

PM holds key security meet, Defence Minister, NSA, Chief of Defence Staff present

Agency: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held another high-level meeting with Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan, in the wake of last week's deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, where 26 people — mostly civilians — were killed. The heads of the three services of the Indian Armed Forces — Chief of the Army Staff: General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Chief of Air Staff: Amar Preet Singh — were also present at the meeting, which was held at the Prime Minister's official residence in New Delhi.

The meeting came a day ahead of the PM-chaired Cabinet Committee on Security, the government's highest decision-making



body on national security matters, is scheduled to meet.

Ranath Singh, on Monday, briefed PM Modi on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir as top defence officials mulled options to punish those behind the April 22 terror attack, said to be one of the deadliest strikes on civilians in recent years. During his recent "Mann Ki Baat" address, the Prime Minister reiterated

that the "perpetrators and conspirators" of the Pahalgam attack will be "served with the harshest response". "The whole world stands with 140 crore Indians in our fight against terrorism. I once again assure the affected families that they will get justice, and justice will be done," PM Modi said. "The perpetrators and conspirators of this attack will be served with the harshest response," he added.

Two terrorists at entry gate, 1 at exit, he fired first: What happened in Pahalgam

Agency: The statements of survivors and eyewitnesses of the Pahalgam terror attack have revealed how the tourists in the Baisaran Valley had no way to escape as both the entry and exit gates were blocked by the terrorists. The statements, recorded by investigative agencies, have shone light on how the Pakistan-based terrorists carried out the massacre. Sources said the attack, which left 25 tourists and a Kashmiri dead, was carried out by four terrorists. While two came through the entry gate, one was stationed at the exit gate. According to investigating agencies, there might have been a fourth terrorist hiding in the forest, possibly to provide support. However, only three of them opened fire at the unsuspecting tourists as they were picnicking and enjoying food in the Baisaran meadow, a prime tourist spot that is often dubbed as 'mini Switzerland'. Two of the terrorists were in military fatigues, while the third was dressed in a traditional Kashmiri pheran.



The first shots were fired at the exit gate, sparking chaos and panic as tourists ran towards the entry gate. However, two terrorists were already present there to ambush them. At the entry gate, the terrorists gathered everyone and told the women to separate from the men. However, the people refused. Then the terrorists told Hindus to separate from Muslims. But again, people refused. The terrorists then asked the tourists to recite the Kalma (Islamic declaration of faith) before opening fire. A Navy officer, Lieutenant

Vinay Narwal, who came through the entry gate was among the first to be shot by the terrorists. The highest number of casualties occurred near the tea stall and bhel puri stall area as several people had gathered there. After the attack, the terrorists fled by jumping over the wall on the left side of the park.

A six-member NIA team with two FSL members has reached Baisaran valley to recreate the attack scene. The forest area and the assumed exit route of the terrorists are being videographed by the NIA.

Around 45 locals who have shops in the Baisaran park and pony ride operators are being questioned. A zipline operator, who was captured in a video of a tourist chanting 'Allahu Akbar' three times as gunfire erupted, is also being interrogated. Top NIA officials said the terrorists likely used "Mobile Paid Application". They likely communicated with their Pakistani handlers through "paid encrypted mobile". At the same time, security forces have intensified their search operations in south Kashmir.

Visiting temples doesn't mean I'm joining BJP:

Preity Zinta



with me joining politics or for that reason BJP. Living outside India has made me realise the true value of my home country & like everyone else I do appreciate India & all things Indian much more now (sic)." In a later post, the "Veer-Zaara" star said as a mother living in a foreign country, she wants to ensure her children "don't forget they are half-Indian". She now lives in Los Angeles with husband, financial analyst Gene Goodenough and their twins Gia and Jay. "Since my husband is agnostic we are bringing up our kids as Hindus. Sadly, I am facing constant criticism & this simple joy is being taken away by my choice being politicized all the time.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu stated this while presiding over the All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC) National Truck and Bus Meet at Gandhi Gram in the Kasauli Assembly Constituency of Solan district today. He reiterated his government's resolve of making Himachal Pradesh a green energy state by March 2026. He elaborated on various green initiatives like the Rs 680-crore Rajiv Gandhi Swarojgar Start-up Yojana,

RSS advises Kashmiris to disassociate from terrorists

Agency: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Tuesday urged Kashmiris to disassociate themselves from terrorism not just in principle, but in practice. Addressing a press conference, RSS leader Indresh Kumar said the people of Jammu and Kashmir must unite under a common national identity.

"The time has come for Jammu and Kashmir to reject terrorism and truly disassociate from itself terrorism, not just in theory but in practice, to find a path towards a solution," Kumar said. "A voice should rise from Jammu and Kashmir saying that we are Indians first, then Kashmiris, Dogris, or Punjabis. We should respond with this voice loud and clear," he added. Indresh Kumar also criticised the Congress party over its "Gayab" (missing) jibe, which accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi



of not taking responsibility for the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives.

"Congress leaders can only digest their food when they abuse the Prime Minister. If the army is going to fight, they will oppose the Army commander.

