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Jammu Newspapers Editors Guild celebrates 79th Independence Day with patriotic fervour, solemn tribute

Dr Jitendra visits Kishtwar disaster site, lauds integrated efforts of government, people

Tricolour Triumphs: JKPS Kunjwani blends patriotism with cultural grandeur on 79th Independence Day

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LG hoists National Flag at Raj Bhavan on 79th Independence Day

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha saluting the National Flag at Raj Bhavan

Independence Day, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha hoisted and saluted the National Flag at Raj Bhavan in Srinagar. He conveyed his heartiest greetings and good wishes to

The Lieutenant Governor paid tributes to the freedom fighters and brave hearts of Police, Army and CAPFs. He also paid homage to the citizens who lost their lives due to the tragic cloudburst in Chashoti, Kishtwar.

"On this Independence Day, let us take a pledge that no individual or village is left out of this historic journey of peace and progress. As we watch tricolour flying high, let us look ahead with pride, confidence and hope towards a better and brighter future for UT of Jammu Kashmir," the Lieutenant Governor

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor said: "Hoisted our National Flag at Raj Bhavan in Srinagar on the occasion of 79th Independence Day. I convey my heartiest greetings and good wishes to all. This is a day we salute our tricolor and feel pride in watching it fly

Hoists National Flag, addresses people on 79th Independence Day J&K has every right to be State: CM

SRINAGAR: On the occa-Independence Day, Minister Omar Abdullah hoisted the Tricolour at the Bakshi Stadium here and delivered an address to the people of Jammu & Kashmir, calling for unity, justice and restoration of the State's constitutional status.

Opening his speech on a solemn note, the Chief Minister extended heartfelt condolences to the families affected in Kishtwar due to cloudburst tragedy.

"As we celebrate our Independence Day, at the same time we mourn the loss of precious lives in the cloudburst at Kishtwar. I want to tell the people of Kishtwar and those affected by this calamity - my government stands with them shoulderto-shoulder and Government will support them. We must also see whether administration could have been proactive and done more to save



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah inspecting the Parade.

there was advance weather advisory. In the coming days, we shall fix the responsibility for any lapses," he said.

Marking his Independence Day address from the Bakshi Stadium in over a decade. Omar Abdullah reflected on the seismic political changes since he last addressed the state from this platform.

"It has been 11 years since I have addressed the people of Jammu & Kashmir from this stage. Back then, we had our own identity, our own special status, our own flag, and our own constitution. Today, none of that remains. Even the status of being aState is not ours anymore, he said.

The Chief Minister questioned the prolonged wait for democracy's return to J&K and the unfulfilled hopes of meaningful announcements from New Delhi.

"Some of our friends and relatives kept telling me this year there would be an announcement from Delhi. We waited. It did not happen. The truth is, the ray of light I often spoke about has dimmed slightly - but I am still not ready to give up or accept that nothing will change," he asserted.

Omar Abdullah asked whether the stated objective of integrating J&K fully and equally with the rest of the country had truly been achieved.

"Has equality come? Are we really equal to the rest of the country? Have we really improved? If ves, I will remain silent. But if not, tell me - what was our fault that we find ourselves here today?'

Sharing his personal experience of leading both a State and now a Union Territory, he was candid in his critique: "I do not want anyone to be

the Chief Minister of a

Kishtwar Cloudburst: LG takes stock of rescue, relief operations In a post on X, the

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha spoke to senior Officials

operations at Chashoti Kishtwar. In a social

media

Governor said that he will ensure the reconstruction of homes

He also directed the senior officials for immediate relief and uninterrupted essential supplies to the

Imposing fixed timelines on Guvs, Prez would lead to 'constitutional

disorder': Centre to SC STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Imposing

fixed timelines on Governors

and the President to act on

bills passed by a state

Assembly would amount to one organ of the government

assuming powers not vested

in it by the Constitution and

lead to a "constitutional disorder", the Centre has told

The Centre has said this in

the written submissions filed

in the Presidential Reference

raising constitutional issues

on whether timelines could

be imposed for dealing with

bills passed by a state

"The alleged failure, inac-

tion or error of one organ

does not and cannot authorise another organ to assume powers that the Constitution has not vested in it. If any

organ is permitted to arro-

gate to itself the functions of

another on a plea of public interest or institutional dis-

satisfaction or even on the

justification derived from the

Constitution ideals, the con-

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"Spoke to Senior Officials and took stock of the rescue and took stock of the rescue and relief operations at >> Says, I will ensure reconstruction

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Lieutenant Governor said:

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HC of J&K, Ladakh marks 79th I-Day with grand celebration

SRINAGAR: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on celebrated the Independence Day with a grand celebration and spirited gathering at the High Court Complex, Srinagar.

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The event witnessed an exceptional turnout from the legal fraternity, creating an atmosphere filled with patriotic fervor and unity.

The celebration was graced by Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli, who hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Mohd Yousuf Wani and Justice Shahzad Azeem, the sitting Judges of the Srinagar Wing along with former Judges and members of the Civil and



at High Court Complex, Srinagar.

Police administration.

