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Maa Sidhidhatri
Ninth incarnation of Maa Durga 'Sidhidhatri' can bless one with all the 'Sidhis'. According to Puranas even Bhagwan Shiv got Sidhis by virtue of Maa Sidhidhatri and his body was converted into 'Ardha Narishwar'. The ride of Maa is Lion and she is on lotus. She has Chakra, Gadha, Shankha and Lotus in her four hands. By her blessings one gets heaven after enjoying all pleasures of life. Mantra to be recited nine times is :-
"Om Aing Hareeng Kleeng Chamunday Vichai Bhagwati Sidhidhatri Mam Sarvam Sarv Sidhim Parikalapay Parikalapay Swaha"
ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चामुण्डायै विच्चे भगवती सिद्धिदात्री मम सर्वम् सर्वं सिद्धिं परिकल्पये परिकल्पये स्वाहा



Temple vandalised by unidentified miscreants in Jammu: Police
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A Hindu temple was vandalised by some unidentified miscreants here, prompting police to register a case and launch a probe to bring the culprits to book, officials said on Saturday.
The idols of deities were found damaged at the decade-old temple in Sidhra on the city outskirts, they added. The priest noticed the damage on visiting the

Two including woman, arrested for drug peddling in Reasi
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Two alleged drug peddlers, including a woman, were arrested and 800 grams of ganja was recovered from them in Reasi district on Saturday, police said.
As per the details, during routine checking and frisking, a party of Police Check Post Nomain stopped one motorcycle (JK14H 5835) ride by one Varun Sharma, son of Ashok Kumar, resident of Chak tehsil and district Udhampur. During frisking police recovered 800 Gms Ganja like

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 38.3°C Min: 23.1°C

Humidity
Max : 34 Min : 23

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 23.6°C Min: 10.4°C

Humidity
Max : 54 Min: 41

Sunset : 18:58 Hours
Sunrise : 06:08 Hours

LG calls for foiling extremist ideological campaign: LG ‘Isolate, expose those justifying or condoning terrorism’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BARAMULLA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called for foiling underground as well as over-ground extremist ideological campaigns, which are involved in misleading youth in Jammu and Kashmir.
"Young people and entire community have a huge responsibility to isolate and expose those justifying or condoning terrorism", the Lt Governor stressed while addressing hundreds of enthusiastic youths, citizens of North Kashmir at the "Sahi Raasta" programme organized by the Chinar Corps in Pattan, Baramulla.
Sinha said that Young minds have an instinctive attraction to ideals of peace, selfless service, and progress of the society. And the J&K administration has taken many steps to create supportive infrastructure, schemes and policies to meet



LG Manoj Sinha accompanied by senior officers of army during visit to Chinar Corps in Pattan, Baramulla.

‘J&K witnessing golden period’
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a golden period as 80 lakh tourists visited the Union Territory in the last few months, a record in the last 15 to 20 years, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Saturday.
He also highlighted several initiatives of the government to boost tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.
"I think this is the golden period for Jammu and Kashmir in which all the records of the last 15-20 years have been broken. More than 80 lakh tourists arrived

the aspirations of the young population.
Entrepreneurship and employment opportunities are showing spectacular growth, tourism is expanding by leaps and bounds, the Lt Governor observed.
The Lt Governor further said that J&K has a large pool of excellent human resources and a favourable demographic profile, which is receiving more and more attention from India Inc, interested in transforming UT's economic landscape.
Calling "Sahi Raasta" program as a life changing process, the Lt Governor said it is an opportunity to turn dreams of youth into reality showing them the right path to live a virtuous and successful life.
The Lt Governor said that before 2019 the youth of J&K were deliberately denied opportunities by a few

Top Lashkar terrorist ‘commander’ killed in Anantnag encounter 2 associates of LeT held in Beerwah

