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## India won't bow to any form of terror, says PM Modi

united - firm in resolve, unwavering in spirit, and resolute against all forms of terror," he said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar reiterated India's firm resolve against terrorism. "India stands steadfast in its resolve to counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," he said.

J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the day continues to weigh heavily on the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP national president Nitin Nabin said that the nation remains resolute against terrorism and "will never bow before any form of terrorism."

The Congress party said the entire nation stands united against terrorism and will never bow before forces that seek to spread hatred and violence.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan remembered the attack as a "painful reminder of the human cost of terrorism" and said it "marked a turning point" in India's resolve against terrorism.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar said, "The people of the country will never forget this cowardly murder of killing their loved ones in Pahalgam."

## Industrial revolution living symbol of new era in J&amp;K: LG

seen, for the first time, the establishment of several units with investments exceeding Rs 500 cr, including Chiripal Polyfilms (Rs 1,215 cr), Kandhari Beverages (Rs 830 cr), and Aegios (Rs 666 cr). Three more units were expected to start production in FY 2026 27.

"The number of StartUps has risen from just 69 in 2020 to 1,305 in FY 2025 26, a growth of over 1,800 pc. Combined with all industrial units and PMPGP supported units, millions of young people have gained better employment opportunities," the LG said.

On the occasion, he also paid homage to the civilians who were martyred in the Pahalgam terrorist attack on April 22 last year.

"I also recall the brave soldiers of Operation Sindoore, who had avenged every single tear. Today, the inauguration of this new industrial unit in Jammu & Kashmir is a clear and powerful declaration that India will neither halt nor pause, but will march forward on the path of development with renewed vigour and self-confidence," he said.

He said through today's inauguration, we have also sent a message to the whole world that while our neighbouring country continues to run factories of terrorism, India is building factories of progress and success.

"Today, we have told the world that while our neighbour's factories churn out terrorists, India's factories are engaged in nation building. We are also conveying that the economic potential, industrial energy and inclusive development of Jammu Kashmir are advancing with a new sense of pride," he said.

Mohit Burman, Non-Executive Director, Eveready Industries India Limited, said that the state-of-the-art green-field facility will generate around 500 direct and indirect employment opportunities at full scale in the region. He said the company also aims to contribute to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' vision.

Eveready's new manufacturing plant boasts a robust annual peak production capacity of approximately 360 million alkaline batteries with an annual installed capacity of 456 million. Marking a significant scale-up in the industry's production capabilities, Eveready's Jammu facility will give an impetus to India's domestic manufacturing while catering to the country's growing demand for high-performance power solutions.

Arjun Lamba, Non-Executive Director, Eveready Industries India Limited; Shri Anirban Banerjee, Chief Executive Officer; Shri Bibek Agarwal, Executive Director and CFO; Shri Sandeep Banerjee, Chief Human Resource Officer; Shri Arun Sahay, Head Operations and other members of Eveready Industries India Limited were present.

I&C department secretary Vikramjit Singh, Samba DC Ayushi Sudan, I&C (Jammu) director Arun Kumar Manhas, senior officials and representatives of trade & industrial organisations also attended the inaugural ceremony.

## Sinha pays tributes to Pahalgam terror attack victims

"We will not forget. We will not forgive. This is our solemn vow. India stands united against terrorism. We pledge unwavering commitment and resolute determination to eradicate terrorism from the soil of Jammu & Kashmir," the LG added.

## IPS officer appointed SSB commandant on deputation

been asked to be relieved immediately to take up the new assignment.

Mishra has previously served in Jammu and Kashmir, including as SSP Srinagar.

## JKBOSE declares class 12 result

pass percentage among girls stands at 90.75 pc, compared to 88.91 pc among boys.

The examination had commenced on February 23, 2026 and JKBOSE had established 336 examination centres in the division for the smooth conduct of examination.

The government schools have also performed well by showing a pass percentage of 87.82 pc.

Congratulating students on remarkable performance in 12th class examination, education minister Sakeena Itoo said that these remarkable results demonstrate a strong commitment to quality education and competitive performance.

