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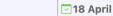












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- John C. Maxwell -



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Strategic

out 24 precision

targets

The Indian armed forces

Through Operation Sindoor India used its 'right to re-spond' to attack on its soil

RAJNATH SINGH,

scripted history last night...

THRISSUR BOORAN

42 injured after jumbo runs amok in Kerala

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#### INSIDE



High alert in border areas of Rajasthan

JAPUR
Large-scale mock drills were
conducted in several cities in
Rejasthan on Wednesday in the
aftermath of the Operation
Sindoor and the border areas in
the State were put on high
alert, Schools in bonder districts
were closed as a precautionary
measure. > PAGE 2.



Pak. authorises armed forces

NEW DELHI The National Security

Committee meeting conve yy Pakistan Prime Minister "corresponding actions"
against Indian strikes.x PAGE 5



21 airports in until May 10

NEW DELHI At least 21 airports across India, primarily in northern and north-western regions, have een closed until May 10,

#### Indian forces hit Pakistan terror bases

sites used to train terrorists in Pakistan and PoK

Air defence network on 'highest state' of alert in anticipation of counter-response from Pakistan

belong to terror groups across the border at 6 km to 100 km and infrastructure used for trend distances ranging from 6 km to 100 km

\*Precision capability\* strikes conducted
between 1.05 a.m. and 1.30 a.m. on Wednesday

5 sites hit in PoK and 4 across

■ Targets destroyed without harming any civilian population, as per plan, says Defence Minister

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n a swift and decisive military action under Operation Sindoor against terrorist infrastruc-ture in Pakissan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PolS), the Indian armed forces carried out 24 preci-sion strikes on nine diffe-rent targets within a span of just 25 minutes in the early hours of Wednesday. Defence Minister Raj-nath Singh said India exer-cised its "right to respond"

ised its "right to respond" o an attack on its soil, reerring to the Pahalgam attack, and the armed forces "scripted history" by act-ing with "precision, preaution, and compassion o destroy the camps used o train terrorists in Pakisan and PoK.

The entire air defence network has been put on the highest state of alert in anticipation of any coun-ter-response from Pakistan.

Pakistan.

"India has demonstrated considerable restraint ed considerable restraint india armod forces are fully prepared to respond to Pakistan misadventure, if any, to escalate the situation of the state of the

Non-escalatory action' Mr. Misri said India exer-cised its right to act on ter-ror targets, stressing that the actions were "measured, non-escalatory, pro-portionate, and portionate, and responsible". "The action was carried

out very thoughtfully and in a measured manner. It was limited only to the camps and other infras-tructure used for training terrorists, with the aim of breaking their morale," the Defence Minister said while addressing the 66th Border Roads Organisation

Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

He asserted that as per plan, the targets were despian, the targets were despian, the targets were despian, the targets were despian, the targets were population was harmed. The attrikes were considerable that the target of target o

Jured in the missile strikes.
Of the 21 camps identified in Pakistan and PoK
belonging to the terror
groups Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and

Jaish-e-Mohammed, nine Pakistan to take action were targeted, located at distances ranging from 6 km to 100 km from the

border.
The targets in PoK are
the Sawai Nala camp and
Syedina Belal camp in Muzaffirabad, Gupur camp
and the Barnala camp in
Bhimber. The targets in Pakistan are the Mehmoona
Joya camp and Sarjal camp
in Sialloof, Markaz Taiba in

in Sialkot, Markaz Taiba in Muridke, and Markaz SubMarkat SubIn remarks at the briefing, Mr. Misri noted that following the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, and the sub"naturally" responded with a set of initial measures, referring to the announcements on April 23, and it was deemed essen-tial that the perpetrators and planners of the attack be brought to justice. "Despite a formight hav-ing passed since the at-tacks, there has been no demonstrable step from

Pakistan to take action against the terrorist infras against the terrorist infras conterritory under its control. Instead, all it has indulged in are denials and gence monitoring of Pakistan-based terrorist mother than the standard and terrorist mother than the same impending. There is the same impending the set of the same in the same impending. There were the same in the same impending the same in Oureshi, who was also pre-

TERRORIST CAMPS IN POJK & PAKISTAN

POJK

INDIA

ercised its right to respond and pre-empt as well as de-ter" more such cross-bor-

der attacks. The selection of targets for Operation Sindoor was based on credible intelligence inputs and role of these facilities in perpetrat-ing terror activities, Wing ng terror activities, Wing commander Singh said uring the briefing on the transportations, and the said of the sai Commander Singh said during the briefing on the operation. "The locations were so selected to avoid damage to civilian installa-tions and loss of civilian lives."

tions exercised were Rafale sent at the briefing, added that the target selection was done with due dili-

sults reiterate the profes-sionalism of the Indian

armed forces in planning and execution of opera-

tions exercised were Rafale
or Mirage 2000 Jets with
the SCALP long-range misground weapon.
The Army, sources said,
used precision-guided mations. The Army has the Extions. The Army has the Excalibur precision-guided
rounds that can be fired
and has also procured several types of lottering muwars. However, sources "Clinical efficiency"
The strikes on the terror
camps were undertaken
bility", using niche technology weapons with careful selection of warheads
that ensured no collateral
der Singh stated. "The
point of impact in each of
the target was a specific
building or a trong over years. However, sources ruled out any use of mis-siles by the Army. An Indian military resbuildings. All the targets were neutralised with clin-ical efficiency and the re-

ponse has been widely ex-pected, and senior leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had reiter ated that the perpetrators behind the attack would not be spared.

