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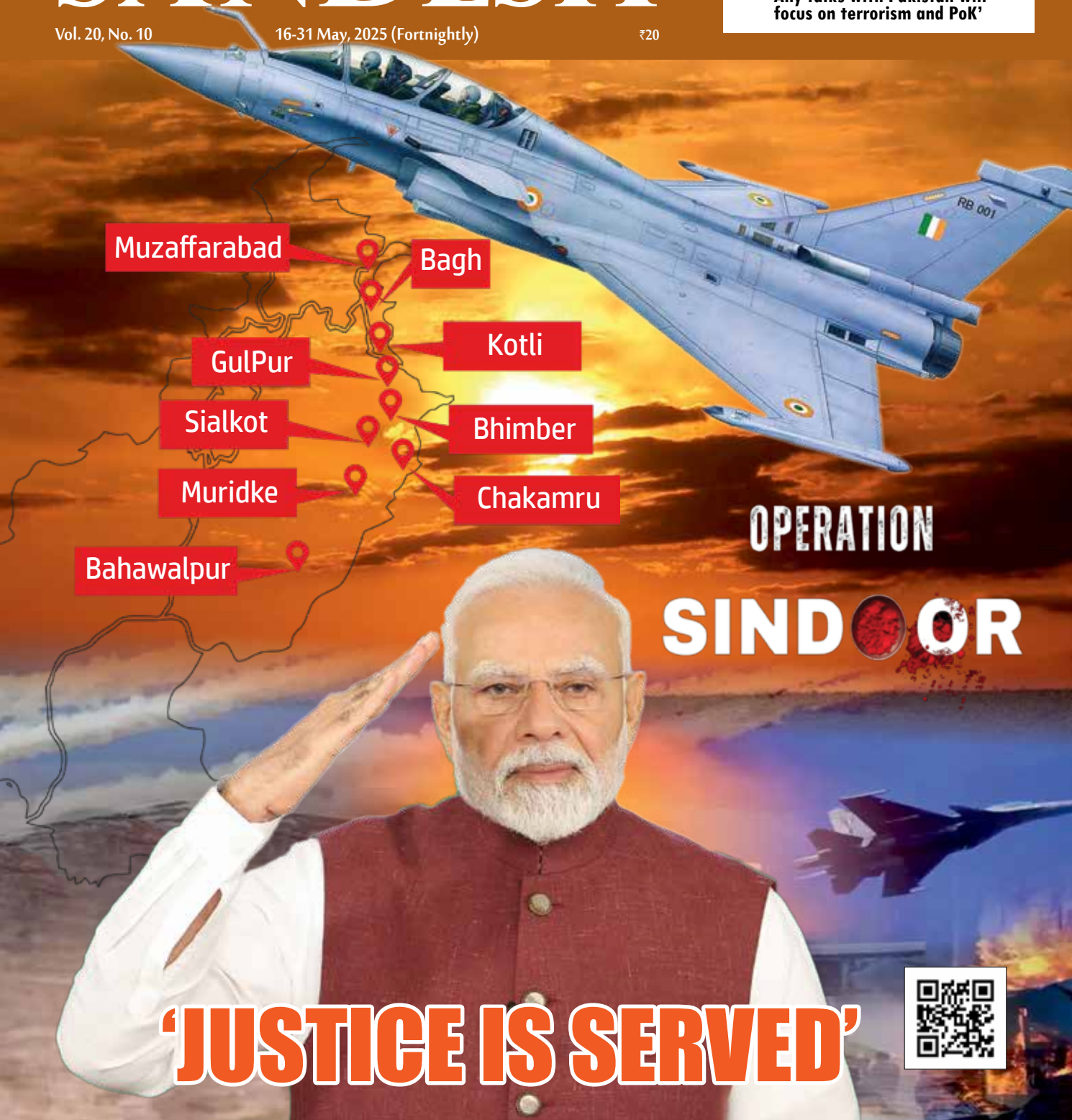
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OPERATION

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'JUSTICE IS SERVED'





BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda presiding the Tamil Nadu BJP State Core-Committee meeting in Chennai on 03 May 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda along with other senior leaders after paying floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the 'Statue of Unity' in Kevadia, Gujarat on 05 May 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda welcoming the President of Angola and Chairperson of the African Union, H.E. Mr. Joao Lourenco in New Delhi as part of 'Know BJP' initiative on 04 May 2025



Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah presiding a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of border states adjoining Pakistan and Nepal during 'Operation Sindoor' on 07 May 2025



Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah along with other senior leaders unveiling a statue of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma at Kailash Colony and renamed a road after the stalwart in New Delhi on 01 May 2025



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh chairing a high level meeting to review the security situation along the western border and operational preparedness of the Indian Armed Forces during 'Operation Sindoor' in New Delhi on May 09, 2025

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@Narendramodi

It's a delight to be among my sisters and brothers of Andhra Pradesh as we begin a new and historic chapter in Amaravati's growth. I am confident Amaravati will emerge as a futuristic urban centre, which will enhance the development trajectory of AP. I would like to compliment my good friend, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu Garu for his vision for Amaravati and his commitment towards the welfare of AP's people. (02nd May 2025)



@JPNadda

India-UK Free Trade Agreement marks a defining moment in the economic partnership between the two nations. Under the visionary leadership of Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi Ji, this landmark deal opens new avenues for growth, fosters innovation, and enhances market access for businesses. It reflects Modi Ji's unwavering commitment to economic development and the strengthening of bilateral cooperation, ensuring that India remains at the forefront of global economic progress. (06th May 2025)



@AmitShah

Nation salutes the unparalleled valour of our Armed Forces – the destroyers of our enemies and the shield of Bharat. We also salute our first line of defence, the courageous personnel of the BSF. The bravery of our forces will forever be etched in our glorious history. I congratulate PM Shri @narendramodi Ji for his exemplary leadership in delivering justice to the departed souls of our innocent brothers. Time and again, Modi Ji has proven that no enemy of Bharat can go unpunished. #OperationSindoor (12th May 2025)



@Rajnathsingh

The Indian Armed Forces scripted history last night. They acted with precision, precaution and compassion to destroy terror camps and other infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK. Through 'Operation Sindoor', India used its 'Right to Respond' to the attack on its soil. As per the plan, the targets were destroyed and no civilian population was harmed. I congratulate the Armed Forces for giving a befitting reply. I also congratulate Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi for providing full support to the forces. (07th May 2025)



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TN CM drops Thiru Ponmudi & Thiru Senthil Balaji from ministry. Clear signs of change in the way electorate thinks in TN. Even @arivalayam is forced to accept this. A big achievement of @BJP4TamilNadu. In TN now you cannot abuse Hindu values without becoming irrelevant. (27th April 2025)



@Nirmala Sitharaman

India has always been a land of diversity, with several languages & religions. People of different ethnicities have lived together, prior to the British coming to India and prior to various invasions. The mindset of India and Indians is to live together and to accommodate and respect every difference. There are no statutory compulsions. (06th May 2025)



Operation Sindoor

Bharat Mata ki Jai

Jai Nari Shakti



Colonel
Sophia Qureshi



Wing Commander
Vyomika Singh

**PROMISE
MADE**

“ India will identify, track and eliminate every terrorist their handlers and backers. We will pursue them down to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. ”



**PROMISE
DELIVERED**

7th May
**OPERATION
SINDOOR**

9
Terrorist
Hideouts
Annihilated
in Precision
Airstrikes



India punishes terrorists in their own haven

As heroic actions of Indian forces completely crushed nine terror havens across the LoC and inside Pakistan, a stern lesson was taught to terrorists and their sponsors which they will never forget. The unparalleled prowess and power of Indian forces displayed during Operation Sindoor smashing terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) will be recorded in glorious history in golden letters. It was a landmark tri-service operation marking a significant shift in India's counter-terrorism strategy, which now believes in punishing the terrorists in their own haven. India of today, led by the dynamic and strong leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, believes in taking an uncompromising and unyielding stand against terrorism. It takes bold and courageous decisions to dare the enemies in their own havens, making them pay for their crimes and bleed for their sins. India, confident of its own capabilities, has risen, freeing itself from the weak-kneed policies of the past. India has arrived!

The operation was a timely and necessary response to cross-border threats. It was a direct response to the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam on 22nd April 2025, where 26 innocent people were killed on the basis of their faith by terrorists linked to Pakistan-backed terror outfits. Operation Sindoor was launched to counter Pakistan-sponsored terrorism following the Pahalgam attack by neutralising key Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and LeT terror camps, signalling India's resolve for military retribution, as it was done

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during the Uri Surgical Strike and Balakot Airstrikes. The operation aimed to restore deterrence, seek justice and punish the perpetrators of the terror attack. This time not only was the magnitude of response higher, but it was also broadened to include terror havens deep inside Pakistan and even exposed the chinks in Pakistan's armour and its vulnerabilities before the decisive and determined actions of Indian forces. It has re-established the new resolve of India that no attacks on its soil will be allowed to go unpunished.

The Indian forces this time employed advanced, non-contact warfare technologies and intelligence-driven precision, demonstrating India's self-reliant defence capabilities under the Atmanirbhar Bharat. In a 25-minute tri-service operation, Indian Armed Forces destroyed major terrorist camps in PoK, including JeM's Bahawalpur base and

LeT's Muridke camp, eliminating over 100 terrorists, including Abdul Rauf Azhar, without attacking Pakistani civilians or its military installations. India also briefed various countries and UNSC envoys with evidence of Pakistan's terror links, diplomatically isolating Pakistan and exposing its agenda of sponsoring, backing and providing safe havens to terror outfits. Earlier, India also suspended the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty, regaining control over key rivers like the Indus, Chenab and Jhelum, which may adversely impact Pakistan's water requirements while pressuring it to decisively act against terrorism.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, in his address to the nation, has made India's stand on terrorism clear and sent a stern message to the terror outfits and their sponsors without mincing words. It has been made clear that India will give a befitting reply to any terror attack in the future too without differentiating between the government sponsoring terrorism and the masterminds of terrorism. While refusing to tolerate any nuclear blackmail, the Prime Minister has reiterated that neither terror and talk, terror and trade can go together nor water and blood can flow together. India, under the decisive and determined leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has not only asserted its sovereignty in standing firm on legal and moral grounds but also showed its principled and calibrated response, demonstrating a new paradigm of restraint and strength, precision and purpose. India has reshaped its geopolitical and strategic response against terrorism, its handlers and backers. ■

ANY TALKS WITH PAKISTAN WILL FOCUS ON TERRORISM AND POK: PM MODI



OPERATION SINDOOR

The inevitable response to the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir and against the huge terror hideouts in Pakistan, known as '**Operation Sindoor**', was carried out by India on the dead of the night of 07 May 2025. India's retribution was progressively notched up from its earlier responses against terrorist attacks for Uri across the Line of Control in 2016, and the unprecedented air strikes in Balakot, Pakistan, in retaliation for the Pulwama terrorist assault. The codeword of 'Operation Sindoor' was chosen by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

During the strike, multiple attacks were carried out across the LoC, inflicting enormous damage to Jaish and Lashkar terrorist infrastructure. India made clear that military strikes were in self-defence, against cross-border terrorism, not military targets; they were preventive, proportionate, non-escalatory and were accompanied by a warning that any Pakistani misadventure would be responded to with equal force.

