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BRIEF NEWS

देश में खाद्यान्न की कोई कमी नहीं : शिवराज सिंह

NEW DELHI : केंद्रीय कृषि, किसान कल्याण और ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने वर्तमान परिस्थितियों के मद्देनजर शुक्रवार को मंत्रालय तथा भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद (आईसीएआर) और ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के साथ समीक्षा बैठक की। बैठक के बाद मीडिया से चर्चा में शिवराज ने कहा कि अधिकारियों से फसल बुआई, खाद्यान्न, फल-सब्जी उत्पादन तथा उपलब्धता की जानकारी लेने के साथ मौजूदा परिस्थितियों में किसानों को कहीं-कोई दिक्कत नहीं आने देने के संबंध में दिशा-निर्देश दिए। देश में गेहूँ, चावल व अन्य अनाज पर्याप्त मात्रा में उपलब्ध है। बापर उत्पादन हुआ है।

अनिश्चितकाल के लिए आईपीएल 2025 स्थगित

NEW DELHI : भारतीय क्रिकेट कंट्रोल बोर्ड (बीसीसीआई) ने भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच तनाव और सीमा पर युद्ध जैसी स्थिति में इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग (आईपीएल 2025) को स्थगित करने का फैसला किया है। जल्द ही औपचारिक घोषणा किए जाने की संभावना है। यह फैसला आईपीएल द्वारा पंजाब फिक्स और दिल्ली कैपिटल्स के बीच गुरुवार को होने वाले मैच को पहली पारी के बीच में ही छोड़ने के फैसले के बाद सामने आया। धर्मशाला और आस-पास के इलाकों के एयरपोर्ट बंद होने के कारण, पंजाब और दिल्ली के खिलाड़ी और सहयोगी स्टाफ शुक्रवार सुबह आईपीएल द्वारा आयोजित एक विशेष ट्रेन से दिल्ली पहुंचे। आईपीएल 2025 में अभी तक 58 मैच हो चुके हैं, जिसमें धर्मशाला में रद किया गया मैच भी शामिल है।

फिर तपने लगा झारखंड 40 डिग्री पहुंचा तापमान

RANCHI : झारखंड एक बार फिर से तपने लगा है। राज्य के पलामू जिला में तापमान 40 डिग्री पहुंच गया है। अन्य जिलों में भी तापमान में धीरे-धीरे वृद्धि हो रही है। राजधानी रांची में पिछले छह दिनों में तापमान में पांच डिग्री की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई है। तीन मई को रांची में अधिकतम तापमान 31.8 डिग्री था जो शुक्रवार को बढ़कर 36.4 डिग्री रिकॉर्ड किया गया। तापमान बढ़ने से राजधानीवासियों को दिन में प्रचंड गर्मी का एहसास हो रहा है, जबकि शाम होते ही बादल छा रहे हैं और कहीं-कहीं बूलबंदी भी हो रही है। इससे लोगों को गर्मी से राहत मिल रही है। वहीं गुरुवार की शाम में बुदाबांदी के बादजुद काफी उमस महसूस की गई। मौसम विभाग ने आने वाले दिनों में तापमान में और वृद्धि होने की आशंका जताई है। साथ ही 10 से 14 मई तक उত্তर-पूर्वी झारखण्ड में लू चलने को लेकर येलो अलर्ट जारी किया है।

न्यू नॉलेज अचानक आई सक्रियता के कारण खगोलशास्त्रियों की बड़ी उत्सुकता

अंतरिक्ष में कन्या तारामंडल की चमक ने वैज्ञानिकों को किया चकित

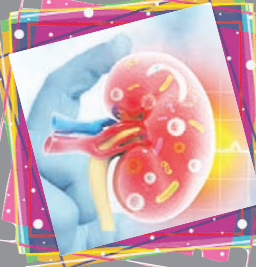
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अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान के क्षेत्र में लगातार नए अनुसंधान का काम तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहा है। इस क्षेत्र में पिछले कुछ वर्षों में भारत की उपलब्धि विश्व स्तरीय रही है। इस बीच दुनिया में एक रहस्यमयी और रोमांचक खोज ने हलचल मचा दी है। वैज्ञानिकों ने कन्या (विराग) तारामंडल में स्थित एक दूरस्थ आकाशगंगा के केंद्र में विशालकाय ब्लैक होल को सक्रिय अवस्था में देखा है, जो अब तक निष्क्रिय माना जा रहा था। यह ब्लैक होल नियमित अंतराल पर तीव्र एक्स-रे विस्फोट उत्पन्न कर रहा है, जिससे खगोलविद हैरान और उत्साहित हैं। यह असामान्य गतिविधि पृथ्वी से लगभग 30 करोड़ प्रकाश वर्ष दूर देखी गई है। शोधकर्ताओं का मानना ​​है कि यह एक अद्वितीय घटना है, जिसने ब्लैक होल की प्रकृति और उसके व्यवहार को लेकर स्थापित धारणाओं को चुनौती दी है। इस आकाशगंगा की ओर वैज्ञानिकों का ध्यान पहली बार 2019 में गया, जब उसमें अचानक असामान्य चमक देखने को मिली। यह चमक इतनी तीव्र थी कि कई दूरबीनें अनायास ही उसकी ओर केंद्रित हो गईं।

एक दूरस्थ आकाशगंगा के केंद्र में दिखी विशालकाय ब्लैक होल की हलचल नियमित अंतराल पर उत्पन्न तेज एक्स-रे विस्फोट से उत्साहित हैं वैज्ञानिक

➤ वास्तव में इस आकाशगंगा की ओर साल 2019 में गया था वैज्ञानिकों का ध्यान

➤ पिछले साल चिली के खगोलविदों ने दूरबीनों की निगरानी में किया था विशेष अध्ययन



ब्लैक होल की प्रकृति व व्यवहार को लेकर स्थापित धारणाओं को मिली चुनौती

➤ चमकीले और सघन क्षेत्र को वैज्ञानिकों ने सक्रिय गैलेक्टिक नाभिक के रूप में पहचाना

मौजूदा खगोलीय मॉडल को चैलेंज ब्लैक होल और उसके व्यवहार को लेकर मौजूदा खगोलीय मॉडल इस घटना की व्याख्या करने में असमर्थ साबित हो रहे हैं। वैज्ञानिकों को इस असाधारण गतिविधि को समझने के लिए नए सिद्धांत गढ़ने पड़ रहे हैं। एक्सएमएम-न्यूटन टेलीस्कोप से जुड़े प्रमुख वैज्ञानिक डॉ. जॉर्ज ने कहा कि यह एक परिचलना यह है कि एक्स-रे चमक तब उत्पन्न होती है, जब कोई छिटा खगोलीय पिंड जैसे कि कोई तारा या ग्रह, ब्लैक होल की अभिवृद्धि डिस्क से गुजरता है, जिससे उसमें विकीर्ण उत्पन्न होता है।

NEW DELHI • PTI :

शुक्रवार को शाम 5:30 बजे विदेश मंत्रालय ने पाकिस्तान के साथ तनाव पर लगातार तीसरे दिन प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस की। इसमें विदेश सचिव विक्रम मिसरी के साथ कर्नल सोफिया कुरैशी और विंग कमांडर व्योमिका सिंह मौजूद रहें। इससे पहले 7 और 8 मई को भी सरकार की तरफ से ऑपरेशन सिंदूर की जानकारी दी गई थी।

कर्नल सोफिया कुरैशी ने कहा 8-9 मई की मध्य रात्रि को पाकिस्तानी सेना ने सैन्य बुनियादी ढांचे को निशाना बनाने के इरादे से कई बार हमला किया। अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा पर 36 स्थानों पर घुसपैठ का प्रयास किया गया। करीब 300-400 ड्रोन का इस्तेमाल किया। इनका मकसद खुफिया और वायु रक्षा प्रणालियों की जानकारी लेना था। शुरूआती जांच में यह सामने आया कि तुर्किये के ड्रोने थे। इनकी जांच की जा रही है। भारतीय सेनाओं ने इन्हें नष्ट कर दिया। एक यूएवी भी मूवमेंट कर रही थी, जिसे निष्क्रिय कर दिया गया। पाकिस्तान ने एलओसी पर भारी फायरिंग की, इसमें कुछ जवान घायल हुए। 7 मई 2025 को रात साढ़े आठ बजे मिसाइल और ड्रोन हमला किया और उस दौरान अपना एयर स्पेस बंद नहीं किया। नागरिकों का इस्तेमाल ढाल के लिए किया। पंजाब सेक्टर में हाई एयर डिफेंस अलर्ट के दौरान हमारा एयरस्पेस नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद है, लेकिन पाकिस्तान के इलाके में नागरिक उड़ान चल रही थी। पाकिस्तान का नागरिक विमान दमम से उड़ान भरकर लाहौर तक गया। भारतीय वायुसेना ने अपनी प्रतिक्रिया में संयम दिखाया और

अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा पर 36 स्थानों पर घुसपैठ का किया गया प्रयास

भारतीय प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाने की नापाक कोशिश

प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में विदेश सचिव विक्रम मिसरी ने कहा कि भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों ने बृहस्पतिवार रात भारतीय प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाने की पाकिस्तान की कोशिश का उचित और पर्याप्त रूप से जवाब दिया। उन्होंने बताया कि पाकिस्तानी पक्ष ने विशेष पूजा स्थलों को निशाना बनाया और यह पाकिस्तान की एक और घटिया हरकत है। विक्रम मिसरी ने बताया कि कल रात की पाकिस्तानी सेना की कायरतापूर्ण गतिविधियों से आपको अवगत करा दिया गया है। ये उकसाने वाली कार्रवाई थी, उन्होंने भारतीय शहरों और सिविलियन इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर और कुछ मिलिट्री टिकानों को टारगेट किया। भारतीय सैन्य इकाइयों ने इनका उत्तर दिया।



पाकिस्तान ने हवाई क्षेत्र का किया उल्लंघन : व्योमिका सिंह

विंग कमांडर व्योमिका सिंह ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान ने आठ और नौ मई की दरमियानी रात को भारतीय सैन्य प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाने के लिए देश के हवाई क्षेत्र का उल्लंघन किया। सिंह ने बताया कि पाकिस्तान ने भारत के सैन्य प्रतिष्ठानों को

निशाना बनाने के लिए बृहस्पतिवार रात लेह से लेकर सर क्रीक तक 36 जगहों पर 300 से 400 ड्रोन भेजे। उन्होंने कहा कि भारतीय सेना ने इन ड्रोन को मार गिराया। 7 मई 2025 को रात साढ़े आठ बजे मिसाइल और ड्रोन हमला किया

