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Key stanzas of 'Vande Mataram' dropped in 1937: Modi

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"Divisive mindset still challenge for country"

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In an apparent attack at the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said important stanzas of the national song "Vande Mataram" were dropped in 1937 which sowed the seeds of partition and asserted that such a "divisive mindset" is still a challenge for the country.

Modi made the comments after inaugurating the yearlong commemoration of "Vande Mataram" to mark 150 years of the national song. He also released a com-

memorative stamp and coin on the occasion at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium

"Vande Mataram became the voice of India's freedom struggle, it expressed the feelings of every Indian. Unfortunately, in 1937, important stanzas of Vande Mataram..a part of its soul,



were severed. The division of Vande Mataram also sowed the seeds of partition. Today's generation needs to know why this injustice was done with this 'maha mantra' of nation building..this divisive mindset is still a challenge for the country," he

"Vande Mataram" is relevant in every era, the prime minister, in an apparent reference to Operation Sindoor, said, when adversaries dared to attack India's security and honour through terrorism. the world saw that while New India "embodies the spirit of

'Kamala and Vimala' in service to humanity, it also knows how to become Durga - the wielder of ten weapons - for the destruction of terror".

On 24 January 1950, the Constituent Assembly of India officially adopted 'Vande Mataram" as the national song, giving it enduring significance.

According to various accounts, a truncated version of "Vande Mataram", keeping only the first two of the original six stanzas, was chosen as the national song in 1937 by the Congress after a committee recommended the adoption.

Earlier in the day, the BJP alleged that the Congress party "brazenly pandering to its communal agenda under presidentship of Jawaharlal Nehru", adopted only a truncated "Vande Mataram" as the party's national song in 1937.

Our commitment to motherland will make our nation Viksit Bharat: LG

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the 150th year celebration of 'Vande Mataram', organised by Department of Culture.

The Lieutenant Governor paid tributes to Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and visited the exhibition on the National Song 'Vande Mataram'. He said, Rishi Bankim Chandra strengthened the bond between Maa Bharti and her sons and inspired people to secure the independence.

"Our commitment and dedication to the motherland will take our nation to its destiny of a Viksit Bharat. Young generation must remember that they are inheritors of this great civilization and their contribution in the progress and prosperity of society will be fitting tribute Maa Bharti," the Lieutenant Governor said.



LG Manoj Sinha at an event to mark 150th year celebration of 'Vande Mataram' in Jammu.

Years of Vande Mataram. Our national song "Vande Mataram", by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay was written during the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Navami which was on 7th November in 1875. Vande Mataram first appeared in the literary journal Bangadarshan as part of his novel Anandamath. The song, invoking the Motherland as the embodiment of strength,

prosperity and divinity, gave poetic expression to India's awakening spirit of unity and self-respect. It soon became an enduring symbol of devotion to the nation. The celebrations witnessed Mass Singing of the full version of "Vande Mataram" with participation of citizens across all segments of society.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member

(Pic by Ashok Anand) of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Chandraker Principal Secretary, Home; Bhim Sen Tuti; IGP Jammu; Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Culture; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu: administrative secretaries; senior officials; heads of educational institutions; youth and prominent citizens were

Amit Sharma posted as Director Census Operations J&K and Ladakh under CSS

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Amit Secretary to Government of Mizoram, ICT Department

with Additional Charge Director Census, Mizoram has proceeded on Central Deputation under CSS, as Director C e n s u s

Operations. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on full-time basis, wherein he shall have to join this new posting of Director under Central Deputation in Government of India within a period of three weeks of

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Govt. Job as Panchayat Accountant through JKSS-RB. He was absconding

since last 03 months," an

During the course of inves-

tigation, the official added, it

came to fore that, earlier two

separate cases. were regis-

tered against the accused

Fayaz Ahmed Bhat viz FIR

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Sunrise: 06:53 Hours

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Soil IAS Amit Sharma returns back to

homeland after a gap of about three years, to conduct Census in the home soil. this time digitally, after gaining a productive experience of serv-

ing in three tough states/UTs located on n different nooks and corners of Bharat namelv, Mizoram, Ladakh and J&K to be posted as full-time Director Census

Vande Mataram's full version will be sung in celebrations marking song's 150 years: Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the full version of "Vande Mataram" will be sung across the country as part of its 150-year celebrations, calling it a timeless call to national unity and cultural awakening.

