

LG attends Rajasthan Day celebration at Raj Bhawan

Urges youth to promote spirit of national integration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended the Rajasthan Day celebration, hosted by Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan at Jammu. The Lieutenant Governor conveyed his greetings and best wishes to the people of Rajasthan, on the occasion. "Rajasthan is known as land of warriors and it is the vibrant centre of India's rich culture and glorious heritage. The cultural richness of Rajasthan is as diverse as its geographical features. Rajasthan, one of the major centres of ancient civilization with its culture, art, knowledge, customs,



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the Rajasthan Day celebration event hosted by Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan at Jammu on Sunday.

traditions and values is contributing to the all-round development of India. In the field of architecture, music, dance and painting the state has made unparalleled contribution," the

Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor paid homage to the illustrious personalities of Rajasthan and recalled their invaluable contribution in nation building.

He said the legacy of the great warriors, freedom fighters and their saga of courage, resilience, and devotion to motherland will continue to inspire the generations.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth to actively participate and promote the spirit of national integration through a structured engagement between all States and Union Territories. "Young generation must take a pledge for individual contribution to showcase the collective representation of our country," he said. Several captivating performances were presented by the Artists celebrating the rich folk culture of Rajasthan. Officials, students and the residents of Rajasthan living in J&K UT were the special invitees on the occasion.

Jodhamal student's debut book on Agriculture and Science unveiled



Union Minister Dr Jitender Singh and others launching book of Anandini Sharma.

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JAMMU: Jodhamal School is proud to share a remarkable achievement by one of our bright and talented students, Anandini Sharma, who has not only excelled in academics and sports, but also made an outstanding contribution to literature at a young age.

& Technology; Earth Sciences; MoS Prime Minister Office, PP/ DoPT, Atomic Energy, Space.

The book launch and initiative of such a young author received high praise from more than 500 eminent Scientists, Scholars, and Subject experts from across the country who graced the occasion. What makes this book truly invaluable is that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology personally reviewed it and wrote the "foreword" following a careful and thorough evaluation.

Anandini, a dedicated Class 6 student, has recently published her debut book, showcasing her exceptional ability to engage with complex scientific concepts and present them in an accessible, creative way. Her book, which delves into the fascinating world of agriculture and allied sciences, was officially launched at the Annual National Conference on "Emerging Innovations in Biotechnology & Biochemistry in Agriculture" at the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu by Dr Jitender Singh, Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge) Science

Her ability to break down these complex topics into easy-to-understand narratives is a testament to her maturity and insight, making these concepts accessible to younger audiences.

Jodhamal School takes immense pride in Anandini's achievement at such a malleable age. The School's commitment to nurturing the diverse talents of our students continues to get a boost when our students achieve such feats. Anandini's success is a shining example of how we encourage creativity, critical thinking, and the pursuit of knowledge beyond the classroom.

Jodhamal School is proud to have played a role in fostering an environment that allows students like Anandini to explore their interests and push boundaries. Her achievement demonstrates the potential of young minds when provided with the right guidance and encouragement.

Indian manages Top-20 finish, Chacarra makes history as first Spanish winner of Indian Open

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
GURUGRAM: Indian trio of Veer Ahlawat, Gaganjeet Bhullar, and Om Prakash Chouhan finished in the top-20 as Eugenio Chacarra made history by becoming the first Spanish golfer to clinch the Hero Indian Open title with a one-under 71 on the final day here on Sunday.

The 25-year-old, who entered the tournament on a special invite from Hero MotoCorp, began the final day with a double bogey and closed with a bogey-par finish to win by two shots over defending champion Keita Nakajima of Japan (72).

Among the other Indians, Ajeetesh Sandhu (78) finished T-31, Shubhankar Sharma (75) was placed T-43, Shaurya Bhattacharya (79) T-54, and Shiv Kapur (83) was Tied-60 with Kshitij Naveed Kaul.

Chacarra's remarkable victory began with his win in the Hero Pro-Am earlier in the week. He shot rounds of 70-70-73-71 to take home a winner's cheque of USD 382,500, while Nakajima earned USD 247,500 for his runner-up finish.

