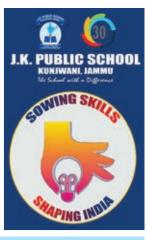


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Exceptional coordination among armed forces brought Pakistan to its knees: Modi



PM Narendra Modi at the INS Vikrant on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

PANAJI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the exceptional coordination among the three armed forces -" fear instilled by the Navy, extraordinary skills of the Air Force and

bravery of the Army -" forced Pakistan to its knees during Operation Sindoor in no time. Addressing the Navy personnel onboard INS Vikrant off the Goa coast, he said the indigenously built aircraft

PM celebrates Diwali with Navy personnel

PANAJI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with naval personnel onboard aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, which he described as a towering symbol of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Modi arrived here on Sunday evening and boarded the home-built aircraft carrier off the coast of Goa. The entire journey was done in a discreet manner, sources said

'Today, on one side I have infinite horizons and infinite sky, and on the other side I have this giant, INS Vikrant, embodying infinite powers. The glow of the sun's rays on the ocean's waters is like the Diwali lamps lit by brave soldiers," the prime minister

Sunday evening was spent watching air exercises onboard the aircraft carrier, being part of a cultural evening and partaking in Bara Khana with the Navy personnel. "People love celebrat-CONTD ON PAGE 9

CM extends greetings on Diwali

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday extended warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and to all those celebrating the festival of Diwali across the country and beyond.

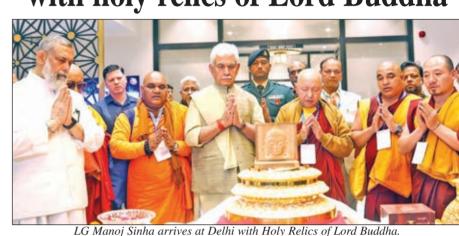
In his message, the Chief Minister said that Diwali, the festival of lights, signifies the triumph of good over evil and the victory of truth and righteousness. He noted that the festival is a celebration of hope and harmony, symbolizing the enduring values of compassion, unity and mutual respect that enrich India's diverse cultural heritage.

Omar Abdullah expressed hope that the festival would bring joy, peace and prosperity to every home.

"May this Diwali usher in a new era of happiness, peace and progress for Jammu and

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LG Manoj Sinha arrives at Delhi with holy relics of Lord Buddha



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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha returned to Delhi on Monday after concluding his threeday visit to the Republic of Kalmykia, Russia. He was leading the delegation to bring back the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha to India follow-

ing their exposition in Elista, the Capital city of the Republic of Kalmykia,

The Lieutenant Governor posted on X: "Holy relics of Lord Buddha are back home after week-long exposition at Kalmykia, Russia. The exposition underscored our commitment to foster mutual understanding, build trust and cooperation and create lasting connections through

shared spiritual experiences. Exposition of holy relics has deepened spiritual connect and mindfulness will always serve as a source

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Flash floods in J&K pushed end dates of hydel power projects by 3 to 5 months: J&K Bank MD

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Bank MD and CEO Amitava Chatterjee on Monday said the flash floods caused by heavy rains a couple of months earlier have delayed the completion of hydel power projects in the Union Territory by three to five months

He, however, said that while there was no direct impact of it on the bank as of now, there was a possibility of cost overrun in these proj-

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Jammu and Kashmir has

been battered by a series of

natural calamities like cloudbursts, extremely heavy rains and huge landslides in the past couple of months, which

left several dead, flattened

infrastructure, and upended normal life "Most of the infrastructure projects, like the hydel ower) projects which are in progress in the state, are being delayed by three to five months. That is the negative impact that has happened

(due to rains and floods). CONTD ON PAGE 9

Veteran actor Asrani passes away

STATE TIMES NEWS MUMBAI: Veteran actor

Asrani, who cemented a special place in the hearts of audi-

ences through his portrayal of eccen

in 🎇 Sholay and best known for his comic roles, passed away

in a hospital here on Monday, his manager said. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Chugh slams Akhilesh Yadav, SP-Cong alliance over remarks on Lord Ram

STATE TIMES NEWS

sharply to Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav's recent remarks on Lord Ram, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday launched a scathing attack on the SP-Congress alliance.

In a statement, Chugh now trying to speak in favour



spent their lives opposing the country's Sanatan culture and the name of Lord Ram, are now trying to preach about Lord Ram. The public will not accept this," Chugh

tees in the past.

"Their hands are stained with the blood of innocent Ram devotees. Those who fired bullets just for

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NEW DELHI: Reacting

accused the opposition of hypocrisy, stating that those who once opposed the country's Sanatan culture are



of it for political gain "The Congress, SP, and Akhilesh Yadav, who have

He alleged that these parties were responsible for violence against Shri Ram devo-

33 nominations filed for bypolls in Nagrota, Budgam LA segments

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thirty-three candidates, including 13 independents and four women, filed their nomination papers from Budgam and Nagrota assembly constituencies, which are going to bypolls in Jammu and Kashmir next month, election officials said.

Monday was the last date for the filing of the nomination papers from the two assembly segments going to polls on November 11. The scrutiny of papers is scheduled for October 22 and withdrawal of candidatures for October 24.

The counting of votes will take place on November 14.

The officials said 20 candidates, including eight inde-

NC, BJP candidates file nominations for Budgam

SRINAGAR: Candidates of the ruling National Conference and opposition BJP on Monday filed nomination papers for the bypolls to the Budgam assembly segment in Jammu and Kashmir.

While the National Conference has named veteran Shia eader Aga Mehmood as its candidate, the BJP has fielded Syed Mohsin. The PDP has also announced its candidate, Aga Muntazir Mehdi. Aga Mehmood was accompanied by senior National Conference leaders, including Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, while Syed Mohsin ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

NC fields DDC member from Nagrota

JAMMU: The National Conference has fielded its District Development Council (DDC) member Shamim Begum from Nagrota assembly constituency, which is going to bypolls next month, after Congress decided not to contest from there to realize their 'larger goal' of defeating BJP despite being offered the seat by the ruling party. Both coalition partners had fought last year's assembly elections together but the alliance has been going through ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

pendents filed their nominations from Budgam constituency where National Conference has fielded former minister Aga Syed Mehmood Al-Mousvi, BJP Aga Syed Mohsin Mosvi and PDP Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi. Deeba Khan of Aam Aadmi

Party, an independent, Aditi Sharma, from Jammu and Mukhtar Ahmad Dar of Apni Party are among other candidates, they said, adding the list also included covering candidates

In Nagrota constituency, BJP has fielded Rana's daughter, Devyani Rana, who is facing a major challenge from

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