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LG, CM greet people on Mahashivratri

LG Manoj Sinha and chief minister Omar Abdullah today extended their heartiest greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri, which will be celebrated on Sunday.

In a message, he said, "On the sacred occasion of Mahashivratri, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all. I pray for the health, happiness, and prosperity of every citizen."

"The sacred festival, celebrated as 'Herath' by Kashmiri Pandit community."

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Terrorist hideout busted in Doda woods

Security forces today busted a terrorist hideout during a search operation in Chilli forests of Gandoh in Doda district.

According to officials, the forces came across a hideout of terrorists during searches in the thick Chilli woods in the morning.

Its search led them to the recovery of eatables and blankets, officials

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Duty-bound to wipe out terrorism: CRPF DG



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On the anniversary of the deadly Pulwama attack, CRPF DG Gyanendra Pratap Singh today said the force was committed to eliminate all forms of terrorism in the country.

"CRPF is duty-bound to wipe out all forms of terrorism," he said.

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Ranji Trophy semis J&K, Uttarakhand eye giant-killing acts

KOLKATA, FEB 14: First-time semifinalists Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand will look to extend their dream runs when they take on heavyweights Bengal and Karnataka respectively in the Ranji Trophy semifinals beginning on Sunday.

Jammu and Kashmir scripted history by reaching their maiden semifinal with a 56-run win over Madhya Pradesh in Indore, marking their deepest run in the competition since their debut in 1959-60.

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Congress ignored Northeast, put country at risk: Modi

Accuses it of promoting insurgency



GUWAHATI, FEB 14: Launching an all-out attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today accused the party of neglecting the strategically sensitive northeastern region and always endangering the country's security.

"Fear and insecurity marked the reigns of the

Congress in Assam. The party never prioritised the country's security and always put the nation at risk. The purchase of weapons for the armed forces during the Congress rule was marked by corruption of thousands of crores," he said while addressing BJP workers at a rally here.

The prime minister accused Congress of neglecting the Northeast and pro-

moting insurgency in Assam during its rule.

"The Congress indulged in polarisation and vote-bank politics, and took decisions that promoted these," he said.

"The partition of the country took place due to the Muslim League, but now there is 'MMC' Maoist, Muslim, Congress and people should be aware," Modi added.

He accused Congress of protecting infiltrators, but said BJP was "committed to end illegal immigration, and so the next five years are very important for the state".

He also claimed that the Congress, being out of power in Assam for 10 years, was "more dangerous than when it was in power, and this is evident from the venomous statements made by its leaders".

For seven decades, the Congress built only three bridges over the Brahmaputra, but the BJP government had constructed five bridges in 10 years, he asserted.

The PM said all-round development was taking place in Assam due to the efforts of the BJP government.

"BJP is committed to protecting Assam's identity and its traditions," he said.

"Assam is famed for tea, but now the state will be globally renowned for its semiconductor chips," Modi

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Judicial leadership suffers when we pretend judges to be perfect: CJI

NEW DELHI, FEB 14: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has said that judicial leadership does not suffer because judges are imperfect, but it is adversely impacted when judges pretend that they are not imperfect.

The CJI also called for a radical shift in how judicial leadership is perceived, advocating for the creation of a 'Commonwealth Apex Body' to integrate judicial education, the Bar, and the bench across the member nations.

Delivering the keynote address at the opening ceremony of the 11th biennial meeting of the Commonwealth Judicial Educators (CJEs) here, Justice Surya



Kant said that judges, like judicial institutions, remain capable of growth, correction, and improvement.

The role of judges demands not only "mastery of precedent" but also the "agility to interpret the law" in ways that serve justice in the present time, he said.

Across history, the most respected judicial leaders did not project flawlessness or perfection; instead, the

best leaders were those who remained conscious of the limits of their own knowledge, alert to the possibility of error, and open to learning, the CJI said.

