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 Mahrishi 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

ree life and possesses all the comfort

of life. Mantra to be recited nine

times on this day is :-

'Om Aing Hreeng Kleeng

Chaang Kleeng Bhagwati

Katyayni Mum Tanu Arogyam

Kuru Kuru Swaha'

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चां क्लीं

भगवती कात्यायनी मम तन्

आरोग्यम् कुरु कुरु स्वाहा

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Mayor reaches out to senior citizens, asks them to be brand ambassadors for the move

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Lt Governor Sinha to inaugurates Art Exhibition at SKICC today

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Sinha, Vaishnaw launch Vistadome train services in Kashmir J&K changed lot in 9 years: Union Railway Minister Vistadome services will have profound impact on tourism: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister for Railways, Vaishnaw, Thursday launched $_{
m the}$ Vistadome much-awaited train services in Kashmir.

Union Minister and Chief Ministers of Assam and Tripura had joined the ceremony through video-conferencing. Later, the Lt Governor flagged off the first Vistadome coach train to Banihal from Srinagar Station.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Railway Minister said, in the last nine years, Jammu Kashmir has changed a lot and the change is discernible on the ground

After abrogation of Article 370, development of Jammu and Kashmir is pacing fast. Recently, meetings of G20 were held in the UT. In Railways also, various development projects have been ongoing in Jammu Kashmir and the development work has been completed on Chenab Bridge, Anji Bridge,

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the

train services in Kashmir on Thursday. people of the UT of J&K on

LG Manoj Sinha and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launching Vistadome

that facilities available in

developed countries are now

the momentous occasion. "We are grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for introducing Vistadome train tunnels have been completed services in the Kashmir except on some portion, he Valley. Vistadome is a symbol the Lt Governor said. He also expressed gratitude to Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways for ele-

vating the travel experience

of people and tourists. The Lt Governor said the Vistadome services will have

a profound impact

hang upside down those who

Congress encouraging Naxalism: Amit Shah

Inter-Collegiate Fencing (Women) Championship:

JAGDALPUR/KONDAGA ON: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday accused the Congress of encouraging Naxalism, and said incidents of Naxal violence have come down by 52 per cent in the nine-year rule of the Narendra Modi government.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Chhattisgarh into an 'ATM for the Congress," Shah claimed, adding the Congress rule in the state was a "government of scams".

Addressing rallies in Jagdalpur and Kondagaon in poll-bound Chhattisgarh, he urged people to bring the BJP to power in the state, promising that his party will make the entire state free of

the Naxal menace. "Today, I have come to urge you to elect the BJP once again in the state, we will

have embezzled the money of tribals by committing scams," Shah said.

He claimed that if the

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

GCW Parade wins overall trophy

Congress comes back to power in Chhattisgarh, the money sent from the Centre for the state's development will be "diverted to Delhi through the 'ATM' of

Congress" Polling for the 90 assembly seats in Chhattisgarh is scheduled to be held in two phases on November 7 and 17 and votes will be counted on December 3.

Diwali thrice - once on the day of the festival, second when the BJP will be elected to power

Chhattisgarh will celebrate

December 3, and third when the construction of Ram temple (in Ayodhya) will be completed January, Chhattisgarh is Ram's Lord "nanihal" place of Lord

Ram's maternal grandparents). He held the first rally in Jagdalpur, the headquarters

of Bastar district, ahead of the filing of nominations of BJP candidates in three constituencies of Bastar. The Bastar region was once

considered as the worst affected by Naxalism and the menace still persists

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JKPCL, RUVNL to purchase 1,000 MW power from SJVN

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Discoms Jammu & Kashmir Power (JKPCL) and Rajasthan Vidyut Nigam Limited (RUVNL) have agreed to purchase power from energy producer SJVN Ltd.

"JKPCL and RUVNL have given their consent for purchase of 600 MW and 500 MW power, respectively, against a capacity of 1,000 MW at a tariff of Rs 2.57/kWh," SJVN said in a regulatory filing on Thursday.

