

LG Sinha summons...

accordance with Section 18(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.As per the order issued today by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, the Legislative Assembly shall meet at Jammu on Monday, the 28th of April, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.

"I, Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 18(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, do hereby summon the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly to meet at Jammu on Monday, the 28th of April, 2025 at 10.30 A.M,"said the Summon. "Accordingly, in terms of rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, all the Hon'ble Members are requested to kindly attend the Session of the Legislative Assembly on the appointed date, time and place," said an order issued by Secretary J&K Legislative Assembly.

Courts told to...

manually from the ACB for three months.An order issued in this regard by Registrar General, Shahzad Azeem, has directed the authorized representatives of the ACB to upload the charge-sheets into the Court Information System (CIS) under court staff supervision to ensure proper and timely entry.The ACB has also been asked to update its software to avoid similar requests in the future."Charge-sheets related to the current year must continue to be filed through the CCTNS software," the order said.

Two men posing...

On verifying, police found his name to be Manir Hussain. He was using someone else's authorised service card to operate illegally, police said, adding that an FIR under relevant sections of law has been registered at Katra Police Station.In a similar case near Ban Ganga bridge, police caught Sahil Khan, who was from Kotli in Jammu district, for allegedly operating a pony service without any valid license.He admitted that he had no authorisation and a case was registered, police said.

Authorities said surveillance and verification drives would continue to curb unauthorised activities on the shrine route. Police have urged all service providers to carry valid documents and requested the public to report suspicious behaviour.Following the terror attack in Pahalgam, in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed, authorities have stepped have security measures across Jammu and Kashmir.

Man found dead...

police said. Some locals spotted the lifeless body of the man -- who was later identified as Mohammad Arif, a professional drummer from Poonch -- on the bus stand premises on Friday morning and informed the police, officials said.Police have shifted the body to a local hospital for autopsy to determine the exact cause of death after registering a case, they said.Initial observations suggest the presence of animal bite marks on the body, police said.

Indian Army effectively...

Thursday night, military sources said.There were no reports of any casualties, they said.The firing by Pakistan Army comes amid increasing tensions between the two sides over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians."There were incidents of small arm firing at some places on Line of Control initiated by Pakistan," said a source."The firing was effectively responded to," it said.Further details are being awaited.

Tributes paid to...

Dudu-Basantgarh area of the district.A wreath-laying ceremony for the soldier was held at the 166 Military Hospital in Jammu. Later, his body was dispatched to his native place -- Pathar Ghata village in Nadia district, West Bengal, for burial, officials said.

Senior Army, police, Central Reserve Police Force, and Border Security Force officials, led by the Chief of Staff of the White Knight Corps, Major General Shailender Singh, laid wreaths on the body of the trooper and saluted his sacrifice.Meanwhile, a search operation to track down a group of three terrorists is ongoing in the Basantgarh belt of the district by security forces, they said.

Mehbooba urges religious...

chairman and Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq to offer congregational prayers at the Jamia Masjid here. "Allowing Mirwaiz Umar Farooq sb to lead prayers at Jamia Masjid is a deeply needed & welcome step in this moment of profound grief. As our nation mourns the tragic loss of innocent lives in the Pahalgam attack we find ourselves seeking solace & unity in faith,' she said in a post on X.The former chief minister said on this sacred day of Friday prayers, "I earnestly appeal to Mirwaiz as well as all Imams and religious leaders to remember the Pahalgam attack victims in their heartfelt prayers". "Let us raise our hands together as one community to pray for the souls of the departed, for strength to their families and for lasting peace and healing across our region," she added.Earlier, the office of the Mirwaiz, in a post on X, said that authorities have told him that he would be allowed for prayers."After four consecutive Fridays of restrictions, the authorities have conveyed that @MirwaizKashmir will be allowed to go to Jamia Masjid to offer Friday prayers," the Mirwaiz's office said.

LG Sinha reviews...

