

**IN EVERY KASHMIRI HEART, A VISION OF
FLOURISHING STATE GROWS**



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DIGITAL FREEDOM IN KASHMIR

In recent years, Jammu and Kashmir has seen a remarkable shift in the way people engage with digital platforms. Once marked by caution and restraint, the region today enjoys a growing culture of free expression, secure communication, and active civic dialogue all made possible by enhanced digital governance and the evolving role of the J&K Cyber Police.

Far from suppressing voices, the cyber cells of the Jammu and Kashmir Police have helped create a safer, more transparent internet space for all users. Their efforts have focused on curbing the spread of misinformation, preventing online harassment, and protecting vulnerable users especially in a time when the internet plays a critical role in everyday life.



The identification of fake or malicious accounts often falsely labeled as “anti- national” is part of a broader initiative to keep online spaces safe, respectful, and constructive. These actions are not meant to silence legitimate opinions, but rather to prevent the misuse of social media for incitement, radicalization, or cyberbullying. Contrary to some claims, Kashmiris today are more digitally present and vocal than ever before. From social justice advocates and educators to content creators and journalists, platforms like YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook are thriving with Kashmiri voices sharing opinions, art, and commentary with confidence and clarity.

Independent YouTubers are uploading political discussions, regional news, and youth-oriented content freely. Podcasts and live streams provide spaces for open debate and civic engagement the

Idea that Kashmir lacks platforms for open speech is not only outdated it's simply untrue. The digital ecosystem is growing, and Kashmiris are shaping it every day.

Yes, there are challenges like anywhere else but with improved digital literacy, awareness of privacy tools, and transparent enforcement of cyber laws, Kashmiris are navigating these spaces more effectively than ever.

What's more heartening is the shift in focus towards domestic empowerment. Online initiatives now emphasize educating local audiences, building community awareness, and addressing grassroots issues. This self-reliant digital movement is proof that Kashmiris aren't waiting for international validation they're owning their narratives, on their own terms.

The cyber police, once viewed with skepticism, are increasingly seen as facilitators of digital safety. Their collaboration with social media companies helps uphold community guidelines and ensure that hate speech and threats don't overshadow meaningful dialogue.

Digital surveillance and cybersecurity tools are evolving but so is the public's ability to engage safely and smartly. Far from being silenced, Kashmiris are rising online and unapologetically.

We encourage everyone who wants to contribute positively to our society to begin by learning how to navigate the digital world responsibly. Understanding online privacy, digital literacy, and cybersecurity is essential not just for personal safety, but for building a strong, informed community.

Rather than fuelling hostility or deepening divides, our goal should be to promote knowledge, dialogue, and progress. The internet can be a powerful space to educate, inform, and empower especially when used thoughtfully and with care.

We also recognize the role of institutions, including the cyber police, in maintaining digital order and safety. Open channels of communication and mutual accountability are more productive than confrontation. If we want to build a better future, it begins with fostering respect, transparency, and constructive engagement on all sides.

Let's focus on uplifting voices, strengthening awareness, and creating a digital culture where truth, peace, and progress take centre stage. Real resistance lies in resilience, wisdom, and the ability to lead with purpose not fear or anger.

INDIA'S INDIGENOUS DRONE REVOLUTION

India is charting its own path in drone warfare—no longer dependent on foreign imports or black-market sources. With a robust ecosystem of indigenous technology, the nation has proven its ability to design, manufacture, and deploy high-performance drones across military and civilian operations.

Homegrown Drone Leadership

Indian firms like Idea Forge, Paras Aerospace, DRDO, Zuppa, and Bon V Aero have become front-runners in drone innovation. Under initiatives like Drone Rules 2021, PLI Scheme, and the “Make in India” push, these companies have developed purpose-built drones tailored to India’s unique terrains and requirements.



Operation Sindoor: A Showcase of Self-Reliance

In response to the tragic Pahalgam terror attack on May 7, Operation Sindoor demonstrated the strength of India’s indigenous drone capabilities. Zuppa’s Hawk, Scout, and Eagle drones provided hack-proof surveillance deep into enemy territory, thanks to OWASP-certified cyber-hardened systems.

Bon V Aero’s logistical drones delivered supplies, ammunition, and essentials to soldiers at altitudes nearing 10,000 ft proving reliable in rugged conditions. Sleek loitering-munition drones like Sky Striker, Nag Astra-1, JM-1, and ALS-50 successfully struck high-value terrorist targets with precision, showcasing advanced AI and autonomy.

Combat and Counter-Drone Excellence

Operation Sindoor also saw India’s Integrated Air Command & Control System (IACCS) and the Akashteer air-defense system in full swing, intercepting hundreds of hostile drones from Pakistan with a 100 % kill rate. These breakthroughs highlight India's strength in layered air defense and autonomous warfare.

Beyond the Battlefield

Drones have proven invaluable outside combat zones as well. During natural disasters like Uttarakhand's glacier burst and Assam floods they have delivered aid and enabled rapid response. And at public events like the Masula Beach Fest in Vijayawada, indigenous anti-drone systems (such as BEL's D4) have showcased India's ethical and civilian-security applications of drone technology.

Conclusion:- India is no longer reliant on external sources for drone technology. Through local innovation and coordinated policy support, it has created a self-sustaining drone ecosystem that excels in surveillance, logistics, combat, and defense especially evident during Operation Sindoor. These achievements mark a new era in autonomous warfare, underpinned by technological sovereignty, accountability, and operational excellence.