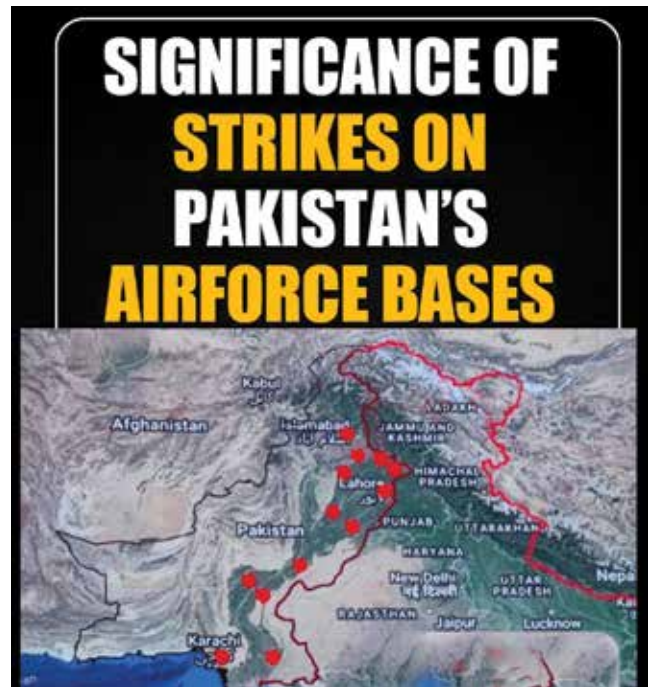
Addressing the nation the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi remarked that the nation has witnessed both India's strength and restraint during the operation. He extended his salute to the country's formidable armed forces, intelligence agencies, and scientists on behalf of every Indian citizen. The Prime Minister highlighted the unwavering courage displayed by India's brave soldiers in achieving the objectives of Operation Sindoor, acknowledging their valour, resilience, and indomitable spirit.

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Full freedom to eliminate terrorists

Condemning strongly the barbaric terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22, stating that it shocked both the nation and the world, Shri Modi described the act as a gruesome display of terror, where innocent civilians enjoying their holidays were brutally killed after being questioned about their faith—right in front of their families and children. He stressed that this was not just an act of cruelty but also a vile attempt to fracture the nation's harmony. Expressing his deep personal anguish over the attack, he highlighted how the entire nation—every citizen, every community, every section of society, and every political party—stood united in demanding strong action against terrorism. He asserted that the government had given the armed forces full freedom to eliminate the terrorists. He warned all terrorist organizations, declaring that they now fully understand the consequences of attempting to harm the dignity of the nation's women.

"Operation Sindoor is not just a name but a reflection of the emotions of millions of Indians", emphasised the Prime Minister, describing it as an unwavering pledge to justice, one that the world witnessed being fulfilled on May 6-7. The Prime Minister highlighted that the Indian armed forces executed precise strikes on terrorist hideouts and training centers in Pakistan, delivering a decisive blow. He remarked that the terrorists never imagined India would make such a bold move, but when the nation stands united with Nation First as its guiding principle, firm decisions are taken and impactful results are delivered. He stated that India's missile and drone strikes on terrorist hubs in Pakistan shattered not only their infrastructure but also their morale. The Prime Minister pointed out



that locations like Bahawalpur and Muridke had long operated as centers of global terrorism, linking them to major attacks worldwide, including 9/11 attacks of US, the London Tube bombings, and decades of terrorist incidents in India. He declared that since terrorists had dared to destroy the dignity of Indian women, India had eliminated the headquarters of terror. The operation resulted in the elimination of over 100 dangerous terrorists, including key figures who had openly plotted against India for decades, he added, affirming that those who orchestrated threats against India had been swiftly neutralized.

India's precise and forceful strikes left Pakistan in deep frustration

Shri Modi stated that India's precise and forceful strikes had left Pakistan in deep frustration, pushing it into desperation. In its agitation, Pakistan resorted to a reckless act instead of joining the global fight against terrorism—it launched attacks on Indian schools, colleges, gurudwaras, temples, and civilian homes, also targeting military bases, he added. He highlighted how this aggression exposed Pakistan's vulnerabilities, as its drones and missiles crumbled like straw before India's advanced air defense systems, which neutralized them in the sky. He remarked that while Pakistan had prepared to strike India's borders,

PAKISTAN'S BID TO ESCALATE NEGATED -PROPORTIONATE RESPONSE BY INDIA

During the Press Briefing on Operation SINDOOR on 07 May 2025, India had called its response as focused, measured and non-escalatory. It was specifically mentioned that Pakistani military establishments had not been targeted. It was also reiterated that any attack on military targets in India will invite a suitable response.

On the night of 07-08 May 2025, Pakistan attempted to engage a number of military targets in Northern and Western India including Awantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarlai, and Bhuj, using drones and missiles. These were neutralised by the Integrated Counter UAS Grid and Air Defence systems. The debris of these attacks is now being recovered from a number of locations that prove the Pakistani attacks.

Today morning Indian Armed Forces targeted Air Defence Radars and systems at a number of locations in Pakistan. Indian response has been in the same domain with same intensity as Pakistan. It has been reliably learnt that an Air Defence system at Lahore has been neutralised.

Pakistan has increased the intensity of its unprovoked firing across the Line of Control using Mortars and heavy calibre Artillery in areas in Kupwara, Baramulla, Uri, Poonch, Mendhar and Rajouri sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sixteen innocent lives have been lost, including three women and five children, due to Pakistani firing. Here too, India was compelled to respond to bring Mortar and Artillery fire from Pakistan to a halt. Indian Armed Forces reiterate their commitment to non-escalation, provided it is respected by the Pakistani military.



India delivered a decisive blow to Pakistan's core. Indian drones and missiles executed highly accurate strikes, severely damaging Pakistani airbases that it had long boasted about. Within the first three days of India's response, Pakistan suffered destruction far beyond its expectations. Following India's aggressive countermeasures, Pakistan began seeking ways to de-escalate, appealing to the global community for relief from rising tensions. He revealed that, after suffering severe losses, Pakistan's military reached out to India's DGMO on the afternoon of May 10. By then, India had already dismantled large-scale terrorist infrastructure, eliminated key militants, and reduced Pakistan's terror hubs to ruins. Shri Modi noted that Pakistan, in its appeal, assured that it would cease all terrorist activities and military aggression against India. In light of this statement, India reviewed the situation and decided to temporarily suspend its counter-operations against Pakistan's terrorist and military installations. He reiterated that this suspension is not a conclusion—India will continue to assess Pakistan's every move in the coming days, ensuring that its future actions align with its commitments.

Operation Sindoor is now India's established policy

The Prime Minister emphasized that India's armed forces—the Army, Air Force, Navy, Border Security Force (BSF), and paramilitary units—remain on high alert, ensuring national security at all times. "Operation Sindoor is now India's

established policy in the fight against terrorism, marking a decisive shift in India's strategic approach", he declared, stating that the operation has set a new standard, a new normal in counter-terrorism measures. The Prime Minister outlined three key pillars of India's security doctrine; firstly the Decisive Retaliation, when Any terrorist attack on India will be met with a strong and resolute response. India will retaliate on its own terms, targeting terror hubs at their roots. The second is No Tolerance for Nuclear Blackmail; India will not be intimidated by nuclear threats. Any terrorist safe haven operating under this pretext will face precise and decisive strikes. Third pillar being No Distinction Between Terror Sponsors and Terrorists; India will no longer see terrorist leaders and the governments sheltering them as separate entities. He pointed out that during Operation Sindoor, the world once again witnessed Pakistan's disturbing reality—senior Pakistani military officials openly attending funerals of eliminated terrorists, proving Pakistan's deep involvement in state-sponsored terrorism. The Prime Minister reaffirmed that India will continue taking decisive steps to safeguard its citizens against any threat.

India consistently defeated Pakistan on battlefield

Asserting that India has consistently defeated Pakistan on the battlefield, and Operation Sindoor has added a new dimension to the nation's military prowess, Shri Modi highlighted India's remarkable capability in both desert and mountainous warfare while also establishing superiority in New Age Warfare. He emphasized that during the operation, the effectiveness of Made in India defense equipment was decisively proven. He remarked that the world is now witnessing the arrival of Made in India defense systems as a formidable force in 21st-century warfare.

Pakistan's continuously nurtured terrorism

Shri Modi asserted that Pakistan's military and government have continuously nurtured terrorism, warning that such actions will eventually lead to Pakistan's own downfall. He declared that if Pakistan seeks survival, it must dismantle its terror infrastructure—there is no other path to peace. He reaffirmed India's firm stance, stating that terror and talks cannot coexist, terror and trade cannot run parallel, and blood and water cannot flow together. Addressing the global



community, he reiterated India's long-standing policy that any discussions with Pakistan will focus solely on terrorism and any negotiations with Pakistan will center around Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Concluding his address, he once again saluted the valor of the Indian armed forces and expressed his deep respect for the courage and unity of the people of India.

Highlights

- Today, every terrorist knows the consequences of wiping Sindoor from the foreheads of our sisters and daughters
- Operation Sindoor is an unwavering pledge for justice.
- Terrorists dared to wipe the Sindoor from the foreheads of our sisters; that's why India destroyed the very headquarters of terror.
- Pakistan had prepared to strike at our borders, but India hit them right at their core.
- Operation Sindoor has redefined the fight against terror, setting a new benchmark, a new normal.
- This is not an era of war, but it is not an era of terrorism either.
- Zero tolerance against terrorism is the guarantee of a better world.
- Any talks with Pakistan will focus on terrorism and PoK. ■

THIS IS WHAT VICTORY LOOKS LIKE

India's 90 minutes targeted strikes on major Pakistani airbases during #OperationSindoor marked a decisive shift in regional military dynamics. These preemptive and precision attacks dismantled Pakistan's ability to maintain air superiority, coordinate national defense, and project any meaningful counter-response. Each base served a critical function, and its destruction inflicted strategic and psychological damage on the Pakistani military establishment.

1. Nur Khan/Chaklala Airbase (Rawalpindi)

India's strike on Nur Khan disrupted the heart of Pakistan's air logistics and high-level military coordination. As the base closest to Islamabad, often used for VIP transport and military logistics, its neutralization severed critical links between the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) leadership and its operational units during the conflict.

2. PAF Base Rafiqui (Shorkot)

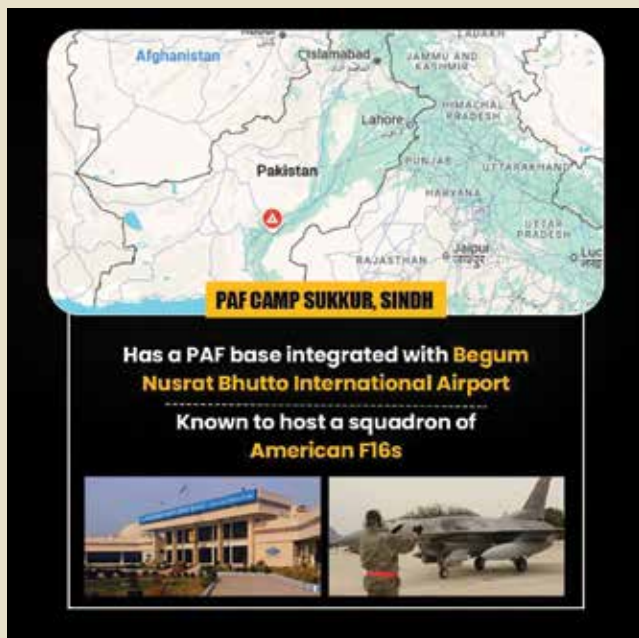
Rafiqui, a key fighter base hosting frontline combat squadrons, was rendered inoperable. The destruction of its aircraft shelters and runway infrastructure significantly weakened Pakistan's ability to launch counter-air operations, especially in central Punjab. This move effectively removed one of PAF's sharpest offensive tools.