Penning his views on his website, Shah said "Vande Mataram" is a song of freedom, the spirit of unyielding resolve and the first mantra of Bharat's awakening.

Calling it a prayer and a prophecy, he said and added that it was poet Bankim Chandra's first proclamation



"To mark 150 years of this immortal hymn, $_{
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November Through these celebrations, the full version of 'Vande Mataram' will resonate across the nation once again, inspiring the youth to inter-

Nationalism'," he wrote. 'Vande Mataram' is the song of freedom, the spirit of

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unyielding resolve and the first mantra of Bharat's awakening. This sacred chant will continue to echo through eternity, reminding us to view our history, our culture, our values and our traditions through the vision Bharatiyata (Indianness)," he said.

He said that throughout India's history, music and art have played a defining role in shaping social and political

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 said. Work on the road proj-

Crime Branch chargesheets 4 revenue officials in fraudulent land compensation case

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir has filed a chargesheet against 10 people, including four revenue department officials, for their alleged involvement in a land compensation fraud case in Anantnag district.

The case pertains to the fraudulent disbursement of compensation to "non-existent" beneficiaries whose land was falsely shown as acquired by the government during the construction of the Verinag-Kokernag road via Batagund, a spokesperson of the Crime Branch

ect in south Kashmir commenced in 2015.

According to the official, the chargesheet in the case, registered under sections of the RPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act, was filed before the Court of the Special Judge (Anti-

Corruption), Anantnag. During investigation, it was found that certain revenue officials -- the then Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar, Girdawar, and Patwari of Dooru -- were part of a 'criminal conspiracy" with private individuals to manipulate and forge official records, thereby

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Over 6,000 registered for maiden BSF **EOW of Crime Branch** arrests absconder Jammu marathon on Sunday STATE TIMES NEWS Economic

JAMMU: **STATE TIMES NEWS** Offences Wing of Crime

JAMMU: Over 6,000 people Branch Kashmir has arrested an absconder namely have registered for the first-Fayaz Ahmed Bhat, son of ever Jammu BSF Marathon Ghulam Hassan Bhat, resion November 9, a top officer dent of Chadoora, Budgam of the border guarding force involved in case FIR No. said on Friday, as prepara-110/2023 under Section tions are almost complete for 419, 420, 120-B IPC. the mega event. "In 2023, an FIR was reg-

Director General of BSF istered on the written com-Daljit Singh Chawdhary will plaint received from one flag off the marathon in four race categories -- 42 km, 21 Javaid Igbal of Poonch, a km and 10 km -- besides the charge-sheet was produced before the Court of Chief 5 km 'run for fun' which is open to all, Inspector Judicial Magistrate Poonch against the said accused on General of BSF, Jammu October 28, 2025. He cheatfrontier, Shashank Anand ed the complainant for an amount of Rs. 4,20,000 on

He said famous Bollywood



IG BSF. Jammu frontier. Shashank Anand briefing media.

actor Suniel Shetty and J-K's acclaimed para-archer Rakesh Kumar are also participating in the opening and closing ceremonies of the

prize of Rs 1.50 lakh for full marathon, Rs 75,000 for half-marathon and Rs 50,000 for 10-km run. Six

Abdullah said the NC in

2024 sought votes with a

commitment to keep the BJP

out and has stood by that

pledge by not forming an

"This is the difference

between the PDP and the

said. "They asked for votes

alliance.

absconder arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A rape accused

and a woman absconder were arrested in separate incidents in Doda and Reasi districts, police said on Friday. Sunil Kumar, who was wanted for rape and criminal breach of trust, was arrested in a well-coordinated operation from Doda, a police spokesperson said.

