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SEVENTH NAVRATRA

Maa Kaalratri

Seventh incarnation of Goddess Durga is Maa 'Kaalratri'. Her body is jet black with spread hair and glittering like lightning with string of beads around her neck. She has three eyes round like universe and flames coming out of nostrils. Her ride is on Donkey. Out of four hands, two right arms are in blessing mode while one left hand has iron Kantha and other has Kharag. Though Maa Kaalratri appears very hard and tough, she is always 'Shubh' for her worshippers. She destroys the enemies, bad souls and hurdles of Grahas. Mantra to be recited nine times of Maa Kaalratri is :-

"Om Aing Hareeng Hung Hung Bhagwati Kaalratri Mum Shatrun Stambhay Stambhay Swaha"

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Govt issues DGP's retirement notice

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Home Department on Monday issues retirement notification of IPS officer of J&K segment of AGMUT cadre. The notification signed by Dr Arvind Karwani, Additional Secretary, Home Department reads as "It is hereby notified that Dilbag Singh IPS (RR-87) PID No IPS873203, date of birth 10-10-1963 shall retire on superannuation in the afternoon of 31-10-2023,".

ROZA TIMING

SEHR TIME:
04:59 (MARCH 29)

IFTAAR TIME:
06:50 (MARCH 28)

H&ME Deptt zeros in on five names for DHS, DFW slots

■ VIVEK SHARMA
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department has zeroed in on five names for the slots of Director Health Services and Director Family Welfare, MCH and Immunization, which are falling vacant due to retirement on superannuation of incumbent Dr Saleem Ur Rehman by this month end.

Sources said the H&ME Department is exercising utmost caution and currently examining minutely the candidature of the prospective incumbents to avoid any legal wrangling keeping in view the quashing of the appointment of Dr Narinder Singh Bhutyal as Medical Superintendent, Government Medical College Jammu by a Bench of

Central Administrative Tribunal on March 19, 2023 on the plea of some aggrieved candidates.

The H&ME Department has prepared a comparative list of the candidates, which include their qualification, experience in field and administrative acumen based on their service records to finalise the selection for the two posts of Directors.

The list includes Dr Parveen Yograaj, presently posted as Medical Superintendent, Gandhi Nagar Hospital, Dr Ravinder Manhas, CMO Reasi, Dr Rajeev Sharma, Deputy Director, Health, Dr Poonam Mahajan, State Tuberculosis Officer and Dr

Sanjay Turki, Assistant Director, Schemes.

Dr Parveen Yograaj, MD Medicine, who has five months of experience as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Medical Superintendent, had declined to take up any administrative position or responsibility in writing in 2018 while Dr Ravinder Manhas is Diploma Holder, having three years and four months of experience as CMO and Medical Superintendent but has no vigilance clearance, Dr Rajeev Sharma MS ENT is having four years and three months of experience as CMO and Medical Superintendent, Dr Poonam Mahajan, a gold medalist

and MD Gynaecology & Obstetrics, PG Diploma in Health Administration from NIIHFW, (New Delhi), having 10 years and five months experience as CMO and Medical Superintendent, and Dr Sanjay Turki, who is MBBS and having two years of experience as CMO and Medical Superintendent.

Though the panel of five candidates has been formulated for the two posts but according to sources the charge of Director Family Welfare, MCH and Immunization will remain with the Director Health Services, as per the past practice. Therefore, according to sources, this will entail selection of Director Health Services only from the panel of five candidates. On March 19, 2023, a Bench of

LG stresses on effective enforcement for detection of electricity theft, wrong metering



LG Manoj Sinha chairing high-level meeting to review power scenario in J&K on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Assessing the multi-pronged strategies to meet high electricity demand in the summer season, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday directed for integrating reforms for making the power sector robust and resilient.

Chairing a high-level meeting to review the power scenario in Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor called for effective enforcement through a dedicated enforcement wing for the detection

of theft of electricity, wrong metering, enquiring into public complaints, unauthorized extensions in load and surprise checking.

He also directed for immediate steps to ensure functioning of all the meters on 11 kV, and repair of the damaged meters within one month.

Smart meters must be saturated feeder-wise to protect consumer interests and quality standards. It will empower the consumers and help them to conserve energy and

usage in an efficient manner, the Lt Governor said.

Sinha also sought a report on steps taken to reduce AT&C losses. He further directed the department to fix the responsibility and draw up an action plan for reducing the losses within a specific timeframe.

The Lt Governor emphasized on training and capacity building of PDD staff; online registration of new consumers; massive awareness drive; proper

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ACB registers case against officials for illegal mutations in revenue documents

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu has registered a corruption case against the then Revenue Officers/Officials and beneficiaries for illegal mutation in revenue record.

