

India moved beyond ‘advocacy’ on peace efforts to end Ukraine conflict: Jaishankar

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NEW DELHI: India has moved beyond advocacy and stepped up its efforts in recent months for the resolution of the Ukraine conflict by engaging in conversations with both Kyiv and Moscow, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday, in a first public acknowledgement of New Delhi's role in ending the lingering war.

Jaishankar's comments at an event came days after Russian President Vladimir Putin said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "good ideas" to find a mutually ac-



ceptable solution to the conflict. Ukraine Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said on Friday that Kyiv received separate proposals from India and three other nations for a possible ceasefire.

Sharing some details of New Delhi's efforts, Jaishankar said it is focusing on ensuring the safety of shipping in the Black Sea as well

as on grain exports and energy supplies.

For over four years, India has been consistently pushing for resolving the Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy.

"Our position on that conflict has been very clear, which is that we would like to see an end to this conflict. This will require dialogue ► P11

Netanyahu invites PM Modi to Independence Day event

DUBAI: Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called Indian pilot Smit Machchhar a "hero of the entire world" for foiling an alleged attempt by the co-pilot to crash an Israel-bound flight, as he spoke with him over the phone.

Captain Machchhar was attacked and seriously injured by his co-pilot in the cockpit of flydubai flight FZ1073 on Wednesday while the aircraft was travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv.



Netanyahu spoke to Machchhar on Saturday, who is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in the UAE. A video clip of the call, with the phone on loudspeaker, was shared on social media.

During the call, Netanyahu also invited the pilot and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to light a flame on Israeli Independence Day. "It's our highest honour that we give on our

Independence Day. It's usually reserved for Israeli citizens, but I think here in this case, all the citizens of Israel will embrace you...So we hope to see you very soon in Israel," Netanyahu said during his conversation with 38-year-old Machchhar.

Israel's Independence Day, or Yom Ha'atzmaut, is celebrated on the fifth day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, which falls in late April or early May.

"You are a hero for Israel, India, and the entire world. I invite Prime Minister @NarendraModi and you to light a flame ► P11

Terrorists abducted villager in Sundarbani; search Ops launched in Rajouri, Udhampur

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JAMMU: Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday launched search operations in the forest areas of Rajouri and Udhampur districts following information about suspected terrorist movement in the area, officials said.

Three suspected terrorists reportedly abducted a villager, Anil Sudan, near his house at Upper Lardia in the Sunderbani sector of Rajouri late Saturday night, the officials said.

Sudan was, however, released around 3.15 am after the trio used him as a guide to reach the Dua Khad forest.

On being informed, police and the Army rushed to the area and launched a combing operation to trace the suspected terrorists, the officials said, adding that no contact has been made with the suspects so far.

The officials said security



Pak prisoner dies by suicide in Jammu jail

JAMMU: A 36-year-old Pakistani undertrial prisoner died of suspected suicide at the high-security Central Jail here on ► P11

forces also cordoned off the Mandugala Dhok forest in Rajouri after locals reported movement of two persons wearing black dress and carrying backpacks and weapons.

Another search operation is underway at Chigli Keya village in Udhampur, the officials said.

On September 17, two Pakistani terrorists ► P11

Police bust illegal arms network, recover AK-47, 2 hand grenades

CHANDIGARH: An AK-47 assault rifle and two hand grenades were recovered from a Tarn Taran man as the Punjab Police dismantled an illegal arms and explosive supply network in Amritsar, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said on Sunday.

The Amritsar Rural Police also recovered the assault rifle's magazine and nine cartridges from the accused, he said.

The accused has been identified as Navjot Singh, 28, a truck driver by profession and a resident of Chema in Tarn Taran.

Apart from recovering arms and explosives, police teams have also impounded his motorcycle being used for transporting the consignment.

Preliminary investigation

LeT terrorist 'Moosa' used Ayurvedic honey “remedy” to heal bullet wounds in hideout

MOOSA WAS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN 2025 PAHALGAM MASSACRE IN WHICH 26 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN BAISARAN

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SRINAGAR: A top Pakistani terrorist, believed to be a former commando of the Pakistan Army's elite Special Services Group (SSG), had turned to age-old Ayurvedic treatment of using pure honey to treat his bullet wounds for early healing while hiding deep in the forests of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Sunday.

Mohd Asif, alias "Hashim Moosa", the chief operational commander of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in the region and one of the masterminds of the 2025 Pahalgam terror attack, was killed in a

high-altitude operation by the Army in Yousmarg in Budgam district of central Kashmir earlier this week.

According to the officials, Moosa sustained bullet injuries during an earlier encounter in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla area during 'Operation Sherwall' in Rajouri area of the Jammu region. The operation continued for more than 45 days to hunt for the two trapped terrorists, who, it later emerged, were Moosa and his associate Yasir.

While holed up inside the jungles of Poonch and Rajouri, the terrorist applied honey to his wounds, tapping into its Ayurvedic healing

properties to accelerate tissue recovery and prevent infection in the wild because he could not access medical treatment due to the security cordon around the area, the officials said.

After the death of Yasir in the higher reaches of Yousmarg in the first week of September, a phone was recovered from him in which pictures were found of the honey-treated injuries of Moosa. They were transmitted across the border to their handlers in Pakistan to apprise them of the top terrorist's health condition, the officials said.