"Every perpetrator and supporter of Pahalgam terror attack, whatever his location or affiliation, must be hunted and they must pay the heavy price for the cowardly and dastardly act against our citizens," the Lieutenant Governor told the top army officials.The meeting also reviewed security mechanisms in place, various short-term, long-term measures and integration and coordination among the various security agencies. The meeting was attended by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C Northern Command Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Pratik Sharma and GoC 15 Corps Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava. The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today chaired a meeting of all DCs and SSPs. In the meeting the Lieutenant Governor directed the officials to take appropriate and necessary action to ensure exist of Pakistani nationals as per the deadline notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs. As per the Ministry of Home Affairs' order all existing valid Visas, except Medical Visas, Long-term visas, diplomatic and official visas, issued by Government of India to Pakistani nationals stands revoked with immediate effect from 27th April 2025. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till 29th April 2025. The Lieutenant Governor asked the officials to implement security measures and procedures as discussed in the previous meeting.The Lieutenant Governor posted on X:"Chaired a meeting of DCs and SSPs. Directed them to take appropriate and necessary action to ensure exit of Pakistani nationals from J&K UT as per the deadline notified by Ministry of Home Affairs".

Army Chief reviews...

The 15 Corps Commander provided a detailed briefing on ground operations, and the Army Chief held discussions with senior Army commanders deployed across the Kashmir Valley, along with representatives of other security agencies.In the wake of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of 26 people-most of them tourists-Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level security meeting with General Dwivedi and senior Army officers to assess the situation and coordinate response measures. General Dwivedi was also apprised of counter-terrorist operations being conducted by Army formations, as well as recent ceasefire violations by the Pakistan Army along the LoC. On Friday, Pakistani troops initiated small arms fire at multiple locations across the LoC, prompting an immediate and effective retaliation by Indian forces. "Small arms firing at some places on the Line of Control initiated by the Pakistan Army. Effectively responded to by the Indian Army. No casualties," said Army officials. Meanwhile, a joint counter-terrorism operation is underway in Bandipora, where security forces have cornered suspected militants. One Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) associate was killed during the ongoing encounter. "On April 25, based on specific intelligence input regarding the presence of terrorists, a Joint Search Operation was launched by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police in the general area of Kolnar Ajas, Bandipora. Contact was established, and a firefight ensued," Chinar Corps posted on X. General Dwivedi's visit comes amid heightened tensions and is seen as a strong signal in line with the government's tough stance against terrorism. A five-point action plan has been initiated to hold perpetrators, their handlers, and sympathisers accountable. In response to the Pahalgam attack, the Indian Army remains on high alert and has launched multiple search operations across the Valley to neutralise remaining threats.

Indus Water Treaty...

"most unfair document" to the people of the Union territory and they have never been in favour of it."Government of India has taken some steps. As far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, let's be honest we have never been in favour of the Indus Water Treaty," Abdullah told reporters here after a meeting with various tourism, trade and industry bodies.

In the aftermath of the attack in which 26 people were killed, 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.Asked about the Centre's decision on IWT, Abdullah said Jammu and Kashmir has always believed that the IWT has been the "most unfair document to its people"."Now what the medium to long-term implications to this are, that is something we have to wait to see," he added.

To a question whether the government would reward the bravery of 'ponywallah' Syed Adil Hussain Shah, who stood up against the armed terrorists before being killed, Abdullah said "absolutely"."He (Shah) is a symbol not just of Kashmiriyat but of Kashmiri hospitality and it is our responsibility not just to reward him and his family, but to keep that memory alive for times immemorial," he said.The chief minister said the government will find a suitable mechanism to do that.He also announced that Maharashtra tour and travel operators have decided to adopt Shah's family to take care of all their education needs from now until they complete their education and also to help the family in the days and years ahead.

Pahalgam attack: Houses...

officials said. The incidents took place during the intervening night of Thursday and Friday, when the residences of Aadil Hussain Thokar and Asif Sheikh were being searched by security forces at Guree village in Bijbehara and Tral respectively in south Kashmir, the officials said.

Explosives were believed to have been found at the premises during the search operation, prompting the security forces to evacuate the occupants of the houses as well as neighbours to safety, the officials claimed.Both the houses were damaged in the explosions, leading to their destruction, the officials said.Thokar, a resident of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, is one of the key accused in Tuesday's Pahalgam massacre, while Sheikh, a resident of Tral in Pulwama district, is suspected to be involved in the conspiracy of the attack.

