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Elnaaz Norouzi set for first Hollywood lead a s 'The Fix' nears the US theatrical release P- 10

NC, Cong 'clash over' Vande Mataram rendition

Tensions appear to be growing within the ruling alliance, with NC pushing back against ally Congress on Wednesday over the full rendition of Vande Mataram at an official state event here.

The NCsaid it was a "statutory obligation" to play the full national song at a state event and that no one would be forced to sing.

The controversy erupted after the unabridged version of the national song was played at the ongoing International Film

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Treasury clerk held in graft case

The Anti-Corruption Bureau today trapped and arrested a clerk posted at the government treasury, Kalakote, in Rajouri district for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000.

Official said the accused clerk, identified as Khadam Hussain, was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe from a complainant.

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2 held for raping class 7 student

Police have arrested a cab driver and his friend for their alleged involvement in the rape of a class 7 student in Poonch district.

According to officials, a man lodged a complaint with Gursai police station late Wednesday afternoon, alleging that his daughter, a class 7 student, while returning home boarded a cab allegedly driven by Zahoor Mushtaq alias Sonu who took her to his house along with his friend Mohammad Irfan on

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Goods train wagon derails

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Rail traffic on the Jammu-Kathua link was disrupted for several hours on Wednesday after a wagon of a goods train derailed at Chhan Arorian railway station in Kathua district of Jammu.

The derailment occurred at about 9.30 am. The vital route connects Jammu and Kashmir with other parts of the country.

Railway authorities and officials reached the spot soon after the incident and initiated an assessment of the situation. The derailed wagon was subsequently

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'Hybrid terrorist' held with pistol

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Security forces today busted a terror module run by an ex-terrorist in Kupwara district of Kashmir.

According to officials, police at Handwara received reliable information regarding the activities of an ex-terrorist who was operating as a "hybrid terrorist" as part of a module of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) in the Handwara-Kupwara area, officials said.

Acting swiftly on the information, security forces launched an operation at the identified location in Handwara town and appre

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Floating cinema

Cinematic magic draws huge crowds as Dal lake lights up

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The sprawling Dal lake in the heart of Srinagar city has turned into a huge floating theatre, mesmerising the IFFJK participants and the huge crowds drawn from across the valley and outside.

The floating cinema isthe special attraction of the first International Film Festival of J&K. Cinema has always found an extraordinary setting in Kashmir.

In a setting where the lake, mountains and city lights come together, audiences experienced films on a large floating screen, with the banks of Dal lake serving as an open-air auditorium.

The initiative has emerged as one of the most distinctive attractions of the four-day festival that began on September 7, giving the celebration of cinema a setting deeply connected with Kashmir's visual and cinematic heritage.

The Floating Cinema opened on the first day of the festival with the screening of the evergreen 1961 film 'Junglee'. The screening drew audiences to the lakefront, creating a memorable spectacle as the classic Hindi film played out

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Justice Bhati sworn in as CJ of J&K, Ladakh HC

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Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati was today sworn in as the 39th Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at a solemn function held in Srinagar.

The oath of office was administered to him by Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena, who has been given additional charge of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

The proceedings were conducted by the LG's secretary Shashanka Ala and the Warrant of Appointment of the Chief Justice was read out by MKSharma, Registrar General of High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

The occasion was graced by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh along with their spouses, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, Advisor to Chief Minister of UT of J&K, Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, State Election Commissioner, former Chief Justices and Judges of the High Court and a distinguished gathering representing the judiciary, Bar, civil and police administration and academia.

A large number of sitting and former Chief Justices and Judges from several High Courts across the country, particularly from Rajasthan, besides the High Courts of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Allahabad, attended the event. The presence of Justice Nupur Bhati, Judge of the Rajasthan High Court and spouse of the Chief Justice, his parents, close relatives and other family members added special significance to the occasion.

Among other dignitaries present were the J&K Chief Secretary, DGP, Commissioners/Secretaries to the government of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh, Vice-Chancellors of Universities; Members

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Rs 10,783 cr rly projects will improve connectivity: Modi

NEW DELHI, SEP 09: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today highlighted the benefits of the cabinet's approval of three railway multitracking projects worth Rs 10,783 cr, saying the projects will improve connectivity, promote tourism and lower logistics costs across five states.

"The projects will add to the railway network and improve connectivity across Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal," he said in a post on X.

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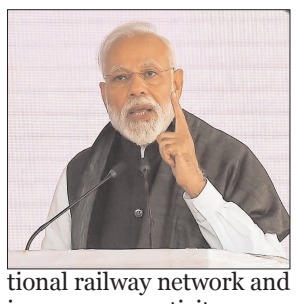

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday approved three railway multitracking projects worth Rs 10,783 cracross five states, which will add about 656 km to the Indian Railways network and increase freight-handling capacity.

The projects, announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw during the Cabi

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Ramesh Sippy hopes to shoot films in J&K

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'Sholay' director Ramesh Sippy said he had been coming to Kashmir since 1964 and hoped that he and other filmmakers would get to shoot many more films in the valley.

The director, whose work

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US military 'destroys' 5 Iranian oil tankers; Tehran hits back

WASHINGTON, SEP 09: The US military said it destroyed five Iranian oil tankers in response to the latest attacks on its warships and Tehran hit back at American targets in Jordan, the latest burst of back-and-forth strikes that have lurched the sides back towards open hostilities in a more than six-month-old war.

Following the American strikes, Iran launched missiles toward US targets in Jordan, Iranian state-run media said.

Jordan's military said its air defence systems intercepted 18 ballistic missiles launched toward its territory and two others fell in places where no one lives.

It said it has no reports of casualties. Jordan is a

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Def Min meets Sri Lanka Prez, commits to work jointly for region's safety

COLOMBO, SEP 09: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday met Sri Lanka President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and held discussions on issues covering the multi-faceted partnership between the two countries, including ways to ensure the safety, security, peace and prosperity of the region.

Singh arrived in Sri Lanka on Tuesday for a three-day visit.

He conveyed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's best wishes to Dissanayake and underlined that the citizens of the two countries share deep friendship based on strong historical and civilisational links, a statement issued by the Ministry of Defence said.

Singh also congratulated the Sri Lankan president on his government's two years in office.

"The two sides reaffirmed that as civilisational twins, close neighbours and maritime partners, India and Sri Lanka would continue to

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Kavinder asks graduates to become creators of opportunities, solutions

SHIMLA, SEP 09: Governor Kavinder Gupta, who today attended the fourth convocation of ICFAI University at Baddi in Solan district, called upon students to become creators of opportunities and solutions.

On the occasion, he presented gold medals to meritorious students. He also congratulated 402 graduating students, medal winners, their parents, teachers and the university fraternity.

"The convocation does not markthe culmination of an academic journey but the beginning of a new phase of life," Gupta said and urged the graduates to make integrity, discipline and continuous learning the foundation of their lives and build their identity through knowledge, character, conduct and contribution to society.

Referring to the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047 and the National Education Policy-2020, he said that education must go beyond de

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