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Maa Katyayni

Sixth Navratra is related to 'Maa Katyayni'. When excesses of Danav Mahishasur increased Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva incarnated a Devi who was first of all worshipped by Mahirishi Katyayani. Devi with golden colour has four hands and upper right hand is for blessings. She has sword and lotus in the left hands. On this day of Navratra heart of worshipper is in 'Aagya Chakra'. By the blessings of this Devi one leads fearless, disease-free life and possesses all the comforts of life. Mantra to be recited nine times on this day is :-

"Om Aing Hreeng Kleeng Chaang Kleeng Bhagwati Katyayni Mum Tanu Arogyam Kuru Kuru Swaha"

ॐ ह्रीं क्लीं चां क्लीं भगवती कात्यायनी मम तनु अरोग्यं कुरु कुरु स्वाहा

Sainik Colony Murder Case: Prime accused Sher Singh arrested by Crime Branch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The prime accused behind a shooting incident last month that claimed the life of a young woman and injured two others was arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Crime Branch on Friday, officials said. Mehjabeen Akil Sheikh (30), a resident of Mumbai, was killed and her sister Fatima (21) and colleague Jaspreet Kaur (28) of Punjab were injured following the shooting in the Sainik Colony area on the city out-

RBI streamlines norms for claims settlement related to deceased bank customers
■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank on Friday issued revised norms for the settlement of claims on deceased customers' bank accounts and lockers within a 15-day timeframe and prescribed compensation to nominees for delays in the settlement.

The revised instructions are aimed at streamlining the divergent practices followed by banks in the settlement of claims in respect of deceased customers. It has also standardised the documentation to bring improvement in the quality of customer service.

The central banks said the 'Reserve Bank of India (Settlement of Claims in respect of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.4°C Min: 23.1°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 58

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.5°C Min: 11.2°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 43

Sunset : 18:23 Hours
Sunrise : 06:21 Hours

LG holds UHQ meeting to review security situation of J&K



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Unified Headquarters meeting at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday chaired Unified Headquarters (UHQ) meeting at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar to review the current security scenario in Jammu Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, DGP Nalin Prabhat, GoC 15 Corps Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 16 Corps Lt Gen P K Mishra, GoC 9 Corps Lt Gen Rajan Sharawat, Air Vice

Sinha orders reopening of 12 more tourist spots in J&K 7 in Kashmir, 5 in Jammu to be reopened

SRINAGAR: After a thorough security review and discussion in UHQ meeting, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday announced reopening of 12 tourist destinations across Jammu Kashmir, which were temporarily closed as precautionary measures after heinous Pahalgam terror attack on tourists on 22nd April.

Of these tourist spots and religious places, 5 are in Jammu Division and 7 in Kashmir Division.

Aru Valley, Rafting Point Yanner, Akkad Park, Padshahi Park Bijbehara, Dara Shikoh Garden in Anantnag, Kaman Post, Eco-Park Khadniyar in Baramulla, Dagan Top in Ramban, Dhaggar in Kathua, Chinkah in Reasi, Shiv Cave in Salal, Reasi, and Padri in Doda to be reopened from Monday, 29th September.

Marshal Vikas Sharma, AOC J&K, S.J.M. Gillani, Special DG Coordination PHQ, Principal Secretary Home Chandraker Bharti, ADGP CID Nitish Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, senior officials of Armed Forces, CAPF's, J&K Police, Intelligence Agencies and civil administration.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Security Forces, J&K Police and Intelligence agencies for the recent successful anti-terror operations in the Union Territory.

"War against terrorism is not over yet. Kinetic and non-Kinetic operations must continue. We must maintain the momentum and take stringent action against terrorism and its entire ecosystem," the Lieutenant Governor told the officers.

He directed the security apparatus for

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ACB files chargesheet against Ex-Vice Chairman JDA in illegal plot allotment case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jammu & Kashmir, has filed a chargesheet in the case and FIR No. 18/2014 PS VOJ (now ACB), before the Court of Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Jammu, pertaining to the illegal allotment of a plot in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The chargesheet names Vinod Sharma, former Vice Chairman of Jammu

Development Authority (JDA); his wife Mamta Sharma; Ghany Sham, then Naib Tehsildar, JDA (now retired and deceased); and Rishi Kumar, the then Patwari, JDA (now retired and deceased), as accused. The case involves the illegal allotment of Plot No. 42, Sector-1A, Trikuta Nagar, and unauthorized possession of an additional 4,300 sq. ft. of land by Mamta Sharma. An ACB official

stated, "Investigations revealed that the accused, in collusion with certain JDA officials, misused their official positions to facilitate illegal allotment and encroachment. The chargesheet has been filed after meticulous inquiry, ensuring that the facts are presented before the court for due judicial scrutiny." The official further added, "This action reinforces

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2 drug peddlers arrested in Valley

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two alleged drug peddlers were arrested in Shopian and Kulgam districts of Jammu and Kashmir, and a huge quantity of contraband substances was recovered from their possession, police said on Friday.

