



PM Modi briefs Cabinet on Operation Sindoor, says mission executed flawlessly

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet, where he briefed his ministers on Operation Sindoor -- a targeted military strike carried out by the Indian defence forces on nine terror camps across the border in the early hours of the day. During the meeting, PM Modi informed the cabinet that the operation was executed exactly as planned, with "no mistakes whatsoever." He emphasised that the Army had carried out the mission with utmost precision, adhering strictly to the detailed preparations that had been made in advance. Sources said the Prime Minister praised the armed forces for their "commendable job" and "immaculate execution," underlining their professionalism and commitment to national security. The cabinet ministers



unanimously expressed confidence in PM Modi's leadership and lauded the armed forces for their successful operation. They conveyed that the entire nation stood firmly behind the Prime Minister and the military establishment in the fight against terrorism. The strike, targeting terror launchpads and camps used for infiltration across the border, is being viewed as a strong message against cross-border terrorism. The Indian Army, Navy and the Air

Force, in a historic tri-services operation, carried out precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, in response to the Pahalgam attack in which 26 civilians were killed on April 22. PM Modi constantly monitored the overnight operation. India struck bases in Pakistan and PoK from where terrorist attacks were being planned and executed. Nine sites were targeted in the strikes under the

codename 'Operation Sindoor' -- an ode to the women who lost their husbands in the Pahalgam attack. Two women officers of the Indian Armed Forces informed the media on Operation Sindoor on Wednesday. Colonel Sophia Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, in a press conference with Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, said that the military strikes were carried out between 1.05 to 1.30 a.m. in the wee hours on Wednesday on credible intelligence inputs and the purpose was to decimate and destroy the terror infrastructure, terror launching pads and indoctrination centres across the border. The women officers also documented the details of calibrated and measured retaliation and gave a detailed account of terror factories operating from those centres.

PM Modi cancels Europe visit amid heightened tensions with Pakistan



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called off his scheduled three-nation Europe tour in the wake of heightened tensions with Pakistan, sources confirmed on Wednesday. PM Modi was scheduled to travel to Croatia, Norway and the Netherlands starting May 13 and also participate in the 3rd India-Nordic Summit in Oslo on May 15-16. However, the visits have now been cancelled and the concerned governments notified, sources said a few hours after India conducted 'Operation Sindoor' to target terror camps in Pakistan following the heinous April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that resulted in the death of 26 innocent civilians. Last month, PM Modi had cut short his Saudi Arabia visit and returned home immediately after the Pahalgam terror attack. Prime Minister Modi also decided not to travel to Moscow to attend the Victory Day celebrations of Russia scheduled for May 9. The decision to suspend Europe visit comes amid increased volatility along the Line of Control (LoC) after India carried out precision missile strikes on nine high-value terror targets across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The government described the operation as a calibrated military action aimed solely at dismantling terror infrastructure without escalating broader hostilities. 'Operation Sindoor', launched at 1:44 am on Wednesday, was a joint effort involving the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. The strikes were closely monitored through the night by Prime Minister Modi, who remained in constant contact with senior military commanders and National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval. The government reiterated that "our actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory in nature. No Pakistani military facilities have been targeted. India has demonstrated considerable restraint in the selection of targets and method of execution." "This government has kept its promise -- those responsible will be held accountable," India said in a statement.

Andhra Pradesh to receive rains today



Andhra Pradesh has been experiencing persistent rainfall particularly in its northern regions. Heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, has been reported in the Paderu agency of Alluri district, and similar weather conditions were observed in Railway Kodur, located in Annamayya district. The unusual contrast of bright sunshine in some areas alongside downpours in others has taken residents by surprise. Andhra Pradesh Disaster Management Agency has forecasted moderate to heavy rains in the Chintur and Gangavaram mandals of Alluri Sitarama Raju district on Wednesday. Additionally, light to moderate rains, including thunderstorms, are expected to affect various other areas in northern Andhra Pradesh. Gusty winds, likely to reach speeds of 40-50 km/h, are also predicted to sweep across the region, although temperatures are expected to gradually rise beginning Thursday.

