

Chhath Puja fast on Nov 7: Mahant Shastri

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In Jammu & Kashmir, the observance of Surya Shashti, also known as Chhath Puja, is an important festival celebrated on the sixth day of the Shukla Paksha in the month of Kartik.

This year, the auspicious Udayavyapini Tithi falls on November 7, Thursday.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya and president of the Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, explained that this festival is recognized by various names including Chhath Puja, Chhath, Chhathi Maiya Puja, and Dala Puja.

The festival is dedicated to the worship of Goddess Chhathi, who is revered as

the wife of the Sun God (Usha), and her significance is highlighted in the Puranas, making the worship of the Sun God on this day particularly meaningful.

The Chhath Puja spans four days, during which devotees express their reverence to the Sun God through rituals performed at both sunset and sunrise.

This year, the fasting period will commence on November 5, Tuesday, with the ritual known as "Nahai-Khay," followed by "Kharna" on November 6, Wednesday. The main day of Chhath Puja will be on Shashti Tithi, November 7, with the fasting period concluding on November 8, Friday, during the "Paran" ceremony.

The rituals associated with



Chhath Puja are characterized by strict adherence to tradition over the three-day fasting period. Women participating in the fast consume only salt-free food on Panchami (the fifth day), while on Shashti, they observe a complete fast without water. On this day, devotees offer prayers to the setting Sun, performing the Arghya ritual, which involves the offering of water.

The following day,

Saptami, is reserved for visiting a river or pond to bathe in the morning, where they offer Arghya to the rising Sun, concluding the fast with the drinking of water and partaking in prasada.

According to the Skanda Purana, fasting during Chhath Puja involves eating only once on the fifth day, accompanied by a pledge taken in the morning. Worship is performed near a river or lake, where devotees present offerings of fruits, flowers, homemade sweets, and lamps to the Sun God. Specific rituals include the use of red sandalwood and red flowers, while pure water is offered as Arghya in a copper vessel, along with roli, flowers, and rice grains.

The Chhath Puja dates for this year are as follows: November 5 (Tuesday) marks Nahai Khay, November 6 (Wednesday) is designated for Kharna, November 7 (Thursday) is the main Chhath Puja (when offerings are made to the setting Sun), and November 8 (Friday) concludes with Paran (when offerings are made to the rising Sun), with sunrise occurring at 6:58 AM.

Throughout this festival, vibrant fairs are organized along riverbanks and pond shores, where devotees sing Chhath Puja songs and distribute prasada.

NHM releases ranking of Public Health facilities on JK e Sahaj for September

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: National Health Mission, J&K, on Saturday released ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e Sahaj) for the month of September, 2024.

In the category of New GMCs of Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges, the first rank has been clinched by Government Medical College, Kathua followed by Government Medical College, Udhampur; Government Medical College Rajouri, Government Medical College Anantnag and Government Medical College Baramulla.

In the category of District Hospitals, the first rank has been secured by DH Kishtwar, followed by District Hospital Ganderbal, District Hospital Reasi, District Hospital Shopian and District Hospital Samba.

In the category of Community Health Centres (CHCs), the first rank has been clinched by CHC Banihal, Ramban followed by CHC Dooru, Anantnag, CHC Ramgarh, Samba, CHC Batote, Ramban and CHC Basholi, Kathua.

JK e-sahaj (Electronic System for Automation of Hospital Administration in J&K) initiative was formally

launched on 4th November 2022 as part of Jashn-e-Sehat for different types of facilities i.e. Tertiary care, District Hospitals, Community Health Centres. It has been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS), 104 Centralised Health Helpline for outbound calling and RCH portal of MoHFW, Government of India.

The ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record), registration of IPD patients and Patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e Sahaj for the month of September 2024, on real time basis.

Artist KK Gandhi invited to National Art Camp in Nagpur

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: KK Gandhi, a globally acclaimed artist celebrated for his captivating landscapes and culturally rich representations of Indian life, has received an invitation from the Rainbow Foundation Maharashtra to participate in a National Art Camp scheduled from November 8th to November 12th, 2024, in Nagpur.