Students, who appeared for the board examination, can check their scores on the official website of JKBOSE at jkbose.nic.in, or the results porta at jkresults.nic.in.

They can access their result, using their roll number. In addition, the board has also enabled the option to check results by name through third-party result portals.

## Air China resumes Delhi-Beijing flight

Facebook account. The Beijing-Delhi flights will operate on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, using Airbus A330-200/300 aircraft, the announcement said.

On April 18, China Eastern Airlines resumed its direct flight between Kunming, China's southwestern Yunnan Province, and Kolkata, India. It was the carrier's latest expansion of its China-India route network following the resumption of the Shanghai-Delhi route in November 2025.

China Eastern Airlines said that the route, with six weekly round-trip flights using Boeing 737 aircraft, will add more convenience to travellers between the two countries. India's airlines too are now operating flights to Chinese cities. IndiGo launched daily direct flights between Kolkata and Shanghai on March 29.

Earlier, IndiGo resumed the Kolkata-Guangzhou route and launched the Delhi-Guangzhou route.

With the introduction of the Kolkata-Shanghai route, IndiGo said it will continue to enrich travel options between China and India, effectively meeting the growing demand for economic, trade, and tourism exchanges between the world's two most populous nations, China's state-run Global Times reported. According to the latest operational data for April, IndiGo has maintained an overall passenger load factor between 68 per cent and 85 per cent on multiple China-India routes.

Popular routes such as Delhi-Guangzhou and Kolkata-Guangzhou have shown particularly outstanding performances, reflecting a stable and positive operational trend, the report said.

More airlines from both sides are increasing their services, which have positive significance for further consolidating the momentum of bilateral ties.

It also reflects India's further pragmatic adjustments, including in its China policy, Qian Feng, director of the Research Department at Tsinghua University's National Strategy Institute, told the Global Times.

Qian added that this trend not only facilitates personnel exchanges between the two countries but also represents more practical measures to reduce supply chain costs and support travel for technology companies and the manufacturing sector.

The frequent exchanges have come amid warming relations between China and India.

Last month, India approved relaxing restrictions on Chinese investments in selected sectors to help ease a capital squeeze and mark a reset of economic ties after six years of friction.

## Jitendra launches medical guide book

in this domain.

He said diet cannot be reduced to generalized prescriptions or uniform charts, and each individual must understand and adapt according to their own body, lifestyle, and metabolic needs.

Dr Singh remarked that diet was too important a subject to be left to any one group alone, underlining that individuals must actively observe and learn from their own dietary responses over time.

He was speaking at the launch of the book "Smart Calories and Common Sense: An Evidence-Based Guide to Indian Diets" authored by Dr Anoop Misra, Senior Diabetologist at Fortis, held at India International Centre here.

The minister said there was no single "ideal diet" applicable to all, and individuals must develop awareness through observation, moderation, and informed choices, while remaining cautious of unverified claims and trends.

## 'Love Jihad', 'Land Jihad' will end after May 4 in WB: Shah

and Naxalism. Today I say as I go, the BJP will also free this country from infiltrators."

He raised the issue of border fencing, alleging delays from the state government.

"BSF needs 600 acres of land to build the fence. Mamata is not giving it. I promise you that if you form a BJP government, we will get the job done of handing over the entire land to the BSF for building the fence within 45 days," Shah said.

"The infiltrators are taking away jobs, consuming resources meant for the poor, and threatening the internal security of the country," he added.

Shah also accused Banerjee of corruption. "Mamata Banerjee is involved in a slew of scams worth ₹10,000 crore. They believe that nothing will happen to them. On 5th May, BJP will form the government, and Didi will have to return the money she devoured through various scams," he said.

Attacking the ruling Trinamool Congress, he said, "Don't fear the goons of Mamata. Vote with confidence. BJP is going to form the government, and the goons of Mamata will be sent behind bars."

He also criticised the state government on women's safety, stating, "Mamata Didi says that mothers should not step out of their homes after 7 pm. You form a BJP government, strengthening Modi's hands. Even at night, a little girl should be able to go out on her scooter, and no thug should have the courage to even glance up at her."