The family members of both men have claimed that they are not aware of the whereabouts of Thokar and Sheikh.Twenty-six people, mostly tourists, were killed and several injured when terrorists opened fire at a meadow near the popular tourist town of Pahalgam in Anantnag district on Tuesday afternoon.

Amit Shah dials...

as tensions between the two countries escalated over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, on Tuesday. The home minister personally called up the chief ministers of all the states and asked them to ensure that no Pakistani stays in India beyond the deadline, sources said.The chief ministers were also told to identify the Pakistani nationals staying in their respective areas and ensure their deportation, the sources said.The revocation of visas does not apply to the long-term visas already issued to Hindu Pakistani nationals, which "remain valid". India announced suspending visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect over the cross-border links to the Pahalgam attack, the worst terror strike targeting civilians in the country since the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.In addition, the government on Wednesday announced that Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC visa exemption scheme (SVES) and any Pakistani national currently in India under the SVES visa has 48 hours to leave the country. The deadline ends Friday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asserted 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 India stepped up the diplomatic offensive against Pakistan.Delivering a stern message in his first public speech after the Pahalgam attack at Madhubani in Bihar on Thursday, Modi vowed that terrorism will not go "unpunished" and that every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done, adding that India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. At an all-party meeting held here on Thursday, leaders across party lines called for a decisive action against terrorism and terror camps, assuring the government of their full support.Simultaneously, India also informed Pakistan of its decision to keep the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in abeyance with immediate effect, saying Pakistan has breached its conditions.Sustained cross-border terrorism by Pakistan targeting Jammu and Kashmir impedes India's rights under the Indus Waters Treaty, Water Resources Secretary Debashree Mukherjee said in a letter addressed to her Pakistani counterpart, Syed Ali Murtaza.

Amarnath Yatra not...

will come of their own will. Some people go to Kedarnath and some do not go because there is snow... The yatra shall not be affected just because of the Pahalgam terror attack," Choudhary told in an interview.

Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others.The Jammu and Kashmir deputy chief minister said while the Pahalgam terror attack was a big incident, it cannot shake the foundations of rich culture and tradition in Jammu and Kashmir."Kashmiris will themselves facilitate the yatra as they have been doing over the years. I understand that innocent (tourists) have lost their lives but we cannot forget that there are people like Adil, a horse owner, who lost his life while saving the tourists. Jammu Kashmir has a rich culture," Choudhary said.

"This act of terror in Pahalgam, though it was big, cannot shake the foundations of brotherhood in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.The annual Amarnath yatra is scheduled to commence on July 3 and culminate on August 9 this year.On the fallout of the Pahalgam attack on tourism in Kashmir, Choudhary said, "We did not want the tourists to leave in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack. We wanted the tourists to complete their tour which they had planned.

"However, we have provided all possible assistance to the tourists who wanted to return. At the same time we have asked people to tell their governments to ensure the safety of people of Jammu and Kashmir who are studying or working in their states because an ordinary Kashmiri has no role in these incidents," he said.On the role of Pakistan in terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir, the deputy chief minister said Islamabad will have to introspect why fingers are always pointed at it whenever anything goes wrong."Pakistan will have to understand why the blame is always pointed at it. Why is no other country named in such incidents? Pakistan may deny as much as they want but it is a fact that the roots of terrorism are there," he added.

Rahul Gandhi, senior...

and Tariq Hameed Karra and Rajya Sabha MP Dr Syed Naseer Hussain. The discussions covered various aspects of heinous terror attack in Pahalgam.The Lieutenant Governor posted on X:"Met the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, Congress MP KC Venugopal, Congress MLAs Ghulam Ahmad Mir & Tariq Hameed Karra and RS MP Dr Syed Naseer Hussain at Raj Bhavan. We discussed various aspects related to heinous terror attack in Pahalgam". Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday (April 25, 2025) said the idea behind the Pahalgam terror attack was to divide the people of the country and it was imperative that India stood united to defeat terrorism once and for all."It is a terrible tragedy and I came here to get a sense of what is going on and to help. The entire people of Jammu and Kashmir have condemned this terrible act. They have fully supported the nation," Mr. Gandhi told reporters in Srinagar.The Congress leader, who arrived in Srinagar Friday morning, visited the Army's 92 Base hospital at Badamibagh Cantonment to inquire about the injured.