APPGCET-2025 applications deadline extended

The Andhra Pradesh Postgraduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET-2025) has extended its online application deadline for prospective students wishing to pursue postgraduate courses for the academic year 2025-26. Initially set to close on May 5, the application period will now be open until May 11, following requests from students. The entrance examination, conducted by Sri Venkateswara University in Tirupati, will facilitate admissions to over 150 postgraduate programmes, including MA, MCom, and MSc, across 17 universities and their affiliated PG colleges within the state. Hyderabad nightlife For those who miss the standard deadline, there is still the option to apply until May 15 with a late fee of ₹1,000. Further late application deadlines include May 21 with a fee of ₹2,000, May 24 with a fee of ₹4,000, and May 25 with a fee of ₹10,000. Hall tickets for the examination will be available for download from May 30, 2025. The PGCEt entrance exams are scheduled to take place from June 9 to June 13 at various centres throughout Andhra Pradesh. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their applications online. Hyderabad nightlife



Telangana, Andhra Pradesh CMs hail 'Operation Sindoor'

Telangana Chief Minister, A. Revanth Reddy, and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart N. Chandrababu Naidu have hailed the strikes against terror hideouts in Pakistan. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that the strikes against terror factories in Pakistan have "made us proud." Chief Minister Reddy stated that as an Indian citizen, he stands strongly with the armed forces. "The strikes against terror factories in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir make us proud. Let us make this a moment for national solidarity and unity, and all of us speak in one voice - Jai Hind!," he posted on his X handle. CM Reddy was holding an emergency meeting with top officials at the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Hyderabad to review all security preparations in the wake of 'Operation Sindoor'. The meeting will review the security measures to safeguard all major installations and key strategic Central, Defence and state government locations. The Telangana government will provide total support and cooperation to, and work along with the National Armed Forces, said a statement from the Chief Minister's Office. CM Reddy will personally review the situation on a war-footing and ensure security, safety and ensure total vigi-



lance in Hyderabad and other cities, towns and villages across Telangana. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Naidu also took to social media platform X to hail 'Operation Sindoor'. "With pride, I salute the brave warriors of the Indian Armed Forces for swiftly avenging the Pahalgam terror attack. With their unmatched bravery and precision, they have again demonstrated that our nation will defend itself with iron will," he said. CM Naidu posted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the world has witnessed India's strength and determination.

"Our country stands united against terror and firmly in support of our Armed Forces. Jai Hind!," he said. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, too, hailed 'Operation Sindoor'. The Jana Sena leader thanked the three service chiefs and Prime Minister Modi and said they infused bravery in Indian society whose hands were tied due to extreme patience for a long time. "We are with you. Jai Hind," the Deputy CM posted on 'X'. Minister for Human Resources Development Nara Lokesh stated that 'Operation Sindoor' was a loud message to those who dare test India's sovereignty that with the strong leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India will strike back with strength, precision, and unshakeable determination. "I wholeheartedly applaud Modi Ji for being the unbreakable shield of this country. His bravery and devotion to national security have made Pakistan fearful and all Indians proud. India is secure, powerful, and united, and no power on this Earth can break our spirit," he said. Bharat Rashtra Samithi Working President, K.T. Rama Rao saluted the "amazing" Indian Armed Forces for their precision strikes on terrorist camps in PoK and Pakistan. "Wishing them more power and strength in completely eliminating terrorist infrastructure. Jai Hind," posted the former Telangana minister.

MOCK DRILL CONDUCTED BY CIVIL DEFENCE PERSONNEL

The Waltair Division of East Coast Railway conducted a civil defence mock drill today (May 7, 2025) as per the directive of the Union Home Ministry. The exercise was held at the Divisional Railway Manager's Office under the supervision of Senior Divisional Safety Officer Shri M.K. Sahoo, with active participation from a team of civil defence volunteers and other stakeholders.