They will not do any good work for society but will defame those who do," he said. "This has become their political method, which is very condemnable," the RSS functionary added. This statement follows after Congress shared a poster

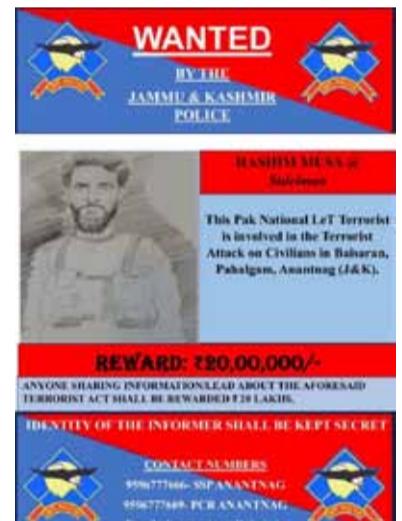
featuring the word "Gayab" (missing) placed over an image of a kurta, pyjama, and black footwear. The outfit appears to be worn by someone, but the figure has no visible face. Earlier, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge accused the Prime Minister of putting party and politics above the country by absenting himself from the all-party meeting convened to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, choosing instead to attend an election rally in Bihar.

Hashim Musa, Pahalgam mastermind received elite commando training in Pak: Sources

Agency: Hashim Musa, identified as the mastermind behind the killing of 26 people in Pahalgam, is believed to have received elite para-commando training in Pakistan, which effectively aided his terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, according to sources in the security establishment. Musa, believed to be in his late 20s, is reportedly a former soldier who infiltrated Indian territory through the Kathua and Samba sectors. After infiltration, he became active in the Dera Ki Gali area of Rajouri-Poonch, where his Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) module is suspected of orchestrating numerous attacks on security forces over the past year. Pakistani para-commandos, particularly those trained by the Special Services Group (SSG), are renowned for their expertise in unconventional warfare, survival tactics, and mountain combat. Their training includes high-endurance

operations, close-quarters battle (CQB), navigation through difficult terrain, and advanced evasion techniques, all of which appear to be reflected in Musa's operations.

According to sources within the security grid, the group's behaviour on the ground indicates a high degree of battle-hardiness and training. The terrorists have successfully evaded police and army patrols, continuously moving through rugged mountain forests while avoiding contact with civilians. Notably, they have refrained from approaching villages for food, unlike past infiltrators, who were often neutralised quickly due to fatigue and their reliance on local support. Another indicator of professional military training is the use of advanced weaponry, including M4 carbines, during the Pahalgam attack. These weapons require specialised handling and maintenance skills, typically acquired through formal military instruction. Sources confirm that



the group's modus operandi strongly suggests that Hashim Musa received elite training, likely under Pakistan's Special Forces framework, making his network more dangerous and difficult to neutralise.

Supreme Court orders CBI to probe 'unholy' builder-bank nexus in Delhi-NCR

Agency: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to register seven preliminary inquiries into the alleged 'unholy' nexus between real estate developers and banks in Delhi and the NCR areas. The court order came while a bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh was hearing a batch of pleas from homebuyers, who had booked flats under subvention schemes in NCR region, especially Noida, Greater Noida and Gurugram, alleging that banks were coercing them to pay EMIs even though they hadn't received possession of their homes. The first CBI inquiry ordered by the court will

focus on Supertech Limited, a prominent developer already under scrutiny for various violations. The second inquiry will extend beyond Delhi to cover projects by other builders in adjoining areas of Noida, Greater Noida, Yamuna Expressway, Gurugram and Ghaziabad. Observing that several builders and banks had "taken poor homebuyers to ransom", the top court said the nexus was causing immense hardship. "Homebuyers are made to cry," a Supreme Court bench noted. Calling the situation unacceptable, the bench said it was time for an independent investigation to "unearth the truth". The court order follows a proposal by the CBI

itself, which argued that to understand the intention and modus operandi of the builders in collusion with financial institutions, preliminary probes were essential. Furthermore, the Supreme Court has directed the Directors General of Police of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana to shortlist officers who will be deputed to assist the CBI. The agency is to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising its own officials, selected state police officers, and subject-matter experts. In addition, nodal officers will be appointed by institutions such as the Reserve Bank of India and relevant development authorities to aid the investigation



PM Modi congratulates new Canadian PM, hopes to strengthen ties after Trudeau exit

Agency: Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Mark J Carney on his election as the Prime Minister of Canada, extending warm wishes to the Liberal Party for their electoral victory. Posting on X, Modi wrote, "Congratulations Mark J. Carney on your election as the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Liberal Party on their victory. India and Canada are bound by shared democratic values, a steadfast commitment to the rule of law, and vibrant

people-to-people ties. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our partnership and unlock greater opportunities for our people."

Canadian news outlet CTV News has projected that Carney and the Liberal Party will retain power, winning enough seats in the 45th federal election to form the government. Carney took charge as Canada's new prime minister following the exit of Justin Trudeau. The ties between India and

Canada came under severe strain following Trudeau's allegations in September 2023 of the "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil. New Delhi strongly rejected Trudeau's charges as "absurd."

