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Heroin seized at Banderdewa check gate; 1 arrested

Itanagar: In a successful anti-narcotics operation, Arunachal Pradesh's Banderdewa Police has seized 39.92 grams of suspected heroin from a vehicle during a late-night interception on Monday. The operation was based on a tip-off regarding the illegal transportation of narcotics from Assam into Arunachal Pradesh, police sources said on Tuesday. Acting swiftly, a police team led by SI Koj Tada, along with ASI S K Jha, head constable T Bomdom, and others, along with personnel from B/138 Battalion CRPF, intercepted a white Honda Elevate (AR27-2223) at Banderdewa Checkgate at around 9:30 pm.

BSF nabs 2 smugglers, seizes 6 drones, heroin from Amritsar

Amritsar: Continuing its relentless crackdown on cross-border smuggling, the vigilant BSF troops, in joint operations, apprehended two smugglers and recovered six rogue drones carrying heroin and weapon parts in multiple incidents along the Amritsar and Tarn Taran borders. Acting on the intelligence, two smugglers, residents of Bhikhiwind, were apprehended near village Dal in Tarn Taran area with a bike, two mobile phones and pistol parts with live rounds, said the release. In multiple coordinated operations in the last few hours, BSF troops neutralized and recovered total six drones - five DJI Mavic 3 Classic and one DJI Air 3 S across villages Roranwala Khurd, Dhanoe Kalan, Bhaini Rajputana and Daoke in Amritsar. These drones carried heroin (total gross weight: approx. 1.73 kg), pistol parts and empty magazines.



Six Kanwarias killed, many injured in bus-truck collision

Deoghar (Jharkhand): At least six Kanwarias were killed and several others were injured when the bus carrying the pilgrims collided with a truck in Deoghar district today morning, said SK Sinha, Zonal IG of Santhal Pargana. The accident occurred during the ongoing Shravan Kanwar Yatra, a major annual religious pilgrimage undertaken by the devotees of Lord Shiva, also known as Kanwaria. Deoghar MP Nishikant Dubey expressed grief over the tragedy in a post on X. He wrote, "In my Lok Sabha constituency of Deoghar, during the Kanwar Yatra in the month of Shravan, 18 devotees lost their lives due to a bus and truck accident. May Baba Baidyanath Ji grant strength to their families to bear this grief."

No decision to update National Population Register: MHA in LS

New Delhi: The central government has not decided to update the National Population Register, the Ministry of Home Affairs told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. "No decision has been taken to update the National Population Register. The intent to conduct the census has been notified. The period of conducting the house listing and housing census will be notified in due course," said Minister of State (MoS) Home Nityanand Rai in a written reply on the census. The Home Ministry also informed the House that the Census 2027 will be conducted in two phases, with the housing census in the first phase and population enumeration, demographics and caste census in the second phase.

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PM warns Pakistan against any ‘reckless’ move

Asserts Operation Sindoor is on



New Delhi (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today asserted that Operation Sindoor is on and warned Pakistan that any reckless move by them would be met with a firm response.

Making a statement in Lok Sabha during the debate on Operation Sindoor the Prime Minister said "I want to repeat in this temple of democracy that Operation Sindoor is on and any reckless move by Pakistan again, will be met with a firm response."

He said that for the first time the world saw the strength of Made-in-India.

"Made-in-India weapons exposed Pakistan's weapons. Our forces demolished terror bases. We proved that India won't bow to Pakistan's nuclear blackmailing. Their air bases are still in the ICU," he said. "In 22 minutes, Indian forces avenged April 22. What happened in Pahalagam on April 22 was cruel. The way terrorists killed the people after asking their religion was the heights of cruelty," he added.

Slamming the Congress for failing to support the Indian Defense Forces he said "I am here to show the mirror to the people who can't see the side of India." While the international community backed India's actions, the Congress did not extend the same support at home. "India's

bravery received global support, but sadly, not from the Congress," Modi said.

The Prime Minister highlighted that out of 193 countries, only three stood by Pakistan during the operation. "No country opposed India's measures to safeguard its national security. In fact, we received widespread support from across the world and no world leader told India to stop the Operation," he said.

