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Key stanzas of...

"The Congress committed the historic sin and blunder of linking the song with religion. Congress under Nehru citing religious grounds deliberately removed stanzas of Vande Mataram which hailed Goddess Ma Durga," BJP spokesperson CR Kesavan charged in a post on X.

The Congress hit back at Prime Minister Modi after his attack on the party over the dropping of stanzas from "Vande Mataram" in 1937, saying Rabindranath Tagore himself had suggested that the first two stanzas of the song be adopted.

In his remarks at the event, the prime minister said as the country marks 150 years of "Vande Mataram", it gives us new inspiration and fills people of the country with new energy.

"Vande Mataram is a word, a mantra, an energy, a dream, a resolve...We have to build a nation which is at the top on the basis of knowledge, science and technology," Modi said.

He said for centuries, the world listened to stories of India's prosperity.

"Just a few centuries ago, India accounted for nearly one-fourth of the global GDP. However, he noted that when Bankim (Chandra Chatterjee) Babu composed Vande Mataram, India had drifted far from that golden era. Foreign invasions, plunder, and exploitative colonial policies had left the country suffering with poverty and hunger," he said.

"Yet, Bankim Babu invoked the vision of a prosperous India, driven by his belief that no matter how great the challenges, India could revive its golden age. And thus, he gave the clarion call - Vande Mataram," Modi said.

The prime minister stated that during the colonial era, the British sought to justify their rule by portraying India as inferior and backward.

He emphasised that the very first line of "Vande Mataram" powerfully dismantled this false propaganda.

The prime minister said that for those who view the nation merely as a geopolitical entity, the idea of considering the nation as a mother may seem surprising.

"But India is different. In India, the mother is the giver of birth, the nurturer, and when her children are in danger, she is also the destroyer of evil," Modi said.

Underlining that today, as the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat finds success, as the nation advances with the resolve of Make in India, and as "we move steadily towards the goal of a developed India by 2047", Modi said every new achievement in this unprecedented era evokes the spontaneous chant-Vande Mataram

The Prime Minister further said, "When we see our daughters reaching the pinnacle in fields ranging from space technology to sports, when we witness them flying fighter jets, the slogan that rises from every proud Indian is-Vande Mataram!"

Noting that today marks 11 years since the implementation of 'One Rank One Pension', Modi stated that when India's armed forces crush the nefarious intentions of the enemy, when terrorism, Naxalism, and Maoist insurgency are decisively defeated, our security forces proclaim-Vande Mataram.

The programme marked the launch of the year-long nationwide commemoration, celebrating 150 years of the timeless composition that inspired India's freedom movement and continues to evoke national pride and unity.

The song was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterji on the occasion of Akshaya Navami, which fell on November 7 in 1875.

Crime Branch chargesheets...

facilitating the illegal release of compensation funds, he said. Fictitious entries were allegedly made in revenue documents to secure wrongful monetary gains, causing "substantial loss to the state exchequer and eroding public trust", the official said, adding that sufficient evidence has been collected during a thorough investigation. He said the Crime Branch reiterates its commitment to "ensuring transparency and accountability in public administration" and bringing all those involved in economic offences to justice.

Vande Mataram's full...

He said war songs of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's army, the patriotic anthems of the freedom struggle, and the songs of resistance during the Emergency all awakened collective consciousness and unity in Bharatiya society.

"Among them stands 'Vande Mataram', Bharat's national song. It did not emanate from a battlefield but in the calm yet resolute mind of a scholar, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay. In 1875, on the day of Jagaddhatri Puja (Kartik Shukla Navami or Akshaya Navami), he composed the eternal anthem of the nation's freedom. He drew inspiration from Bharat's deepest civilisational roots, from the Atharva Veda's declaration 'Mata bhumiḥ putro aham prithivyaḥ' ('The earth is my mother, and I am her son') to the Devi Mahatmya's invocation of the Divine Mother," he said.

"Mahatma Gandhi himself admitted that 'Vande Mataram' had 'the magical power to stir even the dullest blood.' It united liberals and revolutionaries, scholars and soldiers alike. As Maharshi Aurobindo declared, it was 'the mantra of Bharat's rebirth'," he wrote.

