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India slams Pak at UN, rejects its remarks on J&K

Third Committee, which deals with social, humanitarian and cultural Issues, that Jammu and Kashmir, by contrast to the situation in Pakistan, held Assembly Elections in 2024, with a massive turnout followed by a peaceful transfer of power to an elected government.

"The contrast could not have been starker. The only human rights violation taking place in Kashmir is perpetrated by the Armed Forces of Pakistan and their terrorist proxies. Propaganda does not become fact through repetition. Pakistan would serve its people better by confronting its own fault lines and building its economy than by coveting the territory of others," she said.

May look at other 5th-gen fighters if AMCA slips: IAF chief

there were further delays in the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, the IAF may have to examine other options, while noting that Russia had offered the Su-57.

He clarified that no decision had been taken on the offer. The IAF chief said all major aircraft programmes needed to be pursued through a "whole-of-nation approach" to ensure timely delivery and operational capability.

He also said that drones were "evolutionary" rather than "revolutionary" for the force and ruled out the creation of a separate drone force, stressing that unmanned systems and loitering munitions would be more effective when integrated with other weapons and platforms.

"Drone capabilities have existed within the Indian Air Force for decades and are now being expanded in terms of numbers, types and capabilities," he said while addressing the IAF's annual press conference here.

"Drones are not revolutionary to the Indian Air Force, but evolutionary. We are growing the number of drones and loitering munitions. Whether we need a separate drone force, I don't think so. They should be a part of the same setup, and we have to be operating together," Singh said.

He said different weapon systems should not operate in isolation and stressed the need for coordinated operations to achieve the desired battlefield effect.

"These have to be together along with other weapons so that they bring in that effect. We cannot be operating one type of weapon separately somewhere and another type of weapon separately. So, we have not thought of having a separate drone force," he said.

Singh noted that the IAF already has specialised units dealing with such capabilities and said their numbers could be increased if required.

"Loiter ammunition did help us in creating chaos and also taking down some of the AD assets," he said, while reiterating that drones and loitering munitions had been part of the IAF's capabilities for decades.

"So, if I can say drones are not revolutionary for the Indian Air Force; yes, they are evolutionary. So, we are growing in drones, number of drones, number of loiter ammunition, and type of drones and type of loiter ammunition is increasing," Singh said.

The IAF chief's comments come as unmanned aerial systems and loitering munitions are increasingly being incorporated into modern military operations. He said the force's approach was to integrate these systems with other weapons rather than operate them as an independent arm.

PoJK woman apprehended near LoC

Pukherni village of Nowshera sub-sector of Rajouri late Friday evening, officials said.

The troops immediately took her into custody. No incriminating material was recovered from her possession, officials said, adding that the woman was subsequently handed over to local police for further questioning and verification of her identity and circumstances surrounding her crossing into Indian territory.

1 killed, 56 injured in road accidents

Four of the injured -- Suchitra, Lakshwanti, Kedar Patra and FoujiRam -- were referred to the Government Medical College & Hospital in Jammu, officials said.

The rest of the injured were stable and most of them had received minor injuries, the officials added.

A QRTof police & CRPF was rushed from the district police linesto assist in the rescue operation. However, the vehicle overturned near Kela Morh, resulting in injuries to six police personnel and three CRPF cops, officials said, adding that all the injured were stable.

More revelations on Flydubai co-pilot

ing phase, which prompted Oman Air to shift him away from active flying duties and place him in an office position.

According to one of the sources, the pilot resigned from his role at Oman Air following the transfer to desk duty, departing the carrier around 2024.

Reports said al-Hammami had previously been barred from flying in Oman over concerns about extremist views that were allegedly influenced by an earlier stay in Syria.

Sources noted that at one point, al-Hammami shared a video featuring El Al Israeli Airlines aircraft in Dubai, concluding the clip with a photograph of Ayman al-Zawahiri, the al-Qaeda terrorist eliminated in a US drone strike in 2022.

After relocating to Dubai, al-Hammami was hired by Flydubai in the absence of any formal background vetting through the Omani government, sources said.

