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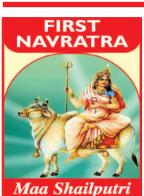
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Even after 14 years of its launch Jan Aushadhi medicines have not taken even 0.5 pc of Pharma Market?

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Powerlifting Championship to start from April 1

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh



Mother 'Shailputri' is the first incarnation of Goddess Durga. As she took birth to Himalaya-Raj, Shail Raj so she took the name Shailputri. She has a Trishul in her right hand and a lotus flower in the left.

Her marriage was solemnised with Lord Shiva. Her Mantra is to be recited nine times to take her blessings:-

"Om Aing Bhagwati Shailputri Hreeng Mum Sarwam Vaanchhitam Dehi Dehi Swaha."

ॐ ऐं भगवती शैलपुत्री ह्रीं मम सर्वम् वांछितम् देही देही स्वाहा



33-B, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab Hizbul OGW charge-sheeted

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in terrorism conspiracy case **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed the first supplementary charge sheet against an Over Ground Worker (OWG) of the proscribed Hizb-ul-

hideen terrorist outfit in the Jammu and Kashmir

The charge sheet against Mohd Rafi Najar, a resident of Sopore and close associate of Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Imtiyaz Kundoo alias "Fayaz", under various sections of the IPC

terrorism conspiracy case.

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700-year-old temple undergoes restoration in Srinagar

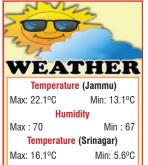
STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has taken up the restoration work of the 700-year-old Mangleshwar Temple, which was severely damaged by floods in 2014, located in the heart of Srinagar city, officials said here.

The work was started in June 2022 and is expected to be completed next month, they said, adding that the estimated cost of the project is Rs 1.62 core.

"The temple is around 700 years old. Everyone knows about its significance. It developed some cracks in the floods of September 2014. So, last year, we took

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Sunset: 18:43 Hours

Sunrise: 06:35 Hours

The minister was responding to a question put by Congress member Pradyut

Bordoloi who had sought details and the number of journalists arrested under Max: 76 Min: 46 the Unlawful Activities

> (Prevention) ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

LG directs JKRLM to launch VSY for empowerment of women entrepreneurs



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at a function organized in connection with International Day of Forests in Jammy on Tuesday

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed the J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) to launch Van Sakhi Yojana (VSY) in coordination with Forest Department for the socioeconomic empowerment of the women entrepreneurs associated with the sector. Speaking at a function held

commemorate International Day of Forests, organized by Department of

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL: Asserting that

people of Jammu and

Kashmir have the right over

all its resources, former

Chief Minister and chairman

Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam

Nabi Azad on Tuesday said

that government should

ensure that locals should be

given first preference as they

have claim by being natives.

are not given to us but con-

tractors from outside are

preferred which deprives our

people of rights over sand,

stones and minerals," Azad

said addressing a massive

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world in spite of its

several political par-

ties, excelling China

supremacy with only

one party," said Tarun

Chugh, BJP National

General Secretary in a

statement issued in

The BJP is the

biggest party in country with

J P Nadda as its President

and dynamic and world-level

leader Narendra Modi

marching the country ahead

with a pledge of 'Sabka

110 YouTube channels

banned since Dec 2021 for

violation of IT Act: Thakur

NEW DELHI: Information

and Broadcasting Minister

Anurag Thakur on Tuesday

said the government has

issued directions for blocking

YouTube-based news chan-

nels and 248 URLs since

December, 2021 for carrying

content against the sover-

In a written reply in the

Lok Sabha, Thakur also said

the National Crime Records

Bureau did not maintain any separate data on journalists.

eignty of the country.

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Monday.

had

JAMMU: "Bharat is the

biggest democracy in the

earlier

"Our sand, stones, minerals

Democratic

Progressive

Forest, Ecology Environment at Convention Centre, Sinha also asked the Forests Department and other stakeholders to ensure that policy on 'Sustainable Utilization of Non-timber Forest Produce in J&K' is fully operationalized on ground to maximize its benefits to the people, especially women and tribal communi-

The Lt Governor called upon the people for sustain-

gathering of people from all

By empowering people of

JK, Centre would be strong

Bharat-the biggest democracy despite

several active political parties: Chugh

Saath, Sabka Vikas'. The

Government's war is against

poverty and is doing its best

to uplift poor and destitute,

said BJP National General

Secretary adding that the

party is receiving continuous

blessings of crores of people

villages here.

and the judicious use of resources to combat climate change and to ensure well-

"Healthy Forests is the key to Healthy living of people and it should be our topmost priority to safeguard these precious natural resources. Every element produced by nature nourishes us. Since time immemorial, the health and well-being of humans, animals and environment around us are interlinked",

and Pakistan as these neigh-

bouring countries attempt to

destabilise the country. "For

Hitting out at Delhi Chief

Minister, Arvind Kejriwal,

Chugh said that his

so called develop-

ments are only in the

advertisements

which is far from the

truth. He should

know that the budget

is the tax-payer's

money which cannot

be misused on public-

ity adding that its

return has to reach every tax

payer. "Agencies are doing

their work and dealing with

the liquor mafia which swin-

dled huge amount of public

last 35 years, people of

Sangathan Hai'.

LG greets people on Navratras

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings on the beginning of auspicious days

In a message, the Lt Governor said: On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, I extend warm greetings to all the citizens, especially Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters, who are celebrating Navreh.

