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**SECOND NAVRATRA**



**Maa Brahmarhini**

Second incarnation of Maa Durga is called Brahmarhini. It comprises of two words, 'Brahm' which means meditation while 'Charini' stands for implementation of character of meditation. She is also called 'Uma'. She has got a Kamandal (Vessel) in her left hand while 'Mala' (string of beads) in the right. Worshipper of this Devi gets power to resist and fight under all odds. Mantra of Goddess Brahmarhini to be recited nine times is :-

**"Om Hreng Aing Bhagwati Brahmarhini Mum Sarvam Sarv Shatruon Vash Manay Thaa Thaa Swaha."**

ॐ ह्रीं ऐं भगवती  
ब्रह्मचारिणीं मम सर्वम् सर्वं  
शत्रून् वश मानय त्वां त्वा स्वाहा

## Cong guarantee of corruption, casteism, nepotism: Modi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the Congress stands for the "guarantee of corruption, casteism, communalism and nepotism", as he urged the people in Haryana to vote the ruling BJP to power for a third straight term.

In a message on X on the last day of campaigning in Haryana before the assembly polls on October 5, Modi blasted the Congress for its alleged divisive and negative politics which, he said, the patriotic people of the state will never accept.

"The Congress means a syndicate of fixers and son-in-law," he said in an apparent reference to controversial land deals involving Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra when the party was in power during 2004-14 with Bhupinder Singh Hooda as the chief minister.

The main goal of father-son politics is only self-interest,



he said, clearly targeting Hooda and his MP son Deependar Singh Hooda. Modi also asserted that Congress leaders are involved in a factional fight.

People know that the party can never provide a stable government, he added.

"People of Haryana are also feeling hurt as the entire state is being insulted at the behest of two families sitting in Delhi and Haryana," Modi claimed.

People are witnessing the failure of Congress governments in states like Himachal Pradesh and

the campaign and the enthusiasm he saw among the people gave him confidence that they would once again give their blessings to the BJP.

The BJP in its 10 years of government in Haryana worked relentlessly to improve people's lives and prioritised the welfare of every section of society, be it farmers, youth, women, villages or cities, he added.

"We have brought Haryana out of the era of scams and riots seen during the Congress governments," Modi said, adding that the voice that is echoing everywhere in Haryana is "bhadosa dil se, Bhajpa phir se (BJP once more)".

Exhorting people to vote for the BJP, the prime minister said it is very important that they elect a government which strengthens India at a time when the entire world is looking towards the country with hope and expectations.

The Congress can never strengthen the country,

## Shardiya Navratra begins at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Shatchandi Yagya performed, Langar Sewa launched at Adhkuwari

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Amid multi-tier security arrangements, the nine-day-long festival of Navratri began with religious fervor, as over 45,000 pilgrims undertake the pilgrimage daily to pay obeisance at the cave shrine of Mata Vaishnodevi in the Trikuta hills.

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), which manages the yatra, has started new registration counters at the Katra railway station to ease the process for the pilgrims in light of the expected influx during the Navratri period.

The Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra has been adorned with indigenous and foreign flowers, and large pandals have been set up in the Bhawan area for the auspicious occasion.

"I congratulate all the devotees on the occasion of Shardiya Navratri. We welcome them here and hope that thousands of pilgrims



Shardiya Navratra begins at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine with sacred Shatchandi Yagya on Thursday.

from across the globe will come to pay their obeisance," Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Anshul Garg told reporters.

He assured that all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure a comfortable and peaceful yatra for the pilgrims.

"There has been a heavy rush of pilgrims since yesterday with over 45,000 devotees registered and we expect a similar footfall today," he added.

Multi-tier security measures have been implemented to ensure an incident-free yatra.

"Police, CRPF and Shrine Board security personnel have been deployed along the track from Katra to Bhawan. Elaborate security arrangements have been

## SFs, terrorists exchange fire in Kishtwar



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A brief exchange of fire took place between security forces and terrorists during a search operation in Kishtwar district on Thursday, officials said.

