



Sinha, Omar greet people on Vijayadashmi

LG Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have extended their heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people on the eve of Vijayadashmi, which would be celebrated tomorrow.

"On the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashmi, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all," the LG said in his message.

"The festival of Vijayadashmi, celebrated in various parts of the

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ACB files chargesheet against postal assistant

The ACB today filed a chargesheet against a public servant working in postal department for demanding and accepting a bribe in lieu of release of subsidy component of a loan case availed by complainant under PMEGP scheme.

According to officials, a complaint was received at ACB police station, Baramulla, against postal assistant Mudasir Ahmad posted at sub-post

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JKAS officer posted as DC Relief Organisation

The government has ordered the posting of JKAS officer Parvinder Kour as Deputy Commissioner, Relief Organisation (Migrants), Jammu.

The posting was made against an available vacancy, according to a government order.

Kour was earlier posted as Registrar, Doda, with the additional charge of General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC), Doda.

Rlys offers discounted round-trip parcel fare

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The Railway Board has introduced a concessional freight scheme offering a 50 per cent discount on return trips booked in advance on Joint Parcel Product-Rapid Cargo Service (JPP-RCS) trains to reduce transportation costs for traders and logistics operators.

Under the scheme, traders booking parcel coaches for both directions will pay 1.5 times the normal one-way freight rate, with the facility available on all

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Saxena launches 'Ladakh Sanjeevani Seva'



LEH, OCT19: Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today launched 'Ladakh Sanjeevani Seva', a dedicated 24x7 ambulance service, catering to all 248 villages across seven districts of the UT. Residents can access the service through the emergency helpline 108.

With a fleet of 73 ambulances, the service is designed to respond promptly to medical

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Congress questions PM's 'silence' in Ram temple donation case, demands full account of offerings

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Anheet Padda closes Lakme Fashion Week as muse for Amit Aggarwal's show

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'Bigoted agenda' India rejects OIC's J&K resolution, says bloc being misused by Pak

NEW DELHI, OCT 19: *Strongly rejecting the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's resolution on the situation in Jammu & Kashmir, India today said the grouping had allowed itself to be "misused" by Pakistan for its "bigoted agenda".*

The resolution was passed during the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Baghdad, Iraq, yesterday. In its reaction, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) today trashed the resolution and said, "The references to India are malicious, biased & false, and have been orchestrated by Pakistan. We are disappointed that the OIC has once again allowed itself to be misused by Pakistan for its bigoted agenda."

New Delhi also emphasised that the OIC had "no locus standi whatsoever" to comment on matters that are strictly internal to India.

"We categorically reject the anti-India references in the resolutions of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Baghdad on October 17-18," the Ministry of External Affairs

(MEA) said.

"The Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India. Politically motivated propaganda can never alter this reality," it added.

"Over the past years since the abrogation of Art 370, Jammu and Kashmir has seen significant economic growth and benefits accruing directly to its people through infrastructure development, tourism and connectivity," it said.

This, the MEA said, was in "stark contrast" to the situation in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir where Islamabad had "unleashed violence, repression and brutality on civilian protesters, killing scores of them, including women and children."

The MEA said that "no amount of media blackout has been able to hide these grave violations of human rights".

"The only issues related to Jammu and Kashmir that remain to be addressed are Pakistan vacating from areas under its illegal and forcible occu-

pation and ceasing its continued support to cross-border terrorism," it said in a statement.

The MEA described other "fabricated and hostile references against India in the OIC resolutions including insinuations related to Islamophobia" as nothing but a "desperate attempt by Pakistan to divert international attention from its own appalling record of minority persecution and sectarian violence".

"The OIC's repeated endorsement of patently malicious propaganda and narratives peddled by Pakistan raises serious questions about its credibility and integrity. We hope its members would do better and reform this organisation," it added.

The abrogation of Article 370 and the subsequent reorganisation of the erstwhile state of J&K divided it into two Union Territories: Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The ministry termed the references as a "desperate attempt" to shift scrutiny away from what it called Pak

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Cabinet expansion after LG's return: Farooq



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NC president Farooq Abdullah today said the expansion of the Jammu and Kashmir Council of Ministers would take place once LG Manoj Sinha returns.

"The LG is not well. He is sick. When he returns, there will be an expansion of the

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Labourer killed, 4 injured in landslide

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A labourer was killed and four others were injured in a landslide while carrying out road construction work in Jammu's Poonch district today.

According to officials, the labourers were engaged by the General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF), which functions under the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

The incident occurred at 11.50 am near the hilly AnganPathri area of Sawajian along the under-construction Poonch-Gulmarg road, officials said.

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Man, son held for SPO's murder

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A man and his son have been arrested for their alleged involvement in the murder of SPO Bashir Ahmad in Jammu's Kishtwar district.

