



Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President D K Shivakumar looks on during a press conference, in Bengaluru, Karnataka



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People search for their valuables in the rubbles after a demolition drive by the administration at the Sanjay Colony in Chandigarh



UPSC CSE 2025 topper Shakti Dubey being welcomed on her arrival at the Prayagraj Railway Station, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

Infiltration bid foiled in J&K's Baramulla, two terrorists killed



PTI, SRINAGAR: Two terrorists were killed on Wednesday as an infiltration attempt was foiled by security forces along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

The infiltration bid came less than 24 hours after a deadly terror attack at Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district left 26 people dead, mostly tourists.

The Army said the infiltration bid was foiled in Uri Nala of the north Kashmir district.

"At approximately 0100

hrs, alert troops deployed along the Line of Control (LoC) detected suspicious movement of unidentified persons attempting to infiltrate into Indian territory. The infiltrators were challenged and engaged, resulting in a heavy exchange of fire," the Army said in a statement.

In the ensuing encounter, it said two terrorists were neutralised.

"Two AK series rifles, a Chinese pistol and 10 kg of IED with other war-like stores have been recovered from the encounter site," the Army said.

Wife bids tearful adieu to Navy officer Vinay Narwal killed in Pahalgam

PTI, CHANDIGARH: There was hardly a dry eye as Indian Navy officer Vinay Narwal's wife Himanshi bid adieu to him embracing his coffin wrapped in the tricolour. Married on April 16, the couple was on their honeymoon trip to Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam when terrorists killed the officer in cold blood in front of his wife.

"Let his soul rest in peace...We should all be proud of him in every way. And we will make him proud in every way," said Himanshi, who hails from Gurugram and is pursuing a PhD.

On Wednesday afternoon, Narwal's mortal remains were brought to the IGI airport in Delhi from Kashmir, from where they were taken to his native place Karnal in Haryana where the last rites were held with full military honours.

"Jai Hind," Himanshi said, saluting her husband Narwal at the IGI.

At the airport, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta paid homage to Narwal (26) and laid a wreath at the mortal remains and was also seen trying to comfort his wife.

Narwal's mortal remains were brought in a Navy vehicle to his home in Karnal with his wife and some other family members accompanying it from Delhi.

As soon as the mortal remains were brought to Karnal, a large number of people turned up to pay their last respects, with some



Indian Navy Lt Vinay Narwal's wife breaks down while paying tribute to her husband after his mortal remains were brought at the cargo terminal of IGI Airport, in New Delhi

ELDERLY KERALITE'S HOLIDAYING WITH FAMILY TURNS OUT TO BE FATAL

PTI, KOCHI: Edappally native Ramachandran's love for travel, a passion shared by his wife, ended in tragedy on Tuesday when he along with 25 others was gunned down by terrorists in Kashmir's Pahalgam, and in front of his daughter who had come down from Dubai to meet her parents. Ramachandran (65) travelled to Kashmir with his wife, daughter and grandchildren for holidaying. He was shot dead by terrorists in front of his daughter, family sources said here on Wednesday. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's office confirmed his death in the terror attack late Tuesday but didn't divulge details. The shocked family members and friends, who rushed to Ramachandran's house in Edappally here in the morning, said they were yet to come to terms with his demise.

raising "Pakistan Murdabad" slogans. Later, at the cremation ground in Karnal too, the slogan was raised.

Later, Narwal's wife and some other family members accompanied the Navy officer on his final journey as the mortal remains were taken to the cremation ground in another vehicle with thousands of people

NAVI MUMBAI MAN WENT TO SEE PARADISE ON EARTH, BUT GOT KILLED BY BULLETS

PTI, MUMBAI: He went to see the 'paradise on earth' after working hard all his life, but will now return home dead, friends of 64-year-old Dilip Desle said on Wednesday while mourning his demise in the Pahalgam terror attack. Desle's friends and acquaintances remembered him as a "gentleman with a kind and helping nature" while paying tribute to him. A resident of New Panvel in neighbouring Navi Mumbai, Desle was among the 26 persons gunned down by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam town on Tuesday. He and his wife were part of the Nisarg Paryatan Tours' 37-member group that had gone to visit Kashmir on Monday. Desle fell prey to the bullets of terrorists while his wife survived.

KASHMIR TERROR ATTACK: MEMBERS OF BEREAVED FAMILIES AWAIT RETURN OF MORTAL REMAINS TO KOLKATA

PTI, KOLKATA: Bereaved family members of the Kolkata men killed in the terror attack near Kashmir's Pahalgam are waiting for the return of their mortal remains. Senior minister Firhad Hakim, after visiting the residence of one of the deceased, Samir Guha, at their Behala residence, said that the mortal remains will be brought back to Kolkata at around 8.30 pm on Wednesday. "I will be there at the airport and all assistance will be provided by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation," Hakim, who is also the city mayor, said. Guha of Behala and Bitan Adhikari of Baishnabghata were among the 26 people, mostly tourists, who were killed in the terror attack at Baisaran meadow in south Kashmir on Tuesday. West Bengal ministers Aroop Biswas and Firhad Hakim visited the residences of Adhikari and Guha respectively on Wednesday morning and spoke to their family members.