"I met one of the injured, I could not meet the others because they have gone back. My love and affection to everybody who has lost family members. I want everybody to know that the whole nation stands together as one," he said.Referring to an all-party meeting that took place in Delhi on Thursday, Mr. Gandhi asserted that a united opposition condemned the terror attack and is behind the government.

"The idea behind what has happened is to divide society, is to make brother fight brother and it is very important that every single Indian stands united, stands together so that we can defeat what the terrorists were trying to do," Mr. Gandhi said.The Congress leader also met J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the two briefed him about what happened.

"I assured them both that I and our party are going to support them," he said.On the alleged harassment of Kashmiris elsewhere in the country, Mr. Gandhi said, "It is sad to see that some people are attacking my brothers and sisters from Kashmir ... I think it is very important that all of us stand together, stand united and fight this nasty action that has been taken and defeat terrorism once and for all." The Congress leader earlier met delegations of traders, students leaders, and those related to tourism.

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday met Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to discuss the fallout of the Pahalgam terror attack on tourists.Gandhi, who earlier interacted with the injured tourists at the Army's based hospital here, met Abdullah at his residence, officials said.Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others.Officials said the Congress leader earlier met various delegations, including trade representatives, students leaders and tourism sector representatives.Gandhi is scheduled to interact with mediapersons later in the day.

Pahalgam terror aftermath...

Commissioner Secretaries of Industries & Commerce and Tourism, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, senior police officials, and other concerned officers. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said, "We collectively condemn the Pahalgam terror incident, mourn the loss of 26 innocent lives, and extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families."

He noted the pain of meeting the victims' families-many of whom were visiting Kashmir on their honeymoon or family vacation. "As the Tourism Minister myself, I found it extremely difficult to meet their families. I was at a loss for words," he added. Highlighting the collective outrage and unity across the Valley in the wake of the attack, Omar Abdullah said this unified response sends a powerful, silent message to those who seek to sow fear and division.

He commended the business community for taking a principled stand, saying, "You've clearly said this act was not in our name-neither have we ever supported such violence, nor will we ever in the future."The Chief Minister assured that all constructive suggestions offered during the meeting would be seriously considered to help prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

Addressing concerns regarding harassment faced by Kashmiri students and traders outside Kashmir, he informed the gathering that he had spoken directly with the Union Home Minister, who assured him of necessary protective measures. An advisory will be issued in this regard, and the Home Minister has also personally reached out to several state Chief Ministers. Omar Abdullah said that he too has spoken to his counterparts in other states to ensure the safety of Kashmiris across India.

He lauded the tourism and business stakeholders for not focusing on financial losses or seeking compensation, saying, "Business will come and go. Right now, our primary concern is to express our grief and stand in solidarity with those affected by this senseless attack."He added that discussions on economic impact can take place later, once the immediate pain of the tragedy has been addressed.

Referring to the two-minute silence observed at Jamia Masjid Srinagar earlier today, the Chief Minister called it "a strong and dignified response" to the propaganda peddled by some news channels against Kashmiris.He paid special tribute to Syed Adil Hussain, a local who lost his life while trying to save tourists during the attack, calling him a "symbol of Kashmiri hospitality." Omar Abdullah assured that his government would take steps to honour his memory and support his family.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani said, "This incident has shaken us to the core." He appreciated the people of Kashmir for rising in protest against the attack and sending a clear message across the country and the world that "this act has no place in our society or our religion."Earlier, stakeholders from the tourism sector unanimously condemned the attack, calling it a "murder of humanity." They emphasized that the Valley is in deep mourning and that commercial concerns are secondary at this time.

They proposed several measures, including: formation of a coordination committee comprising administration, security agencies, and tourism stakeholders; protection and welfare of Kashmiri students and businesspersons outside Kashmir.Besides, they suggested the Establishment of Quick Response Teams (QRTs) at key tourist destinations and countering misinformation and biased media narratives.