The mock drill simulated a hostile attack scenario to assess emergency preparedness and enhance coordination among various departments and agencies. Activities included blackout procedures, evacuation to designated safe zones, shutdown of non-essential lighting, and comprehensive rescue operations. The primary objective of the drill was to strengthen the emergency response framework and assess the readiness of railway personnel and infrastructure in



the event of a wartime or crisis situation. Civil defence personnel demonstrated a range of rescue techniques and emergency response procedures, such as:

Air Raid Gesture

- Search and Identification of Casualties

- Fireman's Lift, Two-Hand Method, Three-Hand Method, and Four-Hand Method for lifting casualties
- Sliding Stretcher and Parallel Rope techniques
- Chair Knotting Method for lifting or Gowering casualties using ropes



- Pick-a-Bag – a casualty-lifting technique
- Toe Drag – used when lifting is not feasible
- Fireman's Crawl – a low-profile crawl for smoke-filled or collapsed areas
- Firefighting Demonstrations, including use of blankets and

- oil fire control techniques
- The drill effectively showcased the capability of the railway personnel and civil defence teams to respond swiftly and efficiently in emergency situations.

OU Awards Doctorate to English Educator from Peddapalli District

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Cheepurushetty Srinivas, a respected English educator and founder of the Avenue Institute of English, has been awarded a doctorate by the Department of English at Osmania University. Originally from a farming family in Rangapuram village, Peddapalli district, Dr.



Srinivas has dedicated more than 25 years to English language education after completing his M.A. in English from Nizam College, Hyderabad. Dr. Srinivas has played a pivotal role in training thousands of students for M.A. English entrance exams, helping them secure admission into premier state and central universities across India. His institute also sees hundreds of students qualifying each year in national-level English proficiency exams such as the SET and NET. Moreover, his coaching programs for DSC, TGT, PGT, JL, PL, and DL exams have transformed countless aspirants from the Telugu-speaking states into successful English teachers and lecturers. In addition to running the Avenue Institute of English, Dr. Srinivas currently serves as a Senior Assistant Professor at CVR College of Engineering. Reflecting on the honor, he expressed deep gratitude to the Department of English at Osmania University and his research supervisor, Prof. Y. L. Srinivas. This recognition is a matter of great joy and pride. Dr. Srinivas said it also brings with it a greater sense of responsibility to continue my mission in English education

DRM FELICITATED RAILWAY STAFF FOR ALERTNESS & EXEMPLARY DEVOTION TO DUTY

The Divisional Railway Manager of Waltair, Shri Lalit Bohra felicitated several railway staff for their outstanding devotion to duty. Shri Manoj Kumar ADRM (Operations), Shri E. Santharam, ADRM (Infra), Shri MK Sahoo, Senior Divisional Officer, and branch officers from the respective departments were also present at the felicitation ceremony. The recognition was done for the exceptional attentiveness and exemplary services of several railway employees.

Shri Kilo Seethanna, Track Maintainer in the Araku section notices a hot axle of a goods train between Gorapur- Araku section while on duty and immediately informed the Station Master of Araku of immediate attention. His quick action prevented a potential derailment, showcasing their dedication to duty.

In another instance, Shri D Raja Mohana Rao and Shri A Rama Krishna Loco Pilots of a goods train in the Kottavalasa-Kirandul section, noticed smoke and fire emanating from the 8th wagon of a goods train while passing through the Route No.2 of Araku station. They immediately



extinguished fire with the help of fire extinguisher. The wagon was promptly detached, and their vigilance averted a possible derailment.

In a similar instance Shri K Raja Shekhar Loco Pilot of Goods train and Shri K Ravi Kumar Assistant Loco Pilot were felicitated for their swift reaction and averted major mishap by observing a red signal torch light from the engineering staff working in the section of Borraguhalu- Kara kava lasa section. Further, the DRM Shri Lalit Bohra felicitated the following railway employees for their alertness and prompt action in ensuring train safety:

• Shri Gowri Shankar Kothali, Loco Pilot, detected a broken helical spring on a train at Dantewada station and took immediate action.

• Shri Kasampudi Rajashekhar, Station Master of Bheja station, observed brake binding on a train and promptly informed the section controller, who alerted the next station. The issue was swiftly

resolved.

• Shri Dwarampudi Santosh, Senior Train Manager of a goods train, noticed a foul smell and smoke emanating from a wagon while passing Vizianagaram station. He immediately informed the Loco Pilot and the RRI Cabin, enabling the train to be halted and the issue addressed in time.

resolved.

• Shri B. Pydi Naidu, Senior Train Manager of a goods train, observed an abnormality in a wagon between Pundi and Palasa section. He alerted the Loco Pilot, leading to timely resolution.

