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**Amid global polarisation, consensus on terrorism noteworthy: EAM**

happen. It happened in New Delhi, and it happened under Prime Minister Modi's leadership," he concluded.

On April 22, 2025, terrorists attacked tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, killing 26 people and injuring several others. Indian agencies traced the attack to Pakistan-backed operatives. In response, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, 2025, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Jaishankar's remarks stem from the New Delhi Declaration 2026, adopted by the BRICS countries on Saturday, which strongly condemned the April 2025 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir and called for zero tolerance towards terrorism, while backing the aspirations of India and Brazil to play a greater role in the United Nations, including its Security Council.

On terrorism, the grouping condemned "in the strongest terms" the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22, 2025, in which 26 people were killed and several others injured.

The declaration reaffirmed BRICS' commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing and safe havens. It also called for zero tolerance for terrorism and rejected double standards in countering the menace.

The BRICS countries further called for the expeditious finalisation and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism under the UN framework and urged concerted action against all UN-designated terrorists and terrorist entities. Concerns were flagged over illicit financial flows, money laundering, cyber fraud and cross-border scam networks used to fund extremist activities.

China joining the consensus on India-centric terror language, even without naming Pakistan, is seen as significant, coming ahead of talks between PM Modi and President Xi Jinping. Unlike the recent SCO meetings where consensus on Pahalgam could not be reached, BRICS managed to adopt a joint condemnation. The stance aligns with similar condemnations earlier made by groupings like the Quad.

The declaration, adopted at the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, also said that China and Russia, as permanent members of the UN Security Council, reiterated their support for the aspirations of Brazil and India to play a greater role in the UN, including its Security Council.

The BRICS leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to reforming the UN Security Council to make it more democratic, representative, effective and efficient, with greater representation for developing countries.

India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit under its 2026 Chairmanship on September 12-13, with the New Delhi Declaration unanimously adopted by BRICS leaders.

**Shah stresses cultural nationalism, promotion of Indian languages**

is a place where all languages have flourished and are respected.

He also pointed out that the Modi government accorded 'Classical Language' status to Marathi.

Speaking on Vande Mataram, Shah said it took 80 years to restore full glory of the national song.

"Vande Mataram is not merely a song but an effort to awaken Indian consciousness to get freedom. It laid the foundation of India's cultural nationalism," he said.

The song was later split and it took decades to restore it to glory. Shah said referring to an old decision to just sing the first two stanzas at official events.

"Cultural nationalism means to create awareness of culture and history. Awakening of people's consciousness about culture and history can be brought about only through cultural nationalism," Shah said.

Vande Mataram once again got its glory and began to be sung in full at all government functions because India got a prime minister like Narendra Modi, he said.

**LG, CM grieved over Reasi road accident**

lies of the affected people and directed the authorities to provide the best possible medical care to those injured.

"The chief minister has expressed deep grief over the tragic road accident atReasi, in which two persons have lost their lives, and a few others have been injured. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and directed the authorities to provide the best possible medical care to those injured," the CMO said in a post on X.

At least two people were killed, and seven others sustained injuries after a minibus met with an accident on the Reasi-Bakal road near the Batalgala Tunnel in Jammu today.

**Cop held for hitting SHO with vehicle**

Waniof Bindoo in Kokernag area of the district.

Police later arrested the SGC and seized his vehicle, officials said.

**Saxena approves draft Recruitment Rules**

provide a structured route for eligible officers serving in the feeder cadres to move to higher Junior Scale posts after completing the prescribed qualifying service.

The proposed Recruitment Rules cover Junior Scale posts across the 15 departments/services, namely General Administration Department, Cooperative, Employment, Excise & Taxation, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution, Handicrafts & Handlooms, Industries & Commerce, Information, Labour, Rural Development, Revenue, Social Welfare, Tourism and Transport.

The Recruitment Rules have been framed following the recent amendment by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), dated September 9, 2026, which has empowered the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh to frame rules for Group 'B' Gazetted services/posts, including posts forming part of a common cadre such as JKAS. Earlier, such posts were outside the rule-making powers of the Lieutenant Governor.

