

# Nation Marks 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pulwama Terror Attack

## Why In The News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi On Wednesday Joined The Nation In Paying Tributes To The **40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Personnel** Who Lost Their Lives In The Terror Attack At Lethpora In South Kashmir's Pulwama District On **February 14, 2019**.



Amit Shah  
@AmitShah

I bow to the valorous martyrs of Pulwama, who laid down their lives for our motherland. Their supreme sacrifice will always be remembered. Nation will forever remain indebted to our bravehearts.



Dr. S. Jaishankar  
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Pay homage to our brave jawans who laid down their lives this day in Pulwama in 2019. Their courage motivates us to keep up our vigil against cross-border terrorism.



Narendra Modi  
@narendramodi

I pay homage to the brave heroes who were martyred in Pulwama. Their service and sacrifice for our nation will always be remembered.



Jagat Prakash Nadda  
@JPNadda

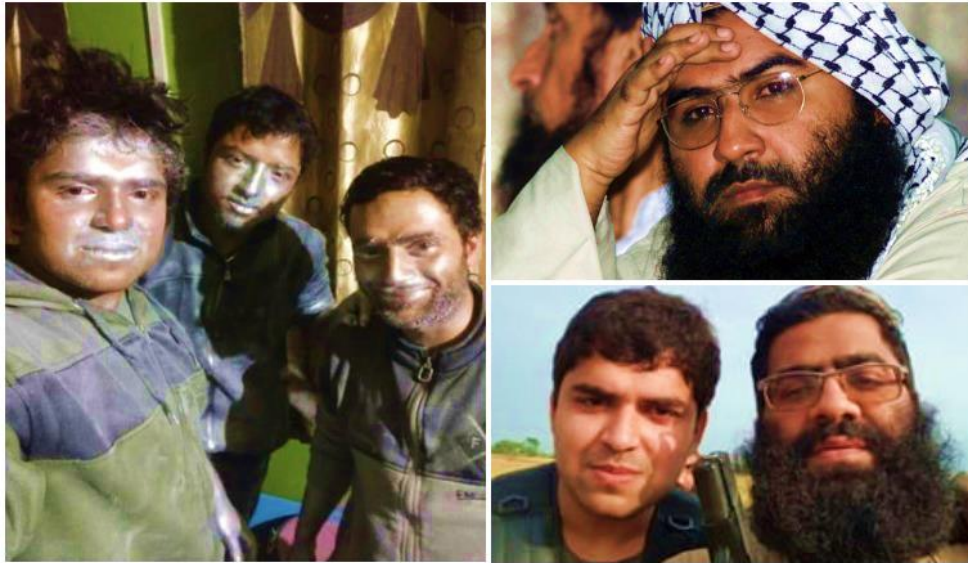
I pay heartfelt tribute to the valorous martyrs of Pulwama, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our motherland. Their bravery and dedication will never be forgotten. The nation will always remain indebted to our bravehearts.

## What Happened In Pulwama?

- **February 14, 2019**, A **Jaish-e- Muhammad** Terrorist Rammed An Explosives-Laden Car Into A Convoy Of The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) At Lethpora, A Village In Pulwama, On The Srinagar-jammu National Highway. **The Attack Targeted Two Buses In The Convoy And Killed 40 Personnel**.

## Who Carried Out The Attack?

- The Attack Was Carried Out By **Adil Ahmad Dar**, A 21-year-old Class 12 Dropout From Gundibagh Village In Pulwama. Immediately A Pre-recorded Video Released, In Which Dar Said: "By The Time This Video Reaches You, I Will Be Enjoying Heaven... This Is My Last Message To The People Of Kashmir."
- Dar Was A Sawmill Worker Who Was Recruited Directly To The Jaish's '**Fidayeen**' (Suicide) Squad. On March 19, 2018, Dar Left Home For Work, But Did Not Return. His Friend **Sameer Ahmad Dar**, Then A Postgraduate Student Of Geology At Kashmir University, Also Went Missing.
- A Few Days Later, Dar Posted A Picture Of Himself On Social Media. He Was Holding An AK-47 Rifle And Called Himself "**Waqas Commando**".



## What Happened After The Attack?

- The Attack, And Jaish Taking Responsibility For It, Sent India Pakistan Relations To A New Low. On **February 28, 2019**, The **Indian Air Force Crossed Into The Pakistani Airspace And Bombed** An Alleged Jaish-e- Muhammad Training Centre In **Balakot**.
- A Day Later, **Pakistan Air Force Jets Crossed To The Indian Side** Of The Line Of Control (Loc) To Strike Military Installations In The **Rajouri Naushera Sector**. As The IAF Responded To The Violation Of Indian Airspace, One Of Its **Mig21 Bison Aircraft Was Shot Down By Pakistan**. Wing Commander **Abhinandan Varthaman** Was Captured By The Pakistan Army But Released After Two Days.



## How Did The Investigation Unfold?

- The **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** Arrived In Srinagar The Next Day To Collect Samples And Forensic Evidence. Several People Were Subsequently

Arrested, And A Voluminous **13,800 Page Chargesheet** Was Filed Before A Special Court In Jammu In August 2020.

- The Pakistan-based Leadership Of The Jaish Including **Masood Azhar, Rouf Asgar, And Ammar Alvi** Were Named As Accused, Along With Nine Local Suspects, Seven Of Whom Were From Pulwama.
- **Four Pakistani Terrorists**, Including The Alleged Mastermind Umar Farooq, Were **Subsequently Killed**. Six Local Suspects, Including A Woman Named Insha Jan, Were Arrested.



## “Pulwama”, A Short Film Released

- BJP’s J&K Chief Ravinder Raina On Wednesday Released “**Pulwama**”, A Short Film Dedicated To The Slain Personnel Of The Pulwama Attack. The Film, Directed And Produced By Renowned Actress And **Director Neha Lahotra** From Jammu, Revolves Around The Story Of A Newly Wedded Couple.
- The CRPF Jawan In The Convoy Heading Towards Kashmir Was Attacked In 2019 While His Wife Was Planning To Celebrate Their **First Valentine’s Day On February 14**.