3. Murid Airbase (Punjab)

By targeting Murid, India disrupted a vital training and potential missile storage hub. The strike degraded Pakistan's long-term air force readiness, cutting off a critical node in the pilot training pipeline and eliminating logistical depth for future operations.

4. Sukkur Airbase (Sindh)

India's destruction of Sukkur Airbase cut Pakistan's southern air corridor. Sukkur had been essential for troop and equipment movement across Sindh and Balochistan. Its loss severed key logistical arteries and reduced Pakistan's operational range in



the south.

5. Sialkot Airbase (Eastern Punjab)

Sialkot, situated close to the Indian border,

If you tease us, we won't let you go : JP Nadda



India's message on Pahalgam - If you tease us, we won't let you go. Prime Minister Modi said that those who attack the soul of India will be given severe punishment. India is both capable and determined to uproot terrorism from its roots. We will eradicate the scourge of terrorism - #OperationSindoor ■

Proud of our armed forces : Amit Shah



Proud of our armed forces. #OperationSindoor is Bharat's response to the brutal killing of our innocent brothers in Pahalgam. The Modi government is resolved to give a befitting response to any attack on India and its people. Bharat remains firmly committed to eradicating terrorism from its roots. ■

was neutralized early in the conflict. This base had served as a forward-operating platform for launching sorties toward Jammu and Punjab. Its loss created a significant blind spot along the eastern frontier, exposing Pakistani ground forces to unchallenged Indian aerial dominance.

6. Pasrur Airstrip (Punjab)

Though smaller in scale, the Pasrur facility played a role in dispersal and emergency aircraft operations. By taking it out, India reduced Pakistan's tactical flexibility and forced aircraft to concentrate at more vulnerable, high-profile locations.

7. Chunian (Radar/Support Installation)

Strikes on Chunian disrupted radar coverage and communications infrastructure vital for central Punjab's airspace monitoring. This left a gap in Pakistan's early warning systems, allowing Indian aircraft deeper penetration with reduced risk.

8. Sargodha Airbase (Mushaf Base)

The destruction of Sargodha was a strategic masterstroke. As the most critical base in Pakistan—home to the Combat Commanders School, nuclear delivery platforms, and elite squadrons—its decimation crippled Pakistan's command-and-control structure. The blow was both operational and symbolic, shattering the myth of an invulnerable PAF.

9. Skardu Airbase (Gilgit-Baltistan)

India's neutralization of Skardu degraded Pakistan's northern surveillance and air operations near the Line of Actual Control. It also disrupted

logistical links that could have supported Chinese-Pakistani coordination in the high Himalayas. The strategic advantage in the northern theater now firmly belongs to India.

10. Bholari Airbase (Near Karachi)

As one of Pakistan's newest airbases with dual-use naval and air roles, Bholari had symbolized future ambitions of southern force projection. Its destruction erased those aspirations, compromising coastal defense coordination and leaving Karachi vulnerable to further strikes.

11. Jacobabad Airbase (Sindh-Balochistan)

Jacobabad's neutralization further isolated western Pakistan. Historically used for rapid troop deployment and even by U.S. forces during the war on terror, its destruction cut off internal mobility, supply chains, and Pakistan's western air surveillance.

In conclusion, India's swift and coordinated strikes on these airbases delivered a strategic knockout to Pakistan's aerial capabilities. The dismantling of radar networks, command hubs, and strike platforms left the PAF blind, grounded, and disoriented. More than just battlefield wins, these were structural demolitions—designed to disable Pakistan's ability to fight today and deter it from even contemplating aggression in the future.

This operation not only demonstrated India's technological and tactical superiority but also redefined the rules of engagement in South Asia. The destruction of Pakistan's airbases sent an unambiguous message: India now holds the initiative, and the cost of provocation will be catastrophic. ■

OPERATION **SINDOOR** was successfully executed: Rajnath Singh

Operation Sindoor was successfully executed because our formidable & professionally-trained Armed Forces were equipped with high-quality equipment, said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh while addressing in New Delhi on May 08, 2025. Raksha Mantri commended the precision with which the Armed Forces executed the operation without harming any innocent person and with minimum collateral damage, terming it as unimaginable and a matter of great pride for the nation.

"In Operation Sindoor, nine terror camps were destroyed in Pakistan & PoK, and a good number of terrorists were killed. It shows the crucial role 'quality' plays in securing national interests," said Shri Rajnath Singh.

Raksha Mantri asserted that India has always played the role of a responsible nation exercising great restraint and it believes in resolving issues through dialogue, however, if anyone tries to take advantage of this restraint, they will face 'quality action'. He assured the nation that no limit will become an obstacle for the Government in protecting India's sovereignty. "We are fully prepared for such responsible responses in the future as well," he said.

He voiced the Government's emphasis on the empowerment of the defence production sector since 2014, based on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's philosophy of Defence Sovereignty. He said: "Defence Sovereignty means that until a country is capable and self-reliant in its defence needs, its independence cannot be considered complete. If we buy weapons and other defence equipment from abroad, we are outsourcing our security and leaving it at the mercy of someone else. Our government thought over it seriously and took a decisive step to achieve self-reliance. The expanding defence industrial ecosystem is providing an unprecedented strength to India".

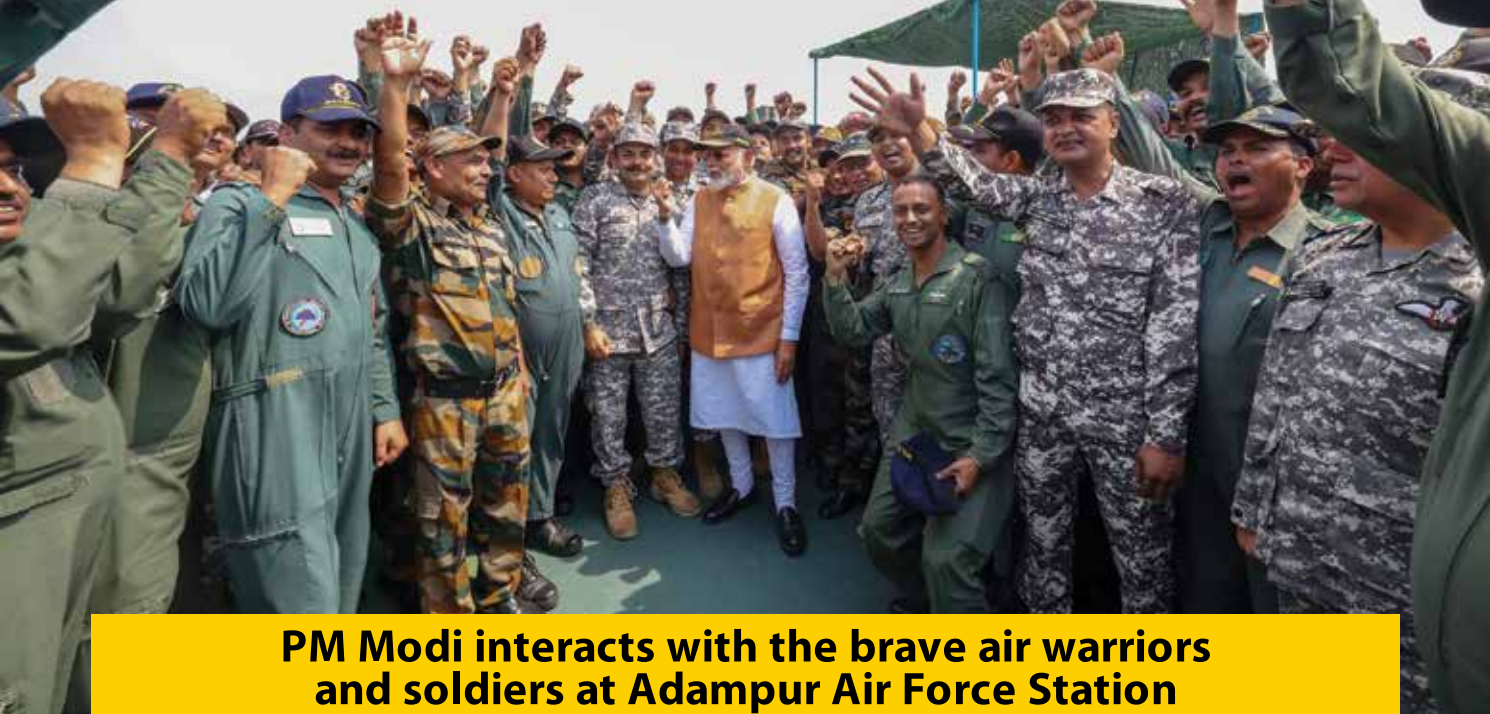
Shri Singh added that equal emphasis is being laid on quality and quantity in defence production with many revolutionary steps being taken in that



direction, including corporatisation of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). He termed Quality as the Government's priority Reform Agenda, highlighting that since the corporatisation of OFB, DPSUs have become internationally competitive and export-oriented, with efforts being made to advance quality production.

Raksha Mantri pointed out that one of the objectives behind the progress of the public sector has been to develop a Healthy Competitive Private Defence Ecosystem, which will strengthen India's security through quality. "In today's world, a strong brand value is important than just a product. The brand, which assures consistent quality and reliability, succeeds," he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh appealed to the Armed Forces, Government QA agencies, DPSUs, private industry, research institutions, academia, and MSME representatives present on the occasion to build a world-leading state-of-the-art Brand India. "Brand India means if an Indian company has promised something, it will definitely happen. 'Whenever in doubt, go for India' should be our USP," he said. ■



PM Modi interacts with the brave air warriors and soldiers at Adampur Air Force Station

Courage and professionalism of our air warriors are commendable: PM Modi

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited and interacted with the brave air warriors and soldiers at the Air Force Station at Adampur on 13 May 2025. Addressing them, he highlighted the power of the slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', emphasizing that the world has just witnessed its strength. Remarking that this is not merely a

chant but a solemn oath taken by every soldier who risks their life to uphold the dignity of Mother India, the Prime Minister stated that this slogan is the voice of every citizen who wishes to live for the nation and make a meaningful contribution. He underscored that 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' echoes both in the battlefield and in critical missions. He noted

that when Indian soldiers chant 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', it sends shivers down the enemy's spine. He emphasized India's military might, stating that when Indian drones demolish enemy fortifications and when missiles strike with precision, the enemy hears

only one phrase—'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. Prime Minister Modi asserted that even in the darkest of nights, India has the capability to illuminate the sky, forcing the enemy to witness the indomitable spirit of the nation. He declared that when India's forces dismantle threats of nuclear blackmail, the message reverberates across the heavens and the depths—'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'.

Praising the courage and determination of India's armed forces, stating that they have filled the hearts of millions of Indians with pride, Shri Modi remarked that every Indian stands taller today because of their unparalleled bravery and historic achievements. He added that it was indeed a great fortune to visit the brave heroes, emphasizing that when the nation's heroism is discussed decades from now, the soldiers leading this mission will be the most celebrated figures. He asserted that they have become an

INDIA IS ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR ARMED FORCES: PM MODI

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visited Adampur Air Base on May 13, 2025 to meet our brave air warriors and soldiers. "It was a very special experience to be with those who epitomise courage, determination and fearlessness", Shri Modi stated.