This development came after the LG, in July this year, personally raised the issue with MHA, pointing out that regular promotions were delayed in the absence of the necessary Recruitment Rules.

He thanked Union Home MinisterAmit Shah, for his constant support in strengthening the governance in Ladakh.

The move is expected to contribute significantly to administrative efficiency and institutional strengthening in Ladakh by enabling the UT Administration to establish appropriate recruitment and promotion mechanisms for critical Group 'B' gazetted posts according to its own administrative requirements.

"Strong and efficient institutions are essential for delivering responsive and effective governance. I am thankful to Shahfor his continued support and guidance in strengthening governance in Ladakh and fulfilling the aspirations of the people. These Recruitment Rules will provide deserving officers in the feeder cadres a clear and structured pathway for career progression, while direct recruitment will bring fresh talent into the administration," the LG said.

The proposed recruitment pattern provides 50 pc Direct Recruitment and 50 pc Promotion for several services. Overall, 79 posts have been identified for Direct Recruitment and 50 for Promotion.

The draft Recruitment Rules will be placed in the public domain for 30 days in accordance with the DoPT guidelines, inviting suggestions and objections from stakeholders. After examination of the feedback and necessary modifications, the final proposals will be submitted to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for consultation/ approval, as applicable, before notification.

**WPI inflation rises to 9.92 pc**

per cent in August against 9.6 per cent in July.

<sup>†</sup>Across groups, mineral oils (containing petroleum prod-

ucts), food articles, manufacture of food products, manufacture of basic metals, non-food articles, and manufacture of chemicals and chemical products have been major drivers of WPI inflation in August 2026," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said while releasing the WPI data.

In August, food inflation rose to 7.05 per cent from 6.65 per cent in July. In manufactured items, WPI inflation stood at a series high of 8.37 per cent compared to 8.29 per cent in July.

In the fuel and power basket, wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation was 22.93 per cent in August against 20.05 per cent in July.

Barclays, in a research note, said the resurgence in fuel and power inflation was led by rises in mineral oils and natural gas & petroleum WPIs (due to an increase in international energy prices).

The rise in 'manufactured products' inflation mostly reflected increases in the primary articles: in the manufacture of food products, and derivatives of petroleum products: chemicals, and rubber & plastics, along with the manufacture of motor vehicles.

"The recent rebound in global energy prices amid the reescalation in the Middle East will continue to exert upward pressure on WPI and OPPI. Resultantly, we no longer expect any meaningful moderation in the upcoming inflation prints," Barclays said.

India Ratings and Research Chief Economist Devendra Pant said the prolonged West Asia crisis has reversed two months' declining trend in fuel and power inflation and is likely to remain elevated until the crisis is resolved.

"With the West Asia crisis remaining unresolved (similar to Russia-Ukraine), global uncertainty is likely to remain elevated in the near term. This, along with deficient rain and weaker currency, would continue to push inflation higher in the near term," Pant said.

Ind-Ra expects wholesale inflation to increase to 10.2 per cent in September 2026 and likely remain elevated in the rest of 2026, unless a permanent solution to the West Asia crisis is achieved.

Icra Principal Economist Rahul Agrawal said food inflation is expected to harden further in September-October 2026 on the back of an unfavourable base, as well as the stronger-than-usual sequential hardening in prices of some food items such as sugar, which could sour sentiment during the festive season.

"The rise in global commodity prices is likely to keep fuel and core-WPI prints elevated in the near term, which would exert pressure on the headline WPI inflation over the next few months. We expect WPI inflation to exceed 9.5-10 per cent in September-October 2026, before cooling thereafter, aided by a favourable base, unless global energy and commodity prices rise further from the current levels," Agrawal said.

**Army flags Pakistan's continuing proxy war in J&K**

August 2025 and the 23rd Corps Commander Level Meeting in Eastern Ladakh on October 25-26. Border Personnel Meetings with the PLA also continued in a "cordial and friendly environment", the report said.

