

GDC Bani observes week-long celebrations on Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" celebration held at Assar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANI: The NSS Wing of Government Degree College (GDC) Bani organized a Debate Competition as part of the week-long celebrations commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The theme of the debate was "Building a Progressive and United India."
The event began with a formal welcome address by Dr. J. S. Soodan, Physical Director, GDC Bani, who extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal, Principal GDC Bani, and the Guest of Honour, Surinder Raina, SHO Bani, along with faculty members and police personnel. The event was coordinated by Dr. Nisha Devi, Programme Officer, NSS



Faculty and other dignitaries at a programme.

Unit, GDC Bani. More than ten students from different semesters actively participated in the debate, expressing their views on unity, progress, and the role of youth in nation-building. The Chief Guest, Dr. Manohar Lal, lauded the enthusiasm of the participants and emphasized the college's efforts towards holistic education, leadership development, and community engagement. He encouraged students to make the most of such platforms for their personal and professional growth. The Guest of Honour, Surinder Raina, SHO Bani, inspired students to uphold the ideals of discipline, dedication, and unity, values that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel embodied. The debate was judged by Dr. Resham Singh, Prof. Vishab Thapa, and Prof. Akash Zutshi, who appreciated the participants for their confidence and clarity of thought. The first position was secured by Sanjit Kumar (Semester 3rd), while the second position was shared by Sonia Sharma and Asma Anjum (Semester 3rd). The third position was bagged by

Rakesh Kumar (Semester 3rd). The results were announced by Dr. Resham Singh. The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Nisha Devi, NSS Programme Officer. Faculty members including Dr. Narinder Kumar, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Sartaj Aziz, Dr. Firdos Ahmed, Dr. Mulkh Raj, Dr. Farooq Ahmed War, Prof. Vishab Thappa, and others graced the occasion. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Vishab Thapa, HOD English, who appreciated the collective efforts of dignitaries, faculty, and students. The event successfully celebrated the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, inspiring students to contribute towards building a progressive, united, and strong India. The programme emphasized



Police officers/officials with winner students.

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DODA: District Police Doda successfully organized an event on "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" at Model Public Academy, Jathi Assar, commemorating 150 years of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The programme emphasized

ized national integration and unity in diversity, reflecting the spirit of Patel's vision for a united India. Around 45 students actively participated, showcasing their commitment to fostering harmony and patriotism through this meaningful educational initiative.

Prof Yashpal shines in 6th Masters Jammu District Athletics Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Prof Yashpal Sharma, from the Department of Botany, University of Jammu, showcased exceptional athleticism in the 6th Masters Jammu District Athletics Championship held at MA Stadium, Jammu.



Demonstrating remarkable dedication and sporting spirit, he secured two medals in the 55+ years age category- a Gold Medal in the 200m race with an impressive timing of 35.62 seconds, and a Bronze Medal in the 100m race clocking 16.12 seconds. Tarsem Lal Basotra, General Secretary, J&K Masters Athletics

Association, and Gurcharan Singh, Senior Athletics Coach, J&K Sports Council, congratulated Prof. Sharma for his outstanding performance. They lauded his commitment to fitness, perseverance, and true sportsmanship, which continue to inspire athletes across all age groups.

DIET Kud organizes District level Function on role play & folk dance under NEP -2020 initiative

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UDHAMPUR: A vibrant and intellectually enriching event was organized today at Girls High School Udhampur, in collaboration between DIET Kud and the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) under the National Science Drama Initiative. The program focused on Role Play and Folk Dance Competitions, aiming to promote science education and awareness among students through creative and engaging performances. The initiative provided students a unique platform to explore theatre as a medium to express and communicate scientific ideas, integrating art and sci-

ence in an inspiring way. The performances revolved around critical themes such as Science and Technology, Climate Change, and Health & Hygiene, reflecting students' understanding and innovative approach to current global and social issues. The event was graced by Chief Education Officer Udhampur, Subash Gupta, as the Chief Guest. Vandna Gupta (HOD DIET Kud) was the Guest of Honour, while Dr. R.P. Singh (District Coordinator), Raj Kumar (Nodal Officer), and Sh. Sanjay Sharma (District Technical Coordinator) also marked their esteemed presence. Chief Education



CEO Udhampur, Subash Gupta being honoured.

