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# J&K body builders shine in North India Championship

# SECOND **NAVRATRA**

#### Maa Brahmcharini

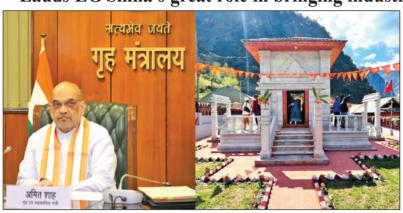
Second incarnation of Maa Durga is called Brahmcharini. It comprises of two words, 'Brahm' which means meditation while 'Charini' stands for implementation of character of meditation. She is also called 'Uma'. She has got a Kamandal (Vessel) in her left hand while 'Mala' (string of beads) in the right.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

"Om Hreeng Aing Bhagwati Brahmcharini Mum Sarwam Sarv Shatroon Vash Manay Thaa Thaa Swaha."

ॐ हीं ऐं भगवती ब्रह्मचारिणी मम सर्वम् सर्व शत्रुन वश मानय ठा ठा स्वाहा HM e-inaugurates Maa Sharda Devi Temple at Kupwara

# After removal of Article 370, peace being established in J&K: Amit Shah

Lauds LG Sinha's great role in bringing industrial investments to J&K



Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurating Maa Sharda Devi Temple via video conferencing from New Delhi on Wednesday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah on Wednesday inaugurated Maa Sharda Devi Temple, Teetwal in Kupwara District in Jammu and Kashmir through video conferencing.

dignitaries including Several Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, were present on the occasion.

Amit Shah wished the countrymen for the New Year and said the newly constructed temple of Maa Sharda has been opened for the devotees and this is an auspicious sign for the devotees from all over the country. He described the inauguration of Maa Sharda's temple as the beginning of a new era.

Amit Shah said that the archi-

### Admn facilitates live streaming of event

sion of inaugural ceremony of Sharda Yatra Temple at Teetwal, situated on the banks of River Kishanganga, District Administration Kupwara on Wednesday arranged live streaming of the event to facilitate the devotees to view live address of Home Minister, Amit Shah, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Member Parliament, Tajesvi Suriva.

BJP State President, Ravinder Raina was present at the event. The Brigade Commander 104 CONTD ON PAGE 9

has been done according to mythological scriptures under the aegis of Sharda Peeth. The idol of Sharda Maa, donated by the Sringeri Math, and its installation here, the time period from 24 January till date was like a journey. The reconstruction of Maa Sharda's temple in Kupwara is a necessary and important step in the direction of discovery of Sharda-civilization **CONTD ON PAGE 9** 

# LG felicitates players participating in 84th National & Inter-State TT C'ship Govt committed to put needs of sportspersons first: Sinha

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during 84th National & Inter-State Table Tennis Championship at Jammu University on Wednesday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday felicitated and interacted with players participating in 84th National and Inter State Table Tennis Championship

Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu.

The Lt Governor expressed immense pride in the accom-

plishments of sportspersons at national and international arena and said, "We truly admire the outstanding skills, courage, sacrifice and dedication of our sportspersons and committed to put Governor. the needs of the players first.

"Big change always starts with a small step, this is what we learn from the sports. The energy of players, glory

earned on the field is giving new impetus to development and our Sportspersons are playing a major role in social transformation and social integration", said the Lt

The Lt Governor shared the milestones achieved in transforming the sporting ecosystem in

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# Sarabjot clinches men's Air Pistol gold in ISSF World Cup

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHOPAL: Sarabjot Singh shot down a gold in men's air pistol while

Varun Tomar clinched bronze in the same event as India opened ISSF their Pistol/Rifle World Cup campaign with two

medals here on Wednesday. The Indian women air pistol shooters though couldn't make it to the medal bracket, with Manu Bhaker, Divya Subbaraju and Rhythm Sangwan failing to come

