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Modi gives new mantra to make India Viksit Bharat by 2047

PM said the world is talking about India's pilot today and a day will come when the world will talk about made-in-India aircraft.

"These goals will be achieved through visionary policies and relentless hard work. India may have challenges, but we also have 140 crore solutions," he said.

Modi has been serving continuously as head of government -- first as chief minister of Gujarat for three terms and subsequently as prime minister of India after winning three Lok Sabha elections -- since October 7, 2001.

Modi said when he took oath as Gujarat chief minister on October 7, 2001, he never imagined this milestone would come.

"I bow before the people of India for their trust in me. For me, people are God; hardworking BJP workers are my strength," he said.

He also expressed gratitude to all colleagues of BJP, NDA and all those who hold immense reverence for democracy. He said that while his well-wishers encouraged him, critics taught him to look within.

Cabinet expansion post-GST Council meet, talks with Farooq: CM

The BJP has 29 and the PDP four. But the NC also has the backing of some other, smaller parties and independents.

On the recent administrative changes, Omar said some transfers had been ordered by the elected government while others were carried out by the LG, adding that the government would work with the officers posted in various departments.

Regarding the pending recruitment rules for Government Medical Colleges (GMCs), the Chief Minister said the rules were almost ready and being given final shape.

"There were some contradictions between the rules that had been framed and those proposed. These contradictions are being removed," he said, adding that the government did not want to rush the process and face difficulties during implementation.

He said the recruitment rules were expected to be notified soon.

On sports infrastructure, he said the government was simultaneously expanding facilities and appointing coaches to provide better training opportunities to young athletes across Jammu and Kashmir.

He said an Olympic-size swimming pool had been established in Kashmir, with arrangements being made for solar-powered heating to facilitate year-round training.

He also said that an indoor gymnastics hall had been inaugurated, noting that children in Kashmir had shown interest in gymnastics but lacked adequate infrastructure.

"We are trying to move beyond traditional sports such as cricket, football, hockey and volleyball and provide our children with more options and alternatives," he said.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing 25 years in public life, Omar said it was not easy to win elections continuously for such a long period.

"I congratulate him on behalf of myself and my colleagues," he said.

On protests related to the Chief Election Commissioner, Omar questioned the government's failure to initiate defamation proceedings against the newspaper if its reporting was fabricated.

If it had not been correct, the government would have taken action against them, at least filed a defamation case, he said.

He said the ongoing protests were part of the programme announced by INDIA bloc leaders following their recent meeting in Delhi.

On the proposed Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir, Omar said the exercise could be used to interfere with elections.

Referring to the earlier delimitation exercise, he alleged that its purpose was to benefit BJP.

"We have already been victims of such interference. We have not yet forgotten the delimitation," he said.

Omar also expressed hope that the proceedings underway in the Supreme Court, particularly concerning Form 6, would make it more difficult to exclude people from the electoral rolls.

Char Dham Yatra sets new record

grims came to the Himalayan state to pay their obeisance at Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri shrines, reflecting the growing religious tourism in Uttarakhand and the trust of devotees nationwide.

Reacting to the increasing number of devotees in Char Dham pilgrimage, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that it was possible by the extensive arrangements made by the state government for safe, easy and organised travel for the pilgrims.

Dhami added, "Every devotee coming to devbhoomi Uttarakhand is our guest. State government's persistent effort is to ensure that pilgrim's journey is safe, smooth and pleasant. Record rise in number of devotees in Char Dham Yatra is proof of state's improved facilities for the devotees."

CM claimed that efforts of the state administration, police, health department, SDRF, local bodies and shrine priests too contributed to the successful operation of the Char Dham Yatra.

"Facilities related to health services, traffic management, drinking water, sanitation, parking, accommodation, disaster management, and pilgrim convenience along Char Dham routes were continuously strengthened. Special emphasis is also laid on seamless coordination among relevant departments in the ongoing pilgrimage season," said Dhami.

Pak-based terrorist declared proclaimed offender

2024.

The investigation revealed that the grenade consignment had been sent from across the border by Hussain, who is also known by several aliases, including Ali Khan, Nasir, Naziru and Shaheen, to carry out blasts.

Special Judge (NIA), Jammu, Prem Sagar, after hearing the NIA plea, declared Hussain a proclaimed offender under Section 84 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

According to the court order, the non-bailable warrants of arrest had earlier been issued against the accused. However, the warrants could not be executed as the accused was not found at his residence and, according to the execution report submitted by the NIA, had absconded to Pakistan.

The court noted that despite efforts by the prosecution, including publication of notices in newspapers and the official gazette of J&K, the accused had not appeared or surrendered, making it clear that the accused had deliberately evaded arrest.

Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to Kagan, Soai

born in France, is affiliated with Universite Paris-Sud in Orsay, France, and Soai, born in Japan, with the Tokyo University of Science.

Soai said he was shopping near his home when he was reached by the Nobel committee.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the

winner in Stockholm.

Last year, three scientists won the chemistry Nobel for their development of new molecular structures that can trap vast quantities of gas inside, laying the groundwork to potentially suck greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere or harvest moisture from desert environments.

This year's prizes began with the Nobel for medicine, awarded Monday to three scientists whose work led to a tool that uses light to help unravel how the brain works. The physics award Tuesday recognised a scientist's efforts to demystify a rare group of neutrinos.

The literature prize is set to be awarded Thursday. After Friday's peace prize is awarded, the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences will be announced Monday.

The prize money this year is 12 million Swedish kronor (about USD 1.2 million), whether for an individual, a small group of laureates or an organization.

PM's journey reflects strong democratic mandate: Jitendra

'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha-Seva Jyoti Yatra' here, he said it was rare in a democracy for a leader to repeatedly win elections over such a long period and continue to receive the people's mandate to govern.

"PM Modi has completed 25 years in public office - 12.5 years as Chief Minister of Gujarat and another 12.5 years as prime minister, without a break. I believe this is a remarkable record and a matter of pride and happiness for all of us. More importantly, it reflects the strength of our democratic tradition, where a leader has repeatedly won the people's mandate and been entrusted with the responsibility of governing," Singh said.

He said while such continuity may be seen in dominant political systems or monarchies, democracies are generally marked by changes, challenges and electoral ups and downs.

"When you look at all of this together, it reflects a deep sense of dedication and commitment," he said.

The minister said Modi had earned the trust of the people through years of hard work, relentless effort and a spirit of service.

India, Canada vow to combat organised crime, terrorism

mitment to strengthening bilateral relations. They welcomed efforts to advance negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). They also discussed the growing potential for advancing a substantive bilateral defence relationship in keeping with the vision of the leadership.

During the meeting the two sides reviewed progress in bilateral security and law enforcement cooperation, including the implementation of the shared Security Work Plan concluded in February 2026.

The two sides agreed to deepen coordination and cooperation in combating transnational organised crime, terrorism and violent extremism, human and drug trafficking, cyber-crime, extortion, and extradition of criminal offenders. They also reaffirmed their commitment to identifying additional areas for practical cooperation, including exploring the establishment of structured dialogues on cyber security and economic security.

Both sides agreed to strengthen existing institutional mechanisms and establish new channels, as appropriate, to facilitate streamlined communication and timely information-sharing on matters of mutual concern.

The two sides also exchanged views on regional and global developments, MEA statement added.

2 festival trains to run between Delhi-Katra

Train No04083 from New Delhi to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra will depart from New Delhi at 2 pm on October 9 and October 16, 2026 (Friday) and will reach Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 3 am the next morning.

On its return journey, Train No04084 from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to New Delhi will depart from Katra at 10:00 hrs on October 10 and October 17, 2026 (Saturday) and will reach New Delhi at 23:30 hrs on the same day.

The train will cover a total distance of 655 kilometres and will have a total of 22 modern LHB coaches for the convenience of passengers.

En route, the festival special train will halt at Sonipat, Panipat, Kurukshetra, Ambala Cantt, Dhandari Kalan, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt, Shaheed Captain Sunil Kumar Choudhary Kathua, Jammu Tawi and Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan stations.

In the same sequence, special train No04081/04082 is also currently being operated, which will remain operational till October 26.

Giving information in this regard, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu, Uchit Singhal, said, "During the festive season, there is a huge increase in the number of devotees visiting Mata Vaishno Devi. In view of this, these special trains are being run so that passengers can be provided with a smooth and comfortable journey with confined seats."

He appealed to passengers to plan their journey in advance and book tickets through the IRCTC website or railway reservation counters.

The Jammu Division Railway Administration is fully committed to providing better facilities to passengers during the festivals.

5 OGWs held with pistols, grenades

Ahmed Dar.

From their possession, the team recovered two pistols, three magazines, 40 rounds of 9mm ammunition and three grenades, officials said.

A case was registered against them at Kulgam police station.

Terrorist hideout busted; AK rifle, grenades recovered

searches were also conducted in the periphery of the hideout, no trace of any terrorist was found, officials said.

A case in this connection was registered at Handwara police station.

Prez, Guv visit Atal Tunnel; pay obeisance at Hidimba Temple

icantly closer to the rest of the country.

He said the tunnel was a testament to India's vision, technological capability and unwavering commitment to connecting people living in remote and difficult geographical regions.