Based on specific inputs about the presence of terrorists, the security forces

## Army will soon crack encrypted handsets used by terrorists in J&K: Lt Gen Ghai

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Top Army officer in Kashmir valley Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai on Thursday said the Army would soon be "able to crack" encrypted handsets used by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

Talking to reporters here, Lt Gen Ghai acknowledged that the 'Ultra' communication was giving secrecy to terrorist groups but he assured that the work is in progress.

"Ultra communication has various layers of encryption and while presently, it is affording them the secrecy that they want.

"But I assure you that work is happening in that regard

## Ceasefire with Pakistan along LoC in J&K has sustained: GoC

SRINAGAR: The ceasefire with Pakistan along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir has sustained and exceptions to any activity taken by the other side is brought to notice through various means, a top Army officer said on Thursday.

Speaking at a press conference, General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the Army's strategic Srinagar-based Chinar Corps, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, said when the ceasefire understanding with Pakistan came into effect at the beginning of the year 2021, the situation was tenuous on the northern borders with China.

"At that point in time, the two countries (India and Pakistan) felt that it was the most apt thing to do so that tensions could be kept under the threshold as far as the LoC (Line of Control) and the western borders are concerned," he said. Lt Gen Ghai, who is relinquishing the command of Chinar Corps, said the ceasefire understanding has sustained.



and soon we will be able to crack that encryption and I am hoping that will further

dent the terrorist ecosystem network," Lt Gen Ghai said in his last press conference as

commander of valley-based XV Corps. He will soon

## J&K Assembly staff, on deputation to various deptts, ordered to report back

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Days ahead of counting of votes, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday directed all employees of the legislative assembly, who were sent on deputation to various departments, to report back to the House secretary immediately.

Voting for the 90-member assembly was held in three phases and the results would be declared on October 8.

The General Administration Department's (GAD) order states, "It is hereby ordered that all employees belonging to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, employed in various departments/offices by the General Administration Department from time to time, shall immediately report in the office of secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly, Jammu/Srinagar."

According to the order, the secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly shall furnish details of non-compliance with the order, if any, to the General Administration Department within one week.

Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir were held after a gap of 10 years. The last assembly was dissolved in 2018, prompting the GAD to use the services of Assembly employees in other departments.

## 63.88 pc turnout recorded in J&K Assembly elections

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Voter turnout of 69.69 per cent has been recorded in phase-3 of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, with women outnumbering men in casting votes, the Election Commission said on Thursday.

Overall, 63.88 per cent turnout has been recorded at polling stations, as against 58.58 per cent in the Lok Sabha polls, the poll panel noted.

In phase-3 of the polls on October 1, when 40 seats were for voting in the Union Territory, the turnout of male voters was recorded at 69.37 per cent as compared to 70.02 per cent of women, the Election Commission (EC) said.

Nearly 44 per cent of voters from the third gender category came to cast their votes in phase-3.

Referring to the overall turnout, the

## BJP confident of emerging as single-largest party in J&K Assembly polls: Raina

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina on Thursday said the party will emerge as the single-largest one in the ongoing Assembly elections and form its government in the Union Territory.

Raina said the record voter turnout across all three phases indicates the BJP is poised to win an absolute majority on October 8.

"The way the people voted on a large scale, we are confident that a majority government will be formed by BJP



in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP will emerge as the single-largest party in J-K. People voted in favour of the

BJP keeping in view the development work carried out by PM Modi ji during

## Modi greets people as Navratra begins

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday greeted people at the start of the auspicious Navratri festival.

"It is my wish that this sacred festival devoted to worshipping shakti is auspicious for everyone," he said on X.

The festival is marked by festivities in many parts of the country, while the devout involve themselves in religious practices, including fasting, during the period.

