

FAIR REPORT

THE DAWN OF A FEARLESS PEN

HAPPY NAVRATRI

Welcoming Maa Shailputri on maiden day

Monday marks the first day of the sacred period, which is dedicated to Goddess Shailputri, also known as daughter of the mountains. Maa Shailputri is the form of Goddess Parvati when she took birth as the daughter of Lord Himalaya. The meaning of Shail is mountains, hence the name.

\$100K charge kicks in for new H1B visa applicants

WASHINGTON, 21 SEPT As the deadline passed on Saturday, the US government confirmed that the new \$1,00,000 H1B visa petition fee is now in effect, but only for new applicants. The move sparked confusion and panic among Indian tech workers, many of whom feared they'd be barred from returning to the US without paying the hefty fee. Clearing the air, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt stated that the fee is a one-time charge, not annual, and does not apply to existing H-1B visa holders, re-entry, or renewals. "H1B visa holders can leave and re-enter the country as they normally would," she posted on X. The fee will apply beginning with the next H1B lottery cycle.

Encounter breaks out between Army, terrorists in J&K

JAMMU/MENDHAR, 21 SEPT Army troops exchanged fire with terrorists in a forest area in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, officials said. However, there was no immediate report of any casualty, 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," the Army said in a post on X. Meanwhile, security forces launched a massive anti-terrorist operation covering over a dozen places in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district following information about suspicious movement, officials said.

Navratri: Nine Nights of Shakti Relevance, Rituals, and Eternal Faith



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As the sacred Navratri begins, Sanatan followers across Bharat and the world immerse themselves in nine days of devotion to Adi Parashakti. Far beyond being a festive occasion, Navratri is a spiritual journey where the worship of the Navadurga — nine manifestations of Goddess Durga — symbolizes the soul's progression from ignorance to liberation. The Durga Saptashati reverberates in homes and temples during these nights, with the timeless invocation: “या देवी सर्वभूतेषु बुद्धिरूपेण संस्थिता। नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमो नमः॥” (To that Goddess who abides in all beings as wisdom, salutations again and again.)

This prayer captures Navratri's essence: recognizing Devi's presence within every soul, guiding humanity towards strength, wisdom, and compassion.

Day-by-Day Worship & Significance

Day 1 – Shailputri (Daughter of the Mountain)

Relevance: Symbol of purity and new beginnings.
Pooja Vidhi: Kalash sthapana (ghat sthapana), lighting of akhand jyot, chanting Shailputri stotra.

Day 2 – Brahmacharini

Relevance: Embodiment of



penance and austerity.
Pooja Vidhi: Offer sugar and flowers, recite Durga Saptashati chapter 2, practice fasting with discipline.

Day 3 – Chandraghanta

Relevance: Goddess of bravery, removes fears.
Pooja Vidhi: Offer milk and sweets, ring bells during aarti, recite protective mantras.

Day 4 – Kushmanda

Relevance: Cosmic creator, source of universal energy.
Pooja Vidhi: Offer malpua or pumpkin preparations, chant Kushmanda stotra, meditate on inner light.

Day 5 – Skandamata

Relevance: Motherly love and blessings for progeny.
Pooja Vidhi: Offer bananas, re-

cite Skandamata stuti, worship with family togetherness.

Day 6 – Katyayani

Relevance: Fierce warrior, destroyer of injustice.
Pooja Vidhi: Offer honey, chant Katyayani mantra for marriage and harmony, perform kumari puja.

Day 7 – Kalaratri

Relevance: Remover of darkness and fear.
Pooja Vidhi: Offer jaggery and sesame seeds, recite Kalaratri kavach, light mustard oil diya.

Day 8 – Mahagauri (Ashtami)

Relevance: Purity, forgiveness, and inner peace.
Pooja Vidhi: Perform kanjak puja, offer coconuts, worship young girls as embodiments of Devi.

