

Truth Under Attack: Pakistan’s Propaganda Machine Responds to Operation Sindoor

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GANGTOK, May 7: Following India’s decisive strike under ‘OPERATION SINDOOR’, Pakistan has unleashed a full-blown disinformation offensive — a desperate attempt to shift the focus and control the narrative with a barrage of lies and digital theatrics.

What started as a focused and effective military operation by the Indian Armed Forces has now spiraled into a chaotic online propaganda war. Pro-Pakistan social media handles and even influential political figures are deliberately spreading fake news, fabricating stories of miraculous military victories and heroic retaliation that simply do not exist.

In a blatant effort to hijack the narrative and distract from the reality on the ground, Pakistan’s state-affiliated accounts have turned to their familiar playbook: recycling outdated images, misrepresenting old videos, and inventing completely fabricated claims. Their goal is clear — to flood the information space with falsehoods so quickly and overwhelmingly that it becomes difficult to separate fact from fiction. This is not just misinformation; it is a calculated, coordinated campaign designed to distort reality, mislead the public, and manipulate perceptions



across the region.

Old Images and Misleading Claims Go Viral

One of the most prominent examples is a viral image falsely claiming that the Pakistan Army had shot down an Indian Rafale jet near Bahawalpur. The image, however, was debunked by PIB Fact Check, which confirmed that it was actually from a MiG-21 crash in Moga, Punjab, in 2021 — entirely unrelated to current events.

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Another brazen piece of misinformation surfaced in the form of a video falsely claiming that the Indian Army raised a white flag and surrendered at Chora Post. This fabricated narrative was amplified by Pakistan’s Minister Attaullah Tarar, who

publicly endorsed the claim without a shred of evidence. By lending official weight to an unverified and clearly false story, Tarar not only misled his own citizens but also actively contributed to the propaganda campaign.

<https://x.com/gurlwithabun/status/1919968368569839968?s=46&t=TyMLJTf98uLeOyUzU2luwQ> (Video claiming the Indian Army raised a white flag)

Unrelated Footage Passed Off as Combat Evidence

In another misleading post, a video was circulated with the claim that the Pakistan Air Force targeted the Srinagar airstrike. In reality, this footage was traced back to sectarian clashes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, that occurred in early 2024. The video had no

connection to Kashmir or any recent airstrike.

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A separate rumor claimed that Pakistan destroyed an Indian Brigade Headquarters, a claim that has no basis in fact and has been entirely fabricated, according to defense sources.

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Additionally, another old image — this time of a MiG-29 crash in Barmer, Rajasthan, from September 2024 — was recirculated by pro-Pakistan social media handles to imply recent Indian Air Force losses, which did not occur.

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Pakistan’s Defence Minister Khawaja Asif also

made a baseless claim that Indian soldiers were captured during the recent military strikes, a statement that was later debunked and retracted.

Asif alleged that Indian soldiers had been taken prisoner following Pakistan’s response to India’s Operation Sindoor. However, these claims were promptly dismissed as false, with no evidence to support the assertion of captured soldiers. The Defence Minister later retracted his statement, acknowledging that no Indian soldiers had been taken into custody.

Strategic Use of Misinformation

These incidents reflect a deliberate and coordinated attempt by Pakistan to mislead the media, distort the global narrative, and manipulate public perception in the wake of India’s successful strike under Operation Sindoor. By flooding social media with recycled images, unrelated videos, and fabricated claims, Pakistan is attempting to obscure the actual outcome of the operation and create the illusion of a strong counter-response. This strategy appears aimed at diverting attention from the effectiveness of India’s action, while simultaneously trying to influence both domestic sentiment and international opinion through false portrayals of battlefield developments.

Kuzu Cultural Festival 2025 Day 7: Cultural Extravaganza

GANGTOK, May 7 (IPR): The Day 7 of the Culture department’s Kuzu Cultural Festival 2025 enthralled audiences with folk dances from the Nepal Sanskriti Udhaan Parishak’s troop and folks songs from artists of the Culture department at Manan Kendra, this afternoon.

MLA cum Advisor for Power department, Sanjeet Kharel attended the afternoon segment as the chief guest.

The day’s events commenced with a Heritage Walk starting at the Sikkim Archives, offering participants a glimpse into the state’s rich history through guided talks earlier in the day.

Later, film enthusiasts gathered at the Mini Hall of Manan Kendra for the screening of the American classic ‘Matilda.’

The Nepal Sanskriti Udhaan Parishak performed a number of folk dances.

Several artists from



Culture department captivated the audience through Bhutia and Lepcha folk songs.

Tenzing Singhi Lachungpa, Pema Yuden Lachenpa, Zeephu Gyatso Lepcha, and Sonam Doma Bhutia performed Bhutia traditional songs with great gusto.

