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NAVRATRA

Maa Skandmata

Fifth incarnation of Goddess Durga is called 'Maa Skandmata', Mother of Lord Skand (also known as Kartikeva who headed 'Devtas' in fight agains 'Danavas'. On this Navratra heart comes in 'Vishudh Chakra'.

Maa Skandmata has four arms with Bhagwan Skand in her lap, holding him with one hand and othe in the blessing mode. Skandmata fulfills all the desires and guides door of heaven to worshipper. Mantra to be recited nine times on this Navratra is :-

"Om Aing Hareeng Kleeng Chaang Bhagwati Skand Matai Lakshmi Roopini Dhan Vridhim Kuru Kuru Swaha'

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चां भगवती स्कंदमातायै लक्ष्मी रूपिणी धन वृद्धिं कुरु कुरु स्वाहा

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Time not far when Assembly polls will be held in J&K: Modi "J&K will also get statehood back"

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

'Ram temple wasn't and will never be election issue' UDHAMPUR: In a scathing attack on the INDIA opposition bloc for claiming that the Ram temple in Ayodhya is a "poll plank" for the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said

it is a matter of faith for the people of the country. He compared the mindset of the Congress and its allies with that of the Mughals, who he said used to derive pleasure from vandalising temples, and accused them of teasing the majority community by displaying videos of consuming meat during the month of Sawan to consolidate

"You must have seen how the Congress hates the Ram temple. The Congress and its entire cosystem start screaming if there is even a reference to the temple. They say the Ram temple is an election issue for the BJP. It was never an election issue and will never be an election

issue," the prime minister said at a mega public rally here in Jammu and Kashmir. Modi pointed out that the Ram temple movement started when the Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) was not even born. "It was an issue at a time when the British were yet to come. It is a 500-year-old matter when there was no thought of elections," he said.

Taking a dig at the Congress for declining the invitation to the consecration ceremony of the temple, Mod i said, "What kind of an election game was it that you declined the invite to this noly function? It is an election issue for the Congress and the INDIA bloc, whereas it is a matter of devotion and faith for the country's people," he added.

The prime minister said the temple was a victory of tolerance.

"It was a victory after a long wait of 500 years. When foreign invaders vandalised temples. the people of India fought to protect their religious places.

They faced the worst situations for protecting their faith," he said. Taking a dig at the leaders of the Congress and its allies, who he said were living in huge bungalows when Ram Lalla was living in a tent, Modi said people used to run from pillar to post to get the tent changed during rains, only to be threatened with court cases. "This was an assault on the faith of crores of people who considered Ram as the prime deity for worship. We had told these people that one day, Ram will return to his temple. Do not forget three things -- one, this is a reality now after 500 years of fighting. Do you agree? Secondly, it has been done through a full process of the judiciary. It has been

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PM Narendra Modi along with BJP Lok Sabha candidates Dr Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma

during public rally at Udhampur on Friday.

Terror hideout busted in Kupwara

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The security

tion related to the presence of a terrorist hideout in the forest area of Gangbugh in Sogam area of north Kashmir district, a cordon and search operation was launched by the security forces there, a police

During the search operation, a terrorist hideout was busted and a large quantity ered, the spokesman said.

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR : Asserting

that the time is not far when

the Assembly polls will be

held in Jammu and Kashmir,

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on Friday said the peo-

ple of the Union Territory

will soon be able to share

their issues with ministers

The prime minister said the

development projects under-

taken by the BJP-led Centre

in the erstwhile state are just

a "trailer", adding that he has

to work for the creation of a

and legislators.

UBGLs, five hand grenades, 23 Chinese hand grenades, nine 40-mm MGL rounds, a pistol, nine pistol magazines, 65 pistol rounds, an AK-47 rifle, five AK magazines, 1135 AK rounds. grenades, an IED and 175 Pika gun rounds among other items.

The operation has delivered a major blow to the nefarious designs of PaKbased terrorist groups who have always aspired to disturb peace and tranquillity in the Kashmir Valley, the

fabulous picture of a new Jammu and Kashmir in the days to come.

He said Jammu and Kashmir has completely changed and the biggest thing is that there has been a change of heart as people have moved from disappointments towards hope.

"The time is not far when the Assembly polls will be held in Jammu and Kashmir, which will also get its statehood back. You will again raise your issues with your legislators and ministers."