Day 9 – Siddhidatri (Navami)

Relevance: Bestower of wisdom, liberation, and divine powers.
Pooja Vidhi: Offer fruits and kheer, recite Siddhidatri stotra, complete Durga Saptashati path.

Why Navratri Matters Today

In a world torn between material ambition and spiritual emptiness, Navratri calls upon Sanatan followers to strike balance. The nine forms of Durga are not distant deities, but eternal principles within us — purity, discipline, courage, creativity, compassion, justice, fearlessness, forgiveness, and ultimate wisdom. From the rhythmic beats of garba in Gujarat to the grandeur of Durga Puja in Bengal, Navratri unites communities while guiding individuals towards self-realization.

As the flame of the akhand jyot burns for nine nights, it reminds us of the eternal triumph of dharma over adharma, light over darkness, and Shakti over negativity.

Navratri Do's & Don'ts: Walking the Path of Shakti with Discipline

Navratri is not only a celebration of devotion but also a period of self-discipline, spiritual cleansing, and alignment with Sanatan maryada. The scriptures, along with traditional practices, lay down certain Do's and Don'ts to ensure that the nine nights of worship are observed in their true sanctity.

Do's of Navratri

Kalash Sthapana (Ghatasthapana): Begin Navratri with proper sankalp and establishment of the sacred Kalash, sym-

bolizing Devi's presence.

Maintain Akhand Jyot:

If possible, keep a continuous flame (akhand deepak) burning before the Goddess for nine days as a symbol of unbroken devotion.

Daily Recitation:

Chant Durga Saptashati, Devi Kavach, or at least Durga Chalisa each day. Even simple mantras like “Om Aim Hreem Kleem Chamundayai Vichche” hold immense power.

Follow Satvik Ahar (Diet):

Eat only vegetarian food, often without onion and garlic. Common offerings include fruits, milk, and singhare ka atta.

Observe Vrat with Shraddha:

If fasting, keep your mind pure along with your body. Even those not fasting can practice moderation and avoid indulgence.

Kumari Puja (Kanya Pooja):

On Ashtami or Navami, worship young girls as embodiments of Devi and offer them food and gifts.

Stay Clean & Pious:

Wear fresh clothes, preferably in the auspicious colours dedicated to each day. Keep your home and puja space pure.

Practice Seva & Daan:

Helping the needy, feeding cows, or distributing prasad brings punya equivalent to direct worship of Devi.

Don'ts of Navratri

No Alcohol, Meat, or Tamasik Ahar:

Consumption of meat, alcohol, onion, and garlic is strictly avoided, as these disturb the sat-

tvik vibrations of the vrat.

Avoid Negative Speech & Thoughts:

Anger, gossip, and disrespect towards others reduce the spiritual merit of worship.

Do Not Break Rules of Fasting:

If committed to a fast, avoid cheating or indulging in junk food. Fasting is about discipline, not just food restrictions.

No Cutting Hair or Nails:

Traditionally, shaving, hair-cutting, or trimming nails during Navratri is considered inauspicious.

Do Not Leave Akhand Jyot Unattended:

If a continuous diya is lit, ensure someone always looks after it. Extinguishing it accidentally is considered a bad omen.

Avoid Wearing Black:

Black is generally avoided during Navratri as it is linked with negativity; devotees prefer bright or auspicious colours.

Don't Delay Kanya Puja:

The ritual must be performed on the right day (Ashtami or Navami). Skipping it is considered incomplete worship.

Avoid Sleeping During Daytime:

Fasting periods are meant for japa, paath, and meditation, not indulgence in laziness.

Essence of Discipline

Navratri is a sacred opportunity to realign the mind, body, and soul with Shakti. By following these simple do's and don'ts, Sanatan followers ensure that their devotion is not just ritualistic, but a living connection with the Goddess who resides within.

