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THIRD NAVRATRA



Maa Chandraghanta

Maa 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 & courage. Mantra to be recited nine times on this day is :-

"Om Kleeng Hareeng Aing Bhagwati Chandraghanta Mum Sarwam Bandhan Naashe Naashe Swaha"

ॐ क्लीं ह्रीं ऐं भगवती चन्द्रघटा मम सर्वम् बन्धन नाशय नाशय स्वाहा

Cong turned entire north India into hotspot of drug trade: Amit Shah

Before Modi became PM, J&K, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi were hotspot of drug trade

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
AHMEDABAD: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday attacked the Congress over the Delhi drug seizure, and accused it of turning entire north India into a hotspot of illegal drug trade when it was in power before 2014.

In one of Delhi's biggest drug busts, police seized over 560 kilograms of cocaine and 40 kilograms of hydroponic marijuana estimated to be worth around Rs 5,620 crore earlier this week.

Addressing a gathering in Mansa town of Gandhinagar district, Shah said the arrested accused, Tushar Goel, is the chairman of the Delhi Youth Congress' RTI cell.

Giving data about the seizures made during the last 10 years, Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Drugs Free India' campaign soon after assuming office in 2014.



"Drugs of Rs 5,600 crore were recovered in Delhi two days ago. When Congress was in power between 2004 and 2014, nearly 1.52 lakh kg drugs was seized across the country. But thanks to our anti-drug campaign, we could seize 5.43 lakh kg drugs in 10 years from 2014 to 2024," Shah said.

During the 10 years of Congress rule, drugs of Rs 768 crore were seized, while Rs 27,600 crore drugs were seized in as many years

under the BJP rule from 2014, he said.

"I was wondering why there is a huge difference between the seizures done under these governments. Investigations revealed that the main accused, Tushar Goel, who has been arrested, is the president of Delhi Congress' RTI cell. Is it possible for a political party to eliminate drugs if some of its own members are engaged in the narcotics trade?" asked Shah.

Before Modi became the prime minister, Congress had made entire north India, be it Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana or Delhi, a hotspot of drug trade, Shah said, adding that the Modi government took decisive steps against this trade. In Gujarat also, our BJP government seized drugs of Rs 8,500 crore in just three years.

"A party whose own members are engaged in narcotics trade can never free a state or a country from the menace of drugs. The only party capable of achieving the prime minister's goal of a drug-free India is the BJP," Shah said.

He was addressing people after laying the foundation stone for a 421-bed hospital in Mansa.

Prior to the event, Shah addressed people in Gandhinagar city

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Peace-loving nation like India should have enough teeth: CDS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan on Friday said the current geopolitical environment is in a "flux" and every nation is hedging a bet due to "this uncertain kind of a future".

His remarks at an event hosted by the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) here come in the backdrop of a prolonged Russia-Ukraine war and escalation in conflict in parts of West Asia.

The CDS, in his keynote address, also said the Israel-Hamas and Israel-Hezbollah conflicts are likely to "escalate further".

"The world we see around us is actually going through an unprecedented kind of a crisis... The basic question that comes to everyone's

mind is whether wars will continue to remain instruments of states' policy to resolve political disputes, the simple answer to all this is yes," Gen Chauhan said.

He told a gathering of defence industry leaders that he believes "conflict is an inevitable part" of human life and human nature, and wars and warfare have been part of civilisations.

"War and warfare are as old as human civilisation and they will continue. The current geopolitical environment

is in flux and everyone, every nation is hedging a bet because of this uncertain kind of a future," he said.

"Another important maxim about wars is that there are no runners-up and the winner takes all. Hence, all nations are actually, trying to, as they say, keep the powder dry. India too has to follow that suit," the CDS added.

In his address, he also alluded to the first Joint Commanders' Conference held in Lucknow in September.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, while addressing the conference, had said that India is committed to peace but should be prepared for a war, to preserve it.

Gen Chauhan said, "A deterrence that is credible is the only way to

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Cong opposes 'move' to nominate 5 MLAs before Govt formation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Congress on Friday strongly opposed the nomination of five MLAs before the government formation in Jammu and Kashmir, labelling any such move as an assault on democracy and the fundamental principles of the Constitution.

For the first time in J&K, five nominated Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) will have a significant role in forming the new government following a decade-long hiatus. The lieutenant governor (LG) will nominate these members

based on the advice of the Home Ministry, according to reports.

This process follows an amendment to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which was further revised on July 26, 2023 to introduce these nominations.

In that case, the J&K assembly will expand to 95 members, increasing the majority threshold to 48 seats to form a government.

"We oppose the nomination of five MLAs by the lieutenant governor before the government formation in Jammu and Kashmir.

