from the spot, and further search and rescue operations are currently underway.

MK Chattopadhyay, Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the West Zone, confirmed that two chil-



People with burn injuries were rescued and taken to hospital.

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fire vehicles faced difficulty reaching the site. It was declared a medium-category fire, with 26 vehicles now deployed. The police will continue investigating the fire's cause.



MATCH TODAY
RR v/s GT
7:30 pm IST, SMS Stadium, Jaipur



Five-time champions defended 215 through a concerted bowling effort. Bumrah decimated LSG with 4 wickets

MUMBAI WIN 5TH SUCCESSIVE MATCH



Mumbai Indians' players acknowledge fans as they celebrate after winning the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 cricket match against Lucknow Super Giants, in Mumbai, Sunday.

MI lost Rohit early despite a positive start, after LSG elected to field

First India Bureau
Mumbai

In-form Mumbai Indians extended their winning run with a 54-run hammering of Lucknow Su-

per Giants, recording their fifth consecutive victory in the Indian Premier League Sunday. The hosts smashed LSG in a one-sided clash in which Suryakumar Yadav grabbed lead as tournament's leading run-scorer, with his 28-ball 54. Suryakumar continued to plunder runs to become the leading run-

scorer in this IPL, crossing the 400-run mark with his third fifty. The India T20 skipper also completed his 4,000 runs in the tournament. With a handsome total to defend, Mumbai Indians juggled their bowlers cleverly as the visitors struggled to find response to the challenges thrown by the home bowlers.



Mumbai Indians' owner Nita Ambani celebrates the win on Sunday.

'ESA' MATCH IS DAY OF CELEBRATION OF HOPE OF DREAMS: NITA
Mumbai took on Lucknow on Sunday, all you could see in the stands was a sea of blue as over 19,000 kids packed out the stadium with their exuberant cheers and rooted for their very own Mumbai Indians. Nita M. Ambani spoke about what makes the annual Education and Sports for All (ESA) day match a huge favourite among the players. "This is not just a match. It is a celebration of hope, of dreams and of joy. It is MI's favourite matchday for the entire season. Just look at the atmosphere, 19,000 children.

RCB down DC, go top of IPL 2025 standings

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) put on a stellar all-round display against Delhi Capitals (DC), at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Match 46 of the Indian Premier League 2025 season on Sunday. RCB bowled well, restricting DC to a modest score of 162 runs for eight wickets. The match witnessed Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood sharing five wickets between them. In response, RCB were 26/3 before Virat Kohli and Krunal Pandya helped the side claim victory. Despite the difficult conditions of the pitch, Abishek Porel and Tristan Stubbs were the star performers for DC. Porel smashed a bril-



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Virat Kohli reacts amid an unsuccessful DRS review by Delhi Capitals for the wicket of teammate Krunal Pandya during an IPL match between DC and RCB, at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, in New Delhi, on Sunday. **PTI**

liant 28 runs off just 11 balls at the start of the innings. Stubbs, on the other hand, showed his innovative batting toward the end with a quickfire 34 runs off just 18 balls. Meanwhile, KL Rahul scored a 41-run knock from 39 balls. He hit three fours.



FBI Director Kash Patel assures full support to India on Pahalgam attack

First India Bureau
Washington

FBI Director Kash Patel on Sunday condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack and pledged full support to India, calling the act a "reminder of the constant threats that the world faces from the evil of terrorism".

"The FBI sends our condolences to all the victims of the recent terrorist attack in Kashmir, and will continue offering our full support to the Indian government," Patel said. "Pray for those affected. Thank you to the men and women of law enforcement who answer the call in moments like these," the first Indian-American to lead the premier law enforcement agency of the US said. Patel also hailed the security forces for their response to the attack.



A Jammu and Kashmir Police official patrols in front of Clock Tower (Ghanta Ghar), at Lal Chowk in Srinagar on Sunday. Security has been tightened in the valley. **ANI**

JAISHANKAR DISCUSSES 'CROSS-BORDER' TERROR ATTACK IN J&K WITH UK FOREIGN SECY LAMMY
New Delhi: EAM S Jaishankar on Sunday conveyed to his British counterpart David Lammy India's policy of "zero tolerance" for terrorism while discussing the "cross-border" links to the dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam. Jaishankar and Lammy held a phone conversation amid increasing tensions between India and Pakistan over the April 22 terror attack that killed 26 civilians. "Spoke to Foreign Secretary @DavidLammy of UK today. Discussed the cross-border terrorist attack at Pahalgam. Underlined the importance of zero tolerance for terrorism," Jaishankar said in a social media post. In the last few days, several world leaders spoke to PM Modi to condemn the Pahalgam massacre.