Loss of seniority of candidates recommended

earlier a matter of grave

concern: SC Collegium

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Supreme Court Collegium

has voiced concern over the

Centre withholding or over-

looking the names recom-

mended for appointment as

judges, saying this disturbs

the seniority of the candi-

dates, and asked the govern-

ment to take "necessary

action" for elevation of those

The collegium, headed by

Chandrachud, said a notifi-

cation for the elevation of

persons recommended earli-

er in point of time should be

The collegium voiced its

concern in a resolution dated

March 21 in which it recom-

mended the names of four

district judges for appointment as judges of the

Madras High Court. The col-

legium, which comprises

Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul

and KM Joseph, recom-

mended the names of R

Sakthivel, P Dhanabal,

Chinnasamy Kumarappan,

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Justice

recommended earlier.

issued at the earliest.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

good on the inaugural day of competitions here Sarabjot, the 2021 junior world cham-



World Cup.

The 21-year-old Sarabjot was in awesome form all through as he emerged leader at the end of the

# Modi holds high-level review meeting on COVID, influenza situation

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Amid a spike in influenza and COVID-19  $\,$ cases in the country in the past two weeks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a highlevel meeting and directed officials to enhance genome sequencing while also emphasizing on Covid-appropriate behaviour.

India has recorded 1,134 new coronavirus cases, while the active cases increased to 7,026, according to Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday. The death toll climbed to 5.30.813 with five deaths. One death each



COVID situation amid rise in cases in country and to take stock of public health preparedness in New Delhi.

been reported Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra while one fatality was reconciled by

Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

Modi chaired the meeting to assess the COVID-19 and

#### influenza situation in the country in terms of preparedness of health infrastructure and logistics, status of the vaccination campaign, emergence of new COVID-19 variants and influenza types and their public health implications for the country, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. This high-level review

meeting comes in the backdrop of a spike in influenza cases in the country and rise of Covid cases in the past two weeks. During the meeting, a comprehensive

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Amin Zargar said the acci-

#### STATE TIMES NEWS dent took place near BHADARWAH/JAMMU: A Jangalwar village of Thathri, 46-year-old woman was 30 km from Doda town. road and plunged into the

Woman killed, 7 injured as SUV

plunges into gorge in Doda

killed and seven others were injured after their cab skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in the Doda district on Wednesday, officials The passengers were

returning to their villages in Bhaderwah after paying obeisance at a temple in the Padder area of the Kishtwar district when the accident took place. The condition of three of the injured was stated to be "serious", they said.

Thathri Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Athar The vehicle skidded off the

gorge, the official said, adding that a rescue operation was launched immediately and all the eight passengers travelling in the vehicle were evacuated to subdistrict hospital Thathri.

Sushma Devi, a resident of Duggi-Dandi village of Bhaderwah was declared dead and the rest of the injured identified as Ankush Kumar, his wife Raksha Devi. their minor sons Sourav and Gourav,

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# Mamta holding Dharna to divert people's attention: Chugh

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh strongly criticised West Bengal Chief Minister  $\operatorname{Bennerji}$ described her an autocrat of West Bengal who is unable to face the wrath of public.

Chugh, who is also BJP incharge for J&K, said that Mamta Banerjee is resorting to Dharna at Dr B. R Ambedkar's Statue on March 29, 2023 at Kolkata to divert their attention.

"The people of West Bengal, who are suffering, have lost faith in her leader-



arms to give a challenge to her leadership," he said. While targeting Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Chugh advised him not to use the revenue of Delhi in Bengal and Karnataka but ensure that the budget of Delhi is used for the people of

## **BSF** fires at Pakistani drone along IB in Samba

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA/JAMMU: A massive search operation was launched on Wednesday after the Border Security Force (BSF) fired at a Pakistani drone along the International Border in Samba district, official sources said.

The BSF troops manning the Chamliyal border post in Ramgarh sub-sector picked up a blinking red light in the air. believed to be a drone, from Pakistan around 2.30 am and fired over two dozen rounds to bring it down, they said. They said the suspected drone returned to the Pakistani side, the

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# **NGO Terror Funding Case: NIA arrests JKCCS Program Coordinator**

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Following the first arrest made in the NGO Terror Funding Case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday arrested Khurram Parvez, the Program Coordinator of Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Societies (JKCCS) and Chairperson of Philippines based NGO Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD).

