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EIGHTH NAVRATRA

Maa Maha Gauri
 Eighth incarnation of Maa Durga is Maa Maha Gauri. Her clothes as well as ornaments are white in colour. To have Lord Shiva as husband, she meditated so hard that her body turned black, but when Lord Shiva washed her body it started glittering and got white by virtue of this, she is called Maha Gauri.
 By her worship one gets all pleasures of life and gets rid of all the sins. Mantra to be recited nine times of 'Maa Maha Gauri' is :-
 "Om Aing Hareng Kleeng Chamunday Bhagwati Maha Gauri Mam Sarvam Samridhim Vardhay Vardhay Swaha"
 ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चामुण्डायै भगवती महागौरी मम सर्वम् समृद्धिं वर्धयै वर्धयै स्वाहा

5 terrorists killed in Shopian; 2 cases of targeted killings solved: Police

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Five terrorists, including the one involved in a non-local street hawk here, were gunned down in two separate encounters with security forces in Shopian district, police said on Tuesday.
 A police spokesperson said two of the four recent cases of target killings in Srinagar and Bandipora have been solved with the elimination of the terrorists involved in these incidents.
 "In the last 24 hours, based on specific inputs about the presence of terrorists in the twin villages of Shopian -- Tulran and Feeripora -- two anti-terrorist operations were carried out, resulting in the elimination of five ultras. The slain terrorists include Mukhtar Shah, who was involved in the targeted killing of a non-local vendor at the Lal Bazar area of Srinagar," he said.
 According to the spokesper-



'Ultras behind killing of Bindroo, teachers identified'

SRINAGAR: Security agencies Tuesday identified the terrorists they believed were behind the civilian killings in the city last week, and the attackers included their 25-year-old kingpin Basit Ahmed Dar, a resident of Kulgam in South Kashmir, officials said here.
 They said that Dar, who disappeared from his home in Redwani in Kulgam district in April, had been under the scanner earlier also as he worked with Abbas Sheikh, the self-styled chief of The Resistance Front (TRF), an organisation believed to be a shadow outfit of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba.
 According to officials, Dar and son, acting on specific inputs, the security forces launched cordon-and-search opera-

Govt directs Kashmiri migrant employees not to leave Valley

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday directed Kashmiri migrant employees not to leave the valley as security has been tightened for them, saying absence from duty will be dealt with as per service rules.
 The authorities also impressed upon officers to preferably post these migrant employees in safe and secure zones for the time being.
 Fear psychosis was triggered among over 3,000 Kashmiri Hindu employees living in seven different transit camps in the Valley due to selective and systematic killings of three Hindus and one Sikh teacher by terrorists in Srinagar last week.
 "The chair (divisional commissioner of Kashmir) directed that no migrant employee needs to leave the district/valley and whosoever will be absent (from duty) shall be dealt with as per service rules," an order issued by

Arms licensing case: CBI raids residence of former Advisor to LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A week after his unceremonious exit as the Advisor to the Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor, the CBI Tuesday searched the residence of Baseer Ahmed Khan, alongside those of two other serving IAS officers in a case related to arms licenses being issued in the erstwhile state on fake and forged documents.
 A CBI spokesperson said the agency conducted searches at around 41 locations including in Srinagar, Anantnag, Banihal, Baramulla, Jammu, Doda, Rajouri, Kishtwar (Jammu and Kashmir), Leh, Delhi and Bhind (Madhya Pradesh).
 The searches included the officials and residential premises of around 14 serving and retired officials from the IAS and Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS), who were posted as district magistrates.
 The Tuesday searches also

covered five private persons who allegedly acted as middlemen and agents, besides 10 gun houses or dealers, the spokesperson said.
 It led to the recovery of "incriminating documents" including those related to the issuance of arms licenses, list of beneficiaries, documents related to investment in fixed deposit receipts and other sale proceeds.
 The CBI also recovered property documents, bank account details, locker keys, diary comprising incriminating details, arms license registers, electronic gadgets and mobile phones and some cash including old currency.
 The CBI had registered two cases on the request of the Jammu and Kashmir government which alleged bulk issuance of arms licenses in the erstwhile state during 2012 to 2016.
 It was alleged that more than 2.78 lakh arms licenses were issued to the non-entitled persons. The CBI also

collected documents that allegedly suggested such issuance of arms licenses spread over 22 districts of Jammu and Kashmir.
 During the probe, the agency had come across evidences suggesting the role of Khan, who was made an advisor to the first Lt Governor G C Murmu and also served the incumbent Manoj Sinha.
 Khan enjoyed the complete support of the Lt Governor's administration till very late in his stint. He had all important departments including tourism under him. However, he was unceremoniously removed from the post on October 5 on the orders of the Union home ministry.
Besides Khan, the house of Commissioner Secretary Jal Shakti M Raju, an IAS officer of the 2005-batch was also searched. He was the deputy commissioner of Kargil during the period being probed by the CBI.
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13 districts achieve 100 pc first dose COVID vaccination target