Taking a direct aim at the Congress, Modi said, "the courage of our soldiers was questioned by the Congress. Right after the attack, instead of standing with the nation, they began asking, 'Where is Modi's 56-inch chest?'" He accused the opposition of politicizing the

tragic Pahalgam terror attack and undermining the morale of the armed forces by repeatedly questioning the intent and execution of Operation Sindoor.

"You may gain headlines with such comments, but you will never win the hearts of the people," he added.

Modi also recounted his interaction with US Vice President JD Vance during the operation.

"On the night of May 9, the US Vice President tried to contact me for over an hour while I was in an important meeting with our armed forces. When I returned his call, he warned of a massive Pakistani offensive. I made it clear if Pakistan initiates an attack, they will pay a heavy price. By morning, India had already dealt a decisive blow to their military capabilities," he said.

India strikes 100km inside Pakistan

All Pahalgam attackers neutralized, Shah declares

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today announced in the Lok Sabha that all three terrorists behind the recent Pahalgam attack were killed in a security forces encounter on Monday. Shah confirmed that Suleman alias Faisal, Afghan, and Jibrani—all Category 'A' Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists—were neutralized in 'Operation Mahadev' after killing 26 tourists. Their identities were confirmed by those who harbored them, and Pakistani-made chocolates were recovered.

Shah revealed a significant shift in India's counter-terrorism strategy: "For the first time, India attacked terrorist hide-outs located 100 kilometers inside Pakistan." This escalates from previous strikes confined to Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. During 'Operation Sindoor,' nine Pakistan-based terrorist camps were destroyed, 11 Pakistani airbases damaged (nine completely), and six radar systems neutralized.

Criticizing former Home Minister P. Chidambaram for questioning the terrorists' Pakistani origin, Shah accused him of giving Pakistan a "clean chit." He contrasted this with the Modi government's decisive retaliation to terror attacks, unlike previous administrations. Shah argued that if India had secured Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir after the 1971 war, today's terror threats wouldn't exist. He concluded by asserting that post-Article 370 abrogation, Kashmir has seen a decline in terror incidents, an end to stone-pelting, and the dismantling of the terrorist ecosystem, promising continued strict action against terrorism.



Heavy rains trigger flood-like situation across state

Schools closed, heavy rain alert for 34 districts



Bhopal: Heavy rains are continuing in Madhya Pradesh, particularly in Bhopal, where it has been raining

since Monday night. This has resulted in waterlogging in many areas, with up to two feet of water reported

DRDO successfully conducts two consecutive flight-tests of Pralay missile

New Delhi (UNI)

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted two consecutive successful flight-tests of Pralay missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam island off the coast of Odisha.

The flight tests were carried out on July 28 and 29 as part of the user evaluation trials to validate the missile system's maximum and minimum range capabilities. The missiles precisely followed the intended trajectory and reached the target point with pinpoint accuracy, meeting all the test objectives, a Defence Ministry statement said.

All subsystems performed as per expectations, which were verified using test data captured by various tracking sensors deployed by Integrated Test Range (ITR) including in-



struments deployed on ship positioned near the designated impact point.

Pralay is an indigenously developed solid propellant quasi-ballistic missile employing state-of-the-art guidance and navigation to ensure high precision. The missile is capable of carrying multiple types of warheads against various targets.

The system has been developed by Research Centre Imarat in collaboration other DRDO labs.

SC schedules hearing on Presidential reference over its deadline ruling on assent to bills

New Delhi (UNI)

The Supreme Court today announced that it will begin hearings on the Presidential Reference concerning the constitutional powers of the Governor and the President in relation to granting or withholding assent to state legislation, under Articles 200 and 201 of the Constitution.

The hearings will commence on August 19 and continue through September 10, with the Court making it clear that the schedule is non-negotiable and will not be altered

under any circumstances.

A Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Justice BR Gavai, and comprising Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, PS Narasimha, and AS Chandurkar, will adjudicate the Reference made by President Droupadi Murmu under Article 143 of the Constitution. The Court has directed all parties to submit their written submissions by August 12.

The hearing schedule will be as follows:

August 19: Kerala and Tamil Nadu governments to raise preliminary

objections to the maintainability of the Reference.