While al-Hammami holds Omani citizenship, sources indicated he was not born within the nation, having spent the majority of his life abroad. They disclosed that his mother is of Syrian origin while his father is Omani, though the Omani government has yet to publicly verify his nationality.

Sources said the LinkedIn profile belonging to Hamam al-Hammami, identified as the Flydubai pilot connected to Wednesday's incident, featured two posts published roughly nine hours after the incident, containing cockpit footage of an El Al aircraft alongside imagery of al-Qaeda figures.

A LinkedIn account under the name Hamam al-Hammami indicated a seven-year tenure with Oman Air ending in February 2025, a subsequent stint with Royal Air Maroc from June 2025 until January 2026, with no reference made to Flydubai. One source verified that the profile belongs to the pilot implicated in Wednesday's incident.

Both posts on the LinkedIn page appeared consecutively on Wednesday, approximately nine hours after the emergency unfolded. According to reports, it remains uncertain who authored the posts or whether they had been pre-scheduled.

After BNS rollout, cases will be disposed of in 3 yrs: Shah

tion Congress, the union minister said that ever since the country gained Independence, people associated with the

agricultural system, rural development and cooperatives had been demanding an independent cooperative ministry.

"However, these Congressmen did not allow it to be formed for 75 years," he said.

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi took charge, he established a separate cooperative ministry, he added.

"If anyone is going to benefit the most from the formation of the cooperative ministry, then it will be the cattle rearers," he said.

"Milk production has also accelerated under PM Modi," the union minister said.

"In 2014-15, India's total milk production was 14.7 crore tonnes. In 75 years, it reached only 14.7 crore tonnes. But Modi ji worked hard to increase it to 25 crore tonnes in 10 years," he said,

Efforts were being made to improve cow breeds with modern technology and ensure that they don't fall sick, he said.

The Congress had only spread "negativity", while PM Modi had lifted the country high in different sectors, he said.

"Modi has taken a pledge and has also made crores of people in the country take a pledge that by August 15, 2047, India will be number one in the world in every field," he added.

Saxena interacts with Nambardars

Nambardars, who serve as a vital bridge between the government and the people.

The LG, while acknowledging their contribution to grassroots governance, appreciated their crucial role in extending government welfare initiatives to the people and establishing a stronger channel of communication to ensure that public grievances and developmental issues were identified and resolved effectively.

Addressing the gathering, he said such free-flow interactions would continue in future, which would enable the administration to benefit from their first-hand knowledge of local conditions, understand the developmental needs of different villages, and take appropriate action to address public concerns.

Saxena said that Nambardars were the most important link between the administration and the people, as they remain closely connected with their communities and understand their problems, aspirations and requirements.

During the interaction, President of the All Ladakh Goba Association, Nawang Tsering expressed gratitude to the LG on behalf of Nambardars for enhancing their monthly emoluments from Rs 1,500 to Rs 5,000, benefiting 247 Nambardars across Ladakh.

The Nambardars also told the LG that dozens of villages in Ladakh were facing an acute water crisis and requested his intervention to address the water crisis. Saxena assured the Nambardars that their concerns would be addressed on priority.

The LG recalled that during his visits to different parts of Ladakh, he found that Nambardars of the respective areas, who were his first point of contact, possess valuable information about local problems and developmental priorities.

He said that it was on their valuable suggestions that critical projects like Him Sarovar, Rock Check Dams, reversing land degradation, diversion of untapped glacier streams and several other policy decisions were implemented effectively.

Their inputs, he noted, would help the Administration identify gaps in public service delivery and prioritise interventions based on the actual requirements of the people. He urged them to continue bringing matters concerning water availability, land protection, environmental conservation, employment and livelihood opportunities to the administration's attention.

Assuring the Nambardars of his continued support, the LG said that Lok Niwas would always remain open to them so that issues concerning the people could be brought forward and resolved through appropriate administrative intervention.

He also said that the enhancement of Nambardars' monthly emoluments was not merely a measure of financial support but also an acknowledgement of their important role in strengthening participatory governance and ensuring effective last-mile delivery of public services. He expressed confidence that their continued cooperation would further strengthen the relationship between the Administration and local communities.

