



UK ex-PM Boris Johnson showers praise on 'change-maker' Modi's 'astral energy'

Bigg Boss' Isha Malviya Recalls Seeing Ravan Dahan With Family, Says 'Father Would...'

Deplorable: India on attack on pandal, theft at temple in B'desh

India on Saturday said it has noted with "serious concern" the reported attack on a Durga Puja pandal and theft at a revered Kali temple in Bangladesh, as it requested Dhaka to ensure the safety and security of Hindus, all other minorities and their places of worship in the neighbouring country.

Enhanced allowances, benefits for judicial officers

In a significant update for Judicial Officers in Jammu and Kashmir, the government has implemented new rules regarding allowances, amenities, and advances, effective from January 1, 2020. This decision follows the recommendations of the Second National Judicial Pay Commission and the endorsement of the Supreme Court of India. Key provisions include reimbursement for

Haryana-based company booked for multi-crore fraud

Police today registered a case against a Haryana-based private company for an alleged multi-crore fraud. The case was registered against the Managing director, Director and other promoters of Messrs Future Maker Life Care Private Limited, Hissar, for criminal conspiracy and multi-crore cheating with several people of Jammu on the pretext of doubling their amount, officials said. Officials said a written complaint was received in Crime Branch Jammu from

Portals of Badrinath Dham to close on Nov 17

GOPESHWAR (UTTARAKHAND), OCT 12: The portals of the Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand will be closed for the winter season at 9.07 pm on November 17, the temple committee said on Saturday. As per tradition, the "mahurat" of the closing date and time was decided on the occasion of Vijayadashami on Saturday after an assessment of the Hindu calendar and the position of the celestial bodies, Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee Chairman Ajendra Ajay said.

Shubham scores double century in Ranji trophy

CHENNAI, OCT 12: Shubham Khujaria became the first batter to score a double-century for Jammu & Kashmir in the Ranji Trophy in 22 years during the match against Maharashtra in Srinagar on Saturday. The last batter to score a

Won't hesitate to take 'big step' if India's interests threatened: Rajnath

India has never attacked any country out of hatred: Def Min

JAMMU/GUWAHATI, OCT 12: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that 'India has never attacked any country out of hatred or contempt, but if its interests are threatened, it will not hesitate to take a big step and use its military might with full force'. "We fight only when someone insults or tries to harm our integrity and sovereignty, when war is waged against religion, truth and human values. This is what we have inherited. We will continue to preserve this heritage. However, if our interests are threatened, we will not hesitate to take a big step. Shastra Pooja is a clear indication that if need be, the weapons and equipment will be used with full force," Singh said at Sukna in West Bengal. Singh spent Dussehra with front-line soldiers and performed the traditional



Shastra Pooja at the Sukna military station.

state-of-the-art infantry, artillery and communication systems, mobility platforms, and drone systems, and commended the vigilance and critical role of the armed forces in maintaining peace and stability along the borders. He also commended the vigilance of Armed Forces and reiterated India's de-

fensive approach to conflict, fighting only when integrity or sovereignty is threatened. He highlighted BRO's achievements in completing projects in challenging conditions. The rituals, performed to seek blessings for strength, success and safety, reaffirm the cultural and spiritual

Bishnah-Khojpur, Basohli-Bhaderwah roads, 17 other infra projects inaugurated

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 12
In India's latest infrastructure push along the China border and other remote areas, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today virtually dedicated to nation 75 BRO infrastructure projects worth Rs 2,236 cr, across 11 states & UTs. Of them, 19 are in J&K. In his address, he termed the projects as a testament to the government's unwavering resolve to keep strengthening the border infrastructure and ensuring socio-economic progress of these areas. LG Manoj Sinha expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the defence minister, BRO, BEACON, SAMPARK and everyone associated with the construction of the important roads and bridges in the Union Territory of

Jammu Kashmir. The roads & bridges dedicated to the nation in J&K include Bishnah-Kaulpur-Khojpur road, Basohli-Bani-Bhaderwah road, Galhar-Sansari road, Swan bridge on Basohli-Bani-Bhaderwah road, Sanu bridge on Domel-Jindra-Kharta road, Naigarh bridge on Dul-Galhar road, Chenani bridge on Domel-Jindra-Kharta road, Nattoo bridge on Galhar-Sansari road, Kogra Bridge on Domel-Jindra-Kharta road, Biyalu bridge on Basohli-Bani-Bhaderwah road, Dersu bridge on Dhar-Udhampur road, Sewa-II bridge on Basohli-Bani-Bhaderwah road, Mohura Baaz road, Tutmarigali Kaiyan Bowl road, Gurai Bridge, Bandipora-Gurez road, Garjun Bridge Tutmarigali Base to Top and Niru Nar on Dawar-Niru-Baraub-Chakwali-Kaobal Gali road. These infrastructures are

strategically vital for both Army and civil administration and will prove to be an economic lifeline for the people in far-flung areas, he said. "In the last few years, the road infrastructure and connectivity in Jammu Kashmir, especially in areas of strategic importance have been transformed. This reflects the commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards inclusive and equitable development across Jammu Kashmir and ensuring 'last mile connectivity'." LG Manoj Sinha said. The LG said the much-awaited road and bridge projects inaugurated today will have a positive impact on the border tourism, creation of new employment opportunities, bringing economic prosperity in the society and enhancing quality of life in forward areas.