The Prime Minister posted on X; "Earlier this morning, I went to AFS Adampur and met our brave air warriors and soldiers. It was a very special experience to be with those who epitomise courage, determination and fearlessness. India is eternally grateful to our armed forces for everything they do for our nation."



inspiration not only for the present but also for future generations. Addressing the armed forces from the land of valiant warriors, he saluted the courageous personnel of the Air Force, Navy, Army, and the Border Security Force (BSF). He hailed their heroic efforts, declaring that the impact of Operation Sindoor is resonating across the nation. He noted that during the operation, every Indian stood firmly with the soldiers, offering prayers and unwavering support. He expressed the deep gratitude of the entire nation to its soldiers and their families, recognizing their sacrifices.

Operation Sindoor is not an ordinary military campaign

"Operation Sindoor is not an ordinary military campaign but a trinity of India's policy, intent, and decisive capability", emphasised the Prime Minister, highlighting that India is the land of both Buddha and Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who declared, "I will make one warrior fight against 125,000... I will make sparrows defeat hawks... only then will I be called Guru Gobind Singh." He remarked that raising

arms against injustice for the establishment of righteousness has always been India's tradition. He affirmed that when terrorists dared to attack and harm India's daughters, the Indian forces crushed them in their own hideouts. He stated that these attackers arrived in cowardly secrecy, forgetting whom they had challenged—the mighty Indian armed forces. He praised the bravery of India's soldiers, noting that they struck directly, demolishing major terror hubs. Nine terrorist hideouts were destroyed, and over 100 terrorists were eliminated. He declared that the masterminds of terrorism now understand one undeniable consequence of provoking India—absolute destruction. Asserting that any attempt to shed innocent blood in India would lead only to devastation, he underscored that the Pakistani army, which harbored these terrorists, has been decisively defeated by the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy. "The Indian Armed forces have sent a clear message to Pakistan—there is no safe haven left for terrorists", stated the PM, affirming that India will strike them within their own territory, leaving no

chance of escape. He declared that India's drones and missiles have instilled such fear that Pakistan will lose sleep for days merely thinking about them. Quoting lines written about Maharana Pratap's famed horse, Chetak, he remarked that these words now resonate perfectly with India's advanced modern weaponry.

Success of Operation Sindoor strengthened nation's resolve

"The success of Operation Sindoor has strengthened the nation's resolve, unified the country, safeguarded India's borders and elevated India's pride to new heights", stated Shri Modi, lauding the extraordinary efforts of the armed forces, describing their actions as unprecedented, unimaginable, and remarkable. He highlighted the deep precision of the Indian Air Force's strikes, noting that they successfully targeted terrorist hideouts deep within Pakistan. Shri Modi remarked that within just 20-25 minutes, Indian forces executed cross-border strikes with absolute accuracy, hitting pinpoint targets. He asserted that such operations can only be carried out by a modern, technologically equipped, and highly professional force. Underscoring that India's objective was to strike terrorist headquarters deep inside Pakistan and eliminate key terror operatives, the Prime Minister stated that despite Pakistan's attempt to shield its activities by using civilian aircraft as cover, the Indian forces responded with utmost caution and precision. He commended the armed forces for successfully executing their mission while maintaining vigilance

and responsibility. He proudly declared that Indian soldiers fulfilled their objectives with absolute accuracy and determination. He highlighted that the operation not only dismantled terrorist hideouts and airbases within Pakistan but also crushed their malicious intentions and reckless audacity.

Pakistan's attempts was decisively thwarted

Shri Modi stated that following Operation Sindoor, the enemy, in frustration, repeatedly attempted to target multiple Indian airbases. However, each of Pakistan's attempts to attack was decisively thwarted. He underlined that Pakistani drones, UAVs, aircraft, and missiles all failed before India's powerful air defence system. He emphasized that India's preparedness and technological

strength ensured the complete neutralization of enemy threats. He expressed deep appreciation for the leadership overseeing the nation's airbases and extended heartfelt admiration to every Air Warrior of the Indian Air Force. He commended their outstanding performance and unwavering dedication in defending the country.

Operation Sindoor has now country's new normal

Asserting that India's stance against terrorism is now unequivocally clear, the Prime Minister declared that if there is another terrorist attack on India, the nation will respond decisively and forcefully. He recalled India's firm actions during past surgical strikes and air strikes, stating that Operation Sindoor has now become the country's new normal

in tackling threats. He reiterated the three key principles that he expressed in his address to the nation last night. Firstly, if India is targeted by a terrorist attack, the response will be on its own terms and conditions. Secondly, India will not tolerate any form of nuclear blackmail. Third being, India will no longer differentiate between terrorist masterminds and the governments that shelter them. "The world is now recognizing this new and resolute India, adjusting to its firm approach toward national security and counterterrorism", emphasised the Prime Minister.

"Every moment of Operation Sindoor stands as a testament to the strength and capability of India's armed forces", exclaimed Shri Modi, praising the exceptional coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force, stating that



Highlights

- 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' is not just a slogan. This is the oath of every soldier who puts his life at stake for the honour and dignity of his country.
- Operation Sindoor is the trinity of India's policy, intent, and decisive capability.
- When the Sindoor of our sisters and daughters was wiped away, we crushed the terrorists in their hideouts.
- The masterminds of terror now know that raising an eye against India will lead to nothing but destruction.
- Not only were terrorist bases and airbases in Pakistan destroyed, but their malicious intentions and audacity were also defeated.
- India's Lakshman Rekha against terrorism is now crystal clear. If there is another terror attack, India will respond and it will be a decisive response.
- Every moment of Operation Sindoor stands as a testament to the strength of India's armed forces.
- If Pakistan shows any further terrorist activity or military aggression, we will respond decisively. This response will be on our terms, in our way.
- This is the new India! This India seeks peace, But if humanity is attacked, India also knows how to crush the enemy on the battlefield.



their synergy was remarkable. He highlighted the Navy's dominance over the seas, the Army's reinforcement of the borders, and the Indian Air Force's dual role in attack and defence.

Indian defence infra remained completely secure

Highlighting the remarkable coordination between manpower and advanced military technology during Operation Sindoor, the Prime Minister noted that India's traditional air defence systems, which have witnessed multiple battles, were reinforced by indigenous platforms like Akash and modern, powerful systems such as the S-400. He emphasized that India's robust security shield has become a defining strength. Despite Pakistan's repeated attempts, Indian airbases and key defence infrastructure remained completely secure. The Prime Minister credited this success to the dedication and valour of every soldier stationed at the borders and every individual involved in the operation. He acknowledged their commitment as the foundation

of India's unwavering national defence.

Asserting that India now possesses cutting-edge technology that Pakistan cannot match, Shri Modi said that over the past decade, the Indian Air Force and other military branches have gained access to some of the world's most advanced defence technologies. He acknowledged that with new technology come significant challenges and maintaining and efficiently operating complex and sophisticated systems requires immense skill and precision. Lauding India's armed forces for seamlessly integrating technology with tactical expertise, demonstrating their superiority in modern warfare, Shri Modi declared that the Indian Air Force has now mastered the art of countering adversaries not just with weapons but also with data and drones.

Stating that India's military action has been temporarily halted only in response to Pakistan's appeal, the Prime Minister stressed that if Pakistan engages in any further terrorist activities or military provocations, India will retaliate with full force. He affirmed that India's response will be determined solely on its own terms and conditions. He credited this decisive stance to the courage, valor, and vigilance of the nation's armed forces. Urging the soldiers to maintain their unwavering determination, passion, and readiness, stressing that India must remain alert and prepared at all times, the Prime Minister concluded by declaring that this is a new India—an India that desires peace but will not hesitate to crush adversaries if humanity is threatened. ■

Operation **SINDOOR**: India's Strategic Clarity and Calculated Force

On April 22, terror struck Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan-backed attackers stormed a village, asked people their religion and killed them, resulting in 26 deaths. A clear attempt to incite communal violence, this marked a shift, from cross-border attacks to dividing India from within. In response, India launched Operation **SINDOOR** to destroy the terror bases behind the attack.



Purpose of Operation SINDOOR:

- Conceived to punish perpetrators and planners of terror
- Aimed to destroy terror infrastructure across the border

Intelligence and Target Selection:

- Carried out a microscopic scan of the terror landscape
- Identified numerous terror camps and training sites

Operational Ethics and Restraint:

- Operated under self-imposed restraint to avoid collateral damage
 - Only terrorist targets were to be neutralized, avoiding civilian harm
- During the first press briefing on May 7, India

clarified its response as focused, measured and non-escalatory. It was specifically mentioned that Pakistani military establishments had not been targeted. It was also reiterated that any attack on military targets in India will invite a suitable response. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, across multiple press briefings on May 8, 9, and 10, laid bare India's plan of action and the full extent of Pakistan's designs.

India's Retaliatory Response: India conducted retaliatory strikes on Radar installations in Lahore and Radar facilities near Gurjanwala destroyed.

Ceasefire: Inflicted by this heavy damage, Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) called the Indian DGMO and It was agreed between them that both sides would stop all firing and military action on land and in the air and sea with effect from 1700 hours Indian Standard Time on 10th



May 2025.

Pakistani Response after ceasefire: Even after ceasefire, Wave of UAVs and small drones intruded into Indian civilian and military areas. These drones were successfully intercepted.

The Indian Armed Forces gave a befitting response to Pakistan's intrusion. Further, all field commanders have been authorized to take appropriate action in case of any ceasefire violation.

Highlighting operational success: Operation SINDOOR's effectiveness was communicated with precision, focusing on strategic outcomes rather than sensationalism.

Discrediting sources: Indian authorities have

exposed the manipulation tactics used by Pakistan-based accounts, many of which are now under scrutiny by international social media platforms.

Promoting media literacy: Campaigns to educate citizens on how to identify fake news have helped create a more resilient digital environment.

Pakistan Punished Through Military and Non-Military Means

Operation SINDOOR was a significant demonstration of India's military and strategic power, executed through a combination of military and non-military means. This multi-dimensional operation effectively neutralized terrorist threats, deterred Pakistani aggression, and firmly enforced India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. The operation maintained strategic restraint while gaining international support.

Non-Military Measures undertaken:

- India's non-kinetic efforts played a crucial role in shaping the strategic environment and ensuring public and international support. Through strategic policymaking, information dominance, and psychological operations, India diplomatically and economically isolated Pakistan while strengthening domestic preparedness and global backing.
- A decisive move under Operation SINDOOR was India's termination of the Indus Waters Treaty. The Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism. This has far-reaching consequences for Pakistan, a country heavily dependent on the Indus river system for 80% of its 16 million hectares of agricultural land and 93% of its total water use. This system supports

237 million people and contributes one-fourth of Pakistan's GDP through crops like wheat, rice, and cotton.

- India closed the Attari-Wagah border. The Integrated Check Post Attari was closed with immediate effect. Those who crossed over with valid endorsements were to return through that route before 01 May 2025. India also suspended all bilateral trade with Pakistan. It halted exports of key goods like onions and banned imports of cement and textiles. This action severed the primary land-based trade route between the two nations, causing major disruption in economic ties.
- Demonstrating firm resolve against terrorism, India revoked visas of all Pakistanis residing in the country and deported them immediately after the Pahalgam terrorist attack. Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) visas.
- A total ban was imposed on Pakistani artists, suspending all performances, screenings, music releases, and cultural exchanges. This restriction extended to streaming platforms, effectively erasing Pakistan's cultural influence in India.
- On the global stage, India exposed Pakistan's terror infrastructure and diplomatically isolated it.
- Collectively, these actions inflicted severe economic and diplomatic damage on Pakistan. They deepened its international isolation while powerfully affirming India's commitment to a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism.
- The Defence/Military, Naval and Air Advisors in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi are declared Persona Non Grata. The overall strength of the High Commissions will be brought down to 30 from the present 55 through further reductions.

