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FOURTH NAVRATRA

Maa Kushmanda

Maa Kushmanda is the fourth incarnation of Maa Durga and worshipped 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 four 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"

ॐ ह्रीं क्लीं भगवती कृष्ण्डे मम सर्वम् कामनाय पूर्य पूर्य ठा ठा स्वाहा

Govt bans PFI, 8 associates for terror activities

Seizure of properties, freezing of bank accounts to follow

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Popular Front of India, which has allegedly been involved in a series of violence and has "links" with global terror groups like ISIS, has been banned by the Centre along with its several associates for five years following the second round of crackdown against its leaders

The organisations which were also declared banned under the stringent anti-terror law UAPA include Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CF), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala

More than 150 people allegedly linked with PFI were detained or arrested in raids across seven states on

Tuesday, five days after a similar pan-India crackdown against the 16-year-old group had led to the arrest of over a hundred of its activities and seizure of several dozen properties

In a late Tuesday night notification, the Union Home Ministry said some of the PFI's founding members are the leaders of the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and the PFI has link-ages with Jamat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). Both JMB and SIMI are proscribed organisations

It said there had been many instances of international linkages of PFI with global terrorist groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)

The PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts have been working covertly to increase the radicalisation of one community by promoting a sense of insecurity in the country, which is substanti-

ated by the fact that some PFI cadres have joined international terrorist organisations, the notification claimed

"Whereas, the Central government, having regard to the above circumstances, is of the firm opinion that it is necessary to declare the PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts association out-lawed with immediate effect, and accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, declares it as outlawed," it said

The Home Ministry said Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat governments had also recommended a ban on PFI

It claimed that PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts have been involved in violent terrorist activities with an intent to create a reign of terror in the

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Rs 5.27 Cr approved for various road safety measures in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Road Safety Council (RSC) on Wednesday approved Rs 5.27 crore for various road safety measures in the Union Territory, an official spokesman said.

The approval was given at a meeting of the RSC chaired by Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, advisor to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here, he said.

Frequent accidents, especially in hilly districts, are consuming precious lives across Jammu and Kashmir.

The spokesman said the meeting took some impor-tant decisions for effective traffic management as well as other road safety meas-ures.

The RSC approved an amount of Rs 5 crore for rec-tification of black spots by installing crash barriers, sign boards, signages and parapets besides the pur-chase of breath analysers and procurement of first responder kits for

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SIA carries out raids at Rajouri, Poonch in terror funding case



SIA team carrying out raids in Poonch on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Wednesday carried out multiple raids and searches at houses of suspected per-sons in twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in a terror funding case, offi-cials said.

The three teams carried out simultaneous search / raids in different areas of Rajouri and Poonch at vil-lage Dharati, tehsil Balakote, village Kuniyan,

tehsil Haveli Poonch and village Julass, tehsil Haveli in connection with Case FIR No 02/2022 P/S JIC/SIA Jammu relating to terror funding cases and OGW network active in the area.

The raids were aimed to investigate the proceeds of terror finances being used in creating assets and rais-ing the funds for further use in terror ecosystem. The raids were conducted after getting the search warrants from the compe-

tent court.

The raids were carried out by SIA Jammu with the help of district administra-tion and district police to investigate the terror links and terror financing mod-ules present in the area. It is worth mentioning that during the course of raids at different locations raid-ing parties recovered vari-ous incriminating material including documents and some digital devices which will be analyzed for further investigation by SIA.

Mysterious explosion in parked bus at Domail; 2 injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A mys-terious blast took place in a parked bus at Baigra Petrol Pump at Domail in Udhampur district on late Wednesday evening.

Two persons injured in the explosion were immediately shifted to the district hospital while area was cor-doned.

As per the details, at around 10:35 PM, a mysterious blast took place in a parked bus (JK14D/6857) at Baigra Petrol Pump Domail, Udhampur. Damage to the

bus was visible as its wind-



Locals assembled at explosion site on Wednesday night.

screen and glasses was shat-tered. CCTV footage is

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Three JKAS officers transferred, one gets addl charge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday transferred three JKAS officers and given addi-tional charge to one other.

According to the order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Ghulam Rasool, JKAS, Joint Director, Handicrafts, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Regional Director; Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Rajouri; Zameer Ahmad Reshu, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Udhampur vice Tilak Raj, JKAS, who has been posted as Joint Director; Handicrafts, Jammu.

According to another order, Vishal Singh Parihar, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur; shall hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Kathua, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Need ‘whole of nation’ approach to save youth from radicalisation: GoC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: A 'whole of nation' approach is needed to save the youth of Jammu and Kashmir from getting radi-calised, a senior Army official said on Wednesday.

General officer Commanding (GoC) 16 Corps Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh said it is the government's agenda to get youngsters into the main-stream and the Army is aligned with it to ensure peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Radicalisation is a phenom-enon under which the enemy country is making efforts to

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lt Gen Anil Chauhan (retd), a former eastern Army commander and director general of mili-tary operations, was on Wednesday appointed as India's new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), more than nine months after the post fell vacant following the death of Gen Bipin Rawat.