Officer Udhampur said that Such programs will bring all round development of the Children and will be the responsible Citizens of the Nation in days to come. Other dignitaries and officials who contributed to the success of the program included Ajeet Singh, Ashish Sharma, Harbans Singh, Anit Gupta, and Avtar Krishan, serving as Zonal Nodal Officers, along with judges

Tahir, Ravinder, Raman, Sumit Khajuria, and Rajesh Kumar (Stage Secretary). Escort teachers from various zones accompanied the participating students, ensuring smooth conduct and enthusiastic participation across the district. The day concluded with a message from Dr Rashpal Singh Sr lecturer and District Coordinator for the Initiative of National Interest, while speaking at the occasion he said these programs are the integrating creativity with scientific learning to foster curiosity, innovation, and experiential understanding among the young minds of District Udhampur:

Annual Shri Chandi Mata Jagran at Ved Mandir on Nov 1



Suneet Raina, Chairman, Shree Chandi Mata Sewa Samiti briefing media.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Shree Chandi Mata Sewa Samiti announced the Annual Shri Chandi Mata Ka Jagran to be held at Ved Mandir, Jammu on November 1. Addressing a press conference, Suneet Raina, Chairman, Shree Chandi Mata Sewa Samiti, accompanied by Samiti's President Rohit Gupta and General Secretary Subash Nanda said that this year's

sacred event will feature a special Mangal Yagya performed in memory of the devotees who tragically lost their lives in the 2025 calamities at Machail Chashoti, Vaishno Devi Katra, and Manimahesh. He further informed that Mangal Yagya will be performed under guidance and supervision of Spiritual Guru Jyotishacharya Dr Shiv Parsad Raina and Swami Kamlesha Nand ji

Maharaj with participation of scholars and students of Maharaja Partap Singh Ved Vidyalaya, Ved Mandir, Jammu. Suneet Raina said the program aims to invoke divine blessings for the eternal peace of the departed souls and offer solace to their grieving families. Event Schedule on November 1 at Ved Mandir Grounds Jammu which commence with Sarva Mangal Paath a Special Mangal Yagya (dedicated to the martyrs of faith and Havan which shall followed by Jagran for entire night by eminent musician and singers from J&K UT and neighbouring states. The organizers urged all devotees, spiritual seekers, and well-wishers to join this solemn yet uplifting gathering.

Enemies not always across borders; some wear mask of public servants: Gaurav

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP J&K Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta has strongly hailed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for his firm and decisive action against two government teachers dismissed for their alleged links with terror outfits, asserting that "those who betray the nation from within must be dealt with ruthlessly." Appreciating the bold move, Gaurav Gupta said that the action is a stern warning to all those misusing public service for anti-India propaganda. Enemies of the nation are not just across the borders; some hide within, wearing the mask of public servants. Such people must be dealt with ruthlessly. Those who betray public trust while drawing salaries from the State are traitors and deserve no mercy, Gupta stated. He said that this step reinforces the Zero Tolerance

Policy against terrorism being implemented by the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Anit Shah, ensuring that no individual, however positioned, can act against the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. The decisive action by Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha reflects the government's unwavering resolve to protect India's unity, security, and national interest. Those who



misuse their official positions to promote terror or separatism have no place in public service, Gupta asserted. Commending the administration's sustained crackdown, the BJP spokesperson said

the move sends an unambiguous message that the era of appeasement and tolerance towards terror sympathizers is over. He urged law enforcement agencies to conduct thorough background checks and departmental audits to identify any remaining elements with suspicious links. The government under LG Sinha has shown both courage and conviction. Every individual working against India-whether hiding behind a desk or poisoning young minds in

classrooms will face the consequences. The cleansing of government institutions is vital for lasting peace, security, and stability; in Jammu and Kashmir; he added. The employees Ghulam Hussain and Majid Iqbal Dar, both serving in the Education Department were terminated under Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution of India, which empowers the government to dismiss employees without inquiry in the interest of the security of the State.

