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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 Sarvam Bandhan Naashe Naashe Swaha"

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LG greets people on commencement of sacred month of Ramzan

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday extended his greetings to the people on the commencement of the sacred month of Ramzan. In a message, the Lt Governor said: May this holy month illuminate our lives, bless us with love, compassion and affection and enriches our lives with the spirit of brotherhood and empathy for the deprived.

NIA searches locations in 3 states in Bihar's 'Ghazwa-e-Hind' terror module case

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday carried out raids in three states as part of its probe into the 'Ghazwa-e-Hind' terror module that was

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ROZA TIMING

SEHR TIME
5:05 (March 25)

IFTAAR TIME
06:47 (March 24)

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 25.8°C Min: 13.8°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 48

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.9°C Min: 5.2°C

Humidity
Max: 70 Min: 42

Sunset : 18:45 Hours
Sunrise : 06:33 Hours

Sinha delivers Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Memorial Lecture

What appeared unthinkable decade ago became possible now: LG

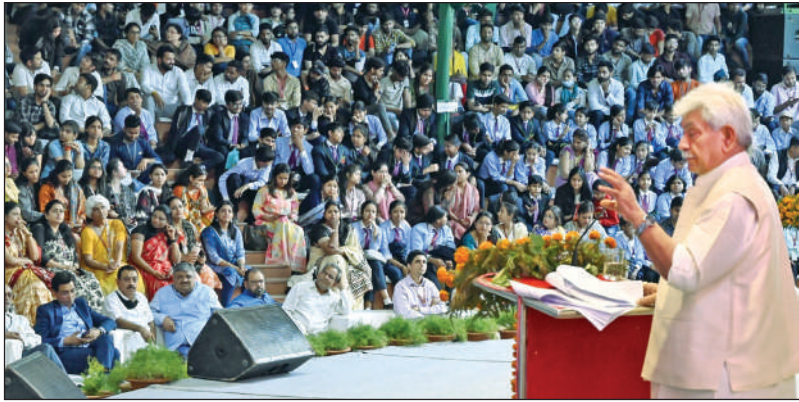
Invites students to visit J&K; experience new, transformed UT

STATE TIMES NEWS
GWALIOR: Asserting that all the policies and schemes of the government are people-centric, which have taken the form of mass movement, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that what appeared to be unthinkable a decade ago has now become possible.

"In this Amrit Kaal, India has emerged as the fifth largest economic power of the world and we are moving forward with the goal to become part of world's top 3 largest economies", added the Lt Governor while delivering the keynote address for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Memorial Lecture at ITM, Gwalior.

Remembering Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, the Lt Governor said, as a freedom fighter, statesman and philosopher, Dr Lohia tirelessly worked for the equality, human dignity and social justice and gave new hope and aspirations to common man.

"As a leader of masses and untiring champion of social equality, Dr. Lohia's



LG Manoj Sinha delivering keynote address for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Memorial Lecture at ITM Gwalior on Thursday.

seven revolutions gave a new shape to social, economic and political ideas and strongly advocated equality between men and women", said the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor threw light on the life and campaigns of Dr Lohia for establishing just and equitable society, and improving the living standards of the deprived sections.

Dr. Lohia emphasized on new social structure to remove economic disparity and social injustice. He would have been proud of the progress made under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi in achieving economic equality, social equality and women empowerment, the Lt Governor observed. "Change in each and every

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Six-day working week likely in J&K Civil Sectt, HoD offices soon

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Civil Secretariat and the offices of Heads of Department in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to switch over to a six-day working week, according to reliable sources.

The move will dispense the practice put in vogue decades ago, citing austerity measures, to further streamline the administration and enforce accountability. The step is also seen as a reformative measure to enhance the accessibility of the people to top echelons of the administration for redressal of grievances and expediting official matters in stipulated time frame.



The five-day week was in force in the Durbar Move offices only. However, with the

Sinha, the working days continued to remain unchanged.

