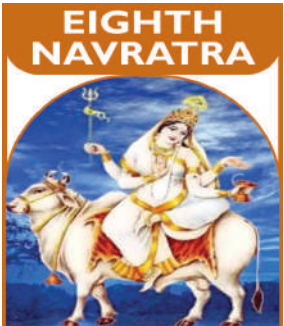


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**Maa Maha Gauri**  
Eighth incarnation of Maa Durga is Maa 'Maha Gauri'. Her clothes as well as ornaments are white in colour. To have Lord Shiva as husband, she mediated so hard that her body turned black, but when Lord Shiva washed her body it started glittering and got white by virtue of it, as such she is called 'Maha Gauri'. By her worship one gets all pleasures of life and gets rid of all the sins. Mantra to be recited nine times of 'Maa Maha Gauri' is :-

**"Om Aing Hareeng Kleeng Chamunday Bhagwati Maha Gauri Mam Sarvam Samridhim Vardhay Vardhay Swaha"**

**ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चमुडायै भगवती महागौरी मम सर्वम् समृद्धिं वर्धयै वर्धयै स्वाहा**

**Ramzan Mubarak**



**PCJ result: Sanjeev President, Zorawar VP, Dinesh Secy Gen**  
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU Sanjeev Pargal has been elected as the President of the Press Club Jammu (PCJ). The results were announced late Friday night by Returning Officer Advocate M K Bhardwaj.

Sanjeev fetched 405 votes against Surinder Sharma who secured 91 votes. Zorawar Singh has been elected as the Vice President of the Club. He got 404 votes against 87 polled in favour of Ravinder Singh.

Dinesh Manhotra, has been elected as General Secretary with 396 votes against Sumit Sharma who secured 94 votes. Channi Anand has secured 392 votes for the post of Treasurer while Sudhir Kumar got 74 votes.

Meanwhile, seven members have been elected to the executive committee. Nishikant Khajuria got the highest number of 393 votes among the executive members.

Six other members elected to the executive committee include Ajay Menia (355 ), Dinesh Mahajan (386), Deepak Khajuria (332), Kunal Srivatsa (309), Vishal Bharti (323) and Govind Chouhan (333).

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 38.1°C Min: 20.4°C

Humidity

Max : 50 Min : 22

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 28.6°C Min: 9.6°C

Humidity

Max : 56 Min: 25

Sunset : 18:56 Hours

Sunrise : 06:12 Hours

## NIA chargesheets 25 for recruiting 'hybrid terrorists' for attacks in J&K

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The NIA on Friday filed a charge sheet against 25 accused before a special court here for a conspiracy to recruit "hybrid terrorists" for Pakistan-based terror groups to carry out attacks in Jammu and Kashmir.

The case pertains to hatching a conspiracy, both on physical as well as cyberspace, for undertaking violent terrorist acts in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country, by cadres of Pakistan-based proscribed terrorist organisations like Laskhar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr and their affiliates such as The Resistance Front (TRF), People Anti-Fascist Forces (PAFF) among others, a spokesperson of the NIA said.

Bashir Ahmed Peer, Imtiyaz Kundoo, Bilal Ahmed Mir, Owais Ahmed Dar, Tariq Ahmed Dar, Tariq

Ahmed Bafanda, Mohd. Haneef Chairalu, Hanan Gulzar Dar, Mateen Ahmed Bhat, Kamran Ashraf Reshi, Rayid Bashir, Mohd. Manan Dar, Zamin Adil Bhat, Harius Nisar Langoo, Rouf Ahmad Bhat, Sobiya Aziz Mir, Amir Ahmad Gojree, Sadaat Amin Malik, Ishfaq Amin Wani, Rashid Muzafar Ganai, Nashir Ahmad Mir, Irfan Tariq Antoo, Suhail Ahmad Thokar, Adil Ahmad War and Arif Farooq Bhat have been named.

The accused, all residents of Jammu and Kashmir, have been charged with sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the NIA official said.

Investigation has unearthed a deep-rooted conspiracy of Pakistan-based proscribed terrorist organisations joining hands in form of a united group and shifting of their modus operandi by floating pseudo-offshoot outfits portrayed as indige-

nous resistance groups, in whose name terrorist acts are being committed with an intention to claim deniability at the international level, the spokesperson said.

After the abrogation of Article 370, this shift was discernible in claims of terrorist acts done in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) official said.

Many affiliate/offshoots outfits such as TRF, PAFF, United Liberation Front J&K ULF J&K, Muslim Janbaaz Force (MJF), Kashmir Janbaaz Force (KJF), Kashmir Tigers, Kashmir Fight, Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind, Kashmir Gaznavi Force among others had suddenly mushroomed, laying claims to various terrorist acts, the spokesperson said.

