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Ninth incamation of Maa Durga, Maa 'Sidhidhatri' can bless one with all the 'Sidhis'. According to Puranas even Bhagwan Shiv got Sidhis by virtue of Maa Sidhidhatri and his body was converted into 'Ardha Narishwar'. The ride of Maa is Lion and she is on lotus. Har four hands have Chakta, Gadha,

Shankha and Letus. By her blessings one gets heaven after enjoying all pleasures of life. Mantra to be recited nine times is :-

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Nowgam area; LG expresses grief

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A boat carrying mostly school children capsized in the Jhelum river on the outskirts of the city on Tuesday, leaving six people dead, officials said.

The incident took place around 8:00 AM in Gandbal Nowgam area. The exact number of people on the boat was not clear.

The bodies have been identified as Firdousa, wife of Fayaz Ahmed Malik, and her twin children- Tanvir Fayaz and Mudasir Favaz, a fatherson duo and the boatman.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and many other leaders expressed grief over the loss of lives in the incident.

"I am deeply grieved by the loss of lives due to a boat accident in Srinagar. My thoughts are with the bereaved families & I pray to the Almighty to give them strength to withstand this immense loss. Team of SDRF, Army & other agencies are carrying out relief & rescue work," Sinha said in a post on X. The LG said he is constantly monitor-

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SDRF teams carrying out rescue operation on Tuesday.

Political parties suspend campaign following tragedy

SRINAGAR: Various political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday suspended campaigning for the parliamentary elections in the wake of the boat capsize tragedy that

National Conference (NC) candidate for the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency, Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi suspended his campaigning for two days

"This is a tragic day today for all of us and the bereaved families of the children who lost their lives in #Batwara. I cancel all my campaigning programmes for today and tomorrow. Prayers for the angelic souls and the families of the deceased," Mehdi, an influential Shia leader, posted on X. The Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference (JKPC), led by Sajad Lone, also suspended all election-related activities of

"Out of respect for the families affected by the boat capsize tragedy today, JKPC cadres and leaders are directed to suspend all election-related activities.

Six dead as boat capsizes in BJP believes in winning hearts, 'lotus' will bwgam area; LG expresses grief bloom on its own in Kashmir: Amit Shah

JAMMU: Union minister Amit Shah on Tuesday slammed the Congress, National Conference and PDP, alleging that most fake encounters and incidents of firing on youths in Jammu and Kashmir occurred during their rule.

Rejecting rival parties' charge the BJP was more interested in Kashmir's land than the welfare of its people, he said the BJP is in no haste and believes in winning the hearts of people as it will ultimately lead to the 'lotus', the party's poll symbol, blooming across the Valley.

Addressing an election rally here, Shah also said that assembly polls in J-K will be held according to the dateline set by the Supreme Court (September 30). "Nobody should have any doubt on this," the minister said.

Shah alleged that the Congress. National Conference and PDP exploited the youths of Kashmir.

"These three parties did not allow democracy to grow in Jammu and



Union Minister Amit Shah along with BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina and candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma during public rally in Jammu on Tuesday.

Kashmir... on the pretext of security, our Kashmiri youths were exploited. I want to ask (National Conference president) Farooq Abdullah and the PDP - under

whose rule most of the fake encounters took place, who fired on the children of Kashmir and handed the gun to them?

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CEO reviews election preparedness; asks to devise inclusive disaster management plan

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, Pandurang K. Pole, on Tuesday took an extensive virtual review of poll preparedness in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir here at Nirvachan Bhawan, Jammu.

The meeting was attended by all the District Election Officers along with the Heads of Departments of PWD, BRO SAMPARK, IMD, PMGSY and NHAI.

The CEO was briefed by the DEOs about the steps being taken up in the districts to ensure smooth conduct of Lok Sabha elections

The District Election Officers apprised the CEO of the status of AMF, printing of ballot papers, commissioning of EVM's, distribution of voter information slips,

Transport plan, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Lt Governor greets people on eve of Ram Navami

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the occasion of Ram Navami, which is being celebrated

In a message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of

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With removal of Art 370, J&K truly connected to India: Anurag Thakur

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth and Sports, Anurag Thakur said ion Tuesday that family based parties have stopped the development of Jammu and Kashmir whereas Modi has given new wings to the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"There is immense enthusiasm about the elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Like the rest of the country the lotus will bloom here too



workers and public at Kishtwar.

because the people of Indi Alliance divide the country in the name of caste, religion, region and language and we unite them", Anurag Thakur while addressing a huge public meetings at Parade Ground and Gulabgarh Stadium in Kishtwar.

He urged people to vote in favor of BJP, saying that Kishtwar and Udhampur are getting the opportunity to vote first in the entire country and the enthusiasm of the people here shows that the otus is sure to bloom

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Omar served 6-yr term as CM due to my support: Azad



meeting at Khari on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL: Chairman Progressive Democratic Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday countered recent assertions by the National Conference Vice

reminding him of the pivotal role his (Azad's) MLAs played in his six-year tenure as Chief Minister.

Addressing a public meeting at Banihal's Khari, Azad denounced Omar Abdullah's President Omar Abdullah, lack of gratitude as indicative of his character, saying:"I want to ask Omar Abdullah, if you served as Chief Minister for six years, it was because of the support of my MLAs. I extended your tenure by sharing the alliance. You didn't do any favours. The MLAs, who supported you for the Chief Ministership are still with

Azad forcefully rebuked the National Conference and castigated its governance track record in Jammu and Kashmir, spanning decades and questioned the party's legacy of violence and hollow promises. He accused the National Conference of

He added, "When Farooq Abdullah left J&K due to militancy, it was my initiative that brought him back. At that time, the NC was in a precarious state. While I hold great respect for Dr. Farooq Abdullah, his son displays lack of political maturity and understanding. For how long will they bask in the legacy of Sheikh Abdullah? They couldn't endure a day in jail like him. They're riding on his political coattails without achieving anything significant on their own. He was an ineffective Chief Minister." Azad also lambasted the

Congress for directing unwarranted attacks

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exploiting the people. EC remained 'silent' when Congress' bank accounts were frozen: Sachin Pilot

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Congress leader Sachin Pilot hit the campaign trail here on Tuesday as a star campaigner and Election attacked the Commission (EC) for "remaining silent" when the accounts of the main opposition party were frozen and elected chief ministers were sent to jail.

Campaigning for his party's candidate Choudhary Lal Singh from the Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency, Pilot accused the BJP government of playing "religious politics to divert attention from its failures" on the development front.

"The Election Commission



candidate Lal Singh during public rally at Kathua.

is watching as a mute spectator. In connection with the Chandigarh mayoral elections, we had to move to the Supreme Court for justice, and we got it. They sealed the accounts of the Congress, put elected chief ministers in

jail, and tried to muzzle the opposition," Pilot said while addressing a rally.

He criticised the BJP leaders for allegedly using religion for political gains, saying, "They centre their poliaround issues like tics

mandir-masjid, Muslim, Hindustan and Pakistan. However, they show little interest in issues concerning schools, colleges. hospitals, economy, employment, women, youth, farmers, and inflation.'

Pilot claimed that there is a wave of change sweeping the entire country.

"I went to Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Harayan. Punjab, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh. I want to tell you - it is not true what the media and social media is projecting. But the truth is that the 10-year rule of the BJP government is

being questioned by the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9





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