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SEVENTH NAVRATRA

Maa Kaalratri

Seventh incarnation of Goddess Durga is Maa Kaalratri. Her body is jet black with spread hair and glittering like lightning with string of beads around her neck. She has three eyes round like universe and flames coming out of nostrils. Her ride is on Donkey. Out of four hands, two right arms are in blessing mode while one left hand has iron Katris and other has Khans. Through Maa Kaalratri appears very hard and tough, who is always Shakti for her worshippers. She destroys the enemies, bad souls and hurdles of Grahos. Mantra to be recited nine times of Maa Kaalratri is :-

"Om Aing Hareng Hung Hung Bhagwati Kaalratri Mum Shatrun Stambhay Stambhay Swaha"

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं हुं ह्रूं भगवती
कालरात्रि मम शत्रुं
स्तम्भय स्तम्भय स्वाहा

Development, welfare focus in BJP manifesto as ruling party shuns populism

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a pitch for electing a strong and stable government in an uncertain world beset by geopolitical tensions as the BJP on Sunday released its manifesto, prioritising development and welfare while shunning populist measures and contentious issues like the NRC.

Named "Modi ki Guarantee", the manifesto largely builds on the government's existing welfare schemes targeted at different sections of society, while reiterating the BJP's commitment to roll out one-nation-one-election and Uniform Civil Code, two issues mentioned in its 2019 manifesto too. The government has taken some concrete steps for their implementation.

The BJP promised to include all senior citizens above the age of 70 years in the 'Ayushman Bharat'



PM Narendra Modi and others releasing BJP's manifesto on Sunday.

scheme, which provides health insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh.

It also spoke of considering bullet trains in north, south and east India and expanding "new age" trains like Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat and Nammo Bharat.

Promising to strengthen the sports ecosystem to make India a world leader in sports, the BJP manifesto - Sankalp Patra - said its government will facilitate the Indian Olympic Association to bid for hosting the

Olympic Games in 2036.

The party also promised to continue efforts to remove the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in a phased manner in the north-east states and leverage the region as a strategic gateway for the "Act East" policy.

It underscored the commitment to defending India's citizens and interests at "home and abroad from all threats of terrorism" as it cited surgical and air strikes during the first term of the Modi government to highlight its zero-

tolerance.

Modi gave the first copies of the manifesto to a few beneficiaries of his government's schemes at the function organised at the BJP headquarters here.

Touching on its cultural agenda after having fulfilled its decades-old promise of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the BJP said its government will undertake "significant new projects" across the country to develop religious and tourist sites inspired

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LG flags off pilgrimage along heritage route to Varishno Devi Shrine

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended 'Pratham Pooja' of the 22nd 'Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Pavitra Chhari Yatra' at holy Kol Kandoli Temple in Nagrota here.

Sinha paid obeisance at the temple and later flagged off the 'Chhari Yatra' carrying 'holy Jyot', an official spokesperson said.

He said the Yatra will pass through the heritage route before reaching Oli Mata temple Bamyal-Chhapanoo.

The Lt Governor greeted the devotees and prayed for peace, progress and prosperity of J-K, the spokesperson said. Meanwhile, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana has been advocating for the revival of the traditional route to the famous shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Reasi district.

The route starts from village Jagti (Nagrota) along Jammu-Srinagar national



LG Manoj Sinha participating in Pratham Pooja of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Pavitra Chhari Yatra at Kol Kandoli Temple, Nagrota.

highway and passes through Jagdlamba Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, Durga Mata Temple-Pangali, Shiv Temple-Thandapani, Shiv Shakti Temple, Raja Mandalek Temple and Raja Nowalgarh Temple in Marh-Drabi, Kali Mata Temple, Gundla Talab, Ram Darbar, Shiv Temple, Bamyal and Oli

Temple Chhapanoo-Bamyal. Rana, a former MLA from Nagrota, has been demanding development of the old track as an alternate route for the pilgrims visiting the Vaishno Devi shrine and conservation of heritage assets particularly the step wells, ponds, sarais, temples and springs on the old route.

Congress is 'Sultan of tukde, tukde gang': Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MYSURU (KARNATAKA): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called the Congress "the sultan of tukde tukde gang", as he accused the opposition party of having the dangerous intention to "divide, break and weaken" the country.

Attacking the ruling Congress in Karnataka, he said: "Because of loot, the government's coffers are empty, developmental and welfare schemes are being shut," adding, "Hundreds of crores of black money is being sent across the country from Karnataka to help the Congress fight election. This

is the model of Congress' rule."