These are the third such punitive strikes against ter-ror infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK in the past de-cade following the surgical strikes by the Indian Army in September 2016 after

#### 12 J&K civilians. one soldier killed in Pak. shelling

SRENAGAR/JAMMU
One solidier and at least 12
chillans, three women and
three children among them,
were killed and 51 injured as
the Pakistan Army resorted to
heavy morter shelling and to
the Line of Control in Jammu
and Kashmir on Wednesday. and Kashmir on Wednesday Residents living close to the border areas were gripped with a sense of fear as casualties rose, with the authorities setting up temporary shelters in Poonch, Rajouri, Baramulla and R.S. Pora. Officials said the shelling impacted Balakote, Mendhar, Mankote, Krishna Ghati, Gulpur, Kerni, and Poonch town, and left 42 injured Indian Army said it was esponding in a \*proportionate

the Balakot air strikes by

the Baladot air strikes by the Indian Air Force against terror adming the property administration of the ter the Pulwama terror attack. The Pulwama terror in a statement following the properties, the Divec-tor-General of Inter-Services Public Relations said that all planes of the Pakis-tan Air Force were air-

"All strikes were made by India from its own air-space. Pakistan will res-pond to it at a time and place of its own choosing. It will not go unanswered. The temporary pleasure of India will be replaced by enduring grief," it stated. Last week Mr. Modi had

given "complete operation-al freedom" to the forces to gets, and timing of the In-dian response dian response. (With inputs from PTI)

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#### Ukraine drones hit Moscow as world | Senior cardinal urges conclave voters leaders arrive for Red Square parade

#### Associated Press MOSCOW

Attacks by Ukrainian long-range drones caused flight disruption at Moscow's main airports for a third straight day on Wednes-day, authorities said, as Russia prepared to receive the Chinese President and other foreign leaders for the annual Victory Day mil-itary parade in Red Square. roflot cancelled more than 100 flights to and from Moscow, while more than 140 flights were delayed as planes were repeatedly grounded, flight data showed.

Russian air defences re-

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versary celebrations in capital, Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said. Though Ukrainian drones have targeted Mos-cow in the past, the sus-tained attacks appeared designed to disrupt prepa-rations for the 80th anniversary celebrations in Moscow marking victory over Nazi Germany in the Second World War. Security is expected to be tight at Friday's center-piece parade. Foreign dig-nitaries, including Chinese President Xi Jinping and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, were arrive Wednesday.

#### 72- hour ceasefire

With all the pomp, drama and solemnity that the Catholic Church can mus-ter, 133 cardinals on Wed-Russia plans a unilateral 72-hour ceasefire to coinnesday began centuries-old rituals to elect a succesold rituals to elect a succes-sor to Pope Francis, celebrating a morning Mass before opening the most geographically di-werse conclave in the faith's cide with the celebrations in Moscow. Utrainian Prein Moscow. Utrainian Preskyy said last weekend that 
his country can not proforeign officials planning to 
foreign officials 
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foreign of cide with the celebrations 2,000-year history.

Airwaves jammed
The dean of the College of
Cardinals, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, presided
over the service, urging the
voters to set aside all personal interests and find a
Pope who prizes unity.
From the altar of St. Pe-



to select a Pope who will seek unity

rer's Basilica, Mr. Re proyed that the carduals are being and the control of the

communications until they find a new leader for the 1.4 billion-member church. Francis named 108 of francis named 108 of the 133 "princes of the church," choosing many pastors in his image from far-flung countries such as Mongolia, Sweden and Tonga that had never had a cardinal before. His decision to surpass

the usual limit of 120 cardi-nal electors and include younger ones from the "global south" has injected

is always full of mystery and suspense.

Many cardinals hadn't met one another until last week and lamented they needed more time to get to know each another.



Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofiya Qureshi addressing the media on Operation Sindoor. ANI

# First attack in Pak.'s Punjab since 1971

#### Dinakar Peri

**NEW DELHI** 

Four of the nine strikes carried out under Operation Sindoor were on Pakistan's territory, including its heartland, Punjab – marking the first time India has carried out a strike there since the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, 54 years ago.

The targets chosen are connected to a series of terror attacks in India over the years. They are the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, the Pathankot attack, the Uri terror attacks, and the Pahalgam attack on April 22, among others.

The government deployed two women officers to brief the media, and the world, on the operation – Colonel Sofiya Qureshi from the Army and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh from the Indian Air Force (IAF) – after the initial statement by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.

Colonel Qureshi is an officer from the Corps of Signals, commanding a Unit. She was selected for

the role of Military Observer in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2006. In March 2016, she became the first and only woman officer to lead an Army contingent at a multinational military exercise, Force 18, hosted by India for interoperability in sustaining peace among the ASEAN nations.

Real-time
footage from
unmanned
aerial vehicles
confirmed the
destruction
of targets

Wing Commander Singh is a helicopter pilot flying Cheetah and Chetak, with over 2,500 hours flying hours to her credit. She is currently posted at the Directorate of Operations (Media & Public Relations) at the IAF headquarters in the national capital.

# Ukraine drones hit Moscow as world leaders arrive for Red Square parade

#### **Associated Press**

MOSCOW

Attacks by Ukrainian longrange drones caused flight disruption at Moscow's main airports for a third straight day on Wednesday, authorities said, as Russia prepared to receive the Chinese President and other foreign leaders for the annual Victory Day military parade in Red Square.

Russian flag carrier Aeroflot cancelled more than 100 flights to and from Moscow, while more than 140 flights were delayed as planes were repeatedly grounded, flight data showed.

Russian air defences repelled an attack by nine drones close to the Russian



**Special day:** Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro meets Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin on Wednesday. AFP

capital, Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said.

Though Ukrainian drones have targeted Moscow in the past, the sustained attacks appeared designed to disrupt preparations for the 80th anni-

versary celebrations in Moscow marking victory over Nazi Germany in the Second World War.

Security is expected to be tight at Friday's centerpiece parade. Foreign dignitaries, including Chinese President Xi Jinping and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, were due to arrive on Wednesday.

#### 72- hour ceasefire

Russia plans a unilateral 72-hour ceasefire to coincide with the celebrations in Moscow. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said last weekend that his country can not provide security assurances to foreign officials planning to visit the Moscow events. Russia could stage provocations and later attempt to blame Ukraine, he said.

Russian public holidays in early May, including the days around Victory Day, is a popular time for many Russians to go on vacation.