All these pseudo-outfits are in fact offshoots/rechristened versions of proscribed terrorist organisations based

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**J&K Waqf Board chairperson gets MoS status**

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday accorded sanction to the grant of status equivalent to Minister of State (MoS) in favour of Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqaf Board.

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the grant of status equivalent to Minister of State (MoS) in favour of Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqaf Board," reads an

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**Bhat posted as Jt Dir FCS&CA**

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Friday transferred Mohammad Akbar Bhat, Deputy Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir and posted as Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir.

The order in this regard was issued by Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi.

## 3 protestors among 6 killed in separate road accidents in Udhampur

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Six people, including three protestors and a couple, were killed and as many injured in two road accidents in Udhampur district on Friday, officials said.

Three people who were among those holding a protest demanding repair of drinking water supply pipes were killed and six others including a three-year-old child injured after a truck knocked them down in the Chenani area of the district, the officials said.

The injured were shifted to the district hospital, they said.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed deep anguish over the unfortunate road accident.

"Deeply anguished by the unfortunate road accident in Udhampur. Condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the speedy recovery of those injured. Directed district administration to provide best possible treat-

ment to injured & to render all assistance to the kin of the victims," the Lt Governor wrote on his official Twitter handle.

According to officials, the truck driver failed to negotiate a blind curve and ended up ramming into a few of the protestors who were staging a protest demanding that the pipes supplying drinking water to their hamlet in the Chenani area be repaired, the officials said.

Three people were killed and six others injured, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Indu Chib told PTI.

Three of the injured have been referred sent to GMC hospital in Jammu, he said.

The district administration has ordered an inquiry into the incident, the official said. The deceased have been identified as Surishtha Devi (32), Savitri Devi (33) and Abdul Rashid (60), the officials said.

An ex-gratia of Rs 10,000

each has been provided to the victims' kin, Chib said.

According to a news agency, the injured include Mubashar Ahmed (03), Altaf Hussain (15), Gian Chand (57), Barket Begum (60), Shahin Akhter (29) and Muhammad Ramzan (28).

Soon after this tragic accident, another protest hit the area where a large number of people assembled on the road.

The protestors were later pacified by the officers of police and civil administration.

Police said that a case under FIR number 43/2022 U/S 279/337/304-A has been registered in local police station and further investigation is going on.

In another road accident, a couple and their daughter were killed in the Garani area of Udhampur on Friday, the officials said.

They were riding on a motorcycle when it

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**Veerinder posted as Superintendent Central Jail Kot Bhalwal**

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Veerinder Kumar Bhat, Deputy Commandant IR-22nd Battalion has been posted as Superintendent Central Jail, Kotbhalwal, Jammu.

"The services of Veerinder Kumar Bhat, Deputy Commandant IR-22nd Battalion, are placed at the disposal of Prisons Department, with immediate effect and consequently posted as Superintendent, Central Jail, Kotbhalwal, Jammu vice Dinesh Sharma," reads an order issued by R K Goyal, Financial

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## 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed sentenced to 32 yrs in jail

### ■ AGENCY

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan on Friday sentenced Mumbai terror attack mastermind and banned Jamat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed to 32 years in jail in two more terror financing cases.

Earlier in five such cases, the 71-year-old radical cleric had already been convicted for 36 years imprisonment in five terror financing cases.

The total sentence of 68 years imprisonment will run concurrently. Saeed may have to spend not many years in jail because his sentence will run concurrently, a lawyer told PTI.

On Friday, anti-terrorism court (ATC) judge Ejaz Ahmad Bhuttar handed down 32 years jail term to Saeed in two FIRs - 21/2019 and 90/2019 registered by the Counter Terrorism Department of Punjab Police, a court official told PTI.

In the 21/2019 and 99/2021 cases, he was sentenced for 15.5 years and 16.5 years, respectively, the official added.

The court also imposed a fine of PKR 340,000 on Saeed. He was brought to the court from the Kot Lakhpat Jail in

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## Steps underway to accelerate inclusive, sustainable growth in J&K cities: LG

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that effective steps are underway to accelerate the mission for inclusive and sustainable growth in the cities..

Laying foundation stone for various Smart City projects in Srinagar, the Lt Governor said that the new projects, once completed will strengthen urban infrastructure, improve city services, public aesthetics, ease of living, and will provide a clean and sustainable environment for the citizens.

Srinagar Smart City



LG Manoj Sinha after laying foundation stone for various Smart City projects in Srinagar.

