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# AHEAD OF WINTERS , HM AMIT SHAH 'S MESSAGE- NIP TERROR IN THE BUD AT LOC

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The results of the intensified anti-terror operations since abrogation of Article 370 are visible all across Jammu and Kashmir. Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday again called for finishing off the terror ecosystem from the Union Territory to make it terror-free.

For the people of Jammu and Kashmir, this continuous fight against terrorism is integral to the perfect peace that they had been longing for years. They have realized that security forces' actions against terrorists and their networks across the border and within hold key to their future of safety and security. It is not a half-baked fight which had been their bane in the past.

Although Home Minister Amit Shah has been reviewing and monitoring the J&K's security situation at regular intervals, yet this re-assessment on Thursday – October 9, 2025, had its own importance. The winter has set in and snowfall started in upper reaches and soon the mountainous passes and other traditional and not-so-traditional infiltration routes across the Line of Control (LoC) that separates this part of Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) will be covered by snow. Two things happen: Pakistan always pushes infiltrators before the mountainous passes close;

This statement of Home Minister at a high-level security review meeting in Delhi has three major aspects, and the importance of which should be analyzed about its timing – that is onset of winter season, secondly , , it has a reserve of highly –trained terrorists who can scale high walls of snow . In both the cases, extraordinary vigil is necessary. That is what Home Minister called for an expected the army and other forces to remain more vigilant this time around.

Apart from the snow being a critical factor, the vigil is also necessitated because of two other factors – Pakistan is keen to. Attention from the violent protests in PoJK which has spotlighted Pakistani atrocities on the people, and the only thing they can think of is to create troubles in J&K. It may not be easy this time because of the improved situation in the Union Territory and robust anti-terror system in place, but Pakistan will not make an attempt cannot be ruled out.



### **The lessons of April 22nd massacre in Pahalgam should not be forgotten.**

First, the real appreciation of fight against terrorism in Jammu, and Kashmir lies in the conditions that the territory endured for more than three-decades. This place was known as one of the hotspots of terrorism in the world, which meant that the acts of terror within the territory had implications for whole of the country and beyond its boundaries. One had to be in J&K to know what it was living in the days when terrorism defined them – the land, the actions, language and environment. It was a struggle to survive.

Alongside, the lessons of April 22nd massacre in Pahalgam should not be forgotten. It is a fact that following Operation Sindoor launched after the ghastly killing of 26, 25 of them tourists and one local resident, in Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam, things are back on tracks. Combined with Operation Sindoor that took care of the terror networks across the border, the anti-terror operations launched by security forces, particularly Jammu and Kashmir police neutralized so many other potential threats within the territory.

The Home Minister is aware that any slip up in winter can damage spring. It is not known that when the terrorists who enacted Pahalgam carnage did entered J&K, but it is certain that they had come from across the LoC. They did Pahalgam and the results were horrific. India cannot afford to have repeat of such incidents even at the mini scale... An act of terror is an act of terror and poses challenges, so it is necessary to nip such portents in the bud

That is necessary to save and expand the gains made in the situation since abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Neutralizing the effects and sources of terrorism after acts of terror has its own messaging for enemies of peace, but it is always better not to allow the LoC a source of troubles within. No other Pahalgam of April 22, 2025.