#### 1. Drone Attacks Disrupt Moscow:

- Ukrainian long-range drones caused flight disruptions at Moscow's main airports for three consecutive days.
- Russian flagship carrier Aeroflot cancelled over 100 flights, while more than 140 flights were delayed due to repeated grounding.
- Russian air defenses repelled an attack by nine drones near Moscow.

#### 2. Context of the Attack:

- The drone strikes occurred as Russia prepared to host the Victory Day military parade at Red Square.
- This parade marks the anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany in World War II.
- The attacks appear to be aimed at disrupting the 80th-anniversary celebrations.

#### 3. International Presence:

- Chinese President Xi Jinping and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva were scheduled to arrive for the parade.
- Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin indicated that security would be extremely tight for the event.

#### 4. Ceasefire Proposal:

- Russia announced a unilateral 72-hour ceasefire to coincide with the celebrations.
- However, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed concerns, stating that Ukraine could not guarantee the safety of foreign officials visiting Moscow.
- Zelenskyy warned that Russia might use provocations and blame Ukraine later.

#### A. Mistorical Context:

- Victory Day in Russia:
  - Celebrates the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany on May 9th.
  - Seen as a symbol of national pride and military strength.
- Russia-Ukraine Conflict:
  - Part of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, which escalated in February 2022.
  - Drone attacks on Moscow indicate Ukraine's evolving military tactics.

#### B. **X** Geopolitical Implications:

- International Attention:
  - Presence of Xi Jinping and Lula da Silva highlights the global focus on the conflict.
- Security Concerns:
  - Tightened measures could reflect Moscow's vulnerability despite being a major global power.
- Narrative Warfare:
  - Zelenskyy's warning about provocations indicates caution over Russian narratives framing
     Ukraine as the aggressor.

#### Qatar, Spain, Japan call for de-escalation, bush for dialogue

Kallol Bhattacherjee

Global powers on Wednes-day called for the de-esca-lation of tensions as Indian military forces carried out punitive strikes against tar gets inside Pakistan in resnse to the deadly April 22 terror attack in Pahal-gam. Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minis-ter Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani called External Af-fairs Minister S. Jaishankar

fairs Minister S. Jaishankar and conveyed Qatar's deep concern over the Before speaking to Mr. Jaishankar, Mr. Al-Thani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and affirmed Qatar's full support "for all region-tul support "for all region-tul support and the support standing issues between the two countries through he was countries through means."

for resolution of the crisis. Foreign Minister José Ma-nuel Albares called Mr. laishankar and his Pakistani counterpart Ishaq Dar This morning, I spoke Pakistan, Peace, diploma

Israel has expressed support for India's 'right to self-defence' and the fight against

cy and restraint must pre-vail," he said.

vaii," he said.

Israel has expressed support for India's military strike against Pakistani targets, with the Israeli Ambassador Reuven Azar saying, "Israel supports India's right for self defense. Terrorists should know there's no place to hide from their heinous crimes against the innocent."

The Taliban administra-

The Taliban administra-tion of Afghanistan in a statement said "further es-calation" was not "in the interest of the region." "The Islamic Emirate of Af-ghanistan reaffirms its be-lief that security and stabil-ity, serve the collective ity serve the collective interests of all countries in the region, said the Taliban. Mr. Jaishankar also held

a telephone conversation with Japanese Foreign Mi-nister Takeshi Iwaya who reiterated Tokyo's con-demnation of the Pahalgam attack and "strongly" urged restraint. Mr. Iwaya expressed "deep concern" that these events "could lead to a full-scale military

#### India briefs envoys of 13 **Security Council members**

Foreign Secretary conveys details of military strikes to them as part of a larger strategy to counter Pakistan at the UNSC 1267 terror listing and FATF: Misri denies that India has escalated tensions

ndia's strikes on Pakisndia's strikes on Pakis-tan were not an esca-lation, but a "res-ponse" to the Pahalgam terror attack, Foreign Se-cretary Vikram Misri told envoys of 13 of 15 countries in the United Nations Security Council.

Pakistan's envoy was not invited to the briefing not invited to the briefing held at South Block hours after India's action, but included China's envoy Xu Felhong. Sierra Leone was not present at the meeting as it does not have an envoyhere.

New York, the Indian Perhament Mission is reaching the contraction of the property of the pr

members, government sources said.

During the meeting, Mr.
Misri reiterated that India's response to the 'barbaric' Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 were killed were 'targeted, measured and non-escalatory'. non-escalatory", and aimed at deterring and pre-empting more attacks being planned against In-dia. He said that by "shielding" The Resistance Front (TRF), by insisting on its omission from the UNSC

resolution released last week. Pakistan had itself escalated the situation. In- asked by U.K. High Com-

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri says India will respond to any military escalation by Pakistan after Operation Sindoor, FALE PHOTO dia would respond to any missioner Lindy Cameron

added.
According to sources,
the Foreign Secretary was
asked a number of questions about the operations
in the early hours of Wednesday, from the envoys of
countries such as China,
France, Russia, the U.K.,
and the combers Adegria. Panama, South Korea, Slo-

He denied suggestions that India had "escalated tensions" as the strikes were a response, and said India's objectives of targeting nine sites had been met. particular, when

dia would respond to any military escalation by Pakistan at this point, he 
added.

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dian military and civilian infrastructure, to which he replied that it was "too ear-ly to tell".

The special briefing is believed to be a part of a larger strategy to reach out at the UN's top body, to thwart moves by Pakistan, a non-permanent elected member for 2025-26, that has permanent member China's support, from holding any meetings or issuing statements that hurt India's interests, and to hold the TRF and other groups in Pakistan to ac-count on UN forums, in-cluding the 1267 commit-tee for terrorist designation, and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) that looks into terror-financing and money laundering among mem-

Earlier, briefing the media at Delhi's National Media Centre, Mr. Misri had recounted in detail how India had raised the issue o Pakistan's support to the Lashkar-e-Taiba and the TRF, its front outfit, at va-rious UN-linked forums.

rious UN-linked forums. As The Hindu had re-ported, Pakistan, with sup-port from China, had en-sured the UNSC statement draft on the Pahalgam at-tack issued on April 25 was watered down, and insisted on omitting reference to the TRF, and changed a sentence that asked mem-bers to cooperate with the "Government of India" to "all relevant authorities" for the investigation into the attack in Jammu and

"Pakistan's pressure to remove references to TRF in the April 25 UN Security Council Press Statement is notable in this regard," Mr.