According to officials, a land dispute was felt to be the motive behind the killing.

The SPO's throat-slit body was recovered from a pit in Seran Wani area of Trigamwoods of Kishtwar on October 16, a day after he had gone missing along with his service weapon while returning from a local police picket.

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Netanyahu warns of potentially hostile future US President

Calls for alliances with India, Latin America

JERUSALEM, OCT 19: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned that a future US president could be hostile towards Israel, calling for new alliances with countries such as India and those in Latin America to strengthen his country's position.

He made the remarks on Sunday during an event at which he presented his security doctrine, nine days before Israel's October 27 election.

The remarks came hours before a strong endorsement he received from US President Donald Trump, who publicly expressed his support for Netanyahu's re-election bid days before the country goes to the polls.

"In two years, a President, man or woman, could come to power who is very hostile to Israel," Netanyahu said.



"How would you deal with that? How would you operate in relation to the United States? And beyond that, what solutions would be necessary?", he questioned.

The Israeli Premier stressed that Israel must use the remaining years of Trump's presidency to strengthen its position while preparing for a potentially dramatic shift in American policy.

"First, we must do everything we can during these two years, and during the following two years, in the American arena, through

good times and bad," he said.

"The second thing is to create other alliances. That is what I am working on now with many countries in our region and outside it. India is not a small country, and there are many others," the Israeli Prime Minister emphasised.

He pointed to political developments in Latin America as another opportunity to expand Israel's network of allies.

"There is a major shift in Latin America, and there could be an enormous change in Brazil in just a few days," Netanyahu pointed out, adding, "We must expand our pool of alliances and develop capabilities that make us valuable to everyone."

Netanyahu has often evoked India and his relationship with Prime Minis

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Seeking development in all domains, air, sea to AI: VCNS Kochhar

NEW DELHI, OCT 19: Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS) Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar today said that 'Navy is seeking development in all domains, from air and underwater to AI and quantum technology, to become a multi-domain network force'.

"Efforts are underway not just to adopt new technology, but also to meet operational capabilities," the VCNS said while addressing a press conference here.

"The Navy is working on bolstering its operational prowess in all domains, from air and underwater to AI and quantum technology, to become an all-rounded network force en-



dowed with multi-domain capabilities," he said.

The naval officer mentioned some of the lessons the force had drawn from recent conflicts in terms of technology adoption, and indicated that the Navy is exploring ways to acquire directed-energy weapon system as a low-cost solution instead of firing a costly armament for bringing down relatively cheaper drones.

In April, the DRDO had carried out a successful trial of a laser-directed energy weapon system, joining a select group of nations having the new-age armament used to bring down hostile drones and unmanned aircraft.

Asked what new warships or other platforms are expected to be inducted in their timeline, the VCNS said, as far as ships are concerned, "we have 42 platforms which are on order. In addition, 78 platforms and 120 FICs, with an estimated combined value of Rs 2.41 lakh crore, have received Acceptance of Necessity, and these are at differ

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From France to Albania, social unrest setting Europe's streets ablaze

MADRID, OCT 19: Rising fuel costs, discontent with the state of schools, declining public services and a housing crisis have created perfectly stormy weather for an autumn of protests in Europe.

Crowds have taken to the streets for weeks in major cities, resulting in arrests, looting, injuries, and violence across France, Italy and Albania. In Spain and Portugal, tent camps have sprung up in protests against unattainable rents and housing costs.

Young people "feel disappointed with the (social) model and experience a

strong sense of uncertainty and a lack of control," said Maria Silvestre, professor of sociology at the University of Deusto in Spain. "And when specific situations come together, a spark suddenly ignites that is capable of channeling that discontent and driving people into the streets."

Cities have turned into battlefields as several top EU economies, including France, Italy and Spain, approach pivotal elections, while far-right parties have made electoral gains in Germany and could do so elsewhere. It also comes as Europe faces a critical mo-

ment in its support for Ukraine, with President Donald Trump making overtures to President Vladimir Putin even as Russia is blamed for increasingly frequent hybrid attacks in NATO countries.

Right-wing politicians have seized on the chaos. While protests in France have appeared broad-based, Trump portrayed immigrants as responsible for the destruction, writing on his Truth Social platform: "The migrants have taken over France. They must CLOSE THE BORDERS, FAST!" on Monday.

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Kavinder calls for evidence-based study of J&K history

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Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called for an objective, fact-based and comprehensive study of J&K history, emphasising that the contributions of its historical figures must be assessed in the light of original records, historical evidence and the circumstances prevailing at the time.

He underscored the need to preserve the region's rich heritage and ensure that future generations receive an accurate understanding of its past.



"Maharaja Hari Singh occupies a significant place in J&K history. As the last ruling Maharaja of the erst-

while princely state, his decision to sign the Instrument of Accession to India on Oc

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