Foundation Stone Laid for New Buildings at Jodhpur's Blind College

PM Modi changed nation's perspective on the word 'Disabled': HM Amit Shah

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur, Sep 21 Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed the way the country views disability by replacing the word “Viklang” with “Divyang”. Addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony of new educational buildings at Shri Parsmal Bohra Blind College in Rajasthan's Jodhpur, Union Minister Shah praised the efforts made under the Prime Minister's leadership for empowering differently-abled people. He laid the foundation



stone of three new buildings at the college – a college building, boys' hostel, and girls' hostel – to be built at a cost of nearly Rs 15 crore. He expressed confidence that these facilities would bring new hope to the lives of children with disabilities. He lauded the efforts of Sushila Bohra, who has been serving the different-

ly-abled people for decades through schools, colleges, hostels, Braille printing press, recorded lectures, screen readers, computer labs, and libraries. “Her efforts have enabled many visually impaired students to secure jobs in government, banking, private sectors, and even practice law in the Supreme Court,” the Union

Minister said.

He recalled that in 2015, Prime Minister Modi introduced the term “Divyang” in place of “Viklang”. “When society begins to see disabled persons as a symbol of divinity, true empowerment begins,” he said. Union Minister Shah also highlighted that Paralympic athletes like Rajasthan's Devendra Jhajharia have brought glory to India, proving that disability is no barrier to excellence. He also said that while India won only eight Paralympic medals between 1960 and 2012, in the last three Paralympic Games alone India

secured 52 medals. “This was possible because the government provided the right platform and support for Divyang athletes,” he added. Highlighting Narendra Modi-led government's efforts, Union Minister Shah said, “Budget of the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities increased from Rs 338 crore in 2014 to Rs 1,313 crore.” “Under Accessible India Campaign, Rs 563 crore was spent to make 1,314 Union government buildings and 90 airports Divyang-friendly. Also, 3.1 million people were provided with artificial limbs through 18,000 camps in 10

years, compared to only seven lakh beneficiaries before 2014.” Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma said that Union Minister Amit Shah has played a historic role in reshaping India's security and justice systems, citing the removal of Article 370, the implementation of new criminal laws, and the CAA. He added that the new buildings – Motilal Oswal Gyandee Bhawan (college), Motilal Oswal Jyoti Sadan (girls' hostel), and HG Foundation Divya Jyoti Bhawan (boys' hostel) – will open new doors of opportunity for differently-abled children.

Nepal's Gen Z Protests Force PM Oli's Resignation, Sushila Karki Appointed Interim PM

FAIR REPORT

Kathmandu, September 21: Nepal is witnessing one of the most dramatic political upheavals in its recent history, as weeks of Gen Z-led protests against corruption, nepotism and restrictions on digital freedom culminated in the resignation of Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli. The demonstrations, which began as scattered rallies in Kathmandu, quickly spread nationwide after the government imposed sweeping bans on popular social media platforms. Protesters, predominantly young Nepalis, accused the government of stifling free expression while protecting entrenched political elites. Tensions reached a



breaking point when clashes between demonstrators and security forces turned deadly. In one of the most striking scenes, Nepal's historic parliament building was set ablaze by enraged crowds, symbolizing public fury at what they described as decades of political stagnation and misrule. Amid mounting pressure and international concern, Oli tendered his resignation late last week.

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Heartiest greetings to the people of the state on 'World Peace Day'! Global peace and the progress of humanity are rooted in the eternal ideal of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', which leads from conflict to resolution

YOGI ADITYANATH | UTTAR PRADESH CM

POST OF THE DAY

We have spent Rs. 2,82,000 crore on Swachha Bharat mission. And Rs 1,65,000 Crore on Smart Cities.

We already have ethanol blended fuel to keep environment clean. Inflation is less than 1%. We are creating 2 Cr jobs every year.

Our roads are at par with the US. What else do NRIs want? They shouldn't have waited for Trump's trigger.

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SHORT TAKES

Encounter breaks out in J&K

Jammu: Army troops exchanged fire with terrorists in a forest area in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir 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," the Army said in a post on X.