#### Shah asks border States to stock up on essential goods

Vijaita Singh NEW DELHI

As the scheduled drills were conducted at various places across the country on Wednesday hours after Operation Sindoor by the Indian armed forces con-cluded, Union Home Mi-nister Amit Shah asked the Chief Ministers of the States bordering Pakistan and Nepal to stock essen-tial items, and ensure the hai items, and ensure the availability of essential ser-vices in accordance with the guidelines of the drill. Mr. Shah asked the

Mr. Shah asked the States to stop the spread of unnecessary fear among the public, and take steps against rumours, a press statement by Union Home Ministry said. Sirens blared and sec-tions of cities went dark as were simulated by volun-

were simulated by volun-teers, the police, and oth-ers on the directions of the Home Ministry to check civil defence preparedness.

Leave cancelled A day after the operation by the armed forces, a heightened alert was sounded, and Central Armed Police Forces

States told to ensure the smooth operation of essential services services on alert

At the meeting attended by the Lieutenant-Gover-nors of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh; the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand, Punjab, Ra-Uttarakhand, Punjab, Ra-jasthan, Gujarat, and West Bengal; and a representa-tive from the Sikkim go-vernment via video confe-rencing, Mr. Shah said Operation Sindoor was "a befitting reply from Bharat to those who dare to chal-

Fire Services, and uninter-rupted supply of essential

goods. He asked them to keep the State Disaster Res-ponse Force, Civil Defence, Home Guards, National Cadet Corps, and others, on alert to deal with any situation. Mr. Shah said that efforts should be made to en sure public participation through citizen and non-

#### U.P. on red alert, police to secure vital installations

The Hindu Bureau

desh has been placed on high alert, with Chief Mi-nister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday instructing the Director General of Police (DGP) to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety of citizens and the protec-tion of vital infrastructure.

A statement issued b the DGP's office said, "Red lerr has been declared in U.P. following Operation Sindoor. All U.P. Police field formations have been instructed to coordinate with defence units and

#### Congress lauds 'bold steps' to target | Govt. calls all-party terrorism, sends message of unity

The Congress on Wednes-day lauded the Indian armed forces and the Na-rendra Modi government after precision strikes were carried out on terro camps in Pakistan and Pa-kistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under Operation Sin-door to avenge the Pahal-

door to awenge the Pahal-gam terror attack.
Congress president Mal-Lianjun Kharge, who pre-sident participation of the Congress Working Com-mittee (CWC), said India had given a befitting reply
"We had called a meet-ing of the Working Com-mittee to discuss the inci-duction. We are proud of the action. We are proud of the Indian armed forces, who have given a befitting reply by taking bold and decisive

We are proud of the Indian armed forces, who have given a befitting reply by taking bold and decisive action against the terror camps of Pakistan and PoK under Operation MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

action against the terror termination and patriotism of our brave soldiers," Mr. Kharge said after the meeting.

camps of Pakistan and PoK under Operation Sindoor. We salute the courage, de-tunder Operation Sindoor.

In solidarity
The Congress chief asserted that from the day of the
terrorist attack in Pahalgam, his party had stood in
solidarity with the armed
forces and the government
on the issue of taking deci-

sive action against cross-

hul Gandhi said the Con-gress extended all its support to the armed forc-es. "Our full support to our forces, best wishes to them, much love to them.

and Mr. Gandhi will be at-tending the all-party meet-ing convened by the go-vernment on Thursday. Sources told The Hindu that though there was a discussion on whether top leaders should attend if the meetling was not chaired meeting was not chaired by Prime Minister Modi, senior leaders including former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar said the top

Opposition leaders must participate. The party also put a pause to all scheduled par-ty programmes, including the 'Samvidhan Bachao Rallies', in solidarity with Rallies', in solidarity with the armed forces. Several senior leaders, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K.C. Venugopal, Anand Sharma, Jairam Ramesh and Randeep Surjewala stressed the need to be seen with the armed forces.

#### meet today; Cabinet lauds military strikes

The Hindu Bureau

Hours after Operation Sin-door, Prime Minister Na-rendra Modi met President Droupadi Murmu and chaired a Cabinet meeting to brief his colleagues on the military strikes.

The government convened an all-party meeting

to brief all political parties on Operation Sindoor in Parliament on Thursday

According to sources, the Prime Minister lauded the "perfect" operations carried out by the armed carried out by the armed forces. During the meet-ing, his Cabinet colleagues expressed confidence in the armed forces and the leadership of Mr. Modi-tible has size of delices. leadership of Mr. Modi with a thumping of desks. Later in the day, Union Parliamentary Affairs Mi-nister Kiren Rijiju an-

nounced that the governnounced that the govern-ment would hold an all-party meeting at 11 a.m. in Parliament on Thursday. The Congress expressed hope that Mr. Modi would

Speaking to pressper sons, Congress general se-cretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said: "...This is the first all-party meeting after the powerful and decisive 'Operation Sindoor'. Our Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha as well as Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, both will be at-Gandhi, both will be at-tending the meeting. We expect the Prime Minister to chair the meeting. We know that every detail can-not be shared in such meetings, but broadly, the diplomatic and security

#### NIA appeals for info on Pahalgam terror attack

The Hindu Bureau

Agency (NIA) on We day appealed to all tou-rists, visitors and local peo-ple to share information, photographs or videos re-lated to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 tourists.

"The NIA has already taken possession of a sizea-ble number of photographs and videos and has decided to scale up its efforts even more intensely to ensure that no useful in-

NIA urged anyone who NIA urged anyone was may have seen or recorded relevant details to contact them at 9654958816 and/ or 01124368800, providing personal details and infor-mation to help the probe.