He said the case against Kumar, a resident of Sindra Bala, was registered at Janipur police station, Jammu sometime back but he evaded his arrest and went underground. In another case, police have successfully apprehended a

then shook hands with the

same people. We asked for

Vande Mataram is national call from Kashmir to Kanyakumari: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday organized a special programme at its Jammu headquarters in Trikuta Nagar to commemorate 150 years of India's National Song, Vande Mataram.

The event was attended by National General Secretary and In-Charge Jammu Kashmir Tarun Chugh, newly elected Rajya Sabha MP and BJP State President Sat Sharma, Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, along with members of the State Executive and

Addressing the gathering,



Chugh said that Vande Mataram is not merely a song but the soul of India's freedom movement - a chant that united millions of and awakened the spirit of Bharatiya.

that Vande He said Mataram symbolizes the reverence of every Indian towards the motherland and continues to inspire a sense of unity and pride.

Chugh criticized the Congress for its long history of appeasement and for repeatedly undermining national symbols to please vote banks

"Since the 1923 Kakinada Congress session, when Maulana Mohammad Ali objected to the singing of

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Entire opposition aligned against NC over its anti-BJP stand: Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday accused the entire opposition of joining forces against his party, National Conference (NC), which he said has stood firm on its promise to keep the BJP out of power.

Campaigning for the NC candidate in a roadshow in Budgam of central Kashmir, Abdullah said that his government has been "occasionally punished" for its anti-In his address, Abdullah

framed the November 11 bypoll as a contest against a unified opposition trying to defeat Agha Mehmood, the NC candidate.

Launching an attack on the PDP, he reminded the people of the 2014 Assembly election and its aftermath, when



the PDP joined hands with

"The party that came out here, who told you that to keep the BJP out, it is necessary to vote for the PDP. And what was the result after the election? The same people brought the BJP to power and started to destroy Jammu and Kashmir," he

votes against the BJP in 2024 and still kept them out of the government." Abdullah said that his gov-

ernment's pre-poll promise to bring a resolution to seek the special status of Jammu and Kashmir in the first assembly session was fulfilled when a copy of the resolution passed by the state assembly was handed over to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Asked about the absence of his party's Lok Sabha MP, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, who has represented this Shiadominated seat thrice, Abdullah replied that his party had never forced anyone to campaign.

"Those who want to cam-National Conference," he paign do out of their own free will, and those who do not

wish to will not. That is perfectly ok; I do not force anyone to campaign. But when we win, those who did not support us are not going to be part of our joy," Abdullah

Mehdi has been at odds with the party in recent months and has publicly attacked the government's functioning. Abdullah also accused the

PDP of supporting the BJP, in effect, by not fielding a candidate for the Nagrota

Elections are being held at two places -- Budgam and Nagrota. Ask them (PDP) where their candidate is in Nagrota? If they really are against the BJP, then why don't they have a candidate in Nagrota? "Where is the PDP or Apni Party

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Stray dogs case: SC asks states, UTs to take steps to address deficiencies

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Supreme Court on Friday directed the states and Union Territories to take appropriate steps to address the "deficiencies and shortcomings" pointed out in a report filed by the amicus curiae about compliance with the court's directions in the

stray dogs menace case. A three-judge special bench comprising justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria said that amicus curiae Gaurav Agrawal's report summarising the compliance affidavits submitted by the respective states and Union territories.

"The report highlights several grave deficiencies and shortcomings in the information furnished by certain States and Union Territories.

as well as areas where compliance with the directions issued by this court has either not been effected or remains incomplete," the bench said. It said the amicus has also

tions and recommendations to ensure effective and uniform implementation of the court's orders. The bench said contents of the report filed by the amicus

given constructive sugges-

shall be read as part and parcel of the court's order for all purposes. "The States and Union

Territories shall peruse the report and take appropriate steps to address the deficiencies and shortcomings pointed out therein," the bench said. It said every state and UT shall file

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