Police station in Ranchi vandalised

Ranchi: A police station in Jharkhand's Ranchi district was vandalised and its officer-in-charge injured in a mob attack, a senior officer said Sunday. The incident took place at Pandra police station late on Saturday evening, when a mob barged into the premises after a person, undergoing treatment at a private hospital after a road accident, succumbed to his injuries.

Shootout at gym triggers panic

Kolkata: Armed men opened fire at a gym in the busy Charu Market area in south Kolkata Sunday, triggering a panic, police said. The gunmen, wearing raincoats and helmets, arrived on a two-wheeler and barged into the gym on the arterial Deshapran Sashmal Road, looking for its owner Joy Kamdar, they said. Unable to find the gym owner, they fired two rounds in the air and left, they added.

AIRCEL-MAXIS CORRUPTION CASE

Fresh summons issued to Malaysian telecom giant Maxis

FAIR REPORT

New Delhi, Sept 21: A special court here has issued fresh summons to Malaysian telecom giant Maxis and its former director Augustus Ralph Marshall on a CBI request in connection with FIPB clearance granted to its subsidiary during the tenure of former finance minister P Chidambaram for the takeover of Aircel in 2006, officials said.

The agency has also requested the issuance of a summons to the Malaysian company Astro All Asia Network in connection with the case, which has been cleared by the special court, they said.

The CBI has sought three months from the court to serve the summons in Malaysia, they said. The probe agency had filed its first chargesheet against former telecom minister Dayanidhi Maran and some others on August 29, 2014, after which the special court had issued summonses a number of times to the Malaysia-based accused, but in spite of efforts of the Indian High Commission and the Ministry of Home Affairs, they were not served.

In 2015, Senior Public Prosecutor (SSP) K K Goel had told the special CBI judge that the High Commission and the MHA have tried thrice to serve the summons. "In the first set of summons, they said there was



some problem. They are not co-operating. We have sent the report thrice," he had said in 2015. The special court had issued the summons in 2015 following the submissions. Later in February 2017, the court discharged Maran and others named in the CBI charge sheet. The discharge has been challenged by the CBI in the Delhi High Court through a revision petition.

The agency filed another charge sheet on July 19, 2018, against Chidambaram and others, which is still before the special court. Chidambaram has refrained from making any public comment on the issue.

"CBI has already filed a Chargesheet in the Aircel-Maxis case. ED has now filed a Complaint in the same case. If and when summons is issued by the Honourable Court, the cases will be contested. I will not make any other public comment," he had said in 2018 on 'X'.

Congress dubs GST as 'Growth Suppressing Tax'

The Opposition party slammed the reforms as "applying band-aid after inflicting deep wounds" and said the government should apologise to the public for its GST on essential items

FAIR REPORT

New Delhi, Sept 21: The Congress Sunday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of taking "sole ownership" of the amendments made to the GST regime and said the current reforms were inadequate, with no resolution to the states' demand for an extension of compensation for another five years.

The Congress Sunday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his televised address on GST reforms, calling the regime a "Growth Suppressing Tax" that continues to suffer from structural flaws and inadequate reforms.

The Opposition party slammed the reforms as "applying band-aid after inflicting deep wounds" and said the government should apologise to the public for its GST on essential items.

A day before reduced GST rates come into effect, Modi made a strong pitch for promoting 'swadeshi' goods and asserted that the next generation GST reforms would accelerate India's growth story, increase ease of doing business, and attract more investors.

In his address to the nation, Modi said a 'GST bachat utsav (savings festival)' will begin from the first day of Navratri, and coupled with the income tax exemption, it will be a "dou-



ble bonanza" for most people.

Reacting to his address, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge took a swipe at the PM with a Hindi proverb, 'nau sau choohe khakar, billi haj ko chali'.