Demonstrating leadership at a global level:

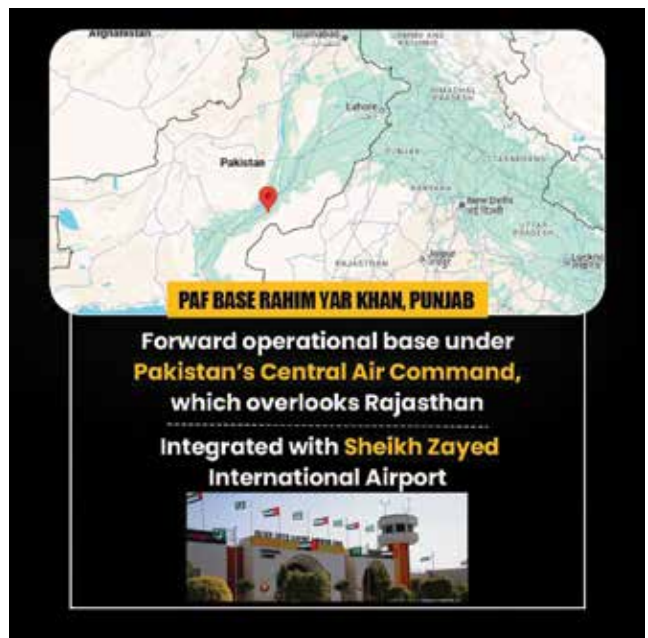
In the wake of this situation, a moment of national crisis demanded not just resolve but remarkable leadership. Rising to this challenge was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose decisive role in Operation SINDOOR marked one of India's boldest military responses in recent history. Despite being overseas on a pre-scheduled diplomatic visit, PM Modi swiftly assumed command, orchestrating a response that balanced strategic restraint with assertive action. He displayed remarkable restraint under immense pressure to react quickly and ensured that every step,

from suspending the Indus Waters Treaty to military action, was well-planned and precisely timed.

Throughout the developments with Pakistan, the focused objective against terrorism remained unchanged. PM Modi stayed focused on delivering a firm and clear response.

With a measured, yet powerful response, it was ensured that no harm was inflicted upon Pakistani civilians, despite repeated provocations from Pakistan. India's military actions were limited to terror camps and specific military facilities aiding terrorism. This careful targeting showed both India's capability and its commitment to responsible warfare.

Addressing long-standing concerns, PM Modi's



decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty was a historic move, not only harming Pakistan's interests but also benefiting India. He established a new national security doctrine: any future terror attack will be treated as an act of war. This eliminated the false distinction between terrorists and their state sponsors.

Addressing the nation on eve of 12th May, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that 'OPERATION SINDOOR' is not just a name but is a reflection of the feelings of millions of people in the country and an unbroken pledge of justice. He said, "We remain committed to taking strong steps to safeguard India and its people. On the battlefield, we have always defeated Pakistan, and this time. Operation Sindoor has added a new dimension."

Prime Minister outlined the following points in

relation to Pakistan and cross-border terrorism.

- First, if there is a terrorist attack on India, a fitting reply will be given.
- Secondly, India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail. India will strike precisely and decisively at the terrorist hideouts developing under the cover of nuclear blackmail.
- Thirdly, we will not differentiate between the government sponsoring terrorism and the masterminds of terrorism. We will continue to take decisive steps to protect India and our citizens from any threat.
- India's stand is very clear... Terror and talks cannot go together... Terror and trade cannot go together.... Water and blood cannot flow together.
- If there are talks with Pakistan, it will be only on terrorism; and if there are talks with Pakistan, it will be only on Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

What Operation SINDOOR Achieved

- **Nine Terror Camps Eliminated:** India successfully destroyed nine major terror launchpads in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), targeting Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hizbul Mujahideen facilities. Over 100 terrorists were killed in action.
- **Cross-Border Precision Strikes:** India redefined the rules of engagement, striking deep into Pakistan's heartland, including Punjab province and Bahawalpur, once considered out of bounds even for U.S. drones. India made it clear: neither the LoC nor Pakistani territory will remain untouched if terror originates from there.
- **A New Strategic Red Line:** Operation SINDOOR drew a new red line- if terror is state policy, it will be met with a visible and forceful response. This marked a shift from deterrence to direct action.
- **Equal Punishment for Terrorists and Their Sponsors:** India rejected the artificial separation between terrorists and their backers, striking both simultaneously. This ended the impunity enjoyed by many Pakistan-based actors.
- **Exposure of Pakistan's Air Defense Weaknesses:** Indian Air Force bypassed and jammed Pakistan's Chinese-supplied air defense systems, completing the mission in just 23 minutes using Rafale jets, SCALP missiles, and HAMMER bombs, demonstrating India's technological edge.
- **India's Air Defense Superiority Displayed:** India's multi-layered air defense, including the indigenous

Akashteer system, shot down hundreds of drones and missiles. This also showcased India's growing capabilities in exporting advanced defense systems.

- **Elimination of Key Terror Commanders:** Multiple high-profile terrorists on India's most wanted list were neutralized in a single night, crippling key operational modules. High-value targets eliminated include Yusuf Azhar, Abdul Malik Rauf, Mudassir Ahmad. These individuals were linked to the IC-814 hijack and Pulwama blast.
- **Airstrikes on Pakistani Military Installations:** On May 9–10, India became the first country to strike 11 airbases of a nuclear-armed nation in a single operation, destroying 20% of Pakistan's air force assets. High casualties were inflicted at Bholeari Airbase, including the death of Squadron Leader Usman Yusuf and destruction of key fighter jets.
- **Coordinated Tri-Service Action** – The Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force worked in full coordination, demonstrating India's growing joint military prowess.
- **A Global Message Delivered** – India showed the world that it does not require anyone's permission to defend its people. It reinforced the idea that terrorists and their masterminds can't hide anywhere, and if Pakistan retaliates, India is prepared for a decisive counterstrike.
- **Widespread Global Support** – Unlike in previous conflicts, this time multiple global leaders backed India, rather than calling for restraint. The shift showed India's improved global standing and narrative control.
- **Kashmir Narrative Reframed** – For the first time, India's actions were seen purely through the lens of counter-terrorism, with the Kashmir issue completely decoupled from the strike narrative. This was made possible by the precision and clarity of Operation SINDOOR.

Conclusion:

Under Prime Minister Modi's decisive leadership, India demonstrated a new paradigm, one that blends restraint with strength, and precision with purpose. By targeting terror networks and their state sponsors with unprecedented clarity, India sent an unambiguous message: terrorism will be met with a swift and proportionate response, irrespective of borders or diplomatic complexities. ■

THE MARSHAL Who Won Hearts



The Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of all three wings of the Indian Armed Forces at a press conference gave briefings about their respective branches and then took the first question. Madhurendra, a journalist from News Nation, asked:

"Before beginning the press conference, the Army played a video that used lines by Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar in the background. Yesterday's video had Shiva Tandava Stotram. Through this, what message were you trying to convey to the enemy?"

Air Marshal A.K. Bharti was visibly pleased by this question. He asked again for the journalist's name and agency to make note of it.

The lines mentioned by the journalist were from "Rashmirathi," a famous epic poem by Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, specifically from the section 'Krishna ki Chetavani' (Krishna's Warning).

The lines are as follows:

दुर्योधन वह भी दे ना सका, आशीष समाज की ले न सका,
उलटे, हरि को बाँधने चला, जो था असाध्य, साधने चला।

(Duryodhana could not even give that, He could not earn the blessings of society, Instead, he tried to bind Hari (Krishna), Attempting the impossible.)

जब नाश मनुज पर छाता है, पहले विवेक मर जाता है।
हरि ने भीषण हूँकार किया, अपना स्वरूप विस्तार किया।
डगमग-डगमग दिग्गज डोले, भगवान कुपित हो कर बोले।
जंजीर बढ़ा अब साध मुझे, हाँ-हाँ दुर्योधन! बाँध मुझे।

(When doom hovers over a man, the first thing that dies is wisdom. Hari roared fiercely and expanded His

divine form. Great warriors trembled and stumbled. God, enraged, said: Extend your chain now, bind me! Yes, Duryodhana! Try to bind me!)

Responding with this context, A.K. Bharti replied through the verses of *Ramcharitmanas*. Without glancing around, he fluently recited the following as their intended message:

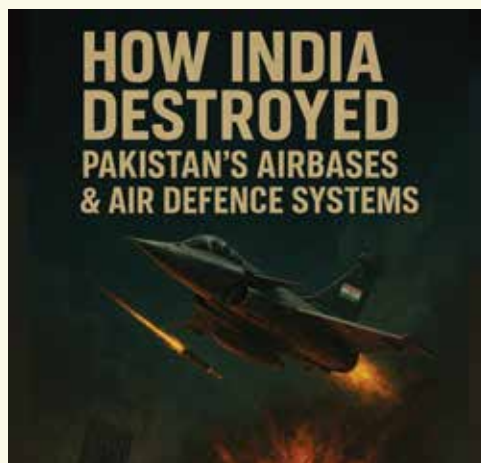
बिनय न मानत जलधि जड़ गए तीन दिन बीति।
बोले राम सकोप तब भय बिनु होइ न प्रीति।

(The ocean remained unmoved by humble requests; three days passed. Then Lord Rama, with rising anger, declared: Without fear, there can be no love.*)

This was when Lord Rama, waiting for the Sea God to grant way to Lanka, lost patience after three days and grew angry. He declared that love does not exist without fear, and lifted his bow. Only then did the Sea God appear and extend a helping hand.

Generally, in a press conference, journalists don't cheer, applaud, or even stand up when guests arrive—except during the national anthem or state song. Especially in a serious military press conference, such responses are rare. But after hearing A.K. Bharti's spontaneous and emotionally charged words, journalists couldn't help but applaud. Even Vice Admiral A.N. Pramod of the Navy, who was seated beside Air Marshal Bharti, broke into a gentle smile.

Before concluding the press conference, Pramod remarked: "Sham No Varunah" — a Vedic invocation meaning "May Varuna (God of the oceans) be auspicious to us. ■



INDIA'S ASSERTIVE RESPONSE UNDER PM MODI

PM Modi led Operation Sindoor

- PM Modi led from the front to ensure that India conducted Operation Sindoor to appropriately avenge the Pahalgam attack.
- Despite being abroad for a planned foreign visit at the time of the attack, he immediately took charge and planned India's appropriate response.

Meticulous Planning and Appropriate Response

- PM Modi did not succumb to the overwhelming pressure for an immediate response to the attack.
- He ensured that each action- from suspending the Indus Water Treaty to military action- was taken with meticulous planning and executed at the appropriate moment.
- On the day of the attack itself, there was a near consensus that India would avenge the attack. This led to concerns that Pakistan and terror groups would pre-empt an attack and effectively counter it. Modi deployed appropriate smokescreens and ensuring that despite confidence, nobody could predict the date for India's response.
- The focus of the attack only on terrorist targets has been widely appreciated. Even a critic like P Chidambaram praised PM and said he wisely chose a calibrated military response limited to selected nine targets believed to be the core infrastructure of terrorist groups.