Ambulances carrying mortal remains of the people who were killed in the Pahalgam terror attack leave as they are being shifted to the native states of the victims, in Srinagar

Saini made a video call to Narwal's grandfather Hawa Singh, who sought from Prime Minister Narendra Modi exemplary punishment for the perpetrators of the attack and firm action to weed out terrorism. "Today, I have lost my grandson, tomorrow it can

celebrations continued until yesterday, there was gloom after the Pahalgam incident. "I was eating bhel puri

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Pahalgam terror strike a setback for J&K tourism

80% cancellations as tourists who no longer feel safe are leaving the valley

PTI, NEW SRINAGAR: The Pahalgam terror attack is set to deal a blow to tourism in Jammu and Kashmir with travel agencies in several parts of the country reporting widespread cancellations of scheduled trips to the Union Territory even as the Centre said it will do the best to "minimise" the impact on hospitality sector in J&K.

Thousands of tourists began leaving Kashmir on Wednesday, a day after 26 people were killed by terrorists at Baisaran meadow near Pahalgam in Anantnag district.

Travel agents in J&K said most of the tourists were leaving the valley due to



Security personnel stand guard at Lal Chowk market during a strike call given by traders, transporters and other several organisations against the Pahalgam terror attacks, in Srinagar

one cannot expect them to stay back. The cancellations are massive, close to 80 per cent," Aijaz Ali, a travel operator from Srinagar, said.

Sketches of three Pak terrorists released, anti terror operations intensified

PTI, SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: A day after 26 people were ruthlessly gunned down in Kashmir's Pahalgam town, security agencies on Wednesday released sketches of three Pakistani terrorists as a grim Centre took stock of the situation and anguished families said adieu to the men they had loved and lost.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who cut short his visit to Saudi Arabia, met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in the morning at the airport itself. In the evening, he chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security to formulate India's response. "People responsible for such acts will get a strong response in the near future," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said.



Sketches of three men suspected to be involved in the terror attack that killed 26 people near Pahalgam

Reflecting the government's resolve in the face of the deadliest terror attack since the Pulwama strike and the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, he added, "We will not only trace those who perpetrated the attack but also trace those who conspired to commit this nefarious act on our soil."

Singh also reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir with Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, the three service chiefs, defence secretary and the director general of military operations. It is learnt that Singh directed the armed forces to enhance their combat readiness and increase intensity of anti-terror operations.

Several houses torched in Manipur's Kamjong district, curfew in two villages

PTI, IMPHAL: Unidentified armed men set fire to several houses in two villages in Manipur's Kamjong district on Wednesday morning, officials said.

The incident occurred when most residents of Gampal and Haiyang villages, in the district's Sahamphung sub-division, were out in their fields for cultivation.

Preliminary reports indicate that more than seven houses, primarily thatched-roof structures, were burned to the ground, an official said.

Following the incident, Kamjong District Magistrate Rangamei Rang Pater imposed indefinite curfew in both the villages from 2pm.

In an order, the DM also prohibited the movement of any persons outside their residences under sub-section 1 of Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Surak



Security personnel keep vigil near the vulnerable areas of hill and valley districts, in Manipur

FOUR MILITANTS, TWO ARAMBAI TENGGOL MEMBERS ARRESTED

PTI, IMPHAL: Security forces arrested six persons, including four militants belonging to proscribed outfits, from different parts of Manipur, police said on Wednesday. An active woman militant of Kangleipak Communist Party (Nongrenkhomba) was arrested from Lamphel Supermarket in Imphal West district on Tuesday. She was identified as 20-year-old Tongbram Dolly Devi, a police officer said. A cadre of PREPAK was also nabbed from Napetpalli Thongkhong in Imphal East district on Tuesday. Another insurgent of KCP (PWG) who was involved in extortion activities in and around Imphal area was nabbed from Kekrupat in Imphal

West district. He was identified as Longjam Tony Singh (37), the officer said. An active cadre of the banned Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (SOREPA) was also apprehended from Hiyanthang Makha Leikai in Imphal West district on Tuesday. He was identified as Laishram Nongdamba Singh alias Lanteiba (25). Police also arrested two members of radical outfit Arambai Tenggol from Jiribam district on Tuesday for their alleged involvement in the kidnapping of a person from Assam's Cachar. They have been identified as R K Khomdonsana (32) and Lourebam Thoiba alias Jackson (20) and both are residents of Jiribam district.

109 houses damaged in Murshidabad riots: Official

PTI, KOLKATA: Altogether 109 houses were damaged in the recent communal riots in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, according to a government survey on Wednesday.

The report was submitted to Chief Secretary Manoj Pant at the state secretariat, Nabanna, an official said.

"The Murshidabad district administration conducted a survey and found that 109 houses were damaged during the recent riots at Dhulian, Shamsheganj and Suti," the official told PTI.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had earlier announced that all houses affected by the violence would be rebuilt under the state's 'Banglar Bari' housing scheme.

Asked about damage to shops and commercial establishments, the official said the principal secretary of the Panchayat depart-

ment and the district administration have been instructed to carry out a joint assessment.

According to the official, Murshidabad Additional District Magistrate has been directed to oversee the rehabilitation of displaced families, along with the reconstruction of their homes.

At least three persons - including a man and his son - were killed and more than 274 people arrested in connection with the violence, which erupted during protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Act between April 8 and April 12. Fearing for their lives, several hundreds of people fled Murshidabad for the neighbouring Malda district and sought refuge there. A senior government official claimed that all displaced people had since returned and the district administration was "taking care of them."