• In another instance, Shri A. Sanyasi Rao, Pointsman, detected a rail fracture in the Dispatch Yard and promptly informed the area controller, ensuring immediate attention. These instances depict the vigilance, dedication and commitment of the railway staff, whose timely actions ensured the safety of passengers, trains, and saving the railway property.

Divisional Railway Manager, Conducts Comprehensive Inspection of Bachel-Kirandul Section

Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Bachel-Kirandul section and the NMDC railway siding today. The inspection included a detailed review of various works at railway establishments, stations, sidings, and the NMDC mining site. A window trailing inspection was also carried out, focusing on the condition of tracks, curves, bridges, points, and crossings.

Shri Gourishankar Rao, Chief Engineer (Construction), along with branch officers from Waltair Division, accompanied the DRM during the inspection. The key areas of focus included the



ongoing doubling work on the Bachel-Kirandul line, passenger amenities, safety measures, and the development of siding infrastructure. The DRM also reviewed the

wagon discharge silo system at NMDC, designed to reduce wagon loading time and enhance overall operational efficiency. In a meeting with senior NMDC



officials, Shri Lalit Bohra discussed strategies to improve freight loading operations, including enhancing rake loading capacity and increasing traffic movement. He also inspected the weighbridge at Bachel sta-

tion. During his visit to Bachel and Kirandul stations, DRM interacted with station staff and reviewed the progress of various ongoing developmental activities.

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Mother Natures Eternal Play

Each day
were born, at
night we die,
In dreams we
float, in sleep
we lie,
From silent
dusk to morn-
ings cry—
A soul reborn
beneath the
sky.

The mothers
womb may
birth but one,
Yet Natures
arms cradle
each sun,
She feeds us
all till days are done,
With fruits of peace for
everyone.

A breath of breeze, a
stream so bright,
She gives us shade,
she lends us light,
Through storm and
flame, through dark and
night,
She holds us close with
boundless might.

We walk her soil, her
leaves we kiss,
She rains her love in
gentle bliss,
But man forgets this
sacred miss—
And trades her truth for
false abyss.

She gives us gold in
grains and green,
Yet we pollute her sky
serene,
We choose machines
oer meadows clean—
And stab the hand that
keeps us seen.



But heed her call, oh
sons and daughters,
The Earth is ours, her
voice, it shatters,
Her cries for help
through storms and
waters,
Yet still she heals,
beyond all matters.

Let us unite and mend
her heart,
For life and love, we
must depart,
From greed and hate,
we'll make a start,
To walk again in peace,
not part.

In gratitude, well find
the way,
To cherish Nature every
day,
And with her grace, we'll
boldly say—
That lifes true wealth in
love will stay.

By Bitavaram
Srimannarayana
Elukurthi Haveli
Warangal.

A Teacher of Virtue and Might

A teacher so fine, a
guiding light,
Shines bright, with
knowledge and insight
bright.
With patience and kind-
ness, they lead the way,
Helping students grow,
day by day.

Their heart is pure, their
spirit true,
A role model, for me and
you.
They teach us values,
they teach us right,
To be good humans,
with hearts full of light.

With expertise, they
share their knowledge
wide,
Inspiring students, to
reach and abide.

Their passion for teach-
ing, is contagious and
bright,
Making learning fun, a
pure delight.

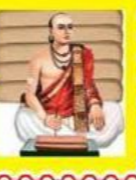
A teachers impact, goes
far and wide,
Shaping futures, with a
gentle pride.
Their legacy lives on,
long after they're gone,
A ripple effect, that for-
ever will shine strong.

Lets appreciate, these
special souls,
Who shape our minds,
and make us whole.
For a good teacher, is a
treasure rare,
A blessing to students,
beyond compare.

