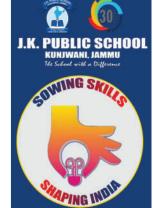


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Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com NC, Cong sweep LAHDC-Kargil polls, win 22 seats

STATE TIMES NEWS

KARGIL (LADAKH): The National Conference and the Congress together won 22 seats in the Autonomous Development Council-Kargil election, officials said on Sunday.

The election to the Ladakh Autonomous HillCouncil Development (LAHDC)-Kargil was the first poll to be held after Ladakh was carved out as a Union Territory following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

Twenty-six seats of the council went to polls on October 4. The administration nominates four members with voting rights to the 30member council.

According to the officials. the National Conference (NC) won 12 seats, making it the single largest party, while its ally Congress registered victory in 10. The BJP won seats, while two



LAHDC KARGIL ELECTIONS RESULT

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Independent candidates also registered victory, they said.

The election recorded 77.61 per cent polling with 74,026 of the 95,388 voters exercising their right. The existing council headed by the NC's Feroz Ahmad Khan completed its five-year term on October 1. The new council will be in place before October 11.

The NC and Congress had announced a pre-poll alliance but fielded 17 and 22

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Wake-up call for BJP: Omar on victory

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah on Sunday said the BJP has been dealt a resounding defeat in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council-Kargil elections and that it should serve as a wake-up call for the saffron party.

Abdullah asserted that the poll outcome in Kargil has sent out a message against the division of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, without consulting the people of the

"The BJP was dealt a resounding defeat at the hands of the NC-Congress alliance in Kargil today. In celebration of our strong alliance with the Congress party, CONTD ON PAGE 9

Direct impact of Rahul-led Bharat Jodo Yatra: Cong

NEW DELHI: With the Congress winning several seats in the elections to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, the party said it is a direct impact of Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh also took a swipe at the media saying "the national media will blank it out, but trends coming in show Congress leading convincingly in the elections to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Kargil with an almost complete wipe-

"This is a direct impact of Rahul Gandhi continuing Bharat Jodo Yatra in Ladakh last month," Ramesh said in a post on X. The election, which saw a triangular **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Railways to set up restaurants in retired train



Virat Kohli giving warm hug to KL Rahul after winning opening match of World Cup.

Kohli's class, Rahul's grace, Jadeja's magic fuel India's victory over Australia

STATE TIMES NEWS

CHENNAI: Virat Kohli channelised his inner champion to pull the Indian team out of choppy waters with a masterly 85, which paved the way for a six-wicket victory over Australia in their opening match of the World Cup

here on Sunday.

Kohli found a trusted ally in uber-cool KL Rahul (97 not out off 115 balls) during their match-winning stand of 165 that eventually made the 200-run target seem like a cakewalk on a testing track although they took 41.2

Their doughty alliance came after three Indian toporder batters returned to the pavilion without troubling the scorers.

But equally responsible for India getting two points

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Israel declares 'state of war', battles Hamas terrorists

STATE TIMES NEWS

TEL AVIV: Israeli soldiers battled Hamas fighters in the streets of southern Israel on Sunday and launched retaliation strikes that leveled buildings in Gaza, while in northern Israel a brief exchange of strikes with Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group raised fears of a broader conflict.

There was still some fighting underway more than 24 hours after an unprecedented surprise attack from Gaza, in which Hamas militants, backed by a volley of thousands of rockets, broke through Israel's security barrier and rampaged through

Israel-Palestine conflict: Farooq says UN has failed to resolve issue STATE TIMES NEWS

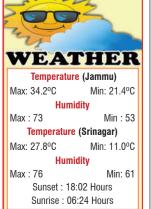
National SRINAGAR: president Conference Farooq Abdullah on Sunday said the United Nations has failed to resolve the issue of Palestine as innocent people were getting killed on both sides in the latest flare up with Israel.

Speaking to reporters, Abdullah said, "War is bad in every way as people suffer. So many innocent Israelis were killed, so innocent Palestinians were killed. War is not a solution to any problem.'

The Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar said the United Nations has failed in resolving the issue of Palestine which has been lingering for decades now.

"The regrettable thing is that the UN has failed. The issue of Palestine has been pending from such a long time and they are not solving it. Innocent people are get-

ting killed," he added.



nearby communities.

At least 600 people have reportedly been killed in Israel a staggering toll on a scale the country has not experienced in decades and more than 300 have been killed in Gaza.

The militants also took captives back into the coastal Gaza enclave, including women, children and the elderly, whom they will likely try to trade for thousands of Palestinian prisoners held by

Secretary of State Antony Blinken told CNN's "State of the Union" that the US is working to verify

coaches at Katra, Jammu stations

JAMMU: The Indian Railways is converting two abandoned railway coaches into theme-based restaurants at Katra and Jammu railway stations here.

STATE TIMES NEWS

The initiative has been "Beautiful named Restaurants on Wheels" under which old train coaches are being refurbished and transformed into rail coach restaurants.

"Two rail-coach restaurants are under work in Jammu and Katra. This is a scheme of Indian Railways under which old coaches are converted into rail-coach restau-



rants. Tenders have been granted to two different par-Divisional Transportation Manager, Jammu, Prateek Srivastava

He said the two AC restaurants combined will bring in

an annual revenue of Rs 50 lakh and each of them will be set up over 1,600 square feet.