PM Modi remained focus on acting against terrorism

- Throughout this engagement with Pakistan, PM Modi ensured that the objective remained the same: assertive response to Pakistan.
- The support extended by global community has been made possible by Modi's steady focus on eliminating terrorism, a global challenge.

Assertive response rather than pre-emptive attack

- Despite repeated provocations from Pakistan and explicit attacks on civilians in India, PM Modi ensured that India did not attack civilians in Pakistan, in any way whatsoever.



- His approach has been consistent since the beginning of the engagement. India's military responses in the past few days have been targeted either at terror bases or Pakistani military establishments aiding or supporting action on civilians in India.

Resolving old historic issues and future preparedness

- From time to time, several voices had echoed concern about unbalanced Indus Water Treaty. Putting the treaty in abeyance was a historic step taken by PM.
- This will not only cause damage to Pakistan but will also prove beneficial for people of our country.
- PM also set up a new doctrine stating that any future terror attack will be construed as an act of war. This has set the tone and tenor of all future actions and shredded the notion that terrorists are separate from terrorist backers.

India was always correct

- The aftermath of the Pahalgam attack is another instance when PM Modi ensured that every action that he undertook was legally and morally correct.
- History will remember India's response to Pahalgam as measured and principled. ■

OPERATION SINDOOR

TERRORISTS WHO WERE NEUTRALISED BY BHARATIYA ARMED FORCES

- Mudassar Khadian Khas (Abu Jundal, Mudassar) - involved in several J&K terror activities, 2008 Mumbai attacks, Designated terrorists by India, US, UN
- Hafeez Muhammed Jameel - Designated terrorist by India, US
- Mohammad Yusuf Azhar (Mohd Salim Ghosi Sahab) - Involved in IC 814 hijacking, Daniel Pearl murder , Mumbai Attack, Pathankot - Pulwama attack - Designated terrorist by India, US, UN
- Khalid (Abu Akasha) Involved in J&K terror activities - Designated terrorist by India
- Mohammad Hassan Khan - Involved in Nagrota attack , Designated terrorist by India
- Abdul Malik Rouf - Involved in terror attacks in J&K - Designated terrorist in India
- Mudassir Ahmed - Involved in Sonmarg attack - Designated terrorist in India
- Maulana Abdul Rauf Asghar (Rauf Azhar) - Brother of Masood Azhar, Mastermind of IC 814 attack, involved

in Indian Parliament & Pathankot attack
- Designated terrorist by India, US, UN.
That's the level of success of Operation Sindoor . ■





OPERATION SINDOOR

Story, success, takeaways

The transformation of the defence infrastructure to the non-contact war model undertaken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was the foundation for the spectacular Op Sindoor, as compared to the earlier Uri surgical strike and the Balakot aerial attack based on the traditional war model



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India's stunning military project, Operation Sindoor, to punish the terrorist Pakistan was planned and executed with admirable precision and confidence by the defence forces in just two weeks. But the capability to accomplish this grand project in weeks was developed over years, painstakingly, against all odds and opposition by internal and external designs.

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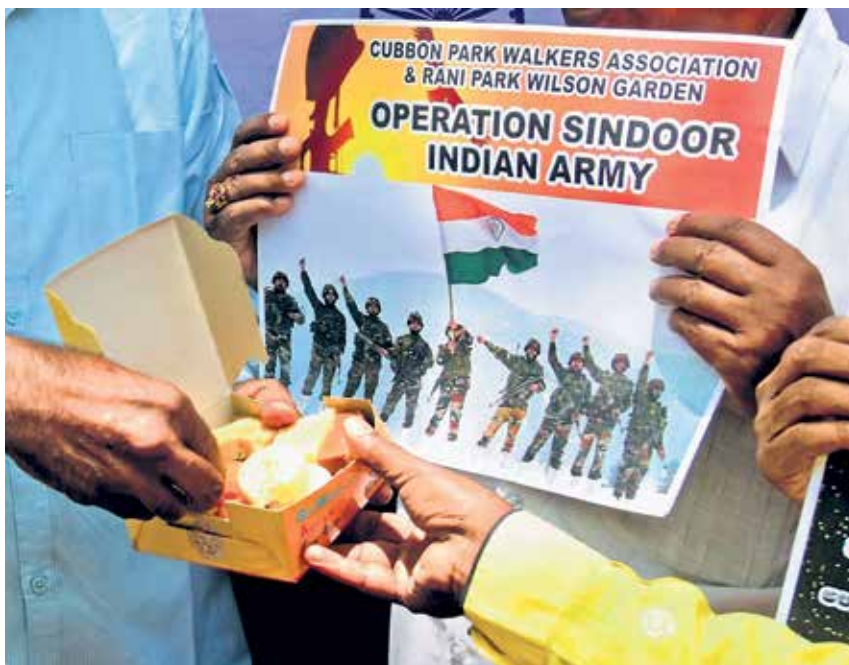
supportive factors that dramatically transformed the geopolitical, economic and strategic ecosystem in India's favour under Modi's 10-year rule. It was also aided by the relative decline of Pakistan in the same period.

Non-contact warfare

What is non-contact warfare and how Modi put India on its ladder?

This is what the Pakistan Defence website had to say [8.7.2020] about how India was climbing on to non-contact warfare. It described the induction of long range missiles, high precision smart weapons, unmanned systems, robots and satellites primarily driven by technology and aimed at achieving a quick, decisive victory by remote delivery of destructive kinetic energy as "Non-Contact Warfare". The Pakistani site went on to say, "The concept has recently gained currency with the Indian strategic community." It added, "The Balakot strikes and earlier fake surgical strike claims (by India) point to its strong desire for gaining psychological ascendancy without suffering casualties, simultaneously

avoiding escalation of violence. As recently as January 2015, the Indian Army Chief reiterated that Non-Contact Warfare is "important" and is a "major consideration" in the planned restructuring of the Indian Army." In its post in 2020, the Pakistan website cited to the Indian Army chief's reference to non-contact warfare in 2015 as "recently"!



Op Sindoor – non-contact war model

The pillars of the Op Sindoor were five advanced supertech non-contact war equipment that avoided ground forces or traditional airstrikes. One, Rafale aircraft, two, SCALP missiles, three, HAMMER missiles, four, Kamikaze loitering drones developed with Israeli aid, and five, the deadly BrahMos missiles. All of them are non-contact and autonomous; once fired, they home in on to the target on their own.

The Indian Air Force deployed Rafale fighter jets to execute Op Sindoor. India got cutting-edge weapons systems, both SCALP and HAMMER, mounted on its Rafales. These missile combinations enabled deep strikes and precision targeting. SCALP can move stealthily and hit distant, fortified targets like bunkers and command centres 500 km away. The HAMMER is an

air-to-ground weapon. It is ideal for hitting even mobile targets.

In Op Sindoor, HAMMER missiles supported the SCALP. The Kamikaze drones are 'do or die' drones that are operated by remote human control. And finally the deadly BrahMos missile, fitted with indigenous seeker instrument that guides it to its target, which smashed the terror mansions in Op Sindoor. The most critical air defence equipment which smashed the Pakistani drone and missile attacks from May 7 to 9 night after the deep Indian strike on the intervening night of May 6-7, was the Russian S-400 anti-missile defence system.

Non-contact infra – Modi plan

Modi acquired Rafale and HAMMER missiles from France, SCALP missile from England, Heron Mk2 UAVs and technology for HAROP drones from Israel, S-400 missile interceptors

from Russia, AH-64 Apache attack helicopters, and AGM-114 Hellfire missiles from the US. The Modi government also secretly purchased various other technologies and equipment.

The two items that Modi purchased against all odds and opposition were the Rafale fighters and the Russian S-400 missile defence system. Without the Rafale fighter jets, non-contact war under Op Sindoor would have been unthinkable. Without the Russian S-400s, India could not have thwarted the waves after waves of Pakistani drones and missiles that targeted the Indian defence and air installations on May 7, 8 and 9 particularly. The Pakistani missiles were shot down like birds in the sky.

Modi defied the US, took on Rahul's Congress

Modi faced heavy opposition for buying the two major defence assets — Rafale and S-400 — which only made Op Sindoor and its aftermath a spectacular success. In what appeared to be a conspiracy against the nation, the Congress vigorously opposed the purchase of the Rafale jets and, alleging corruption, tried to stop it. Fortunately the Supreme Court intervened, allowing the Rafale deal. As the 2019 polls were approaching, Modi took the highest political risk to buy the Rafales, which today saved India. Without Rafales, our defence forces would not have been able to fire autonomous drones and missiles to target and destroy terrorist camps 250 km away, without crossing the border, which

is the very essence of non-contact warfare.

If Rahul was bent upon stopping the Rafale, the US was hell-bent on stopping India from buying the S-400 from Russia. It had threatened to impose technological sanctions on India if it went ahead with the S-400 deal with Russia. But Modi did not buckle under the threat of his friend Trump and went ahead to buy the S-400s in 2018. It is the S-400s that stopped and destroyed the hundreds of Pakistani missiles and drones fired into our territory after the tri-force attacked nine terror camps. Had Modi buckled under Congress pressure before elections and not gone ahead with buying Rafale fighter jets, and had he succumbed to Trump's threat and cancelled the order to buy S-400 anti-missile systems, India could never have thought of Op Sindoor.

Modi's Atmanirbharta yielded Kamikaze drones

The story is not complete without complimenting Modi for his efforts to indigenise defence manufacturing under his ambitious Atmanirbharta agenda. Modi did not stop at importing the best equipment. He also encouraged the development of technologies within the country. Our country, which produced 32% of our needs in 2014, now produces 88% of them. A word about the Kamikaze drones.

The Israeli tech was indigenised as swadeshi Kamikaze drones and inducted into the defence forces in April last year ahead of India's 78th Independence day. The National

Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) manufactured the indigenous Kamikaze drone, which was a significant milestone in India's defence tech. These "do-and-die" unmanned aerial vehicles, designed with home-built engines, can fly up to 1,000 km and loiter over target areas for up to nine hours. The swadeshi Kamikaze drones made their debut in Op Sindoor.

Geopolitical rise of Modi, India

Mere military preparation would not have enabled India to cross the borders and hit Pakistan. When Modi took over as prime minister, he had to overcome negative perceptions about him spread with venom by his detractors in India with the active support of their liberal woke associates outside. He vowed to take on the liberal world that virtually hated him.

Anyone facing such adverse opinion would have sought a global PR agency at high cost to soften the rigour of the adversity. But he decided to correct the wrong impressions about him by his own efforts and did it in the most unconventional way. He undertook the most extensive travel by any leader anywhere. He stormed 73 countries in 10 years. He went to Israel, India's outcaste for seven decades, never visited by any Indian prime minister. Today it is India's closest ally.

He was the first PM to visit Australia after Indira Gandhi. It is now a great ally of India to deal with the West. As of May 2025, he has visited 41 countries once. 14 countries twice. The UK, Saudi

Arabia included, eight countries thrice. Sri Lanka four times. Three countries, including China, five times. Germany six times. Japan, Russia, UAE seven times. France eight times and the US 10 times. These were not diplomatic picnics. He built powerful and personal relations with all nations.