"Narendra Modi ji, instead of the simple and efficient GST of the Congress party, your government imposed the 'Gabbar Singh Tax' by collecting 9 different slabs and collected over Rs 55 lakh crore in eight years. Now you are talking about a Rs 2.5 lakh crore 'savings festival' and applying a simple band-aid after inflicting deep wounds on the public!" Kharge said in a post in Hindi on X.

"The public will never forget that you collected GST on their pulses, rice, grains, pencils, books, medical treatment, farmers' tractors - everything. Your government should apologize to the public!" he said.

Congress general secretary,



in-charge, communications, Jairam Ramesh, said Modi addressed the nation to "claim sole ownership of the amendments made to the GST regime by the GST Council, a constitutional body."

The Indian National Congress has long argued that the Goods and Services Tax has been a "Growth Suppressing Tax", he said.

"It is plagued with a high number of tax brackets, punitive tax rates for items of mass consumption, large-scale evasion and misclassification, costly compliance burdens, and an inverted duty structure (lower tax on output as compared to inputs)," Ramesh said in a post on X.

"We have been demanding a GST 2.0 since July 2017 itself. This was a key pledge made in our Nyay Patra for the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections," he said.

MANIPUR AMBUSH

Joint forces intensify hunt for Assam Rifles personnel attackers

FAIR REPORT

Imphal, Sept 21: The joint Central and state police forces intensified their search operations Sunday to nab the armed group, who killed two Assam Rifles personnel and injured five others, in Manipur's Bishnupur district, officials said.

A police official said that security forces, comprising Assam Rifles and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) continued their massive search operation in Bishnupur and adjoining Thoubal, Noney and Imphal West districts to nab the perpetrators.

He added that in the ongoing search operation, two suspected persons were detained from Shantipur and Ishok areas of Bishnupur district and further verifications about them are underway.

One Maruti Van, suspected to have been used in the ambush, was recovered from Mutum Yangbi in the same Bishnupur district.

The vehicle was found nearly 12 km from the incident site. As per preliminary investigation, multiple owners of the vehicle have been identified and efforts are still underway to unearth more details. Investigation is in full swing, the official said.

Meanwhile, another official said Sunday that following the heinous attack on Assam Rifles Friday, Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla reviewed the prevailing security situation in a meeting held at the Raj Bhavan Saturday night.

THE PRIDE OF USING AI: WHY GEN Z MUST LEAD THE AGE OF INTELLIGENCE



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Whispering in the Age of Revolution

We live in an age where artificial intelligence has stepped out of science fiction and into everyday life. From classrooms to boardrooms, it has become a companion in thought, creativity, and problem-solving. And yet, a curious paradox persists: many still use AI tools quietly, almost apologetically, as if borrowing wisdom were a sign of weakness. This hesitation is not just misplaced — it is a disservice to the future.

Gen Z, the most digitally native generation in history, must



rewrite this narrative. Using AI is not a shortcut to avoid thinking; it is the intelligent decision to think bigger, faster, and deeper. The real embarrassment is not in using new tools but in clinging to old fears.

Respect Is Commanded, Not Demanded

Every great technological leap — from the typewriter to the internet — was initially

mocked as "cheating." But history remembers not the skeptics; it remembers the visionaries who harnessed tools to transform society. Respect is never demanded. It is commanded by those who prove their mettle in action. Using AI responsibly does not mean surrendering originality. It means elevating it. The journalist who uses AI to scan mountains of data and then crafts a sharp, human-led analysis commands

respect. The student who uses ChatGPT to brainstorm but adds their own argument displays maturity. The creator who blends machine suggestions with personal imagination is not diminished — they are enhanced.

Imitation Needs Intelligence

Let us challenge another misconception: that imitation is easy. On the contrary, imitation requires intelligence. To learn, adapt, and refine what already exists is the foundation of human progress. A painter studies masters before creating their own style; a writer echoes voices before discovering their own. AI is no different. Prompting it well, curating its suggestions, questioning its biases, and transforming outputs into something uniquely human — these are not acts of laziness, but of discernment. The intelligence of the future will not only be about knowing answers, but about knowing how to ask better questions.

