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Maa Shailputri

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"Om Aing Bhagwati Shailputri Hreeng Mum Sarwam Vaanchhitam Dehi Dehi Swaha."

ॐ ऐं भगवती शैलपुत्री ह्रीं मम सर्वम् वाञ्छितम् देही देही स्वाहा

Encounter breaks out in Kishtwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Army troops exchanged fire with terrorists in a forest area in Kishtwar district on Sunday, officials said.

However, there was no immediate report of any casualty in the gunfight which took place in Keshwan, the officials said.

"Alert troops of White Knight Corps at around 1 pm today, while carrying out an intelligence based operation in general area of Kishtwar, have established contact with terrorists. Fire exchanged with terrorists. Operation is in progress,"

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Violence in J&K, NE, Naxal-hit areas down by 75 pc in 10 yrs of Modi-led Govt: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said violence in the three hotspots of the country -- Kashmir, the Northeast and the areas affected by Naxalism -- has been reduced by 75 per cent in 10 years of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Shah also said that Left-wing extremism will be eliminated by March 31, 2026,

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.0°C Min: 24.1°C

Humidity
Max : 84 Min : 60

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 30.6°C Min: 13.0°C

Humidity
Max : 66 Min: 41

Sunset : 18:29 Hours
Sunrise : 06:18 Hours

PM's swadeshi push; asks MSMEs to restore glory of Made-in-India products

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Sunday that the GST reforms kicking in from Monday will accelerate India's growth story, emphasising that it is a big and important step for "aatmanirbhar Bharat" and linking a boost to 'swadeshi' products to the country's prosperity.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the auspicious Navaratri, which will mark the implementation of the revised GST rates, Modi said swadeshi will render strength to the country's prosperity in a similar way it powered India's freedom movement.

"We have to make every home a symbol of swadeshi. We have to decorate every shop with swadeshi (goods)," he said.

The roll-out of next-generation GST reforms months after his government raised the income tax exemption on annual earnings of up to Rs 12 lakh will be a "double bonanza" for citizens, helping them realise their dreams by slashing expenditure and increasing savings, he said. Citizens will save Rs 2.5 lakh crore from the twin decisions, he said.

He urged states to boost



PM Narendra Modi addressing the nation on new GST reforms via video message on Sunday.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PM ADDRESS

- ▶ A new wave of GST benefits is coming to every citizen
- ▶ GST reforms will accelerate India's growth story
- ▶ With lower GST, it will be easier for citizens to fulfill their dreams
- ▶ The essence of serving citizens is reflected clearly in the next-generation GST reforms
- ▶ What the nation needs and what can be made in India should be made within India itself
- ▶ India's prosperity will draw strength from self-reliance

manufacturing and create a conducive atmosphere for investment, saying that when the Centre and states work together, the dream of a self-reliant India will be realised.

He had a message for citizens too. It should be the spirit of every Indian that he says with pride that he purchases or sells made-in-India products, the prime minister said, stressing that it will quicken the pace of the country's development.

In his over 19-minute address, Modi said the revised GST rates reflect his government's mantra of "naagrik devo bhawah" (citizens are like gods) as it will bring down the

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Peace prerequisite for tourism, sports sectors to flourish in J&K: CM



CM Omar Abdullah unveiling Real Kashmir FC's 'Peace Jersey' in Srinagar on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday said peace is a basic prerequisite for development, and the tourism and sports sectors to flourish in Jammu and Kashmir.

"For development, tourism

or sports... we need peace for everything. If we talk about having day and night matches, and if the situation is not good, then who will come to play in the evening?" Abdullah told reporters here.

He launched the jersey

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Omar unveils Real Kashmir FC's 'Peace Jersey'

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday unveiled the special edition "Peace Jersey" of Real Kashmir FC, designed in collaboration with iconic Danish sportswear brand Hummel, at a ceremony held at TRC Ground Srinagar.

The Chief Minister said the initiative symbolizes the power of sports in fostering peace, unity and community spirit across Jammu and Kashmir.

The jersey design is a tribute to Kashmir's cultural heritage and aspirations. Drawing inspiration from the historic Hari

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Addressing rapid depletion of natural resources, degradation of ecology topmost priority: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday joined the Dal Lake Cleanliness Drive, as a part of ongoing 'Sewa Parv', in Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the Swachhagrahis for their valuable contribution to Swachtha Campaigns. He called upon citizens to preserve lakes, rivers and other water bodies through com-



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating Dal Lake cleanliness drive on Sunday.

munity involvement. reminding us to learn the "Our natural resources are

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STATE TIMES Editor-in-Chief flags-off Chhari Yatra to Maa Vaishno Devi Shrine



STATE TIMES Editor-in-Chief, Raj Daluja flagging-off 43rd Holy Chhari Yatra to Maa Vaishno Devi Shrine from Jammu on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Editor-in-Chief, STATE TIMES, Raj Daluja on Sunday flagged of the 43rd Holy Chhari Yatra of the Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit

from the historic Shri Raghunathji Temple in Jammu.

The Shoba Yatra, accompanied by chants of praise for Maa Vaishno Devi, proceeded through the main markets of

Jammu, Kol Kandoli (first darshan) in Nagrota, and the holy city of Katra, culminating at the Mata Vaishno Devi temple. Devotees participating in the first

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