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अपने भाई को नसीहत (उपदेश) करो अच्छे कामों को अंजाम देने की, क्योंकि हर आदमी की कद्रो कीमत (सम्मान, प्रतिष्ठा और मूल्य) उस की अच्छाइयां ही होती हैं।.. (शकील उवाचा - 353)

अच्छे संस्कार उच्च कुलीनता की
गवाही देते हैं। जो लोग
सुसंस्कारित होते हैं वह कभी
किसी पर किसी प्रकार का
अत्याचार नहीं करते। हर आदमी
का यह कर्तव्य है के अपने आधीन
जो लोग हैं उनको अच्छे संस्कारों
से सुसंस्कारित किया जाए। अच्छे
कर्म करने की तरकीब देते रहे
और बुरे कामों से रोकने की भी
तरकीब देते रहे। तरकीब या
तरगीब एक उर्दू शब्द है जिसका
अर्थ होता है उपाय, युक्ति, ढंग,
और तरीका। हर आदमी को
वसीयत (मृत्यु पत्र) लिखने और
उसमें अपने बाद के लोगों की
नसीहत (उपदेश) करने को कहा
गया है।

पैगंबर साहब
मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तरा.
धिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबूतालिब
अलैहिस्सलाम अपने बेटे इमाम हसन
अलैहिस्सलाम को वसीयत करते
हुए फरमाया, अपने भाई की
नसीहत (उपदेश) करो चाहे अच्छे
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कामों से रोकने के लिए। (हैदरी
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पुष्ट क्रमांक 142)।

आदमी अपनी
बुलंदी, अपनी गरिमा नेकियों के
जरिए कमाया करता है। जो
आदमी नेकियों से दूर है वह
अपनी कीमत खो देता है। क्योंकि
आदमी की कद्र और कीमत
उसके नेक अमाल से तय (अच्छे
कर्माचरण से निश्चित) होते हैं।
याने आदमी की कद्र और आदमी



की कीमत उसके अपने नेकियों
के द्वारा तय किए जाते हैं। "कद्र"
का अर्थ होता है किसी चीज का
आंतरिक मूल्य, उसका सम्मान, या
उसकी प्रतिष्ठा। और "कीमत" का
अर्थ होता है किसी चीज की
बाजार मूल्य या आर्थिक मूल्य।
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व्यक्ति लाख चाहकर भी कभी
नेकियों को अंजाम नहीं दे सकता।

सच्चा धर्म
नेकियों कमाने का बेहतरीन माध्यम
है। धर्म और ज्ञान हमें अच्छे और
बुरे का फर्क बताकर, बुरे कामों
को त्यागने और अच्छे कामों को
करने का आदेश देता है। पैगंबर
साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले
उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न
अबूतालिब अलैहिस्सलाम कहते हैं
के, "सर्माया ए दीन (धर्म पूंजी)
नेकियों हासिल करना होता है।"
और "हर नेकी (अच्छे कर्म) के
लिए एक सवाब (पुण्य) होता है।"
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-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद
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Goddess of Wisdom

O Mother Saraswati,
Goddess bright,
Draped in white, glow-
ing light,
With a Veena strung in
hands so fair,
You fill the world with
knowledge rare.

A lotus blooms beneath
your feet,
Symbol of wisdom,
pure and sweet,
Your voice, a river,
calm and deep,
Awakens minds from
slumbered sleep.

With every note, with
every tune,
You gift the Sun, the
Stars, the Moon,
In learnings glow, in
arts embrace,



You guide us all with
boundless Grace.

O Mother, bless this
heart, this Soul,
Make wisdoms fire my
lifes goal,
Every morning I bow
to Thee,
Goddess of wisdom,
shine on us!

Smt. Latha Murthy

MECHANI- CAL LIFE!

Everyday busy!
No rest no leisure!
Everyone rush!
Almost all a mechanical
life!

Particularly in cities!
Getting up, brushing,
tea coffee!
Waking up children!
Make them ready to
school!

Mean time municipal
water!
Filling drums to store
the water!
Single bath room all
rush there!
Books, lunch box, school
van comes!

Office time both for cou-
ple!
Waiting for city bus!
Running late, late to
office!



Time 5.00 pm. tired and
reach
home!

Late to bed, early raise!
Alaram rings, routine
starts!
Life become boredom!
No change, life became
Mechanical!
This is present trend of
city
life!

Composed by:
B. Satyanarayana Rao,
(Ba. Sa. Raa)
Vijayawada.

