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

depth of Dussehra, underscoring the pivotal role of weapon systems in safeguarding the country, the statement said. They symbolise the preparedness, resolve, and unwavering dedication of the armed forces to protect the nation, it added. "The ceremony highlighted the Indian Army's blend of tradition and modernisation, with a focus on preserving India's sovereignty and promoting indigenous defence systems and platforms."

Those present included army chief General Upendra Dwivedi, defence secretary-designate RK Singh, Eastern Army commander Lieutenant General Ram Chander Tiwari, BRO chief Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan, and Trishakti Corps Lieutenant General Zubin A Minwalla.

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

These projects will improve operational capacity of the Indian Army and boost mobility and logistics support for the troops, he added.

The LG also lauded the important contribution of Border Roads Organisation to the socio-economic transformation and national integration in the border areas.

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

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) described the incidents as "deplorable events" and flagged that these follow a "systematic pattern of desecration" of temples and deities in Bangladesh.

"We have noted with serious concern the attack on a Puja mandap in Tantibazar, Dhaka and the theft at the revered Jeshoreshwari Kali temple at Satkhira," the MEA said.

A Bangladeshi newspaper has reported an incident of a "crude bomb" allegedly thrown at a Durga Puja pandal in the Tantibazar area of Old Dhaka. Though the bomb caught fire, nobody was injured, the report said, adding that the incident took place on Friday night.

Friday marked the ninth and last day of Navratri, the nine-day sacred period for Hindus. Durga Puja is also celebrated during this time. It culminates with Dusshera or Vijaya Dashami on the 10th day.

The MEA has taken strong exception to the two reported incidents in Bangladesh.

"These are deplorable events. They follow a systematic pattern of desecration and damage to temples and deities that we have witnessed over several days now," it said.

"We call upon the government of Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities and their places of worship, especially during this auspicious festival time," it added.

Enhanced allowances, benefits for judicial officers

papers and magazines, transport allowances, and a composite transfer grant equivalent to one month's basic pay.

Judicial Officers will also receive a House Building Advance, a soft loan for vehicle purchases, and allowances for electricity and water consumption.

Additionally, they are entitled to Leave Travel Concession and Home Travel Concession, with modifications to existing rules

Haryana-based company booked for multi-crore fraud

the victims of the fraud, alleging that the Managing Director Bansi Lal, Director Radhey Shyam and other promoters of the company belonging to Maharashtra and Jammu hatched a criminal conspiracy and duping them of over Rs 2 crore.

On receiving the complaint, preliminary verification was conducted and a case has been registered for in-depth investigation, the officials added.

Further investigation was underway.

Portals of Badrinath Dham to close on Nov 17

More than 11 lakh pilgrims visited Badrinath this year while Kedarnath witnessed a footfall of over 13.5 lakh devotees.

As per an earlier announcement, Kedarnath and Yamunotri will be closed on November 3 and Gangotri on November 2.

Similarly, the doors of Rudranath will be closed on October 17, Tungnath on November 4 and Madhyamahesh-

war on November 20.

The temples in Uttarakhand which draw lakhs of devotees each year from across the country and abroad are closed during winter as they remain covered in snow.

Shubham scores double century in Ranji trophy

double ton for J&K was Ashwani Gupta in 2002 against Bihar.

Khajuria is only the third batter from J&K to score a double ton in the Ranji Trophy, after Gupta and Kavaljit Singh.

The 29-year-old completed his double century in 312 balls with the help of 24 fours and four sixes.

Double centuries for J&K in Ranji Trophy:

- 1) Ashwani Gupta - 210 notA out vs Himachal Pradesh in Una, 1995
- 2) Kavaljit Singh - 206 vs Services in Delhi, 2001
- 3) Ashwani Gupta - 203 not out vs Bihar in Jamshedpur, 2002
- 4) Shubham Khajuria - 200 not out* vs Maharashtra in Srinagar, 2024.

IAF has proud legacy of courage, sacrifice: LG

Interacting with the air warriors at Raj Bhawan, the LG extended his felicitations and conveyed best wishes to all participants of the car rally.