The timing in the Civil Secretariat and the Directorates used to function from 10 AM to 5 AM till October, 2018 when it was revised to 9.30 AM to 5.30 PM. The enhanced timing from November 1, 2018 had been ordered following a decision by the State Administrative Council, headed by the then Governor N. N Vohra.

The sources said the decision with regard to reverting back to a six-working day week in the public interest is expected in the next few days.

SC order on EC appointments being examined: Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The government is examining the Supreme Court's verdict on the appointment of chief election commissioner (CEC) and election commissioners and it will take "appropriate action" on it, Rajya Sabha was informed on Thursday.

In a written reply, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said the Supreme Court in its judgment of March 2 held that until Parliament makes a law in consonance with Article 342(2) of the Constitution, the appointment of the CEC and election commissioners will be made

on the recommendations made by a three-member committee comprising the prime minister, chief justice of India and leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha, and in case no LoP is available then the leader of the single largest opposition party in LS.

"The judgement of Supreme Court is being examined by the government and appropriate action will be taken," he said.

Rijiju pointed out that the Election Commission is a permanent constitutional body established in accordance with Article 324(1) of

the Constitution of India.

As per Article 324(2) of the Constitution, the Election Commission will consist of the CEC and such number of election commissioners, if any, as the President may from time to time fix.

The appointment of the CEC and other election commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of any law made on that behalf by Parliament, be made by the President.

The law minister said originally, the Commission was headed by the lone chief election commissioner. In

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600 cameras for traffic management to be installed in Jammu, trial begins

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Total 600 cameras will be installed as a part of the intelligent traffic management and surveillance system to monitor vehicular traffic and its violations here in Jammu and Kashmir.

ITMSS was made operational in the winter capital during its first phase to conduct efficiency trials. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on March 13 inaugurated Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) as a nerve centre of civic operations and traffic management.

"Six hundred cameras are being installed, mostly PTZ cameras and traffic management cameras for monitoring and managing vehicular traffic and recording traffic violations", Jammu Smart city CEO Rahul Yadav told PTI.

He said so far cameras have been installed at 37 junctions.

"The trials have begun. We are



receiving feed of traffic flow from 33 junctions. They are operational. On 12 junctions, analytics are fully functioning, under which we can detect any traffic violations", Yadav said.

Initiated in November 2022, the project will have a chain of 600 cameras mostly pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras watching traffic movement

in the city.

The smart system will detect automatic vehicle number plate identification, red light violations, stolen vehicle identification and use of mobile phones while driving among other things, the officials said.

ITMSS, which has been made operational in Jammu partially, is a step

that would help authorities better manage the vehicular flow and catch violators, they said.

According to officials, this intelligent traffic management system project is being implemented by a "master systems integrator" firm along with artificial intelligence software providers like Vehant Technologies that provide solutions to make roads safer.

The ITMSS automatically encrypts and transfers data of violation centralised server at the traffic police headquarters, they said.

The CEO said, "The phase is under trial and tests are being carried out for any improvements that are needed."

Based on the information data received from these cameras, an adaptive traffic-control system alters traffic signal cycles in real-time to respond to changing traffic conditions. Once

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Rahul Gandhi sentenced to 2-year jail in defamation case; Cong to appeal

STATE TIMES NEWS
SURAT/NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was on Thursday sentenced to two years in jail by a Surat court in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark, in a setback to the Lok Sabha MP who faces the risk of disqualification.

The court of Chief Judicial Magistrate HH Varma, which held 52-year-old Gandhi guilty under Indian Penal Code(IPC) sections 499 and 500, also granted him bail and suspended the sentence for 30 days to allow him to appeal in a higher court. Gandhi can escape immediate disqualification as a member of parliament if the appellate court suspends the conviction as well as the two-year jail term.

As the conviction ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elec-

tions set off a political slugfest and posed another challenge to Gandhi with a



bearing on his political future, the Congress said he will file an appeal.

Gandhi could have limited his speech to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Nirav Modi, Vijay Mallya, Mehul Choksi, and Anil Ambani, but he "intentionally" made a statement that hurt individuals carrying the Modi surname, and thereby committed criminal defamation, the court said in its 168-page order. Gandhi was present in the court when the verdict was pronounced.

