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Demographic changes in border distts most serious challenge: Shah

DGP, Gujarat, along with other senior state government officials, as well as the district magistrates and superintendents of police of Kutch, Vav-Tharad, and Patan were present in the meeting.

With a view to achieving more robust and comprehensive border management, the meeting focused on the challenges, threats, and emerging concerns in these border areas along the India-Pakistan Border, and emphasised the active and effective role of the state government-particularly the DMs and SPs-in this regard.

During the meeting, Shah said that border fencing, maritime border security, and the strong political will of the state government had brought about a significant transformation in Gujarat's security landscape, resulting in the complete cessation of infiltration in the state and smuggling on the border.

He emphasised that a zero-tolerance approach should be adopted towards all unauthorised encroachments within the 0-15 km belt along the International Border, and efforts should be made to eliminate them.

Despite centuries of subjugation, India has emerged as 4th largest economy: LG

"Our ancestors, since the Vedic age, recorded facts and transmitted knowledge with great accuracy, but for various reasons modern times saw India lose the habit of writing its own history," he said.

"We failed to communicate our priceless traditions, culture, knowledge, and sciences, and that's why many people claim that certain things came from other places or introduced by the invaders. These assertions are baseless," he asserted.

"Foreign historians have, sometimes, deliberately omitted India's ancient discoveries and achievements in science, literature, art, and architecture," he said.

"When India stood at the peak of scientific achievement, many countries showed almost no mention of science. The earliest references to science, mathematics, and astronomy in Persia and other places appear only in the eighth century, and even those owe much to India. Europe's first Renaissance in the 12th century drew on India's treasury of knowledge, science, culture, and art. Centuries before any other country discovered invented, India had already established itself as a scientific civilisation," he added.

"India's modernity has often led the world, with scientific contributions unmatched in history," he said.

The LG said that writers should present creation of the nation's great talents in a simple, accessible language.

Summer vacations in colleges from June 1

- said in a post on X.

She also wished students, teachers and college staff a safe, healthy and productive summer break.

Regular academic activities in the colleges would resume after the vacation period.

Operation Sherawali enters day 8

on May 27 and reviewed the anti-terror operation in the dense forests.

On May 25, security forces had busted a hideout of terrorists in the woods.

Reinforcements too had joined the search teams to hunt down the terrorists, officials said.

Shivakumar set to be new Karnataka CM

iah, the outgoing chief minister, proposed Shivakumar's name as the new leader of the legislature party at the meeting held at Vidhan Soudha. The meeting was overseen by AICC general secretaries K C Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala.

However, the CLP meeting to elect the new leader took a ten-minute break, and top leaders including Siddaramaiah, Venugopal and Surjewala, huddled in a separate room, according to sources.

Announcing Shivakumar's election as CLP leader, Karnataka Congress said in a statement that Siddaramaiah proposed Shivakumar's name for the top position, G Parameshwara seconded the proposal, and the meeting unanimously endorsed it. Party general secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal announced Shivakumar's election as the new CLP leader.

Earlier, at the beginning of the meeting, Surjewala, announced that the process of electing the new CLP leader would proceed based on a proposal from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and formally initiated the proceedings, the statement said.

Subsequently, Siddaramaiah moved a one-line resolution and Parameshwara seconded it and all the legislators supported it. Later, Surjewala announced a 10-minute break, and he along with Siddaramaiah and Venugopal, proceeded to the Chief Minister's chamber. After the three leaders returned to the conference hall, where the legislators had assembled, the process of electing the new leader was declared completed.

Subsequently, the newly elected CLP leader, Shivakumar, moved a resolution praising the services rendered by outgoing leader Siddaramaiah during his tenure as Chief Minister and sought the meeting's support, the statement said, adding that, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Shivakumar's swearing-in as the new CM will take place on June 3 at the Glass House of Lok Bhavan here. Shivakumar served as deputy chief minister in the Siddaramaiah government.

Siddaramaiah resigned as chief minister on Thursday and Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot accepted his resignation the next day and dissolved the Council of Ministers.