Gupta said the Atal Tunnel represented the strength of modern infrastructure and strategic development and served as an inspiring example of the country's capacity to undertake major infrastructure projects in challenging terrain.

He added that such projects not only improve connectivity but also contribute to greater opportunities and development for people living in remote areas.

During the visit, Murmu took keen interest in the engineering features and construction of the Atal Tunnel and

was briefed about its technical aspects. She also enjoyed the scenic beauty of the surrounding Himalayan region.

The visit highlighted the significance of the Atal Tunnel as a major infrastructure landmark in Himachal Pradesh and as an important link connecting the remote Lahaul-Spiti region with the rest of the country.

Later, the President and the Governor visited the renowned Hidimba Temple at Dhungri, Manali, where they paid obeisance and prayed for the peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being of the people of the country.

The visit to the historic temple also reflected the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh and its deep-rooted traditions.

The governor, who was accompanied by his wife Bindu Gupta, also visited the Forest Rest House at Manali, where he participated in a plantation activity. He planted a Ginkgo biloba sapling, a rare plant, and conveyed the message of environmental conservation and the importance of protecting the Himalayan ecosystem.

He said there a need to preserve the region's rich natural heritage and promote sustainable development in the fragile mountain environment.

Moving in right direction: IAF Chief

ans on the eve of its 94th anniversary at the Air Force Auditorium at Subroto Park here, he also said there are areas in which we need "greater capacity, faster induction and more combat mass".

The Chief of the Air Staff who retires this month, will hand over the mantle to Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, who has been named his successor.

In his address, Air Chief Marshal Singh said in the last few years, the focus in the IAF has shifted from "platform-centric to capability-centric" approach, and also on the integration of various components.

"And, it proved its worth during Operation Sindoor," he said.

SC on plea to recall verdict on poll panel appointment law

call of the judgment," the senior advocate said.

When the CJI asked whether there was any other interlocutory application (IA), Sankaranarayanan said that a curative petition had also been filed, but added that the recall application was a separate plea.

"A curative petition has been filed. That, I think, will have to go in its own form. Whether it is maintainable, I don't know. Ours is an IA seeking recall of the judgment. Curative often requires a review," he said.

The development comes after a two-judge bench of Justices Datta and Sharma delivered split opinions on September 23 on the Centre's plea seeking reference of the challenge to the 2023 law to a larger Constitution Bench.

Justice Datta declined the Centre's request for such a reference, while Justice Sharma favoured placing the matter before a larger bench.

India slams OIC remarks on J&K, action against terror infra in Pak

willful blindness only speaks of bigotry and intolerance," he said.

The PoJK region has been witnessing protests for several months over 12 contentious refugee seats, triggering a crackdown by security forces and allegations of rigging in the recently held elections to the so-called legislative assembly.

Saudi Arabia had delivered the statement on behalf of the OIC at the UNGA Sixth Committee that deals with legal issues.

The OIC referred to the 'military escalation in Southeast Asia' and 'unjustified strikes' carried 'on multiple locations in Pakistan'.

It did not mention India.

In May last year, India launched Operation Sindoor targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, in retaliation for the dastardly April 22 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgalam, in which 26 civilians, mostly tourists, were killed.

The attack was perpetrated by The Resistance Front, a proxy of Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba

The OIC statement also referred to the UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir.

Deb said India understands from 'bitter experience' that the threat of terrorism is not theoretical but is a 'persistent and daily reality'.

"For decades, our people have suffered from cross-border terrorism," Deb said, adding that the terrorist attack in Pahalgalam in April last year again demonstrated the devastating human cost of terrorism.

"The Pahalgalam terror attack was a calculated assault on our sovereignty, planned and executed by networks that continue to enjoy state patronage, safe havens, and material and logistical support from across our western border," he said.

Deb underlined that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism, remains one of the gravest threats to humanity, with implications for international peace and security, economic progress, democratic order and human rights.

"It attacks the most fundamental human right of every human being - the right to life. Terrorism is antithetical to the values of the UN. There can be no justification whatsoever for deliberately targeting civilians. There is no distinction between good and bad terrorism," Deb said.

He referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comment that India considers even a single attack as one too many and even a single life lost as one too many, emphasising that Delhi considers terrorist attacks to be attacks against humanity.

He noted that terrorist organisations are increasingly exploiting emerging technologies for recruitment, radicalisation, propaganda, operational planning and terrorist financing.

"Their anonymity, global reach and speed enable them to evade law enforcement and increasingly target vulnerable youth," he said.

India pointed to 'a key gap' that remains in global counterterrorism efforts - the absence of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT), despite a draft circulated by India in 1996.

"India reiterates that an early conclusion of the CCIT would strengthen the international legal framework to comprehensively counter terrorism," he said.