Ahlawat (75), last year's runner-up, along with Chouhan (71) and Bhullar (73), who bogeyed and double-bogeyed the last three holes, finished tied for 17th, slipping from T-10.

Sachin Baisoya (82) finished 64th, Jairaj Singh Sandhu (81) was 65th, Saptak Talwar (88) was 66th, and Aman Raj (85) placed 67th.

"First of all, thanks Hero, and everyone involved with Hero. I appreciate it, and you guys probably changed my life today. So thanks for that," an emotional Chacarra said.

"It was a tough day. We knew it was going to be a long day, going to be a lot of pressure and I didn't have the start that I really wanted to without missing shots. But we know how this course is. The wind changes for one second and

then you're like 20 yards short. "But I did a great job all week staying patient. I think God was helping me today. I got a couple of good bounces. That's chip on 14 and that ball on 17, they were good shots and then they ended up in the bad spots. "I got some good bounces and you need some like that to win. But very proud, I don't have words right now." Nakajima, looking for a back-to-back wins at the Hero Indian Open, opened with two bogeys in the first three holes and then went through 11 pars before finishing birdies on the 15th and 18th for a round of even par 72 to finish runner-up for the second time in as many weeks.

Dy CM, Jal Shakti Minister extend Navratri greetings

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Sunday extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Navratri, a festival symbolising devotion, strength and triumph of good over evil.

The Deputy Chief Minister also encouraged the citizens to uphold the spirit of unity and compassion, sharing joy with those in need and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood across communities.

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In his felicitations, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasised the spiritual significance of Navratri, highlighting it as a time for self-discipline, prayer and inner purification. He urged the people to celebrate the festival with devotion while upholding the values of harmony and inclusivity. "I extend my heartfelt greetings to all our citizens on the sacred occasion of Navratri," he stated. "May this festival bring renewed hope, prosperity and divine blessings into every home. Let us come together in prayer

and celebrate the power of faith and righteousness." The Deputy Chief Minister also encouraged the citizens to uphold the spirit of unity and compassion, sharing joy with those in need and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood across communities. Minister for Jal Shakti and Forests, Javed Ahmed Rana also greeted the people of Jammu and Kashmir on Navratri, saying this festival inspires us to adopt the principles of honesty, truthfulness and righteousness in our lives. The Minister added that we should resolve ourselves to celebrate the triumph of good over evil, binding all communities in the true sense of brotherhood. The nine day festival holds great meaning and has a long history of being

celebrated across the country, marking the victory of light over darkness. The Minister prayed for peace and prosperity for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo in her message said that this holy festival reminds us to adhere to the true spirit of honesty, righteousness and truthfulness in our lives. She urged people to embrace the festival's spirit of unity, while upholding traditions that bring communities together. She expressed hope that this Navratri would bring renewed strength and inspiration for a brighter future, fostering unity and progress in our society. The Minister also prayed for peace, progress and prosperity for entire Jammu and Kashmir.

Modi visits RSS headquarters, calls Sangh banyan tree of Indian culture

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGPUR: In his first visit to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) headquarters after becoming the prime minister 11 years ago, Narendra Modi on Sunday described the Sangh as the 'banyan tree' of India's immortal culture.

Modi became the second sitting PM to visit the RSS headquarters in Nagpur. Atal Bihari Vajpayee had visited it in 2000 during his third term as PM, an RSS official said. This is also Modi's third term in the top post.

In a jam-packed schedule in Nagpur since early morning, Modi visited the Dr Hedgewar Smruti Mandir at RSS headquarters and paid homage to the founding fathers of the Sangh. He also visited Deekshabhoomi, where Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar embraced Buddhism in 1956. Modi also laid the founda-

tion stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre, a new extension building of Madhav Netralaya Eye Institute & Research Centre, named after late RSS chief Madhavrao Golwalkar. Speaking after laying the foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre, Modi said RSS volunteers are working selflessly in various spheres and parts of the country.

Modi said that building a "developed and inclusive Bharat" will be the true tribute to Dr Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution. Modi went inside the stupa at the Deekshabhoomi and paid homage to Ambedkar's 'asthi' (mortal remains) kept there. In his message penned in Hindi in the visitors' diary at the venue, Modi said, "I am overwhelmed that I got an opportunity to visit Deekshabhoomi, one of the five 'Panchthirth' of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, in Nagpur. One can feel Babasaheb's principles of social harmony, equality and justice in this holy atmosphere here."