EverestBKCC Season 7 ignites culinary excellence at FCI Jammu



EverestBKCC Season 7 participants with dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Everest Better Kitchen Culinary Challenge (EverestBKCC) Season 7 lit up the campus of Food Craft Institute (FCI), Jammu, as aspiring chefs, hospitality leaders, and dignitaries gathered for a dynamic showcase of culinary innovation and talent. Organized by Better Kitchen Magazine, this is India's largest culinary competition for hotel management students, designed to bridge the gap between education and industry while nurturing the next generation of hospitality professionals. Addressing the gathering, Ekta Bhargava, Publisher of Better Kitchen, emphasized that the initiative aims to prepare students for global opportunities while promoting Indian regional cuisines worldwide. With the enduring theme "Flavours of India", the challenge celebrates and

preserves India's diverse food heritage, encouraging young chefs to explore authentic, healthy, and sustainable cooking practices. Season 7 of the competition spans 19 cities across India, alongside three concurrent contests- Better Kitchen Bakery Champion, Better Kitchen F&B Young Masters Challenge, and Enzo Housekeeping Olympiad. The winners from each regional round will compete in the national finale in Mumbai, with cash prizes and scholarships under the Bridge USA J-1 Exchange Visitor Program and opportunities for higher studies in Europe. The jury for the Jammu round comprised Chef Rajib Mitra (Radisson Blu), Chef Sudhin N. Gaikwad (Taj Vivant), Chef Nayan (Amantran), and Mohinder Singh (Radisson Blu). The event also witnessed the presence of Manoj

Kumar, Territory Manager, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., and faculty members from participating institutes. Jyoti Bhatti, Principal of FCI Jammu, expressed pride in hosting the semi-final round, calling it a significant platform to promote hospitality education and global exposure. He applauded the enthusiasm of participants and acknowledged the scholarship support provided by Wisdom Career Education (WCE). The initiative was supported by Everest (Title Partner), Incredible India - Ministry of Tourism (Support Partner), Bharatgas (Energy Partner), Wisdom Career Education (WCE) (International Placement Partner), and MYMENU365, an initiative of Aruna Sharma, IAS (Trophy Partner). Winners (Jammu Round): In the Everest Better

Kitchen Culinary Challenge, Team Everest Kasuri Methi (Asifa Zohra & Shabnam Qusar, Parade College) won first place, followed by Everest Coriander Powder (Vidushi Dogra & Parishita Khan, SHTM University). The third place was shared between Everest Dry Mango Powder (Tanisha Pandey & Siya Sharma, PSPS Gandhi Nagar) and Everest Jaljira Powder (Nikita Sharma & Aashia Khatoon, GDC Nagrota). In the Better Kitchen Bakery Champion category, Ajay Gupta & Aman Sharma (FCI Jammu) secured the top position, while Archi Sharma & Rishita Sharma (Govt. Women College) and Taniya Sharma & Tanisha Chadha (Govt. Women College) claimed the second and third spots respectively. In the Better Kitchen F&B Young Masters Challenge, all three winners-Ritik Sharma, Vishal Sharma, and Arun Chopdhary - represented FCI Jammu, sweeping the category with their exceptional performance. The event concluded with applause and celebration, marking another milestone in India's culinary education landscape, where young talent is being nurtured to carry forward the legacy of Indian cuisine on the global stage.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi	
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

EK DIWAANE KI DEEWANIYAT		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:45 AM / 2:15 PM / 5:05 PM / 10:40 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	09:00 AM / 03:50 PM / 10:30 PM	
KANTARA (A LEGEND CHAPTER-1) (HINDI)		
PVR KC JAMMU	09:35 AM	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	11:00 AM	
GODDADY GODDADY CHAA 2 (PUNJABI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	02:50 PM	
THAMMA -HINDI		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	11:20:30 AM / 7:40 PM / 10:50 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	12:05 PM / 7:40 PM	
MADHANIYAN (PUNJABI)		
PVR KC JAMMU	6:55 PM	

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Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953	
HOSPITALS		
Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291	
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital		2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	257147, 257084, 257357	
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637	
Emergency		2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638	
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012	
Dental Hospital		2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar		2430041
Emergency		2431740
Child Hospital		2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital		262270
AMBULANCES		
Indian Red Cross Society		2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248	
FIRE STATIONS		
Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705	
City		2544263
Canal		2554064
Roop Nagar		2597522
Gangyal		2480026
Bar Brahmana		220020
Akhnoor		252481
Kathua		234313
Samba		243280
Katra		232451
Udhampur		270897
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Tourist Officer, Railway Station		2430078
Tourist Reception Centre		2579554
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JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service		2576562
Punjab Roadways		2542782
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Company Bagh		2542582
Parade		2544979
Bakshi Nagar		2543557
Panjthirthi		2547501
Narwal		2430031
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS		
Canal	2554147, 2554199	
Parade	2542289, 2543398	
Nanak Nagar		2430776
Gandhi Nagar		2430180
Shastri Nagar		2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258	
Satwari		2452816
FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)		101
CIVIC SERVICES		
Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal		2547440