और उश दौरान अपना एयर स्पेस बंद नहीं किया। नागरिकों का इस्तेमाल ढाल के लिए किया। पंजाब सेक्टर में हाई एयर डिफेंस अलर्ट के दौरान हमारा एयरस्पेस नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद है, लेकिन पाकिस्तान के इलाके में नागरिक उड़ान चल रही थी।

पाकिस्तान ने फिर की नापाक हरकत, भारत ने किया नाकाम

पाकिस्तान ने लगातार दूसरे दिन भारत पर ड्रोन और मिसाइल से हमले किए। शुक्रवार को शाम होते ही पाकिस्तान ने जम्मू-कश्मीर के 6 सेक्टर उरी, तंगधार, केरन, मेंढर, नोगाम, आरएसपुरा, अरनिया और पुष्प में फायरिंग शुरू कर दी। पंजाब के फिरोजपुर में मिसाइल अटैक हुआ। इधर, जम्मू, पंजाब के फिरोजपुर और राजस्थान के जैसलमेर में कम्प्लैट ब्लैकआउट कर दिया गया है। राजस्थान के पोकरण में भी ड्रोन अटैक किया गया। भारत ने पाकिस्तान के सभी हमलों को नाकाम कर दिया। चंडीगढ़ और अंबाला में हवाई हमले की चेतावनी दी गई है। चंडीगढ़ में सेना की वेस्टर्न कमांड है, एनआईए का भी दफ्तर है।

अमित शाह ने अधिकारियों के साथ सुरक्षा को लेकर की बैठक

शुक्रवार को भारत एवं पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य संघर्ष के मद्देनजर गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने पाकिस्तान के साथ लगती भारत की सीमा और देश के हवाई अड्डों पर मौजूदा स्थिति की समीक्षा की। सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी। इससे कुछ ही घंटे पहले सीमा सुरक्षा बल (बीएसएफ) ने कहा कि उसने जम्मू में भारत-पाकिस्तान अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा के पार से घुसपैठ की कोशिश कर रहे सात आतंकवादियों को मार गिराया और पाकिस्तान रेंजर्स की एक चौकी को भी नष्ट कर दिया है।

24 हवाई अड्डे 15 मई तक नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद

श्रीनगर और चंडीगढ़ समेत देश के उत्तरी और पश्चिमी हिस्सों में कम से कम 24 हवाई अड्डों को 15 मई तक नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद कर दिया गया है। सूत्रों ने शुक्रवार को यह जानकारी दी। इससे पहले, भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य संघर्ष के मद्देनजर इन हवाई अड्डों को 10 मई तक नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद कर दिया गया था। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि 15 मई तक हवाई अड्डों के अस्थायी रूप से बंद होने के कारण उनकी उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं।

पीएम मोदी ने की उच्चस्तरीय बैठक

पाकिस्तान के साथ तनावपूर्ण संबंधों के बीच पीएम मोदी ने एक बार फिर राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार अजीत डोभाल और चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ अनिल चौहान के साथ बैठक की। बैठक में तीनों सेना प्रमुख और रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह भी मौजूद रहे। इससे पहले प्रधानमंत्री ने तीनों सेनाओं के पूर्व प्रमुखों के अलावा देश की सेवा कर चुके अन्य सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारी भी शामिल हैं।

पीएम ने सशस्त्र बलों के पूर्व अफसरों से की बात

शुक्रवार को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने पाकिस्तान के साथ चल रहे संघर्ष के बीच तीनों सेनाओं के पूर्व प्रमुखों सहित कई पूर्व सैन्य अधिकारियों के साथ व्यापक बातचीत की। अधिकारियों ने यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि इनमें सेना, वायुसेना और नौसेना के पूर्व प्रमुखों के अलावा देश की सेवा कर चुके अन्य सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारी भी शामिल हैं।

घुसपैठ की कोशिश कर रहे सात आतंकवादियों को किया गया ढेर

शुक्रवार को सीमा सुरक्षा बल (बीएसएफ) ने कहा कि उसने जम्मू में भारत-पाकिस्तान अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा के पार से घुसपैठ की कोशिश कर रहे सात आतंकवादियों को मार गिराया और पाकिस्तान रेंजर्स की एक चौकी को भी नष्ट कर दिया है। साबा जिले में बृहस्पतिवार रात करीब 11 बजे सुरक्षा बलों का आतंकवादियों से आमना सामना हुआ था, जब निगरानी करने वाले बीएसएफ के जवानों ने आतंकवादियों के एक बड़े समूह को देखा था। बीएसएफ के एक प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि घुसपैठ की कोशिश को पाकिस्तान रेंजर्स की दाढ़र चौकी का समर्थन था, जिनकी गोलीबारी की आड़ में आतंकवादी घुसपैठ करना चाहते थे। उन्होंने कहा कि सीनकों ने घुसपैठ की कोशिश को नाकाम कर दिया।

यूएवी ने भटिंडा आर्मी स्टेशन टारगेट करने की कोशिश की थी, जिसे गिरा दिया गया था। इससे पहले केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्री जेपी नड्डा ने शुक्रवार को देश के सभी स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों

और स्वास्थ्य बुनियादी सुविधाओं की समीक्षा की।

उत्तरी, पश्चिमी और पूर्वी कमान में प्रादेशिक सेना की 14 इन्फैंट्री बटालियनों को किया गया सक्रिय

एक्शन : सेना की वर्दी को लेकर आर्मी इंटेलिजेंस और एटीएस ने मारी रेड रांची में नकली वर्दी के कपड़ों को किया गया जब््त

PHOTON NEWS RANCHI :

शुक्रवार को राजधानी रांची के गणेश आर्मी स्टोर में आर्मी इंटेलिजेंस और एटीएस की टीम ने सेना की वर्दी से जुड़े मामले को लेकर छापेमारी की है। छापेमारी में प्रतिबंधित वर्दी के कपड़ों को आर्मी इंटेलिजेंस और एटीएस ने जप्त किया है। आर्मी की ओर से दी गई जानकारी के मुताबिक लखनऊ मिलिट्री इंटेलिजेंस से मिली विशेष सूचना के आधार पर झारखंड एटीएस और एमआई ने रांची में संयुक्त अभियान चलाकर स्टोर की तलाशी ली। इस दौरान दीपावली फेट के सामने बूटी मोड के पास गणेश आर्मी स्टोर से भारतीय सेना की लड़ाकू वर्दी और अनधिकृत सेना के लड़ाकू कपड़े बरामद किए हैं।

लखनऊ मिलिट्री इंटेलिजेंस से मिली विशेष सूचना के आधार पर की गई कार्रवाई



सर्व करने में मांगी गई थी मदद : ऋषभ झा एटीएस एसपी ऋषभ झा ने बताया कि आर्मी इंटेलिजेंस द्वारा उनसे बूटी मोड स्थित गणेश आर्मी स्टोर में सर्व करने में मदद मांगी गई थी। एटीएस की टीम वहां आर्मी इंटेलिजेंस

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए खतरा

भारत-पाकिस्तान सीमा पर चल रहे तनाव के कारण अलर्ट की स्थिति को देखते हुए ऐसी नकली वर्दी का इस्तेमाल राष्ट्र विरोधी तत्वों द्वारा किया जा सकता है। यह राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए गंभीर खतरा पैदा कर सकता है। इस मामले में इरादे और लिंक की पहचान करने के लिए एजेंसियों द्वारा सभी संभावित कोणों की जांच की जा रही है। बता दें कि बूटी मोड के पास भारतीय सेना के दो कैप हैं। गणेश आर्मी स्टोर में भारतीय सेना के कई तरह के सामान मिलते हैं। वहां वर्दी की सिलाई भी होती है।

उत्तरी, पश्चिमी और पूर्वी कमान में प्रादेशिक सेना की 14 इन्फैंट्री बटालियनों को किया गया सक्रिय

NEW DELHI : रक्षा मंत्रालय ने पाकिस्तान के साथ बढ़ते तनाव के बीच सेना प्रमुख को प्रादेशिक सेना संगठित करने के लिए अधिकार बढ़ा दिए हैं। प्रादेशिक सेना नियम 1948 के नियम 33 के तहत सेना प्रमुख अब प्रादेशिक सेना के सभी अधिकारियों और नामांकित कार्मिकों को आवश्यक सुरक्षा प्रदान करने या नियमित सैन्य अभियानों में सहायता करने के लिए बुला सकते हैं। सरकार के इस फैसले के तहत उत्तरी, पश्चिमी और पूर्वी कमान में प्रादेशिक सेना की 14 इन्फैंट्री बटालियनों को सक्रिय किया गया है। केंद्र सरकार ने शुक्रवार को जारी आदेश में सेना प्रमुख को प्रादेशिक सेना के प्रत्येक अधिकारी और प्रत्येक भर्ती व्यक्ति को आवश्यक सुरक्षा प्रदान करने या नियमित सेना को सहायता या पूरक प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से तैनात करने के लिए शक्तियों का प्रयोग करने का अधिकार दिया है। रक्षा मंत्रालय के परिपत्र में कहा गया है, प्रादेशिक सेना नियम 1948 के नियम 33 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए केंद्र सरकार सेना प्रमुख को उस नियम के तहत शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए प्रादेशिक सेना के प्रत्येक अधिकारी और प्रत्येक भर्ती व्यक्ति को आवश्यक सुरक्षा प्रदान करने या नियमित सेना को सहायता या पूरक प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से तैनात करने के लिए बुलाने का अधिकार देती है। परिपत्र के अनुसार मौजूदा 32 इन्फैंट्री बटालियन (प्रादेशिक सेना) में से 14 इन्फैंट्री बटालियन (प्रादेशिक सेना) दक्षिणी कमान, पूर्वी कमान, पश्चिमी कमान, मध्य कमान, उत्तरी कमान, दक्षिण पश्चिमी कमान, अंडमान और निकोबार कमान और सेना प्रशिक्षण कमान (एआरटीआरएसपी) के क्षेत्रों में तैनाती के लिए बनाई गई है।

बच्चों के साथ मां ने कुएं में लगा दी छलांग, तीनों नौनिहालों की गई जान



PHOTON NEWS GIRIDIH :