The northern border situation has remained among India's most sensitive security theatres since the 2020 military standoff in eastern Ladakh, which triggered sustained troop deployments and a major build-up of military infrastructure on both sides. The latest assessment indicates that while the immediate military posture has eased, the Indian Army continues to maintain substantial preparedness against any renewed contingency along the LAC.

On the Western Front, however, the Army's assessment remains considerably more pointed, directly identifying Pakistan as a key driver of the continuing security challenge in Jammu and Kashmir.

The report said 19 terrorists were neutralised in counter-terror operations in J&K during 2025, including eight Pakistani terrorists, accounting for around 40 per cent of the total. "The figure clearly indicates role of Pakistan in waging proxy war in the UT of J&K," the report said, explicitly linking the presence of Pakistani terrorists to Islamabad's continuing proxy campaign.

The Pakistani role was further evident along the Line of Control, where the Army recorded six infiltration attempts during 2025 and neutralised 12 Pakistani terrorists attempting to infiltrate into Jammu and Kashmir. While infiltration attempts declined from previous years, the report said the threat has been evolving, with terrorist activities increasingly shifting towards the International Border and involving narcotics and "war like stores".

Pakistan's military pressure along the LoC also increased sharply during 2025. The Army recorded 163 ceasefire violations, compared with just two in 2024. As many as 124 violations occurred during Operation Sindoor, launched following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which Pakistan-based terrorists killed tourists.

The situation along the LoC stabilised considerably following DGMO-level talks between India and Pakistan on May 10 and 12. However, the annual report cautioned that the apparent calm should not be mistaken for an end to the threat, stating that "unpredictability continues".

At the same time, the Army's assessment points to a significant erosion of Pakistan's ability to sustain a local support base for terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Only one local youth joined terrorist ranks in 2025, with the report saying that young people had "abandoned the path of violence" and were increasingly benefiting from government schemes and policies, thereby "discrediting Pakistan's narrative of home-grown terrorism".

"The awaam (public) has chosen to follow the path of development and has been actively participating in large numbers in all government and IA run initiatives," the report said. This, according to the Army, has resulted in reduced violence, scaled-down protests and "zero incidents of stone pelting".

The assessment presents a stark contrast between the declining local support for militancy and the continuing external threat. While the local population is increasingly moving away from violence, Pakistan-backed networks continue to attempt infiltration and sustain terrorist activity, suggesting that the external push behind the proxy war remains intact.

The threat is also increasingly extending beyond conventional infiltration and small-arms movement. Along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan, the Army recorded 863 drone intrusions, bringing a new dimension to Pakistan-linked attempts to smuggle narcotics, weapons and other war-like stores into India. Security forces brought down 237 drones during the year.

Despite the Pahalgam attack and the escalation during Operation Sindoor, the Army said the improving security environment was reflected in increased civilian activity in J&K. The union Territory recorded 23 million tourist visits and 4.13 lakh pilgrims for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra in 2025, indicating growing public confidence in the security situation.

**Uruguay urges closer peacekeeping ties with India**

try. Historical peace, we have always had. And that is our worry: conflicts are increasing, and that is very bad news," he said.

The Uruguayan Foreign Minister said India and Uruguay are among the countries that contribute significantly to international peacekeeping efforts, with their personnel putting themselves at risk in conflict-affected parts of the world to help preserve peace.

"India and Uruguay provide a lot of peacekeepers to the world, and that is part of our contribution, a huge contribution, because it is our people who put themselves at risk in other areas of the world to try to preserve peace," he said.

Lubetkin said there was not enough recognition of the contribution made by India, Uruguay and other countries to global peacekeeping, and suggested that the two countries should work together to highlight their efforts and coordinate more closely.

"I think that there is not really enough recognition of what India, Uruguay and other countries are doing. Perhaps it is part of our responsibility that we need to highlight this, push it, and perhaps coordinate better together," he said.