#### U.K. urges India and Pakistan to show restraint, engage in dialogue

Sriram Laks

The U.K. government has urged India and Pakistan to show restraint and enter into dialogue with each other, following the launch of Operation Sindoor by India, in the early hours of targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir were struck, ac-

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Kashmir were struck, according to the government. The strikes were the April 22 strack, when the April 22 strack, when the roorists killed 26 civilians in Palsaligan in Rashmir. The full of the former colonial power he former colonial power with former colonial power. The ruling Labour Party, under Labour Party, under Labour Party, under Labour leader and find a swift, diplomatic path forward, said U.K. The protein Secretary David Lammy, calmed the the party former power and summer and sund sud 4 fbe U.K. was conflict between India and Pakistan, given that it was the former colonial power with form a land controlled by the party in the party of the U.K. Was considered and said 4 fbe U.K. was conflict the U.K. The party of t

"The U.K. has close and

unique relationships with both countries," Mr. Lammy said, adding that Bri-tain was "clear in its condemnation of the horrific terrorist attack in Pahal-gam last month."
"We need all sides to

work urgently to see regional stability restored and ensure protection of civilians," Mr. Lammy said.

rendra Modi and his British counterpart, Mr. Starmer, had spoken on the phone and announced that the two countries had reached a trade deal, after three years of negotiations. On Wednesday, U.K. Se-

cretary of State for Trade Jonathan Reynolds told the BBC that the developments were "deeply worrying", and said the U.K. was

#### Opposition praises armed forces for carrying out Operation Sindoor

Political leaders across the spectrum on Wednesday inited in commending the ndian armed forces for nissile strikes on nine ter or targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kash-mir under Operation

Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar As and senior RID leader Tejashwi Yadav said the coun-try stood firmly with the armed forces.

Honourable: Trinamool Trinamool Congress na-tional general secretary Abhishek Banerjee upload-ed a photograph of the go-vernment's briefing on Op-eration Sindoor by Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Softya



Oureshi, describing this "powerful image [as] reaf-firming India's unity in the face of external attempts to Mr. Baneriee lauded the

armed forces for the preci-sion strike, posting: "IN-DIA neutralised terror in-frastructure without frastructure without crossing the line or endan-gering innocent lives. This is the strength of INDIA – firm in resolve, yet honour-able in action!" noi K. Iha commended the Indian Army for precision targeting that avoided any civilian settlements in the neighbouring country.

'Continue pressure'
The CPI(M) reiterated that The CPI(M) reiterated that in the all-party meeting held following the Pahal-gam terror attack, all polit-ical parties extended sup-port to the Union government's measures against terrorists and their handlers.

"Along with these ac-

tinue on Pakistan to hand over those responsible for the massacre of innocent people in Pahalgam and to sure that no terrorist camps operate from its ter-ritory," the CPI(M) Polit Bureau said in a statement

Had little choice: CPI CPI general secretary D. Raia said that given the cent lives. India had of innocent lives, India had little choice but to respond firmly against the sources of such terrorism. "The targeted nature of

focusing solely on terrorist infrastructure – demon-strates a calibrated and

# India briefs envoys of 13 Security Council members

Foreign Secretary conveys details of military strikes to them as part of a larger strategy to counter Pakistan at the UNSC 1267 terror listing and FATF; Misri denies that India has escalated tensions

#### Suhasini Haidar

NEW DELHI

ndia's strikes on Pakistan were not an escalation, but a "response" to the Pahalgam terror attack, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri told envoys of 13 of 15 countries in the United Nations Security Council.

Pakistan's envoy was not invited to the briefing held at South Block hours after India's action, but included China's envoy Xu Feihong. Sierra Leone was not present at the meeting as it does not have an envoy here.

In New York, the Indian
Permanent Mission is
reaching out to the UNSC
members, government
sources said.

During the meeting, Mr. Misri reiterated that India's response to the "barbaric" Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 were killed were "targeted, measured and non-escalatory", aimed at deterring and pre-empting more attacks being planned against India. He said that by "shielding" The Resistance Front (TRF), by insisting on its omission from the UNSC resolution released last week, Pakistan had itself escalated the situation. In-



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri says India will respond to any military escalation by Pakistan after Operation Sindoor. FILE PHOTO

dia would respond to any military escalation by Pakistan at this point, he added.

According to sources, the Foreign Secretary was asked a number of questions about the operations in the early hours of Wednesday, from the envoys of countries such as China, France, Russia, the U.K., and the U.S. and non-permanent members Algeria, Denmark, Greece, Guyana, Panama, South Korea, Slovenia and Somalia.

He denied suggestions that India had "escalated tensions" as the strikes were a response, and said India's objectives of targeting nine sites had been met.

In particular, when asked by U.K. High Com-

missioner Lindy Cameron about whether Indians had targeted civilians in mosques that were damaged, Indian officials said that the targets were terror camps that were inside larger complexes.

According to diplomatic sources, Mr. Misri was also asked about damage to Indian military and civilian infrastructure, to which he replied that it was "too early to tell".

The special briefing is believed to be a part of a larger strategy to reach out at the UN's top body, to thwart moves by Pakistan, a non-permanent elected member for 2025-26, that has permanent member China's support, from holding any meetings or issuing statements that hurt

India's interests, and to hold the TRF and other groups in Pakistan to account on UN forums, including the 1267 committee for terrorist designation, and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) that looks into terror-financing and money laundering among member States.

Earlier, briefing the media at Delhi's National Media Centre, Mr. Misri had recounted in detail how India had raised the issue of Pakistan's support to the Lashkar-e-Taiba and the TRF, its front outfit, at various UN-linked forums.

As The Hindu had reported, Pakistan, with support from China, had ensured the UNSC statement draft on the Pahalgam attack issued on April 25 was watered down, and insisted on omitting reference to the TRF, and changed a sentence that asked members to cooperate with the "Government of India" to "all relevant authorities" for the investigation into the attack in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Pakistan's pressure to remove references to TRF in the April 25 UN Security Council Press Statement is notable in this regard," Mr. Misri said.

#### 1. India's Stand on Strikes:

- India clarified that the strikes on Pakistan were not an escalation but a response to the Pahalgam terror attack.
- Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefed 13 out of 15 UNSC members (excluding China and Sierra Leone) regarding the situation.