"Indian Air Force has the proud legacy of valour, courage and sacrifice. Serving the nation and its people in difficult circumstances is in the DNA of Indian Air Force," he said.

The LG also lauded the significant role played by the IAF in times of war, rescue operations and natural calamities. En route Air Warriors will address the local youth in various universities and colleges, and inspire them to join armed forces.

"The nation is grateful to the armed forces for ensuring a more secure and peaceful environment to enable India's speedy march towards all-round progress and prosperity," he said.

He also said that in the last 10 years, infrastructure and connectivity of border areas had been strengthened under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Earlier, to mark the 92nd anniversary of Indian Air Force, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh gave warm send-off to 'Vayu Veer Vijeta' car rally from National War Memorial, New Delhi. The Adventure Cell of IAF is leading and coordinating the rally.

Over 50 air warriors, who are undertaking the expedition from Thoise in Ladakh to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, covering a total of 7,000 kms, will raise awareness among the people about the glorious history of IAF and inspire the youth to join the armed forces.

The formal flag-off took place from Thoise, which is one of the world's highest altitude air force stations at 3,068m above mean sea level.

Air Officer Commanding Srinagar, Air Commodore Prabhakar Malik (Vayu Sena Medal); Team Leader Wing Commander Vijay Prakash Bhatt; Rally Chairman, Sh Tarun Vijay and other senior officers were present.

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

In a post on X, Modi shared the link of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat's annual Vijaydashami address made earlier in the day, calling it a must-listen.

Lauding the Hindutva outfit, Modi, a former RSS pracharak before he was drafted into the BJP, said its resolve for and dedication towards 'Maa Bharti' inspires every generation and will infuse new energy in realising the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat'.

The RSS, which was formed in 1925, is considered the ideological mentor of the BJP, and its volunteers have played a key role in its organisational growth over the decades.

RSS functionaries invariably occupy the position of general secretary (organisation) in the BJP's national and state units, ensuring that the party organisation works with ideological cohesion and discipline.

Dussehra celebrated with religious fervour, gaiety

procession were organised by Sanatan Dharam Sabha in association with Dharmarth Trust. A large number of people drawn from different parts of the district witnessed the torching of effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakaran and Meghnad.

Authorities had made elaborate security arrangements at Parade Ground and on the procession route to avoid any untoward incident.

First the Ashok Vatika was torched. Then it was the turn of Meghnad and Kumbhakaran. Ravana's effigy was set ablaze in the last. All the three effigies turned into ashes and fell on ground.

Earlier, a grand Rath yatra was taken out. It passed from main bazaars of the city before culminating at Parade Ground. All the markets were tastefully decorated on the occasion.

The Raghunathji Temple and other city temples were also beautifully decorated.

Shri Amar Kshatriya (Rajput) Sabha also celebrated Shashtra Pooja on the occasion. A grand poojan of shastras (arms) was performed on the occasion.

Hopeful of oath ceremony on Oct 16: Omar Abdullah

he said as far as yesteryears' cricket, he liked Sunil Gavaskar and Ravi Shastri. "In present times, players like Irfan Pathan, Yousuf Pathan and Rohit Kohli in the Indian team play exciting cricket," he said.

About today's match, Omar said that "the cricket match was exhilarating and the energy from the crowd was evident. Their enthusiasm lifted the game as they cheered for every play," he said. "It is a fantastic opportunity for our local athletes to gain exposure. Hopefully, in the future, we will see our youth participating in such high-level matches."

Omar said: "We need to work on our infrastructure-better stadiums, proper lighting, and modern facilities. Once we have that in place, we can push for more international events to be held here," he said in response to a query about the possibility of hosting IPL and other international matches in the valley. He hoped that J&K players should also play cricket matches like Legends League cricket.

BJP govt to be sworn in Haryana on Oct 17

said. The ceremony will be held at the Dusshera ground in Panchkula Sector 5 at 10 a.m.

