



Sharad Pawar to attend ECI hearing on NCP split, says everyone knows who is party founder

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Sinha greets people on Gandhi Jayanti

LG Manoj Sinha has greeted people on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

He said, "The birth anniversary of the Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi is an occasion for all of us to rededicate ourselves to his teachings of non-violence, peace, truth tolerance, communal harmony and work for the nation building."

"Puja Babu's lifelong mission was to transform the lives of people and rural India. His life and thoughts represent the eternal values of humanity, which are guiding different societies across the world. The significance of Puja Babu's ideas

Northern Command conducts Army Air Defence Conclave

Northern Army Command conducted a two-day Army Air Defence conclave to review joint strategies for a comprehensive approach to counter evolving air threats and ensure national security.

The Dhruva Command conducted a two-day DHRUVA Air Defence Conclave 2023 in Jammu and Kashmir on September 29 and September 30, 2023.

Govt suspends DSP Adil, ASP Gowhar

The government today ordered the suspension of two senior police officers including DSP Sheikh Adil, who was recently arrested in a corruption case in Srinagar. A home department order issued in this regard stated that DSP Adil Mushtaq shall be deemed to have been placed under suspension with effect from September 21, 2023.

Adil was arrested on September 21 in a case registered against him under sections 7 & 7A of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and sections 167, 193, 201, 210.

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GST collection rises 10 pc to over Rs 1.62 lakh cr

NEW DELHI, OCT 01: Gross GST collection rose 10 per cent to over Rs 1.62 lakh crore in September, crossing the Rs 1.6 lakh crore mark for the fourth time during current financial year.

Gross GST revenue collected last month was Rs 1,62,712 crore. Of this, Central GST was Rs 29,818 crore, State GST was Rs 37,657 crore, Integrated GST was Rs 83,623 crore (including Rs 41,145 crore collected on import of goods) and cess was Rs

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Commercial LPG cylinder price hiked by Rs 209

NEW DELHI, OCT 01: Jet fuel or ATF price on Sunday was hiked by 5 per cent — the fourth straight monthly increase since July, and commercial cooking gas (LPG) rates were raised by a steep Rs 209 per 19-kg cylinder, in line with the firming up seen in international benchmarks.

However, the price of domestic LPG — the one used in household kitchens for cooking purposes — remained unchanged at Rs 903 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price was increased by Rs 5,779.84 per kilolitre,

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LG participates in 'shramdaan', says garbage-free cities a reality now

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Participating in an hour-long 'shramdaan' for Swachhata at Dal lake, LG Manoj Sinha today said that 'cleanliness has become the ambition of society, and garbage-free cities & villages are no longer an imagination but are a reality'.

"Swachhata Hi Seva campaign has become a jan-andolan in J&K," he said while leading the cleanliness and de-weeding drive at Dal lake.

The LG joined citizens from all walks of life who had gathered in large numbers to pay 'swachhanjali' to Mahatma Gandhi.

"The way we see the surroundings becomes the experience of our life. Cleanliness brings happiness, joy and prosperity. It is the door to reach closest to the God. I am happy to witness cleanliness turning into the ambition of society," he said.



"Garbage-free cities and villages are no longer an imagination but are a reality today," Sinha added.

He called upon the people to make united efforts and contribute to realise the vision of 'Garbage-Free India'.

"Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, under the guidance of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi has become a jan-andolan in the UT of J&K. It is our collective responsibility to protect our surroundings, our lakes & rivers and spread awareness on cleanliness," the LG asserted.

"The Swachh revolution across J&K is also creating new livelihood opportunities, generating more revenues and improving the quality of life," he said and reiterated the commitment of the UT administration to strengthen the Swachhata movement in J&K.

At the UT-level event, the LG congratulated the citizens and the administration on achieving ODF PLUS status for 100 pc villages of J&K under the 'Model' category.

"This historic milestone underlines our united resolve of building dream villages with new potential, possibilities and full of self-confidence," he said.