Ready for Operation Sindoor

2.0 if need arises: Army Chief

General Dwivedi said, adding that military planners must remain cautious about deployments and force protection measures.

"What we have seen over a period of time is 24/7. The battlefield is so transparent that every movement is known to the other side. Therefore, we have to be very cautious in terms of our deployment, in terms of our employment, and the protection which is required to protect our troops as well as the civilians in the border areas," he said.

Referring to information warfare lessons from Operation Sindoor, General Dwivedi said public trust and national cohesion would remain decisive factors in future conflicts.

"Victory is always in the mind. It's not on the ground. Therefore, information warfare is only successful if the whole of the nation gets together and trusts the people who are giving the information," he said.

"If that happens, I can assure you that the nation which trusts each other and all these stakeholders will always win the war," the Army Chief added.

He said that Operation Sindoor demonstrated India's resolve and the armed forces' ability to deliver a calibrated, precise, and purposeful response.

"This operation underlined the importance of integrated planning, real-time intelligence, precision targeting, strong air defence, secure communications, and synergy across

domains," the Army chief said.

He said the Indian Army was fully conscious of modernisation transformation.

"We are transforming ourselves into a future-ready force under the 'Decade of Transformation', wherein the role of the younger generation would be pivotal," he added.

He noted the raising of industry drone battalions, Divyasatra batteries, Shaktiman regiments, Bhairav battalions, and other technology-enabled structures from within our resources is part of this transformation.

The general said the next major step is networking and data-centricity, where data becomes a strategic resource, and decision-making becomes faster, smarter, and more resilient.

Talking about the use of drones and other indigenous weapons, General Dwivedi said since he has taken over, he has been talking about "Eagle on the Arm".

"This means every soldier should have an 'eagle' in their hand... Every soldier should have the capability to fly a drone. You have seen that in our academies and other places, training for this is ongoing, simulators are there," he said.

He said that the long-awaited military theatisation process is on the "right track", with deliberations within the Chiefs of Staff Committee completed and a report submitted to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for review.

All major concerns and interests of the three services have been accommodated in the proposed structure, he said.

General Dwivedi said service chiefs would continue to be responsible for "raise, train and sustain", while theatre commanders would be tasked with operational orchestration of forces.

"We are hopeful that the next setup which is coming under the new CDS should be able to take the journey forward and in the next two to three years, we should be able to see it happening on the ground," he said.

Earlier in the day, General Dwivedi reviewed the passing-out parade of the 150th course at NDA, Khadakwasla, where he said that Operation Sindoor had set a benchmark for when national will was expressed with precision and resolve, defining India's response to provocation.

"From contested grey zones to high-velocity hybrid warfare, today's security environment demands that those who serve must think sharply as they act," he said.

"Operation Sindoor demonstrated that and set the benchmark when national will was expressed with precision and resolve, defining how Bharat responds to provocation. That standard now belongs to you to uphold," the Army Chief said.

Calling the occasion "a poignant and a particularly personal moment", General Dwivedi recalled passing out from the same quarterdeck over 42 years ago.

"Today, as I stand before you at the far end of a life in uniform, preparing to doff mine as you prepare to don yours, I can tell you with certainty: what you begin here endures forever," he said.

Saxena asks admin to promote austerity

for conservation of resources, sustainable development and efficient utilisation of public resources.

The directions broadly aim to promote austerity and sustainability by reducing the number of vehicles, cutting down on fuel expenses and carbon emissions, promoting reliance on renewable energy and use of sustainable products, promoting a healthy lifestyle, strengthening local livelihood and enhancing environmental sustainability.

The LG also issued directions for the promotion of domestic tourism, renewable energy, natural farming and efficient utilisation of resources, as advised by the prime minister.

Notably, immediately after the PM's appeal, Saxena had directed the reduction of the number of vehicles in his official carcade by 50 per cent.

He has called for a coordinated and time-bound approach to translate the Prime Minister's vision into actionable measures across sectors. All administrative secretaries have been directed to ensure implementation of these measures by respective departments, under their administrative control, and issue suitable instructions to subordinate offices and field formations.