India beat Pak to clinch Asian Games cricket gold

211 for 6 in 20 overs before an unheralded Hasan Nawaz (96 off 51 balls) gave everything he had to make a match of it. But Pakistan were stopped at 192 for 6 in the end. India thus extended their dominance over the arch-rivals and kept the head-to-head since the start of the 2024 T20 World Cup to 6-0.

In between, Nawaz punished the Indian spinners before Jasprit Bumrah's experience (0/33 in 4 overs) and Washington Sundar's (2/29 in 4 overs) calmness ensured that there were no surprises in the end.

The 18th over in which Washington conceded only 8 runs turned out to be decisive.

The gold medal not only boosted India's tally but also released a bit of pressure that had been building up on skipper Shreyas Iyer after a horrible start to his national captaincy during a tour of the UK a couple of months back.

In Saturday's game, it was Abhishek, who finished the contest during India's batting Powerplay that yielded 81 runs. On a pitch where stroke-making was difficult, he smashed seven sixes, once again underlining his stroke-hitting capability.

In response, Nawaz, dropped on 4 by Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, did hit some meaty blows but the scoreboard pressure was a real deal for the Pakistanis.

Nevertheless, Pakistan might have unearthed a T20 beast in the 24-year-old Nawaz, who is muscular and with a bit of hand-holding, can become an absolute world beater.

Earlier, Abhishek sent the Pakistan spinners on a leather-hunt and was in his elements as he completely took the pitch out of equation with a 20-ball half-century to destroy the opposition's spin-dominated attack.

He hit seven towering sixes -- two off which were off medium pacer Ahmed Daniyal -- apart from three boundaries.

Abhishek feasted on some friendly slow bowling, hitting sixes on both sides of the wicket with gay abandon.

Ishan Kishan (20 off 18 balls) briefly consolidated he team's position in company of skipper Shreyas Iyer (21 off 24) as they added 35 runs for the fourth wicket before Pakistan's best bowler -- left-arm spinner Arafat Minhhas (2/25 in 3 overs) -- sent him back.

Arafat also varied his pace cleverly as he got the rampaging Abhishek stumped, which put some pressure on the defending champions.

The final flourish was provided by Tilak (51 not out off 22 balls) and Shivam Dube (27 off 15 balls) who blasted the spinners after a period of lull.

The duo added 62 runs for the sixth wicket in just five overs just when scoring quick seemed difficult.

The 18th over bowled by left-arm spinner Sufyan Moqim (0/33 in 3 overs) yielded 18 runs and then off-spinner Saim Ayub gave away 23 in the penultimate over.

In the last over bowled by pacer Ahmed Daniyal, 16 more were scored as India hit a total of 15 sixes on a track assisting the spinners heavily.

India scored 81 for 2 in Powerplay and the Pakistan team looked completely clueless after Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (15 off 9 balls) started the mayhem with a couple of sixes off debutant leg-spinner Saad Masood.

Sooryavanshi was dismissed trying to reverse hit off-spinner Ayub, who gave the 15-year-old a send-off with a "rocking the baby" celebration.

It was left-arm orthodox bowler Arafat who actually put brakes on scoring during the back-10 when both skipper Iyer and Kishan didn't actually get the big shots between overs 11 to 15.

Once Kishan was bowled by a delivery that was fast, straight and bounced a tad more, Iyer's painstaking knock ended off leggie Abrar's bowling. From 93 for 2, India had suddenly slumped to 133 for 5.

Arafat bowled wicket-to-wicket and let the ball do the rest by pitching it in right areas, while leg-spinner Abrar cleverly reduced the pace of his deliveries as Iyer literally struggled to get going.

Just when it seemed that India might not reach 200, the Tilak-Dube pair provided fireworks in the nick of time.

US hails Indian pilot, Israeli passengers for averting flydubai 'terror attack'

passengers, sent out emergency signals and made a rapid descent of more than 17,000 feet from an altitude of 34,000 feet before making an emergency landing at Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Airport in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the injured pilot, passengers and other crew members had "managed to prevent a 9/11 disaster".