On welfare promises, Shah said, "Elect the BJP government, and I assure you 33% reservation in government jobs for women. Unemployed youths will be credited ₹3000 per month in account. Women, too, will get ₹3000 per month in their account. In the entire Bengal, women will be able to travel free in the government buses."

In Balikhukhari, Shah reiterated his attack on the ruling party, saying, "Mamata Banerjee is going, lotus is coming... On the 29th, vote to drive out the infiltrators from Bengal... Mamata Banerjee brings in the infiltrators herself. But on the 5th, our BJP's promise is not just Bengal, but across the whole of India, we will handpick and drive out the infiltrators." The polling for the 294-member Assembly in West Bengal will be held in two phases on April 23 and April 29. The counting of votes is scheduled for May 4.

As per the Election Commission of India (ECI), the first phase covers 152 Assembly constituencies, while the second phase includes 142 seats.

The state is set to witness a high-voltage contest between the incumbent Trinamool Congress, which is seeking a fourth consecutive term, and the BJP, which is aiming to form the government after a strong showing in the previous elections.

Banerjee is aiming for a fourth consecutive term, while the BJP, which secured 77 seats in the previous election, is making a renewed push to form the government in the state.

## Kashmir has remained resilient in pursuit of peace: Azad

and expressing hope for a peaceful future free from terrorism.

"One year after the heinous terror attack at Pahalgam, we remember with deep sorrow the 25 innocent tourists and a local resident who were killed in this brutal act of violence," he said in a post on X.

He said the attack not only targeted civilians but also "struck at the very soul of Kashmir and all that it stands for." "Yet, Kashmir has remained resilient and united in its pursuit of peace, justice and complete eradication of terrorism. As we pay homage to those we lost, we also look ahead with hope for a future free from such acts of terror," Azad added.

## Taking names of politicians doesn't absolve Yasin Malik: NIA to HC

In an 85-page affidavit, Malik shared details about his journey - from his school days to links with terrorists and

meetings with political leaders.

"The convict himself has admitted that he was the commander-in-chief of JKLF. Rest of the matters (in the reply) related to taking names of senior politicians, media personnel, foreign delegates and bureaucrats is only for the sake of gaining popularity and to draw sympathy of the public and has no bearing with the merit of the instant case. It is most respectfully submitted that the mere mention of names of senior politicians and senior bureaucrats does not negate the fact that the convicted accused had linkages with terrorist Hafiz Saeed and other terrorists," the NIA said in its rejoinder.

"Yasin Malik has admitted that he was the commander-in-chief of JKLF and he has himself admitted the fact that he was having connection with Syed Salauddeen, chief of Hizbul Mujahideen terror outfit," it added.

The NIA, in the rejoinder, also took exception to Malik calling himself a "good sacrificial goat", stating that such statements were unfair to the judicial process.

Asserting that the case against Malik was based on evidence and not hearsay or "emotional narrations", the NIA said there was material demonstrating that he was in "contact with the top leadership of Pakistan, including the Prime Minister, the President, senators of the Pakistani Senate, and the chief ministers of all provinces, and was using such contacts to propagate narratives against India and to further the secessionist agenda in Jammu & Kashmir".

The agency said Malik's averments on the plight of Kashmiri Pandits during the 1990s and his sympathy towards them was entirely irrelevant to the instant case.

Similarly, his narratives concerning terrorist Burhan Wani (now dead), his encounter by law enforcement agencies and the subsequent disturbances in law and order were also entirely immaterial, the agency added.

A trial court in Delhi awarded Malik life sentence on May 24, 2022, after holding him guilty of various offences under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The NIA filed an appeal in 2023 in the high court seeking enhancement of his life term to the maximum punishment of death penalty.

In its plea before the high court for enhancement of sentence to death penalty, the NIA said if such "dreaded terrorists" were not given capital punishment on account of pleading guilty, there would be complete erosion of the sentencing policy and the terrorists would have a way out to avoid capital punishment.

A life sentence, the NIA asserted, is not commensurate with the crime committed by terrorists when the nation and families of soldiers have suffered loss of lives and the trial court's conclusion that Malik's crimes did not fall within the category of the "rarest of the rare cases" for grant of death penalty is "ex-facie legally flawed and completely unsustainable".