OPERATION SINDOOR

The recent claims from Pakistani sources suggesting that India gained nothing from Operation Sindoor are not only misleading they are blatantly false. In reality, the operation marked a pivotal moment in India's counter-terrorism doctrine, showcasing its indigenous defense capabilities, strategic precision, and unwavering commitment to securing its borders and protecting innocent lives, especially in the Kashmir region.

Launched in direct response to the heinous Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians, Operation Sindoor was executed with clinical precision. Indian forces struck deep into terror launchpads across the Line of Control, targeting nine major training camps and hideouts linked to Pakistan-based outfits like Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba. These weren't symbolic strikes they were high-impact missions that resulted in the elimination of over 100 terrorists, including key planners and coordinators, effectively crippling multiple command chains.



India didn't stop there. It launched coordinated air strikes using Rafale jets and air-launched cruise missiles that hit critical Pakistani military infrastructure, including airbases in Rahimyar Khan and Noor Khan. These strikes were carefully calibrated to avoid civilian areas, respecting international norms while dealing a severe blow to Pakistan's aerial defense capabilities. Reports confirmed the destruction of at least six Pakistani fighter jets, two surveillance aircraft, and over ten unmanned drones. Within days, Pakistan itself signalled a de-escalation, requesting a ceasefire an undeniable admission of strategic success on India's part. Contrary to propaganda suggesting Indian frustration, the operation saw

no loss of Indian assets. All major Indian bases, including Adampur , remained untouched, as confirmed by satellite imagery and independent defense analysts. The narrative pushed by Pakistani media about successful retaliatory strikes fell apart under the weight of verified facts and international scrutiny.

One of the standout elements of Operation Sindoor was India's reliance on homegrown drone technology and defense systems. Indigenous drones like Zuppa's Hawk and Bon V Aero's high-altitude logistics UAVs played a crucial role in both surveillance and tactical coordination.

Loitering munition drones such as Nagastra-1 and Sky Striker delivered precision strikes on terrorist hideouts without endangering Indian personnel. Meanwhile, India's layered air defense grid including Akash missiles, the S-400 system, and BEL's anti-drone shield intercepted incoming threats with near-perfect efficiency. The performance of Indian air defenses during this period demonstrated technological self-sufficiency and operational superiority. In Kashmir, the impact of Operation Sindoor has been significant. With major militant networks dismantled and infiltration routes choked off, the security situation has improved markedly. Civilians report increased safety and a renewed sense of confidence in local governance and law enforcement. The successful targeting of terror hubs has created space for developmental initiatives to move forward, bringing tangible benefits to the region. Contrary to the pessimistic claims made by external actors, the situation on the ground has shifted positively in favor of peace and normalcy.

Pakistan's attempt to downplay India's achievements is not just disingenuous it reflects frustration over a failed attempt to destabilize the region yet again. At forums like the United Nations, India has presented undeniable evidence of cross-border terrorism, earning both validation and support for its response. Meanwhile, state governments in India have passed resolutions recognizing the success of Operation Sindoor as a model of effective counter-terror strategy.

Ultimately, Operation Sindoor was a bold, necessary, and overwhelmingly successful campaign. It was not just about retaliation it was about deterrence, justice, and protecting innocent lives. India acted responsibly, decisively, and independently. And in doing so, it has reaffirmed its commitment to defending Kashmir not just through force, but through the vision of a secure, sovereign, and self-reliant future.

ZUV : AUTHOR'S NOTE

Eid-ul-Adha 2025 was celebrated peacefully across Jammu & Kashmir, with thousands offering prayers at mosques, homes, and designated grounds, reaffirming once again that India stands not in opposition to faith but in firm protection of it. Claims suggesting that Kashmiris are being denied their religious rights are not only misleading but intentionally distort the reality of the ground.

The Constitution of India, under Articles 25 to 28, guarantees the right to freely practice, profess, and propagate one's religion to every citizen without exception. This includes the people of Jammu & Kashmir, who are equal stakeholders in the Indian democracy and protected by the very same legal and moral framework as any other citizen of the country.

The temporary closure of select sites like Eidgah or Jamia Masjid only in rare cases is based strictly on security assessments, not religious bias. These decisions, made in coordination with local administration, are intended to prevent violence and ensure public safety. To imply that these are religiously motivated actions is to ignore the efforts being made daily by local authorities including countless Muslim officers in the Jammu & Kashmir Police (JKP) to protect lives and maintain communal harmony.

Whether through the renovation of shrines, restoration of historic architecture, or promotion of local arts, the state and central governments have invested in celebrating Kashmir's rich Islamic and cultural legacy.

Moreover, the developmental initiatives in Kashmir have been inclusive, rights-based, and focused on dignity. Today, Kashmiri youth are studying in top institutions, building start-ups, joining civil services, and proudly participating in shaping their own future.

India doesn't make empty promises. It builds infrastructure, provides jobs, empowers women, expands education, and safeguards rights including the right to practice Islam freely and without fear. Every step taken in Kashmir is toward stability, prosperity, and dignity for all its residents. Far from colonial ambitions, the goal is clear: to see Kashmir bloom through freedom, law, and love.

THE HEART OF KASHMIR BEATS FOR DEVELOPMENT, NOT DIVISION



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