Landau's comments added to the international praise for Machchhar and the passengers, as investigators in the UAE continue to examine the attempted terrorist act on the flight.

Sitharaman calls for open, rules-based global economic ties

approaches them from strength.

"Few priorities, of course, stand out. The first, national security requires structural autonomy in strategic inputs," Sitharaman said.

To replace fragile single-source dependencies with domestic operational depth, the government has launched the National Critical Minerals Mission, the Rare Earth Corridors and the India Semiconductor Mission 2.0.

These remarks assume significance amid global economic uncertainties triggered by US tariffs and the Russia-Ukraine and US-Iran conflicts, which have severely disrupted global trade and spiked in crude oil prices.

These developments have created barriers to trade and investments.

"The conflicts involving Russia, Ukraine and Iran and the disruption around the Strait of Hormuz added a new kind of shock, one that threatened the physical movement of oil and gas as well as their prices," she said, adding, "A price shock can be cushioned with monetary and fiscal tools. But a quantity shock tests buffer stocks and the reach of delivery systems and therefore the capacity of the state itself."

Kharge seeks fresh ballot-paper polls

Prime Minister, Shah is an illegal minister, and all the chief ministers who have been elected anywhere are illegal. All of them should be dissolved, elections should be held, and elections should be conducted through ballot papers," he told reporters in Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

Kharge also targeted the Election Commission's ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging irregularities in the exercise and claiming that electronic voting machines were being misused. He said the Opposition would continue its protests against what he described as the misuse of the electoral process.

Referring to the SIR, Kharge questioned how an election could be "free and fair" if, as he alleged, 500 voters' names were removed from a polling booth. He also accused BJP and RSS workers of visiting wards, panchayats and villages to seek deletion of voters' names and fill out forms for the purpose.

The Congress chief also criticised the 2023 law governing the appointment and service conditions of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners, particularly the provision protecting current and former commissioners from civil or criminal proceedings over acts undertaken while carrying out, or purporting to carry out, their official duties.

"Therefore, Modi and his implementers have brought in a law and are destroying democracy. First, they changed the composition of the committee. Earlier, the Chief Justice of India, the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister were members of the committee.

"Then, through a law brought in 2023, they removed the Chief Justice and included a minister. Why? Because tomorrow, if the Chief Justice does not agree with them and a sincere and honest person occupies that position, then they would not be able to get the law passed or constitute the CEC," he alleged.

The Supreme Court had directed in March 2023 that appointments be recommended by a committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Lok Sabha Opposition leader and the Chief Justice of India until Parliament enacted a law. The subsequent legislation provided for a Union cabinet minister nominated by the Prime Minister instead of the Chief Justice.

The EC has previously maintained that all decisions related to the SIR were taken unanimously by the three-member commission.

Kharge said the INDIA bloc had decided to intensify its campaign against the SIR at its September 30 meeting. Opposition MPs are scheduled to march to the Election Commission in New Delhi on October 6.

"There will be a very big agitation on October 6, and I am going there tomorrow. We will continue to hold agitations every three or four days, and agitations are also taking place in every state," he said.

His reference to travelling "tomorrow" was to October 4, ahead of the protest.

"Our job is to awaken the people. And even after awakening them, if you continue saying 'Modi, Modi', then you want dictatorship," Kharge said, reiterating his demand for

elections to be held through ballot papers.

Can't give timeframe on demand for Hasina's extradition: India tells B'desh

that. It was our duty as a neighbour to accept the reality of life, because situations are such where at times you are not prepared for it," Trivedi said.

"What was our choice? If you had said no, we wouldn't have accepted; we wouldn't have given landing permission. Things would have been, I don't know what," he said.

He questioned what India's alternative would have been at the time.

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Trivedi described the circumstances in Bangladesh as "tragic" and said such a situation should never be repeated anywhere in the world.

The comments came during the fifth edition of the Bay of Bengal Conversation 2026 in Dhaka. Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, who delivered the opening remarks at the event, was not present during Trivedi's panel discussion.

The remarks were Trivedi's first explicit comments on the extradition issue. He had previously declined to comment on matters involving "politics".