August 19, 20, 21, 26: Attorney General and the Union of India to argue in support of the Reference.

August 28, September 2, 3, and 9: States opposing the Reference will present their arguments.

September 10: Rejoinders, if any, to be heard.

The Court has appointed Advocate Aman Mehta as the nodal counsel for the Union and Advocate Misha Rohatgi as the nodal counsel for the opposing States to compile

Rahul Gandhi criticizes “Operation Sindoor

Citing lack of political will



Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi today launched a sharp critique of 'Operation Sindoor' in the Lok Sabha, arguing that India's decision to notify Pakistan of its impending strikes demonstrated a "lack of political will" from the government. Gandhi acknowledged the nation's unanimous condemnation of Pakistan's role in the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack and stated that the INDIA bloc leaders supported the government during the operation.

However, he emphasized the critical role of political will, drawing a parallel to India's decisive action in 1971 under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Gandhi expressed dismay at recent revelations by military officials, suggesting that informing Pakistan of an impending attack essentially signaled, "we lack the political will to truly surprise you." He asserted this message was conveyed to Pakistan beforehand.

He further questioned the government's silence on President Donald Trump's repeated claims of mediating a ceasefire between India and Pakistan. Gandhi challenged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to publicly deny Trump's assertions if they were false. He also criticized President Trump's invitation to Pakistan's Army Chief, suggesting PM Modi should have protested this engagement given Pakistan's alleged role in fostering terrorism. Gandhi stressed that the military should be utilized solely for national security, not political gain.

Objective of Op Sindoor remains unfulfilled as govt diplomacy has failed: Priyanka

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra stated today that while 'Operation Sindoor' was meant to send a strong message to Pakistan, its objective may have remained unfulfilled due to the government's failure on the diplomatic front. "The purpose of 'Operation Sindoor' was to teach Pakistan a lesson, but perhaps this purpose remains unfulfilled, because our diplomacy has failed," Priyanka Gandhi said. "As proof of this failure," she said, "a Pakistani general, whose hands were stained with blood, was seen having lunch with the President of the United States shortly after the operation." She further added that if the mission's goal was to eliminate terrorism, then Pakistan's appointment as the chair of the United Nations' Counter-Terrorism Committee has seriously undermined that objective. Priyanka asked, "Will the Prime Minister take responsibility for this? Does he have the courage to do so?" She also demanded clarity in Parliament, saying, "If our aircraft were not damaged during the operation, then give the House a straightforward answer."



on several roads and in various colonies.

A flood-like situation has developed in Bhopal's Eco Green Park along the Ayodhya Bypass.

The water level in the Upper Lake is rising due to the Kolans River flowing one foot above maximum level. Testing for the opening of Kaliasot Dam's gates was conducted at noon on Tuesday. As a precaution, schools were closed for half a day due to the heavy rains.

In response to the ongoing rainfall, a holiday has been declared for all schools in Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Vidisha, Guna, and Shivpuri on Wednesday. A holiday was also announced in Narmadapuram on Tuesday, although the order was issued at 8:30 AM, after many students had already left for school.

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Probe widens as ED targets ex-Municipal chief in land scam raids

Mumbai: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) today launched coordinated searches at residences and offices linked to former Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation (VVMC) Commissioner Anilkumar Khanderao Pawar, intensifying a money laundering probe into illegal construction across 60 acres of reserved civic land.

Simultaneous raids were conducted targeting 12 locations across Mumbai, Pune, and Nashik connected to the 2014-batch IAS officer, who vacated his commissioner post yesterday following state orders.

Maharashtra has appointed M.M. Suryawanshi (IAS) as his successor amid broader bureaucratic reshuffles.

In a parallel enforcement surge, the ED froze assets valued at Rs 12.7 crore during a separate operation targeting the Vasai-Virar illegal construction network.

Manu Singhvi and P Wilson, appearing for the State of Tamil Nadu, informed the Court that Tamil Nadu has also challenged the maintainability of the Reference, echoing similar concerns.

The Reference follows the Supreme Court's landmark ruling in the Tamil Nadu Governor case, where a two-judge bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan held that Governors must act within a three-month timeframe when deciding on assent to Bills passed by the legislature.