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Maa Kushmanda

Maa Kushmanda is the fourth incarnation of Maa Durga and worshiped on fourth Navratra. Maa Kushmanda is said to be creator of the universe. Her presence is 'Surya Manda' by virtue of which rays of light enlighten the universe. She has eight hands and hence, also called 'Maa Ashtbhuja'. In her seven hands, she has Kamandal, Bow, Lotus, Amrit Kalash, Chakra and Gadha. Eighth hand has string of beads having all the 'Sidhis' and 'Nidhis'. Lion is the ride of Maa Kushmanda :-

"Om Hreeng Kleeng Bhagwati Kushmande Mum Sarvam Kaamnaay Pooray Pooray Thaa Thaa Swaha"

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Modi's guarantee, corrupt will go to jail: PM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAIPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asserted that the corrupt will have to go to jail and that he will not be deterred by any threats.

Addressing a rally in Rajasthan's Karauli ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Modi hit out at the previous Congress-led state government over recruitment exam paper leaks, saying the party is steeped in corruption and found opportunities to loot even in jobs for the youth.

He once again hit out at the Congress over the Katchatheevu island issue and said that not only the party's history but its intentions are also dangerous.

The prime minister said strict action is being taken against the corrupt across the country, including Rajasthan, and this is why the opposition has formed the "INDI alliance" against him.



"On one side there is Modi, who says remove corruption. On the other side are those who say save the corrupt. All these people who have set out to save the corrupt listen carefully, no matter how many threats you give to Modi, the corrupt will have to go to jail. This is Modi's guarantee," he said.

The 2024 Lok Sabha elections are not about who will become an MP and who will not.

"This election is about giving a new energy to the resolve for a 'Viksit Bharat'," he said.

Attacking the Congress, Modi said the party played a dirty game of appeasement for votes in Rajasthan.

"Congress leaders demolished temples and took over their lands. Stones were pelted on a Ram Navami procession here," he said.

The 'shehzada' (prince) of the Congress goes abroad and says that India is not a nation and demands proof if India conducts a surgical strike, the prime minister

said without naming anyone.

Modi also targeted Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for asking why the prime minister talked about the abrogation of Article 370, which accorded a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, during a rally in Rajasthan's Churu.

He said Kharge should go to the homes of the brave martyrs of Rajasthan and ask this.

"The soil of their villages will tell (you) what relation Rajasthan has with Kashmir. The heroes of Rajasthan have made sacrifices on the soil of Kashmir," Modi said.

"This is the same Congress which had given Katchatheevu, an Indian island near Tamil Nadu, to Sri Lanka," he added.

The Modi government has targeted the Congress, accusing it of overlooking national interests by ceding

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LeT terrorist killed in Pulwama, three terror associates arrested in Baramulla



ident of Srinagar. He was affiliated with the proscribed TRF, the spokesperson added.

TRF or The Resistance Front is an offshoot of the LeT.

According to the police spokesperson, arms, ammunition and incriminating materials were found from the site of the encounter.

A case has been registered and investigation initiated.

Thursday's encounter in Pulwama was the first gunfight in the hinterland of the Kashmir valley since early January.

On January 5, an LeT terrorist was killed in an encounter in Shopian district.

There was a lull in the gunfights for more than three months except for April 5 when security forces foiled an infiltration bid in the Uri sector of Baramulla district and killed a terrorist.

Meanwhile, security forces arrested three terror associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba

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Ram temple result of 3 decades' struggle: Bhagwat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJI NAGAR (MAHA): RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday said the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya was the culmination of a struggle and sacrifices of 30 years.

The entire country was overwhelmed when the idol of Ram Lalla was consecrated, he said, speaking at the inauguration of the Dattaji Bhale Smriti Samiti Karyalaya here.

"People donated money for the construction of the Ram temple. It was because of the struggle of 30 years (that the temple was built)...We had wanted a temple at the Ram Jannabhoomi for 500 years. People were ready to donate money, and the entire

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Congress opposed to rights for Valmikis, OBCs, STs, refugees: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Making a scathing attack on the appeasement policy followed by Congress Party, Union Minister and BJP Candidate for Udhampur-Doda-Kathua Lok Sabha constituency Dr Jitendra Singh said on Thursday that Congress is opposed to the grant of the rights for Valmikis, OBCs, Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and refugees.

Addressing a series of public meetings during the election campaign in the Udhampur Panchayat and urban areas here today, Dr Jitendra said, it was because of the discriminatory approach of the successive Congress governments that for 60 to 70 years after independence, the Valmikis did not get their Citizenship rights and were also denied



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing public meeting at Adarsh Colony in Udhampur city on Thursday.

the opportunity to apply for jobs equivalent to their qualifications or merit. He said, it was only after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over, the constitutional changes were brought about and Valmikis in Jammu & Kashmir today

have an equal opportunity to aspire for the highest level of placement depending upon their merit, aptitude and hard work. Asking the Congress Party to make its position clear, Dr Singh said, the Udhampur-

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Airlifting of polling, security personnel commences at Kishtwar

188 security personnel airlifted by three IAF helicopters to Marwah, Warwan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: In preparation for first phase of Lok Sabha Elections 2024, a significant deployment of security personnel has been executed in Marwah and Warwan areas of Kishtwar district on Thursday with joint efforts of District Election Office Kishtwar and Indian Air Force (IAF).