"Humility, in that sense, has never been a personal virtue alone; it has been a professional safeguard. And I believe this important tool must be taught to every judicial officer, without exception," he said.

On the event's theme, 'Educating for Judicial Leadership', Justice Surya Kant called it "timely" as for too long the prevailing view was that judges were finished products; figures that emerged from appointment; already com-

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US trade deal to affect J&K: Omar



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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that the India-US trade deal would adversely affect J&K, expressing hope that the new government in Bangladesh would improve relations with India.

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Pak drone-dropped heroin seized

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A joint team of BSF and police today found a Pak-drone dropped consignment of 6.5 kg heroin worth over Rs 40 cr in the international market near the International Border.

The recovery was made from Nai Basti Karotana village in Baspur area of R S Pura sub-sector near here, according to officials.

Following movement of a Pak drone in Nai Basti Karotana village late last night, 165 Bn of BSF and police launched a massive operation in the area in

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Anti-terror drive intensified in Doda distt Posters of wanted JeM terrorists put up at strategic locations

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Further stepping up anti-terror operations in Doda district of Jammu, police have pasted posters of some wanted terrorists of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit at strategic locations.

According to officials, the posters of proscribed JeM's Pakistani terrorist Saifulah were also put up across the district.

The move comes amid heightened security operations in the high-altitude areas across Jammu region, following recent encounters and intelligence inputs suggesting the presence of terrorists in the region.

The posters were put up at key checkpoints and public places, including Nagri, Dessa, Ganpat Bridge at the Doda entry point, and Thathri, officials said, adding that more such notices were being displayed in other vulnera-



ble areas to maximise public outreach.

The posters, carrying photographs and brief details of terrorists, urge the public to share any credible information with police

while assuring complete confidentiality and protection of informants, officials said.

"The poster campaign is part of intensified efforts to

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Interest of Bangladesh comes first: Tarique on ties with India

DHAKA, FEB 14: Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chairman and the country's prime minister-in-waiting Tarique Rahman on Saturday said he will prioritise the interests of the Bangladeshi people when asked about mending ties with India.

Addressing a press conference day after the BNP won a landslide victory in the general elections on Thursday, Rahman called for unity in the interest of Bangladesh and dedicated the victory to people who "sacrificed for democracy."

"This victory belongs to Bangladesh, belongs to democracy, this victory belongs to people who aspired to and have sacrificed



for democracy," he said.

He said the new government he will lead faces daunting challenges.

"We have paved the way for the establishment of democracy in the country," he added.

"We are about to begin our journey in a situation marked by a fragile economy left behind by an authoritarian regime, weakening constitutional and structural institutions and

destroying law and order," Rahman said.

Asked about ties with India, the BNP leader said, "We have cleared ourselves regarding the foreign policy, which is the interest of Bangladesh, and the interest of Bangladeshi people comes first. By protecting the interests of Bangladesh and the people of Bangladesh, we will decide our foreign policy," reported Indian Express.

The BNP alliance won 212 seats in the crucial elections on Thursday, the first since a student-led uprising ousted the iron-fisted rule of Sheikh Hasina in 2024. The alliance led by Jamaat-e-Islami and also

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Sports emerging as transformative force for youth: Kavinder

Himalayan Mail News
LEH, FEB 14

Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta today said that sports was emerging as a transformative force for empowering Ladakh youth, strengthening the local economy, and positioning the region prominently on the national and global stage.

"Ladakh is successfully converting its harsh winter conditions into opportunities for growth, excellence, and employment," he said while speaking at the concluding ceremony of Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 3 held at Nawang



Dorjay Stobdan (NDS) Ice Hockey Rink in Leh, marking the successful end of a thrilling tournament organised by Royal Enfield Social Mission in association with the UT administration and Ice Hockey Association of Ladakh

(IHAL).

In a pulsating men's final, Humas Warriors clinched the title with a 3-1 victory over Purig Warriors. In the women's summit clash, Sham Eagles emerged champions by

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