Sixty-one-year-old Chauhan will also function as secretary, the Department of Military Affairs, with effect from the date of his assump-tion of charge, the defence ministry said.

In a career spanning over nearly 40 years, Lt Gen Anil Chauhan (retd) held several



command, staff and instru-mental appointments and had extensive experience in counter-insurgency opera-tions in Jammu and Kashmir and Northeast India.

Lt Gen Chauhan (retd) retired from the service in



dislodge youth (of Jammu and Kashmir) from the right path and take them on the wrong path. To save them (from getting radicalised), we need a whole of nation

approach," the GoC of the Jammu-based White Knight Corps told reporters here.

To get youngsters into the mainstream is the agenda of the government and the Army is aligned with it to ensure peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir, Lt Gen Singh said while replying to questions about "growing radi-calisation" among the youth.

Lt Gen Singh said the whole of nation approach involves participation of family, soci-ety, religious leaders, and teachers to prevent the youth from getting radicalised. The Army is helping them,

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J&K reports 13 new COVID cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 13 new Covid cases on Wednesday, taking the infection tally to 4,79,115, officials said.

Four cases were reported from Jammu and nine from Kashmir, they said.

The death toll due to the virus stands at 4,785 as no fresh death was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said.

There are 133 active cases of the disease, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,74,197, they said.

According to officials, there are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fun-gus) in the Union Territory.

Policy decisions of Govt not susceptible to judicial review: HC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court held that the deploy-ment of armed forces with UN Peace Keeping Mission cannot be equated with Formed Police Units as both played separate role accord-ing to UN mandate. Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal while dismissing a petition, observed that policy framed by the Government of India has reasonable classification with objects sought to be achieved and the law has been settled that the policy decisions of the Government are not susceptible to

Judicial Review. This signifi-cant judgment has been passed by Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal in a petition filed by Rajender Singh Saini and others seeking quash-ment of order no. II-2701234/ 2005-PELC.H.D.08/ 11/2003 dated 08.11.2006 issued by Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, by virtue of which, sanction was accorded to the grant of Overseas Allowance to ITBP personnel deployed on UN Mission at Congo at US\$ 2120 per month for Officers, US\$ 1600 per month for Subordinate Officers and

US\$ 925 per month for other ranks, besides seeking a writ of mandamus commanding the respondents to reimburse the Overseas Allowance to the petitioners in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and United Nations for contribu-tion of Formed Police Units I & II to MONUC by paying the petitioners the arrears of the allowance with interest. Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal after hearing both the sides, observed that the order impugned has been issued by the Ministry of Home

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 32.0°C Min: 22.8°C

Humidity

Max : 88 Min : 70

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 29.3°C Min: 12.8°C

Humidity

Max : 74 Min: 49

Sunset : 18:22 Hours
Sunrise : 06:24 Hours

J&K receives felicitations for excelling in UN SD Goals



Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma receiving honour on behalf of J&K Government at felicitation ceremony in New Delhi.

states and UTs for saving planet earth.

Also, Goa Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh were also felicitated on the occasion.

Amit, while speaking on the occasion, shared signifi-

cant achievements of J&K towards the goal of Carbon Neutrality wherein Panchayat Palli has been fully powered with solar energy with a 500 KW solar plant. Several works are being carried out in Palli

Panchayat only through power supplied by this solar plant. He mentioned that this unique initiative was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, in April this year in J&K as a follow up of UN Climate Change Glasgow Conference.

Secretary also talked about public awareness and mass campaigns reaching grass root level in J&K in multiple sectors like Health, Jal Shakti and Urban Development through Swachh Bharat Mission. He further disclosed that there has been significant achieve-ment in improving J&K ranking in UN Sustainable Development Goals over the last couple of years. He also mentioned that recently, J&K government approved

Rooftop Solar Scheme for residential households towards reducing over 5 mil-lion tonnes of carbon emis-sion which reflects the resolve of UT administra-tion of contributing substan-tially towards UN Sustainable Development Goals well within the target year 2030.

The felicitation ceremony was followed by panel dis-cussion which was led by Union Ministers, Smriti Irani and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. It was inspired by NITI Aayog and organ-ized by the Times Group ver-tical Economic Times who acknowledged the contribu-tion of J&K towards obtain-ing success in achieving UN SDG and improving its ranking by leaps and bounds in the last couple of years.

SSP transferred amid outrage over halting of fruit-laden trucks from Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A senior police officer was on Wednesday transferred and attached with police headquarters, a step that followed an outcry over halting of fruit-laden trucks from Kashmir valley to outside markets.

The transfer order of Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Traffic National Highway Shabir Ahmad Malik was issued by the Home Department, this morning.

In the order, issued by Financial Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Raj Kumar Goyal said, "In the interest of administration, Shabir Ahmad Malik, SSP Traffic NHW, is hereby transferred and attached with police

headquarters, J-K, with immediate effect."

Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Mohita Sharma was given the additional charge of the post till further orders, the order read.

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Tuesday said almost all Jammu bound trucks were cleared and normal traffic on the 270-km strategic Jammu-Srinagar National Highway has been restored.

The highway, the only all weather road linking Kashmir with rest of the country, witnessed frequent disruptions past week owing to shooting of stones from a hillock overlooking the arte-rial road at

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