He told the UN Committee that the New Delhi Declaration, adopted at the BRICS Leaders' Summit last month, not only strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgalam but also condemned any acts of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable.

Govt orders transfers, postings of 41 IAS, 8 JKAS officers

partment (Additional Charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Information Department) is transferred and posted as commissioner, Transport Department. She shall also hold additional charge of the posts of Administrative Secretary, Civil Aviation Department and Commissioner, Civil Aviation. She shall also continue to hold

the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Information Department.

Saugat Biswas, awaiting orders of posting in GAD, is posted as commissioner, Health & Medical Education Department, relieving MRajuof the additional charge.

Sarmad Hafeez, commissioner, Social Welfare Department, is transferred and posted as commissioner, Youth Services and Sports Department.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, (additional charge of the posts of Additional CEO, Jammu Metropolitan Regional Development Authority, and Resident Commissioner, J&K government, New Delhi) is transferred and posted as Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Culture Department and continue to hold the charge of Resident Commissioner, J&K government, New Delhi.

Naveen S.L, Secretary, Civil Aviation Department (additional charge of commissioner, Civil Aviation) is transferred and posted as Commissioner of Enquiries, J&K.

Avny Lavasa, Secretary, Transport Department (additional charge of the posts of Administrative Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol Department and Tribal Affairs Department) is transferred and posted as Secretary, Tourism Department. She shall continue to hold the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department.

Anjali Sehrawat, Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission, is transferred and posted as Secretary, Public Grievances Department.

Vikas Kunal, Chairman, J&K Services Selection Board, is transferred and posted as Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. Heshall also hold the additional charge of the post of Additional CEO, Jammu Metropolitan Regional Development Authority.

Majid Khalil Ahmad Drabu, Commissioner of Enquiries, J&K, is transferred and posted as Inspector General of Registration, J&K relieving Sagar Doifode Dattatray, of the additional charge.

Rahul Yadav, Managing Director, J&K Power Development Corporation Limited (Additional charge of MD, JK Power Corporation Limited) is transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Department, relieving Saurabh Bhagat of the additional charge. He shall also hold the additional charge of Managing Director, J&K Power Development Corporation Limited.

Owais Ahmed, Director, Skill Development J&K (Additional charge of Special Secretary to the Government, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department) is transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department. He shall also hold additional charge of the post of Director, Skill Development J&K.

Sagar Doifode Dattatray, Special Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (Additional charge of Mission Director HADP, JCIP, Agristack & Inspector General of Registration, J&K) is transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Social Welfare Department.

Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (additional charge of the posts of CEO, SPV, Jammu City, and Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)) is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri.

Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, is transferred and posted as CEO, State Health Agency, J&K with additional charge of MD, Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission, J&K.

Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, is transferred and posted as Chairman, J&K Services Selection Board.

Akriti Sagar, Managing Director, National Health Mission, J&K (additional charge of Special Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department) is transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation, with additional charge of CEO, J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA).

Athar Amir Ul Shafi Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, National Health Mission, J&K.

Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama, is transferred and posted as Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, with additional charge of CEO, SPV for Srinagar City for implementation of the Smart City Project.

Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner, Samba is transferred and posted as Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation with additional charge of the posts of CEO, SPV, Jammu City and Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission, (Urban).

Minga Sherpa, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.

Faz Lul Haseeb, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Agriculture Production Department. He shall hold the additional charge of Mission Director HADP and JCICI?

Abhishek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara.

Rupesh Kumar, Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Samba.

Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Budgam.

Shreya Singhal, Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation (Additional charge of CEO, JK ER-A and Director, Information, J&K) is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal.

Ananth Dwivedi, CEO, State Health Agency, J&K, with additional charge of MD, Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission, J&K, and Additional Secretary, Revenue IM Department, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur.

Mamta Yadav, awaiting orders of posting in the General Administration Department, is posted as Director, Information, J&K.

Mahima Madan, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, is transferred and posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Anantnag.

Vidhu Shekhar, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority.

Pranjal J Hazarika, Additional District Development Commissioner, Baramulla, is transferred and posted as Director, J&K Archives, Archaeology and Museums.

Vivek Agarwal, Additional District Development Commissioner, Budgam, is transferred and posted as Director Employment, J&K, with additional charge of CEO, Mission YUVA.

Ishta Rathi, awaiting orders of posting in the General Administration Department, is posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, vice Vidhu Shekhar.

Vikas Ahlawat, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, is transferred and posted as Labour Commissioner, J&K.

Prince Kumar, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Uri, is transferred and posted as OSD, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB).

Gaurav Yadav, awaiting orders of posting in the General Administration Department, is posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Uri.

Seerat Baji, awaiting orders of posting in the General Administration Department, is posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Srinagar (West).