MAJOR UPDATES
● Pakistan wants involvement of Russia and China in investigating the Pahalgam terror attack, according to a media report. Pakistani Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also proposed conducting an international investigation
● Pakistan has requested a \$1.4 billion increase in its currency swap line with China, Pakistan's finance minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said
● At least 54 terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) have been killed while trying to infiltrate from Afghanistan into northwest Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the military's media wing said on Sunday

US: Trump cabinet members clash on tariff talks with China

Agencies
Washington

Members of Donald Trump's cabinet gave conflicting messages on Sunday about whether negotiations with China over tariffs are taking place, as the Republican president has asserted. The Trump administration signaled openness last week to de-escalating a trade war between the world's two largest economies that has raised fears of recession. Trump said talks were under way with China on tariffs and that he and Chinese President Xi Jinping have spoken. Yet Beijing has denied that any trade talks are occurring. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, a key player in U.S. trade talks with multiple countries, said on Sunday that he had



President Donald Trump at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, Saturday.

interactions with his Chinese counterparts last week during International Monetary Fund meetings in Washington, but did not discuss the tariff standoff. In a separate television interview, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said the United States was holding daily conversations with China over tariffs.

Gaza Ministry reports 51 deaths from Israeli strikes

Agencies
Deir al-Balah (Gaza Strip)

Hospitals in the Gaza Strip received the remains of 51 Palestinians over the past 24 hours who were killed in Israeli strikes, the local Health Ministry said Sunday, bringing the Palestinian death toll from the 18-month-old Israel-Hamas war to 52,243. The overall toll includes nearly 700 bodies for which the documentation process was recently completed, the ministry said in its latest update. The daily



toll includes bodies retrieved from the rubble after earlier strikes. Israel ended its ceasefire with Hamas by launching a surprise bombardment on March 18, and has been carrying out daily waves of strikes since then.

At least 28 killed, 800 wounded in Iran's port blast

Agencies
Dubai

The death toll from a powerful explosion at Iran's biggest port of Bandar Abbas has risen to at least 28, with more than 700 people injured, state media reported on Sunday, as firefighters worked to fully extinguish the fire. President Vladimir Putin has ordered several planes to be sent to Iran to help deal with the aftermath of a blast at Iran's port of Bandar.

Ukraine rejects US peace proposal, vows never to surrender Crimea

Agencies
Kyiv

Ukrainian officials have dismissed a peace proposal from the Trump administration that involves recognizing Russian control over Crimea. Though they accept the possibility of temporarily conceding this territory to Russia, they firmly refuse any formal surrender. Oleksandr Merezhko, a lawmaker from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's party,



Russia launches nearly 150 drones against Ukraine overnight into Sunday, killing at least four people, officials said.

said they'll never recognize Crimea as part of Russia. A formal surrender of Crimea would per-

manently give up the territory and snuff out Ukraine's hope of regaining it in the future.



ASI department's airy claims exposed!
A tigress killed a frightened devotee at the Ranthambore Fort on the very path that devotees walk to reach the fort. First India News has been highlighting this issue from the start. Currently, devotees have no alternative but to walk on foot to the fort. This makes the tiger movement at Ranthambore Fort extremely dangerous. The fort comes under the Indian Archaeological Survey (ASI), and the responsibility for its repairs lies with them. However, the local ASI officials at Ranthambore have become careless over the years. Due to this negligence, after Arrowhead, tigress Riddhi has also headed towards the fort. If an attack happens on a devotee due to hunger, who would be responsible?

Toxic waste coming into Gang Canal
After the canal closure, water has come into the Ganga Canal, but it is toxic and chemical-laden. BJP leader Rajat Swami said, "The Punjab govt is not refraining from its actions. The dirty sewage water from Ludhiana and nearby areas is coming into canals through Budha Nala. This chemical-laden water is spreading several diseases in the region." Central Minister of Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil, and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann have been urged to address the problem.

JPR: Vigilance office under scrutiny
A mishap in laying water lines has occurred right under the nose of the Vigilance office. The line is being laid from Aranya Bhawan to Apex Circle, but it is not being done according to the prescribed standards. The issue has been noticed right in front of the Vigilance Department's office. Now, the Vigilance Department itself is engaged in trying to cover up the investigation.