Operation Sindhoor is Inevitable

Visakhapatnam, May 7 -

In the wake of the terrorist
attack in Pahalgam that
claimed the lives of 26 Indian
citizens, Indian armed forces
launched Operation Sindhoor
shortly after midnight on
Tuesday and destroyed 9 ter-
rorist bases located in
Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.
This was the right course of
action, said YSR Congress
Party Visakhapatnam district
president K. K. Raju. He expressed happiness over
the success achieved by the Indian forces.
He stated that military strikes on terrorist camps and
bases were inevitable, emphasizing that protecting
the countrys sovereignty and safeguarding civilians
from terrorist attacks was of utmost importance.
Calling the attack on innocent tourists visiting the
Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam inhuman, he urged the
entire nation to stand in support of the armed forces.



Distribution of Cheques to Families of the Deceased in Simhachalam Chandanotsavam Tragedy



As per the directions of former Chief Minister and
YSR Congress Party President Sri Y. S. Jagan Mohan
Reddy, family members of those who lost their lives in
the unfortunate incident that occurred during the
Simhachalam Chandanotsavam were visited at their
homes to offer condolences. On behalf of the
YSRCP, cheques of Rs. 2 lakhs each were distributed
to the families of the deceased on Wednesday.
YSR Congress Party Visakhapatnam District
President and Visakhapatnam North Constituency
Coordinator K. K. Raju, along with party leaders,
visited the homes of Gujjari Mahalakshmi (65) and Paila
Venkataratnam (45) in HB Colony and handed over
the cheques to their respective family members.
Prominent participants in this program included
Golagani Srinivas, Mollu Apparao, Suresh,
Dronamraju Srivatsav, Nadimpalli Krishnaraju, Ravi
Reddy, Ambati Sailesh, Markuddayyalu, Maruthi
Prasad, and Malleshwari.



Suriya's Retro Movie Box Office Collections: Struggling to Meet Break-Even Target



The makers of Suriya's movie Retro have shared the box office numbers. The movie was released on May 1 with high expectations, but it got mixed reviews. Because of this, the makers couldn't share the numbers for five days. On May 6, the official poster was released, and the makers announced that the movie has made Rs. 104 crores at the box office so far. But trade sources say the net collection is Rs. 47.66 crores. The movie's target to break even is Rs. 82 crores. Fans were excited for Retro after the failure of Kanguva, but many were disappointed. The movie did well in Tamil Nadu, but not in other states. Meanwhile, Hit 3 is doing much better. It earned over Rs. 100 crores in four days and has a net collection of Rs. 60 crores. Retro Box Office Collections: May 1 (Thursday): Rs. 19.25 crores (Tamil: Rs. 17.25 crores, Telugu: Rs. 1.95 crores) May 2 (Friday): Rs. 7.75 crores (Tamil: Rs. 7.05 crores, Telugu: Rs. 0.67 crores) May 3 (Saturday): Rs. 8 crores (Tamil: Rs. 7.3 crores, Telugu: Rs. 0.65 crores) May 4 (Sunday): Rs. 8.15 crores (Tamil: Rs. 7.45 crores, Telugu: Rs. 0.65 crores) May 5 (Monday): Rs. 3.4 crores (Tamil: Rs. 2.95 crores, Telugu: Rs. 0.4 crores) May 6 (Tuesday): Rs. 1.11 crores Total: Rs. 47.66 crores nett The movie was produced by Suriya and Jyothika's 2D Entertainment and Stone Bench Studios. The total cost of making the movie is about Rs. 70 crores, including promotions and salaries. The movie also earned Rs. 80.5 crores before it was released. The movie still needs to do well to break even, as its target is Rs. 82 crores.

Kajol Recreates Shah Rukh Khan's Met Gala 2025 Look, Fans Recall Iconic Rahul-Anjali Chemistry from Kuch Kuch Hota Hai

This week, fans were treated to a delicious dose of nostalgia by Bollywood's most famous on-screen couple, Kajol and Shah Rukh Khan, but via Instagram rather than the big screen. Shah Rukh Khan's highly discussed Met Gala 2025 ensemble was humorously replicated by Kajol on Tuesday, evoking praise, amusement, and a flood of nostalgia from admirers. Shah Rukh, who made his debut at the esteemed fashion event, looked stunning in a timeless black tuxedo with multiple layers of silver jewellery. Constantly enjoying a good time, Kajol shared side-by-side pictures of herself imitating SRK's attire on Instagram. "Hmmm, spot the difference," she captioned the photo, tagging her long-time friend and co-star. She was wearing a



black jacket and accessorising it with bright silver pieces, including massive bangles, rings, a nose ring, and big earrings. As soon as possible, fans filled the comments, comparing it to their favourite Kuch Kuch Hota Hai characters, Rahul and Anjali. "No difference—he's the king and you're the queen," an admirer commented. "Come on, Rahul and Anjali, let's take a group

photo," said another. The pair's lasting status as Bollywood royalty was further reinforced by comments such as "Best friend core" and "Kuch Kuch Hota Hai vibes" that reverberated throughout the post. The two have starred together in films such as My Name Is Khan, Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham, and Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge. Their most recent collaboration was in