The LG also administered the Swachhata Pledge to the officials and citizens. He also flagged off the fleet

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Azad dispels 'rumours' about being next J&K LG



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Reiterating that he is committed to serve people and his return to regional politics is aimed at building J&K as an epicentre of peace & prosperity, DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad today said he was not interested in becoming the LG of Jammu & Kashmir, dispelling 'rumours' in this regard.

"I am not looking for employment but want to serve the people of J&K," he said

while addressing a massive rally to mark the foundation day of his Democratic Progressive Azad party in Srinagar.

"I will request people not to trust the rumour mills which are working in overdrive. There is a fresh rumour here that Ghulam Nabi Azad is going to be the next LG. I have not come to J&K looking for a job; I want to serve people," Azad added.

He said some people were trying to give the impression that he was looking for rehabilitation.

"When I came here in 2005 as chief minister, I left two prized ministries — Housing & Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs — to serve people. It was not as if I was without work," he said, referring to the criticism by some quarters that he returned to J&K politics at the behest of the BJP.

Azad said unemployment and inflation were two main problems facing Jammu and Kashmir which he wanted to address by exploiting the

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Modi pitches for blending 'well-being & health' in cleanliness drive

NEW DELHI, OCT 01: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday pitched for blending fitness and well-being with cleanliness as he led a nationwide cleanliness drive in which thousands of people participated in an hour-long "shramdaan" across the country.

Wielding a broom, PM Modi took part in the drive along with fitness influencer Ankit Baiyanpuriya.

Sharing a 4-minute video on his official X account, Modi posted, "Today, as the nation focuses on Swachhata, Ankit Baiyanpuriya and I did the same! Beyond just cleanliness, we blended



fitness and well-being also into the mix. It is all about that Swachh and Swasth Bharat vibe!."

People from all walks of life, from politicians to students, wielded brooms and

took part in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, in response to the prime minister's appeal the cleanliness drive.

According to the Union

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Rs 300 cr worth cocaine seized at Ramban, 2 held



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Police late last night recovered 30 kg of cocaine worth Rs 300 crore in international market from a vehicle in Ramban district of Jammu.

According to officials, two Punjab residents were arrested, following the recovery of one of the biggest narcotic haul this year from

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Indo-US relationship will go to Moon like Chandrayaan, maybe even beyond: EAM

WASHINGTON, Oct 01: The India-US relationship is at an all-time high and the two nations have moved to a position where they see each other as very desirable, optimal and comfortable partners, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said, stressing that like the Chandrayaan, bilateral ties will go to the moon and maybe even beyond.

Jaishankar made the remarks while addressing several hundred Indian-Americans who had gathered at the India House from various parts of the US to attend the 'Celebrate



ing Colours of Friendship' event organised by the Embassy of India here on Saturday.

"There is one clear message today that our relationship is at an all-time high. But as they say in America, you ain't seen anything yet. So, we are going to take this relationship

to a different level, to a different place," he said at the largest-ever gathering of Indian-Americans at the India House.

"In this changing world, I would say today that India and the US have moved to a position where we see each other as very desirable, optimal and comfortable partners with whom it's a natural instinct today to pick up the phone or if you meet someone and have a natural conversation," he said.

Jaishankar said that the success of the G20 could not have happened without

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Major cache of arms, ammunition recovered near LoC

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A major cache of arms and ammunition was recovered during a joint operation by Army and police near the LoC in Machil sub-sector of Kupwara in Kashmir.

"In a significant joint operation conducted by Army and police, a substantial cache of arms and ammunition was unearthed in



Poshmargi area of Machil," officials said. "The operation, initiated on a specific intelligence

input developed by police, underscores the unwavering commitment of our se

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Hafiz Saeed's close associate gunned down in Karachi

NEW DELHI, OCT 01: A close associate of Lashkar-e-Toiba's (LeT) Hafiz Saeed, Mufti Qaiser Farooq, has been killed by the unidentified gunmen in Karachi, Pakistan.

Hafiz Saeed is the mastermind behind the 26/11 attacks in India.

