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AC gives nod to transfer of 974 kanal land for new terminal at Jammu Airport

Approves Road Maintenance Policy

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SRINAGAR: In a significant decision, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Friday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, gave nod to transfer of State land measuring 974 Kanal 02 Marla at village Rakh Raipur, in Jammu, in favour of Airport Authority of India (AAI) free of cost for establishment of new terminal at Jammu Airport.

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.

Establishment of new terminal will significantly



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting at Srinagar.

Govt winds up Gazetteers Unit Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of winding up the Gazetteers Unit, Srinagar.

The decision has been taken to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee headed by the Administrative Secretary, Higher Education Department, which was constituted to evaluate the functioning of the Unit. The Committee had found the Unit non-functional, having outlived its utility, but entailing an annual expenditure

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enhance the capacity of the Jammu Airport in handling air traffic which will boost tourism, economy and generate employment opportunities.

The decision comes in line with the policy of the Government to promote the growth of Indian aviation sector in a significant manner so as to ensure a multiplier effect on the economy. The Government aims to provide an ecosystem for harmonised growth of various aviation subsectors, including Airlines, Airports, Cargo, Maintenance Repairs and Overhaul services (MRO), General Aviation, Aerospace Manufacturing and Skill Development.

The Administrative Council also accorded sanction

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Amit Shah, LG likely to review Kashmir situation, targeted civilian killings today

Every drop of innocent civilians' blood will be avenged: Sinha

JAMMU: Vowing to punish the perpetrators of recent terror attacks in Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has warned those aiding and abetting terrorists that every drop of innocent civilians' blood will be avenged.

The LG assured the people that they will "completely demolish" the terror ecosystem. "I am deeply pained and anguished and I promise the family members of the innocent victims that perpetrators of the barbaric acts will be punished soon", Sinha said in a statement on Thursday night.

"My tributes to the civilians martyred in the terrorist attacks. My heartfelt condolences

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ing.

At a high level meeting Thursday, Shah was briefed about the latest modus operandi of the terrorists in carrying out attacks on soft targets and the steps taken to tighten the security, the sources said.

Shah has directed the officials to ensure that those involved in the killings are

nabbed such incidents do not recur.

The Central government has already dispatched a top official of the Intelligence Bureau to Srinagar to coordinate operations against terrorists.

A woman principal and a teacher were shot dead at point blank range

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Highest single-day COVID vaccines administered across J&K

Anantnag vaccinates 100 pc eligible population; UT logs 100 fresh cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Government on Friday said that the highest number of 1,82,863 doses of COVID vaccine were administered in the last 24 hours across Jammu and Kashmir bringing the cumulative number of doses administered here to 12,708,865.

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Sufficient vaccine availability and robust supply chain, strong efforts from administration along with the health and other line departments, a well thought out IEC campaign besides the public cooperation have been some of the important factors behind this massive achievement.

Use of social media by the officers and authorities

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Climate of fear not seen since early 1990s in Kashmir: PAGD

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SRINAGAR: The Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) on Friday asserted that the recent killing of civilians has created a climate of fear that has not been seen in Kashmir since the early 1990s and held the "failure" of government policies responsible for the current situation. A meeting of

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IPS among 18 police officers transferred

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JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred an IPS among 18 police officers.

According to the order issued by Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Gurinderpal Singh, IPS, awaiting orders of posting, has been posted as AIG (P&T) PHQ with additional charge of AIG (Tech) PHQ; Altaf Ahmed Shah, SSP Security Workshop has been transferred and posted as SSP Security, J&K; Rajinder Gupta, SSP, AIG (P&T) PHQ as AIG (Welfare) PHQ; Mohd Shabir, SSP, awaiting orders of posting, as posted as SO to ADGP

Railways, vice Roop Raj, who has been transferred and posted as Principal PTS Kathua.

Ravi Kant, Commandant 2nd Border Bn, shall hold the additional charge of the post of Commandant, Women Bn Kashmir, till further orders.

Arun Gupta, Principal PTS Kathua has been transferred and posted as SSP Cyber Crime Investigation Center for Excellence (CICE); Abdul Hakim Munshi, SSP, awaiting orders of posting, as Commandant IR-3rd Bn; Rajinder Kumar Katoh, SSP, awaiting orders of

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LeT terrorist killed in gunfight with police in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was killed in an exchange of fire with the police in Natipora area here, officials said on Friday.

The encounter broke out after two terrorists opened fire on the police personnel. One of the terrorists managed to escape, they said.

"Terrorists fired upon Srinagar Police team. Police also retaliated. During ensuing chance #encounter, one terrorist got neutralised but one escaped," Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

Arms and ammunition were also recovered from

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'Some have started leaving': KPs fear 1990 rerun as attacks on minorities rise

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/ANANTNAG: As a spate of targeted killings of minorities rock Kashmir, a Kashmiri Pandit organisation on Friday said some employees from the community, who were provided government jobs under a rehabilitation package in 2010-11, have started moving to Jammu quietly fearing for their life, alleging the administration was unable to provide them a secure environment.

The administration, meanwhile, has given a holiday of 10 days to employees from the minority community, official sources said.

