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Massive search operation launched after 'drone sighting' along IB at Kathua

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Mesmerizing musical event held in memory of Lata Mangeshkar & Bhupinder

SIXTH NAVRATRA

Maa Katyayni

Sixth Navratra is related to 'Maa Katyayni'. When excesses of Danav Mahishasur increased Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva incarnated a Devi who was first of all worshiped by Mahishishi Katyayan, so this Devi is called Katyayani. Devi with golden colour has four hands and upper right hand is for blessings. She has sword and lotus in the left hands. On this day of Navratra heart of worshipper is in 'Aagya Chakra'. By the blessings of this Devi one leads fearless, disease-free life and possesses all the comforts of life. Mantra to be recited nine times on this day is :-

"Om Aing Hreeng Kleeng Chaang Kleeng Bhagwati Katyayini Mum Tanu Arogyam Kuru Kuru Swaha"

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चां क्लीं भगवती कात्यायनी मम तनु आरोग्यम् कुरु कुरु स्वाहा

Roadmap for growth of agriculture, allied sectors to ensure product quality: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating a workshop at SKICC on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the futuristic roadmap for holistic growth of agriculture and allied sector will help in ensuring product quality, quantity and boosting global demand. "We need to safeguard skills handed down from generation to generation and make this sector financially more attractive", the Lt Governor observed while inaugurating a day-long workshop on

Sericulture in J&K, "Silk Samagra and beyond", here at SKICC. Commending the efforts of all the stakeholders, scientists, officers, and farmers for the holistic development of the sericulture sector in J&K, the Lt Governor said the workshop will serve as an effective tool to provide a platform for sharing of knowledge of latest technologies and details of government schemes to stakeholders for increasing producti-

ty of silk in the UT. "Our prime objective is to make the lives of farmers associated with this dream fabric better and to ensure uniqueness, beauty, and ingenuity, which are the hallmark of J&K's crafts, dominate the global market", the Lt Governor asserted. The Lt Governor said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government endeavours to provide training,

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School timings changed from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Jammu Div

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The School Education Department on Friday changed school timings for all government and private institutions of summer zone areas of Jammu Division from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) in an official communiqué has ordered, "All the government and recognized

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25 pc extra seats to be created for foreign students in universities, HELs: UGC's new guidelines

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Higher educational institutions across the country will now be allowed to create up to 25 per cent supernumerary seats for foreign students and will have to adopt a transparent admission process for them, the University Grants Commission (UGC) said on Friday. The draft "Guidelines for

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Bid to target Army recruitment rally in Baramulla foiled; 2 JeM terrorists killed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two local Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists planning to target the Army's Agniveer recruitment rally were killed in an encounter with security forces in Baramulla district on Friday, police said.

Speaking to reporters in the north Kashmir district, Senior Superintendent of Police, Baramulla, Rayees Bhat said security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Yedipora area of Pattan in the early hours of Friday after information was received from intelligence agencies about the presence of terrorists there.

"During the searches, the terrorists opened fire and an encounter ensued. The operation went on for a long time and in the morning hours, two terrorists were killed," the SSP said.

Bhat said the terrorists were planning to target the Army's Agniveer recruitment



rally which concluded in Pattan's Hyderbeig on Thursday.

"The information we have is that they (terrorists) had reached here to target the Army's Agniveer (recruitment) rally and they were planning to disturb the youth who are trying to join the mainstream and to make this rally unsuccessful. But we foiled their plans," he said.

The security forces recovered an AKS-74U rifle from the encounter site along with three magazines, a pistol, a pistol magazine and two bullets, he said.

"AKS-74U is a new version of AK-47, normally with the F/Ts (foreign terrorists), locally known as Karencov but actually called Kirinkov," he added.

Bhat appealed to the youth to not take the violent path. Asked if the terrorists were trying to show their presence ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Jammu and Kashmir, the SSP said the operation was successful because of an alert already issued by the security forces and the heightened security ahead of the visit.

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SC collegiums recommends transfer of CJs of Orissa, J&K HCJs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit has recommended the names of three High Court judges, Justice Jaswant Singh, Justice P B Varale, and Ali Mohammad Magrey, for elevation as Chief Justices of Orissa, Karnataka, and Jammu and Kashmir High Courts respectively.

The apex court collegium, which also comprised justices D Y Chandrachud and Sanjay Kishan Kaul, has also recommended to the Centre the transfer of Chief Justice (CJ) of Orissa High

Court, Justice S Muralidhar, and Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Justice Pankaj Mithal as CJs of Madras and Rajasthan high courts respectively.

Besides these, the collegium, in its separate statement uploaded on the apex court website on September 30, with regard to the transfer of three high court judges.

"The Supreme Court Collegium in its meeting held on September 28, 2022, has recommended elevation of Judges as Chief Justices of the High Courts, as mentioned ..., " it said.

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RLDA invites bids for leasing out two land parcels worth Rs 29 Cr at Katra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), a statutory authority of Indian Railways, on Friday invited bids for leasing out two land parcels at the prestigious railway station at Katra, the base camp of cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said.

Two land parcels situated near Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station are open to developers for commercial purposes, they said.

The reserve price for parcel 'A' having an area of 7,521.45 square metres is Rs 14.18 crore and for parcel 'B' with an area of 7,831.23 square meters, the price is Rs 14.97 crore. The officials said. Both land parcels are available for lease for a period of 45 years, they added.