His strenuous and personal outreach made him familiar with most nations, and friendly to the most influential leaders and most distant nations. Tall world leaders became his fans. A few examples. Former Israeli prime minister Bennett said Modi was the most popular person in Israel. US President Trump said Modi is a fantastic person, magnificent and a total killer. Trump's predecessor Joe Biden said that he "felt like taking Modi's autograph". Russian President Putin said, "Modi is a wise man.

He cannot be intimidated to make decisions. I am even surprised at his tough position to defend India's national interest." Italian Prime Minister Georgia Meloni said, "Modi is the most loved leader in the world." Australian Prime Minister Albanese called him "boss". The then British Prime Minister Boris Johnson wrote in his book, *Unleashed*, that Modi is a change-maker, recalling how he sensed a curious astral energy during their first meeting.

Modi was conferred the highest civilian awards by 21 countries, including Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, UAE, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait (all Muslim nations), USA, France, Russia and Greece. No other world leader was honoured by such a large number of

countries. From 2019, he became the most admired leader of the world quarter after quarter in the US Morning Consult survey with an approval rating of over 70%.

As Modi was straining every nerve to build India's image by his extensive foreign travels, the Congress party began deriding him as a non-resident prime minister. In contrast, Rahul Gandhi secretly travelled abroad 247 times in four years. Even his party did not know where he was and whether he was in India.

Modi's rise and India's rise were complementary to one another. His visits and the fame he earned fetched India technology, trade investment and military equipment not easily available without his unprecedented outreach.

His geopolitical rise as a global leader is a factor that enabled India to tower over Pakistan, which was dwarfed by Modi and India's rise. When the stealthy Balakot aerial attack was launched under Modi's watch as PM, there was muted support to open opposition. This time around, he openly declared Op Sindoor and brutally attacked Pakistan after crossing the border.

But no Muslim country except Turkey supported Pakistan. Qatar, which had aligned with Pakistan so far, supported India this time.

India could not have undertaken Op Sindoor without global support.

India's rise from Fragile 5 to Super 4. Pak 10 steps below

India's rise during Modi's rule dwarfing Pakistan to insignificance has also shifted the global ecosystem in its favour. When Modi assumed office, India

was listed among the Fragile 5 economies of the world. Today, it is among the top four economies of the world with the highest growth rate. India's GDP was \$3.88 trillion in 2024.

Pakistan lags behind at \$0.37 trillion — 10 steps below India. India doubled its GDP during Modi's rule. Pakistan, in prolonged macroeconomic crisis, is nowhere near. In 2024, India recorded 8.2% growth — thrice as much as Pakistan's 2.4%. Over the last decade, India's per capita GDP surged by 74%, while Pakistan's remained muted. India's forex reserve is \$676 billion; Pakistan's is just \$9 billion. India is the fastest growing economy.

In contrast, Pakistan has been at the IMF doorsteps over 20 times since 1980 for rescue. The recent \$7 billion IMF bailout of Pakistan is one of the largest in its history. These bailouts, meant for economic stability, have often been used to fund its military that is aligned with terror.

These comparative numbers did also matter in the positive attitude of different nations to India in Op Sindoor.

Op Sindoor – the key takeaways

Op Sindoor is a dramatic turn which transformed India into a rule-setter in the Indo-Pakistan interface. There are several key takeaways. One, India has avenged the Pahalgam carnage by massive missile strikes on nine terror camps, which Pakistan could not block and had to admit unlike in the past when it was always in denial. Two, Pakistan, which

started the war after India's attack on terror, could not penetrate the country's air defence system with its missiles.

Three, Indian forces destroyed Pakistan's air defence systems besides attacking and damaging its air bases with impunity. Four, when the thoroughly beaten Pakistan's nuke threat was laughed away by India, it had to beg through its Director General of Military Operations for a ceasefire. Five, India openly declared that in the event of a future terror strike, it will regard it as a declaration of war and pursue the terror outfits inside Pakistan.

Six, by its military commanders attending the funeral of the globally wanted terrorists and paying homage to them, Pakistan has provided vital evidence of the link between its army and terror. Seven, the prime minister in his address to the nation told Pakistan and the world that 'terror and talk', 'trade and talk' cannot go together. Eight, the PM told them that any talk with Pakistan will be only about PoK.

Nine, he also declared that blood and water cannot flow together, clearly saying that Indus water flow is linked to Pakistan giving up terror. Ten, Modi warned Pakistan that unless it gave up terror it would be destroyed by terror. And lastly, Modi said that India will not tolerate nuclear blackmail, indicating that its no first use option may be reviewed.

To conclude, Op Sindoor resets the India-Pakistan engagement — in war or in peace. ■

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OPERATION **SINDOOR**: FROM TEARS TO THUNDER -THE RISE OF A FEARLESS BHARAT

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Today, Bharat no longer mourns passively. It retaliates with precision, power, and purpose. Operation Sindoor stands as a historic testament to this transformation – a declaration to the world that Bharat will not just defend itself but will strike at the very roots of terror, wherever they exist.

There was a time when every terrorist attack on Indian soil brought with it tears, televised condemnations, and diplomatic formalities. But those days are over. Today, Bharat no longer mourns passively. It retaliates with precision, power, and purpose. Operation Sindoor stands as a historic testament to this transformation – a declaration to the world that Bharat will not just defend itself but will strike at the very roots of terror, wherever they exist.

In an unprecedented display of military and strategic prowess, India carried out Operation Sindoor – a name now etched into global military history. For the first time ever, a nation has infiltrated and destroyed assets within the sovereign territory of a nuclear-armed state with such audacity, accuracy, and resolve. India, the land of peace and tolerance, has now shown its Virat Roop – a giant awakened not in rage, but in righteous fury.

The Wrath of Bharat Unleashed

Over the past few days,

more than 100 most-wanted terrorists from outfits like Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba have been neutralized. Nine major terrorist camps and command headquarters deep within Pakistan's territory have been obliterated. Strategic military bases like Noor Khan (Islamabad),

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Rafiqui, Sargodha, Skardu (a high-altitude launchpad), Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Jacobabad, and Chunian were brought under India's firepower.

Thousands of drones and high-tech missile systems like Pakistan's Fateh-2 were rendered ineffective by India's air defense shield, led by indigenous Akash systems and

the globally renowned S-400s. Chinese-made HQ-9 systems and American F-16s – both symbols of Pakistan's foreign military dependence – failed to match the precision and coordination of Indian joint military operations.

More than a Strike – A Strategic Message

This operation was not just about vengeance. It was a declaration that Bharat's "zero tolerance" policy is not diplomatic jargon but a military doctrine in motion. It was about sending an unambiguous message – "For every drop of Indian blood, there will be a flood of consequences." No longer will India wait for international sympathies or sanction; it will act in national interest, irrespective of geography.

Operation Sindoor symbolized Bharat's refusal to be bullied by the nuclear tag. For decades, Pakistan's possession of nuclear weapons had acted as a shield for cross-border terrorism. But that bluff has now been called. India has become the first country in the world to directly penetrate and

punish a nuclear nation for its sustained sponsorship of terrorism. That alone changes the global strategic calculus.

From Strategic Restraint to Decisive Retaliation

Once known for its “strategic restraint,” India has now embraced a new model – strategic assertion. This isn’t reckless aggression but calibrated resolve. The operation involved the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force in joint coordination, equipped with indigenous technologies and next-gen warfare systems. It was the result of deep intelligence, operational synchronization, and political will – a combination rarely seen in modern military history.

Moreover, India’s indigenous arsenal – Akash missiles, BrahMos cruise missiles, electronic warfare systems, satellite-guided precision strikes – all operated with clockwork efficiency. This was Atmanirbhar Bharat in action. And it proved that India no longer needs to rely on others to protect its borders or assert its sovereignty.

A Message to the World: Peace with Strength

India has always stood for peace. From Buddha

to Gandhi, this land has advocated for dialogue over destruction. But that does not mean India will bow down to terror. The message of Operation Sindoor is simple – “We desire peace, but we are prepared for war. We will not strike first, but if provoked, we will not hold back.”

This is not merely about one operation or one enemy. It is about redefining India’s place in the global order. Bharat is no longer a soft state; it is a sovereign civilization-state willing to protect its borders and its people with iron will. Those who mistake Indian silence for weakness now have a new reality to confront.

Bharat Has Risen

Operation Sindoor is not just a military success – it is a civilizational response. A new Bharat has emerged – one that does not seek conflict, but never fears it. One that cries no more but roars with the might of its ancestors. From the ashes of past sufferings, a sovereign flame now burns bright – a flame that says: Bharat will never again be a victim.

“Bharat has shown the world its Virat Roop – a peaceful nation willing to live in harmony, but fully prepared to walk into the fire if its sovereignty is challenged.” ■

PM dedicates Vizhinjam International Seaport to the Nation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd May dedicated the Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport, developed at a cost of Rs 8,800 crore, to the nation during a public event in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Speaking about Kerala’s long-standing maritime legacy, the Prime Minister highlighted that before colonial rule, India was a hub of global trade and prosperity, with Kerala playing a vital role.

- **Strategic Significance of Vizhinjam Port:** Built at a cost of Rs. 8,800 crore, the port is positioned to become a major transshipment hub, reducing India’s dependency on foreign ports and retaining revenue within the country.
- **Spiritual and Cultural Context:** The inauguration coinciding with the birth anniversary of Adi Shankaracharya emphasizes the cultural unity of Bharat, linking spiritual heritage with national

development.

- **Economic and Historical Relevance of Kerala:** PM Modi drew on Kerala’s historical role in maritime trade, tying it to current efforts to revive and strengthen India’s port economy.
- **Infrastructure and Connectivity:** Enhanced port connectivity through projects like Sagarmala and PM Gati Shakti, and the integration of transport systems, are central to this initiative.
- **Shipbuilding Push:** A shipbuilding and repair cluster in Kochi and supportive policies for large ship construction aim to boost manufacturing and employment, particularly for MSMEs.
- **Support for Fishermen and Coastal Communities:** Significant investments under Blue Revolution and PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, modernization of fishing harbors, and Kisan Credit Cards for fishermen were emphasized. ■

INDIA'S DBT: BOOSTING WELFARE EFFICIENCY

India's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system has helped the country achieve cumulative savings of Rs. 3.48 lakh crore by plugging leakages in welfare delivery, according to a new quantitative assessment by the BlueKraft Digital Foundation. The report also finds that subsidy allocations have been halved from 16 percent to 9 percent of total government expenditure since the implementation of DBT, reflecting a major improvement in the efficiency of public spending

The assessment evaluates data from 2009 to 2024 to examine the impact of DBT on budgetary efficiency, subsidy rationalisation, and social outcomes. It shows how the shift from paper-based disbursements to direct digital transfers has ensured that public funds reach the people they are meant for. One of the key features of DBT is the use of the JAM trinity, which stands for Jan Dhan bank accounts, Aadhaar unique ID numbers and mobile phones. This framework has enabled targeted and transparent transfers on a massive scale.

To capture the full extent of its impact, the report introduces a Welfare Efficiency Index. This index combines fiscal outcomes such as savings and reduced subsidies with social indicators like the number of beneficiaries reached, offering a clear picture of how well the system is working. The index has risen nearly threefold from 0.32 in 2014 to 0.91 in 2023, reflecting a sharp increase in both effectiveness and inclusion.

At a time when governments across the world are rethinking how to strengthen social protection, the DBT model presents valuable lessons in aligning financial prudence with equitable governance.

KEY FINDINGS

Budgetary Allocation Trends

The data on subsidy allocations reveals a significant shift post-DBT implementation, highlighting improvements in fiscal efficiency despite a surge in beneficiary coverage.

