

## Crackdown on terror: NIA registers case in Pahalgam attack

Authorities demolish houses of three more terrorists while Navy demonstrates its preparedness by carrying out anti-ship firings

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has formally taken over the Pahalgam terrorist attack case, intensifying its search for evidence and questioning eyewitnesses to unravel the terror conspiracy, officials said on Sunday.

They said the anti-terror agency registered a case in Jammu on Sunday following orders from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and several teams are involved in the investigation.

After the dastardly terror attack on Tuesday afternoon that claimed 26 lives, a team of



An Indian Navy ship undertakes successful multiple anti-ship firings to revalidate and demonstrate readiness of platforms, systems and crew for long range precision offensive strike

### A SERIES OF COUNTER-MEASURES

■ NIA intensified its search for evidence and questioned eyewitnesses

■ Houses of terrorists Adnan Shafi, Amir Nazir and Jameel Ahmad Shergoiji were demolished at Wandina, Pulwama and Bandipora respectively

■ Indian Navy successfully carried out multiple anti-ship firings, demonstrating its readiness for "offensive" strikes

NIA officials led by its Inspector General (IG) was rushed to the site to assist the local police, the officials said.

They said NIA teams have been camping at the terror attack site since Wednesday, looking for clues.

"The entry and exit points are being closely scrutinised by the investigating NIA teams for clues to the modus operandi of the terrorists. The teams,

aided by forensic and other experts, are checking the entire area thoroughly for evidence to expose the terror conspiracy that led to the horrendous attack that has shocked the nation," an NIA statement said.

The eyewitnesses are also being questioned in minute detail to piece together the sequence of events that led to one of the worst terror attacks in Kashmir, it said.

The teams, overseen by an IG, a Deputy Inspector General (DIG) and a Superintendent of Police (SP) from the anti-terror agency, are examining eyewitnesses.

The witnesses had seen the horrifying attack unfold before their eyes at the peaceful and picturesque Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, according to the statement issued by NIA.

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The statue of Our Lady of Annunciation taken out in a procession on the occasion of Pejechem Fest (canji feast) at Siridao

## Two kids killed, 800 shanties gutted in Delhi's Rohini

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Two children died and five people were injured when a massive fire gutted over 800 shanties in a jhuggi cluster in Rohini on Sunday morning, a Delhi Fire Service official said.

The blaze was doused completely after firefighters worked tirelessly for three hours, he said. Charred bodies of two children -- a two-and-a-half-year-old and a three-year-old -- were recovered from the remains, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) Amit Goel told PTI. The Delhi Fire Service (DFS) official said they received a distress call around 11.55 am.

## Latest twist: Stay on AIFF decision to crown Churchill I-League champs

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The drama surrounding this season's I-League title continued as the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Sunday stayed the decision of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to declare Churchill Brothers of Goa as the champions on an application filed by Inter Kashi.

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Hours after CAS stayed AIFF's decision to declare Churchill Brothers as I League champions and barred it from conducting any formal felicitation ceremony; the national



AIFF Deputy Secretary General M Satyanarayan presents the I-League trophy to Churchill Brothers at a hotel in Cavelossim, on Sunday. The AIFF official claimed they learnt about CAS stay order after the ceremony

federation awarded the winners' trophy to the Goan club. AIFF Deputy Secretary General M Satyanarayan pre-

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## Plea before SC against adult content on OTT

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a plea seeking a direction to the Centre to take appropriate steps to prohibit streaming of sexually explicit content on over-the-top (OTT) and social media platforms.

The plea has sought laying down of guidelines constituting a National Content Control Authority to prohibit sexually explicit content on these platforms.

According to the top court's cause list of April 28, the petition is slated to come up for hearing before a bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih.

The plea claimed there were pages or profiles on social media sites that were disseminating pornographic materials without any filter.

## Dilapidated flats irk Baina housing board colony residents As leaking roofs cause sleepless nights, occupants threaten to take to the streets in protest

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**VASCO:** Residents of the housing board colony in Baina have raised serious concerns over the dilapidated condition of more than 100 flats in the colony.

They allege that slabs are collapsing, severe water leakage is damaging homes, and rainwater is entering flats, posing major safety risks. Fearing a potential disaster, residents are demanding urgent repairs and maintenance.

They have warned that if the Goa Housing Board fails to act immediately, they will be forced to launch a protest. Locals are appealing to the authorities to prioritise their safety and ensure structural repairs before the onset of heavy rains makes the situa-



“Monsoon is just a month away. Children play in the streets while senior citizens go for a walk. If something untoward happens, who will take the blame? There are over 100 flats in the area. I demand that the MLA solve our problem at the earliest”  
-Jayaprakash Amonkar, housing board colony chief

tion worse. Housing board colony chief Jayaprakash Amonkar said, "Before the 2022 Assembly elections, we were assured that the problem would be solved. Even the

current MLA said that he would solve the issue within six months, but nothing has been done yet."

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## Stay away, warns Betalbatim signboard to potential developers Locals say village resources have been exhausted and development boom has led to water scarcity and erratic power supply

Team Herald

**MARGAO:** In a striking act of grassroots activism, villagers of Betalbatim have installed a warning sign board, cautioning 'outsiders' not to invest in the village on account of severe depletion of local resources.

The signboard, which reads, "Beware - This village has exhausted its resources. The carrying capacity has exceeded. Builders, promoters, developers, buy land in our village at your own risk," has drawn wide attention and sparked a larger conversation about unregulated development and its long-term impact on rural communities.



The warning signboard installed by villagers of Betalbatim

The initiative was undertaken by members of the village gram sabha, following extensive discussions on the

growing strain on Betalbatim's basic infrastructure.

Villagers say they are witnessing a sharp increase in mega construction projects, accompanied by a surge in the sale of land to outside investors.

According to them, this development boom has led to a serious scarcity of water, erratic electricity supply, and the overuse of limited land resources.

"The carrying capacity of our village has exceeded limits," said Joaquim Faleiro, a concerned resident.

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## Finally, '3 Idiots' fame Ladakh school gets CBSE affiliation "Rancho's school" granted affiliation after several delays and rejections

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Druk Padma Karpo School, nestled in the cold desert of Ladakh and popularly known as "Rancho's school", has finally got CBSE affiliation more than two decades after it was founded. The affiliation was granted after several delays and rejections.

The school shot to fame after it featured in the Amir Khan-starrer movie "3 Idiots" in 2009. It was so far affiliated with the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education (JKBOSE).

Known for its innovative methods of teaching much before the new NEP proposed reforms to move away from traditional "rot learning", the school is now planning to expand till class 12.



Students at Ladakh's Druk Padma Karpo School, popularly known as 'Rancho's school' from the Bollywood film '3 Idiots', in Ladakh

"We have finally got the CBSE affiliation after delay of several years and our first batch of class 10 students is now waiting for their CBSE board exam results. Though we had all the required infrastructure in place, ex-

cellent result record and focus on innovative ways of teaching and learning, we didn't get the NOC from the JKBOSE despite several attempts all these years," school principal Mingur Angmo told PTI.

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