Senior Congress leaders

went into a huddle at its chief Mallikarjun Kharge's residence in Delhi in the evening to discuss the future strategy and the political fallout for the party in the wake of the verdict. Sources said a petition to challenge the order is being prepared and will be filed in a District and Sessions court.

Gandhi took to Twitter to give his initial reaction by quoting Mahatma Gandhi in a tweet in Hindi about truth and non-violence.

"My religion is based on truth and non-violence. Truth is my God, non-violence the means to get it. -- Mahatma Gandhi."

In another tweet, he paid tributes to freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru on their martyrdom day, saying they have learnt fighting fearlessly for the country holding on to truth and courage from

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11 SHOs including 9 Inspectors, two SIs transferred

Shiv Dev SHO Bahu Fort; Raina SHO Nowabad; Kirti Women Cell; Neeraj SHO Channi Himmat; Arti SHO Bagh-e-Bahu; Kunal SHO Domana; Sumeet SHO Satwari; Sikandar SHO Janipur; Mohinder SHO City

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, Chandan Kohli on Thursday transferred eleven Station House officers (SHOs) including nine Inspectors and two Sub Inspectors.

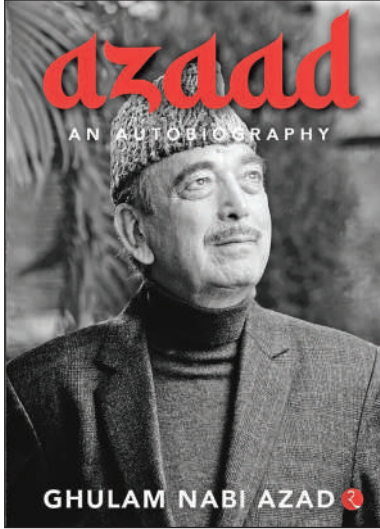
According to an order issued by SSP Jammu, Inspector Shiv Dev Singh has been transferred from Police Station Channi and posted as SHO Bahu Fort, Inspector Surinder Raina

has been transferred from Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu and posted as SHO Nowabad, Inspector Kirti Sharma has been transferred from District Police Lines (DPL) Jammu and posted as SHO Women Cell, Jammu.

Inspector Neeraj Choudhary has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Channi Himmat, Inspector Sumeet Sharma has been transferred

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Ghulam Nabi Azad's autobiography 'Azaad' to be released on April 5



Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, Sanjay, Maneka, Sonia Gandhi, and her children, Rahul and Priyanka.

'Azaad' is Ghulam Nabi Azad's own insightful, intimate, and utterly entertaining journey in his own words.

"From devising a strategy with Indira Gandhi to bring Rajiv into politics and convincing Sonia to become the party chief to Azad's mediation efforts in the tussle between Rahul Gandhi and Himanta Biswa Sarma-he explores the challenges of leadership and the consequences of daring to bring fresh thinking into the political landscape".

'Azaad' offers a personal perspective of working in government and in Opposition as Azad does not pull his punches, offering

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Infiltration down, security grid being strengthened: DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Thursday said terrorists infiltrated from Pakistan and killed innocent people in Rajouri district's Dangri village.

He said although infiltration has declined, attempts from across the border to engineer acts of terror here are continuing.

"I have not said infiltration has increased. I said infiltration has decreased. The remaining efforts of infiltration will be put to an end. Attempts are being made continuously from across the border," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of a police martyrs memorial T-20 cricket championship being organised here.

Nobody will be spared if found involved in any type of terrorism be it a journalist or anybody, he said.

The DGP said two-three cases of infiltration took place in Rajouri and Poonch. "These were people who infiltrated from Pakistan and engineered a terror act in Dangri. They took the lives of innocent people," he said.

He further said that terrorists who came into Baramulla and Kupwara from across the border before the snowfall have been eliminated to a large extent.

"As many as 56 foreign terrorists who belonged to Pakistan and were launched by Pakistan agencies to run the movement of terrorism were eliminated. Some foreign terrorists are

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