The Chairman of Raja & Rani Tour and Travels informed the gathering that the Maharashtra Tour and Travel Operators' Association has pledged to adopt Syed Adil Hussain's family.The association will support the educational needs of his children and provide long-term assistance to his family.Furthermore, the association has decided that no tour bookings to Kashmir will be cancelled, in a strong show of support and solidarity.

CM deposes his...

Jammu & Kashmir has taken swift and decisive action to ensure the safety and welfare of its students studying outside the Union Territory.

A dedicated toll-free helpline - 1800-8900-166 - has been set up at the Raabita Office in Srinagar to extend support and assistance to any student facing intimidation or threat. The helpline will operate round-the-clock and is equipped to address grievances, offer assistance, and coordinate with local authorities wherever needed.Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed deep concern over the unfolding situation and reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to uphold the rights, dignity of every student from Jammu & Kashmir and ensure a safe environment for them, no matter where they are pursuing their education.

"We humbly and earnestly appeal to the governments of all States and Union Territories, in these trying times, to come forward with unwavering commitment to protect the Kashmiri students and citizens who find themselves far from home. These individuals, whether traveling or residing outside Jammu and Kashmir, must be safeguarded against any form of harassment, discrimination, or intimidation," pronounced by a resolution passed yesterday at the All Party Meeting chaired by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

The Government of Jammu & Kashmir urges all educational institutions and state administrations across the nation to ensure the safety of students from J&K and to take firm action against any individuals or groups attempting to disrupt communal harmony.Students and their families have been asked to report any incident or concern via the toll-free helpline. The government assures swift response and necessary support in every genuine case reported.For assistance, those in distress have been asked to call: 1800-8900-166 (Toll-Free).

Silence observed at...

better than the people of Kashmir? Who can feel the pain of the loved ones of those killed more than us? The incident has made our hearts bleed," he said.The Mirwaiz said the people of Kashmir share the grief of the affected families and stand with them."We pray to God to give them patience. We also pray for the speedy recovery of those injured," he added.

Referring to several viral videos of locals helping tourists in the aftermath of the attack, the Mirwaiz said Kashmiris have always opened their hearts and doors for their guests."Our hospitality is famous the world over and once again, the Kashmiris continued their traditions. A ponywalla, Adil Hussain, sacrificed his life trying to save the lives of others. Kashmiris carried tourists on their shoulders.

"People of Jammu and Kashmir observed a complete shutdown and showed an example of solidarity and unity. They have sent a message that they oppose such cowardly acts and stand with the bereaved families," he added.The Mirwaiz said the killings are not only condemnable but "totally unacceptable".He appealed to the government to allow him to visit the injured to enquire about their health.

"I should be allowed to visit the hospital to enquire about the injured, talk to them and to take the sentiments of the Muslims of Jammu and Kashmir to them. I should also be allowed to visit Adil Hussain's residence for offering condolences," he said.The Mirwaiz said it was unfortunate that a section of the media was spreading hatred by giving a communal colour to the situation, resulting in "targeting of Kashmiris" in many states of the country.

"Hundreds of students and businessmen are leaving those states. We appeal to the governments in other states of India to safeguard Kashmiris," he said.Earlier, the Mirwaiz also condemned his house arrest, saying it was "painful not only for me but for all Muslims"."It is disappointing on the part of the government and we condemn it" he said.Chief Minister Omar Abdullah criticised some electronic media houses, saying that they will never show that a two-minute silence was observed at the Jama Masjid to mourn the loss of lives in the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives.

Railways facilitates journey...

accommodated in respective trains, ensuring their onward journey amid logistical challenges.Furthermore, a total of 120 stranded passengers were accommodated across multiple trains, reflecting the railways' concerted efforts to address passenger needs during the summer rush, they added.

In a bid to further streamline passenger services, additional special train services have been announced from Jammu and Katra stations.The Northern Railway operated the first unreserved special train from Katra to New Delhi on Wednesday for tourists who wanted to cut short their trip to Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the terror attack in Pahalgam that killed at least 26 people, mostly tourists, on Tuesday.The Indian Railways flung into action after reports suggested that several tourists at various places in Jammu wanted to return to their respective cities in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.Railway officials said help desks have been opened at Jammu Tawi and Katra stations to assist passengers with train timings and services.