शुक्रवार को जिला में हृदय विदारक घटना घटी। यहां एक महिला अपने तीन बच्चों को लेकर कुएं में कूद गईं। घटना में तीनों बच्चों की मौत हो गई है, जबकि महिला को बचा लिया गया। घटना देवरी थाना क्षेत्र के खसलोडीह गांव की है। मृतकों में अविनाश कुमार 06 वर्ष, रानी कुमारी 03 वर्ष, फूल कुमारी 02 वर्ष शामिल हैं। बच्चों को लेकर कूदने वाली महिला आरती देवी को बेहोशी हालत में गिरिडीह अस्पताल भेजवाया गया है। महिला की स्थिति गंभीर बताई गई है। इस घटना की सूचना पर इंसपेक्टर पास्कल टोण्डो, प्रभारी थानेदार रिशु सिन्हा खसलोडीह पहुंचकर जांच पड़ताल में जुट गए हैं। बताया जा रहा है घटना शुक्रवार की पूर्वाह्न 11 बजे की है। महिला कुएं के पास पहुंचीं। यहीं पर तीनों बच्चों के साथ महिला ने कुएं में छलांग लगा दी। महिला के कुएं में छलांग लगाते हुए एक व्यक्ति ने देखा तो शोर मचाया। शोर मचाने के बाद कई ग्रामीण जुट और किसी

गिरिडीह के देवरी थाना क्षेत्र के खसलोडीह गांव में हुई हृदयविदारक घटना बेहोशी की हालत में मां को पहुंचाया गया अस्पताल, गंभीर बताई जा रही स्थिति

तरह चारों को कुएं से निकाला। महिला तो बेहोश मिली, लेकिन तीनों बच्चों ने दम तोड़ दिया। इस घटना को लेकर गांव में चर्चा है कि गुरुवार रात के समय पति सोनू चौधरी के साथ पत्नी की किसी बात को लेकर कहासुनी हुई थी। इसी शायदी में गया है, जबकि वह और उसका पति गांव के ही एक शादी समारोह में गए थे।

India likely to caution IMF against fresh financial support to Pakistan: Report

New Delhi One day before a key International Monetary Fund (IMF) meeting in Washington, India indicated it might raise its concerns with the international body about giving more financial help to Pakistan, reported PTI.

On Thursday, India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that India's representative at the IMF would clearly put forward the country's view. "I'm sure that our executive director will put forward India's position," he told reporters during a media briefing.

He stated that although the board's decision is separate, those who keep generously helping Pakistan financially should clearly understand the risks involved. Misri also pointed out that Pakistan has received around 24 bailout packages from the IMF in the past, but many of them have failed to achieve proper results. These comments come just a day after India carried out military strikes on terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir. Tensions between the two countries have gone up since then. India seems to be sending a message that simply handing out money to Pakistan won't solve the deeper issues, especially when terrorism and poor handling of previous funds remain concerns.

Rupee vs US Dollar: Indian currency falls 30 paise to 85.88 against US dollar

Mumbai. The rupee depreciated 30 paise to 85.88 against the US dollar in early trade on Friday, weighed down by intensifying geopolitical tensions between India and Pakistan. Forex traders said geopolitical tensions between India and Pakistan have sparked risk-off sentiment in the market leading to the rupee weakness. Besides, increased demand for the US dollar further dented investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 85.88 against the greenback, registering a fall of 30 paise over its previous close.

On Thursday, the rupee saw its steepest single-day fall in more than two-and-a-half years and settled 81 paise lower at 85.58 against the US dollar on Thursday, weighed down by heightened geopolitical tensions between India and Pakistan.

Pakistan's armed forces launched multiple attacks using drones and other munitions along the entire western border on the intervening night of May 8-9, which were "effectively repulsed", the Indian Army said on Friday. Pakistani troops also resorted to "numerous ceasefire violations" along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian Army said in an early morning post on X. The rupee fell to 85.78 on Thursday on the escalation of hostility between the two countries from a high of 84.52 and opened lower on a rise in the dollar index and could move to 86.50 unless the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) steps in to sell dollars, said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.01 per cent at 100.65. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.30 per cent to USD 63.03 per barrel in futures trade. "During any war-like scenario investors usually flee out towards safe-haven assets, causing capital outflows from the market and weakening the currency in the short-term," CR Forex Advisors MD – Amit Pabari said. However, this weakness is likely to stay for the short-term, as the war tensions ease out and strong fundamental data, Indian rupee is poised to appreciate in the medium term, Pabari added. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 589.96 points or 0.73 per cent to 79,744.85, while the Nifty fell 195.50 points or 0.81 per cent to 24,078.30. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 2,007.96 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

RBI eases debt market rules for FPIs



Mumbai. RBI has eased investment restrictions for foreign portfolio investors in the corporate debt market. This move is likely to deepen market liquidity and align India more closely with global capital flows. RBI announced it will remove both the short-term investment cap and the concentration limit that previously applied to FPIs investing through the general route. Under the earlier framework, FPIs could only invest in corporate bonds with a residual maturity of more than one year. Their holdings were also capped at 50% of any single issuance, with tighter limits based on investor type.

These constraints, designed to mitigate concentration risk and discourage speculative flows, did not apply to the voluntary retention route, a separate channel with lock-in conditions. The removal of these restrictions grants foreign investors greater freedom to deploy capital tactically. FPIs can now hold a larger share of individual bond issues and invest freely across the maturity curve, including in paper with less than one year to maturity.

Titan share price jumps over 4% after strong Q4 numbers. Should you buy

Titan's share price surged 4.95% to reach the day's high of Rs 3,530 on the BSE, compared to the previous close of Rs 3,363.45.

New Delhi Shares of Titan Company jumped nearly 5% on Friday morning after the firm announced strong results for the fourth quarter and the full financial year. It also announced a dividend of Rs 11 per share.

Titan's share price surged 4.95% to reach the day's high of Rs 3,530 on the BSE, compared to the previous close of Rs 3,363.45. A total of 0.46 lakh shares changed hands, with a turnover of Rs 15.89 crore. With this rise, the market value of Titan increased to Rs 3.12 lakh crore. So far this year, Titan's stock has

gone up 8.37%, and it has gained 9% over the last 12 months. WHAT BROKERAGES ARE SAYING

Brokerage houses are mostly positive on the stock after the earnings. Motilal Oswal has kept its 'buy' rating on Titan and set a price target of Rs 4,000, which is 19% higher than its previous close.

"Titan continues to do better than other branded players because of its strong sourcing network, focus on younger customers, and good reinvestment strategy. The brand value and business model are hard to copy, which gives Tanishq an advantage in the jewellery market. Titan's store count reached 3,312 by the end of March 2025, and the company is still expanding. Other businesses apart from jewellery are also growing well and will help in the medium term," said Motilal Oswal. They expect Titan's revenue, operating profit (EBITDA), and net profit to grow by 16%, 18%, and 22% every year from FY25 to FY27. "Titan may look expensive at the moment, but the long-



term growth story is intact, and the company has a strong record of performance," the brokerage added.

JM Financial has also upgraded its rating on the stock from 'Hold' to 'Buy'. It has raised the price target from Rs 3,550 to Rs 3,725. "We have increased our price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio from 55 times to 57 times due to stable margins and strong growth. We expect 15% revenue growth, 27% EBITDA growth, and 33% profit growth from FY25 to FY27," JM Financial said in its report. Brokerage Nuvama has also raised its target price to Rs 4,541 from Rs 4,115 and kept its 'Buy' rating. "Titan's jewellery business

performed well due to operational strength, a pick-up in solitaire sales, and small hedging gains. This helped it post a strong operating margin of 11.9% in Q4, even though gross margins fell and the studded ratio went down by 3 percentage points year-on-year," said Nuvama. The brokerage added, "Strong wedding and festive demand helped the jewellery segment grow by 25% compared to last year, despite high gold prices. We expect good demand in Q1FY26 due to many wedding dates. Because of this continued demand, we have slightly increased our revenue and profit forecasts for FY26 and FY27." From a technical point of view, Titan stock looks stable. Its relative strength index (RSI) is at 61.9, which means it is neither overbought nor oversold. The stock has a beta of 0.8, suggesting it is less volatile than the market. It is also trading above all its key moving averages: 5-day, 20-day, 50-day, 100-day, and 200-day, which is usually a good sign for investors.

HAL, BEL, Bharat Dynamics: Defence stocks

New Delhi. Escalating tensions with Pakistan have sparked a sharp rally in defence stocks, with investors rushing to price in a potential surge in demand for defence equipment and systems. Shares of Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL), Bharat Dynamics (BDL), Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL), and Paras Defence jumped between 2 and 7% in Friday's trade, outperforming a jittery broader market shaken by geopolitical uncertainty.

The surge follows India's precision missile strikes on nine identified terror hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), carried out in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians.

week, possibly to discuss scaling up production readiness. "We've been called to Delhi next week. Our team is going. I can't say more," Bharat Forge Chairman and MD Baba Kalyani told CNBC-TV18, fuelling further



renewed government orders as part of India's ongoing military modernisation drive. The Indian defence budget for FY26 stands at Rs 6.81 lakh crore, with Rs 1.8 lakh crore earmarked for capital expenditure. With fresh tensions on the border and cross-border strikes back in the spotlight, investors appear confident that these budget allocations may be revised upward or fast-tracked.

Meanwhile, tensions remain high across the Line of Control. Pakistan retaliated with missile and drone attacks late Thursday, prompting India to activate its air defence systems. Explosions were reported in parts of Jammu and Kashmir as drones were intercepted mid-air. Sirens and blackouts were imposed in border towns across Punjab and Rajasthan as civilians scrambled for cover. International reactions have been cautious. US Vice President JD Vance ruled out direct involvement, saying Washington would not intervene in "a war that's fundamentally none of our business," but urged both nations to pursue de-escalation.

As tensions escalated between India and Pakistan, shares of defence companies such as Bharat Forge, Paras Defence, BEL and HAL were among the top movers on the BSE, with strong interest also seen in Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Cochin Shipyard, BEML, and Data Patterns.