Mickma Tshering Lepcha (also the vocalist of renowned folk band ‘Sofiyum’) enthralled the audience with a medley of Lepcha songs about unfulfilled love,

harmony and tradition.

The programme was also attended by secretary for Culture department, B K Lama, chief engineer cum nodal officer & curator of the Kuzu Cultural Festival 2025, Rimp Dorjee Lepcha, teachers, students and cultural enthusiasts.

Earlier, the programme began with a welcome address by additional director, Culture department, Tshering Yangden, and was masterfully hosted by Dikshya Sharma.



MNP launches of RRR centre and SHG products exhibition

MANGAN, May 7 (IPR): As part of the Urban Local Body Level Statehood Day celebrations, the Mangan Nagar Panchayat (MNP), in collaboration with the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) – Sikkim and the Urban Development Department (UDD), inaugurated a new RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Centre and launched a weeklong exhibition-cum-sale featuring products created by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at MNP today.

The initiative aims to empower local SHG members by providing them with a platform to showcase and market their handcrafted goods, promoting sustainable livelihoods and fostering community engagement.

The event began with the ceremonial offering of khadas and lighting of the lamp. The chief guest, Commissioner cum Secretary, Urban Development department, Jitendra Singh Raje officially inaugurated the RRR Centre and opened the exhibition.

The programme had the presence and participation of additional secretary cum director UDD, Hemant Rai, additional secretary UDD, Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, joint secretary UDD, Jenusha Joy Shrestha, assistant director UDD, Beena Moktan, programme coordinators Sonam Yoko Dadul and Ajit Basnett, president MNP, Norkit Lepcha, vice president MNP, Ugen Palzor Kazi, Municipal Executive Officer (MEO)

MNP, Karzong Bhutia, councillors and staff from both UDD and MNP.

Following the inauguration, the dignitaries visited the exhibition stalls, interacting with SHG members and appreciating their craftsmanship. The team then toured the MNP office premises and conducted a field visit to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Centre, where they inspected the waste segregation processes and machinery. They also visited the Organic Waste Converter Plant, gaining insights into MNP’s waste management initiatives.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by office superintendent, MNP Alex Subba.

Sikkim MSME Mevedir receives subsidy for export

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GANGTOK, May 7: In a significant move to boost the growth and competitiveness of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Sikkim, a transport subsidy was provided to Mevedir Private Limited, Gangtok, under the Sikkim MSME Policy, 2022 and the RAMP scheme of the Ministry of MSME.

The subsidy incentives were provided to Sikkim MSME Mevedir for their export of Sikkim products to overseas markets, informs a press release.

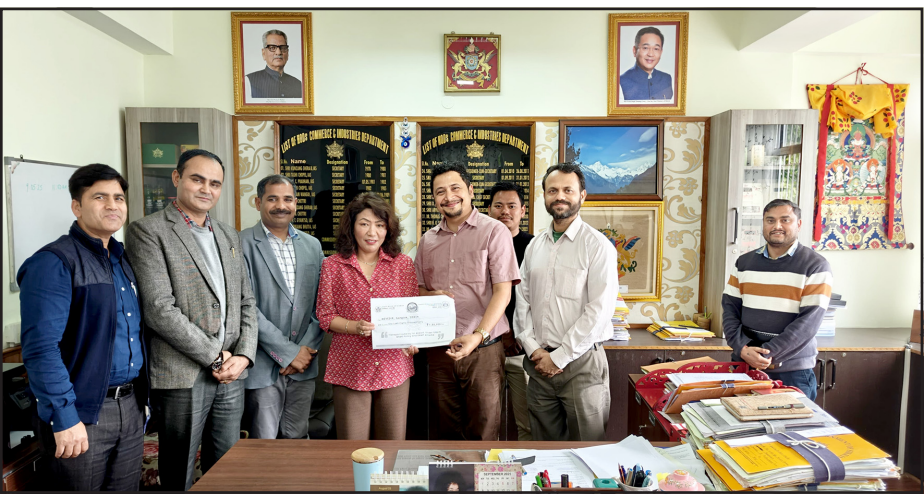
Mevedir Private Limited, a MSME operating in Sikkim, is involved in the manufacture and marketing

of local products, including pickles, Dalle chili (Dalle Khursani), and large cardamom under the brand name ‘Vartoh Organic.’

Mevedir Private Limited received a subsidy to export 200 kg of Dalle Khursani, a Sikkim GI-tagged product, to the Solomon Islands.

The total valuation of the export was Rs.10.5 lakh, and the MSME received a subsidy of Rs.1.8 lakh under the Sikkim MSME Policy and RAMP scheme.

Commerce & Industries secretary Karma D. Youtso today formally handed over the subsidy to the beneficiary MSME unit, reflecting the government’s commitment to strengthening the MSME ecosystem in the State.



The support aims to alleviate logistics-related challenges faced by MSMEs operating in the difficult terrain of the State.