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Thirteen districts of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday achieved 100 per cent coverage of first dose Covid vaccine for the age group of above 18 years. The districts are Anantnag, Bandipora, Budgam, Doda, Ganderbal, Jammu, Kulgam, Poonch, Pulwama, Rajouri, Ramban, Samba and Shopian.
 Officials said that 1,18,331 doses of COVID vaccine were administered in the last 24 hours across the UT bringing the cumulative number of doses administered here to 13,306,893. It adds that 99.13 percent of the population above the age of 18 years has been vaccinated across the Union Territory.
 On Covid status, Jammu and Kashmir has recorded 80 new coronavirus cases during the past 24 hours that pushed its infection tally to 3,30,666, while no fresh deaths were reported, officials said.
 The death toll stands at 4,426, they said.
 Of the new cases, 13 were reported from the Jammu division and 67 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, the officials said. At 37, Srinagar
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India will decimate terrorism in J&K: Tarun Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Asserting that India will decimate terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said the security forces will give a befitting reply to a sudden spurt in Pakistan-sponsored terrorist attacks in the Union Territory.
 He was referring to the seven selective killings, including of minority Kashmiri Pandits and a Sikh school principal, by terrorists of The Resistance Front (TRF) in the Kashmir Valley last week.
 Expressing his grief and shock at the martyrdom of five Army jawans, Chugh lauded the bravery and sacrifice of the security forces and said the entire nation is with them to ensure decisive defeat of Pakistan-supported anti-national forces.
 Five army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), and two terrorists were killed in three



encounters in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday.
 "The Indian security forces would give a befitting reply to sudden spurt in Pakistan-sponsored terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir", he told reporters.
 He said India will decimate terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.
 Chugh said terrorists were fighting a losing battle out of frustration because the prime minister's development policies have isolated them in the Union

Territory.
 He slammed the Congress-Abdullah-Mufti trio for "encouraging and covertly supporting anti-national elements in J&K" and said that people of the Union Territory want peace and development spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 "People now want to get rid of the trio and want a new sunshine in the valley," he said.
 The BJP leader took a strong exception to the manner Mehbooba Mufti "added communal colour to the NCB investigation" in the Mumbai drug case.
 The PDP president on Monday alleged that Bollywood star Shahrukh Khan's son Aryan Khan was being targeted by the central agencies merely because of his surname. She claimed that Muslims are targeted to please the core vote bank of the BJP. "Instead of making an exam
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PIL regarding fictitious complaints against outsiders in Kashmir: DB directs DGP to file report

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding fictitious complaints against outsider for illegal extortion of money in south Kashmir, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul directed DGP to file status report with regard to the steps taken by the police.
 The petitioner Bal Krishan filed the PIL wants that the racket of lodging fictitious complaints and FIRs in 4 Districts of South Kashmir, against the persons who are outsiders, be investigated as
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United Kashmiri Sikhs Progressive Forum delegation calls on LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A delegation of United Kashmiri Sikhs Progressive Forum (UKSPF) on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan here.
 The delegation led by its Chairman Baldev Singh Raina submitted a memorandum to the Lt Governor apprising him regarding the demands and issues pertaining to Sikh community.
 The Lt Governor while noting the concerns raised by the delegation said that the enemies of humanity who perpetrated these heinous crimes will not be spared.
 The Lt Governor assured the delegation that UT government will take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of the minority communities in J&K.

LeT terrorist arrested in connection with drone-dropped arms case

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was arrested in connection with the recent recovery of an arms consignment dropped by a drone from Pakistan in a village near the International Border here, a senior police officer said on Tuesday.
 Irfan Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Verinag area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, had come to Jammu to allegedly receive the arms consignment which was recovered by police from Sounjana village of Phalian Mandal, about six km from the IB on October 2,

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh said.
 The recovery included an AK assault rifle, three magazines, 30 rounds and one optical sight.
 A case under various sections of Indian Penal code, Arms Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was registered at police station Satwari in connection with the recovery.
 Bhat stands arrested in connection with the case registered at police station Satwari on October 2. He has confessed that he is in touch with handlers across

No need for more troops or lessening their numbers at LoC: Army

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: There is no requirement for additional troops or lessening their numbers at the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir and the Indian Army is vigilant and will not allow any infiltration into the valley, a senior Army officer said here on Tuesday.
 Speaking to reporters at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) here after the send-off ceremony for 300 students from Jammu and Kashmir who will attend various courses in the Mewar University in Rajasthan under Operation

Massive search operation underway to neutralise hiding terrorists in Poonch, Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Security forces continued a massive search operation on Tuesday in a forest area connecting the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir, where five soldiers including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) were killed in a gunfight the previous day, officials said.
 There was no fresh contact with terrorists during the ongoing operation in the dense forest areas of Surankote in Poonch and nearby Thanamandi in Rajouri, the officials said.