**J&K logs nine new COVID cases**

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday reported nine fresh COVID-19 cases, raising its tally to 4,53,854, officials said. All the new infections were reported from the Kashmir division with Srinagar district recording eight cases and Anantnag district one case, they said. 18 of the 20 districts in the union territory did not report any fresh case, the officials said. There are 134 active cases in UT, while number of recoveries has reached 4,48,970, the officials said. The COVID-19 death toll in Jammu and Kashmir stands at 4,750 as no fresh fatality was reported in last 24 hours, they said.

## Over 1.76 lakh pilgrims visit cave shrine of Vaishno Devi during 'Navratras'

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid tight security arrangements, over 1.76 lakh pilgrims have visited the famous cave shrine of Vaishno Devi during the first six days of the 'Navratri' festival in the Katra town here, officials said.

Located 42 kilometres from the winter capital, Jammu, along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, Katra the base camp for the pilgrims was decked up to welcome devotees from across the country and abroad.

During the past six days, 1,76,174 pilgrims have visited the shrine atop Trikuta



hills after trekking 12 kilometres from the base camp,

officials said. Of these,

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## NHA launches new version of Health Benefit Package under AB-PMJAY adding 365 new procedures

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The National Health Authority has launched a new version of the Health Benefit Package, 2022, under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, adding 365 new procedures which took the total to 1,949, the Union Health Ministry said on Friday.

With Health Benefit Package, 2022, differential pricing is being introduced under the scheme based on the type of city and level of care, it said.

The package was launched on Thursday at a two-day meeting held at Tamil Nadu's Mahabalipuram to review Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and Ayushman Bharat

Digital Mission in the southern states and Union Territories, according to a statement.

The National Health Authority also announced the rollout of the new initiative of patient classification systems through ICD-11 (International classification of disease) and International Classification of Health Intervention for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), it said.

Another highlight was the pilot launch of Diagnosis Related Grouping (DRG) in Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra and Meghalaya. AB PM-JAY will be the first insurance scheme in India to provide a

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## Governments maligning judges is new, unfortunate trend: SC

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday termed as unfortunate and rued the new trend of maligning judges by governments if judicial pronouncements are not as per their liking.

The stinging observations were made by a bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana while hearing two separate appeals filed by the Chhattisgarh government and an activist respectively challenging the high court's decision to quash an FIR registered against a former

IAS officer for allegedly amassing wealth beyond known sources of income.

The bench, also comprising justices Krishna Murari and

Singh, who visited Pulwama and Shopian districts, also stressed for

strengthening communication within the forces at different levels to augment the security grids in their respective areas.

The DGP, accompanied by Special DG CRPF Daljit Singh Chaudhary and Kashmir Zone IGP Vijay Kumar, interacted with police and CRPF officers.

After assessments of the security situation and emerging challenges, the DGP said the masters of terror across the border and their puppets in J&K are desperate to disturb the prevailing peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

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## Ensure people's safety while dealing with inimical elements: DGP to officers



DGP Dilbag Singh during visit to Pulwama & Shopian districts to review security scenario.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Director General of J&K Police Dilbag Singh Friday stressed upon security officers to evolve more effective mecha-

nism and ensure public safety while dealing with the elements inimical to peace.

Singh, who visited Pulwama and Shopian districts, also stressed for



Hima Kohli was miffed over some allegations made against the judiciary in the case.

"Whatever fight you may take, that is alright. But do not try to malign the courts. I am watching in this court also, it is a new trend," the CJI observed.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the state government in

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## COVID precaution dose for 18+ age-group at private vaccination centres from Apr 10

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Precaution dose of COVID-19 vaccines will be available to all aged above 18 years at private vaccination centres from April 10, the Union Health Ministry announced on Friday.

All those above the age of 18 who have completed nine months after the administration of the second dose will be eligible for the precaution dose, it said.

"It has been decided that the precaution dose of Covid vaccines will be made available to the 18-plus population group at private vaccination centres. This facility would be available at all private vaccination centres," the ministry said.

After the announcement, vaccine maker Serum Institute of India (SII) said the precaution dose of its Covishield vaccine will be priced at Rs 600 per shot for eligible individuals.

As of now, mixing of COVID-19 vaccines is not allowed in the country which means the precaution dose will be the same vaccine as the first and the second dose. However, final guidelines on vaccinating all above 18 years are yet to be issued.

"Adding an extra layer of safety! precaution dose to be available to 18+ age group from 10th April, 2022, at private vaccination centres. All 18+ who have completed nine months after administration of second dose would

be eligible for precaution dose," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Twitter.

SII CEO Adar Poonawalla also welcomed the government's move to allow precaution dose of the vaccine to all aged above 18 years at private vaccination centres, saying it will further provide long-term protection against the virus, and aid ease of travel.

"End-users will pay Rs 600 for the booster dose and the hospitals will get at discounted price," Poonawalla said in a statement.

The ongoing free COVID-19 inoculation programme through government vaccination centres for the first

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