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FIRST NAVRATRA



Maa Shailputri

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 blessing :-

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

ॐ ऐं भगवती शैलपुत्री ह्रीं मम सर्वम् वाञ्छितम् देही देही स्वाहा

LG calls for formulation of UT, Distt Plans in consultation with public reps, stakeholders



LG Manoj Sinha chairing high-level meeting on effective implementation of initiatives announced in J&K UT Budget 2022-23.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday exhorted the Administrative Departments and District Administrations in Jammu and Kashmir to work in close-coordination and furnish the UT and District Plans in consultation with public representatives and other stakeholders to realize the vision of 'Sabka

Saath Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', bringing transformative changes in the lives of people without any discrimination. "The UT and District Plans must be a road-map of Jammu and Kashmir's development, progress and prosperity; reflective of the needs and aspirations of the people", Sinha said while chairing a high-level meeting to

discuss ways for effective implementation of initiatives announced in J&K UT budget 2022-23 with an objective of sustaining growth momentum and bringing about synergy and convergence among various departments. He said the action oriented plan is to reflect fast economic development, strengthening institutions for

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12 Rohingyas detained in Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL/JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police have detained 12 Rohingya Muslims in Ramban district, officials said on Friday.

They had arrived at Dar village in Gool tehsil as part of a Tablighi group, the officials said.

The 12 members were then sent to jail in Hiranagar area of Kathua district, where most of the

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SSP Girdhari posted as OSD to Spl DG, CID J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP).

"Girdhari Lal, SSP, Staff Officer to Commandant General, Home Guards/Civil Defence & SDRF, J&K, has been transferred and posted as OSD to Special Director General, CID, J&K,

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LeT terrorist killed in Shopian, 3 JeM terror associates arrested in Pulwama

20 Kg commercial explosives recovered in Kishtwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district on Friday, police said. Based on a specific input generated by police regarding the presence of terrorists in Turkwam area of Shopian, a cordon and search operation was launched by security forces, a police spokesman said.

As the search team proceeded towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorist fired indiscriminately upon them which was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter, he said.

In the ensuing encounter, one terrorist was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the encounter, the spokesman said.

He identified the slain ultra as Muneeb Ahmad Sheikh, a



resident of Tak Mohalla Shopian. Sheikh was affiliated with the LeT.

"According to police records, the killed terrorist was...part of groups involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on police/security forces and civilian atrocities, the spokesman said.

Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition,

including a Chinese pistol, a magazine and five rounds, were recovered from the site of the encounter.

Meanwhile, three terrorist associates belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) were arrested from Pulwama district, officials said.

A police spokesman identified the arrested men as Owais Altaf, a resident

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MP Ladakh moves Bill in LS to include Bhoti Language in 8th Schedule of Constitution

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal introduced a Private Member Bill in Lok Sabha on Friday to include Bhoti Language in the Eight Schedules of Indian constitution.

For the first time in the Indian Parliamentary history a Member of Parliament has moved a Private Member Bill 'Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Amendment of Eight Schedule)' in Lok Sabha to recognize the Bhoti Language in the 8th Schedule for Constitution, said a statement issued by the office of the Member of Parliament, Ladakh.

In his statement of objec-

tive of the Bill, Namgyal emphasized that Bhoti Language as rich treasures having kaleidoscopic of identity of society, sign of respect, reflection of history, culture of Himalaya, system of governance, and symbiotic relation with ecology etc. which has more than dictionary connotation on language as system of communication in speech and writing or the system of sounds and writing those human beings use to express their thoughts, ideas and feelings.

Bhoti literature and script can be traced from Thomi Sambhota who made the script in the 7th century by modifying the four

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DB upholds life-imprisonment of CRPF Jawan for killing Inspector, 2 others at CM's residence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice M A Chowdhary upheld life-imprisonment of a CRPF Jawan, namely Anand Kumar Singh, son of Ram Naresh Singh, resident of Bihar, who was involved in killing of an Inspector and 2 others at Chief Minister's residence.

According to prosecution, on April 3, 2006 accused constable shot dead Inspector Mohan Shyam with his Insas rifle over an old enmity at Chief Minister's residence at

Wazarat Road. He also killed two Havildars namely Joginder Jha and H N Pandey, when they tried to nab accused. Accordingly, FIR registered at Peer Mitha Police Station under Sections 302 of RPC and 30 of Arms Act. During course of investigation, the accused was arrested and on his disclosure weapon of offence and other ammunition, which was issued in his favour by CRPF, was also recovered and after completion of investigation, Police presented Challan in the Court, after which Trial Court convicted accused Anand Kumar Singh and awarded life-imprisonment.

But against judgment of Trial Court, present appeal was filed.

Division Bench headed by Justice Sanjeev Kumar while upholding the life-imprisonment after hearing Adv S C Sharma for appeal whereas AAG Amit Gupta for UT, observed that prosecution in instant case has proved the case by leading ocular, circumstantial and scientific evidence. "Cumulative effect of these three types of evidences led by prosecution is an irresistible conclusion that accused has committed the gruesome cold-blooded murder of three Jawans of his battalion. Small altercation

in morning between accused and deceased Joginder Jha and subsequent scolding and warning by deceased Shyam Mohan in evening, could not have been provocation enough to kill three persons by shooting them. The accused is apparently a person of depraved mind who had least respect and care for human lives. The trial Court has rightly convicted him and sentenced him to imprisonment for life for committing the murder of three of his colleagues. Despite great persuasion to take contrary view, we could not help concurring with the Trial Court," the DB observed.