Municipal Corp & JDA blocking construction
The first family court of country is in dire need of justice itself! The family court is still operating from a rented building. After 40 years, the issue of constructing the family court's own building remains stuck. Construction work for the building has been delayed for the third time due to sewage and drainage issues near construction site. Former president of Bar Association, D.S. Shekhawat, said, "We have repeatedly written letters to the Municipal Corporation & JDA. We've met with the officials to find a solution to the problem. Still, due to the negligence of officials, the construction work keeps getting delayed."



VOICES OF EMPOWERMENT!

The sixth edition of "Veneration 6," organised by We The Women Foundation, concluded in grand style on Sunday at The Palace by Park Jewels Hotels and Resorts.

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Supermodels & models elegantly showcasing the exquisite bridal collection by designer Archana Kochhar

Noor Unveiled

City First shares glimpses of a mesmerising evening where celebrated designer Archana Kochhar unveiled her bridal couture collection 'Noor' in a grand showcase, celebrating Indian tradition, craftsmanship, and timeless elegance!



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The evening unfolded in a symphony of elegance as celebrated designer Archana Kochhar unveiled her latest bridal couture collection, 'Noor', in a dazzling showcase. Graced by Dr Jagdeesh Chandra as the Chief Guest, the event witnessed a confluence of fashion, tradition and heartfelt celebration. The show was directed seamlessly by renowned show director Lokesh Sharma, whose expertise ensured that every moment resonated with perfection.

'Noor', radiant with royal charm, celebrates love and tradition through a stunning array of hand-embroidered lehengas, ranging from vibrant pinks and delicate pastels to timeless blacks, designed thoughtfully for every wedding festivity. The collection was beautifully complemented by elegant pastel menswear, creating a complete vision of wedding elegance. Known for her global design sensibilities, 'Archana Kochhar' has showcased her work on prestigious platforms such as Lakmé Fashion Week and London Fashion Week and was the official designer for



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Nimrat Kaur & Archana Kochhar

the 71st Miss World Festival. Her association with the 'Make in India' campaign, where she highlighted Indian crafts like Banjara, Ahimsa Silk, and Warli at New York Fashion Week, speaks volumes of her global impact. For those seeking her artisanal creations, her flagship store in Juhu, Mumbai, is a must-visit.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra shared, "It is a pleasure to be part of an evening where Indian craftsmanship and creativity are celebrated at such a

grand scale. Archana Kochhar's 'Noor' is not just a collection, but an emotion woven into fabric. I also appreciate the brilliant direction by Lokesh Sharma, who brought the vision alive with seamless perfection. Events like these reinforce the pride we feel in our Indian designers and creative talents."



Top to Bottom: Nimrat Kaur, Diksha & Itishree gracefully graced the ramp with their stunning walk



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Archana Kochhar & Lokesh Sharma



Khushi



Anjali



Apalara



Jagruti

Celebrating Indian Craftsmanship

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Sharing his thoughts, 'Roshan Oswal', 'Executive Director of Goel Ganga India Pvt. Ltd.' and 'Bright Media Ltd', said, "Being part of this evening was truly special. 'Noor' captures the essence of heritage and contemporary artistry perfectly. I believe fashion is about celebrating your roots while embracing the future, and Archana Kochhar's collection is a testament to that philosophy. I feel honored to witness such craftsmanship and

passion today."

Designer Archana Kochhar expressed, "Noor is a tribute to love, tradition, and timeless style. Each ensemble tells a story woven with passion, heritage and modern elegance. I am deeply grateful for the overwhelming love and support. Every bride deserves to feel royal and Noor is crafted to make that dream come true. It was an honour to showcase this collection before such a distinguished gathering."

'Ricky Hiro Vasandani', Chief Executive Officer of

Solitario Diamonds, added, "Witnessing 'Noor' was a breathtaking experience. As someone deeply rooted in luxury craftsmanship through Solitario Diamonds, I resonate with the dedication and passion behind such masterpieces. Archana's ability to blend tradition with modern sophistication is truly remarkable. Events like these are a reminder that artistry and heritage continue to shine bright."



Roshan Oswal



Ricky Hiro Vasandani



Shruti Deshpande set the stage on fire by opening the show with an energetic dance



Lucky