"RSS is the banyan tree of India's immortal culture and modernisation whose ideals and principles are to protect the national consciousness," Modi said. "This large vatruksh is not an ordinary one," he said, adding the RSS is synonymous to service. Modi said the 'tapasya' of RSS with its 'sangathan' and 'samarpan' in the last 100 years is showing fruits as the country approaches its target of 'Viksit Bharat' in 2047.

The 1925-47 was a crisis period as the country was fighting for independence and now, after 100 years, the RSS is stepping into another milestone, he said. "The time span from 2025 to 2047 is important because big goals are ahead of us. We have to lay the foundation stone of the next 1,000 years of a strong and developed India," Modi said. The nation is celebrating 75 years of the Constitution this year and the RSS is completing 100 years (of its formation), he noted. Addressing the audience, Mohan Bhagwat said the Madhav Netralaya worked hard for several years for people's welfare. It is inspired by the Sangh's ideology of selfless service, he said. "It doesn't look good that people are bereft of health facilities and hence, the RSS volunteers have selflessly worked to provide vision to the needy at the Madhav Netralaya," he said. The RSS volunteers don't seek anything for themselves but work for others in the society, Bhagwat said. Service is life's mission for the RSS, he added.

Modi visited the Dr Hedgewar Smruti Mandir in Reshimbagh area in the morning and paid tributes at the memorials dedicated to RSS founder Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, and second sarsangchalak (chief) M S Golwalkar. The memorials are dedicated to the values of Indian

culture, nationalism and the organisation, Modi wrote in Hindi in a message book at the venue. "The memorial of the two strong pillars of RSS is an inspiration to lakhs of swayamsevaks who have dedicated themselves to the service of the nation," the PM wrote. "I am overwhelmed to visit the Smruti Mandir which cherishes the memories of Param Pujaniya Dr Hedgewar and Pujya Guruji," he added. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Union minister Nitin Gadkari were present during Modi's visit to the Smruti Mandir. "Visiting Smruti Mandir in Nagpur is a very special experience. Making today's visit even more special is the fact that it has happened on Varsha Pratipada, which is also the Jayanti of Param Pujya Doctor Sahab. "Countless people like me derive inspiration and strength from the thoughts of Param Pujya Doctor Sahab and Pujya Guruji. It was an honour to pay homage to these two greats, who envisioned a strong, prosperous and culturally proud Bharat," Modi posted on X. Hailing Deekshabhoomi as a symbol of social justice and empowering the downtrodden, Modi reiterated the government's commitment to work even harder to realise the India which Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar envisioned.

Modi also visited the Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited's ammunition facility in Nagpur and inaugurated an airstrip for Unarmed Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and a facility for testing loitering munition.

India to tour Australia for 3 ODIs and 5 T20Is in October-November

■ AGENCY
MELBOURNE: The Indian team will tour Australia later this year for a multi-format limited overs series comprising three ODIs and five T20 Internationals, Cricket Australia (CA) said on Sunday.

The 2025-26 season will be the first-ever to feature men's international matches in all eight Australian states and territories, with three ODIs and five T20 Internationals, Cricket Australia (CA) said on Sunday. That will come after the 2023 World Cup finalists face off in 50-over matches in Perth, Adelaide and Sydney. Gold Coast's Carrara Stadium will then see T20 action along with

the regular venues, the MCG and the Gabba. India will be returning to Australia after the gripping five-Test Border Gavaskar Trophy in 2024-25 which set new attendance records Down Under. "We smashed many records for attendance, viewing audiences and digital engagement last summer and we're confident that this incredible momentum will continue

throughout what promises to be an engrossing season." Cricket Australia's chief executive Todd Greenberg said. "We are extremely grateful for the cooperation and support of all our government, venue, broadcast and commercial partners who ensure Australia's national sport continues to deliver brilliant experiences in stadiums and drive participation across the country." Fixtures:

October 19: Perth Stadium, Perth (D/N)
October 23: Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (D/N)
October 25: SCG, Sydney (D/N)
October 29: Manuka Oval, Canberra (N)
October 31: MCG, Melbourne (N)
November 2: Bellerive Oval, Hobart (N)
November 6: Gold Coast Stadium, Gold Coast (N)
November 8: The Gabba, Brisbane (N).