A total of 188 personnel, comprising 144 from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and 44 from Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) were airlifted by three Indian Air Force helicopters to Marwah and Warwan areas, marking the maiden airlifting of Men and Material in the country for the Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

This deployment is part of comprehensive security measures being implemented across Kishtwar district for the forthcoming elections.

The logistical challenges posed by remote and snow-bound terrain of Marwah and Warwan were efficiently addressed, with 16 sorties transporting security personnel to these areas. The road connectivity to the Marwah and Warwan areas

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Village head suspended for violation of MCC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A village head in Ramban district was suspended for violating the model code of conduct, officials said on Thursday.

Zaffar Abbas, the village head of Kunfer, had taken part in a political rally on Tuesday, they said.


Voting for the Jammu parliamentary seat will be held on April 26 in the second phase of Lok Sabha elections.

RO Udhampur PC notifies dates for postal ballot voting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Returning Officer (RO) for Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency (PC) on Thursday notified the dates for postal ballot voting enabling the absentee voters falling under the categories of Senior Citizens (AVSe), Persons with Disability (AVPD) and COVID-19 suspect or affected persons (AVCO) to exercise their right to franchise.

In a proactive measure

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.3°C Min: 20.4°C

Humidity
Max: 38 Min: 37

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.2°C Min: 8.9°C

Humidity
Max: 62 Min: 47

Sunset : 18:57 Hours
Sunrise : 06:05 Hours

Family-oriented parties can never work for welfare of poor, Dalits, farmers, tribals: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MANDLA/KHAJURAHO: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday slammed the INDIA bloc for practising dynastic politics, and said in the upcoming elections, people have to choose between a leader who works for taking every section of society forward and those who promote their own family members.

Addressing back-to-back election rallies in Madhya Pradesh in support of BJP Lok Sabha candidates, Shah asserted that for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, only four "castes" exist in the country and they are the poor, youth, farmers and women, and his main aim was their empowerment.

"Members of the INDI alliance won't be able to do any good for people. These



dynastic parties will never do any good for the poor, Dalits, farmers, youths, tribal, women and backward communities. If there is anyone who is committed to their welfare, then it is Prime Minister Modi's government," the former BJP president maintained.

Shah was addressing an election meeting in the Katni area under the Khajuraho Lok Sabha seat from where

the saffron party has re-nominated sitting MP and state BJP president Vishnu Dutt Sharma.

These parties can only indulge in corruption and financial irregularities, and that is reflected in their history too as he highlighted UPA-era scams like those related to the 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2G, land-for-jobs, Saradha chit fund, and the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association, among others, he said.

"The only aim of these family-oriented parties is to get power for their sons, daughters and nephews. The aim of Sharad Pawar is to make his daughter chief minister (of Maharashtra), Uddhav Thackeray to make his son CM, (M K) Stalin to make his son CM, Mamata Banerjee

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Security stepped up in Udhampur ahead of PM's rally

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to hit the campaign trail in Udhampur on Friday as a star campaigner for Union Minister Jitendra Singh, prompting the authorities to activate multi-tier security setup, including ban on flying of drones.

Singh is seeking re-election for the third consecutive time from Udhampur Lok Sabha seat in the first phase of the elections.

Prime Minister Modi will be addressing a huge rally in Udhampur on Friday, with the security agencies having

issued advisories and Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) for people attending the rally and for the security personnel in view of the threat perception.

Modi will arrive in Udhampur on Friday morning to address a huge rally in Batal Ballian area, officials said.

A multi-tier security arrangement has been put in place for the safe and secure conduct of the rally, they said. This includes elaborate deployments, area domination, checkpoints and alertness in areas and vigilance on vital installations in the

region by various security agencies.

The officials said the security personnel have been put on duty along the Jammu-Udhampur highway and vital junctions amid setting up of additional checkpoints to monitor the commuters.

Frisking has been intensified at major spots on the highway, they added.

Udhampur District Magistrate Saloni Rai on Thursday issued an order prohibiting the flying of any kind of aviation devices, including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and

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Profuse misuse of social media platforms matter of concern: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has voiced concern over misuse of social media platforms with posting of messages, comments and articles on subjudice matters.

A bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose (now retired) and Bela Trivedi made the observation while initiating a contempt action against Assam MLA Karim Uddin Barbhuiya for his misleading Facebook post regarding a case reserved for judgment.

"It is a matter of serious concern that nowadays there has been a profuse misuse of social media platforms on which messages, comments, articles etc. are being posted in respect of matters pending in Court.

"Though our shoulders are broad enough to bear any blame or criticism, the comments or posts published in respect of matters pending in Court, through social media platforms under guise of right to freedom of speech and expression, which have the tendency of undermining the authority of the Courts or of interfering with the course of justice, deserves serious consideration," the bench said.

The top court said it is very usual for judges to react during the course of arguments being made by lawyers, sometimes in favour of and sometimes against a party to the proceeding.

"However, that does not give any right or leeway to either of the parties

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