Governor Manoj Sinha on

Friday emphasized on adopt-

ing transformative approach

in project implementation

and integrated planning with

a broader framework to

address the issues pertaining

to Master Plans at the earli-

Reviewing the progress

achieved by Housing and

Lieutenant

Development

Modi told a rally organised here to garner support for Union minister Jitendra Singh, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate from Udhampur in the upcoming

Lok Sabha polls. The prime minister asserted that "all the issues of every section of the society" in Jammu and Kashmir will be resolved.

He revealed his vision of carving out a vibrant picture of a new Jammu and Kashmir and said people are

the region.

"You have seen the worst, so this looks like a lot to you. You feel good to see development. But Modi thinks bigger. Modi has a great vision. Whatever has happened till now is just a trailer," the prime minister said.

He added that the ongoing road and tunnel construction projects will be completed at a fast pace. "Companies and factories from across the country and outside will come to Jammu

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JAMMU:

The recoveries include six forces busted a terror hideout in Kupwara district on Friday and recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition, police said. Based on specific informa-

spokesman said.

of war-like stores was recov-

LG greets people on Baisakhi

LG for adopting transformative approach in implementation of projects

STATE TIMES NEWS



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting in Jammu on Friday.

ing the human resource in the department for speedy completion of the projects.

Department (HUDD) at a meeting with senior officials, The Lt Governor took stock the Lt Governor also called of Tawi Riverfront and varifor empowering Municipal ous ongoing projects under Corporations, Development Smart City Mission, Swachh Authorities and strengthen-Bharat Mission - Urban, AMRUT, PMAY (U) and DAY-NULM and functions of e-Buses and Integrated Command & Control Centre. The meeting was attended Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary,

Finance Department: Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary, H&UDD: Vijay Kumar

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STATE TIMES NEWS Mohammad Akheel Wani of JAMMU: Jammu and Belicharana was the first to Kashmir Police on Friday claimed to have busted a three-member gang involved

Three arrested for throwing mobile,

SIM card inside jail in Jammu

in throwing a mobile phone, a SIM card and a charger using a Cosco ball inside a jail premises for use by the

prisoners here. The ball was found in the premises of Amphala Jail Jammu during a routine search on April 2, leading to recovery of the Chinese-made mobile phone along with other accessories, a police spokesman said.

While the main accused Vikas Singh of Bhagatpur was arrested on Thursday, be arrested in the case followed by the second accused Harsh Singh of Vikram Chowk a few days ago, he said. The spokesman said the

arrest was made after a case was registered under relevant sections of the Prison Act at Police Station Pacca Danga and a special investigation team was constituted.

The team activated human intelligence system and collected all technical data, which led to the arrest of Wani who disclosed that he provided the SIM

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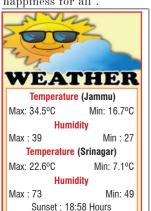
Farooq should stop seeing J&K through

STATE TIMES NEWS Lieutenant

JAMMU: Governor Manoi Sinha extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the eve of Baisakhi.

In his message, the Lt Governor said: "Heartiest greetings and best wishes to all on the joyous occasion of Baisakhi.

It is an occasion to celebrate the hard work of our farmers and to honour their invaluable contribution in nation building. Baisakhi marks the foundation of Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh Sahib, the tenth Guru, who transformed the Sikhs into a family of Saint-Soldier. Guruji's message of selfless service, truthfulness, sacrifice, equality and universal love is an abiding source of inspiration for all of us. On this Baisakhi, let us resolve to follow the path shown by Guru Gobind Singh Sahib. May the festival of Baisakhi this year usher in peace, prosperity and happiness for all".



Sunrise: 06:04 Hours

Italian glasses: Chugh 'Modi has shown new sunrise to J&K'

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party Incharge of J&K, on Friday slammed the National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah for misleading people of the Union Territory and spreading a malicious propaganda against the Modi govern-

Chugh said the Modi government has ushered in a new era of development and growth in J&K, which is becoming very uncomfortable for Farooq Abdullah to



digest because all these years he has been harping on divisive and anti-national idiom

Chugh said it is high time that Farooq stopped seeing things in J&K from the Italian glasses.

Abdullahs, Muftis and Congress family leaders have done nothing positive for the people of J&K. Violence, killings, stone pelting and strikes were the norm of the day in their times. And when BJP makes efforts for welfare and well-being of people, they are trying to incite masses against ruling dispensation instead of accepting their crimes they committed in their regimes on hapless people of Jammu and Kashmir," Chugh said.