Investigations revealed that Khurram Parvez has been collecting funds under the garb of fighting for Human Rights, from various interna-

## **Court sends Irfan Mehraj to** 10-day NIA custody

NEW DELHI: A court on Wednesday granted the National Investigation Agency (NIA) 10 days' custody of a person arrested by the agency from Srinagar in connection with an ongoing investigation into an NGO terror funding case.

Irfan Mehraj, a resident of Srinagar, is the first accused arrested following investigations into the NGO terror funding case registered in October 2020, the NIA said. He was a close associate of human rights activist Khurram Parvez and was working with his organisation, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K Bank establishes Special Counter

at SMVD Bhawan on Navratra

tional entities/ persons based abroad and channelizing those funds for funding terror activities in the Kashmir valley. He, alongwith his associates, were also propagating secessionist agenda

through his various NGOs. Khurram Parvez has already been chargesheeted in another NIA case. He was formally arrested upon production in this case today

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# Azad launches membership drive, says DPAP is political platform for common people

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The former Chief minister and Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Wednesday launched the membership drive and asked his workers to expand their political outreach across the Union Territory.

The drive was launched at Jammu where hundreds of party workers and senior leaders were present.

"The aim of launching this mega membership drive is to carry on our political agenda and make people understand about being part of DPAP's political journey," said Azad. He said, even though we have many regional political parties in Jammu and Kashmir but forming DPAP



was the need of time since no political platform in the form people and take up their

other political party could meet the expectations of peo-

"When I was visiting Jammu and Kashmir, I could see the frustration of people who were feeling dejected by the political class. They were feeling unheard and helpless. So, I decided to create a of DPAP for these people," he said.

He said DPAP will always raise the issues of common people unlike other political parties who believe in political elitism.

"It is a party formed by

grievances," he said. from the front when it comes

to the public issues

He said DPAP is leading "No other political party

fought like us against the forcible land eviction by govt. We also took a firm stand common citizens and it is against the decision of JKSSB aimed to serve the common for selecting

APTECH. There are so many issues we raised and it will continue," he said.

Hundreds office bearers including all the district president were present on the occasion who took pledge to reach out every person of the UT and make them understand about the political agenda of DPAP.

Among others who were present on the occasion were G.M Saroori Vice Chairman, R.S Chib General Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Ab Wani General Majeed Secretary, Haji Abdul Rashid General Secretary, Vinod Mishra General Secretary, Ch Gharu Ram Zonal President, Mohd Aslam Goni Working Committee Member, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: On the occasion of Navratri, J&K Bank on Saturday established a Special Counter at its Business Unit in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan (SMVDB) to offer fresh cash currency and note exchange facility to the devotees visiting the famous Shrine.

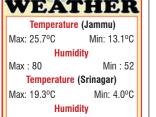
ČEO SMVDSB Anshul Garg and Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta inaugurated the Fresh Cash/Note Exchange Counter in presence of Zonal Head (Udhampur) Rajesh Gupta, SDM (Bhawan) Sudhir Bali, Tehsildar Anil Charak, Manager Bhawan Pardeep Jamwal, DSP Bhisham Dubey, Head Pandit Gopal Sharma, Branch Manager Vishal Sharma and other officers of the Bank besides

devotees from different corners of the country.

Speaking on the occasion CEO SMVDSB lauded the efforts of J&K Bank in conducting such programs for the pilgrims and also for providing all banking services to SMVD Board and its employees. He also appreciated the bank's role in providing latest banking services all along the route for the pil-

grims. Earlier, while welcoming the dignitaries Executive Director Sudhir Gupta thanked the Shrine Board for its continuous patronage and support to the bank and assured of best services to the SMVD Board, devotees and public at large. "Functioning at the Bhawan since the constitution of

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