The handlers were issuing instructions to ensure that the honey was pure as this would help in the quick healing of Moosa, who was allegedly involved in a dozen terror attacks including the 2025 Pahalgam massacre in which 26 ► P11

Army Cmdr evaluates security in South Kashmir, calls for vigilance



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SRINAGAR: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Pratik Sinha on Sunday reviewed the security situation in South Kashmir and called for relentless vigilance to ensure peace.

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, #Army-CdrNC, visited #RashtriyaRifles

unit in South Kashmir. He reviewed the prevailing security situation and commended the troops for their professionalism and operational excellence," the Army's Northern Command said in a post on X.

It said the Army Commander impressed upon the need for relentless vigilance and synergy in efforts to ensure the Army's ► P11

Dr Jitendra recalls his days as Prof in GMC Jammu; hosts lunch for Delhi based alumni

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, today hosted a luncheon interaction at his New Delhi residence for a group of Delhi based medical alumni from Jammu, most of them from Government Medical College, Jammu, many of whom had been his students during his years as Professor of Medicine and Diabetes.

The gathering brought together former students who have gone on to build successful medical careers and are now serving in senior positions across hospitals and healthcare institutions in Delhi-NCR and



other parts of the region.

Recalling his association with Government Medical College, Jammu, before taking up full time to public life, Dr. Jitendra Singh

said it was particularly gratifying to meet his former students and see how well they had progressed in their professional lives. The doctors shared their experiences ► P11

Govt ‘diluting’ Statehood mandate: Ruhullah Mehdi

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SRINAGAR: Estranged National Conference (NC) MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi on Sunday slammed his party's government in Jammu and Kashmir for allegedly bringing the struggle for the people's rights down to statehood, asserting that it was "betrayal" of the mandate.

Speaking at the 5th Halla Bolle conclave here, Mehdi alleged that the NC has not even started the fight for restoring the constitutional rights of the people that were revoked on August 5, 2019.

Hitting out at the NC leadership, he said he has "countless" ideological differences with the RSS, but one thing worth learning from them is

that they work toward their "flawed objectives with the discipline of a movement".

"The 2024 assembly mandate had granted a categorical authority to NC that you must leave everything else aside...the people told us to fulfil our responsibility and fight the battle for our identity and our constitutional rights. For that, they entrusted us with a mandate, a categorical mandate was given as a trust," he said.

The Srinagar MP said people across the country were fighting the BJP-led Centre over several issues like CAA, farmers' issues, exam paper leaks and even deletion of names from electoral rolls.

"Everyone is fighting their battles. And the one ► P11

Country made ‘pistol’ recovered from Jewel

JAMMU: Police apprehended Anil Kumar Sharma S/o Romesh Chand and R/o Gurha Kalyal, Tehsil Ramkot, District Kathua, from a public toilet complex in the Jewel area opposite MAM Stadium, Jammu.

During the operation, police reportedly recovered a country made pistol from his possession. The individual was taken into custody and further investigation is underway to establish the circumstances surrounding the recovery and the purpose for which the firearm was allegedly being carried.

Police have initiated appropriate legal proceedings in the matter and are conducting further verification as part of the investigation. Authorities said additional details would be shared as the inquiry progresses. Meanwhile, in a ► P11

Police seize bag near encounter site; probe on

SRINAGAR: In a significant development in the investigation related to the encounter of 29 September 2026, Budgam Police have recovered a bag containing medicines and eatables from the vicinity of Palmaidan, Doodhpathri where top LeT commander Hashim Moosa was killed in an exchange of fire with the security forces.

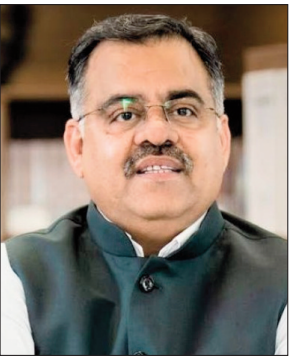
The recovered items are suspected to have been intended for the use of the killed terrorist. The recovery assumes significance in the context of the ongoing investigation into the circumstances surrounding his presence in the area and the possible network involved in providing him logistical support. Budgam Police are investigating all relevant ► P11

AAP's MLA exposing so-called edu revolution in Pnb: Chugh

CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Tarun Chugh on Sunday claimed that the so-called education revolution of the AAP government in Punjab has been exposed by one of its own legislators.

The remark came a day after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Sukhveer Singh Maiserkhana accused his party leadership and the Punjab government of not addressing the issue of teacher shortage in some government schools in his home constituency Maur in Bathinda district.

However, the AAP rejected Maiserkhana's claims and suspended him from the party for "anti-party activities



and indiscipline".

Going live on Facebook, Maiserkhana said he took to social media as he was fed up with not being able to get his grievance concerning teacher shortage resolved.

Chugh said when the government's own MLA raises questions about the condition of government schools, it "exposes" the gap between the AAP government's claims and the reality on the ground.

"In Punjab, there are government schools where students have no benches to sit on, the school buildings lack proper roofs, and places where even basic facilities remain inadequate.

"This is the same party which came to power making tall claims about an education revolution. Today, teachers are on the streets raising their demands and facing police action," Chugh said in a statement. The BJP leader ► P11

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