IAF has proud legacy of courage, sacrifice: LG

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Stating that serving the nation and its people in difficult circumstances is in IAF's DNA, LG Manoj Sinha today said that 'Indian Air Force has the proud legacy of valour, courage and sacrifice'. "The nation is grateful to armed forces for ensuring a more secure and peaceful environment to enable India's speedy march towards all-round progress and prosperity," he said after



Flagging off 'Vayu Veer Vijeta' car rally.

RSS to infuse new energy in realising goal of 'Viksit Bharat': Modi

NEW DELHI, OCT 12: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the RSS is dedicated to serving the country as he extended his wishes to its volunteers on the historic milestone in the organisation's continuous journey as it enters its

Dussehra celebrated with religious fervour, gaiety

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Dussehra, marking the victory of good over evil, was today celebrated with religious fervour & gaiety across Jammu region, with the torching of effigies of demon king Ravana, his brother Kumbhakaran and son Meghnad. The main function was held at Parade Ground, where a colourful procession taken out on the occasion culminated amid the raising of religious slogans. The function and the <



An effigy of Ravana goes up in flames, marking end of Dussehra festival in Jammu on Saturday.

Hopeful of oath ceremony on Oct 16: Omar Abdullah

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 12
National Conference vice-president and chief minister-designate Omar Abdullah today said that to end the Presidents' rule in J&K, a cabinet note was must and that he was hopeful about the Oath ceremony on October 12. "Don't link technology with the government formation. We once tried to form a government through a fax machine, but couldn't," he said amid



laughs. He was responding to a query of reporters at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar, as to why the government formation was taking time in times of technology. "There is a need for a cabinet note to end the

Presidents' rule in J&K. Today was Dussehra holiday and I am hopeful that the process would be completed by Monday and we would take oath on Wednesday," Omar said. He had yesterday presented the letters of support to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan and also staked claim on the government formation. Omar watched the Legends League match with full excitement. Asked who were his favourite players,

BJP govt to be sworn in Haryana on Oct 17

CHANDIGARH, OCT 12: The swearing-in ceremony of the new BJP government in Haryana will be held on October 17 in Panchkula, the party said in a statement on Saturday. It said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior BJP leaders and Chief Ministers of some other states will attend the event. "We have got the nod of the Prime Minister and on October 17, the oath-taking ceremony of the Chief Minister and his council of Ministers will take place in Panchkula," Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar

1st priority would be to unite people of Jammu, Kashmir: Farooq

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 12
NC president Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said the first priority for the new government in Jammu and Kashmir would be to unite the people of the two regions of the Union Territory and get rid of the "hatred" that was "pushed" in the recently-held assembly polls. He also said restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would be on the new government's agenda.



"Our first priority will be to unite Jammu and Kashmir and remove the hatred that was pushed in this election," Abdullah told reporters after participating in the Dussehra celebrations. The NC-Congress alliance has staked claim to

form the government in Jammu and Kashmir after securing a clear majority in the polls. The Communist Party of India (Marxist), the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and several Independent legislators have extended support to the coalition. Chief minister-designate Omar Abdullah met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday and requested him to fix the date for the swearing-in ceremony at the earliest. Asked if restoration of

CJI responds to 'tyranny of unelected jibe' at judiciary

NEW DELHI, OCT 12: Responding to criticism directed at judges for being "unelected and unaccountable," Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud noted that judges are obligated by the constitution of the country to ensure fair trial and protection of citizen's rights, even if they are not elected or directly accountable to the public like political leaders. He was speaking at the Jigme Singye Wangchuk lecture in Bhutan. He said that the MPs, judges, and governments only hold constitutional authority as



representatives and trustees of the people. "Public trust is central to the credibility of the judicial branch, which is otherwise insulated from public opinion in its operations - as it must be. Yet our insulation, which is intrinsic to our independence, pro-

vides a crucial need and justification for ensuring public trust in our functioning," the publication quoted him as saying. He noted that while the political executive, who are directly elected by the people, are authorized to decide how resources are distributed, it is the judiciary's responsibility to ensure that such distribution is fair and balanced. "We are not elected representatives. Public trust applies to us differently from other wings of govt," the TOI quoted the CJI as saying.

Cong analysing Haryana assembly poll loss: Kharge

NEW DELHI, OCT 12: Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said the party was analysing the Haryana Assembly poll results, and has sought a booth wise report to determine what led to the defeat. He said his party is pay

Over 4 lakh devotees throng Vaishno Devi shrine during Navratras

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 12
More than four lakh devotees paid obeisance during nine-day long navratras at the highly revered cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Trikuta Hills of Katra town. "Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine witnessed an overwhelming influx of devotees from across the country and abroad during Shardiya Navratras and in this period more than pilgrims visited the sanctum sanctorum," an official

said. He said that the the shrine board unveiled a range of initiatives to make these Navratras more memorable and the key additions included the launch of Langar Sewa at Adhkuwari, enhanced healthcare facilities through inauguration of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) at Bhawan and a complimentary 11-minute Virtual Darshan experience, ensuring a seamless and sacred journey for all devotees. During Navratras, he

stated that the shrine board made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrim's comfort and convenience. Additionally, attractive lighting illuminated the Bhawan area, while facilities like accommodation, battery-operated vehicles, passenger ropeway and helicopter services operated smoothly. Meanwhile concurrent with the Navratra celebrations, the sacred nine day long Shat Chandi Maha Yagya organised by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) for world