Pre-DBT Era (2009–2013): Subsidies averaged 16% of total expenditure, amounting to Rs. 2.1 lakh crore annually, with considerable leakages in the system.

Post-DBT Era (2014–2024): Subsidy expenditure

decreased to 9% of total expenditure in 2023-24, while beneficiary coverage surged 16-fold from 11 crore to 176 crore.

COVID-19 Outlier: A temporary spike in subsidies occurred during the 2020–21 fiscal year due to emergency fiscal measures. However, efficiency rebounded following the pandemic, further validating the system's long-term effectiveness.

Subsidy Allocation Trends (2009-2024)

The reduction in subsidy burden, despite a significant increase in coverage, underscores DBT's role in optimising fiscal allocations. By eliminating ghost beneficiaries and middlemen, the system redirected funds to genuine recipients without proportional increases in the budget.

Sectoral Analysis

A detailed breakdown of sector-specific impacts shows how DBT has particularly benefited high-leakage programmes.

- **Food Subsidies (PDS):** Rs. 1.85 lakh crore saved, accounting for 53% of total DBT savings. This was largely due to Aadhaar-linked ration card authentication.
- **MGNREGS:** 98% of wages were transferred timely, saving Rs. 42,534 crore through DBT-driven accountability.
- **PM-KISAN:** Rs. 22,106 crore saved by deleting 2.1 crore ineligible beneficiaries from the scheme.
- **Fertilizer Subsidies:** Sales of 158 lakh MT of fertiliser were reduced, saving Rs. 18,699.8 crore through targeted disbursement.

Sectoral Impact Analysis

These sector-specific savings highlight DBT's

disproportionate impact on high-leakage programs, such as food subsidies and wage schemes like MGNREGS. The system's role in biometric authentication and direct transfers has been crucial in improving efficiency and curbing misuse.

Correlation and Causality Findings

The correlation analysis further underscores the effectiveness of DBT in improving welfare delivery.

Strong Positive Correlation (0.71): There is a strong positive correlation between beneficiary coverage and DBT savings, signifying that as coverage expanded, savings increased.

Negative Correlation (-0.74): There is a significant negative correlation between subsidy expenditure as a percentage of total expenditure and welfare efficiency, highlighting the reduction in waste and leakages facilitated by DBT.

Heat-map showing correlation between key variables

The heat-map analysis quantifies the relationship between budget allocations, DBT savings, and welfare efficiency. As DBT savings increased, subsidy allocations decreased, demonstrating that DBT improved targeting while reducing leakages. This enabled the government to expand welfare programs, reaching more beneficiaries without increasing fiscal outlays. The inverse relationship between subsidy expenditure and efficiency challenges critiques of “declining welfare spending” and affirms DBT's role as a powerful tool for fiscal optimisation.

Welfare Efficiency Index (WEI)

As part of the methodology for assessing the impact of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system, the Welfare Efficiency Index (WEI) was developed as a composite metric to measure efficiency gains across various dimensions. The WEI comprises three weighted components:

DBT Savings (50% weight): This component captures the direct reduction in leakage, normalised against the maximum observed savings of Rs. 3.48 lakh crore.

Subsidy Reduction (30% weight): Measures the decline in subsidy expenditure as a percentage of the total national budget.

Beneficiary Growth (20% weight): Assesses the expansion in the number of beneficiaries, adjusted for population growth.

The rise in the WEI from 0.32 in 2014 to 0.91 in 2023 quantifies systemic improvements, emphasising that efficiency gains stem from multi-dimensional factors—not merely budget cuts. This index provides a replicable model for global policymakers to evaluate welfare reforms.

The WEI surged, driven by: DBT Savings (50% weight): Rs. 3.48 lakh crore cumulative leakage reduction.

Subsidy Reduction (30% weight): A decline from 16% to 9% of total expenditure.

Beneficiary Growth (20% weight): A 16-fold expansion in coverage

The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system has proven to be a transformative tool for India's welfare delivery, significantly enhancing the efficiency of public spending and expanding the reach of social benefits. Over the past decade, DBT has not only reduced fiscal leakages by Rs. 3.48 lakh crore but also ensured that subsidies are better targeted, with a marked decline in subsidy allocations as a percentage of total expenditure. The rise in the Welfare Efficiency Index (WEI) underscores the success of DBT in optimizing fiscal resources while broadening coverage for millions of beneficiaries. The sectoral savings, particularly in high-leakage programs like food subsidies, MGNREGS, and PM-KISAN, illustrate how the system's integration of Aadhaar and mobile-based transfers has addressed inefficiencies and curbed misuse.

As per the report by the BlueKraft Digital Foundation, this data-driven assessment demonstrates that fiscal prudence and inclusivity can go hand-in-hand, offering valuable insights for policymakers worldwide looking to refine their own social protection models. As governments grapple with balancing fiscal constraints and social equity, India's experience with DBT presents a compelling case for the efficacy of direct transfers in fostering both economic and social development. The lessons learned from this success story can guide global efforts to make welfare systems more efficient, transparent, and inclusive. ■

PM MODI CONDEMNS PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

In the 121st edition of his monthly radio address Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27th April delivered a powerful and emotional message to the nation, condemning the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, celebrating India's scientific milestones, humanitarian outreach, and environmental initiatives, while invoking historical lessons of courage and self-reliance



The Prime Minister opened the episode with deep anguish over the terrorist incident in Pahalgam on April 22, stating that the attack had “hurt every citizen of the country.” Stressing unity, Modi said, “No matter which state one belongs to, no matter which language one speaks, one is feeling the pain.” He attributed the attack to the desperation of forces opposing peace in Kashmir and emphasized that India’s unity and strong resolve would triumph. “The country is speaking in one voice. We will ensure justice for the victims,” he asserted, while thanking global leaders for their messages of support and solidarity.

The address also paid tribute to one of India’s most respected scientists, Dr. K. Kasturirangan, who passed away recently. PM Modi praised his leadership at ISRO and his foundational role in shaping India’s new National Education Policy. “His vision for innovation and commitment to nation-building will always be remembered,” he said.

Highlighting India’s accomplishments in space science, Modi marked the 50th anniversary of the Aryabhata satellite launch, reminiscing about India’s humble beginnings in space exploration. “Today, India has become a Global Space Power,” he declared, citing ISRO’s multiple achievements including the Mars Orbiter Mission, the Aditya-L1 solar mission, and the historic Chandrayaan-3 success. He also emphasized the growth of India’s private space sector, noting that from just one startup a decade ago, over 325 are now operational. Upcoming missions like Gaganyaan and

Chandrayaan-4 promise to continue this trajectory.

Switching gears to humanitarian aid, PM Modi spotlighted Operation Brahma, India’s swift response to the devastating earthquake in Myanmar. He shared emotional stories of Indian rescue teams, including the dramatic rescue of a 70-year-old woman after 18 hours under debris. “The blessings from Buddhist monks and the gratitude of locals is a testament to India’s commitment to humanity,” Modi said, reinforcing the country’s philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – the world is one family.

The Prime Minister also commended Indian expatriates in Ethiopia for arranging life-saving heart surgeries in India for local children. He applauded India’s ongoing medical diplomacy, citing vaccine shipments to Afghanistan and life-saving drugs sent to Nepal. “India will always stand at the forefront of humanitarian service,” he affirmed.

On disaster preparedness, PM Modi promoted the Sachet App, launched by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which provides alerts on floods, cyclones, earthquakes, and other natural calamities in multiple regional languages. “This app can save lives. I urge everyone to use and share it,” he said.

In a significant nod to India’s youth, the Prime Minister celebrated the transformation of Dantewada in Chhattisgarh from a conflict-ridden region to a hub of science education. The local Science Centre is now inspiring students with tools like 3D printers and

robotics, while science galleries in Gujarat are drawing enthusiastic young crowds. "Science is becoming a new ray of hope," Modi remarked.

Turning to environmental issues, Modi highlighted the success of the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign, which has seen over 140 crore trees planted in the past year. The campaign, which honors both biological and Mother Earth, will celebrate its first anniversary on June 5, World Environment Day. He also lauded Ahmedabad's efforts in planting 70 lakh trees and reviving water bodies, making it a leading city in the fight against global warming.

Agricultural innovation was another focal point. Modi shared inspiring stories of farmers growing apples in the plains of Karnataka, saffron in Kerala and Himachal's Sangla Valley, and litchi in Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan.

"Where there is a will, there is a way," he said, praising these pioneers for defying climatic odds and pushing agricultural boundaries.

The Prime Minister concluded with a historical reflection on the Champaran Satyagraha led by Mahatma Gandhi in 1917, linking it to the power of peaceful resistance and public unity. Remembering freedom fighters like Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Veer Kunwar Singh, he emphasized the need to draw strength from India's legacy during the Amrit Kaal — the era leading up to the centenary of India's independence.

"Next month, we will again meet and talk about our glorious traditions and new achievements. Keep sending your suggestions," PM Modi signed off, reinforcing his vision of a participative and progressive India. ■

India – UK Free Trade Agreement

A historic and ambitious deal to boost jobs, exports and national growth

99% Indian exports to benefit from zero duty

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Sir Keir Starmer on 6th May have announced the successful conclusion of a mutually beneficial India – UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This forward-looking Agreement is aligned with India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and complements the growth aspirations of both the countries.

The engagement builds upon the discussions held between the two Prime Ministers on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November 2024. Following the meeting between the two Prime Ministers, intense FTA negotiations resumed in February 2025 marked by several engagements between the Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and the U.K. Secretary of State Mr. Jonathan Reynolds and their teams.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated in his social media post on X (formerly twitter) "In a historic milestone, India and the UK have successfully concluded an ambitious and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement, along with a Double Contribution



Convention. These landmark agreements will further deepen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and catalyse trade, investment, growth, job creation, and innovation in both our economies."

The Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal thanked the Prime Minister for his guidance and encouragement which made the trade deal possible, and under whose visionary leadership India is looked upon as "Vishwa Mitra – Trusted Partner" of the world. ■

CABINET APPROVES CASTE ENUMERATION IN THE UPCOMING CENSUS

Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 30 April decided to include caste enumeration in the upcoming census. This demonstrates that the present government is committed to the holistic interests and values of the nation and society.



As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India, Census is a union subject listed at 69 in the Union List in the Seventh Schedule. While some states have conducted surveys to enumerate castes, these surveys have varied in transparency and intent, with some conducted purely from a political angle, creating doubts in society. Considering all these circumstances, and to ensure that our social fabric does not come under political pressure, it has been decided that caste enumeration should be included in the main census instead of being conducted as a separate survey.

This will ensure that society becomes stronger economically and socially, and the country's progress

continues without hindrance. It is noteworthy that when a provision of 10 percent reservation was made for the economically weaker sections of society, it did not create tension in any section of society.

Caste was excluded from all census operations conducted since independence. In 2010, then Prime Minister Late Dr. Manmohan Singh assured the Lok Sabha that the matter of caste census would be considered in the Cabinet. A Group of Ministers was formed to deliberate on this subject, and most political parties recommended conducting a caste census. Despite this, the previous government opted for a survey instead of a caste census, known as the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC). ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi dedicates to the Nation Vizhinjam International Seaport in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on May 02, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi lays foundation stone, inaugurates and dedicates to the nation various projects at Amaravati, in Andhra Pradesh on May 02, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the President of the Republic of Angola, Mr. Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on May 03, 2025



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