Hasina's government was toppled in August 2024, after which an interim administration led by Muhammad Yunus assumed office on August 8 and governed Bangladesh for the next 18 months. India-Bangladesh ties deteriorated during the Yunus-led administration.

During that period, Hasina was tried in absentia by a special tribunal and sentenced to death. The interim government also disbanded her Awami League party and sought her extradition through a diplomatic note.

After coming to power following the February 12 elections, which barred the Awami League from contesting, Tarique Rahman's Bangladesh Nationalist Party government endorsed the ban on Hasina's party and repeatedly renewed the demand for her extradition.

The extradition issue has since become a major point of strain in India-Bangladesh ties and has also affected Rahman's proposed visit to New Delhi.

India had invited Rahman to attend the BRICS Summit last month, while a separate bilateral invitation had been in place since February. Rahman declined the invitation to attend the BRICS outreach summit.

A virtual press conference addressed by Hasina in New Delhi on August 5 also added to the strains. The Bangladesh foreign ministry had said the atmosphere for Rahman's visit had been "vitiated" by Hasina's virtual press interaction.

India has maintained that it had no role in the media event concerning Hasina and does not endorse anything said at the forum about the Bangladesh government.

Despite the downturn in bilateral relations, Bangladesh State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir said after meeting Trivedi on Tuesday that Dhaka was "positive" about progress in discussions on Rahman's proposed India visit, though no date has been fixed.

Last month, Hasina declared that she was determined to return to Bangladesh in December as she was prepared to face arrest or even a death sentence to "restore democracy and justice" in the country, even as the Bangladesh government and courts continue the crackdown on Awami League leaders.

India has offered broadest ceasefire proposal: Ukraine

ian leader briefed the Prime Minister on the Ukraine conflict and ongoing peace initiatives.

A few days earlier, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said Russia would welcome peace efforts by India to resolve the Ukraine conflict and that Moscow's position was aligned with New Delhi's emphasis on dialogue and diplomacy.

Ukraine's latest proposal comes amid intensified Russian aerial attacks on the country.

Sybiha said Ukraine agrees to a ceasefire on the condition that it covers not only combat operations, but also attacks on energy and port infrastructure, as well as the situation in the Black Sea.

The Black Sea is currently one of the world's most dangerous commercial shipping zones due to the intensive escalation of missile and drone strikes by both Russia and Ukraine targeting ports, infrastructure, and merchant vessels.

Sybiha has repeated Ukraine's call for an unconditional ceasefire along the front line. Moscow has rejected such a ceasefire, saying a comprehensive peace agreement should be reached instead.

The war, which began with Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, has continued despite repeated diplomatic efforts to end the conflict.

Rohingya structures on forest land demolished on city outskirts

outside with the assistance of women police personnel. There were video recordings of the operation during which only structures identified as illegal were razed, officials said.

As many as 17 kutchha and 3 pucca structures occupied mostly by Rohingyas were removed, the officials added.

In this drive 150 kanals of forest land was retrieved by the forest department. The exercise was carried out under the direct supervision of DFO Jammu Anurag Arya who led a joint team of the forest department and Forest Protection Force. Police and district administration also provided support, making the exercise a success. The fresh eviction adds to the 4,225 kanals already retrieved in Jammu Forest division this year, officials said.

"The action was not directed against any particular community or group, but was solely aimed at removing encroachment from forest land. The forest rules are the same for everyone. There is no question of targeting any particular group. This action was solely against encroachments on forest land," officials said.

Last month, a Rohingya settlement in the Karyani Talab area of Jammu was cleared after the authorities served eviction notices to the owners of plots who had rented out their land to the illegal immigrants.

The action came nearly a month after a central committee on demographic changes visited Jammu from August 10 to 12 to gather information on issues relating to demographic changes, including illegal immigration.

The committee was constituted on May 26 under the chairmanship of Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navalkar (retired) to examine demographic changes and suggest administrative and legal measures.

The government data presented to the committee in August showed that 7,656 Rohingyas had been identified across Jammu and Kashmir.

Of these, 6,737 were identified across the 10 districts of the Jammu region, while 919 were identified across the 10 districts of the valley.