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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds meeting with Defence and External Affairs Ministers, National Security Advisor and Tri-services Chiefs.
- Army Chief reviews border security, grants Commanders full authority for counteraction.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh says Operation Sindoor is symbol of India's political, social and strategic will.
- Country celebrates National Technology Day to honour contributions of scientists, engineers and innovators.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a high level meeting at his residence in New Delhi today. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, and Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh were present. The meeting comes in the wake of the ceasefire arrived at between the two countries yesterday after the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of the two countries spoke to each other. The DGMOs of the two countries are scheduled to talk tomorrow again.

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Army Chief General, Upendra Dwivedi reviewed the security situation with the Army Commanders of the Western Borders following ceasefire and airspace violations last night. The Indian Army said the Army Chief has granted full authority to the army commanders for counteraction in the kinetic

domain to any violation of the understanding reached after the Directors General of Military Operations talks yesterday.

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Centre has said that several combat gaming videos are being deceptively circulated as real footages of recent India-Pakistan conflict and urged people not to fall prey to such propaganda posts. The Fact Check Unit of Press Information Bureau said, combat gaming footages, flooding social media with video game scenes are deceptively presented as actual combat and digital combat clips are being misrepresented as real footage. It urged people to stay vigilant.

A message is also circulating on WhatsApp in the name of Office of the Defence Minister of India giving instructions for civil preparedness in view of the India-Pakistan situation. This message is fake. Government of India has issued no such instructions. Listeners, as Pakistan has been resorting to spreading propaganda on social media, it is crucial to scrutinize every piece of information carefully. If you encounter any dubious content, especially concerning the Indian Armed Forces or any info related to ongoing situation, you must report it to PIB Fact Check. You can also share such content on WhatsApp number 8799711259 and Email ID – factcheck@pib.gov.in

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that Operation Sindoor is not just a military action, but a symbol of India's political, social and strategic will. Virtually inaugurating the BrahMos Aerospace Integration and Testing Facility in Lucknow this afternoon, Mr. Singh said, this operation is also a demonstration of India's strong will against terrorism and the capability and determination of the military power. He said, whenever India takes any action

against terrorism, even the land across the border will not be safe for the terrorists and their masters.

The Defence Minister said, the inauguration of Brahmos integration and testing facility will help in further strengthening India's defence prowess. He said, Brahmos is one of the world's fastest, supersonic cruise missiles. Mr Singh said, it is not just a weapon, but it is a message in itself.

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National Technology Day is being celebrated today. On this day in 1998, India successfully tested its nuclear bombs in Pokhran, Rajasthan. The day memorializes the contributions of scientists, engineers, and innovators to India's technological expertise and the launch of India's first indigenous aircraft, "Hansa-3." It also memorializes the sixth global nuclear test, demonstrating India's global position. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his wishes on National Technology Day. In a social media post, the Prime Minister said that this is a day to express pride and gratitude to the country's scientists and remember the 1998 Pokhran tests. Mr. Modi added that they were a landmark event in India's growth trajectory, especially in the country's quest towards self-reliance. Meanwhile, Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan said on National Technology Day, we commemorate India's technological achievements and salute our scientists, engineers and innovators. In a social media post, the Governor has called on the people to continue harnessing science and technology for a self-reliant and empowered India.

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Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan has extended greetings on the eve of Buddha Purnima. In a message the Governor said, the life and teachings

of Lord Buddha continue to guide millions on the path of truth, compassion and enlightenment. He called on the people to take the day to reflect on their thoughts and actions, practice kindness without expectation and cultivate peace within themselves and in the world around them. The Governor expressed hope that Buddha's timeless message inspire us to overcome ignorance with wisdom, hatred with love and suffering with understanding.

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The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) has reacted to the response from the State Government, where it has expressed regret over issuing the transfer and posting notification on 13th April, which was Palm Sunday. A Press Statement from NPCC stated that such lapses show a serious lack of awareness and sensitivity towards the religious and cultural sentiments of the people of Nagaland. In view of the Government claims that the action was not intentional, the NPCC have resolved to call off its proposed agitation. However, it has appeal to the Government to ensure that no official notifications or administrative actions are issued on days of religious importance, including Sundays.

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District Legal Services Authorities, under the aegis of Nagaland State Legal Services Authorities (NSLSA) organized the 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat 2025, across the state. A press release from the NSLSA stated that the Lok Adalat disposed 219 cases with a total settlement amount of over two crore rupees. Most cases involved bank loan recovery, telephone bill disputes, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal cases, and other consumer and civil matters. The release state that Lok Adalat, also known as the "People's Court," is an Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism aimed at reducing the court backlog, providing swift access to justice for marginalized communities, and ensuring cost-effective settlement of disputes. It also

stated that in the year 2024, National Legal Services Authority recognized NSLSA for achieving highest disposal percentage of pending cases.

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Indian Space Research Organization Chairman, Dr. V. Narayanan today said that the NASA-ISRO synthetic approach radar satellite is likely to be launched next month. Talking to Akashvani Agartala on the sidelines of the 5th Convocation ceremony of the Central Agriculture University, Imphal, held at the College of Fisheries at Agartala, he said the radar satellite has two major payloads and has a microwave remote sensing satellite. He said, one payload has been made by the US and another by India. Talking about India's upcoming missions and launches, he said on May 18, the RA-SAT, a C-band synthetic radar satellite, will be launched by PSLV, and next month, Gaganyatri will be sent to the International Space Station to gain some experience. In the convocation ceremony, degrees were conferred to over 1,500 students from 28 states, graduating across 13 constituent colleges located throughout the Northeast region.

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