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FIFTH NAVRATRA

Maa Skandmata
 Fifth incarnation of Goddess Durga is called 'Maa Skandmata', Mother of Lord Skand (also known as Kartikeya) who headed 'Devatas' in fight against 'Danavas'. On this Navratra heart comes in 'Vishuddh Chakra'. Maa Skandmata has four arms with Bhagwan Skand in her lap, holding with one hand in the blessing mode. Skandmata fulfills all the desires and guides door of heaven to worshipper.
 Mantra to be recited nine times on this Navratra is :-
 "Om Aing Hareng Kleeng Chaang Bhagwati Skand Matai Lakshmi Roopini Dhan Vidhim Kuru Kuru Swaha"
 ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं च्च भगवती स्कंदमातायै लक्ष्मी रूपिणी धन वृद्धिं कुरु कुरु स्वाहा।

Afghan-origin terrorists may try to enter J&K: Army Chief

'Targeted killings in Kashmir matter of concern'

STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: Chief of Army Staff Gen MM Naravane on Saturday did not rule out the possibility of Afghan-origin foreign terrorists attempting to infiltrate into Jammu and Kashmir once the situation stabilises in Afghanistan as he cited similar instances when the Taliban was in power in Kabul over two decades ago.

At the same time, he said Indian armed forces are prepared to deal with any eventuality as they have a very strong counter-infiltration grid as well as a mechanism to check terrorist activities in the hinterland in Jammu and Kashmir.

Asked at the India Today conclave whether there was any link between the spate of

recent killings of civilians in Kashmir and the Taliban's capture of power in Afghanistan, Gen Naravane said it cannot be said



whether there was a connection. "Definitely, there has been a spurt in activities (in Jammu and Kashmir) but whether they can be directly linked to what is happening in or happened in Afghanistan, we really can-

not say," the Army Chief said. "But what we can say and learn from the past is that when the previous Taliban regime was in power, that time definitely we had foreign terrorists of Afghan origin in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. "So there are reasons to believe that the same thing might happen once again that once the situation in

Afghanistan stabilises, then we could see an inflow of these fighters from Afghanistan to the Jammu and Kashmir," he added. The Chief of Army Staff said the Indian armed forces are fully ready to deal

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Ladakh standoff: India, China to hold military talks today

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India and China will hold another round of high-level military talks on Sunday with a focus on making some forward movement in the disengagement process in the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh, government sources said.

The talks are scheduled to start at 10:30 AM at the Moldo border point on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, the sources said on Saturday.

The Indian side is expected to seek disengagement as soon as possible in the remaining friction

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AC approves installation of roof-top solar power plants, water pumps

Gives nod to Distt Court Complex Kathua; creation of posts in Health Deptt

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: In a bid to lower the carbon footprint of the Government buildings in Jammu and Kashmir, the Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the installation of grid-tied rooftop solar power plants on Government buildings within Jammu city's municipal limits by the Jammu Smart City Ltd. (JSCL).

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr.

Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The project will be completed by March, 2023 at an estimated cost of Rs 53.10 crore, which shall be recovered at the rate of 22 percent annually on account of savings from reduced dependency on externally purchased power. These installed rooftop solar power plants will also be connected with the main power grid on a net metering basis.

The Jammu and Kashmir

Government will benefit from the solar generation of approximately 20 million units of energy annually, over the project lifetime of 25 years. Additionally, the annual carbon emissions are also expected to be reduced by 16,000 tonnes.

On an enhanced scale, besides helping the energy-deficit Jammu and Kashmir in supplementing its energy needs, the model will also help DISCOMs in achieving their renewable purchase obligation (RPO) targets of 10.5% as mandated by

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ACB files charge-sheet in food grain misappropriation case

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday filed a charge-sheet against a serving and three retired government employees in a case related to alleged misappropriation of food grains in Udhampur district, an official said.