Five soldiers, including a JCO, lost their lives when a group of heavily-armed terrorists opened fire on an army search party in a village close to Dera Ki Gali (DKG) in Surankote early on Monday.
 After the initial encounter, the terrorists fled to nearby Panghais forest which falls in the jurisdiction of Rajouri's Thanamandi and were chased by the troops and engaged in
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Yeh Toh Bachhey Hain: How people like Soz give respectability to radical Jihadis!

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JAMMU: Saif-ud-Din Soz is a gem of professor turned politician. He has added new terminology of 'Yeh Toh Bachhey Hain' to radical jihadis. What a change? From 'misguided youth' to 'Yeh Toh Bachhey Hain'. Being on the cake is timing. There could be no better and perhaps 'auspicious' occasion for him to project Jihadis in 'positive' frame than the uncertain and gloomy environment in the wake of killing of four non-Muslims—a prominent KP pharmacy owner, a Sikh Principal, a Dogra teacher and a Bihari vendor. They were 'Bachhey' and according to Saif-ud-Din Soz, 'Bachhoon Se Puchna Chahiye Ki Kya Baat Hai, Unse Baat Cheet Karni Chahiye'.
 The terminology 'Bachhey' reminds of the (in)famous quote of former UP Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav, who said on April 11, 2014, "Rape Ke Lye Fansi Dena Ghalat Hain, Ladkon se Galti Ho Jati Hai." Boys are boys-Bachhey Toh Bachhey Hain. These 'Bachhey' have committed heinous crimes during 'Jihad' in Kashmir. The

entire Indian nation witnessed unprecedented anger when these 'Bachhey' kidnapped daughters of two prominent politicians of the Valley. Despite being in the position of authority, their fathers never asserted when in power to get the Mujahid abductors (sorry Bachhey log) identified, arrested and brought to justice. This speaks of the love they have for these 'Bachhey Log' and the cause they pursue by brandishing guns. Those who don't care for their own kin cannot feel the pain of four non-Muslims assassinated by the Jihadis aka Bachhey. They cannot comprehend the resultant ignominy, distress and dejection of hundreds of non-Muslims, who are again running for safety outside the Valley.
 Post killing of the four non-Muslims in Srinagar City, leaders like Mehbooba Mufti and Saif-ud-Din Soz have become quite pro-active. Mehbooba seeks dialogue with Pakistan-the rogue nation in the backyards sponsoring terror in India and Soz asking to talk to terrorists or Bachhey Log. They are among the leaders who have been parroting 'misguided youth' as trigger happy terrorists for three decades. The former has seized many occasions to visit the residences of Jihadis killed during encoun-

ters. There is a question to all these leaders, who are actually terrorists' apologists. They are fashioned to visit the families of terrorists after their elimination to offer condolences and to express solidarity. Will they let the people know as to how many families of terrorists they have visited to counsel them to keep their children away from the terror regime? After all, the so-called mainstream leaders (wonder who has coined this term for them as they are soft separatists and big supporters of terrorists) have fattened at the cost of poor Indian tax-payers. They have been getting a lot of incentives and concessions for being 'mainstream' leaders. They are having multi-layer security cover. (Again wonder for what? Who they fear? Not certainly 'Bachhey Log' they hold brief for!)
 The mainstream leaders owe answers to the people of Jammu and Kashmir in general and those across the country in particular. They have remained glued to power for decades. They have sworn by the Constitution of India and therefore it is incumbent upon them to play their role on ground and influence the gun wielding radicals through their families to shun the path of disaster. If they

can't do that; they are irrelevant for the radicalised set up. They have to take a position. They cannot afford to be on both sides of the fence. Terrorist is a terrorist-no misguided youth or Bachha. Bachhey do not abduct girls or kill the innocent. They don't enter into the schools and segregate teachers to kill non-Muslims. It is the handiwork of gruesomely radicalised Jihadis who have been brain washed and motivated to clean the Valley from infidels. Such an inhuman act can be committed by die-hard Jihadis only and not a 'Bachha'. Sooner these leaders understand this better it will be for them and their safety. The terrorism in Kashmir is entering into new phase. Today, it can be against a particular community or religion; tomorrow it may spread its tentacles and engulf those they believe their brethren, sold for loaves of political power.
 The proponents of 'misguided youth' and 'Bachhey log' must see the writing on the wall. Instead of raising passions they must see the reason in what they are doing. Their double-speak and dubious acts can rebound and boomerang. The terrorism is a demon which eats of the vitals of its mentor; they must understand.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
 Max: 34.0°C Min: 22.7°C

Humidity
 Max: 54 Min: 42

Temperature (Srinagar)
 Max: 21.3°C Min: 10.2°C

Humidity
 Max: 82 Min: 65

Sunset: 18:00 Hours
 Sunrise: 06:31 Hours