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: A self-styled commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit, who was involved in several attacks on civilians including non-locals and security personnel, was killed in an encounter in Anantnag district on Saturday, police said.
The slain terrorist was identified as Nisar Ahmad Dar alias Musaib, resident of Redwani Bala, Kulgam, a police spokesman said.
Acting on specific information regarding the presence of the terrorist in village Sirhama, security forces had launched a cordon and search operation there, he said.
As the search party approached his hideout, the terrorist fired indiscriminately at the security personnel who retaliated.
In the ensuing encounter, the hiding terrorist was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the



encounter, the spokesman said.
According to police records, the slain ultra was active since April last year.
Inspector General of Police (IGP) (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar appreciated the joint team of security forces and termed the elimination of the terrorist as a big success as he was wanted by law for his involvement in gruesome terror activities.
He was involved in several killing of civilians and outside labourers. Besides, he was also involved in grenade

NDRF DG, CRPF ASI martyred in Pulwama attack awarded gallantry medals

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: CRPF ASI Mohan Lal, who was martyred while attempting to thwart the February 2019 Pulwama terror attack on a force bus, and NDRF Director General (DG) Atul Karwal were decorated with police gallantry medals at an event held here on Saturday.
Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla pinned the medal on Karwal's uniform, while he gave the medal, awarded posthumously, to Lal's wife Sarita Devi during the "Valour Day" of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
Lal (50) was among the 40

personnel killed during the Pulwama attack on a CRPF bus on February 14, 2019.
He was the picket commander of the CRPF road-opening party deployed at milestone number 272, near the BSNL tower in Pulwama's Lethpora along the Jammu-Srinagar highway, when the dastardly attack was carried out by proseribed terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).
The car that rammed into the CRPF bus was being driven by suicide bomber Adil Ahmed Dar with about 200 kg of explosives stuffed inside. Lal's citation

Former minister Babu Singh wanted in Hawala racket case arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Former Jammu and Kashmir minister Jatinder Singh alias 'Babu Singh', the main accused in a case related to the recent recovery of Hawala money meant for subversive activities, was arrested from Kathua district on Saturday, a police officer said.
Singh was at large since March 31 after police busted a Hawala racket here and issued a lookout notice for him on April 6.
"He (the former minister) was arrested from Kathua district and is being brought to Jammu for questioning,"



Former Sports Minister Babu Ram in police custody at Kathua on Saturday.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Chandan Kohli, told PTI.
Singh was a minister in the PDP-Congress government

a resident of south Kashmir's Kokernag, was arrested with the Hawala money on March 31 from the Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu and his questioning revealed that he was tasked by Singh, a resident of Kathua district, to collect the money from Srinagar.
Three persons Sidhant Sharma of Kathua and S Gurdev Singh and Mohd Shrief Sartaj of Jammu have also been detained for questioning in connection with the case, police said.
On April 2, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag

Hafiz Saeed's son declared terrorist

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Hafiz Talha Saeed, a key leader of the dreaded terrorist group LeT and the son of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed, has been declared a terrorist by the government.
In a notification, the Union home ministry said that Hafiz Talha Saeed, 46, has been actively involved in recruitment, fund collection, and planning and executing attacks by the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in India and Indian interests in Afghanistan. He has also been actively visiting various LeT centres across

Kashmir getting visitors due to CRPF's good work: Home Secretary

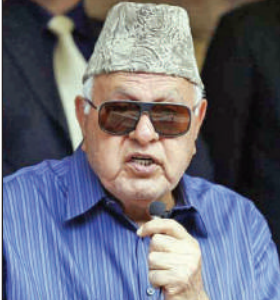
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Saturday lauded the CRPF personnel for neutralising many hardcore terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and ensuring security due to which tourists were flocking to the Valley.
Bhalla, while officiating as the chief guest at the 'Valour Day' event of the country's largest paramilitary here, said while large-scale violence was anticipated in Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) showed good cooperation and contained the violence to a large extent .
The CRPF has a big role in ensuring the unity of India...in Jammu and Kashmir; over the last year, many hardcore terrorists have been killed and huge quantity of arms and ammunition has been seized by the CRPF and other forces, he said.
The cooperation between Jammu and Kashmir Police and the CRPF has been excellent and that has been beneficial, he said addressing the troops and officers of the

force at a camp in south Delhi.
He said it is due to the hard work of the CRPF jawans that many tourists are visiting Kashmir and there is a sense of security in the union territory.
With the good deployment of local police and the CRPF, people know they can go to Kashmir safely...the flights to Kashmir are full and tourists are visiting . We feel good about it, the home secretary said.
He said the force has got expertise in dealing with a variety of internal