The tentative date was previously announced as October 15, 2024, by a senior party official.

The BJP had indicated during the assembly election that Nayab Singh Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister of Haryana in March, would be its choice for the top post if the party won.

The BJP ended up with its best-ever haul of 48 seats, 11 more than the Congress. The JJP and AAP were decimated and the INLD managed to win just two seats.

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

Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would also be a priority for the new government, the NC chief said it was already on the agenda.

"We are already requesting that statehood must be restored so that J&K can work and we can get on with our job," he added.

The Centre abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution in August 2019 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into Union territories.

Abdullah said Dussehra celebrates the victory of truth over falsehood.

"The biggest message from this is that lies get defeated and the truth wins. You yourself saw how lies were burning and truth was rising. This was their lesson and Bhagwan Ram had also said the same," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said.

The veteran leader said this was the first time that the organisers of the Dussehra event invited him.

"I was a Member of Parliament for the last five years but they did not remember me. But today, when they remembered me, I came and it felt very good. I used to watch this in my father's time. Our Hindu brothers also used to participate in it. We miss them a lot and I pray to god that the void is filled next year," he said.

The former chief minister batted for the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley.

"I hope our brothers and sisters who left Kashmir return and take care of their homes. The time has come for their return and they should return sooner," he said.

Asked if the new regime in the Union Territory would take any step for their return, Abdullah said there would be a government initiative as the NC not only thinks about Kashmiri Pandits, but also about the people of Jammu.

"We have to treat them (the people of Jammu) well, so

that they also feel that the NC government is not their enemy. We want to take everyone together," he added.

Abdullah said his party's government will empower everyone, whether they are Dogras, Punjabis or Kashmiris, and there will be no discrimination against any resident of Jammu and Kashmir.

Asked if the leaders of the INDIA bloc will be invited for the oath-taking ceremony, the former Union minister answered in the affirmative.

"We have already invited everyone, they just have to be told about the date," he added.

Replying to a question on Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid's meeting with the LG regarding the release of political prisoners, Abdullah said, "He should get himself released first, then talk about political prisoners."

CJI responds to 'tyranny of unelected jibe' at judiciary

The CJI's remark came in response to the "tyranny of the unelected and unaccountable" jibe, which was repeatedly used to criticize the top court when it cancelled the irregular allocations of 2G spectrum and coal blocks by the UPA government, as well as when it rejected the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) established by the NDA government.

The CJI added that the public's trust is crucial to the reliability and credibility of the judges and the department they represent.

On his visit to Bhutan, the CJI met his counterpart, Lyonpo Chogyal Dago Rigdzin, and discussed ways to strengthen bilateral judicial cooperation between the neighbouring countries.

The two Chief Justices also presided over the signing of four Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), aimed at enhancing judicial and legal cooperation between India and Bhutan.

Cong analysing Haryana assembly poll loss: Kharage

ing special attention to ascertain what led to Haryana loss, keeping forthcoming elections in mind, but ruled out the possibility of this result having any impact on the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly election.

"We are doing the analysis, along with Rahul Gandhi and other leaders I have held a meeting a couple of days ago to analyse and we are getting booth wise reports. How much fault lies with our workers, what is the role of our leaders and what happened, on all that we are getting report booth wise, based on it we will analyse and decide on further course of action," Kharage said.

Speaking to reporters here, the Congress leader said the party is paying special attention to it as the entire country was of the opinion that Congress will win in Haryana, and no one including journalists or news channels said the party is going to lose and BJP will win.

"What happened, we are analysing it, after that we will decide on what to do. We will have to face several elections in the days ahead, we will certainly look into it, keeping it (upcoming elections) in mind," he added.

The BJP won a third straight term in Haryana, dashing the hopes of the Congress.

Asked whether the Haryana results will have an impact on upcoming Maharashtra polls, the Congress chief said, "one election result will not have an impact on election in another state, but the question is why the results were like this, despite people in our favor?"