In the ongoing crackdown against the menace of drugs, the police in Kulgam, during checking at New Bypass Furrah Crossing, intercepted

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CM inaugurates 3rd Jr Asian Pencak Silat Championship

Hails interest of youth in this sport



CM Omar Abdullah speaking at the inauguration ceremony of 3rd Junior Asian Pencak Silat Championship in Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday officially declared open the 3rd Junior Asian Pencak Silat Championship 2025 at the Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex, Srinagar. The championship, which runs from September 25 to 30, 2025, has drawn participation from young athletes representing 11 countries, marking a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship and cultural exchange in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said it was his first formal introduction to the fast-growing martial art of Pencak Silat, which has witnessed remarkable progress in Jammu and Kashmir since its introduction a decade ago. "I was told that this discipline is being practiced in 19 out of 20 districts of J&K. I look forward to its introduction in the remaining district so that the

entire J&K is covered," he said.

The Chief Minister praised the inclusive spirit of the sport, highlighting that Pencak Silat enjoys equal popularity among both boys and girls. He said, "This game teaches us discipline and respect for our opponents. Your opponent is not your enemy, but an opponent only. That is the true spirit of sportsmanship."

Welcoming the athletes and delegations from India and

abroad, Omar Abdullah said, "We take great pride in hosting you here and choosing Srinagar as venue for this prestigious championship. I hope you not only enjoy the competition but also carry with you fond memories of this place for the rest of your lives."

On the occasion, a march past of participating teams, cultural performances from Jammu and Kashmir, and a Pencak Silat

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NIA attaches immovable properties of terror operative in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday attached immovable properties of a Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) terror operative involved in supplying arms and ammunition to active members of the banned outfit for promoting terrorist activities in Kashmir.

On the orders of the NIA special court in Jammu, the agency attached immovable properties of Tariq Ahmad

Mir, a chargesheeted accused who was arrested in April in a terror-related case.

The attached properties included a concrete, single-storey residential building built on land measuring 780 square feet and a piece of land measuring eight marlas at Maldera village in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district in the form of an orchard, a statement issued by the probe agency said.

An associate of

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MiG-21 flies through Indian skies for last time, Rajnath terms it 'national pride'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: The legendary Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21 fighter jets, the backbone of the Indian Air Force's combat fleet for more than six decades, streaked through Indian skies for the last time on Friday - its final adieu threaded through history and many a remembrance.

The sun shone bright, the skies were cloudless and a

brilliant blue, providing a picture perfect setting for the elaborate farewell to the Russian origin warhorse that was inducted into the IAF in the 1960s.

Describing the MiG-21 as a mighty machine and a national pride, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said there is deep attachment to the aircraft that shaped our confidence.

"MiG-21 is not only an air-

craft or machine but also proof of deep India-Russia ties," the minister said at the decommissioning ceremony of MiG-21 at the IAF station here.

"The history of military aviation is incredible. The MiG-21 added many proud moments to our military aviation journey," Singh told the gathering. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil

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Sonam Wangchuk arrested under NSA, shifted to Jodhpur jail

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: Police arrested climate activist Sonam Wangchuk on Friday, two days after violence in Leh which left four people dead and 90 injured in the Union Territory.

Wangchuk was taken into custody by a police party led by Ladakh Police chief S D Singh Jamwal at 2:30 pm, officials said, adding that he was subsequently lodged in a jail in Rajasthan's Jodhpur.

While there was no official word on the charges pressed against Wangchuk, sources

within the Ladakh administration indicated that the stringent National Security Act (NSA) has been invoked against the climate activist.

The Union Territory administration has also snapped mobile internet services in the Leh area as a precautionary

measure. The BJP-led Centre has blamed the climate activist for inciting the recent violence in Leh but Wangchuk has denied all the

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internet access in 22,858 gram panchayats, including remote villages, he added.

Currently, the state-owned telecom services provider

serves nearly 29.3 lakhs mobile subscribers, 1.26 lakh Fibre to the Home (FTTH) customers, and operates 13,571 leased lines across institutions and offices in M a d h y a Pradesh. BSNL customers who have not yet upgraded their 2G/3G SIMs can obtain a free 4G SIM card from any customer service centre of the company or authorized franchisees and retailers, Kumar added.

In its silver jubilee year,

BSNL, in collaboration with TCS/Tejas Networks, is rolling out 4G services across India on the indigenous C-DOT core platform -- a significant milestone towards the government vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Out of the more than 97,500 4G towers, 18,900 had been installed under the Digital Bharat Nidhi, which included 14,180 towers installed by BSNL, bringing mobile coverage to 26,700 uncovered villages and benefiting over 20 lakh citizens in remote, border, and Left-wing extremism-affected regions, a release of

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