The initiative also marks another step forward in the Sikkim government’s efforts to empower local enterprises and promote sustainable

economic development across the state, thereby encouraging more MSMEs to export their produce from Sikkim, the release mentions.

From India with love

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, May 7: The agitated wait is over. India has bombed terrorist camps in Pakistan in reply to the 22 April Pahalgam savagery.

An unspecified number of terrorists belonging to different terror outfits have been eliminated. Also, assets belonging to these evil outfits have been blown to kingdom come.

Pakistan so far is licking its wounds and has activated its most efficient apparatus — the anti-India propaganda engine to dish out drivel as usual.

What the blockheads are missing out in the process is that the country is presented with the greatest opportunity it has ever had to extricate itself out of the quagmire its terrorist idols and army have thrust it into.

To that we shall come later. But first, ‘Operation Sindoor’.

A carefully and deliberately selected name to a mission that has been launched to avenge the ‘sindoor’ (vermillion, aka, cinnabar) Pakistan sponsored terrorists wiped off the foreheads of Indian women at Pahalgam on April 22.

By the Sanatani Hindu practice, married women wear vermillion on the parting of their hair in

respect of the institution of marriage.

The vermillion mark is taken off only when a married Hindu woman becomes a widow.

That is what the Pakistani sponsored terrorists did at Pahalgam - wiped off the vermillion mark from the women victims’ foreheads by murdering their husbands.

See how that erased ‘sindoor’ has come back to avenge itself and is snuffing out the useless lives of the despicable rogues.

By now the significance of the operation’s nomenclature must have driven home on the other side of our western border.

Now the Pakistan’s opportunity part, which it is failing to take advantage of. By now the world knows that Pakistan is incapable of putting its house in order.

And so, terrorists and their sponsors have taken over the country, at times in the shape of its army, which practically runs the government.

What that axis of evil does is undertake misadventures — at times against India and at other times against Iran or Afghanistan.

The unholy alliance between the Pakistani army and the terror groups also

wreaks havoc on its own, at times in Balochistan, at times in Sindh and at times at Pakhtunkhwa along the Durand Line.

Internal strife therefore is a constant in Pakistan as all these ethnic groupings struggle to free themselves from the Pakistani yoke and countries like India, Iran and Afghanistan hit back periodically.

The Pakistani army bigwigs all leave the country post retirement and live life king size abroad on monies they steal and siphon while in service.

Those who in reality suffer from all these misadventures of the Pakistani army and the terrorists are the common people of that country.

No Pakistani government, including the common people, are happy with their army and want to get rid of both — the army, which actually controls governments and also the terrorist groups which land Pakistan in trouble on and off.

But, as the Pakistani establishment neither has the wherewithal nor the courage to control its army or act against the terrorists, it might have requested India to do its dirty work through strikes like ‘Operation Sindoor’.

And trust you me, India would have obliged.

NFR accelerates infrastructure modernization, completes 11 ROB

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GANGTOK, May 7: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) continues to make remarkable progress in enhancing safety and connectivity across its zone through the construction of road over bridges (ROBs).

As part of the sustained effort, NFR successfully completed construction of 11 ROBs during FY 2024–25 over its divisions, reinforcing its commitment towards replacing level crossing gates (LC gates) with modern, grade-separated structures, informs a press release on Wednesday.

These ROBs not only eliminate the risk of accidents at level crossings but also significantly reduce traffic congestion, improve the punctuality of trains, and offer uninterrupted movement for road users. With the pace of infrastructure modernization gaining momentum, such projects are playing a pivotal role in transforming transportation networks across the Northeast.

A standout example of this progress is the recently completed Mancotta Road Over Bridge (ROB) in Dibrugarh, Assam. Located at a critical busy junction



connecting Thana Chariali to Chowkidinghee, the new ROB replaces an aging 1965-built structure to accommodate the growing urban traffic and facilitate Indian Railways’ electrification initiative. Designed with a vertical clearance of 6.55 meters, the bridge ensures safe passage of electrified trains while enabling smooth vehicular movement above.

The ROB spans 450 meters with five 30-meter composite girders and 150 meters of approach road on either side, complemented by a 7.5-meter-wide dual-lane carriageway and 1.5-meter footpaths on both sides for pedestrian safety.

The Rs. 60.13 Cr. project, executed by IRCON

International Ltd., was funded entirely by NFR and constructed over 1.2-meter diameter piles driven to 32-meter depth. With enhanced features such as high parapet walls and dedicated street lighting, the bridge offers safety and functionality in all seasons.

The Mancotta ROB is more than an infrastructure upgrade. It is a vital enabler of electric traction at Dibrugarh Town station and a symbol of forward-thinking urban planning.

As NFR continues to replace old level crossings with durable and efficient ROBs, it is actively laying the foundation for a safer, faster, and more sustainable future for the Northeast, the release mentions.

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