He said since Article 370 was abrogated, Kashmir

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over fake video

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A case was registered on Friday in the Rajouri district following the circulation of a fake video with the intention to "create unrest", the Jammu and

Kashmir Police said. "A video has been circulated on social media in which some objectionable slogans are heard during a procession in the Kalakote area of Rajouri. During initial analysis, it was found that the video is edited/unoriginal in nature with the audio of slogans added to create unrest," the police said in a statement. It said the police has taken the issue

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STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Chairman

Democratic Progressive Party (DPAP),Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Friday underscored the imperative for change and implored voters to back a candidate, who advocates for

fairness and equality irre-

spective, of caste or religion. Addressing a public meeting in Thatri, Kishtwar, rallying support for the party's Lok Sabha candidate, G.M. Saroori, he stressed the significance of electing leaders dedicated to serving the needs of all constituents and fostering a climate of inclusivity and mutual respect.

Amidst an atmosphere



meeting at Thatri on Friday.

brimming with enthusiasm, Azad fervently appealed to the people to throw their weight behind Saroori and the principles he stands for. He said: "We must vote for

justice for people of all religions. My track record is clear - we have never discriminated against anyone. I have consistently advised my party leaders to raise

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Congress to become extinct like dinosaur in few years: Rajnath

STATE TIMES NEWS

GAUCHAR/LOHAGHAT/K ASHIPUR (U'KHAND): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh claimed on Friday that the Congress will become extinct like the dinosaur in a few years from now and likened the infighting in the opposition party to television reality show "Bigg Boss".

"The exodus of leaders from the Congress continues. They are quitting the party one after another and joining the BJP," Singh said at a rally in Gauchar which is part of Uttarakhand's Pauri Garhwal Lok Sabha constituency

"I am afraid that in a few years from now, the Congress will become extinct like the dinosaur. In a few years after 2024, if we take the name of the Congress, children will who?" the senior

Bharatiya Janata (BJP) leader added.

He also commented on the infighting in the Congress. "They are fighting with each other on a daily basis. The party has become somewhat like the house of 'Bigg Boss'. They are tearing each other's clothes," Singh said.

The BJP leader was in Gauchar to campaign for Anil Baluni, the party's candidate from Pauri in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Singh addressed two more election rallies at Lohaghat under Almora and Kashipur Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar constituency. Union Minister of State for

Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt is contesting from Nainital-Udham Singh Singh said India has

emerged as a strong country

Minister under Prime Narendra Modi's leadership. The voice of the country is heard distinctly on international forums and taken seriously, he added. defence minister claimed that the Russia-

Ukraine war was suspended

for more than four hours fol-

lowing Modi's talks with

Russian President Vladimir

Putin, Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy and US

President Joe Biden for the safe evacuation of 22,500 Indian students stranded in He said the world is

acknowledging the progress made by India over the past Singh also quoted the US Ambassador to India, Eric

Garcetti, as saying that if the

world has to see the future, it should come to India. "We are manufacturing

ment in India now. Earlier, we used to export defence equipment worth only Rs 600 crore. Over only seven years, we are exporting defence equipment worth more than Rs 21,000 crore. India is not an ordinary country now," he said.

Describing the BJP as a party that does what it says, Singh said it implements its manifestos in verbatim.

"We said we would abrogate (the provisions of) Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, we did it. We said we would bring the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, we did it. We were saying since 1984 that we would build a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya and we did that too," he said.

"On the contrary, parties like the Congress have

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Modi's assertion on holding Assembly polls in J&K razed opposition's 'false narrative': BJP

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion on holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir "demolished" a false narrative "being created" by the NC, PDP and other

opposition parties. The BJP's reaction came after the prime minister, while addressing a poll rally in Udhampur earlier in the day, asserted that the time was not far when the Assembly polls would be held in Jammu and Kashmir, which would also get its statehood back.

"I would like to congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir because the prime minister has reiterated his resolve to hold early elecin Jammu and tions

Kashmir." BJP leader Ashish Sood, who is the party's co-in charge for the Union Territory, said.

He alleged that the top leaders of the National Conference, Democratic Party and other opposition parties were creating a false perception of the issue by claiming that the BJP-led Centre was afraid of holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"They were creating a false perception that things are not normal in Jammu and Kashmir, the security situation is normal and that the government of India is afraid of holding elections.. This was the kind of narrative Abdullahs, Muftis and others were creating which has (now) been demolished,"

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