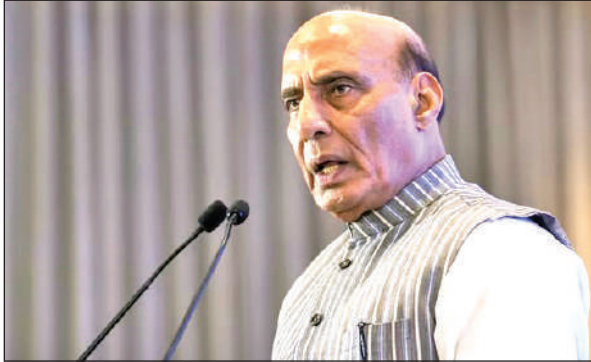
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India consistently advocated for peaceful resolution to disputes: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India has consistently advocated for a peaceful resolution to disputes and has sought to promote cooperation among nations in the Indo-Pacific, with a strong emphasis on the centrality of ASEAN, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday.

His remarks come amid China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the region.

In his address at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2024 here, he also expressed concern over "certain attempts to monopolise



and weaponise critical resources for strategic reasons", terming these tendencies as not conducive for the global good.

Singh emphasised that India's engagement with its partners is guided by the understanding that true progress can only be achieved

through collective action and synergy, and due to these efforts, it is now considered as a "credible and preferred security partner and first responder" in the region.

"India's vision for the Indo-Pacific is based on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's idea of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) as we believe in fostering partnerships that prioritise sustainable development, economic growth and mutual security," he was quoted as saying in a statement issued by the

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CS reviews convergence action plan for e-Shram registered workers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant initiative to enhance worker welfare, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, convened a meeting on Friday to review the action plan focused on providing benefits of various schemes to workers registered on the e-Shram portal.

Present in the meeting were Secretary, Labour and Employment; Principal Secretary, PDD; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary, Tribal Affairs; MD, JKRLM; Labour Commissioner; representatives from NIC and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary enquired about saturation of ration cards among registered workers. He emphasized the need for issuance of ration cards to all eligible workers, directing the department to identify and fill existing gaps in coverage. This move is expected to bolster food security for many workers who may currently lack access to essential resources, he asserted.

In a bid to enhance the efficacy of these initiatives, the Chief Secretary instructed all concerned departments to designate Nodal

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Criminal cases shouldn't be slapped against scribes for writings perceived as Govt criticism: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Criminal cases should not be slapped against journalists merely because their writings are perceived as criticism of the government, the Supreme Court said on Friday.

A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and S V N Bhatti said in democratic nations, the freedom to express one's views is respected and the rights of journalists are protected under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.

The bench was hearing a plea filed by journalist Abhishek Upadhyay, who has sought quashing of an FIR lodged against him in Uttar Pradesh for publishing a news report on the "caste dynamics of the general administration" in the state.

"Merely because writings of a journalist are perceived as criticism of the government, criminal cases should not be slapped against the writer," the bench said. While issuing a notice to the Uttar

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RSS Chief envisions advanced Hindu nation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KOTA (RAJ): India has always been a Hindu nation and now it must be transformed into a more progressive, competent and formidable entity, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Friday.

He was responding to a query by a volunteer during an interactive session on the second day of his four-day visit to Baran in Rajasthan.

The RSS Sarsangchalak affirmed that India has per-

petually been a Hindu nation and should be rendered more advanced, capable and robust.

On how to connect society with the RSS, he said one should transform strangers

into acquaintances, acquaintances into comrades, and comrades into volunteers.

Bhagwat also participated alongside the volunteers in a tree-planting initiative outside the Shiv temple premises. On this occasion, 51 saplings were planted, with the volunteers pledged to nurture the plants.

In the morning, he visited the ancient Pyararam temple on Mangrol Road in Baran.

Landmine blast near LoC, two Army personnel injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two Army personnel were injured in a landmine blast near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district on Friday, officials said.

"In the wee hours, during patrolling at Gogaldara near LoC in Trehgam area of the north Kashmir district, two army personnel got injured in a landmine blast," the officials said.

The two personnel have been admitted to the army hospital in Drugmulla and their condition is stable.

Need to catch up with China on technology & production rate of military equipment: IAF Chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh on Friday said the IAF is aiming to have its entire inventory produced in India by 2047 under the indigenisation programme even as he asserted that Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd must produce 24 Tejas light combat jets annually as promised to offset the delays in supplies.

At a press conference ahead of Air Force Day on October 8, he also said that India needs to catch up with China on technology and speed in



production of military equipment, holding that "we are way behind" the neighbour.

Air Chief Marshal Singh, at the same time, said the

Indian military is way ahead in terms of personnel including those operating various machines and platforms.

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Former Judicial Officers Association felicitates CJ Tashi Rabstan




Former Judicial Officers Association felicitating CJ Tashi Rabstan in Jammu on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The members of executive body of retired Judicial Officers Association headed by Harbans Lal, former District & Sessions Judge, on Friday felicitated Justice Tashi Rabstan for taking over as the 37th Chief Justice of High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

They discussed various issues pertaining to welfare

of retired Judicial Officers and apprised the Chief Justice of the activities being carried out by the Association. They also complimented the Chief Justice for his proactive approach in upgradation of judicial apparatus in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh so as to reach the last man in the queue of justice seekers.

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.0°C Min: 22.4°C

Humidity
Max: 76 Min: 59

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 29.6°C Min: 11.5°C

Humidity
Max: 75 Min: 40

Sunset : 18:11 Hours
Sunrise : 06:26 Hours