SJVN Ltd has also offered power to the bene- Himachal Pradesh.

Congress appoints

JKPCC office bearers

President has approved the

proposal for the constitution

of the Executive Committee

and the appointment of

State Office Bearers and

Committees of Jammu &

Kashmir Pradesh Congress

Committee with immediate

As per list, Executive

Committee include Dr.

Karan Singh, Prof Saif ud

din Soz, Ghulam Ahmad

Mir, Tariq Hanieed Karra,

Tara Chand, Peerzada Mohd

Sayeed, Dharmpal Sharma,

Neeraj Kundan, Gh. Haider

Sheikh, Krishan Chander

Baghat, Kanta Bhan, Mohd

Muzaffar Parray, Khemlata

Wakhloo, Bashir Ahmad

Chalotra, Ashok Bhan, Suman Baghat, Gurbachan Kumari Raina, Amolak

Singh, Pritam Singh, Zahida

Khan and Mehraj Dirt

Senior Vice Presidents

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include Mula Ram, G.N

Monga, Th. Balwan

Magray,

Zargar.

Girdhari Lal

Presidents

Congress

of various

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ficiaries of the northern region from 1,000 MW solar PV station to be developed under CPSU scheme of the central government in Poogal tehsil of Bikaner district in Rajasthan, it said.

The power generated by the project will be used by entities. government either directly or through (distribution $\operatorname{discoms}$ companies).

Under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Power, SJVN Ltd is a joint venture of the central government and the government of

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday released first ever school ranking and grading of teachers across Jammu & Kashmir which has been published by collecting the feedback from the students of class 6th to 12th through digital mode of SAMIKSHA App & portal, developed by School Education Department, for assessing performance of teachers & School infrastruc-

Principal Secretary School Education Alok Kumar, along with the Project Director Samagra Shiksha Deep Raj, Director School



CS A K Mehta releasing school ranking, teacher grading report at Srinagar on Thurday.

- >> SAMIKSHA APP- for feedback system developed by Samagra Shiksha, to improve infrastructure and enhance learning outcomes of students.
- 2,696 & 4,441 schools have been ranked as efficient and flourishing respectively. 1,857 graded as excellent, 31,340 as very good teachers.

Kashmir Tassaduq Hussain, Special were present on the occasion. Secretary School Education,

Naseer Wani, among others

is a revolutionary step taken School Education Department and will go a long way in evaluating schools and teachers on real time basis, thus, giving Parents and administrators a real picture of the education system and will certainly enable in improving the required infrastructure in schools and also design the need specific training of teachers to enhance the learning outcomes of the stu-

Dr. Mehta said Teachers in the Government sector are the best in terms of qualification and lot of impetus is being laid on training CONTD ON PAGE 9

NRLM helps in women empowerment: **SARAS** fair participants But now we are moving out

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SRINAGAR: Women from 18 states and union territories assembled here for a 10sale-cum-exhibition event for products made by self-help groups as part of a fair organised under the National Rural Livelihood Mission.

However, more than monetary benefits, it is the opportunity to create an identity for themselves that is driving these women not only to do better but inspire others to follow their path.

"It is a huge achievement for us to make our own identity because we never used to go out of our village or block.

of our states. We are now going to various states of the country and making our identity," Shama Devi Chouhan, who hails from Uttarakhand, told PTI.

She said such programmes should be organised so that women are encouraged towards these activities.

"We loved the behaviour and culture of the people. We have come here with many hopes. We had a good sale, all our bags have been sold. It felt good, because it is very difficult for a women to come out of the house. This thinking of the government

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Eviction of ex-ministers, legislators from ministerial bungalows

DB directs Sr. AAG to furnish list of 48 occupants having own houses

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu (virtual Mode) comprising Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh $_{
m Justice}$ Moksha Khajuria Kazmi has directed Senior AAG S. S. Nanda appearing for Estates Department and Government of J&K to furthe list of the persons/ex-legislators who have their own houses either in Jammu or in Kashmir as earlier directed by the Division Bench vide its order

These directions were passed in the much-publicized PIL wherein the petitioner has sought eviction of former Legislators/Ex-Ministers overstaying in the Ministerial Bungalows both at Jammu and Srinagar.