The rally comes amid reports that the Modi government has called top defence manufacturers to Delhi next

speculation around a rapid push for defence readiness. Brokerages have already been bullish on the sector. Nuvama recently projected a \$130 billion defence opportunity over the next five years, with the Air Force and Navy accounting for the bulk of upcoming capex. HAL's LCA Tejas and Sukhoi upgrade programs, BDL's missile systems including Akash and Astra, and BEL's radar and electronic warfare offerings are expected to see

Indian Oil assures public of fuel stocks amid rising tensions: No need for panic buying

New Delhi. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has asked people across the country to avoid panic buying of fuel, saying there is enough stock of petrol, diesel, and LPG available at all outlets. The company added that its supply operations are running without any problems. IOCL posted a message on social media platform X on Friday, saying, "IndianOil has ample fuel stocks across the country, and our supply lines are operating smoothly. There is no need for panic buying—fuel and LPG are readily available at all our outlets." The company also requested the public to stay calm and avoid unnecessary rush at petrol pumps. Indian Oil said that this calm behaviour would help the company continue to supply fuel smoothly and ensure that all customers have access to petrol, diesel and LPG without any



delay.

WHY THE PANIC?

IOCL shares were trading in the red today, with the stock down 1%. The IOCL statement comes in the wake of escalating tensions between India and

Pakistan, particularly after recent drone strikes on Indian cities. Meanwhile, oil prices saw a modest uptick on Friday after a nearly 3% surge the previous day. As of 0507 GMT, Brent crude had climbed 23 cents, or 0.37%, to \$63.07 per barrel. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose by 21 cents, or 0.35%, to reach \$60.12 a barrel. The movement in global oil prices appears to be influenced by ongoing trade disputes between the United States and China.

The clarification from IOCL came after videos and posts started appearing on social media showing long queues at petrol pumps, especially in some parts of northern India. Many people were seen trying to stock up on fuel. This panic-buying started after tensions increased between India and Pakistan following 'Operation Sindoor', in which Indian forces reportedly .



Dr VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said investors should not panic or sell in a hurry. "Investors should not panic and exit from the market now. Remain invested, monitor the developments and wait for the dust to settle," he said. He explained that the market has not fallen as much as one would expect during such a situation. According to him, "Under normal circumstances, on a day like this, the market would have suffered deep cuts. But this is unlikely due to two reasons. Vijayakumar pointed out that India has shown strong defence capability so far, and this could stop the conflict from escalating further. "The conflict, so far, has demonstrated India's clear superiority in conventional warfare, and therefore, further escalation of the conflict will inflict huge damage to Pakistan," he added. The second reason, he said, is the strong global and domestic economic position of India. "The market is inherently resilient supported by global and domestic macros. Weak dollar and potentially weakening US and Chinese economies are good for the Indian market.

Drone stocks light up Dalal Street, rally up to 17% amid Indo-Pak tensions

Shares of ideaforge Technology jumped nearly 17% to Rs 450 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) after Indian forces deployed suicide drones to neutralise air defence systems in Lahore and Multan. Meanwhile, Droneacharya gained 5%, ZEN Technologies advanced 5%, and Paras Defence rose almost 5% in intraday trade.



New Delhi. India's growing reliance on unmanned warfare in its escalating conflict with Pakistan has sent shares of drone and defence technology firms soaring on Dalal Street. Stocks like ideaforge, Droneacharya Aerial Innovations, and ZEN Technologies rallied sharply on Friday, buoyed by

investor bets on increased military procurement in the face of a widening conflict that has pushed India into direct military-to-military combat. Shares of ideaforge Technology jumped nearly 17% to Rs 450 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) after Indian forces deployed suicide drones to neutralise air defence systems in Lahore and Multan. Meanwhile, Droneacharya gained 5%, ZEN Technologies advanced 5%, and Paras Defence rose almost 5% in intraday trade. The market reaction came after a dramatic escalation in the Indo-Pak

conflict. On Thursday morning, India conducted precision air strikes on nine terror hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives. Pakistan retaliated with a volley of drone and missile attacks targeting military installations across Jammu and Kashmir. Officials confirmed that India used Harop suicide drones to destroy Pakistani air defence systems. India's integrated air defence network, consisting of indigenous, Russian, and Israeli-origin systems, was activated to

intercept incoming threats. Defence sources claimed at least one enemy fighter jet was also brought down. Across the Line of Control, tensions remain dangerously high. Heavy artillery fire was reported from Pakistani positions in Uri, Kupwara, and Poonch. Civilian areas in Punjab and Rajasthan experienced blackouts as sirens blared, with residents taking shelter amid fears of further strikes. The sharp rally in unmanned systems and defence stocks reflects investor confidence in India's long-term defence preparedness and self-reliance push.

With India's FY26 defence budget pegged at Rs 6.81 lakh crore—Rs 1.8 lakh crore of which is marked for capital expenditure—analysts believe the government may further front-load or expand spending in response to the latest threats. Brokerages like Nuvama have long maintained a bullish stance on the sector. In a recent note, it estimated a \$130 billion defence opportunity over five years, driven primarily by Air Force and Navy upgrades, including LCA Tejas, Astra missiles, AMCA jets, and advanced radar and electronic warfare

How Indian Defences Protected Nation, Shot Down Pak Missiles, Drones

Indian Air Force used a combination of anti-aircraft guns and surface-to-air missiles, as well as an integrated counter-UAS grid to shoot down Pak missiles and drones.

New Delhi. India's 'impregnable' air defence wall - to protect the country from enemy missile and drone strikes - stood steadfast this week against two waves of attacks from Pakistan in less than 48 hours, knocking down projectiles targeting military installations in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, and Rajasthan.

The first wave began late May 7 night (hours after India's Operation Sindoor eliminated nine terror camps in Pak and Pak-occupied Kashmir) and rolled over into the early hours of May 8. Military facilities in or near 15 Indian cities were targeted. But a combination of air defences intercepted the missiles and Israeli-made HARPY drones delivered a counterattack disabling Pak's air defences. The second wave was launched hours later. Air raid sirens sounded across cities in Punjab and Rajasthan, which share long boundaries with Pakistan, and across J&K too. A complete blackout of border towns and cities was ordered.

But, once again, Indian air defences repulsed the attack.



India's 'Iron Dome'

Sources said the Indian Air Force used a combination of anti-aircraft guns and surface-to-air missiles, as well as an integrated counter-UAS grid to defeat the enemy weapons. Breaks down what this means. The integrated counter-UAS grid - to counter unmanned aircraft systems - neutralises drones and incoming aerial threats, which includes various missiles that may be fired by Pak. The grid uses multiple technologies, including radar and radio frequency sensors, to locate, identify, and track

potential airspace threats. When a threat is identified the system can deploy a number of countermeasures, including non-explosive ones like jamming radio signals. The system can also fire an interceptor projectile; in visuals online of Pak missiles exploding in the night sky over Indian cities this week, many of those were shot down by the C-UAS grid.

This grid is particularly important for India given the vast amount of territory, much of which is not easily accessible, the Air Force has to defend against aerial threats. A fully-functioning C-UAS grid allows the Indian armed forces to deploy other resources more strategically. The C-UAS is the overall shield that defends the country from aerial threats, and there are several layers to this shield, both for different kinds of missiles and to ensure adequate cover. One layer is the S-400 missile defence system that can track incoming threats from 600km away, and can intercept threats within a 400km-range; that range makes it a potent system. It is, arguably, one of the country's most important air defence systems.

Indian and US researchers uncover novel subtype of Maturity-Onset Diabetes of the Young (MODY)



NEW DELHI. In a breakthrough, Indian and US researchers have jointly announced the discovery of a new subtype of Maturity-Onset Diabetes of the Young (MODY) a group of inherited forms of diabetes characterised by high blood sugar levels, often diagnosed before the age of 30. The researchers from the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) in Chennai and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, stated that this global breakthrough in MODY research has the potential to transform how certain forms of the disease are diagnosed and treated.

The discovery centres around a rare, inherited form of diabetes known as MODY a genetic form of the disease typically diagnosed in childhood or adolescence. According to the researchers, this finding could revolutionise the diagnosis and treatment of MODY, which is distinct from the more common Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Dr V. Mohan, Chairman of MDRF one of India's premier institutions dedicated to diabetes and metabolic research said, "We are excited that we have discovered a new subtype of MODY diabetes."

"This work underscores the importance of genetic testing and functional understanding for the precise diagnosis of diabetes in general, and MODY subtypes in particular," he added. He told this paper that it is clear not everyone has Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, contrary to widespread belief. "One should be on the lookout for rarer forms of diabetes, as this is part of precision medicine. Only a precise diagnosis can lead to precise therapy."

While the prevalence of this new subtype in India is not yet known, Dr Mohan noted that MODY itself accounts for only 2-3% of all diabetes cases. He also highlighted that there are more than 50 different types of diabetes. "Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes are the most common, followed by gestational diabetes. But there are many other genetic forms, such as neonatal diabetes, MODY, diabetes secondary to chronic pancreatitis, drug-induced diabetes, etc."

To date, 13 MODY subtypes have been recognised. This newly identified variant challenges long-standing assumptions about how the disease develops and significantly expands scientific understanding of MODY. It also underscores the urgent need for broader access to genetic screening particularly in countries like India, where such testing is not yet standard practice in diabetes care.

"This breakthrough could mark a turning point in advancing personalised diagnosis, treatment, and long-term management for thousands of individuals living with undetected or misclassified forms of diabetes," Dr Mohan said.

"By identifying these unique subtypes of MODY, we are moving closer to providing more precise diagnosis, treatment, and better care for individuals affected by this novel MODY subtype. Patients with this new Loss-of-Function (LOF) MODY subtype do not respond to sulphonylureas, unlike other MODY types such as MODY 1, 3, and 12. Further studies are needed to determine the most effective antidiabetic medications for treating this new form. This study also opens new avenues for discovering novel drug targets in diabetes treatment," he added. The research, based on a collaborative investigation involving detailed genetic and functional analyses of Indian patients diagnosed with MODY, reveals a groundbreaking mechanism behind a subtype involving the ABCC8 gene, which plays a crucial role in pancreatic β -cell function.

7 Terrorists, Backed By Pak Rangers, Shot Dead Trying To Infiltrate Jammu

New Delhi. India foiled an infiltration attempt last night and killed seven terrorists in the Samba sector of Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan Rangers were helping them infiltrate by firing across the border from Dhandhar post, said the Border Security Force (BSF). India's military action also caused damage to the Pakistani post. The group of terrorists was detected by the surveillance grid during the intervening night of May 8 and 9 while infiltrating the Samba Sector, said the BSF.

Alert troops of BSF, neutralised the infiltration bid, killing at least seven terrorists and causing extensive damage to the Pak Post Dhandhar," the force said, sharing a video of the destruction of the military post.

This follows a pattern of how the Pakistani military has been helping the terrorists infiltrate the Indian border and exposes Pakistan's reality as an epicentre of global terrorism. India has repeatedly accused Pakistan of providing a safe haven to the terrorists.