"The PM has given a timely and visionary call for adopting sustainable practices in our daily lives, governance systems and developmental activities. Resource conservation, promotion of renewable energy, support to local products, healthy lifestyles and sustainable development are not merely policy objectives but collective responsibilities. Ladakh, with its unique ecology and immense potential, is well placed to lead by example in implementing these transformative measures for the larger benefit of the nation," Saxena said.

He has directed all departments to ensure the timely implementation of the identified action points and submit a consolidated Action Taken Report (ATR) on measures initiated by various departments to the chief secretary within 30 days. Departments have also been directed to launch public awareness campaigns on energy conservation, domestic tourism, local products, healthy lifestyles, natural farming and sustainable development.

540 Agniveers inducted into Army

batch successfully passed out from the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre during an impressive attestation and passing out parade, he said.

The parade marked the transformation of young recruits into proud soldiers, ready to serve the nation with honour, courage and dedication, he added.

The spokesman said the parade was reviewed by General Officer Commanding, White Knight Corps, Lt Gen P K Mishra, who complimented the Agniveers on their immaculate turnout, synchronised drill movements and exemplary standards of military bearing.

The ceremony was attended by senior military officials, civil dignitaries and proud family members, whose presence added warmth and significance to the occasion, he added.

Months of rigorous physical training, tactical instruction and character building culminated in the solemn attestation ceremony, symbolising the Agniveers' unwavering commitment to the ideals of duty, courage and selfless service, he said.

The Passing Out Parade reflected the professional excellence, discipline and rich military traditions upheld by the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre, he said.

Addressing the newly attested soldiers, Lt Gen Mishra exhorted them to uphold the finest traditions and values of Indian Army and remain steadfast in service of the nation.

He commended the Agniveers for their determination, resilience and sense of purpose displayed throughout their demanding training.

Lt Gen Mishra also praised the training staff and instructors for their tireless efforts in moulding the young Agniveers into disciplined and combat-ready soldiers.

The parade reached an emotional crescendo as the young soldiers took the Oath of Allegiance and marched past with confidence and pride, the spokesman said.

As the National Flag fluttered high above the parade ground and the final salute echoed across the venue, the ceremony stood as a powerful reaffirmation of patriotism

and the enduring commitment of India's youth towards the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

The successful completion of training by the seventh batch of Agniveers marks another significant milestone in the Army's efforts to nurture a new generation of motivated, disciplined and technologically adept soldiers, the spokesman said.

He said their induction into the ranks strengthens the Army's operational capabilities and reinforces its commitment to safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Pak Navy was confined to its ports during Op Sindoor: Def Min

facility will not only become a centre of inspiration for Lucknow but will also develop into a tourist hub and emerge as one of the city's defining landmarks."

Earlier, Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Saurya Vatika in the CG City area in the presence of Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, and deputy chief ministers Brajesh Pathak and Keshav Prasad Maurya.

Developed jointly by the Indian Navy and the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department, the museum is dedicated to the bravery, valour and technological excellence of the naval force.

On the rationale behind establishing the naval museum in a landlocked city like Lucknow, Singh said maritime security is linked to every citizen.

"The Indian Ocean is connected to our economy, trade and energy requirements. Those who safeguard it come from every village, town and city of India.

"The Navy is an asset of the entire nation, and its strength comes from the resolve and confidence of every citizen, whether they live by the sea or in a city like Lucknow," Singh said.

Referring to the decommissioned warship INS Gomati, which forms the centrepiece of the museum, Singh highlighted its connection with Lucknow.

"Just as the Gomti river flows through the city and ultimately joins the Ganga and then the sea, INS Gomati brought honour to Lucknow while serving in the Indian Ocean. The ship's crest even carried the image of Lucknow's historic Chhatra Manzil," the defence minister said.

Calling the Shaurya Vatika more than a tourist attraction, Singh said it would remind citizens of the sacrifices made by the armed forces.

"This is not an ordinary tourist destination but a living centre of inspiration. It will teach future generations the value of freedom and security. It will make people pause and reflect on the immense contributions of those who ensure the safety of our daily lives," he said.