In the reply, Malik said "being a scapegoat in politics isn't a new thing, it's a kind of a new normal but being a sacrificial goat is something which goes beyond the shard of high handedness of morality, if at all politics had one".

## Apex Court raps Mamata Banerjee over I-PAC raid

tions from a chief minister harm democracy.

The top court, as per Bar and Bench, further added that no one would have thought such a situation would occur.

"You have taken us through Seervai, Ambedkar, but none of them would have conceived this situation in this country that one day a sitting Chief Minister will walk into the office," the top court remarked.

The court on Wednesday continued hearing the ED's petition, which seeks a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation into allegations against Mamata Banerjee and other associates.

The Supreme Court also stated that the case before it is "extraordinary", given the current realities in Bengal.

"We cannot shut our eyes to the reality of what's happening. We cannot lose sight of the practical situation which is present in the State. Don't compel us to make observations. This is not a litigation between Ram vs Shyam. This is an extraordinary situation where the contours are totally different. Court has to take decision keeping in view socio-political realities. It is an ever-evolving process," the Bench was quoted as saying by Bar and Bench.

On January 8, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee stormed into the residence of I-PAC co-founder Pratik Jain in the midst of an ED raid.

Banerjee has been accused of removing several documents and electronic devices from the locations amid the raid.

While she has denied the allegations against her, the TMC leader has stated that the documents she took were related to Trinamool Congress and not the money laundering charges, given that I-PAC has been the party's political consultant for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

She accused the central agency of acting on "political vendetta."

However, the ED has maintained it was acting as part of its investigation in the 2020 money laundering and coal smuggling scam linked to businessman Anup Majee.

I-PAC co-founder Vinesh Chandel was also recently arrested by the ED for his alleged involvement in the coal scam.

## India stands unbroken against terrorism: Kharge

the attack and also saluted the valour and sacrifice of the armed forces, who fought with unbridled determination and fortitude during Operation Sindoore.

"My humble tribute to the 26 citizens who lost their lives during the Pahalgam terror attack on this day in 2025. The nation will never forget nor forgive the sacrifices of innocent citizens. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the bereaved families who lost their loved ones," he said in a post on X.

"We also remember our citizens at the border who lost their precious lives due to cross-border shelling. Their sacrifice is etched in the conscience of the nation. The spirit of India stands unbroken, resolute and united against every act of terrorism," Kharge said.

Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba carried out an attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on this day last year, killing 26 innocent people, mostly tourists from across India.

After the Pahalgam terror attack, India carried out a retaliatory military offensive against Pakistan named Operation Sindoore, in which Indian armed forces destroyed military and terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir.

## India dominates world's hottest cities list

As April progresses, conditions are expected to remain harsh, with prolonged heat stress likely across large parts of the country before any meaningful pre-monsoon relief

arrives.

In Uttar Pradesh, Banda recorded the highest temperature at a scorching 44.2 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, as most parts of the state reeled under intense heat with dry weather conditions prevailing, the meteorological department said.

Several other places also reported high temperatures, with Sultanpur at 43.4 degrees Celsius, Prayagraj at 43.2 degrees Celsius, and Jhansi and Hardoi touching 42.5 degrees Celsius each. The state capital Lucknow recorded a maximum temperature of 40.2 degrees Celsius, 1.1 degrees above normal.

While Delhi is yet to witness heatwave conditions this season, the city's maximum temperature settled at 38.8 degrees Celsius, 1.1 degrees above normal.

In view of these conditions, Delhi government schools, aided schools and private unaided recognised schools have been directed to introduce a "water bell" system and a buddy system for students as part of fresh precautionary measures.

Under the water bell initiative, schools have been asked to ring a bell every 45 to 60 minutes to remind students to drink water and prevent dehydration, it stated.

As per the circular, schools have also been directed to create a buddy system under which each student will be paired with another during school hours to monitor each other's physical well-being. It said outdoor assemblies should either be curtailed or shifted to shaded or indoor areas with minimum duration, while no open-air classes should be conducted.

