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# PM has assured statehood will be given to J&K at appropriate time: LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the Prime Minister and the Home Minister have assured that statehood will be given to Jammu and Kashmir at an appropriate time.

"It is a reality that J&K is a UT today and members have taken oath and affirmed their true faith and allegiance to the Constitution. When it becomes a state, we



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering during J&K UT Foundation Day celebrations in Srinagar.

- » **LG addresses J&K UT Foundation Day celebrations in Srinagar; congratulates people of J&K for working tirelessly for secure, prosperous UT**
- » **Says achievements of past 5 years of transformation are report card of PM Narendra Modi's commitment people of J&K. Under his leadership, we have fulfilled aspirations of people**
- » **I'm happy that J&K stands proudly on national stage- tall, self-reliant, and full of self-confidence. A strong foundation has been laid for speedy development in all the sectors**
- » **My dream is to see that every family is prosperous. My dream is to see faster development of infrastructure, industries and fruits of growth reach last person in queue**
- » **Our economic fundamentals are strong. Peace, stability, rule of law and time-tested democratic values make J&K UT an attractive investment**

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will definitely celebrate statehood day", the Lieutenant Governor said while addressing the J&K UT Foundation Day celebrations in Srinagar.

He congratulated and extended his felicitations to the people of Jammu Kashmir on the occasion. He extended his gratitude to every section of the society, Police, Security Forces, Administrative apparatus and all stakeholders for their contribution to J&K's progress and working tirelessly for a secure and prosperous Union Territory.

Sharing J&K's exceptional journey towards peace, progress and prosperity, the Lt Governor said the achievements of the past 5 years of transformation is a report card of the commitment

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**BJP MLA Devender Singh Rana is no more**



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader & MLA Nagrota Devender Singh Rana passed away at a hospital in Faridabad late tonight.

According to family sources, Rana was undergoing treatment for the past one year. He, however, had recovered and was active in politics.

In the recently held elections to the Legislative Assembly, Devender Rana had won from Nagrota with record margin, highest across J&K.

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# Can't compromise on even an inch on our borders: Modi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHUJ: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India cannot compromise on even an "inch" of its land on its borders, adding the people believe in the strength of its armed forces for defending the country.

India's enemies "see the end of their sinister plans" when they see the Indian armed forces, he said at Sir Creek in Gujarat's Kutch district, as he kept up his tradition of celebrating Diwali with personnel of the armed forces.

The spot is located close to the Indo-Pak border.

"In the past, attempts were made to turn this region into a battlefield. The enemy has set its eyes on this region for



a long time. But we are not worried as you are guarding the nation. Our enemy also knows it well," Modi asserted. "People of India feel their country is safe because of you; when the world sees you, it sees India's strength, when enemies see you, they see the end of their sinister plans," Modi said, addressing personnel of the Border Security Force, Army, Navy and Air Force.

"Today there is a government in the country which cannot compromise even on one inch of the country's borders," the prime minister added.

Attempts were made in the past to capture Sir Creek

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**HOLIDAY NOTICE**  
Office of the STATE TIMES shall remain closed on November 1, 2024 (Friday) in connection with Deepawali celebrations. Therefore, there will be no issue of your paper on November 2, 2024 (Saturday).

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