Citing Maharshi Aurobindo, Shah wrote that Chattopadhyay was "a sage of modern Bharat" who "reawakened" the soul of the nation through his words.

"It reminded us that Bharat is not just a geographical territory, but a geo-cultural civilisation," he wrote.

He said that Chattopadhyay's novel Anandamath was a "mantra in prose" that inspired Indians to rediscover their inner strength.

Quoting Chattopadhyay's letter, Shah noted the author once said, "I shall have no objection if all my works are lost in the Ganga; this one hymn alone will live through eternity. It will be a great song and will win the hearts of the people." These words were prophetic."

"Only an individual brimming with devotion to the motherland could have written such lines," he said.

"Vande Mataram" transcended barriers of language and region and cited examples such as Tamil poet Subramania Bharati's Tamil translation and Punjabi revolutionaries who sang it in defiance of British rule, he wrote.

He said the sacred chant later became a rallying cry for revolutionaries of the Ghadar Party in California, soldiers of the Azad Hind Fauj and participants in the

1946 Royal Indian Navy mutiny.

"From Khudiram Bose to Ashfaqulla Khan, from Chandrashekhar Azad to Tiruppur Kumaran, the slogan echoed as one," Shah wrote.

"During the partition of Bengal in 1905, when rebellion swept across the province, the British banned public recitations of 'Vande Mataram'. Yet on 14 April 1906, in Barisal, thousands defied the order. When the police charged upon the peaceful crowd, men and women alike stood bleeding on the streets, shouting 'Vande Mataram' in unison," he said.

Shah wrote, "As we celebrate Bharat Parv and pay homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary, we are reminded of how Sardar's unification of Bharat was the living embodiment of the spirit of 'Vande Mataram'."

"This song is not merely a remembrance of the past but also a call to the future. Even today, Vande Mataram inspires our vision of a Viksit Bharat 2047, a confident, self-reliant and resurgent Bharat," he said.

Amit Sharma posted...

Operations of J&K and Ladakh regions on a Central Deputation under CSS for a period of five years or further posting whichever is earlier.

During his past tenures, Amit Sharma has been known as Go-Getter, whether during his tenure in Mizoram or in Ladakh, he has contributed immensely towards various departmental activities and set highest standards of administration there, backed by visible growth and development.

Being an IT and Digital India champion which has been recognized numerous times at various national and international platforms, Amit Sharma hold the unique distinction of consecutively serving three states in a row as IT Secretary, beginning from J&K, followed by Ladakh and currently, Mizoram wherein he has brought great reforms, such as successful implementation of paperless office (e-Office) in Mizoram Secretariat, pushing DigiLocker to new heights which has been recently awarded at national level, inking BHASHINI MoU with Government of India laying astrong foundation of missing multi-lingual platform in Mizoram, ensuring to work towards creating Mizo Fibre Grid Network to take fibre optic connectivity to each and every nook and corner of Mizoram.

Apart from this, Amit Sharma has also contributed tremendously to boost-up Cooperative Sector in the state of Mizoram in ongoing International Year of Cooperation 2025, as declared by United Nations, till recent times wherein Amit revived the Cooperative culture in the state and pushing for NCDC, NABARD and multiple funding channels towards revival of Mizo Cooperative Societies including a special push for Common Service Centres under MPACS model.

Prior to this, he served multiple departments in UT of Ladakh in his capacity as Administrative Secretary of IT, Transport, Rural Development, Disaster Management and Science & Technology, wherein he pushed towards making Ladakh as the first carbon neutral region of Bharat, as envisioned by Prime Minister, through the introduction of five Hydrogen-fuel cell buses on the roads of the UT and also, EV load carriers there. Apart from this, he held an additional charge of MD, Sindhu Infrastructure Development Corporation (SIDCO), the only PSU Corporation of Ladakh to push Ladakh towards multiple reforms through it.