#### 2. Context and Explanation:

- The strikes were in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 people.
- India's action aimed to be measured and non-escalatory, targeting military sites specifically.
- The objective was to deter future attacks and preempt threats from Pakistani militant groups.

#### 3. Briefing and Diplomatic Measures:

- Misri conveyed the strikes as a response to terrorism, not an act of aggression.
- India stressed the importance of shielding the Resistance Front (TRF) from UNSC sanctions, as
   Pakistan had attempted to downplay the TRF's role.
- India highlighted Pakistan's attempts to water down the draft resolution at the UNSC, which would have linked TRF to terrorism.

#### 4. International Reactions:

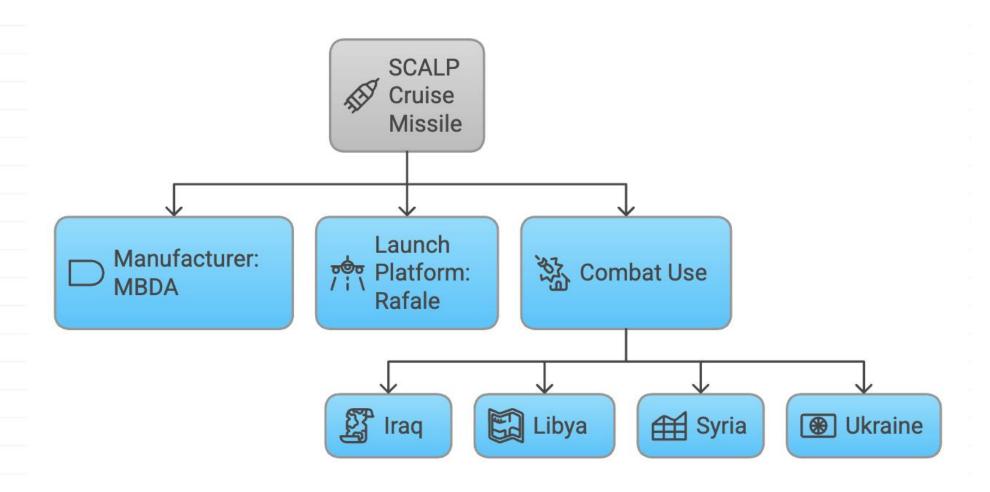
- Countries briefed included France, Russia, the U.K., the U.S., and non-permanent members
   Algeria, Denmark, Greece, Guyana, Panama, South Korea, Slovenia, and Somalia.
- The U.K. High Commissioner inquired specifically about targeted civilian infrastructure.

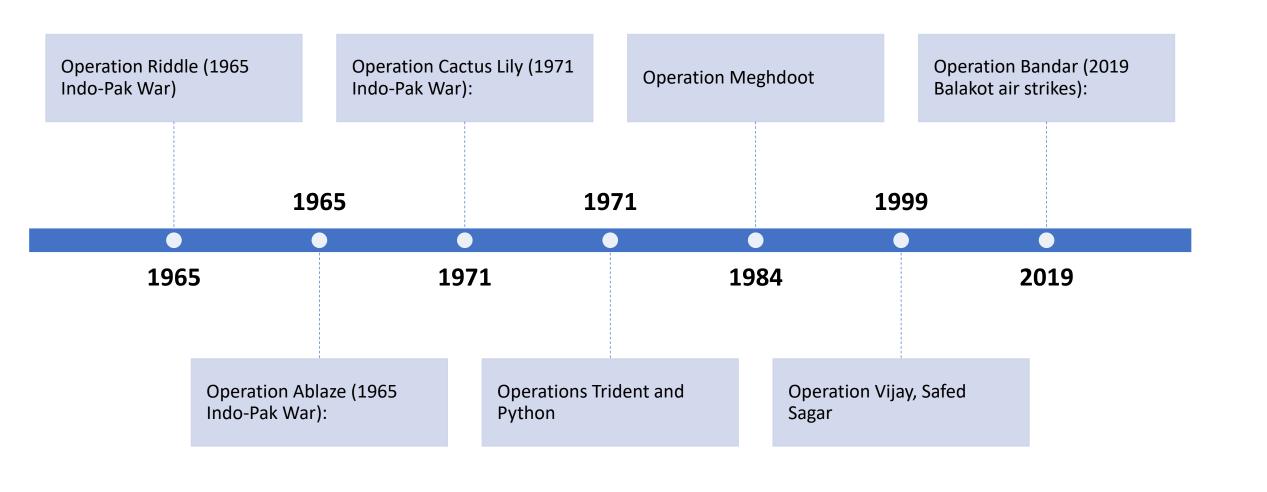
Formation	24 October 1945
Туре	Principal organ
Legal status	Active
Headquarters	New York City, U.S.
Membership	Permanent members:  China <sup>[a]</sup> France  Russia <sup>[b]</sup> United Kingdom  United States  Non-permanent members on rotation:  Algeria  Denmark  Greece  Guyana  Pakistan  Panama  Sierra Leone  Slovenia  Somalia
Presidency	South Korea Greece
	(May 2025)
Parent organization	United Nations





## SCALP Cruise Missile Deployment and Usage





# Northeast's First Geothermal Production in Arunachal Pradesh

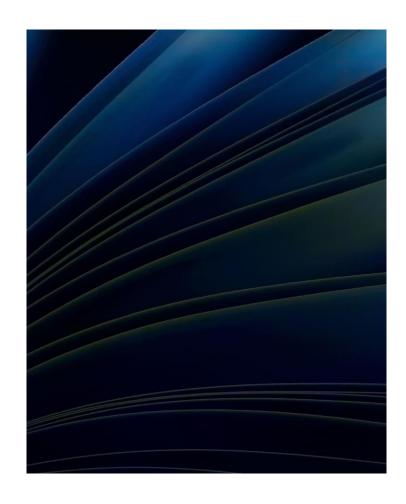
# About the project

The Dirang area is a medium-to-high enthalpy geothermal zone (~115°C), with geological features supporting efficient and low-impact drilling.