The defence minister also referred to India's military preparedness and indigenous defence production capabilities.

"Our defence manufacturing output has risen considerably. Before 2014, India's defence exports were worth less than Rs 1,000 crore. Today, we are exporting defence equipment worth nearly Rs 40,000 crore to countries around the world," Singh said.

Praising the state government, Singh, who has represented Lucknow in the Lok Sabha since 2014, said Uttar Pradesh has witnessed a dramatic transformation under Yogi Adityanath.

"There was a time when Uttar Pradesh was identified with criminal rule and deteriorating law-and-order. People lived in fear and investors hesitated to come here.

"Today, a state once known for 'One District, One Mafia' has transformed into 'One District, One Product'," Singh said.

"Chief Minister Adityanath provided a prime location for the museum near the Ekana Stadium and adjoining the Gomti wetland. From budget approval to monitoring every important stage of the work, he personally ensured that it was completed in record time," he said.

Announcing plans to further enhance the attraction, Singh said, "I want to assure the people of Uttar Pradesh, especially those in Lucknow, that efforts will be made to bring a submarine to this site."

A key attraction at the museum is the INS Gomati that was decommissioned on May 28, 2022. The other exhibits include the ship's anchor, CET-53M submarine obstacle equipment, main mast and propeller, an official statement said.

The visitors can also learn about maritime security, naval operations and the technological capabilities of the Indian Navy, it said.

No proposal to declare cow national animal: Meghwal

"Different states take decisions on such matters based on their own circumstances and merits," he said, referring to the BJP-led West Bengal government's recent move to step up enforcement of cattle slaughter regulations under the state's 1950 law.

The minister acknowledged that demands for a complete ban on cow slaughter continue to be raised and are widely discussed, including on social media.

"It is an issue that people keep bringing up. Efforts are being made by those advocating it, and discussions keep happening. But at present, it is not at a stage where a decision-making process has begun at the government level," he said.

While Hindu groups have been demanding the prohibition of cow slaughter in the country, several Muslim organisations and clerics have also called for declaring the cow the national animal and imposing a nationwide ban on cow slaughter. Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind chief Maulana Arshad Madani has been among those backing the demand, arguing that such a move could help reduce tensions surrounding the issue.

Former vice-president Hamid Ansari has also supported the proposal, saying that if granting the cow national animal status could help address recurring disputes linked to cow slaughter, it should be considered. Ansari had also appealed to Muslims to avoid cow sacrifice, noting that Islam does not mandate the sacrifice of any particular animal.

Maulana Khalid Rashid Farangi Mahali, a senior executive member of the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board, has also endorsed the demand, saying recognition of the cow as the national animal would reflect respect for the religious beliefs and cultural sentiments attached to it by many Hindus.

Similar appeals were made by many other Muslim leaders and clerics ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, bringing the issue back into public discussion in recent weeks.

2 killed as truck falls off NH, catches fire

the bodies of the driver and the conductor from the burnt cabin of the truck, officials said.

The bodies were in a partially charred condition, officials said, adding that the truck was completely destroyed in the fire.

Police had taken cognizance of the incident.

US warns 'more than capable' of resuming war with Iran

good for America and satisfies his red lines," a White House official said, adding: "Iran can never possess a nuclear weapon."

The White House had signaled Trump was close to a de-

cision on a potential deal, though Tehran denied there was a final agreement on ending the conflict.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei pushed back on Trump's conditions, saying the Islamic republic "said goodbye to the language of 'must' 47 years ago."

Exchanges of messages were continuing, he added, but "no final agreement has been reached."

In his social media post, Trump said Tehran would remove mines from the Strait and end its closure of the waterway with "no tolls," while the US would lift its blockade.

The two countries would also coordinate on removing and destroying Iran's enriched uranium, he said, adding that "no money will be exchanged, until further notice."

Govt to file review petition in Apex Court over TET issue

nodal agency for conducting TET is hereby kept in abeyance, till further orders."