Before this, Amit made an immense contribution while being Secretary Mining J&K which cannot be forgotten through his special initiative of pushing GSI towards discovery of 5.9 Million Tonnes of Lithium in Reasi district, which has happened first time ever in the history of Bharat. Amit also introduced maiden concept of e-Challans for mining of minor minerals in the UT of J&K to ensure total transparency and accountability while conducting mining activities in the UT.

As the then IT Secretary and CEO, J&K e-Governance Agency, Amit Sharma ensured smooth implementation of e-Office in J&K, worked towards expanding the base of e-Services to highest level in Bharat and even, making State Data Centre fully functional both regions of the UT, apart from taking several other key initiatives in IT domain like 100% Digitisation of Land Records, automation of working of several departments, etc

Now, when Amit Sharma is coming back in J&K, after gaining a great experience of serving out of state in multiple regions of Bharat, it is expected that he shall ensure successful implementation of Census Activity all across the UTs of J&K and Ladakh, which is being done through the vast usage of technology first-time ever, being a 'Digital Census' which shall be matter of pride and honour, being son of the soil. It is notably mentioned that Census all-across the Bharat is a much awaited activity these days which lays a strong foundation of socio-economic growth, after multiple delays of about one and half decades, as last Census was conducted in India long back in 2011 and lot has changed in terms of demography, economy and development since then.

Vande Mataram is...

the Congress has shown the same divisive mindset - from then till the 2019 decision of the Madhya Pradesh Congress government to ban its recitation in the Secretariat," he said. "This consistent disrespect towards the National Song reflects a deep-rooted weakness in their idea of India."

Referring to recent statements from the Kashmir Valley against Vande Mataram programmes, Chugh said such voices are driven by hatred and separatism.

"Those who oppose Vande Mataram are not opposing a song; they are rejecting the idea of Bharat itself," he said, adding that this mentality stems from a narrow and divisive view of the nation.

Chugh emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is reclaiming its civilizational confidence and national pride

"The Congress may have tried to bury Vande Mataram under the burden of appeasement, but the people of India have revived it with devotion, courage, and unity," he said.

Rape accused, woman...

woman who had been evading arrest for the last 17 years from Katra area of Reasi district.

The woman was wanted in a case related to abduction and rape in Bhaderwah area of Doda in 2008, the spokesperson said.

Following her arrest, the accused was produced before the fast track court in Doda and she was subsequently lodged in district Jail Bhaderwah on judicial remand till

November 13.

Over 6,000 registered...

registered themselves for the marathon which will be a regular annual event to be organised by the Jammu BSF frontier hence forth, he said.

In addition to the marathon, IG BSF Anand said the DG will also flag off a strong contingent of 60 motorcycle-borne personnel of the force who will reach Bhuj area of Gujarat on November 19 to participate in the main raising day celebrations of the force two days later.

"BSF was raised in 1965 and is celebrating its 60th raising day this year in Gujarat on November 21. Our contingent of motorcyclists after covering various areas along the Indo-Pakistan border in J-K, Punjab and Rajasthan will reach Gujarat on November 19 They will participate in the raising day celebrations there," Anand said.

He highlighted that the marathon promotes fitness, unity and national pride, in line with the fit-India and Khelo India initiatives, and aimed at fostering stronger bonds between border communities and the nation.

Expressing satisfaction over the people's response to the marathon, he said more than 4000 registrations were recorded within first 36 hours of its announcement.

"We have over 6000 people from across the country participating in the marathon. Six among them are foreigners and the number could be more as we are still getting the queries from outside the country," IG BSF Anand said.

The BSF also displayed a message from actor Suniel Shetty who urged the people to make the event successful.

"The event is to celebrate fitness, unity and undying love for our nation. BSF has always inspired us not just with their courage at the borders of course but how they bring people together through this event...run with heart and run with courage and make India proud. More power to BSF" the actor said.

Another BSF officer said the highest 38 per cent of the participants are participating in 10-km run followed by 33 per cent for half-marathon and 11 per cent in full marathon.

"We have two categories of participants -- 18-40 years and 40 plus -- and they included both men and women. Mostly below 18 are taking part in run for fun and 10 km race."