The project involves CESHS, Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI), Icelandic firm Geotropy ehf, and Guwahati Boring Service (GBS).

It is supported by the **Arunachal Pradesh government** and **India's Ministry of Earth Sciences.** 

This marks a major step toward clean, eco-friendly energy solutions in the high-altitude region



# What is Geothermal energy?

- Geothermal energy is heat energy from the earth—geo (earth) + thermal (heat).
  - Geothermal resources are reservoirs of hot water that exist or are human-made at varying temperatures and depths below the earth's surface.
- It taps into the **Earth's subsurface heat** for direct heating or electricity generation, requiring medium- to high-temperature resources typically found near tectonic activity.
- Its key advantages are low cost, reliable year-round operation, and the ability to provide steady, dispatchable power—making it increasingly valuable alongside intermittent sources like solar and wind.

- Globally, the USA, Indonesia, Philippines, Turkey, and New Zealand lead in its use.
  - 1. In India, the Geological Survey of India estimates a potential of 10 GW.





 The annual Amarnath Yatra is Hindu pilgrimage that draws thousands of devotees to a sacred cave in Jammu and Kashmir. Scheduled for July 3 to August 9, 2025,

- The Amarnath Shrine has a rich history. It is mentioned in Kalhana's 12th-century chronicle, Rajtarangini.
- The text refers to the shrine and its significance during the reign of King Ananta.
- The linga, a stalagmite, is considered swayambhu, meaning it appeared naturally. This historical context adds depth to the shrine's spiritual importance.

# The Pilgrimage Journey

#### Amarnath Pilgrimage Journey

# **Spiritual Unpreparedness**

Beginning the sacred journey

#### **Pahalgam**

Shiva leaves his bull

#### Chandanwari

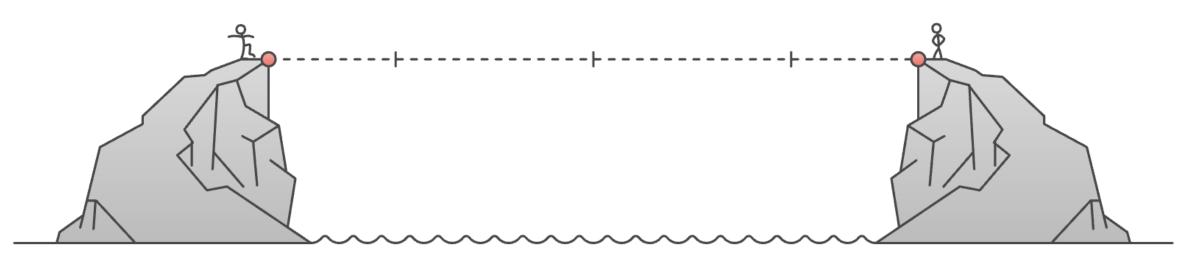
Shiva releases the Moon

#### **Sheshnag Lake**

Shiva leaves his snakes

# Spiritual Fulfillment

Completion of the yatra



May 6, International No Diet Day serves as a reminder to value self-acceptance over societal ideals of beauty.

### Background

Started in 1992 by Mary Evans Young, a British feminist and founder of Diet Breakers.

Inspired by her own battle with anorexia, she initiated a movement to empower individuals to respect and accept their bodies.

Initially celebrated in the UK, it has grown into an international event.

# **Tips to Stay Fit Without Dieting**

- Eat a balanced diet: Include fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, and healthy fats.
- Practice mindful eating: Eat when hungry, stop when full, avoid distractions.
- Stay hydrated: Water is essential, especially in summer.
- Choose nutritious snacks: Yogurt, nuts, fruits over processed food.
- Engage in regular physical activity: Exercise should be enjoyable and sustainable.

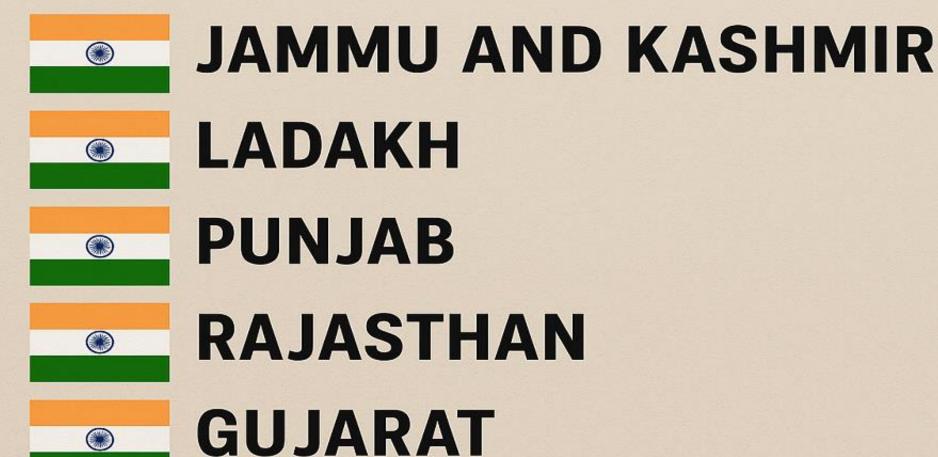
# World Athletics Day

 On May 7, 2025, nations across the globe commemorate World Athletics Day to champion the values of youth engagement, fitness, and active living

#### **Background and History**

- 1996: First observed under IAAF President Primo Nebiolo.
- 1912: IAAF was established following the Stockholm Olympics.
- **2001:** IAAF renamed to International Association of Athletics Federations.
- 2019: Rebranded to World Athletics for a more modern identity.

# INDIAN STATES AND UTS SHARING BORDERS WITH PAKISTAN













State/Union Territory	Border Length (in km)
Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	1,222 km
Rajasthan	1,170 km
Gujarat	506 km
Punjab	425 km
Total	3,323 km

# China Clinches 14th Sudirman Cup

## **Overview and Significance**

- The Sudirman Cup is the World Mixed Team Badminton Championship, organized by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- China has now won 14 out of the 18 editions, showcasing their sustained excellence.