The infiltration attempt follows a barrage of failed aerial strikes aimed at military bases and cities on the Indian side of the border and the Line of Control. The military bases in Jammu, Pathankot, and Udhampur were specifically targeted, and so were several cities in Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Punjab. But all missiles and drones sent by Pakistan were neutralised. No loss or casualty was reported.

Pakistani troops then resumed firing at Indian posts and villages near the border and the LOC. Indian troops gave a befitting reply, destroying several Pakistani Army posts. The civil administrations had enforced a blackout all night in cities near the border, like Jammu, Srinagar, and several places in Punjab and Rajasthan.

No Beating Retreat Ceremonies At Attari, Hussainiwala, Sadqi Posts Along Pak Border: BSF

However, the daily lowering of the national flag at sunset will continue as usual, the BSF said in a statement.

New Delhi. The Border Security Force (BSF) has stopped the Beating Retreat ceremonies at all three border check posts along Pakistan in Punjab-- Attari-Wagah, Hussainiwala, and Sadki-- till further orders in view of public safety. However, the daily lowering of the national flag at sunset will continue as usual, the BSF said in a statement. The BSF's decision came after nine terrorist bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoJK) were destroyed by India as a retaliatory measure against the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir in which 26 tourists were brutally killed.

The Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Sindoor in the early hours of Wednesday, targeting terrorist infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

The strikes, executed by the Indian Armed Forces, targeted nine key terror camps linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), and Hizbul Mujahideen. Four of the targets were located inside Pakistan and the remaining five were situated in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoJK).

Yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting with Secretaries of various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India to review national preparedness and inter-ministerial coordination in light of recent developments concerning national security.

PM Modi stressed the need for seamless coordination among ministries and agencies to uphold operational continuity and institutional resilience. PM reviewed the ministries' planning and preparation for the current situation.

Secretaries have been directed to undertake a comprehensive review of their respective ministries' operations and ensure the foolproof functioning of essential systems, with a special focus on readiness, emergency response, and internal communication protocols. The Cabinet Secretary, senior officials from the Prime Minister's Office, and Secretaries from key ministries, including Defence, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Information & Broadcasting, Power, Health, and Telecommunications, attended the meeting.

Air sirens in Chandigarh, residents asked to stay indoors amid tensions with Pak

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NEW DELHI. The Chandigarh administration on Friday sounded an air raid siren, urging residents to remain indoors amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan. Chandigarh's Air Force Station issued an air warning, alerting them to a possible aerial attack. "An Air warning has been received from Air force station of a possible drone attack," the Chandigarh administration posted on X.



In a separate post on X, the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Chandigarh urged residents to stay indoors and away from their balconies or open areas. "An Air warning has been received from the air force station

of a possible attack. Sirens are being sounded. All are advised to remain indoors and away from balconies," the senior police official said in her post. The development comes amid escalating tension between India and

Pakistan, a day after India neutralised the Pakistani military's attempt to hit military stations in Jammu, Pathankot, Udhampur and some other locations with missiles and drones as tensions soared between the two countries amid fears of a wider military conflict.

India carried out strikes under Operation Sindoor on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) on May 7, killing around 100 terrorists.

The strikes were in response to the Pahalgam terror attack where 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed by terrorists after asking about their religion.

"Look Who's Behind Him": Indian Envoy's Photo Proof Of Pak-Sponsored Terror

New Delhi. India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Vikram Doraiswami, held up what he described as undeniable evidence of Pakistan's complicity in sponsoring terrorism both within its own soil and across the border in India. Speaking to Sky News amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Mr Doraiswami presented a poster-sized image showing top Pakistani military brass alongside Hafiz Abdul Rauf, a US-sanctioned terrorist and brother of Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar, attending the funeral of terrorists killed by India under Operation Sindoor. Behind Rauf in the image were uniformed Pakistani military officers. Pakistani flags were draped over the coffins of terrorists.

"Let me show you this photograph from yesterday," the High Commissioner said, holding up the photo. "I believe it is for your viewers. This person here is a sanctioned terrorist under the



American sanctions regime. His name is Hafiz Abdul Rauf. He's a brother of the founder of the terrorist group that you're mentioning. Look who is behind him. Pakistani military. Look at the coffins there. They have the Pakistani national flag.

If you're going to be giving terrorists state funerals, what does that make of your system? "The photograph, shared by India at a press briefing in New Delhi, was presented as visual proof of what India has for decades maintained that Pakistan, and in particular its military establishment, not only harbours but officially supports

terrorists. The interview followed India's coordinated series of airstrikes on nine terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). These strikes came in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed on April 22.

One of the primary targets was the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) headquarters in Bahawalpur, a city in Pakistan's Punjab province long believed by Indian intelligence to be a major hub of terrorist activity. The BJP released a social media graphic showing Abdul Rauf Azhar, Masood Azhar's brother, with the word "eliminated" stamped across his image. Abdul Rauf Azhar was a key figure in multiple terror incidents, including the 1999 hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814, the 2001 Indian Parliament attack, and the 2016 Pathankot airbase assault. During the Kandahar hijacking of IC-814, India was forced to release three jailed terrorists, including Masood Azhar himself, in exchange for 190 civilian hostages.

Cleaning Yamuna will require more than money, it will need a plan: CSE

Maintaining that there is a need to intercept the sewage and not release it back into the drains that carry untreated sewage, the report stated that it must also be ensured that the 22 drains opening to Yamuna are releasing only clean water.

NEW DELHI. Lack of data on wastewater generation, direct discharge of faecal sludge from desludging tankers into rivers or drains in several locations, and mixing of treated and untreated sewage in the drains – these are some of key reasons for pollution in Yamuna, Delhi-based Centre

for Science and Environment (CSE) stated in an assessment released on Thursday. Sunita Narain, director general of CSE – a research and advocacy organisation – told mediapersons: "The focus of Yamuna Action Plan 2025 has been to build STPs (sewage treatment plants) so that domestic wastewater is intercepted and treated; improve the quality of treatment; build interceptor sewers to tap drains and divert sewage; lay sewage pipeline in unauthorised colonies and treat industrial waste in common effluent treatment plants..."

"All are good ideas... all needed. Then why is the Yamuna still polluted?" she asked. She went on to say, "We do not know how much wastewater is generated by Delhi... as there is no clear data on Delhi's population in the absence of a regular census or on the amount of unofficial water (groundwater and water supplied by tankers) that residents use... Without the data on wastewater, we must



rework the plan."

The report, titled 'Yamuna: The Agenda for Cleaning the River', noted: "...it is clear that cleaning the river will require more than money. It will need a plan, which recognises the reality that Delhi, like many other cities of India, is a city where the bulk of its people live in unauthorised areas, where sewage is not intercepted and therefore, not treated." Maintaining that there is a need to intercept the sewage and not release it back into the drains that carry untreated sewage, the report stated that it must also be ensured that the 22 drains opening to Yamuna are releasing only clean water.

As per the report, the focus of official actions, while "commendable", has failed to address the issue of pollution because of concerns like – there is no dissolved oxygen in the river beginning from ISBT; Yamuna becoming polluted at Palla, an area located within a few km of the river entering Delhi; and no visible improvement in the river's quality. On how the Delhi government has been trying to curb pollution in Yamuna, the report noted a few measures – enhancement of sewage treatment capacity and its utilisation, tighter discharge norms, laying of sewage pipelines in unauthorised colonies, and controlling industrial pollution. While the government has 28 "approved" industrial areas – effluents from 17 of these are treated in common effluent treatment plants – the report noted that "the quality of treatment is a matter of concern". There is also a lack of clarity on the discharge locations post-treatment of these effluents, it added.

NEWS BOX

Black Hole That Swallowed Star 600 Million Light-Years Ago Found, NASA Shares Pic

world. NASA has released a stunning image of a black hole swallowing a star and causing a massive explosion. Although the cosmic event took place 600 million light-years ago, the burst of radiation has only reached us now, which appears like a bright dot. The space agency's Hubble Space Telescope captured the astronomical event, called a Tidal Disruption Event (TDE), and also confirmed it with observations from the Chandra X-ray Observatory and the Very Large Array radio telescope. Posting the image to X, NASA wrote, "A black hole revealed itself from 600 million light-years away when it ripped apart and swallowed a star. The resulting burst of radiation is the bright dot just off-centre captured in this @NASAHubble image."Lead study author Yuhan Yao of the University of California at Berkeley said, "AT2024tvd is the first offset TDE captured by optical sky surveys, and it opens up the entire possibility of uncovering this elusive population of wandering black holes with future sky surveys."She further mentioned, "Right now, theorists haven't given much attention to offsetting TDEs. I think this discovery will motivate scientists to look for more examples of this type of event."How does a tidal disruption event (TDE) happen?

A TDE happens when an infalling star gets too close to a black hole, which then stretches it like spaghetti due to its super-strong gravity. As the star falls apart, its pieces begin to orbit the black hole. This shredded material becomes extremely hot as it orbits, producing strong energy and light bursts that telescopes may detect as visible and ultraviolet light. Ryan Chornock, associate adjunct professor at UC Berkeley and a member of the ZTF team, said, "Tidal disruption events hold great promise for illuminating the presence of massive black holes that we would otherwise not be able to detect."

Donald Trump Names Jeanine Pirro As Top Washington Prosecutor

world. Donald Trump on Thursday appointed TV personality and former judge Jeanine Pirro to a key post in the US judiciary, the president's latest nomination of a Fox News on-air host to a position of government power. The brash 73-year-old has been selected to work as interim US Attorney for the District of Columbia, plucked from one of Trump's favorite hiring pools: right-leaning television networks. Other hires from cable news include Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, who co-hosted "Fox & Friends Weekend," and Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, a former reality TV show competitor and Fox Business co-host. The pick came soon after Trump pulled his first choice for the post, a defense lawyer who represented defendants charged in the January 6, 2021 storming of the US Capitol. "I am pleased to announce that Judge Jeanine Pirro will be appointed interim United States Attorney for the District of Columbia," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform, describing the former district attorney of New York's Westchester County as being "in a class by herself."Pirro briefly entered politics in ill-fated attempts to run for the US Senate and for New York Attorney General, losing the latter race to Democrat Andrew Cuomo. She began earning wider public exposure by hosting a weekday television show, "Judge Jeanine Pirro," from 2008 to 2011. That year she joined Fox News Channel to host "Justice with Judge Jeanine," which ran for 11 years, and today she is a co-host of the network's show, "The Five."