A woman principal and a teacher were shot dead at point blank range inside a

DCs assured full security to all KP colonies in Kashmir: RC

JAMMU: In a bid to instill confidence among 'fear-stricken' Kashmiri Hindu employees living in various colonies and on rent in the Valley, Relief Commissioner A K Pandita on Thursday night urged them not to repeat "the exodus" from the Valley and said all deputy commissioners have assured full security to their colonies.

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 in the past 72 hours by terrorists in Srinagar city and warning of

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government school in the heart of the city on Thursday, taking to seven the number of civilians killed by militants in Kashmir Valley in five days. Of the seven, four were from minority communities.

With these targeted

killings, members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who were provided employment under the Prime Minister's rehabilitation programme in 2010-11, fear the terror groups would target them too.

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Ministry of Tribal Affairs agrees to various projects in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda on Friday reviewed the project proposals and various initiatives submitted by Jammu and Kashmir Tribal Affairs Department aimed at socio-economic and welfare planning for tribal communities in J&K. Discussion was held on various proposals and decisions taken for many projects. On intervention of the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha a number of flagship programmes are being extended to J&K the proposals for which were submitted by the Tribal Affairs Dept. Union Secretary, Ministry of

administration for failing to apprehend the attacks.

The attacks are taking place back-to-back and no one feels secure here today. The Muslims here have also been targeted, Kashmiri Pandits and Sikh brethren also. They do not feel safe," he said.

"This is no time for politics, and I have not come here for politics, but it is the responsibility of the rulers to make people understand where the failure lies," Abdullah added.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of J&K said even as he was not part of the government, he had been hearing since the last month or so that minority communities will be

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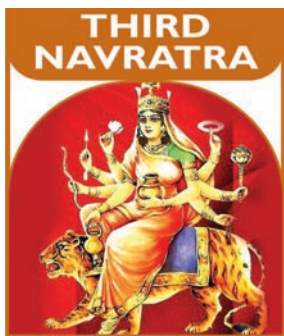
Attacks on civilians in J&K aimed at dividing communities: Omar

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SRINAGAR: The recent attacks on civilians in Jammu and Kashmir were aimed at creating a wedge between communities and it is the responsibility of the majority community to give a sense of security to our brothers, National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah said on Friday.

He made an earnest appeal to members of the minority communities in Kashmir to not allow a repeat of what happened in the 1990s by leaving their homes.

Speaking to reporters after visiting the residence of slain school principal Supinder Kour at Aloochoi Bagh here, Abdullah also criticised the

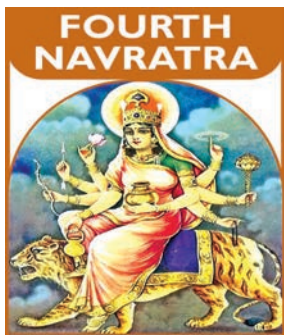


THIRD NAVRATRA

Maa Chandraghanta
Chandraghanta is the third incarnation of Maa Durga and worshipped on third Navratra. Maa Chandraghanta has weapons in her hands. She rides on Tiger. This day has specific significance as on this day the soul of worshipper enters in 'Manipur Chakra'. By the blessings of this Devi one gets rid of enemies, bad souls and gets politeness, and courage. Mantra to be recited nine times on this day is :-

"Om Kleeng Hareeng Aing Bhagwati Chandraghanta Mam Sarvam Bandhan Naashe Naashe Swaha"

ॐ क्लीं ह्रीं भगवती चन्द्रघंटा मम सर्वम् बन्धन नाशय नाशय स्वाहा



FOURTH NAVRATRA

Maa Kushmanda
Kushmanda is the fourth incarnation of Maa Durga and worshipped on fourth Navratra. Maa Kushmanda is said to be creator of the universe. Her presence is 'Surya Manda' by virtue of which rays of light enlighten the universe. She has eight hands and hence, also called 'Maa Ashtbhuja'. In her seven hands, she has Kamandal, Bow, Lotus, Amrit Kalash, Chakra and Gadhra. Eighth hand has string beads having all the 'Sidhis' and 'Nidhis'. Lion is the ride of Maa Kushmanda :-

"Om Hareeng Kleeng Bhagwati Kushmande Mam Sarvam Kaamnaay Pooray Pooray Thaa Thaa Swaha"

ॐ ह्रीं क्लीं भगवती कृष्ण्डे मम सर्वम् कामनाय पूरय पूरय ठा ठा स्वाहा

Court denies bail to Aryan Khan, 2 others in drug case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: A metropolitan magistrate's court here on Friday rejected bail applications of Aryan Khan, the son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, and two

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Petrol, diesel prices hiked again

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol price on Friday was hiked by 30 paise a litre and diesel by 35 paise per litre as domestic fuel prices witnessed possibly the largest rally in rates.

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of Rs 103.54 a litre and to Rs 109.54 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.0°C Min: 21.5°C

Humidity

Max: 71 Min: 65

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 27.0°C Min: 9.2°C

Humidity

Max: 74 Min: 48

Sunset : 18:09 Hours

Sunrise : 06:31 Hours

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