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NINTH NAVRATRA

Maa Sidhidhatri
Ninth incarnation of Maa Durga, Maa 'Sidhidhatri' can bless one with all the 'Sidhis'. According to Puranas even Bhagwan Shiv got Sidhis by virtue of Maa Sidhidhatri and his body was converted into 'Arha Narishwar'. The ride of Maa is Lion and she is on lotus. Her four hands have Chakra, Gadha, Shankha and Lotus.
By her blessings one gets heaven after enjoying all pleasures of life. Mantra to be recited nine times is :-
"Om Aing Hreeng Kleeng Chamunday Vichai Bhagwati Sidhidhatri Mum Sarvam Sarv Sidhim Parikalapay Parikalapay Swaha"
ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चामुण्डायै विच्चे भगवती सिद्धिदात्री मम सर्वम् सर्वं सिद्धिं परिकल्पयै परिकल्पयै स्वाहा

GI registration of Basohli paintings, Pashmina to prevent counterfeiting, ensure access to global market: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
BASOHLI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that both the exclusive products 'Basohli paintings and Pashmina' have received GI registration to prevent counterfeiting and to ensure access to the global market.
"I am extremely grateful to every stakeholder for their contribution in making Basohli Mahotsav the cradle of unique cultural and artistic heritage of the country", he said while participating and addressing the gathering during the ongoing Mahotsav.
Sinha joined the large number of enthusiastic citizens to celebrate the rich heritage of Basohli.
"The uniqueness of Basohli manifests beautifully in world-famous paintings, which infused new dimensions to Pahari Art and created its own distinctive style", the Lt Governor said.



LG Manoj Sinha participating in Basohli Mahotsav on Sunday.

He congratulated the J&K Administration and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) for their collective endeavour to popularize the cultural and historical identity of the region and ingenuity of Basohli's craft and art.
The Lt Governor said the unique endeavour is aimed to promote workmanship of artists and weavers so that their priceless products are acknowledged and admired globally.
He also reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to provide all the necessary assistance for promotion of Basohli paintings, Pashmina and other local niche products.
Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are

Two terrorists killed, Infiltration bid foiled in Uri sector

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Uri sector by killing two terrorists, a defence spokesperson said on Sunday.
Based on specific inputs from intelligence agencies and J-K Police of likely infiltration in the Uri sector by heavily armed terrorists from across the LoC, troops were put on a high alert, and the counter-infiltration grid was strengthened, Srinagar-based defence spokesperson.
"Taking advantage of bad weather marked by incessant rainfall and poor visibility, a group of armed terrorists attempted to infiltrate across the LoC, he said.
At around 3 pm on Saturday, the group was intercepted by alert troops resulting in a heavy exchange of fire. Intense firefight continued till last light resulting in the elimination of two terrorists, he added.



The spokesperson said the balance terrorists withdrew to the enemy side of the LoC along with the bodies of dead terrorists. The area was kept under surveillance throughout the night.
On Sunday, a thorough search of the incident site was conducted leading to the identification of tell-tale signs and recovery of heavy war-like stores including two AK series rifles, six pistols, four Chinese grenades, blankets, and two blood-stained bags containing Pakistani and Indian currency notes, Pakistani medicines and eatables, the spokesperson said.
"As per own assessment, recovery of two blood-stained bags confirms that at least two terrorists were grievously injured forcing them to shed their load and flee across the LoC. Due to inclement weather conditions, search operation is suspended, which will resume on opening up of weather," he said.

Home panel to adopt draft reports on bills to replace IPC, CrPC, Evidence Act

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs will meet this week to adopt draft reports on the three bills that seek to replace the Indian Penal Code, the CrPC and the Evidence Act.
The panel has informed its members through a notice that the draft reports on Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill will be adopted on October 27.

The committee was given three months to examine the three bills and submit its report after Home Minister Amit Shah had requested the chair to refer the bills to the panel for threadbare examination.
The committee took the views of various experts, including the Law Commission, during its 11 meetings held so far.
The IPC and the Evidence Act are colonial-era procedural laws that form the backbone of Indian criminal jurisprudence along with CrPC.

Engineers develop new tunnelling method for Kashmir rail link project

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Faced with a tricky terrain in the Himalayas, engineers of the Indian Railways have developed a new tunnelling method to complete the construction of Tunnel-1 on the 111-km-long Katra-Banihal section of the Kashmir rail link project.
The 3.2-km-long single tube tunnel, located at the foot of the Trikuta Hills in the Katra-Reasi section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project, has been described as the most difficult section of the project.

"We have innovatively developed (I)-TM as Himalayan tunnelling method for tunnelling through the Himalayan geology to build tunnels in Jammu and Kashmir," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav had said recently.
Explaining the new tunnelling method, a senior railway engineer said it involved providing pre-excitation support measures to tackle the "flowing conditions" encountered while excavating the tunnel.
The railways also changed the alignment of the rail line to ensure that only a small

portion passes through the tricky terrain, which the engineers had described as the worst conditions ever encountered in building tunnels anywhere in the country.
A senior railway engineer, who has been involved in the construction of the project, said the engineers decided to provide rigid supports using 'ISHB' as against the lattice girder method used in the New Austrian Tunnelling Method.
"We inserted nine-metre pipes in the mountains. It is called pipe roofing. We made an umbrella using these perforated poles and filled them

with PU grout. It is a chemical that mixes with the soil and increases its volume three times over and solidifies the soil like a rock. This structure is tested for stability and then we proceed with the excavation bit by bit," the engineer said.
He said the engineers also designed stress release holes and wing drainage holes to allow the strata to relax and lose water. The difficult terrain has led to slowing down of the work.
"Had these conditions been encountered in any other country, they would

No danger too distant anymore: Jaishankar

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Any expectation that conflicts and terrorism can be contained in their impact is no longer tenable, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday.
In an address at an event, Jaishankar, delving into geopolitical upheavals witnessing the world, said the ripple impact of what is taking place right now in the Middle East is still not entirely clear.
The external affairs minister said the consequences of various conflicts in a globalised world spread far beyond immediate geographies while citing the impact



of the Russia-Ukraine war. "In different regions, there are smaller happenings whose impact is not inconsequential," he said.