"Perhaps this is another area in which we need to work more with our friends from India," he added.

Highlighting Uruguay's regional peace agenda, Lubetkin said the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) had in 2015 decided that the region should remain peaceful and free of nuclear weapons.

"Today, I can say to you that it is the only region in the world where there are no wars or conflicts, and there are no nuclear weapons. And I think that is a very strong value addition," he said.

Lubetkin, whose country currently chairs CELAC, said Uruguay would work with countries in the region to preserve this status, describing it as one of the major challenges and contributions that Latin America can make to the world.

"We, as chair of CELAC, want to work with the countries of the region to try to maintain this. This is one of the big challenges and one of the big contributions that my region needs to make to the world," he said.

Asserting that ongoing global conflicts cannot be resolved on the battlefield, Lubetkin also called for immediate political negotiation to end escalating hostilities in West Asia and Eastern Europe.

He argued that despite extensive military campaigns in Gaza that have resulted in severe humanitarian casualties, strategic objectives remain unfulfilled without a framework for peaceful resolution.

"The key goal that Israel wanted-and in that destroyed Gaza, and in that killed thousands of people, women, children-in the end of the day they couldn't achieve the goal that they proposed," Lubetkin stated.

"The goal that they proposed is, 'Okay, we need to be peaceful around our borders, and for that, we need to destroy Hamas.' But after what happened, after this disaster, that continues... That shows that this is not the way. If there are no negotiations, no way," he added.

On his meeting with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Lubetkin described it as one of the most important moments of his visit to India, saying the engagement builds on the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uruguayan President Yamandu Orsi.

He said India-Uruguay relations were also witnessing greater diplomatic engagement, noting that India now has an Ambassador in Uruguay and that the building of the Indian Embassy there is expected to be completed in the coming months.

On the New Delhi Declaration, Lubetkin said it addressed a wide range of issues, including peace and stability, the changing geopolitical scenario, environmental concerns, economy, trade, artificial intelligence and other technological developments.

He said the declaration was useful for participating countries as it touched upon issues important to individual countries and leaders.

Earlier on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the unanimous adoption of the New Delhi Declaration 2026 at the 18th BRICS Summit held in the national capital over the weekend.

The declaration expressed deep concern over the continued escalation of tensions in West Asia and called for exercising maximum restraint, as well as avoiding actions that could further aggravate the situation.

The BRICS bloc also called for the implementation of the relevant UNGA and UNSC Resolutions and urged all parties to ensure the maintenance of the ceasefire and full and unhindered humanitarian access in the Gaza Strip.

**CJI calls for shift from retrospective to preventive justice in infra projects**

saying that a legal system should not measure its success only by how effectively it resolves disputes after they have arisen; it should also ask how effectively the institutions around a project prevent those disputes from arising in the first place."

A bridge cannot pause construction while an arbitration proceeds, or a highway cannot wait for an appeal to run its course, he added.

The CJI said infrastructure development directly affects the lives of millions, with roads, bridges, water systems and other public assets shaping the everyday experiences of citizens.

Justice Kant noted that well-drafted contracts should do more than record commercial arrangements and they should establish a shared understanding of how parties would respond to unforeseen circumstances, including changes in ground conditions, regulatory developments and other risks.

The CJI said the allocation of risk is among the most important factors determining whether an infrastructure project has become a landmark or a liability.

He cautioned that when risks are assigned to parties ill-equipped to manage them, contractors tend to price defensively, while governments could end up bearing risks which they are not best placed to handle and such imbalances often result in disputes and litigation.

The CJI also stressed the importance of standardisation in infrastructure contracts, particularly as projects increasingly involve international capital, engineering expertise, construction companies and consultants from different jurisdictions.

He said standardisation could provide a common contractual vocabulary for dealing with issues such as payments, variations, extensions of time, unforeseen conditions and dispute resolution.

He urged the stakeholders from the government, industry and the legal profession to focus on five priorities: "clarity of obligations, balanced allocation of risk, sensible standardisation, early dispute avoidance, and swift and independent resolution of disputes".

