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**PRESS RELEASE**

A high-level all-party delegation led by Shiv Sena MP Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde arrived in Abu Dhabi today. The UAE is the first stop of the broader four-nation diplomatic outreach. The delegations held meetings with UAE leadership and media to brief on the significance of Operation Sindoor and reaffirm India's firm stance against cross-border terrorism. Earlier, the UAE was among the first countries to issue a statement categorically condemning the Pahalgam terrorist attack. UAE leaders, President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister His Highness Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan personally conveyed their condolences to PM Narendra Modi and EAM Dr. S Jaishankar over phone calls.

2. The delegation comprised Ms. Bansuri Swaraj, Shri ET Mohmd Basheer, Shri Atul Garg, Shri Sasmit Patra, Shri Manan Kumar Mishra, Shri Surendrajeet Singh Ahluwalia, and former Ambassador Shri Sujan Chinoy.

3. Earlier today, the delegation met with HH Sheikh Nahyan Mabararak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Co-Existence. His Highness conveyed his deep condolences for the Pahalgam terrorist attacks. The delegation highlighted the perpetration of cross-border terrorism and efforts to cause social disharmony in India by Pakistan. H.H. commented, "India and UAE will tackle terrorism together. The UAE will always stand by India."

3. The delegation held substantive discussions with H.E. Dr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi, Chairman of the Defence, Interior & Foreign Affairs Committee of Federal National Council and other senior Emirati parliamentarians. The delegation underscored the precise, measured, and non-escalatory nature of Operation Sindoor against the barbaric terrorist attack on the tourists in Kashmir on April 22. HE Nuaimi stressed, "India- UAE relationship is beyond trade and culture, and encompasses security and strategic issues. Terrorism is against the whole of humanity and international community must act now."

4. The delegation held discussions with Dr. Jamal Al Kaabi, Director General, National Media Office and addressed concerns

over misinformation campaigns emanating from Pakistan. They presented factual evidence to counter the disinformation and exposed Pakistan's propaganda machinery.

5. Dr. Shrikant Shinde, as the leader of the delegation, gave an interview to The National, UAE's leading newspaper, drawing the complete timeline of India's long battle against cross-border terrorism and setting of new normal by the Prime Minister against cross-border terrorism with Operation Sindoor.

6. The day concluded with an interaction with the Indian community based in the UAE recognizing their vital contributions and reaffirming India's commitment to its diaspora. The delegation addressed and commended the diaspora for upholding the values of tolerance, pluralism, and unity, and for resisting divisive efforts aimed at destabilizing India's social fabric.

7. Tomorrow, the delegation is scheduled to participate in closed-door strategic dialogues with leading think tanks and thought leaders based in Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

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