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deep backward point, while Nitish's pull off an off-cutter ended in the hands of Axar Patel at mid-on. But Aniket held the stumbling SRH innings together through a 77-run alliance with Heinrich Klaasen (32, 19b) until the latter fell to a brilliant catch by Nigam off Mohit Sharma (1/25). Aniket, waited for spinners to come into attack and Axar was his favoured whipping boy - smacking him for four sixes in all. The 22-year-old from Madhya Pradesh, who was dropped on six by Porel off Axar, fetched his fifty off 34 balls, his first in a nascent four-match IPL career. The right-hander scored runs at a strike-rate of 194 against the spinners, and was more cautious against pacers but still struck them around at 148. Aniket looked set for a hundred but Fraser-McGurk's athletic catch, which was a feature of Delhi's fielding on the day, in

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Du Plessis, Starc guide Capitals to 7-wicket win over Sunrisers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
VISAKHAPATNAM: Faf du Plessis' excellent fifty and Mitchell Starc's five-wicket haul were the lead acts in Delhi Capitals' comprehensive seven-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL match here on Sunday.

Du Plessis (50, 27b, 3x4, 3x6) added 81 runs with his opening partner Jake Fraser-McGurk (38, 32b) as the Capitals overhauled Hyderabad's inadequate 163 all out in 16 overs, for their second win on the trot. Once DC openers made a quick start off the block, the result was never in doubt, but their approach was vastly different. Du Plessis wound the clock back with some stunning shots, such as a straight six off Pat Cummins. But at other end, McGurk was struggling for his tim-

ing, partly because of his exaggerated back-lift and partly because of his desire to hit all the ball out of the park. However, his senior partner was willing to do the heavy-lifting and brought up his fifty in 26 balls. The South African thus became the third 40-plus batter to score a 50 in the IPL after Adam Gilchrist and Chris Gayle. But the alliance was

snapped when debutant leg-spinner Zeeshan Ansari (3/42) dismissed Du Plessis, who departed after Wiaan Mulder took a brilliant running catch to the join the list of stunning catchers in the evening. The impressive 25-year-old Ansari, who once was a part of India Under-19 World Cup squad which also had Rishabh Pant, Ishan Kishan and Washington Sundar back in the day, soon got rid

of McGurk and KL Rahul in quick succession to reduce DC to 115 for three in the 12th over but that was not even enough to create artificial excitement. Abhishek Porel (34 not out, 18 balls) and Tristan Stubbs (21 not out, 14 balls) joined for a 51-run stand for the fourth wicket to push SRH to their second successive defeat in this IPL. Earlier, Aniket Verma made a free-flowing 74 off 41 balls (5x4, 6x6) but their excessive aggression and five-wicket man Starc forced Sunrisers Hyderabad to settle for a woefully sub-par 163 all out. Aniket showed how to capitalise a smooth pitch with a wisely accelerated innings but there were not many takers for that route in the Sunrisers camp. The Hyderabad side's beginning itself was flawed,

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SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	
Abhishek Sharma run out (Nigam)	01
Travis Head c †Rahul b Starc	22
Ishan Kishan c Stubbs b Starc	02
Nitish Kumar Reddy c Patel b Starc	00
Aniket Verma c Fraser-McGurk b Kuldeep Yadav	74
Heinrich Klaasen † c Nigam b Sharma	32
Abhinav Manohar c du Plessis b Kuldeep Yadav	04
Pat Cummins (c) c Fraser-McGurk b Kuldeep Yadav	02
Wiaan Mulder c du Plessis b Starc	09
Harshal Patel c Patel b Starc	05
Mohammed Shami not out	01
Extras	11
Total	163/10
DELHI CAPITALS	
Jake Fraser-McGurk c & b Zeeshan Ansari	38
Faf du Plessis c Mulder b Zeeshan Ansari	50
Abhishek Porel not out	34
KL Rahul † b Zeeshan Ansari	15
Tristan Stubbs not out	21
Extras	08
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