ACPs given DDO powers for operation of funds

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To strengthen the Panchayat Raj Institutions, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday issued order, delegating the drawing and disbursing (DDO) powers to the Assistant Commissioner Panchayats (ACPs) for operation of funds placed at their disposal. The initiative will ensure better service delivery and effective coordination at the district level.

The order which has been issued after getting the concurrence from the Finance Department further reads that the DDO powers of the District Panchayat Officers shall cease to exist with immediate effect.

PM advises students to celebrate exams as festivals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asked students not to get stressed as they have successfully overcome exams earlier as well and urged parents and teachers not to impose their unfulfilled dreams and aspirations on children.

Interacting with students in the fifth edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', Modi said technology is not a bane and should be used effectively as he took questions from them as well as teachers on several issues.

Students sought from him tips to overcome distractions



in the form of WhatsApp and YouTube.

"It is not the medium but

the mind that is the problem," he said, adding

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Asstt Engineer RDD caught red-handed while accepting bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested one Shakeel Ahmad Dar, Assistant Engineer, Rural Development Department (RDD), Block Pahalgam, Anantnag, red-handed, for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5,000 for processing of complainant.

As per an official spokesperson, the ACB received a complainant alleging that Shakeel Ahmad Dar, posted as Assistant Engineer, Rural Development Department, Block Pahalgam, Anantnag was demanding bribe of Rs 5,000 for processing pending bills of complainant amounting to Rs 98,776. The official further informed that he is a contractor and

has completed works under MGNREGA scheme titled 'R/Wall Nazir Merisi to Qasim Bokad via Gh Rasool Bokad at Govass', amounting to Rs 98,776, but the accused officials was demanding Rs 5,000 as bribe for clearing the same. "Accordingly, FIR No. 05/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered at Police Station ACB Anantnag and investigation started during which a trap team caught Shakeel Ahmad Dar, Assistant Engineer, red handed, while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5,000. He was arrested on spot and bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses," said official, adding further investigations are going on.

No power cut during Navratras, Ramzan in J&K UT: Nitishwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/DELHI/SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Nitishwar Kumar on Saturday assured the people of the Union Territory of uninterrupted power supply during the auspicious days of Navratri and Ramzan. After reviewing the power supply scenario

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J&K Govt to roll out NMMS App for monitoring of MGNREGA works

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir is going to roll out the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App through which attendance of the works with 20 workers or more will be taken and uploaded on MIS of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (NREGAsoft) on daily basis.

NMMS restrains the bogus attendance and pilferage of wages under MGNREGA scheme. The National

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 34.6°C Min: 17.9°C

Humidity

Max: 52 Min: 21

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 26.8°C Min: 8.4°C

Humidity

Max: 30 Min: 19

Sunset : 18:51 Hours

Sunrise : 06:21 Hours

Dr Jitendra introduces 'Indian Antarctic Bill' in LS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The government on Friday introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha that seeks to extend the application of domestic laws to research stations set up by India in the Antarctic region.

The Indian Antarctic Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha by Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh amid objections by Opposition to the government enacting laws to govern the icy continent, which they contended was a "no man's land." "The government now wants to take bureaucracy to Antarctica as well," Trinamool member Saugata Roy said, objecting to the introduction of the Bill.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said India does not even have its own polar research vessel and has to hire such vessels for expeditions and such a law was "uncalled for".

He also wondered how the bill sought to apply Indian laws on foreign citizens and demanded that it be



referred to a Select Committee.

Roy also wondered how India can make a law for a territory it does not own in Antarctica.

BJP member Nishikant Dubey urged the presiding officer to overrule the objections raised by Chowdhury and Roy, contending that Parliament had powers to make laws for implementation of international treaties.

Singh said activities in the Antarctic region are governed by international treaties that require domestic laws to be extended to the research stations of respective countries to check unlawful activities.

"If any unlawful activity happens in the territory occupied by Indian research stations, then how to check it. In the Antarctic Treaty, it was made mandatory for all 54 countries (signatories) that whichever area is occupied by your set up, you enforce your country's law and in order to honour that this bill has been brought," the minister said.

He also sought to allay apprehensions about increased bureaucracy, saying only a law officer would be appointed to ensure that no unlawful activity takes place in territories occupied by Indian research stations. "If somebody is trying to do some mining there or a marine violation there. So this (bill) is done with a very noble purpose with the consensus of all the countries," Singh said.

India has two active research stations in the Antarctic - Maitri and Bharti - where scientists are involved in research.

"India organises regular Antarctic expeditions and many people from the country visit Antarctica every year as tourists," Singh said in the statement of objects and reasons of the bill.

"In the future, the private ship and aviation industry will also start operations and promote tourism and fishing in Antarctica, which needs to be regulated," he said.

Singh said the continuing and growing presence of Indian scientists in Antarctica warrants a domestic legislation on Antarctica consistent with its obligations as a member of the Antarctic Treaty.

The bill proposes to prohibit Indian expedition to Antarctica without a permit or written authorisation of another party to protocol, provide for inspection by an officer appointed by the government

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