When this PIL came up for hearing, Advocate Sheikh Ahmed Shakeel with Advocate Supriya Chouhan appearing for the petitioner submitted that he has already filed the list of 48 occupants/ex-legislators before the Court as per the previous orders of the Court on September 19, 2023 and

the said list has also been provided to Senior AAG S.S. Nanda appearing for Estates Advocate Department. Ahmed further submitted that in the list filed by him on September 19, 2023 he has mentioned properties/residential houses owned/possessed by these

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further submitted that Estates Department has already written to the 48 occupants requiring them to disclose about their personal houses owned/possessed by

occupants.

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Gesture will encourage us to further excel in rewarded categories: MD & CEO

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: In a significant acknowledgement of its advanced cyber security framework and practices, J&K Bank has won the Best Risk and Cyber Security Initiatives Award (Small Banks Category) ASSOCHAM'S 18th Annual Summit & Awards - Banking & Financial Sector Lending Companies themed - Bharat

100: Financial Transformation in Amrit Kaal. The Bank also got a runner-up award for its Best Digital Initiatives in the country at the ASSOCHAM

J&K Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head

Award at ASSOCHAM summit

(Rest of India) Rakesh Koul receiving award in Mumbai.

Manager & Divisional Head (Rest of India) Rakesh Koul received the award in Mumbai at the hands of former Deputy Governor (RBI) General

Bank's General N S Vishwanathan in presence of the Executive Director (RBI) Ajay Kumar Choudhary, Chief Executive IBA Sunil Mehta, Secretary

Deepak Sood, Bank's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Muneer Hassan Kongwani and other digni-

Commenting on the reception of awards, MD &CEO said, "I feel deeply delighted to know that our Bank has been adjudged as the winner for Best Risk and Cyber Security Initiatives besides ranking number two in Best Digital Initiatives in the country at ASSOCHAM's 18th Annual Summit & Awards on Banking and Financial Sector Lending

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Fine balance between external, inner journey leads to happy life: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Observing that stress has become a social issue across world and many a times people are overwhelmed by the situation leading to anxiety, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the people, however, can be tremendously happy if they create a fine balance between external and inner journey.

"The ancient philosophy of our great nation has always guided the people to first know themselves, develop their individuality, focus on creativity and follow their passion", the Lt Governor said while addressing the motivational event - 'A Life of Happiness' organized by Inner Space Centre at



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Inner Space Centre's motivational event at University of Kashmir on Thursday.

University of Kashmir.

"If stress is real, so is happiness. We get so entangled in peripheral things of life that we forget to live and enjoy ultimate bliss life is offering us. We must look at life in its entirety. We must look within and recognize our

potential and importance of this beautiful life that is full of possibilities," he said.

Many times, when someone is very upset or stressed, the sound of music playing somewhere in the distance creates a new, yet momentary excitement. That one moment can

turn into 365 days, 24x7 happiness when people follow they are in charge of their life

instead of others, he added. The Lt Governor called upon the students, teachers and professionals to

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Dr Jitendra asks JKAS officers to adopt 'whole of Govt' approach

DELHI:

Minister Charge) (Independent Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Pensions, Grievances, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday asked the Officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services to "Whole adopt Government" approach in governance, as the days of working in silos have gone.

The Minister asked the officers to identify the schemes having commonality and adopt an integrated approach of execution of schemes for better efficiency and result benefitting the common man.

Dr Jitendra Singh was



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing 6th Capacity Building Programme for officers of J&K Administrative Services organized by National Centre for Good Governance at New Delhi on Thursday.

addressing the 6th Capacity Building Programme for Officers Administrative Services organized by National Centre for Good Governance in New Delhi.

Dr Jitendra Singh said,

there is change in the demography of Central and State Civil services due to availability of technology even in the rural and remote areas and democratization of resources. He added that due to ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



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Sunrise: 06:32 Hours