"Under this plan, we are offering these coaches to private parties to create staterestaurants according to their own designs," he said. The first coach restaurant

is expected to open its doors by December, with the coaches already in place. The two restaurants will have been named 'Annapurna' and 'Maa Durga'. "It will take 90 days to con-

vert a coach into a fully functional restaurant. It will be equipped with all the necessary facilities," Pradeep Gupta, the owner of Annapurna Restaurant, told Restaurants on a similar

line have already been successfully launched at

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in Afghanistan northwest of Herat city. It was followed by three

Earthquakes kill over 2,000

STATE TIMES NEWS

ISLAMABAD: Powerful earthquakes killed at least 2,000 people in western Afghanistan, a Taliban government spokesman said Sunday. It's one of the deadliest earthquakes to strike the country in two decades.

The figures couldn't be independently verified. The magnitude-6.3 earth-

quake was followed by strong aftershocks on Saturday, a spokesperson for the country's national disaster management authority said. The United States

Geological Survey said the quake's epicentre was about 40 kilometres (25 miles) very strong aftershocks, measuring magnitude 6.3,

5.9 and 5.5, as well as lesser shocks. On Sunday, attempted to dig out the dead and injured with their

hands in Herat, clambering over rocks and debris. Survivors and victims were trapped under buildings that had crumbled to the ground, their faces grey with dust.

One video, shared online, shows people freeing a baby girl from a collapsed building after being buried up to her neck in debris

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IAF role in Eastern Ladakh has increased manifold: Air Commodore

STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The role of Indian Air Force (IAF) has increased manifold in the Eastern Ladakh bordering China, a senior officer said and announced that the force is in the process of getting long range surveillance radar systems to keep an eye on the enemy.

Air Officer Commanding of Leh-based Air Force Station Air Commodore D S Handa was talking to reporters here on the sidelines of an airshow at the base to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the

Lieutenant Governor Brig



Commodore D S Handa talking to reporters.

B D Mishra (retd) was the chief guest at the airshow which saw a static display of Rafale aircraft, Cheetal helicopters, indigenous Akash Missile System and Medium

Range Surface to Air Missile. "The main purpose behind the airshow was to motivate students to join the IAF and also to assure the people of Ladakh that IAF is ready to safeguard the region and the country," Air Commodore

Handa said.

He said the role of IAF has increased in eastern Ladakh compared to previous years. "We have installed radars

wherever required and the IAF is also acquiring longrange surveillance radar systems to keep an eye on the enemy," Handa said, adding that weapon systems

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STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In J&K, the UT administration has achieved yet another feat with J&K Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) achieving a coverage of 70 percent rural households in terms of drinking water supply through tap connections. J&K has also attained a rank of No. 2 at the national level in terms of water quality monitoring and surveillance.

So far under the mission, 13.16 lakh (70 percent) out of 18.68 lakh rural households have achieved coverage Connections thereby moving

fast in achieving the satura-

Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of the UT aimed to provide each and every rural household with Functional Household

more than 5000 components (76 percent) like Tube wells, Bore Wells, Rapid Sand Filtration Plants, Over Head Tanks, Ground Service Reservoirs and pipe networks have started. Similarly more Tap Connection (FHTC) than 3000 schemes are

JJM achieves 70 pc coverage of rural households with tap water connections

J&K ranks 2nd in water quality monitoring,

surveillance at national level

within the premises, capable of supplying water at a minimum service level of 55 liters per capita per day and quality confirming to BIS 10500. According to a press hand-

out of the Department, out of 6600 work components,

under execution across all the districts of the UT with involvement of about 1700 contractors executing the works. This has also resulted in massive employment gen-

eration in rural areas.

ing the works on such a scale and speed, a robust management and monitoring mechanism has been put in place at different levels in the shape of District Level Project Management (DPMUs), UT level teams of Consultants/ Experts and Third Party Monitoring Agencies (TPIAs) who are playing a vital role in efficient planning, quality assurance, coordination of efforts. use of appropriate/ alternate construction technology and materials to achieve the desired results in a time

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Muslim artisans from UP keep date with Jammu for Dussehra effigies

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Muslim artisans from Uttar Pradesh are back in Jammu along with their Hindu counterparts to erect effigies of demon king Ravana and his brothers for the upcoming Dussehra.

Over 50 workers, all from a village in Meerut district, reached Jammu on September 23 on the invitation of Shri Sanatam Dharam Sabha Geeta Bhawan.

"We have been coming to Geeta Bhawan for the past 38 years to make the effigies for Dussehra, catering to different parts of Jammu and Kashmir besides Leh in Ladakh," head contractor Mohd Rehan told

The main Dussehra function will be held at Parade ground in the heart of

Effigies of Ravana, Meghnada and Kumbhakarna will also be burnt at



ing Akhnoor, R S Pura and Bishna near the International Border.

Channi and Sainik colony to mark the triumph of good over evil.

These craftsmen are working on dozens of massive bamboo structures having height of more than 50 feet.

Rehan said all the workers are proud of working together. Besides a dozen Muslims, there are over 40 Hindu artisans that include Harijan and Kashvap Thakur workers.

"We work together and share our meals without any discrimination. 'Mazhab nahi sikhata aapas mein bair rakhna'... we are living by the example of it," he said, lauding the temple management for their trust in them.

son-in-law Rehan's Giyasuddin said artisans have been coming to Jammu for generations and his grandfather Mohd Sirajuddin was also one of them. "We are keeping this tradition alive. The people of Jammu warmly welcome us and we also eagerly wait for this opportunity. Some of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Union Minister visits Spice Park Pampore, assesses working



Union Minister Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey during visit Spice Park Pampore on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

PAMPORE: Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey on Sunday visited Spice Park Pampore as part of Central Government's public outreach programme.

Commissioner Deputy Dr. Basharat Pulwama,

Qayoom, ADDC, ADC Awantipora, and senior officers of the district administration were present on the occasion. During his visit, Union

Minister took an extensive tour of Spice Park and inspected the processing units and other

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