Dilwale (2015). Fans are still enchanted by their camaraderie off-screen, even though they haven't seen together on film since. What's Next for the Stars? Kajol is set to appear in the upcoming horror film Maa, directed by Vishal Furia and produced by Ajay Devgn. The film is slated for a theatrical release on June 27. Meanwhile, Shah Rukh Khan will star in King, an action film directed by Siddharth Anand of Pathaan fame. The project, which reportedly features Suhana Khan and Abhishek Bachchan, is expected to begin filming later this year. Fans may have to wait for a big-screen reunion, but moments like these—full of warmth, humor, and nostalgia—keep the magic of Kajol and SRK alive and thriving.

Realme Hip Hop India S2 celebrates individuality and underground dance culture on Amazon MX Player

The second season of Realme Hip Hop India has returned with renewed energy on Amazon MX Player, bringing the country's underground hip hop scene to centre stage. Featuring renowned choreographers Remo D'Souza and Malaika Arora as judges, the show continues to shine a light on dance styles and voices often overlooked by mainstream platforms. Each week, dancers from across India showcase their raw talent, pushing boundaries in styles ranging from Krump to Popping. The performances are not just technical displays but deeply personal expressions that resonate with audiences and judges alike. Reflecting on the platform's impact, Remo D'Souza said the show gives



long-overdue recognition to dancers who have often trained without formal support or facilities. "These artists have built their skills with pure grit. Putting them on a national stage sends a powerful message: their struggle and craft matter. This is more than a competition—it's a turning point for many," he said. Judge Malaika Arora empha-

sised the emotional depth and individuality that define the show's core. "What excites me is seeing dancers who don't just move, but tell their stories through dance. Hip hop has an honesty that's hard to ignore. This season is about voices that rarely get heard—it's not just about skill but soul," she said. New episodes of Realme Hip Hop India Season 2 are released every Thursday and are available for free on Amazon MX Player via the Amazon Shopping App, Prime Video, Fire TV, and Connected TVs. As rivalries heat up and personal stories unfold, the series continues to redefine what a dance reality show can be—an inclusive space where raw talent meets opportunity.

Tendulkar, Punia, Gambhir, Bhajji lead as sports stars hail India's response to terror attack

New Delhi: In the wake of the Indian Army's decisive and strategic counterterrorism response—Operation Sindoor—India's sports establishment has come out to salute the armed forces for their bold and measured response to the terror attack in Pahalgam in which 26 tourists lost their lives. From cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and World Cup heroes Gautam Gambhir, Harbhajan Singh, Suresh Raina and Chetan Sharma to Olympic and Paralympic medallists Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, and Devendra Jhajharia; from cricket stars Shikhar Dhawan, Pragyan Ojha, Jhulan Goswami and Varun Chakravarthy; to wrestlers, boxers and other athletes, the Indian sports community have risen in unison to support 'Operation Sindoor'. In the early hours of May 7, India launched precision strikes targeting nine high-value terror camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (Pok), in response to the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives—25 Indians and one Nepali national. The air and missile strikes focused only on terror infrastructure linked with internationally designated groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba. Care was taken to avoid civilian casualties or damage to Pakistan's military assets, underlining India's commitment to strategic restraint even in retaliation. Cricketers—many of whom have long been vocal in support of India's armed forces—were quick to respond with heartfelt messages on social media, using hashtags like #OperationSindoor and #JaiHind, now trending nationwide. Sachin Tendulkar, the master blaster, weighed in with a unifying message that struck a chord across age groups: "Fearless in unity. Boundless in strength. India's shield is her people. There's no room for terrorism in this world.