"We could have understood if the opinion was 50:50, with one half saying results will be in our favour and the other half saying otherwise, but despite the entire country including media, channels, print media, leaders and public opinion in our favour, what was the reason behind this result? We have to find it," he said.

Asked whether there were any doubts regarding the election process, Kharage said he won't comment on it now, and will respond after analysing the booth wise report.

Over 4 lakh devotees throng Vaishno Devi shrine during Navratras

peace, prosperity and human well-being has also concluded with great reverence and devotion on Mahanavami.

This auspicious event took place at the Yagyashala, a dedicated space created for large-scale religious rituals at the Shrine recently inaugurated by Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&K, who is also the Chairman of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB).

Elaborate security arrangements were made during the navratra days in Katra town and en route the holy cave shrine for the safety of pilgrims.

Trump vows death penalty for migrants who kill Americans

AURORA, COLORADO,

OCT 12:

Donald Trump portrayed migrants as dangerous criminals during a rally in Aurora, Colorado, on Friday, calling for the death penalty for migrants who kill US citizens as he escalates the anti-immigration rhetoric that has fueled his presidential run.

Flanked by posters of alleged members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua, Trump also said that if elected he would launch a national "Operation Aurora" to target the gang members.

Trump, the Republican presidential candidate, has noticeably hardened his anti-immigration rhetoric in the final weeks of the November 5 election campaign, where he aims to defeat Democratic candidate Kamala Harris.

Illegal immigration is a top voter concern, and Trump is seen by most voters as the per-

son best able to address it, opinion polls show.

"I'm hereby calling for the death penalty for any migrant that kills an American citizen or a law enforcement officer," Trump said to loud cheers from a large crowd of supporters.

Trump has already proposed an expansion of the death penalty for other offenders, including people convicted of sex trafficking women and children.

Nearly half of US states ban the death penalty. While there is a federal death penalty, it is rarely used, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, a non-profit group. An expansion of eligible crimes would require an act of the US Congress.

One of the hallmarks of Trump's third presidential run has been his focus on what he calls "migrant crime", even though academic studies show



immigrants do not commit crimes at a higher rate than native-born Americans.

The Harris campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment related to the death penalty proposal.

Vice President Harris toughened her stance on border security after becoming the Democratic nominee in August, and faults Trump for helping stifle a

forcement on Aurora if re-elected.

"I will rescue Aurora and every town that has been invaded and conquered," Trump said. "We will put these vicious and bloodthirsty criminals in jail or kick them out of our country."

Despite Trump's dramatic statements aimed at rousing his base, no town in America has been taken over by migrants.

Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman, a Republican, said in a statement ahead of the rally that "concerns about Venezuelan gang activity have been grossly exaggerated" and welcomed Trump to tour the city.

Major crimes in Aurora have dropped year-on-year, according to Aurora Police Department statistics.

V Reeves, a community organizer with the Housekeys Action Network, said residents were nervous about the Trump

visit. "They're worried about Trump supporters showing up and threatening them," Reeves said.

At two of the apartment buildings at the center of the controversy, Reuters observed broken windows and litter on Thursday. One building had portable police camera stations that residents said were installed this week.

Jesus, a 30-year-old Venezuelan who works in landscaping and lives in one of the buildings, said that all Venezuelans are being blamed for the actions of a few.

"We are not all bad people," said Jesus, who declined to provide his last name.

The dispute over gang activity in Aurora stems from an effort by the city to force the owner of several apartment complexes where migrants lived to address repairs, trash,

pest infestations and other complaints.

A public relations firm hired by the landlord, CBZ Management, said in early August that Tren de Aragua gang members had taken over the properties, according to documents obtained by Reuters through a Colorado Open Records Act request.

CBZ Management did not respond to requests for comment. He allegations gained national attention in late August when a clip of gun-toting men in one of the apartment buildings went viral.

Cindy Romero, a former resident at the apartment complex, captured the footage with her two security cameras. Speaking at the rally on Friday, she said she was a lifelong Democrat but that she would vote for Trump due to her experience with crime.