Navratri symbolises the spiritual joy and the triumph of good over evil. It

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Policeman sacked for unauthorised absence from service

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A policeman was dismissed from service for unauthorised absence of over two years in Samba district, police said.

Selection Grade Constable (SgCt) Varinder Pal Singh is second policeman removed from service on account of prolonged

Not interested in contesting

polls: Azad's son Saddam

BANIHAL/JAMMU: After

joining the Democratic Azad

Party (DAP) founded by his

father Ghulam Nabi Azad

last month, Saddam Azad on

Tuesday said he is not inter-

ested in fighting elections to

be an MP or an MLA but

wants to work to make

Jammu and Kashmir a par-

He said leaders like his

father are needed by J&K to

steer the region to prosperity

and development rather than

Mother-son duo

arrested for drug

peddling

SRINAGAR: Police on

Tuesday arrested a mother-son

duo in Budgam in an alleged

drug peddling case, officials

Police received information

that Mohammad Yaqoob

Khan and his mother have

concealed contraband sub-

stances at their house at

Gopalpora in Chadoora area, a

Following this, a police team

accompanied by an executive

magistrate raided their house

and recovered 31 sticks of cha-

ras weighing 1.122 kilograms.

The mother-son duo have been

arrested and taken into police

police spokesperson said.

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Magnificent view of illuminated Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan on Navratra Celebrations.

LS passes budget for J&K UT amid ruckus over JPC demand

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed a Rs 1.185 lakh crore budget for the financial year 2023-24 for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, amid ruckus by the Opposition over a demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the Adani issue. As soon as the House met

again at 2 pm after an adjournment, Rajindra Agrawal, who was chairing the proceedings, asked BJP's Jugal Kishore Sharma to initiate the discussion on the budget for the Union Territory, which is under central rule at present.

Sharma spoke for a minute after which the process to pass the budget was initiated. The budget for Jammu and Kashmir was passed by a voice vote amid din.

Minister of State in the Finance Ministry, Pankaj Chaudhary, moved the proposals related to the Union Territory's budget on behalf of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The bill, which was introduced on

Strong tremors jolt J&K, Delhi, parts of north India J&K people have right over all its resources, including land, sand stones: Azad

Earthquake of magnitude 6.6 rocks Hindukush region in Afghanistan **Doctors deliver baby amid**

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.6 on the Richter scale occurred on Tuesday night in Jammu and Kashmir, triggering panic among the people who rushed outside their homes. The highearthquake intensity 22:10:27IST. occurred The earthquake was at the latitude 36.09 degrees north and longitude 71.35 degrees east, a meteorological department official here told The epicenter was Hindu Kush Region,

There was no immediate

tremors in Anantnag hospital report of any damage in Hospital) the earthquake which caused panic among the people who rushed out of

Meanwhile, doctors at a hospital in Anantnag district kept their nerve to deliver a baby through lower-segment cesarean section while an earthquake shook the Valley on Tuesday.

their houses.

"Emergency (lower-segment cesarean section) was going on at SDH

Anantnag, during which strong tremors of earthquake were felt.

'Kudos to staff of SDH Bijbehara who conducted the LSCS smoothly and thank god everything is alright," according to a tweet from the the district's chief medical offi-

The tweet included a video that showed how the staff focused on the job while everything around them was shaking

NIA makes first arrest in NGO terror funding case; Kashmiri journalist arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The National

Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a close associate of a human rights activist in connection with its ongoing investigation into an NGO terror funding case, an official said on Tuesday.

Irfan Mehraj, a resident of Srinagar, was the first accused arrested following comprehensive investigations into the NGO terror funding case registered in October 2020, a spokesperson of NIA

Srinagar-based freelance journalist Irfan Mehraj, who has contributed to various national and international news organizations, was



Arrested Kashmiri journalist Irfan Mehraj.

arrested by NIA on specific "Mehraj was a close associ-

ate of (human rights activist) Khurram Parvez and was working with his organisation, Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Societies (JKCCS)," he said.

investigation revealed that the JKCCS was funding terror activities and had also been propagating a secessionist agenda in the Valley under the garb of the protection of human rights. "Involvement of some

The agency alleged that the

Valley-based NGOs, Trusts and Societies in funding of terror-related activities is being probed in this case,' the spokesperson said. The official said some

NGOs, both registered as well as unregistered, have been noticed collecting funds domestically and abroad under the cover of doing charity and various

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due its motto 'Sewa Hi custody, the spokesperson said. money," he asserted. DG CRPF visits south Kashmir, reviews operational preparedness



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public

meeting at Banihal on Tuesday.

CRPF Director General Sujoy Lal Thaosen during visit to South Kashmir on Tuesday.

"Thaosen

along with

Inspector General Kashmir

Ops Sector M S Bhatia visit-

ed South Kashmir to review

the operational preparedness

and deployment of troops," a

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Director General Sujoy Lal Thaosen visited South Kashmir on Tuesday to review the operational preparedness of the force, offi-

He said during the visit, the DG interacted with senior

of Central Reserve Police

Force spokesperson said.

officers of CRPF at 90 Battalion at Anantnag and assessed the situation on the ground.

"Thaosen lauded the efforts of the officers and jawans and commended them for their dedication to their duties and valour in serving the nation," the spokesperson

Thaosen expressed satisfaction with the operational preparedness and deployment of troops in the region, the official said.

"Thaosen's visit to South Kashmir highlights CRPF's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of

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