"We're ONE TEAM!" "Wrestling icon and Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia, whose brother was killed in the Pahalgam attack, also broke his silence with a moving tribute to the Army's bravery. "I am immensely proud of our Indian Army. They have honoured the death of my brother with justice, courage, and precision," Punia told IANS. "Their actions have brought some solace to families like mine while making the entire nation proud. It is our duty to support the armed forces without division or politics. On matters of national security, the country must speak in one voice. Let this operation be a warning: any attack on India will be met with strength and resolve," said Punia. Gautam Gambhir, the head coach of the Indian men's team, was among the first to salute the armed forces. A known advocate for national security and a former MP, Gambhir shared a succinct but powerful message: "Jai Hind". Aakash Chopra, former opener-turned-commentator, echoed Gambhir's sentiment in a similarly patriotic post: "Jai Hind" Pragyan Ojha, ex-India spinner and former players' association rep-

resentative, also joined the chorus of respect: "Jai Hind" Harbhajan Singh, a Member of Parliament (MP) in the Rajya Sabha, minced no words in his tribute. In a social media post, he wrote: "JAI HIND #OperationSindoor is Bharat's response to the brutal killing of our innocent brothers in Pahalgam." Jhulan Goswami, legendary Indian women's team pacer, hailed the operation with poetic precision in her post: "Precision. Purpose. Power. That's how India answers. #OperationSindoor" Shikhar Dhawan, known for his flair both on and off the field, posted a short clip on Instagram capturing the spirit of the operation, with the caption: "Jo kaha tha, woh karke dikhaya. Justice is served. Bharat Mata Ki Jai!" ("We did what we said we would. Justice is served. Hail Mother India!"). India men's cricket team fast bowler Mohd Shami said, "The Indian Armed Forces turned adversity into a powerful Fateh moment. Their courage and valor in the face of danger have made us all proud. Jai hind" Olympic bronze medallist boxer Vijender Singh kept it short but stirring, "Bharat Mata ki Jai," while woman wrestler Sakshi Malik, who won a bronze medal in Rio Olympic Games in 2016, said the Indian armed forces have wiped out the next generation of the terror-supporters who caused so much grief to sisters and daughters in India. "Jin atankvadiyon ne Pahalgam me desh ki behan betiyon ka sindoor ujada that, Bharatia sena ne unki aane wali pushtein tak uzad di. Bharatia sena ke jazbe ko hamara salam. Jai Hind, Jai Hind ki sena (The Indian armed forces have wiped out the next generation of terrorists who rendered out sisters and daughters widowed in Pahalgam)," said Sakshi Malik and her husband Satyawart Kadian, an Arjuna Award winner, in their message. Varun

Chakravarthy, currently active in IPL 2025 with the Kolkata Knight Riders, shared the official Indian Army photograph of the operation on his Instagram story. Chetan Sharma, former India pacer and selector, contextualised the strikes in a powerful patriotic tone, posting on X, "Jab baat suraksha ki ho toh Bharat sankoch nahi karta. #OperationSindoor - ek jawab nahi, ek sandesh hai." Devendra Jhajharia, India's most decorated Paralympian and current PCI President, wrote a long emotional post in Hindi, praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the armed forces: "When terrorists shattered the lives of our daughters and sisters, it was not just a provocation—it was a direct challenge to the self-respect of every Indian... Operation Sindoor is not just a military operation; it is a tribute to the bravehearts who laid down their lives and an answer to those who mock our will. Today, we are led by a Prime Minister, who doesn't just speak, he acts." Badminton star Saina Nehwal and former cricketer Suresh Raina also chimed in, posting "Jai Hind" to their millions of followers on social platforms. Boxer Gaurav Bidhuri delivered a searing rebuke to critics and a heartfelt salute to the Indian armed forces. "While we were asleep in our homes, our Indian Army was out there executing Operation Sindoor. And to all those who kept shouting, 'Modi ji, attack! Why aren't you attacking?' — this is your clear answer," Bidhuri told IANS. The Ministry of Defence confirmed in a statement released at 1:44 AM on May 7 that the strikes were precise, coordinated, and driven by intelligence-led targeting. The nine terror sites struck were not random but were chosen for their links to organisations that have repeatedly tried to destabilise peace in the region.