Los Angeles County declares Hepatitis A Outbreak: What you need to know

world. Health authorities in Los Angeles County have officially declared an outbreak of Hepatitis A following a surge in confirmed cases, prompting concerns about expanding community transmission. The virus, which inflames the liver and spreads easily, appears to be affecting individuals beyond the traditionally recognized high-risk groups. Since the beginning of 2025, local health officials have identified nearly 30 cases, surpassing what is typically seen over several months. Notably, many of these recent infections involve individuals with no known ties to common risk factors like homelessness, incarceration, or illicit drug use. This development has raised alarms among public health experts who are concerned about a broader shift in how the virus is spreading. In response, Los Angeles County has launched a public health initiative aimed at halting further transmission. This includes expanding access to vaccinations through mobile health units, temporary clinics, and targeted outreach. Priority is being given to frontline workers and vulnerable populations who may face a greater risk of exposure. Health officials are strongly encouraging residents to get vaccinated and to follow strict hygiene practices. Hepatitis A is commonly transmitted through ingestion of contaminated food or water, or through close personal contact with someone who is infected. Symptoms may include fatigue, fever, jaundice, nausea, and abdominal discomfort. In some cases, particularly among older adults or those with existing health conditions, the infection can lead to serious liver problems. The outbreak emerges as Los Angeles grapples with broader public health pressures linked to housing insecurity and dense urban environments. While previous Hepatitis A outbreaks in the region were largely contained within the unhoused community, this new surge involves a more diverse group of people, signaling a troubling change in transmission patterns.

US urges de-escalation between India, Pak; flags Islamabad's backing of terrorists

The US urged India and Pakistan to avoid escalating tensions and sit down for talks amid fears of a military conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbours. It also expressed concerns over Pakistan's support for terror groups for many years.

world. N The US has called for de-escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan as New Delhi repelled several missile and drone attacks launched by Islamabad in the border areas in Jammu and Kashmir and

Punjab. It also raised concerns about Pakistan's continued support to terror groups operating on its soil. Addressing the ongoing tensions, US State Department Spokesperson Tammy Bruce said, "This should not escalate. This has been a key framework. This has been an issue for decades and with what we saw over the last few weeks, after the terrorist attack. It was not surprising but very, very disappointing." "It should not escalate and communication was fundamentally key that there should be talks, there should not be silence, and that America was at the centre of this in speaking with a variety of leaders of both countries over the last two days," she added. When asked about Pakistan's support for terrorist groups on its soil, Tammy Bruce stated, "In today's world, that's a call that we have been making for decades. It is the dynamic that we've seen in



the Middle East disrupting lives and clearly what happened in Kashmir is awful and we've all send our condolences. The world has rejected the nature of that kind of violence." Bruce said the US is aware of Pakistan's request for an investigation into the Pahalgam attack. "There's some discussion that Pakistan wants an independent investigation as to what has happened regarding the terrorist attack. We want the perpetrators to be held

accountable and are supportive of any efforts to that end," she said. "We continue to urge India and Pakistan to work towards a responsible solution to this. We also want to say that what matters in this particular instance right now is that the phone calls happened and we are remaining engaged with both governments at multiple levels. We will not engage in the nature of discussing what the conversations have been or what we've conveyed," she added. RUBIO URGES DE-ESCALATION Earlier, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio dialled External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and called for immediate de-escalation amid the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan. The calls happened as Pakistan launched an unprovoked attack on India on Thursday night after its attempt to attack 15 locations was foiled.

US vice president JD Vance says India-Pakistan conflict 'fundamentally none of our business'

NEW YORK. Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, the US has said it is not going to get involved in a war that's "fundamentally none of our business". While the US cannot control India and Pakistan, it can encourage the two nuclear-armed neighbours to de-escalate, Vice President JD Vance said in a TV interview on Thursday. "Look, we're concerned about any time nuclear powers collide and have a major conflict," Vance said when asked how concerned the Trump administration is about a potential nuclear war between India and Pakistan. Vance quoted US President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio who have said that Washington wants the tensions to "de-escalate" as quickly as possible. "We can't control these countries though. Fundamentally, India has its gripes with Pakistan. Pakistan has responded to India. What we can do is try to encourage these folks to de-escalate a little bit. But we're not going to get involved in the middle of war that's fundamentally none of our business and has nothing to do with America's ability to control it," the vice president said. "America can't

tell the Indians to lay down their arms. We can't tell the Pakistanis to lay down their arms. And so we're going to continue to pursue this thing through diplomatic channels. Our hope and our



expectation is that this is not going to spiral into a broader regional war or, God forbid, a nuclear conflict, but sure, we're worried about these things. "But I think the job of diplomacy, but also the job of cooler heads in India and Pakistan is to make sure this doesn't become a nuclear war. If it happened of course it would be disastrous. Right now we don't think that's going to happen," he said. Vance, Second Lady Usha Vance and their three children were on their first official visit to India when terrorists

killed 26 people, mostly tourists, in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. Two weeks after the attack, India launched Operation Sindoor on Wednesday, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. On Thursday night, India neutralised Pakistan military's attempt to hit military stations in Jammu, Pathankot, Udhampur and some other locations with missiles and drones as tensions soared between the two countries amid fears of a wider military conflict. After the Indian military foiled the Pakistani attempts, the defence ministry said India remains "fully prepared to defend its sovereignty and ensure the safety of its people". Earlier on Thursday, Secretary of State Rubio spoke separately with India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, emphasising the need for immediate de-escalation. In his call with Jaishankar, Rubio expressed US support for direct dialogue between India and Pakistan and encouraged continued efforts to improve communications.

JD Vance Is Wrong": New Pope Criticised Trump, Vice President Just Weeks Ago

Vatican City. Pope Leo XIV shared articles criticizing US President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance on social media months before his election as America's first pontiff, particularly on issues of migration. In February, the then-Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost reposted on X a headline and a link to an essay saying Vance was "wrong" to quote Catholic doctrine to support Washington's cancellation of foreign aid. The Vatican confirmed Thursday the account was genuine and belonged to the Chicago-born Prevost. The article took issue with Vance, who converted to Catholicism in 2019 and argued that Christians should love their family first before prioritizing the rest of the world. "JD Vance is wrong: Jesus doesn't ask us to rank our love for others," said the headline reposted on Prevost's account,



along with a link to the story by the National Catholic Reporter. After becoming vice president, Vance justified the cancellation of nearly all US foreign assistance by quoting 12th-century theologian Thomas Aquinas's concept of "ordo amoris," or "order of love." The late pope Francis, in a letter soon afterward to US bishops, said that "true ordo amoris" involved building "a fraternity open to all, without

exception." A few days later Prevost posted the headline and link of another article about Vance's doctrinal arguments, which referred to Francis's criticisms of Trump's mass deportations of migrants. The future pope's last activity on X before his election on Thursday was to repost a comment by another user criticizing the Trump administration's mistaken deportation of a migrant to El Salvador. The post talked about "suffering" and asked, "Is your conscience not disturbed?" The US president and vice president made no reference to the new pope's prior comments as they congratulated him on his election. Vance, who met Francis briefly on Easter Sunday hours before the pontiff died, said.

"Peace Be With All Of You": Full Text Of New Pope's First Public Address

Vatican City. The following is the full first speech of Pope Leo XIV, given from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica shortly after his election as the new pope and leader of the Catholic Church. "Peace be with all of you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for God's flock. I too would like this greeting of peace to enter your heart, to reach your families, to all people, wherever they are, to all peoples, to the whole earth. Peace be with you! This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed and disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally. We still have in our ears that weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis who blessed Rome! The pope who blessed Rome gave his blessing to the world, to the entire world, that Easter morning. Allow me to follow up on that same blessing: God cares for us, God loves all of us, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us move forward. We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to reach God and His love. Help us too, then help each other to build bridges - with dialogue, with encounter, uniting all of us to be one people always in peace. Thank you, Pope Francis! I also want to thank all the fellow cardinals who chose me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk with you, as a united Church always seeking peace, justice - always trying to work as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries. I am a son of Saint Augustine, (an) Augustinian, who said: "With you I am a Christian and for you a bishop." In this sense, we can all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us. To the Church of Rome, a special greeting! We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges (and) dialogue, always open to receive (people), like this square, with open arms - everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue and love. (Switching into Spanish) And if you allow me also, a word, a greeting to all those, and particularly to my beloved diocese of Chiclayo, in Peru, where a faithful people have accompanied their bishop, have shared their faith, and have given so much, so much to continue being a faithful Church of Jesus Christ. (Switching back to Italian) To all of you, brothers and sisters of Rome, of Italy, of the whole world, we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that walks, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer. Today is the day of the Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii.

Up to 1,000 transgender troops are being moved out of the military in new Pentagon order

Under the new guidelines, active duty troops will have until June 6 to voluntarily identify themselves to the department, and troops in the National Guard and Reserve will have until July 7.

WASHINGTON. The Pentagon will immediately begin moving as many as 1,000 openly identifying transgender service members out of the military and give others 30 days to self-identify under a new directive issued Thursday. Buoyed by Tuesday's Supreme Court decision allowing the Trump administration to enforce a ban on transgender individuals in the military, the Defense Department will begin going through medical records to identify others who haven't come forward. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, who issued

the latest memo, made his views clear after the court's decision. "No More Trans @ DoD," Hegseth wrote in a post on X. Earlier in the day, before the court acted, Hegseth said that his department is leaving weakness and weakness behind. "No more pronouns," he told a special operations forces conference in Tampa. "No more dudes in dresses. We're done with that s---." Department officials have said it's difficult to determine exactly how many transgender service members there are, but medical records will show those who have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria, who show symptoms or are being treated. Those troops would then be involuntarily forced out of the service. And no one with that diagnosis will be allowed to enlist. Gender dysphoria occurs when a person's biological sex does not match up with their gender identity. Officials have said that as of Dec. 9, 2024, there were 4,240 troops diagnosed with gender dysphoria in the active duty, National Guard and Reserve. But they

acknowledge the number may be higher. There are about 2.1 million total troops serving. The memo released Thursday mirrors one sent out in February, but any action was stalled at that point by several



lawsuits. The Supreme Court ruled that the administration could enforce the ban on transgender people in the military, while other legal challenges proceed. The court's three liberal justices said they would have kept the policy on hold. Neither the justices

in the majority or dissent explained their votes, which is not uncommon in emergency appeals. When the initial Pentagon directive came out earlier this year, it gave service members 30 days to self-identify. Since then, about 1,000 have done so. In a statement, Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell said the 1,000 troops who already self-identified "will begin the voluntary separation process" from the military. Under the new guidelines, active duty troops will have until June 6 to voluntarily identify themselves to the department, and troops in the National Guard and Reserve will have until July 7. While it may be difficult to see which troops have changed their gender identity in their military records, it will be easier to determine who has gotten a gender dysphoria diagnosis because that will be part of their medical record, as will any medication they are taking.