According to FIR, a Preliminary Enquiry was conducted to look into allegations that officers/officials of Revenue Department District Samba attested number of mutations of Gair Mumkin Khads, Banjar Qadeem Araks, Gair Mumkin Lands in Village Birpur in violation of norms/stipulations contained

in LB-6, S-432-254C etc. During course of probe, record pertaining of Mutation Nos 2041, 2105, 2157, 2173, 2423, 2979, 189/1, 616/3, 649/J 835/J, 1389/J, 1461/J, 1469/J, 2848/J & 3164/3 under Govt. Order S-432, Mutation No's 972, 981, 1051, 1074, 1077, 997, 1298/1, 1200, & 1071 under Govt. Order LB/6-C and Mutation No's 3810, 4491, 846/1, 1294/3 & 3357/ under Govt. Order No. 254- C were scrutinized.

It was surfaced that out of mentioned 15 mutations attested under Govt. Order No. S-432 and 9 Mutations

attested under Govt. Order LB-6, all mutations except Mutation No. 2105 and 1071 (attested under Govt. Order S-432 and Govt Order No. LB-6C respectively), all were found attested in violation of conditions contained in Govt. Orders S-432 and LB as continuous recorded cultivating possession of the beneficiaries was not there since 1957-58 which is a pre-requisite for attestation of such mutations. The kind of soil in majority of these mutations is recorded as Qadeem Banjar, Arak Gair Mumkin etc. which also is not

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Will migrate to safer place if Govt fails to catch attackers: Dangri terror attack victims

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Family members of the Dhangri terror attack victims on Monday threatened to migrate from their village to a "safer" place and return the ex-gratia amount if the government fails to catch the attackers and bring them to justice.

Terrorists had struck Dhangri village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on January 1 and targeted villagers and fled before planting an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

While five people were killed in the firing by terrorists, two others died in the

IED explosion the next morning. As many as 14 villagers were injured in the twin attacks.

The attackers are still at large.

Saroj Bala, who lost two sons -- Prince and Deepak -- in the terrorist attack, said if the government cannot provide her justice, it should "shoot me dead too".

"We don't need jobs. We don't need money. We need justice by bringing terrorists and their supporters to book. If they don't address our demand, we will all migrate from here (Dhangri)," she told reporters in Rajouri.

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Rahul Gandhi asked to vacate official bungalow by April 22

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Disqualified Lok Sabha member Rahul Gandhi has been asked to vacate the official bungalow allotted to him by April 22, official sources said on Monday.

The notice to Gandhi to vacate the 12, Tughlaq Lane bungalow was served by the Housing Committee of the Lok Sabha and follows the disqualification notice issued last week.

A local court in Gujarat had convicted Gandhi in a criminal defamation case on March 23 and sentenced him to two years in jail. The

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RS passes, returns J&K Appropriation (No 2) Bill, Finance Bill

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Rajya Sabha on Monday passed and returned 'The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No 2) Bill, 2023' and 'The Appropriation Bill, 2023' or Finance Bill 2023 amid the din without any discussion.

These bills were passed amid a ruckus created by the Opposition parties seeking a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the Adani-Hindenburg issue, according to a national news agency.

Both bills were passed by the Lok Sabha last week amid similar pandemonium created by the Opposition

parties on the same issue.

Minutes after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman moved the 'The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No 2) Bill, 2023' and 'The Appropriation Bill, 2023' in the Rajya Sabha, they were considered and returned amid ruckus and sloganeering by Opposition parliamentarians.

The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 aims to authorise payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the services

of the financial year 2023-24.

The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha last week without discussion amid din in the Lower House.

The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 seeks authorisation of payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 2022-23. The Bill was also passed by the Lok Sabha last week without discussion.

The Lok Sabha on March 24 passed the Finance Bill 2023 with several

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Maintain sanctity of Surya Putri Tawi, perform Saakh immersion ritual at Ranbir Canal: Mayor to devotees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As the auspicious Navratras are proceeding towards their culmination Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has intensified its campaign for cleanliness of the city and pollution free Tawi River while the urban local body has also collaborated with Tourism Department to organise certain programmes on Navratras to attract tourism in Jammu.

Surprisingly, Jammu



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma briefing media on Monday.

Mayor Rajinder Sharma has moved an extra-mile urging the devotees of the Goddess to avoid Saak Visarjan

(immersion of sprouted barley seeds) ritual in Tawi and perform the same in waters of Ranbir Canal.

Addressing a jam-packed presser on Monday, the Mayor stressed upon adoring the holy Tawishi (River Tawi) also popular as Surya-Putri (daughter of the Sun) by at-least not polluting its waters by throwing polythene bags in it and added: "Let this good habit start from the auspicious Navratras

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