He was addressing a mega public meeting at Maharaja's College ground here aimed at drumming up support for BJP and JD(S) candidates from Mysuru, Chamaraajanagar, Mandya and Hassan Lok Sabha constituencies.

"This (India) is a land where mothers dream about sending their children to armed forces in the service of the nation. On the other hand, there is a Congress party which is going around becoming the 'Sultan of tukde tukde gang'." The

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Annual Amarnath Yatra to begin from June 29

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas will commence from June 29 and conclude on August 19, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) announced on Sunday.

Advance registration for the 52-day-long yatra will be opened on April 15, the board said.

The annual yatra takes place from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgal route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal district.



Sarabjit Singh's killer shot dead by gunmen in Pakistan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LAHORE/NEW DELHI: Amir Sarfaraz Tamba, an accused in the murder of Sarabjit Singh, the Indian death row prisoner in Pakistan, and a close associate of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit founder Hafiz Saeed, was killed by unidentified gunmen in an apparent "targeted attack" in Lahore on Sunday.

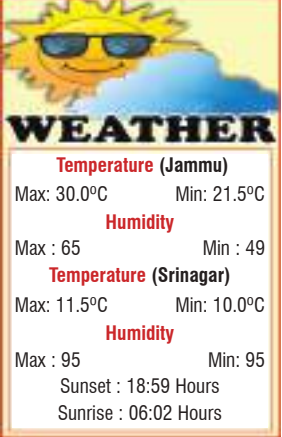
Tamba was attacked by motorcycle-borne assailants at his residence in Sanant Nagar, a thickly populated area of old Lahore in

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Omar rules out contesting assembly elections till J&K is UT

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah has ruled out contesting the assembly elections till Jammu and Kashmir remains a Union territory. "I don't fancy my chances for anything. I don't aspire to the office of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.0°C Min: 21.5°C

Humidity
Max: 65 Min: 49

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.5°C Min: 10.0°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 95

Sunset : 18:59 Hours
Sunrise : 06:02 Hours

BJP manifesto promises farmers bright future: Chugh 'BJP to launch Bharat Krishi satellite'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday said that the BJP manifesto has unleashed a new era of farmers welfare in the country.

Chugh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the manifesto, has promised that the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme will be strengthened to provide sustained financial support to farmers.

The party will also strengthen the Prime

Minister Fasal Bima Yojana through more technological interventions to ensure



speedy and more accurate assessment, faster payouts and quicker grievance resolution.

He said the BJP promises

to increase the minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

Chugh said the manifesto also announced to launch the Krishi Infrastructure Mission for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of agri-infra-structure projects like storage facilities, irrigation, grading and sorting units, cold-storage facilities and food processing; Expansion of irrigation facilities, launching

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'Was not expecting a tourist,' Sajad Lone slams Omar Abdullah's Baramulla candidacy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Conference Chairman Sajad Gani Lone on Sunday slammed National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah for contesting Lok Sabha polls from Baramulla constituency, calling him a "tourist".

Talking to media persons in Baramulla, he expressed disappointment that a Kashmiri was not chosen to contest the election, but a non-local, according to a local news agency.

He asserted his party is ready to compete in the upcoming elections. "I

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NC exploited people, we carried out development: Azad



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting in Kishtwar on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday strongly criticized

the National Conference and the Congress for their role in splitting the secular vote in the Chenab Valley.

Addressing a public meeting in Kishtwar, Azad said,

LS Polls: Electoral Roll Extracts for Migrant Special Polling stations of Jammu, Udhampur prepared

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Election Commission of India has partially modified the scheme for Kashmiri Migrants to vote in person at transitory camps and voting by means of postal ballot pertaining to the ongoing General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024.

As per the modified scheme 22 special polling stations (21 in Jammu and 1 in Udhampur) are to be mapped to the Camps/ Zones individually ensuring that every Zone has at least one Polling station.

A draft mapping based on the records available in the office of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, J&K, has been done, and based on the same, Draft Electoral Roll

Extract without photographs has been prepared for 21 Polling Stations of Jammu and one polling station of Udhampur.

Copies of these draft electoral roll extracts are available in the office of ARO Migrant Jammu, ARO Migrant Udhampur, Zone/ Camp Offices, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, J&K and also available on the website www.jk migrantrelief.nic.in.

All the electors figuring in the draft electoral roll as well as those whose names do not figure in the draft electoral roll extracts, in case have any claims regarding omission of any eligible name in the draft lists, wishes to opt for voting through postal ballot or at the original polling

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