"These are not narrow legal technicalities confined to the small print of a contract. They are, in the fullest sense, instruments of good governance," the CJI said.

**2 killed, 7 injured in minibus accident**

said.

The dead were identified as Paras Ram, son of Thakur Dass of Salal, and Madan Lal, son of Bal Bahadur of Sarmega.

All the seven injured persons were admitted to a local hospital. Two of them were later referred to the GMCH in Jammu for advanced treatment.

Police had taken cognizance of the incident.

**Kavinder calls for youth-led action for healthier society**

vant in the present times.

He said health was not limited to hospitals and medical treatment but was equally linked with dignity, equality, awareness and social justice.

He emphasised the need to eliminate misconceptions and discrimination against people living with health conditions and said society must fight ignorance and stigma along with disease.

Highlighting the role of youth, he urged them to spread authentic health information, challenge myths and misconceptions and encourage people to seek appropriate healthcare and counselling whenever required.

He said law was not merely a collection of rules and provisions but an instrument to protect the dignity, equality and rights of individuals. The convergence of public health, law and psychology was therefore important for building a healthy body, a healthy mind and a sensitive society.

Calling upon youth to carry a sense of responsibility beyond the event, the governor said, "Leadership is not defined by position or authority; true leadership is defined by responsibility and service."

He urged the participants to promote a society where people could seek help without fear, patients were treated with dignity, correct health information reached everyone, and no person faced discrimination on the basis of a health condition.

He congratulated Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Youth Red Cross, State and District Red Cross, NCC, faculty members and the organising committee for successfully conducting Swasthya Manthan-2026.

He expressed hope that the deliberations would inspire new initiatives in health awareness, youth leadership and humanitarian service across the country and formally declared the conclusion of Swasthya Manthan-2026.

Earlier, VC of HPNLU Prof. Priti Saxena welcomed the Governor on the occasion.

**DGP reviews anti-terror operations**

The senior police officers took stock of the ongoing operations being conducted in the district and reviewed the security situation in areas considered vulnerable to terrorist movement, according to a post shared by the Poonch district police.

The DG was briefed about the latest developments, operational preparedness and coordination among different security agencies on ground, officials said.

He was accompanied by the IGP, Jammu zone.

The visit assumes significance in view of recent attempts of infiltration and movement of Pakistan-based LeT terrorists in the Pir Panjal region.

**KPs reiterate 'genocide' recognition, homeland demand**

ganised by Panun Kashmir, a representative body of migrant Kashmiri Hindus, with participants wearing black armbands as a mark of remembrance.

A "Veer Jyoti", dedicated to the memory of community members and security personnel who had laid down their lives to terrorism, was also lit and later taken to the sacred Bhadrakali Temple at Thalwal, on the outskirts of Jammu, where it was installed as "Amar Jyoti".

"We have been observing this day since 1990 to honour the martyrs and reaffirm our commitment to continue the struggle till the achievement of our goal, which is the enactment of a Genocide Bill and separate homeland as enshrined in the Margdarshan Resolution adopted by the community, following mass migration from the valley in early 1990," a Panun Kashmir representative said.

He said the community was not only paying homage to those who lost their lives to terrorism after 1990, but also remembering those who, it believes, suffered during what it describes as seven waves of persecution in Kashmir over the past 700 years.

"For the past 36 years, there has been a gross violation of our fundamental rights... Our struggle is also about safeguarding the constitutional rights, particularly the rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 19 and 21," he said.

He reiterated Panun Kashmir's demand for reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir and a separate homeland for displaced Kashmiri Hindus, saying legislative and executive control in the proposed homeland should remain with "pro-India elements".

"Without a separate homeland, we believe there is no other way forward," he said.

Panun Kashmir convenor Agnishekhar said September 14 had a particular significance for the community, linking the observance to the killing of Kashmiri Pandit leader Tika Lal Taploo in the valley on September 13, 1989.

He said the day was meant not only to remember the 'martyrs' but also to reflect on the circumstances that led to their killings and displacement of the community.