NEWS BOX

Captaincy contenders: After Rohit, who will take charge

CHENNAI. It has been a topic of debate since Jasprit Bumrah walked off the field in the fifth Test between India and Australia earlier this year. Back then, there were question marks over whether Rohit Sharma will continue, and if he doesn't, who will be considered as the next in line for Test captaincy. One aspect of it is now settled.Rohit is no longer an international Test cricketer. The Indian captain has called it a day and now, the ball is in the court of the senior men's selection committee headed by Ajit Agarkar to name a new captain and vice-captain for the five-Test series beginning on June 20. Among the names floated, India's No 3 Shubman Gill seems to be the front-runner. The 25-year-old has been groomed as a future captain by the BCCI and selectors for at least a year now. He was named the T20I skipper for the tour of Zimbabwe shortly after the T20 World Cup last year. Earlier in February, he was named Rohit's deputy in the 50-over format as he is groomed to take over from the former in the future. So, there is little doubt that he will be captaining India in all formats down the line. Which is why, his name is being floated as a front-runner to take charge, especially with the concerns over Bumrah's workload and injury worries over the course of five Tests. Former chief selector MSK Prasad feels if the



BCCI is looking at a long-term option, Gill could be the one, but if they are looking at the upcoming World Test Championship cycle, Bumrah and KL Rahul could be alternate options. "If you are looking at a long-term solution, Shubman Gill is definitely a long-term solution. Or, if you are looking at this cycle, Bumrah also could turn out to be a solution. The three people who must be in the race, according to me, are Bumrah, Shubman Gill and KL Rahul," Prasad told this daily. While there is no doubt about Gill's credentials in ODIs, he is still finding his feet in Test cricket and is not a regular in the T20I side. His numbers in red-ball cricket, especially away from home, are not glittering. From 42.03 at home, Gill's average drops to 29.5 away as the youngster has had trouble with lateral movement. Which makes one wonder whether captaincy will add additional pressure on the youngster especially in a long series such as England. "There is a long way to go for Gill. It is a no-brainer that he is a player who will be playing all three formats going forward.

IPL 2025: With a replacement spree, are teams looking to build for next season

New Delhi. The 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) has largely been marked by teams bringing in replacements. So far, 17 players have been signed as injury replacements, with eight of them coming in the last eight days alone. Mumbai Indians (MI), Chennai Super Kings (CSK), and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) have been hit the hardest, each requiring three replacement players. Surprisingly, CSK and Sunrisers-despite already being knocked out of the IPL-have continued to bring in replacement players. While these signings may not impact the remainder of this season, as both teams are now only playing for pride, it suggests that franchises are already beginning to strategise for the 2026 edition.As per IPL rules, teams can retain both the original player and their



replacement for the following season. A case in point is Rajat Patidar and Vijaykumar Vyshak-after Patidar was ruled out in 2023, Vyshak was brought in as his replacement. For the 2024 season, RCB retained both players. This rule gives teams considerable flexibility when it comes to building and strengthening their squads for 2026. Is CSK building towards a new future? The Super Kings have endured a disappointing campaign, becoming the first team to be knocked out of the tournament. The five-time champions have looked a shadow of their former selves. They stuck to their tried-and-tested formula of relying on experienced players-a strategy that has brought them success over the years-but it backfired this time.By the time they recognised the need for change, it was already too late. However, the team now appears to be looking ahead to next season, bringing in several promising youngsters who have already demonstrated their potential in their respective roles.

LSG vs RCB, IPL 2025 Preview: Predicted XI, team news and Ekana pitch conditions

LSG vs RCB, IPL 2025 Preview: Despite heightened national tensions, IPL chairman Arun Dhimal confirmed LSG vs RCB will go on as planned in Lucknow on May 9, setting up a must-win clash for Pant's men and a playoff boost for Bengaluru.

New Delhi. While India remains on high alert amid heightened tensions along the Pakistan border, IPL chairman Arun Dhimal has confirmed that the fixture between Lucknow Super Giants and Royal Challengers Bengaluru on May 9 will go ahead as scheduled unless stated otherwise. The high-stakes clash at Ekana Stadium in Lucknow promises to be a pivotal one in the playoff race of IPL 2025.RCB enter the contest riding high on a four-match winning streak, comfortably placed in second on the points table with 16 points from 11 games. A win on Thursday would virtually seal their place in



the playoffs. In contrast, LSG are reeling from three consecutive defeats and sit seventh with 10 points from as many games. For them, this is a do-or-die encounter. Lucknow's campaign has been marred by inconsistent middle-order performances and the ongoing struggles of captain Rishabh Pant, who has failed to live up to expectations as the most expensive player in IPL history. While the top three—Mitchell Marsh, Aiden Markram, and Nicholas Pooran—have shown glimpses of form, they've lacked solid support from the rest. Their bowling unit, too, has been unable to find a match-winning combination. RCB, on the other hand, look far more settled. The opening pair of Virat Kohli and Jacob Bethell has provided good starts, though the middle order remains a silent concern. With Phil Salt's availability still uncertain, the top order may carry extra responsibility. RCB's bowling struggled in the absence of Josh Hazlewood during their last match against CSK, particularly at the death, which they will aim to tighten against LSG.Adding to RCB's injury list, Devdutt Padikkal has been

ruled out of the season due to a hamstring issue, with Mayank Agarwal brought in as a replacement. It remains to be seen whether Agarwal slots directly into the XI. Meanwhile, LSG have a clean bill of health ahead of the clash.As tensions simmer nationally—evident in the May 8 Dharamsala clash between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals getting called off and crowds and players getting evacuated due to air strike alerts—Dhimal's assurance of match action on May 9 keeps LSG's hopes alive, for now.

LSG vs RCB: Head-to-Head RCB lead the head-to-head record 3-2 against LSG. However, LSG had the upper hand in their last meeting in IPL 2024, winning by 28 runs.

LSG vs RCB: Lucknow Weather Forecast A hot and humid day awaits in Lucknow, with temperatures expected to hit 38C by late morning and remain steady through the afternoon. By evening, the mercury may dip to around 30C.According to the IMD, a partly cloudy sky is forecast, with chances of thunder and lightning later in the day. Accuweather predicts a 6% chance of rain during the day, slightly rising to 7% at night. Temperature fluctuations are expected between 23C and 39C.

Rishabh Pant is never under pressure: Mayank Yadav backs struggling LSG skipper

New Delhi. Lucknow Super Giants pacer Mayank Yadav came to the defence of his side's captain Rishabh Pant amidst the wicketkeeper-batter's ongoing struggles in IPL 2025, emphasising that Pant never looks under pressure. The LSG skipper has endured a difficult season with the bat, which has led to criticism from both fans and pundits, especially given his status as the most expensive player in the league for his new franchise.While Lucknow now find themselves in a fighting position for a potential playoffs spot, Pant's inability to anchor the batting order has become one of the key concerns. Fans have repeatedly voiced their worries, pointing out moments where the LSG captain has visibly lost his cool—both behind the stumps and in the dugout, especially after being sent to bat at No. 7 against Delhi Capitals. However, speaking at a pre-match press conference, Mayank Yadav assured reporters that Pant never shows signs of pressure, even in the face of criticism."I have known Rishabh



bhaiya for a while now because we play for the same club in Delhi. Whenever I have spoken to him, I have not felt that he is under pressure. He is confidently talking to me about the game, about the situation, [and] about the opposition batsmen," Mayank said."We have been a little late in assessing the grounds and the wickets. We have made mistakes there; I'll accept that. But we have three matches, and if we win that, there might be a chance we can make the playoffs," he added.Pant's numbers with the bat paint a concerning picture. He has scored only 128 runs in 11 matches this season. His most recent outing saw him dismissed for 18 off 17 balls.

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New Delhi. Cricket Australia issued a statement, saying it was closely monitoring the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan on Friday, with several of its players and coaches currently participating in the Indian Premier League."We continue to closely monitor the situation in Pakistan and India, including obtaining regular advice and updates from the Australian Government, the PCB, BCCI and local government authorities, and maintaining communication with our players and support staff currently in the region," Cricket Australia said in a statement.IPL chairman Arun Dhimal said on Thursday that the BCCI was awaiting government directives before making a call on the continuation of the league amid the military standoff with Pakistan.

"We are reviewing the situation right now. It is an evolving situation. We haven't received any directive from the government. Obviously the decision will be taken keeping all the logistics in mind," Dhimal told .However, he confirmed that Friday's match between Lucknow Super



Giants and Royal Challengers Bengaluru would go ahead "as of now." The IPL match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals was abandoned midway due to air raid alerts in Jammu and Pathankot, casting doubt over the rest of the tournament.10.1 overs were bowled after Punjab won the toss and chose to bat. When

With a scientist's mind and tricks up his sleeve, Sai Kishore eyes India call-up

Sai Kishore does not try to imitate Rashid Khan. He understands the Afghan star's strengths and the unique advantage a wrist-spinner enjoys in T20 cricket. As a finger spinner, Sai knows he must think more deeply, read the conditions better than most, and make clever use of angles and variations to succeed in the shortest format. After years of toil on the domestic circuit and flashes of brilliance at the highest level, Sai is finally making a name for himself in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, with a stellar stint for the Gujarat Titans.

With 14 wickets in 11 matches, Sai Kishore has led the spin-bowling attack for Gujarat Titans this season. The left-arm spinner from Tamil Nadu has stepped up at a crucial time, particularly in a



"With respect to Rashid and myself, Rashid is someone who can turn the ball both ways at good speed. So there's a big difference

between how he operates and how I do," Sai explained while speaking on Star Sports Press Room around the 'Race to Play-offs'.

"For a wrist-spinner who can turn it both ways at pace, it's mostly about accuracy and hitting the right lengths."As a finger spinner, there's a lot more game reading involved - you have to factor in how the pitch is behaving and what the match situation demands. Depending on all those things, I instinctively decide what to do - whether to bowl classical, when to go for wickets, and when to pull back and bowl defensively. I just try to play for the team, make better decisions as a bowler, and do what the captain expects. That's all I'm focusing on - and that's why they say teamwork makes teams work," he added.