KPs pray for global peace, prosperity on Ashtami

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A special havan was organised here by the Kashmiri Pandit community on the occasion of Ashtami, during which prayers were held for peace and prosperity across the world, especially in Jammu and Kashmir.
The havan was organised at the Durganag temple in the city's Sonwar area. Many members of the community participated in the special prayers on the occasion.
"We celebrate this every six months and every year. We prayed here, organised puja, havan. It will be followed by 'prasad' ceremony. We have made all arrangements here," Trustee, the Durganath Trust, and president of the Kashmiri Pandit Conference, Kundan Kashmiri, told PTI.
He said the prayers were held throughout the night.
"We want terrorism across the world to end... We want peace. We all are human beings and should live with brotherhood," he said. Kashmiri appealed to

India sends humanitarian aid to people of Palestine



STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India on Sunday sent more than 38 tonnes of relief material including medicines and medical equipment for the people of Palestine amid mounting global concerns over the plight of civilians living in Gaza. The consignments were sent in a

Israel strikes Gaza, Syria, West Bank

RAFAH (GAZA STRIP): Israeli warplanes struck targets across Gaza overnight and into Sunday, as well as two airports in Syria and a mosque in the occupied West Bank allegedly used by militants, as the 2-week-old war with Hamas threatened to spiral into a broader conflict.
Israel has traded fire with Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group on a near-daily basis since the war began, and tensions are soaring in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where Israeli forces have battled militants in refugee camps and carried out two airstrikes in recent days.
Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu told troops in northern Israel that if Hezbollah launches a war against Israel, "it will make the mistake of its life."
"We will cripple it with a force it cannot even imagine and the consequences for it and the Lebanese state will be devastating."
For days, Israel has seemed to be on the verge of launching a ground offensive in Gaza as part of its response to Hamas' deadly October 7 rampage. Tanks and tens of thousands of troops have massed at the border, and

Urgent need to take pro-active steps to clear huge backlog of cases: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: There is an urgent need to take proactive steps to not only clear the huge backlog of cases at all levels but for introspection by all stakeholders to meet the aspirations of litigants who seek speedy justice and curtail methods adopted to delay proceedings, the Supreme Court has said while issuing a slew of directions.
A bench of justices S Ravindra Bhat (since retired) and Aravind Kumar, in the order delivered on Friday, gave directions to all courts at district and taluka levels on matters like the execution of summons, filing of

It also directed the setting of committees by the chief justices of the respective states to constantly monitor old cases pending for more than five years.
The court said millions of consumers of justice file their cases expecting speedy justice so there is an onerous responsibility on all stakeholders to ensure that the people's faith in this system is not eroded on account of delayed justice.
"There is an urgent need to take pro-active steps to not only clear the huge



LG pays obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: On the auspicious occasion of Maha Ashtami, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday paid obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and prayed for the peace, prosperity and progress of the UT of Jammu Kashmir.
The Lt Governor launched and dedicated the 'Live Darshan Facility' and Bi-lingual chatbot on the website of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, to the devotees.
He also released a Yatra Guide Book on Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage 'The Bhakti of Shakti' by Rupa Publications.
The Live Darshan Facility is available at the official website of the Shrine Board -

Launches 'Live Darshan Facility', Bi-lingual chatbot on SMVDSB website

www.maavaishnodevi.org. This initiative has been taken by the Shrine Board for the larger facilitation of devotees.
In addition, with an aim to provide authentic information to pilgrims, a Bi-lingual Interactive Chatbot 'Shakti' has been developed for the official website augmenting the 24x7 toll-free helpline for addressing queries and grievances received from pilgrims.
It is pertinent to mention that over 20,000 pilgrims are being facilitated every month by the Call Centre.
The chatbot will provide all the relevant information on services/facilities provided by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and provide much-needed help to



LG Manoj Sinha paying obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine on Sunday.

Congress releases third list of seven candidates for Chhattisgarh polls, drops four MLAs

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAIPUR: The Congress on Sunday released its third list of candidates for the remaining seven seats for the Chhattisgarh assembly elections, renominating the party's two sitting MLAs and denying tickets to four incumbent legislators.
With this, the ruling party has announced its candidates for all the 90 assembly constituencies in the state, which will see voting in two phases on November 7 and 17. Votes will be counted on December 3.
Of the seven seats, one each is reserved for the Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste categories. Candidates belonging to the Other Backward Class (OBC) have been fielded in three of the other five general seats.

Four women candidates, including a sitting MLA, are on the Congress' third list.
Sitting MLAs Ambica Singh Deo and Kuldeep Juneja have been fielded from their incumbent seats Baikunthpur and Raipur North, respectively.
The candidates who have been fielded in place of four sitting legislators are Chaturji Nand (Saraipali-SC), Ambika Markam (Sihwaha), Sandeep Sahu (Kasdol) and Rashmi Chandrakar (Mahasamund).
The party has fielded Omkar Sahu from the Dhamtari seat which it could not win in the 2018 elections. Of these five candidates, except for ex-MLA Markam, the others are new faces. Of the 90 candidates

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 27.9°C Min: 18.0°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 76

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.4°C Min: 6.6°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 73
Sunset: 17:45 Hours
Sunrise: 06:35 Hours