"We remember why they were killed, who killed them, what the purpose was and what the intent behind it was. Our struggle is rooted in confronting that intent," he said.

**Taliban warned bin Laden to step up security post Kandhar hijack**

ships, and a financial empire that could assist his pursuit of" the weapons.

A few PDBs released by the CIA were prepared for the then President George W Bush on the preliminary results of a US-Yemen investigation into the bombing of USS Cole in the port of Aden on October 12, 2000.

A September 10, 1998, PDB warned that extremists "may fly an explosive-packed airplane into a US city," while including the disclaimer that the available intelligence "provides no conclusive information on Bin Ladin's intentions for future attacks."

The report noted that bin Laden "said his preferred option is to strike the US on its own soil in Washington."

The final document included in the CIA's release is dated September 12, 2001, the day after planes crashed into the World Trade Centre, the Pentagon and an open field in Pennsylvania.

The "situation report" described the latest intelligence surrounding bin Laden in the run-up to the attack, including details about his likely involvement.

"Mounting evidence indicates Sunni extremists in Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf recently were aware Usama Bin Ladin-directed attacks were imminent," the report said.

"The existence of a probable operation was widely known among extremists in Afghanistan and speculated Bin Ladin may have relocated to Kabul to avoid conflict over his activities with the Taliban leadership in Kandahar," said the PDB dated September 12, 2001.

**Pak names JeM's Masood Azhar in list of 'wanted terrorists'**

Sources say, while 17 of these terrorists are listed along with their photographs and specific roles in 26/11, Pakistan has covertly removed the photographs, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) affiliations, and detailed operational roles of two terrorists, retaining only their names.

Specifically, the FIA retains the name of Muhammad Khan from Turbat who provided the boat Al-Hussaini to transport the attackers to Mumbai in its updated list, but has excised his photograph, LeT link, and role. Similarly, the photograph and LeT affiliation of Abdul Rehman from Bahawalnagar have been stripped from the record. Both individuals had their full roles and photos published in the 2021 FIA list, said sources.

The updated roster lists 11 LeT terrorists responsible for facilitating the sea voyage of the attackers aboard the boats Al-Hussaini and Al-Fauz: Muhammad Amjad Khan (Multan), Shahid Gafoor (Bahawalpur), Mohammad Usman (Sahiwal), Ateeq-ur-Rehman (Lahore), Riaz Ahmad (Hafizabad), Muhammad Mushtaq (Gujranwala), Muhammad Naeem (Dera Ghazi Khan), Abdul Shakoor (Karachi), Muhammad Sabir Salfi (Multan), Muhammad Usman (Lodhran), and Shakeel Ahmed (Rahim Yar Khan).

Furthermore, the list features six terrorists who provided financial backing for the 26/11 attacks: Muhammad Iftikhar Ali (Faisalabad), an LeT operative who spent PKR 70,000 to set up VOIP connections enabling communication between the attackers and their handlers; Mohammad Zia (Rawalpindi), who provided PKR 80,000 to LeT for the attack; Mohammad Abbas Nasir (Khanewal), who contributed PKR 2,53,000; Javed Iqbal (Kasur), who supplied PKR 1,86,430; Mukhtar Ahmad (Mandi Bahaud-din), who donated PKR 2,98,047; and Ahmed Saeed (Battagram), who provided PKR 21 lakh for the operation.

According to FIA, all 17 terrorists involved in the 26/11 attacks have been absconding for 18 years. Sources however say, Indian intelligence sources confirmed that all 17 individuals remain inside Pakistan, and that placing them on the FIA Most Wanted list is merely an eyewitness to misdirect international scrutiny.

Over the past five years, the total count of most wanted terrorists in Pakistan has surged by 35 pc, growing from 1,330 terrorists in the FIA's 2021 Red Book to 1,804 in the latest release.

The Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) headquarters in Bahawalpur, Pakistan, was among the hardest hit in India's precision strikes under Operation Sindoor.