Mason Mount relives positive route to United brace vs Bilbao: Knew good would

New Delhi. Manchester United midfielder Mason Mount, after scoring a decisive brace in their crucial UEFA Europa League semi-final second leg against Athletic Bilbao, revealed that his success stemmed from maintaining a positive mindset and staying committed to his training. The brace—his third and fourth goals in United colours—played a key role in helping the Red Devils secure a spot in the Europa League final, completing a dominant 4-1 win on the night and a 7-1 victory on aggregate.Mount had earlier netted his maiden United goal during their dramatic 4-3 Premier League loss to Brentford. His brace against Bilbao has added a fresh wave of optimism to his United stint, which has largely been disrupted by a series of injury setbacks. Speaking after the match, the England international shared how he always kept faith in himself, trusting the process and working hard to regain his form."It was too long. I have had injuries and setbacks, but I always stayed positive and knew something

good was gonna come, Tonight it has paid off in a semi-final. I carried on going, working hard, enjoying it every day, trying to stay positive. It has been difficult since I've been here," Mount said post-match."When I have the opportunity like this to come on in these games, I was just trying to make an impact, and as I say, today it paid off," he added.Since arriving at Old Trafford from Chelsea in 2023, Mount has endured a challenging run, frequently sidelined due to injuries that hindered his ability to gain momentum. His most recent setback came during the Manchester derby in January, when he was forced off just 14 minutes into the match. However, he returned to action last weekend, marking his comeback with a goal, and has now followed it up with a brace on the European stage.After the win, United manager Ruben Amorim praised Mount's impact, highlighting his work ethic and flair,



and noting how the midfielder had found his rhythm at a crucial time in the season. "Not just me. If you look at the bench, that is the best feeling as a coach, look at the other guys on the bench, they are so happy for Mason Mount because everyone in that

dressing room sees Mason Mount doing everything he can to be available. He is a really good player and you can see both are really good goals. I think not just Mason Mount, not just me, but also the teammates. They were so happy for him," Amorim said. Alongside Mount's brace, goals from Rasmus Hjlund and Casemiro sealed United's emphatic comeback against Bilbao, after Mikel Jauregizar had given the Spanish side an early lead.United will now face Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur in the Europa League final, with both sides vying not just for silverware, but also for a coveted spot in next season's UEFA Champions League after disappointing domestic campaigns.

Tinaa Dattaa

Hits Back At Trolls Over Pakistan Post: 'Unfollow Me, I Don't Care'

Television actress Tinaa Dattaa, known for her roles in popular shows like Uttaran, sparked intense debate on social media this week after sharing a strongly-worded Instagram Story in response to Pakistan's claims about shooting down Indian fighter jets. Her post read, "Pakistan claiming that they shot down Indian jets to let the world know about their military/air force strength. Wish they said the same about shooting down terror camps in their province. That would command more respect for them on a global level." The message was a pointed take on the neighbouring country's perceived priorities and drew a flurry of reactions from both supporters and detractors.

Following the post, Tinaa began receiving backlash from several Instagram users, many of whom threatened to unfollow her. One such user sent her a message saying,



"Unfollowing you to be andhbhakt urine drunk people (sic)," to which the actress responded without mincing words. "And there are people who only spread hatred. Why be in Bharat if you've so much problem with this country?" she replied, making her stance very clear. Her response set the tone for what followed—an unapologetic stream of stories standing firm in her beliefs.

As more messages poured in criticizing her post, Tinaa chose to address the unfollow threats directly. In another

Instagram story, she wrote, "All those threatening to unfollow me and making announcements to do so, you should be gone by now... And I simply don't care. Nothing will change my stand on what our country India and our PM is doing, and that is taking on terror and dealing with it the way it should be dealt with... for your own safety and ours and our country. Please unfollow, I encourage that. I don't know you, don't wanna know you and don't need you... go get a workout, sleep, but just go... Bharat Power. Jai Hind."

Tinaa's strong reaction came amid heightened national sentiment following Operation Sindoor, a major offensive by the Indian Armed Forces targeting terror hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The operation was launched in retaliation to the horrific terror attack in Pahalgam, where 26 civilians lost their lives. As the news unfolded, many television celebrities including Hina Khan, Karan Tacker, Abhishek Kumar, Avika Gor, and Shubhangi Atre took to social media to applaud the government and the armed forces for their swift and decisive response. Tinaa, however, has been among the few to engage so directly and vocally with online critics.



Rupali Ganguly

BASHES Fawad Khan, SLAMS His Comments On Operation Sindoor

Rupali Ganguly has lashed out at Pakistani actor Fawad Khan over his comments on the Indian army's Operation Sindoor. Recently, the Anupamaa actress took to her X (formerly Twitter) handle and shared a news snippet of Fawad's comments on India's strikes against terrorists in PoK. While Fawad called the strikes on terrorism 'shameful', Rupali also reacted to it and wrote, "You working in Indian films was also 'shameful' for us." Check out her post here:

What Did Fawad Khan Say About Operation Sindoor?

On Wednesday, Fawad Khan took to his X handle and sparked a wave of online backlash after he condemned India's Operation Sindoor, calling it a "shameful attack". "My deepest condolences to the families of those injured and killed in this shameful attack. I pray for the souls of the deceased and strength for their loved ones in the days to come," he wrote and then added, "A respectful request to all: stop stoking the flames with rabble-rousing words. It is not worth the lives of innocent people. May better sense prevail. InshaAllah. Pakistan Zindabad!"

AWICE Condemns Fawad Khan's Comments

Later, the All India Cine Workers Association (AICWA) also strongly condemned Pakistani



actors Fawad Khan and Mahira Khan for their 'anti-India' statements. In a post shared on X (formerly Twitter), AICWA lashed out at the actors, stating, "The All Indian Cine Workers Association (AICWA) strongly condemns the anti-India statements made by Pakistani actress Mahira Khan and actor Fawad Khan, who have openly criticised

India and questioned the nation's actions in defence of its sovereignty. Mahira Khan labelled India's military response as a 'Seriously Cowardly' act, while Fawad Khan, instead of condemning terrorism, focused on criticising India's stance and supporting divisive narratives."

The association said the comments were not just disrespectful, but a direct insult to the sacrifices of Indian soldiers and innocent lives lost to terrorism. "These statements are not just disrespectful to our nation but also an insult to the countless innocent lives lost due to terrorism and the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our country.

AICWA reaffirms its strict and complete ban on Pakistani artists, filmmakers, and financiers working in India. No Indian artist will collaborate with any Pakistani talent, nor will any global platform be shared with them," the statement added.

On Rohit Bal's Birth Anniversary, Sonam Kapoor Pays A Moving Tribute



Renowned for his maximalist aesthetic tempered with refined elegance, Rohit Bal—fondly remembered as Gudda—was more than a fashion designer; he was a master storyteller. Each of his creations echoed tales of Indian heritage, luxury, and romance, solidifying his place as one of the country's most celebrated designers. He also shared a great working relationship with many celebrities, including Sonam Kapoor. On May 8, his birth anniversary, Team Rohit Bal shared a heartfelt tribute on social media, posting a photo of him alongside the Bollywood actress. Sonam Kapoor reposted the tribute on her Instagram Stories.

The caption read: "Happy Birthday, Rohit Sir. A visionary, an artist, a force of nature — your spirit lives on in every thread, every idea, every moment we create. You are missed deeply, today and always. We carry your love, your madness, your magic in all that we do — and we'll do our best to honour the legacy you left behind, with the same passion and purpose that defined your life.

Over the years, Sonam frequently wore Rohit Bal's designs and often graced the runway for his shows. The actress was known to deeply admire his unique ability to merge traditional Indian craftsmanship with modern fashion sensibilities. Following Bal's passing in November 2024, Sonam paid an emotional tribute to him by walking the runway in one of his creations. She honoured his legacy during the Blenders Pride x FDCI Fashion Tour 2025.

Taking to Instagram, Sonam shared images of her look and wrote: "An honour to walk in tribute to the legendary Rohit Bal at @fdciofficial x @blenderspridefashiontour. His artistry, vision, and legacy have shaped Indian fashion in ways beyond measure." She added, "Stepping onto the runway in his memory was both emotional and inspiring — celebrating a designer who was, and always will be, an icon." For the tribute, Sonam wore a striking white Rohit Bal ensemble paired with an ivory floral jacket. Her hair was styled in a bun adorned with fresh roses, and she completed the look with a classic bold red lip—perfectly echoing the grace and opulence characteristic of Bal's designs.

Palak Tiwari Greet Paps With A Smile, Spotted Clicking Photos With A Fan



Palak Tiwari, who was last seen in Bhootnii, was recently spotted by the paparazzi in Mumbai. Dressed casually yet stylishly, Palak was all smiles as she greeted shutterbugs. She is also seen obliging a young fan with a photo. The video has gone viral on social media.

In the video, shared by Filmgyan, we can see Palak asking the fan to come and click a photo. The fan, visibly excited, was all praises for the actress. The sweet moment is earning love from netizens who appreciated her humility. Many dropped heart emojis in the comment section. Palak Tiwari made her big Bollywood debut with Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan alongside Salman Khan.

During a promotional interview for The Bhootnii, Palak was asked if she had ever done anything wild for love. Without skipping a beat, she recalled a moment from her teenage years that sounds straight out of a rom-com. "In high school, my then boyfriend and I used to fight a lot. One day we were fighting, and he said, 'You know what, I have to leave, you're being crazy.' He had to take a bus back home and I used to have a car pick me up."

But Palak wasn't ready to let the argument go. "I had a great monologue planned since the fourth period—like 'I'm going to say this, and then this'—so I held his bag and kept pulling him back. I think I pulled him back 200 times that day until I finished my entire speech. He ended up missing his bus and had to stay in school the whole night!"

It's a surprisingly candid (and funny) admission from someone who usually keeps her personal life tightly under wraps. As for her current relationship status, Palak has been linked to Ibrahim Ali Khan, son of Saif Ali Khan and brother to Sara Ali Khan. The duo have been spotted together multiple times, but both have remained tight-lipped, fueling curiosity but giving away nothing.

On the work front, Palak Tiwari and Thakur Anoop Singh have joined forces for a high-octane action thriller, "Romeo S3". Pen Studios, in association with Wild River Pictures, has unveiled the official poster of their upcoming action-packed thriller. The newly released poster offers a first look at the intense world of the film, hinting at a collision of firepower, truth, and justice.