A pre-bid meeting was conducted online and many local and national-level

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.1°C Min: 22.8°C

Humidity
Max : 82 Min : 64

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.7°C Min: 11.4°C

Humidity
Max : 74 Min: 27

Sunset : 18:19 Hours
Sunrise : 06:25 Hours

Rs 5 Crore loss to J&K Bank ACB raids residences of Bank Manager, former Apni Party leader Vikram Malhotra, his brother; FIR registered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu has registered an FIR against Anoop Bhat, the then Branch Manager J&K Bank Residency Road, former Apni Party leader Vikram Malhotra and his brother Aditya Malhotra for causing loss of Rs 5 Crore to the J&K Bank.

Simultaneous raids were also conducted in the residences of the three accused in Jammu. Inerminating documents seized during the raids have been seized and are being scrutinized in

detail. According to FIR 12/2022, during the investigation of FUR (07/20) registered against J&K Bank officials namely Anoop Bhat, the then Branch Head J&K Bank Residency Road Jammu at present posted at CHQ J&K Bank Srinagar and others, scrutiny of the term account of M/S A3 Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd (a sister concern Aditya Malhotra) revealed that a Term Loan of Rs. 5.00 Crore was sanctioned vide reference No. JKB/ADV/RRD/JMU/. dated July 24, 2013 in

favour of M/S A3 Infrastructure Pvt for construction of Ware Housing Project with capacity 10,000 MT at Sehora, Jammu.

On scrutiny of the account statement of the borrower having Account Number 0076201030000004, it was revealed that whole loan amount was disbursed within span of seven months (J&K Bank Residency Road Anoop Bhat and other officials), the Bank in favour of M/S A3 Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd owned by Aditya Malhotra and his brother namely Vikram Malhotra (promot-

ers, directors of the borrower company) and others with blatant violation of all disbursement and pre-disburse conditions of the sanctioned loan.

Under the political clout, the accused brothers hatched a conspiracy to cheat the bank.

Before joining Apni party in June 2020, Vikram Malhotra was general secretary in J&K Pradesh Congress Committee. This year in June, he resigned from Apni Party also. Nowadays , there are

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J&K reports 12 new COVID cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 12 new Covid-19 cases on Friday, taking the infection tally to 4,79,149, an official said.

Four cases were reported from Jammu and eight from Kashmir, he said.

The death toll due to the coronavirus in the union territory stands at 4,785 as no death was reported in the last 24 hours, the official said. There are total 123 active cases, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,74,241. According to the official, there are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the union territory.

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the fifth generation or 5G service is expected to unleash new economic opportunities and societal benefits, serving

as a transformational force for Indian society.

The three major telecom operators of the country will demonstrate one use case each in front of the Prime Minister to show the potential of 5G technology in India.

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio will connect a teacher from a school in Mumbai with students in three different locations in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Odisha.

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Azad exhorts DAP leaders to launch mass contact programme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Chief Minister Jammu and Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday exhorted the Democratic Azad Party (DAP) leaders to hit the ground and launch a mass contact programme to mobilise public support for the party ahead of the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Addressing key leaders from Jammu region, including Ex Ministers, Ex MLAs, DDC members, BDC members, Azad discussed political scenario obtaining in the J&K UT.

He said that DAP is committed to strengthen the communal harmony and social fabric.

All the leaders took a



Former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing his party DAP leaders in Jammu.

pledge to strengthen the party at the grass root level.

"Our party is committed to assuage the urges and aspirations of every segment of the society in all the regions and sub-regions", Azad said, adding that the cadre must reach out to the people and help them to get solutions to

their problems.

Among those who attended the meeting were, Former Dy CM Tara Chand, Former Minister G.M.Saroori, Former Minister R.S.Chib, Former Minister Jugal Kishore, Former Minister Majid Wani, Former Minister Manohar Lal Sharma,

Former Minister Gharu Ram, Ex MLA Balwan Singh, Ex Chairman A.S Mickey, Ex MLC Naresh Gupta, Aslam Goni, Ex MLC Subash Gupta, Ex MLC Sham Lal Bhagat, Ex MLA Ashok Sharma, Salman Nizami, Vinod Mishra,

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Efforts afoot to open Tata Memorial Cancer Institute in Kathua: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing DISHA meeting at Kathua on Friday.

by DDC Chairperson, Mahan Singh, DDC Vice Chairperson, Raghunandan Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Pandey, MC Nagri Parole, Anil Singh, MC Hiranagar Advocate Vijay

Kumar Sharma, MC Basohli Sumesh Sapolia, MC Billawar, Uma Kant Basotra, BDC Chairpersons, DDC members and nominated members of DISHA committee besides district

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Huge cache of arms, ammunition recovered near LoC in Gurez

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security forces recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition including seven AK-47 assault rifles near the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez sector, a senior official said on Friday.

The cache was recovered in Nowshehra Nard area of the frontier Gurez sector in the north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

Srinagar-based PRO Defence Col Emron Musavi said in a major blow to the intentions of terrorist groups operating from across the LoC, Indian Army and JK Police foiled their design to deliver huge cache of weapons, ammunition and grenades to cause terror activities and unrest in the

valley.

"On September 27, based on intelligence from police and human sources of the Indian Army under aegis of 109 Infantry Brigade launched a search operation along Naushera Nard till the LoC in Gurez sector," the PRO said.

After three days of search, a hideout was found along the Nala on Thursday, very close to the LoC, he said.

Col Musavi said that on digging, a huge weapon cache of seven AK rifles, two Chinese Pistols, 13 Chinese Grenades, 21 AK magazines, four pistol magazines, 1190 AK ammunition and 132 pistol ammunition were recovered. Recovery of this large size of war-like stores

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