Gen Z: The Architects of the AI Era

If history belongs to those who dare, the AI century belongs to Gen Z. This is the generation that refuses mediocrity, that demands speed, sustainability, and inclusivity. But leadership comes with responsibility. Gen Z must not merely consume AI; it must shape its ethics, innovate its uses, and prove that technology and humanity are not rivals, but partners. Already, young entrepreneurs are using AI to solve local problems — from farmers predicting crop yields to activists mapping climate risks. Students are building startups from their laptops. Creators are producing art, music, and literature that blend machine intelligence with raw human emotion. This is not dependency; it is destiny.

From Shame to Dignity

The narrative must shift. To use AI should not be whispered about like a guilty secret; it should be declared as a mark of

foresight. True dignity lies not in resisting tools of progress, but in mastering them. To Gen Z, the challenge is simple: carry this dignity with confidence. Hold your head high when you collaborate with AI. Use it to learn faster, to question harder, to create bolder. Verify, edit, and add conscience — that's your value-add, that's your signature. In doing so, you won't just adapt to the future; you will define it.

The Future Is Yours to Command

Gen Z, remember this: you are not passive passengers in the AI age. You are its architects. The tools are in your hands. Use them not to escape effort, but to magnify it. Not to replace thought, but to multiply it. Not to demand respect, but to command it. The future will not ask whether you used AI. It will ask what you built with it. And the answer, if you rise to the challenge, could redefine not only your generation — but the course of humanity itself.

CHITTORGARH: GANG USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND AI TOOLS TO MAKE FAKE CURRENCY ARRESTED



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FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh: Several revelations have come to light during the interrogation of

a gang involved in making and circulating fake currency in Chittorgarh district. The three arrested suspects learned the technique of making counterfeit notes through social media and the ChatGPT app. They also purchased the necessary materials online from Amazon and Flipkart. To carry out their operation, the gang had rented a room in their own village where they produced the fake currency. Vijaypur police station in-charge Prabhusingh Chundawat stated that on September



17, three youths were caught from the Kotwali police station area. During the search, fake Rs 500 notes were recovered. The accused have been identified as Asif Ali, son of Noor

Mohammad from Sarola, Adil Khan, son of Abdul Ghafoor, and Shah Nawaz, son of Mansoor Ahmed from Kaithoon. The investigation is being conducted by Vijaypur police.

Fake Operation Run from Rented Room

Police revealed that the accused had rented a room in another neighborhood of their village in Jhalawar. They had told the landlord that they were engaged in online computer work, while in reality they were making fake currency in the same room. At the location, police recovered printers, special paper, ink, chemicals, green tape, molds (formats), and wooden frames for creating watermarks.

Materials Bought Online

Investigations further revealed that most of the materials used to make the fake notes were purchased online from Amazon and Flipkart, including printers, paper, and other necessary items. The suspects had learned the entire method of producing fake currency through social media and the ChatGPT app and then applied it.

How Fake Notes Were Circulated

During questioning, the accused revealed that they circulated the fake notes in Chittorgarh city, mainly around Pawata Chowk. They targeted street vendors, vegetable sellers, elderly people, and less-educated individuals. The suspects would buy small items and pay using fake Rs 500 notes as part of their plan to circulate counterfeit currency in the market. Police stated that the gang never used fake notes in their own village to avoid being recognized. Instead, they chose crowded areas, including picnic spots, religious sites, and busy markets. They used bikes with fake number plates to move around and had also rented a room in Chittorgarh for part of their operation.

Awareness Needed

The arrest of the fake currency gang has caused concern in the city, especially among small shopkeepers and street vendors, who are most at risk of financial loss. The incident highlights how technology, including digital tools and AI, can be misused for criminal purposes. Police officials warned that criminals are learning new tricks through social media and AI tools, emphasizing the need for public awareness to prevent such crimes.