Earlier this month, another cleric Maulana Ziaur Rahman, with ties to Lashkar-e-Taiba was also killed after he was fatally shot by two motorcycle-riding assailants during

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Kavinder leads Swachhta Abhiyan cleanliness drive in Jammu Cantonment area

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As part of the nationwide Swachhta Abhiyan - a movement initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote cleanliness across the country, senior BJP leader and ex-deputy CM Kavinder Gupta today spearheaded a cleanliness drive in cantonment area of the city.

The drive saw an enthusiastic participation of locals



and party activists. The event commenced with a gathering at a park in ward No 7 of cantonment

area, where safai karmcharis were felicitated for their invaluable contribu

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Home Minister's message to BJP leaders of J&K - visit booths; rich with message of inclusiveness

Sahil Mahajan

There was a far wider meaning for the BJP leaders in Jammu and Kashmir, when they were asked by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah to reach out to people at booth level in the Union Territory that has redefined itself in the past four years — the benchmark being abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. The government that lived up to its agenda of removing all barriers between the erstwhile state, now split into two union territories of Ladakh, and J&K, was hoping that the party would be peddling the narrative of the welfare and reforms alongside never-seen-before optics of development, infrastructure, connectivity and footfall of

thousands of tourists almost on daily basis. The party had a role because the government devises its agenda based on the party's ideology and pledges. The bureaucrats can perform a limited purpose, they can showcase the development and tell people how can they benefit out of it. The primary responsibility lies with the party to become a bridge between the development and the people. The political narratives are always better than the administrative ones, because these are rooted in the essence of democracy.

In this context, BJP and Jammu region, are inseparable. It is not that the party embedded itself as the one that wins elections. The victory in electoral battles is very, very important, that vindicates efficacy of convincing power of

the party leaders and workers, and also the trust that the people repose in it. This is a two-way traffic. No party can win elections without trust of the people. But at the same time, what is crucial about BJP and Jammu region is that the party kept on working for years together to create a space for itself in the challenging situations, which the physical terrain and political history offered in Jammu and Kashmir.

The political reality of BJP in Jammu is known to one and all. Its performance between 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls has been excellent — it won both the seats in the two parliamentary polls five years apart. And in November-December it won 25 out of 37 seats in the Assembly elections, establishing its complete political supremacy in the

region. This led to its becoming part of the government for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. This propelled the saffron party to new heights. There were solid reasons for that.

BJP, over the decades since its Jan Sangh days, has been the champion of the Indian nationalism, fighting secessionist tendencies elsewhere in the state, with its commitment to the finality of the accession of the state to India. All that it wanted all along was the complete supremacy of the Indian flag, constitution and symbols of the country in Jammu and Kashmir as was the case in the rest of the country. Its perseverance and devotion to the cause of Indian nationalism was unquestionable. In 2014 Assembly, and before

that it the parliamentary polls, the astonishing and outstanding part was that the party got vote from all the communities. The region as a whole had reposed its trust in the party because of the wings that Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave to the mantra of inclusiveness in now famous phrase, "Sab ka Saath, Sab ka Vikas" — with everyone on board, and development for one and all. Perhaps Jammu was looking for this for more than any other part of the country. That was one of the driving force for the stupendous victory of the party in the elections held so far.

Now, there is food for thought for the party and the region. On Monday-September 25, Union Home Minister Amit Shah convened a meeting of

core group of the party's J&K unit in Delhi. much hype was created around the meeting, speculations went up sky high — maybe there is something regarding the much-awaited Assembly polls — in fact, the Assembly elections are over due in Jammu and Kashmir.. The last elections were held in November-December 2014 against the backdrop of the devastating floods hitting the Valley and parts of Jammu region.

The advice to the BJP leaders of J&K by Home Minister that they should "Visit every booth and tell people of achievements of the Modi government," reflected reiteration of the party's philosophy to reach the last man, but also a soft admonishment that they have not utilized the space and time as much as they should have.