The charge-sheet was filed in FIR No. 21/2015 registered under sections 5(1) (c), 5(1) (d) read with 5(2) of JK PCT Act Svt 2006 and sections 201, 409, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of RPC against Bankey Ram, son of Paras Ram, resident of Barradian,

Udhampur the then I/c Store Keeper Udhampur (now retired); Jarnez Singh, son of Gandharb Singh, resident of village Logate Tehsil and District Kathua, the then Store Keeper Udhampur (now retired); Madan Lal, son of Thakur Dass, resident of Village Jib Udhampur, the then Store Keeper Udhampur, at present TSO Udhampur and Babu Ram, son of Kaka Ram, resident of Village Marri Tehsil and District Reasi, at present House No. 712, Sector-03 Vinayak Nagar Muthi, Tehsil and District Jammu, the

then Store Keeper Udhampur (now retired as dead-wood), in the Anti-Corruption Court Udhampur, which has fixed November 13, 2021 as the next date of hearing of case, an ACB spokesperson said.

He further said that case was registered in 2015 on the outcome of a verification conducted into the allegations regarding misappropriation of food grains meant for different categories by the officials of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department of

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Recent killings a 'foul design' to scare minorities out of valley: Baig

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: Former deputy chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir Muzaffar Hussain Baig on Saturday said that the recent spate of killings of minorities in Kashmir appears to be a "foul design" to scare them out of the valley.

The onus of trying to repair the damage, he said, is on the shoulders of Kashmiri Muslims.

Seven civilians, four of them from minority communities, have been killed by terrorists in Kashmir in five days.

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Two cops injured in Kulgam terrorist attack

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: Two police personnel were injured in a terrorist attack on a police party in Kulgam district on Saturday, officials said.

The incident took place in Manngam this evening, the officials said. They said two police personnel sustained injuries in the attack. Further details of the incident are awaited, they added.

CS directs 100 pc first dose vaccination coverage for all eligible population within week

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: Appreciating the four districts of Samba, Poonch, Ramban and Anantnag for achieving 100 per cent vaccination of population over 18 years with 1st dose, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday reiterated that the remaining districts also need to redouble their efforts to

ensure coverage of all eligible population with first dose within a week.

Chairing a meeting to review the public health response to COVID-19, the Chief Secretary impressed upon all the district administrations to mobilise all resources towards universal vaccination of eligible

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JKSSB notifies revised merit list of eligible candidates for Class-IV posts

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) under Accelerated Recruitment Drive on Saturday notified revised merit list of candidates for district, divisional and Union Territory cadre posts of Class IV advertised

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Div Com Jammu issues guidelines regarding SoP in cases of medical negligence

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Saturday issued strict instructions to the Investigating Officers (IOs) to follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) while dealing with alleged cases of medical negligence as prescribed by the Supreme Court of India in its different Judgments.

ADGP Jammu Zone has been requested to sensitise

all Senior Superintendents of Police to ensure following of SOP in alleged cases of medical negligence to prevent malicious and frivolous prosecutions/complaints against medical professionals.

"To avoid unnecessary harassment, all concerned Police Investigating Officers shall strictly adhere and comply with the guidelines and laws laid down by Supreme Court of

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Act immediately to prevent return to 1990s: Cong leader to Centre on Kashmir killings

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR/JAMMU: AICC incharge for Jammu and Kashmir Rajni Patil on Saturday met the families of civilians who were killed by militants in Kashmir and asked the Centre to act immediately to prevent the situation from returning to what it was in the 1990s.

She alleged that the Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir administration have "failed" to protect the residents of the union territory and the people, especially those from minority communities, have fear writ large

on their faces.

Seven civilians, four of them from minority communities, have been killed by militants in Kashmir in five days.

Accompanied by J-K Pradesh Congress Committee president G A Mir and other senior leaders, Patil met the family of Mohammad Shafi Dar, who was shot dead by militants three days ago in Bandipora district.

The Congress delegation also visited the residences of prominent Kashmiri

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