"Over 1600 youngsters are also coming from border villages of Jammu," he said, adding the full marathon will be flagged off at 5 am, half-marathon at 6 am, 10-km run at 7 am and five km run at 8 am.

Stray dogs case: SC...

comprehensive additional affidavits before the next date of hearing, specifically indicating the remedial measures undertaken to ensure full compliance with this court's directions and to rectify the lapses highlighted in the report.

The bench said, "Any lethargy in this regard shall be viewed seriously".

It noted that pursuant to the court's directions of August 22 and October 27, the states and Union territories, except Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, have submitted their compliance affidavits in the matter.

The bench, while passing a slew of directions in the matter, posted it for further hearing on January 13. The apex court is hearing a suo motu case, initiated on July 28 over a media report on stray dog bites leading to rabies, particularly among children, in the national capital.

Entire opposition aligned...

candidate in Nagrota? They left the field. Only NC and BJP candidates are there," Abdullah said. The chief minister, who had vacated the Budgam seat after winning from Ganderbal, and thus necessitated the bypoll in the constituency, said he never wanted to contest from two seats.

"I had told my colleagues that I would not contest in two seats, but this is not an appropriate time to present the reality. A day will come when everything will be shared with you," he said.

The chief minister also talked about issues of local development, such as the creation of a new university at Budgam by 2025, as he had done earlier in Ganderbal.

He said discussions were on with the Board of Control for Cricket in India to build an international-level cricket ground and a new academy in the Budgam district.

He also addressed the controversy of electricity smart metres, a major political issue, with Abdullah defending the move by linking it directly to a key manifesto promise. "We have promised the people of Jammu and Kashmir in our manifesto that where there is less than 200 units of electricity used, we will forgo the electricity bill and make it free," he said. "We cannot honour that promise if we don't have the metres because consumption can't be tracked without it," he said, and asked people to install the electricity metre to avail the benefit.

EOW of Crime...

Section 420, 120-B IPC R/W section 5(2) PC Act P/S Crime Branch Jammu which was challaned before the Court of Addl. District & Session Judge Rajouri on November 2, 2023 and FIR No. 33/2022 under Section 420 IPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu which is under investigation.

To apprehend the absconder, the official said, a special team was constituted by Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu led by DySP (10) Aakash Kohli alongwith HC Roop Lal and HC Girdhari Lal.

The team had been tracking the accused for the past three months and finally succeeded in arresting him from Jammu, official said adding that the arrested accused was produced before the Court of Sub Judge, Poonch today and has been remanded to judicial custody.

"Crime Branch Jammu reiterates its commitment to ensuring transparency and accountability in public administration and to bring all those involve in Economic Offences to justice," official said.



Janipur police recovers vehicle from Kashmir involved in cheating & criminal breach of trust case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Janipur Police have achieved a significant breakthrough in the investigation of case FIR No. 119/2025 U/S 406/420/506 IPC, registered at Police Station Janipur. A team led by PSI Fida Hussain has successfully recovered a Mahindra Bolero vehicle bearing Registration No. JK02CP-9020 from Srinagar.

The vehicle was reportedly involved in a cheating and criminal breach of trust case and had been traced to Srinagar through sustained efforts and technical assistance. The recovery was made under the close supervision of SDPO City West Jammu, Sh Satish Bhardwaj, and SHO Police Station Janipur, Insp. Vikram Sharma.

Further investigation into the case is ongoing, and the Janipur Police are working to bring the perpetrators to justice.

5 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, J&K Police have arrested 03 drug peddlers in Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party from Police Station Pampore, headed by SHO PS Pampore under the close supervision of SDPO Pampore during routine patrolling at Chandhara Nambal, intercepted three suspicious persons. During their personal search, police party recovered 8 kilograms and 925 grams of charas powder from their possession. The accused persons had been identified as Raiees Ahmad Sheikh son of Gh. Mohammad Sheikh & Prince Ahmad Mir son of Ali Mohammad Mir both residents of Chandhara, Manzoor Khan son of Farooq Khan resident of Drangbal Pampore. They have been arrested and a case FIR No. 118/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Pampore, and investigation has been initiated.