Earlier, in the previous order the department has said that in exercise of the powers vested in the government and in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court of India, JKBOSE, State School Standards Authority (SSSA) is designated as Nodal Agency for conducting TET for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, with immediate effect.

"The JKBOSE, SSSA shall take immediate necessary steps for operationalization of the TET examination framework in accordance with the Action Plan formulated in the meeting held in October-2025," reads the previous order.

SED had also said that JKBOSE shall develop and notify a detailed schedule for conduct of TET.

"The board shall coordinate with NIC, School Education Department, Higher Education Department, Home Department, and other concerned authorities for logistical, technical and security arrangements," it reads.

Previously, SED while referring to the returned and the findings with advice that was sought from the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, UT of J&K said that if any of such teachers fail to qualify the TET within the time that we have allowed, they shall have to quit service. They may be compulsorily retired; and paid whatever terminal benefits they are entitled to.

CUET-UG exam hit by technical glitch

the start of Shift-I examinations at some centres across the country.

While the problem was later resolved and the examination resumed with compensatory time, the disruption caused inconvenience and uncertainty for candidates and their families.

According to the agency, nearly 95 per cent of candidates were able to complete their examination after services were restored.

However, 3,765 candidates who had reported to their centres, completed biometric registration and were present for the examination chose to leave before the test could restart.

The NTA said these candidates would be given a fresh opportunity to take the examination through a one-time rescheduled test.

The date and other details of the special examination will be announced separately on the official CUET website.

"The technical service provider, TCS iON, has been directed to conduct a root-cause analysis and submit its report immediately," the agency said, adding that no candidate who remained at the centre would be disadvantaged as full compensatory time was provided.

The agency further revised the schedule for the afternoon session, postponing the commencement of the examination by one hour.

Candidates were asked to report at 2.30 pm, while the examination began at 4 pm instead of the originally scheduled 3 pm.

NTA expressed regret over the disruption, stating that it understood the distress caused to students and parents.

It reiterated that candidates who were present at their centres on May 30, completed biometric verification but could not complete the examination due to the technical failure would be accommodated through the rescheduled test.

The incident comes weeks before the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test Undergraduate (NEET-UG) 2026, scheduled for June 21.

Meanwhile, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that the Delhi government would provide free travel in all Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses for NEET-UG 2026 candidates on examination day upon presentation of a valid admit card.

"No student should face inconvenience on a day that holds such importance for their future," the Chief Minister said in a post on X and extended her best wishes to aspirants appearing for the medical entrance examination.

Admiral Tripathi pushes for Naval Theatre Command

and the strategic depth no longer guarantees sanctuary in an era of long-range precision weapons and persistent surveillance.

Additionally, the weaponisation of tariffs and the disruptions to interdependent supply chains require nations to shift their logistics from "just-in-time" efficiency to "just-in-case" resilience, he said.

In view of the unfolding crisis in West Asia, setting up a dedicated naval theatre command incorporating assets and personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Coast Guard has gained traction.

The overarching blueprint envisions setting up three theatre commands focused on China, Pakistan and the maritime domain. The navy has favoured rolling out the naval theatre command on priority as the maritime domain is witnessing increasing contestations.

"The first and most critical lesson (from the ongoing conflicts) is that maritime security is directly linked to economic security, energy security, and national resilience," he said.

"Disruptions to shipping routes, energy flows, and maritime logistics chains have immediate strategic and economic consequences, affecting insurance costs, shipping patterns and the strategic balance across entire regions," he said.

The navy chief said the character of warfare itself was undergoing a profound transformation and that the maritime battlespace today extends seamlessly from seabed to space, while cyber, electromagnetic, informational and cognitive domains have become equally vital.

"Jointness and integration are no longer optional - they are an absolute operational necessity in modern battlespace. Future conflicts will demand seamless coordination across land, sea, air, cyber, space, and information domains," he said.

"No single service can operate effectively in isolation under such complex conditions, making tri-service integration central to the way India must plan and execute its future defence architecture." Admiral Tripathi said the Indian Navy has historically remained at the forefront of promoting jointness as the country's first joint command, the Andaman and Nicobar Command, was a major step towards ensuring synergy.