Doors of NC open for those who want to strengthen pluralistic, united J&K: Farooq

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said the doors of his party are open for those who want to strengthen the idea of a pluralistic, democratic, progressive and united Jammu and Kashmir.
Abdullah was speaking at a function here to welcome new entrants into the party-fold from the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch.
Among those who joined the party were former government officials Raghubir Singh Manhas, D B Singh and Chander Mohan



Sharma, former sarpanch Charan Singh and former soldier Sanjeev Singh from the Nowshera area of Rajouri and prominent social activist Muntaz Shah from Surankote in Poonch, an NC spokesperson said.

"The National Conference takes pride in giving a platform to all those individuals who want to do their bit to build bridges between different communities, regions and sections of the society," Abdullah said.
The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said the NC's strategy and vision in politics are about the welfare of people and protecting the political, social and cultural interests of people from all regions and religions.
He exhorted the new entrants to the party to raise the concerns of people at

‘Got instructions from Pakistan’ 13 arrested for sloganeering inside Jamia Masjid

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday arrested 13 persons, a day after 'Azadi' slogans were raised at the Jamia Masjid in Srinagar.
"Yesterday afternoon, there were Friday prayers in Jamia Masjid wherein huge number of gathering took place, around 24,000 persons attended the Friday prayers, which is among largest in recent history", a police spokesperson said.
After culmination of the prayers about a dozen persons started anti-national and provocative sloganeering for while, this was joined by a couple of others as well, while most of the gathering remained aloof. There was also altercation between the



persons indulging in sloganeering and the volunteers of intezamia committee of Jamia Masjid who tried to stop such sloganeering and hooliganism.
This created a situation of ruckus inside the mosque leading to clashes between them. Later the hooligans were dispersed outside the mosque by volunteers. Even

During course of investigation, technical means were adapted to identify these hooligans and raids were conducted at different locations which led to arrest of two main instigators of the sloganeering namely Basharat Nabi Bhat, son of Gh Nabi Bhat, resident of Hawal, Nowhatta and Umar Manzoor Sheikh, son of Late Manzoor Sheikh, resident of Bahuddin Saab, Nowhatta. Both were apprehended and formally arrested in the case. Eleven (11) more accused were subsequently arrested, who were involved in the sloganeering and hooliganism inside the Jamia Masjid and at the gate.
Many more suspected persons are being examined and

will be formally arrested as soon as their role clearly comes forth in this case. PSA dossiers of all these accused are being prepared for booking them under PSA act as well, in addition to case, the police said.
It also came out during initial investigation that the accused in furtherance of a well planned conspiracy had received instructions from Pakistani handlers of terror outfits to disrupt Friday prayers in Jamia Masjid and create law and order situation by provoking the attendees. Thus section 120B was also invoked in this case.
Investigation in this case is undergoing at fast pace and some more arrests are

Kargil Hill Council Chairman likely to face no confidence motion; GCM postponed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KARGIL: The scheduled general council meeting of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)-Kargil was postponed here on Saturday by its CEO, amid indications that a no-trust vote against Council chairman and National Conference leader Feroz Ahmad Khan could be on the cards.
In his order, chief executive officer Santosh Sukhdeve said six councillors each of the BJP and the Congress have intimated separately withdrawal of their support from the present dispensation and it would not be appropriate to go ahead with the GCM till the position of all the councillors is cleared.
The LAHDC-Kargil

plunged into crisis last week when the BJP announced rescinding support to Khan, the chief executive councillor who, however, denied any threat to his chair by claiming the backing of the required 16 members in the 30-member house.
Khan had convened the GCM of LAHDC Kargil for discussion and approval of the draft Capital Expenditure Budget 2022-23 but the deputy commissioner and chief executive officer Santosh Sukhdeve announced the postponement of the meeting.
Objecting to the decision to put off the meeting, Khan said it will hamper development works in the region and demanded an