The proceedings commenced with the ceremonial flag hoisting, attended by the officers of the Registry and Judicial Officers from the District Judiciary, Senior Advocates, Government Advocates, members of the Bar and lawyers from the District Court Srinagar. The officers and officials of the High Court of J&K, the J&K Legal Services Authority and the District Court Srinagar also joined in large numbers, symbolizing the solidarity and commitment to the ideals of the Constitution.

The occasion also served as a reminder of the pivotal role played by the judiciary and members of the legal profession in India's struggle for independence. Many stalwarts of the freedom movement including Mahatma Gandhi,

Seems some parties did not examine voters' lists at appropriate time to flag errors: EC "It seems that some politi-

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Seeking to

counter opposition parties' allegations of fudging in voter data, the Election (EC) on Commission Saturday said it seems that some political parties did not examine the electoral rolls at the "appropriate time" to point out errors to the poll machinery and noted that it welcomes a scrutiny of the document to help its officials remove flaws

In a statement, the EC said the period for raising claims and objections after the draft voters' list is published is the appropriate time for parties

cal parties and their Booth Level Agents (BLAs) did not examine the electoral rolls at the appropriate time and did not point out errors, if any...," it said.

It noted that recently, some political parties and individuals raised issues about errors in the electoral rolls, including the electoral rolls prepared in the past. The appropriate time, it

said, to raise any issue with the electoral rolls would have been during the "Claims and Objections" period. ... which is precisely the

objective behind sharing

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Terrorists, those providing them safe haven will be treated CM visits cloudburst-hit Chashoti, announces alike: Modi on Op Sindoor; sends stern warning to Pak

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NEW DELHI: In a clear and stern warning to Pakistan from the ramparts of Red Fort, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said terrorists and those providing them safe haven will be treated alike and that Indian armed forces will deliver a "crushing" response to the enemy in case of any future misadven-

Delivering his address on the country's 79th Independence Day, Modi, referring to Operation Sindoor, said the Indian military punished the enemies beyond their imagination and that India will no longer tolerate Islamabad's "nuclear blackmail" and will respond appropriately. The remarks came days after Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



PM Narendra Modi arriving at Red Fort on the occasion of 79th Independence Day celebrations in Delhi on Friday

relief, rehabilitation measures **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: Chief Ministe Omar Abdullah has visited the flood-hit Chashoti village in Kishtwar to take firsthand stock of the devastation caused by the recent cloud-

Upon his arrival, he was briefed by Indian Army personnel and used a virtual reality headset to assess the scale of destruction.

The Chief Minister, who reached Kishtwar on Friday evening, traveled by road to the affected village early Saturday morning.

He was accompanied by his Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani,



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah taking stock of rescue operation at flood-hit Chashoti.

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Rescue ops continue at Chashoti; 60 dead, over 100 in

KISHTWAR/JAMMU: coordinated rescue and relief operation continued for the third consecutive day on Saturday in a remote village in Kishtwar district, where 60 people lost their lives and over 100 others were injured, officials said.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh, accompanied by and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat, visited the devastated village late Friday night and reviewed ongoing rescue and relief efforts carried out by the army, National Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Border Roads Organisation (BRO), civil administration,

and local volunteers operat-

ing in the high-altitude ter-

So far, 46 bodies have been

identified and handed over to their next of kin after completion of legal formalities. Meanwhile, 75 persons have been reported missing by families, although locals and eyewitnesses claim that hundreds may have been swept away by flash floods and buried under giant boulders, logs, and rubble.

Among the deceased were two personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and a Special Police Officer (SPO) of the local police, the officials added.

Chisoti-the last motorable

disaster

village en route to the Machail Mata temple-at approximately 12:25 pm on August 14. It flattened a makeshift market, a langar (community kitchen) site for

At least 16 residential houses and government buildings, three temples, four

water mills, a 30-meter-long bridge, and over a dozen vehicles were also damaged in the flash floods.

The annual Machail Mata ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

25 and was scheduled to conclude on September 5, remained suspended for

vatra, which began on July

Man running Langar rescued alive after 30 hours under debris

CHASHOTI: In the wooded valleys of Kishtwar, people often recall an age-old saying in the Dogri language which roughly translates to "Whom Mata Machail protects, none can harm. Nowhere did this faith ring truer than in Chashoti village during rescue operations on Friday.

Amid the devastation caused by the cloudburst, Subhash Chandra, who had been running a langar for Mata Machail oilgrims, was rescued alive after being trapped under debris for nearly 30 hours. "Whom ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Anxious relatives cling to hope as search for missing

CHASHOTI: Two days after a devastating cloudburst struck Chashoti village in Kishtwar district, anxious relatives of the missing are clinging to fading hope

With rescue operations continuing on the third day, the grief-stricken relatives said they are hoping against hope, as every passing hour dims the chances of the victims' survival. So far, 82 people -- 81 pilgrims and one CISF personnel are reported missing after the cloudburst-induced flash floods hit the village in Padder sub-division of Kishtwar district on Thursday afternoon. Jammu, Udhampur and Samba districts accounted for the highest ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9