Hot weather conditions prevailed in Haryana and Punjab as well, with intense heat prevailing in Bhiwani and Bathinda.

In Haryana, the maximum temperature in Bhiwani was 42.5 degrees Celsius, according to the Met department here.

Hisar recorded a maximum temperature of 39.6 degrees Celsius, Karnal 39.5 degrees Celsius, Rohtak 40.3 degrees Celsius, Gurugram 41 degrees Celsius, Ambala 38.8 degrees Celsius and Sirsa 41 degrees Celsius.

Neighbouring Punjab also witnessed above-normal temperatures.

Bathinda and Faridkot recorded identical maximum temperatures of 41.6 degrees Celsius each.

Chandigarh, the common capital of the two states, also braved the heat as the maximum temperature settled at 38 degrees Celsius.

Rajasthan reeled under intense heat conditions with above-normal maximum temperatures recorded at several places, officials said.

The weather department has cautioned of heatwave conditions in parts of the state from Thursday onwards.

The highest maximum temperature was recorded at 42 degrees Celsius in Kota. Maximum temperatures in cities including Jaipur, Udaipur, Jodhpur and Bikaner were above normal, the department said.

The weather office has issued an alert for heatwave conditions in several districts, including Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jhunjhunu, Bharatpur and Dholpur, from April 23.

In Himachal Pradesh, dry weather prevailed since Monday evening, while the Shimla weather office predicted a wet spell in the state from April 24 to 27.

It has also issued a yellow alert for thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds in four districts of Chamba, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi on April 25.

Meanwhile, amid unseasonal snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir, hundreds of Gujjar and Bakerwal tribes have begun their centuries-old biannual migration to the highland pastures of Jammu and Kashmir's Chenab Valley, braving harsh conditions.

## West Bengal all set to go for polls in first phase

cies in these districts if free and fair elections are held. The Trinamool Congress goons are unleashing threats, asking many voters in different parts of Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar not to go to booths to cast votes," BJP MP Jayanta Roy alleged.

The first phase could determine whether the saffron party can still rely on north Bengal as its principal gateway to power or whether the Trinamool Congress has managed to claw back the lost ground.

## Nepal home minister resigns

ments, and public concerns raised by citizens regarding my shares and related matters very seriously," he said.

Emphasising the importance of integrity, he said public trust must come before holding office. "For me, ethics hold more weight than any position, and there is no power greater than public trust. Today's Gen Z movement, which demands good governance, transparency, and accountability, carries the same message: public life must be clean and leadership must be accountable," he said.

Gurung also referred to the broader political context and sacrifices made in the country's past, saying accountability was essential when questions arise. "When questions are raised against a government built on the blood and sacrifice of my 46 brothers and sisters, the only answer is morality," Gurung said.

Announcing his decision to step down, he said the move would ensure transparency and avoid any conflict of interest. He said, "Therefore, to ensure a fair investigation into the matters concerning me and to prevent any conflict of interest while holding office, I have resigned from the post of Home Minister effective today.

He urged the citizens, media, and youth to commit to honesty and accountability in public life.

"I have fulfilled my moral responsibility. Now, I appeal to my dear media friends, all Nepali brothers and sisters, and the youth: if we truly desire change, we must all stand on the path of truth, honesty, and self-purification. Information regarding where certain media personnel hold 'sweet shares' will eventually come to light. Those who aspire for 'Ram Rajya' (ideal governance) must also possess the courage to sacrifice and show moral strength," the former Nepali Home Minister said.

## Iran seizes 3rd container ship in

Hormuz after Trump extends ceasefire container ship. The UKMTO said a Guard gunboat did not hail the ship before firing and added that the incident took place 15 nautical miles northeast of Oman and all the crew were safe.

"The master of a container ship reported that the vessel was approached by one IRGC gunboat... that then fired upon the vessel, which has caused heavy damage to the bridge. No fires or environmental impact reported," it said.

Iran did not immediately acknowledge the assault. However, Iran's Nour News reported that the Guard only opened fire on the ship after it had "ignored the warnings of the Iranian armed forces".

Iran's semiofficial Fars news agency described the attack as Iran "lawfully enforcing" its control over the Strait of Hormuz.