



LG, CM greet people on Gandhi Jayanti

LG Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have greeted people on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, which would be celebrated tomorrow.

In a message, the LG said, "On the occasion of 157th birth anniversary of Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, I extend my heartiest greetings to the people of Jammu & Kashmir. Pujya Bapu showed the world that truth, non-violence

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No eligible voter to be left behind: CEO



Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Sanjeev Verma, today chaired a meeting with the district election

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Lt Gen Seth takes over command of White Knight Corps



Lt Gen Mohit Seth, today took over the command of White Knight Corps from

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UPSC turns 100

Modi calls for 'Nation First', 'Citizen First' in civil services recruitment

NEW DELHI, OCT 01: Calling for a rethink of how India selects its civil servants, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the next 20 to 25 years would be crucial and asked selection bodies to keep two tests at the centre of recruitment: "Nation First" and "Citizen First".

Recruitment must prepare officials for a country that would be more urban, more technology-driven and marked by higher public expectations by 2047, he said while speaking at the UPSC's centenary event.

Modi said the commission's biggest asset was the trust it had built over a century. Governments, tech-



nology and syllabuses had changed, but public faith in the institution remained, he added.

Modi said that "we must always remember two touchstones: One - nation first. Second - citizen first".

The PM said efforts must be made to bring into public services young people motivated by a desire to

serve citizens rather than seek public office.

The recruitment examinations should assess not only a candidate's knowledge but also the reasons that motivate him to join the civil services, he said.

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service," he added.

"We must bring such youth into public services who are attracted not by public office, but by public service. Therefore, it is essential that the recruitment examination does not just test what the candidate knows, but also sees why he wants to come into civil services," the prime minister said.

"We have to test complex problem-solving and the farsightedness of candidates in our exams," he said.

"Today, the question is not about service delivery, it is whether public services are able to catch up with current instant delivery speed," he added.

The prime minister said

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Rs 15 cr approved for traditional Vaishno Devi route

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The Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led government today accorded administrative approval for the restoration of the traditional Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route at an estimated cost of Rs 15 cr.

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'Unity India's strength'

When people walk together, even peaks get conquered: LG

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Stating that unity is India's strength, LG Manoj Sinha today said when millions of steps move in one direction, even the highest mountains can be crossed.

"Run for Unity is about the strength of collective resolve & faith. When people walk together, no destination remains impossible, and with determination & unity, they can overcome difficult challenges," he said in his address at the closing ceremony of the Kashmir Marathon- Run for Unity.

The LG commended the enthusiasm and energy of the youth who participated in the event and congratulated all the runners and



lauded police for organising the marathon, which has become a symbol of peace, unity and progress in the Union Territory.

He emphasised that 'Run for Unity' was not merely about speed or endurance,

but about the strength of collective resolve and faith.

"Run for Unity race is not merely the speed of our steps. It is the speed of our resolve and it is the speed of that faith which tells us

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Kavinder calls upon youth to contribute to building 'Viksit Bharat'

SHIMLA, OCT 01: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta said the youth of the country had a vital role to play in India's journey towards becoming 'Viksit Bharat'.

"Indian youth possess immense talent, skills and values, but there is a need to provide them with the right opportunities and chan



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Nation salutes Gandhi ji and Shastri ji on their birth anniversaries

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On the birth anniversaries of **Mahatma Gandhi** and **Lal Bahadur Shastri**, the nation pays tribute to these two great leaders who dedicated their lives to the service of the nation.

"Gandhi ji demonstrated the way of courage, simplicity, service, and power of compassion, while Shastri ji continues to motivate us in the endeavour of building a strong and self-reliant India."

- Narendra Modi