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 02 drug peddlers in Pulwama & Shopian and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Pulwama, a police party of Police Station Kakapora at a checkpoint established at Okhoo Kakapora, intercepted a suspicious person identified as Abdul Majeed Wani, son of Gh

Ahmad Wani, a resident of Nihama. During search, 2.765 kilograms of bang boosa like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and a case vide FIR No. 71/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kakapora and investigation has been initiated.

In Shopian, a police party of Police Station Zainapora, at a checkpoint established at Maldera Zainapora, intercepted a vehicle (Wagner) bearing registration number JK18-6181 driven by Umar Maqbool Parra resident of Humhona Nagbal Zainapora. During the search, search of the vehicle charas like substance weighing approximately 1.326 kgs were recovered from the vehicle. He has been arrested and a case vide FIR No. 108/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Zainapora and investigation has been initiated. The vehicle used in the commission of the crime was also seized.

Stolen truck recovered within hours

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a remarkable display of swift action, dedication, and effective coordination, Jammu Police, South Zone achieved a major breakthrough by recovering a stolen truck within just a few hours of the incident being reported. The successful operation was carried out by Police Station Gangyal under the close supervision of SHO PS Gangyal and the overall guidance of SDPO South and SP South Jammu.

Earlier this morning, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Gangyal by Randeep Singh, S/o Jagdev Singh, reporting that his truck bearing registration number JK02BM-3275, parked near the Digiana Gurdwara area, had been found missing the following morning. It was suspected that unknown individuals had stolen the vehicle during the



intervening night hours.

Taking the cognizance, FIR No. 115/2025 under relevant sections of law was registered at PS Gangyal. Acting swiftly, SHIO Gangyal constituted a dedicated police team comprising PSI Harish Chander, PSI Ashish Kumar, SgCT Manpreet Singh, and Ct. Mukesh Singh to carry out the investigation.

Through technical surveillance, thorough analysis of CCTV footage, intelligence gathering, and extensive field efforts, the team worked tirelessly with full commitment and traced the stolen vehicle within 5-6 hours. The truck was successfully recovered from the Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu area and brought back to Police Station Gangyal for further legal formalities.

Vehicle loaded with 'Khair' wooden logs seized, 2 arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police has seized a Mahindra load carrier loaded with Khair wooden logs and arrested two accused in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur.

A team of Police Station Vijaypur during vehicle check in g Naka at Gurah Morh Vijaypur, signaled to stop a Mahindra load carrier bearing registration No. JK21J-8825 for its checking which was moving towards Vijaypur side. But the driver of the vehicle accelerated the speed and tried to escape from the spot. The alert Police Naka Party successfully intercepted the said vehicle and during checking, Khair wooden logs were found laden which were being trans-



ported illegally without any valid permission.

The driver of the vehicle namely Usman Choudhary S/o Yousaf Hussain and his associate namely Injamam Choudhary S/o Yousaf Hussain both resident of Badhori tehsil Bari Brahmna district Samba have been arrested and the vehicle alongwith wooden logs have also been seized.

A case FIR No. 120/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Vijaypur and investigation started.

6 vehicles including 4 dumpers seized for illegal mining

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized six vehicles including four dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ramgarh which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHIO PS Samba, SHIO PS Ramgarh and Incharge Police Post Mansar of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized four dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21J-7540, JK21E-5891, JK14F-0422, JK21G-7079 and two tractor trolleys without registration Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

Man injured in shooting at Bari Brahmna

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARI BRAHMNA: A 60-year-old man was injured in a firing incident in Samba district on Friday, officials said. The firing took place near the J-K Bank ATM in Bari Brahmna market along the Jammu-Pathankot highway around 9 pm, the officials said.

They said Bishan Dass, a resident of Channi Kartholi village, received a bullet injury and was shifted to the hospital. The motive behind the shooting was not known immediately, the officials said. Police have reached the scene and started the investigation.

Preliminary investigations ruled out any terror angle, the officials said, adding the incident could be linked to a personal rivalry or a robbery attempt.