## Ex-Dy CM threatened; FIR lodged CEO asks SSP Jammu to take appropriate action

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Police on Thursday lodged an FIR for alleged threats to former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand, who is the Congress candidate for Chammb Assembly Constituency.

In a formal complaint to Chief Electoral Officer, Tara Chand is reported to have complained about threats to his life during campaigning and after the polling culminated. Accordingly the CEO took up the matter with Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu for earnest

appropriate action.

Tara Chand has complained about an alarming incident having taken place at his residence between 8:00 PM and 8:30 PM in the evening of October 1, 2024, coinciding with the conclusion of Assembly elections. He has specifically identified the attackers as Jatinder Singh alias Romi, Arjun Singh, and Ashok Singh, all residents of the Khour area in Jammu District.

Chand, a former Deputy CM and Speaker Legislative Assembly, highlighted his status as a protected person

due to his political background and expressed concern over his safety while referring to the incident.

Recounting the sequence of events, Tara Chand said the armed assailants entered his residence in Village Chak Malal, Khour when he was interacting with some of his supporters, and asked him to accompany them. He said he recognized the alleged intruders, who he described as notorious criminals with a history of threatening him, saying he didn't comply with their diktat fearing threat

## 70 pc dip in violence in J&K, other areas in 10 years: Shah

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AHMEDABAD: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday claimed that incidents of violence have decreased by as much as 70 per cent in the three "hotspots" of Kashmir, the Northeast, and regions affected by Naxalism in the last ten years.

The number of deaths due to such incidents in these areas too has fallen by 72 per cent, he said, speaking after inaugurating the new office building of the Ahmedabad police commissioner and Joint Interrogation Centre (JIC) in Shahibang area.

Shah, on a two-day Gujarat visit, also claimed that once the infrastructure needed for the implementation of the three new criminal laws is in place, people



will get justice in three years from the point of registration of First Information Report to a hearing in the apex court.

Strong determination, permanent and effective solutions as well as pro-development approach of the Narendra Modi government

has brought about a transformation in Kashmir and other places where violence was rife, the senior BJP leader said.

"In ten years, people witnessed a huge change in the internal security landscape of the country. A decade ago, bomb blasts used to happen

at regular intervals in these three hotspots -- Kashmir, Northeast, as well as the Left Wing Extremism-affected regions. It was so common in those days that such incidents were not even covered in the news," he said.

"However, thanks to the efforts of the Centre under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, incidents of violence have decreased 70 per cent and deaths due to such incidents also went down by 72 per cent in the last ten years in these three hotspots. It shows that India is on the path of becoming a nation free of terrorism and Naxalism," the Union minister further said.

Talking about the new criminal laws (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya

Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam), Shah said minute details were taken into consideration while drafting them.

"We kept in mind which new technology will be in practice even after 100 years while defining various sections of these laws. This will ensure there will be no need to change the laws for the next 100 years," he said.

"Once all the required infrastructure for the implementation of these laws is created, our justice system will become the most advanced in the world and people will get justice within three years starting from the registration of FIR till the hearing in the Supreme Court," the home minister averred.

## Cabinet approves classical language status to five languages

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved conferring classical language status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"This is a historical decision and it goes very well with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the NDA government's philosophy of taking pride in our culture, taking pride in our heritage and taking pride in all the Indian languages and the rich heritage that we have," Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said at a cabinet briefing.

Classical languages serve as a custodian of Bharat's profound and ancient cultural heritage, embodying the essence of each community's historical and cultural milestone, the government said.

In a statement, it said the inclusion of Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali in the classical language category will create significant employment opportunities, particularly in academic and research fields.

Additionally, the preservation, documentation and digitisation of ancient texts of these languages will generate jobs in archiving, translation, publishing and digital media, the government said.

The primary states involved are Maharashtra

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 34.2°C Min: 23.1°C

Humidity  
Max: 86 Min: 61

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 29.9°C Min: 11.3°C

Humidity  
Max: 75 Min: 41

Sunset : 18:13 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:26 Hours