#### **Background**

- The Sudirman Cup was first held in 1989.
- China has been finalists 16 times in a row, underlining their global dominance.
- South Korea, the next best team, holds only 4 titles in comparison.

# Warren Buffett Step down As CEO of Berkshire End of Legacy

## Background

- Warren Buffett: At 94, Buffett has led Berkshire Hathaway since 1965, transforming it from a textile company into a \$1.2 trillion conglomerate.
- Greg Abel: A 62-year-old Canadian executive, Abel has been with Berkshire Hathaway since 2000 and has served as Vice Chairman since 2018. El País

# Berkshire Hathaway's Portfolio:



Includes companies like Geico, BNSF Railway, and significant holdings in Apple, American Express, and Bank of America.



**Financials:** As of March 2025, Berkshire Hathaway reported cash reserves of \$347.7 billion.



**Stock Performance:** Berkshire's stock price has risen 19% this year, outperforming the S&P 500, which saw a 3% drop.



# 10 MCQ

#### Consider the following statements regarding geothermal energy:

- 1. Geothermal energy is derived from the Earth's subsurface heat.
  - 2. It is primarily found near tectonic activity areas.
  - 3. India has an estimated geothermal potential of 100 GW.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - A) 1 and 2 only
  - B) 2 and 3 only
  - C) 1 and 3 only
  - D) All of the above

## प्रश्न 1. भू-तापीय ऊर्जा के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

- 1. भू-तापीय ऊर्जा पृथ्वी की सतह के नीचे की गर्मी से प्राप्त होती है। 2. यह मुख्य रूप से विवर्तृनिक गतिविधि वाले क्षेत्रों में पाई जाती है।

  - 3. भारत में भू-तापीय ऊर्जा की अनुमानित क्षमता 100 गींगावाट है।

### • कौन सा/से कथन सही है/हैं?

- A) केवल 1 और 2
- B) केवल 2 और 3
- c) केवल 1 और 3
- D) उपरोक्त सभी

# Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Amarnath Yatra 2025:

- 1. It is scheduled from July 3 to August 9, 2025.
  - 2. The Amarnath Shrine is historically mentioned in Kalhana's Rajtarangini.
  - 3. The sacred linga at the shrine is considered a man-made artifact.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - A) 1 and 2 only
  - B) 2 and 3 only
  - C) 1 and 3 only
  - D) All of the above

### प्रश्न 2. अमरनाथ यात्रा 2025 के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

- 1. यह 3 जुलाई से 9 अगस्त 2025 तक निर्धारित है। 2. अमरनाथ मंदिर का ऐतिहासिक उल्लेख कल्हण की राजतरंगिणी में मिलता है।
  - 3. मंदिर का पवित्र लिंग एक मानव निर्मित वस्त् माना जाता है।
- सही उत्तर चुनें:
  - A) केवल 1 और 2
  - B) केवल 2 और 3
  - c) केवल 1 और 3
  - D) उपरोक्त सभी

#### Q3. Consider the following about World Athletics Day:

- 1. It is celebrated annually on May 7.
  - 2. It was first observed in 1996 under IAAF President Primo Nebiolo.
  - 3. In 2019, the IAAF was renamed World Athletics.
- Which of the above is/are correct?
  - A) 1 and 2 only
  - B) 2 and 3 only
  - C) 1 and 3 only
  - D) All of the above

# प्रश्न 3. विश्व एथलेटिक्स दिवस के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

- 1. इसे हर साल 7 मई को मनाया जाता है।
  - 2. इसे पहली बार 1996 में IAAF के अध्यक्ष प्राइमो नेबियोलो के तहत मनाया गया।
  - 3. 2019 में, IAAF का नाम बदलकर वर्ल्ड एथलेटिक्स कर दिया गया।

## • कौन सा/से कथन सही है/हैं?

- A) केवल 1 और 2
- B) केवल 2 और 3
- c) केवल 1 और 3
- D) उपरोक्त सभी

#### Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Sudirman Cup:

- 1. It is the world mixed team badminton championship.
  - 2. China has won the cup 14 out of 18 times.
  - 3. South Korea is the second most successful team with 8 titles.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - A) 1 and 2 only
  - B) 2 and 3 only
  - C) 1 and 3 only
  - D) All of the above

## प्रश्न 4. सुदीरमन कप के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

- 1. यह विश्व मिश्रित टीम बैडमिंटन चैंपियन्शिप है।
  - 2. चीन ने 18 में से 14 बार कप जीता है।
  - 3. दक्षिण कोरिया दूसरी सबसे सफल टीम है, जिसके पास 8 खिताब हैं।

### • सही उत्तर चूनें:

- A) केवल 1 और 2
- B) केवल 2 और 3
- c) केवल 1 और 3
- D) उपरोक्त सभी

#### Q5. Consider the following about Warren Buffett's leadership:

- 1. Warren Buffett has led Berkshire Hathaway since 1965.
  - 2. He is stepping down at the age of 94.
  - 3. Greg Abel has been appointed as his successor.
- Which of the above is/are correct?
  - A) 1 and 2 only
  - B) 2 and 3 only
  - C) 1 and 3 only
  - D) All of the above

## प्रश्न 5. वॉरेन बफेट के नेतृत्व के बारे में निम्नलिखित पर विचार करें:

- 1. वॉरेन बफेट ने 1965 से बर्कशायर हैथवे का नेतृत्व किया है।
  2. वह 94 वर्ष की आयु में पद छोड़ रहे हैं।
  3. ग्रेग एबेल को उनका उत्तराधिकारी नियुक्त किया गया है।

### • सही उत्तर क्या है?

- A) केवल 1 और 2
- B) केवल 2 और 3
- c) केवल 1 और 3 D) उपरोक्त सभी

# Word of the day

#### **Scruples:**

motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles that govern a person's thoughts and actions

**Synonyms:** conscience, moral sense, sense of right and wrong

**Usage:** I have no scruples about taking his money.

Pronunciation: newsth.live/scruplespro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈskɹuːpəl/











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