This prestigious event will gather 12 of India's most distinguished artists, creating a vibrant atmosphere for creativity, expression, and cultural heritage.

Set against Nagpur's picturesque backdrop, the art camp aims to provide a



collaborative platform for artists from various backgrounds to exchange ideas, inspire one another, and immerse themselves in the artistic process.

The Rainbow Foundation's initiative seeks to foster a sense of community among India's artistic talents while encouraging the exploration of contemporary

themes through creative collaboration.

KK Gandhi, whose work frequently highlights the essence of rural life, environmental beauty, and human connections, is anticipated to make significant contributions to the camp's collaborative spirit.

Expressing his enthusiasm for the opportunity, Gandhi remarked, "Being part of this art camp is both an honor and an opportunity to connect with fellow artists and inspire each other in new creative directions."

The National Art Camp will also be open to the public, allowing art enthusiasts and aspiring artists to engage with some of the country's leading creators.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KUPWARA: In a significant boost to walnut research and production, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, on Saturday laid foundation stone for administrative cum laboratory blocks of the Centre of Excellence on Walnut Research in Kulangam, Kupwara.

The centre, a vital project of SKUAST-K funded by NABARD, aims to promote quality walnut production, high-tech processing and packaging. With a project cost of Rs. 3.50 crore, it will serve as a repository of germ plasma, scientific information centre and training hub for human resource development and technology transfer.

Javid Dar, who is also Minister for Cooperatives and Elections, commended SKUAST-K for initiating the centre, which will greatly benefit

North Kashmir's residents. He emphasised the importance of SKUAST facility connecting with farmers, stating, "Be more like farmers in the field than officers." Minister appreciated SKUAST-K's contributions towards agricultural research, education and rural development, highlighting its role in promoting innovations, supporting farmer welfare and boosting agriculture, horticulture, and floriculture.

He said that the need is to make the walnut production as organised farming for better production and economic growth to farmers. Javid Dar accompanied by dignitaries, inspected the project site, which includes a walnut processing unit and labs for quality testing. He also interacted with the farmers, listening to their concerns.

He visited the stalls showcasing local produce and SKUAST-K's initiatives. He



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said that the centre is expected to significantly impact the walnut production, benefiting farmers in different capacities. The Minister added that through these initiatives SKUAST-K has established itself as a pivotal institution in advancing agriculture and allied sectors.

He appreciated the district administration for allotting 200

kanals of land for the centre for excellence.

Vice chancellor SKUAST-K, Prof. Nazir Ahmed Ganai in his address said that the centre for excellence for walnut will focus on several key functions especially in the areas of agricultural innovation, research and knowledge dissemination, which will help improve productivity, economic sustainability,

and overall growth of the walnut industry, though scientific and practical innovations. He said that high quality walnut plant material, organized walnut orchards, medium sized plants, and mechanized post-harvest management technology will be transferred to farmers through this lab.

Minister also inspected the stalls and interacted with the farmers and SKUAST (K) faculty. Javid Dar also interacted with the farmers and listened to their grievances.

Among others, MLA Langate, Khurshid Ahmed Sheikh, vice-chancellor SKUAST-K, Prof. Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Surinder Singh, Deputy General Manager NABARD, Prof. Haroon Rashid Naik, Director Research, ADDC Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmed Bhat, ADC Handwara, Aziz Ahmed Rather, were also present on the occasion..

Advisor to CM visits Ganderbal; meets public delegations

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
GANDERBAL: Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, on Saturday visited Ganderbal and chaired a review meeting with district officers besides interacting with various public deputations.

The meeting, which was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Executive Engineer R&B and other concerned officials, had a detailed review of development works and welfare programmes being executed in the district.

During the meeting, the ADC provided a comprehensive overview of the district's developmental landscape highlighting the progress on several ongoing key projects.

The Executive Engineer R&B presented a detailed status report on the road infrastructure projects under implementation in the district.

Subsequently, the Advisor met several public delegations who raised several developmental issues and concerns. The primary issues raised included the need for road widening projects, timely completion of bridges, concerns related to mining and provision of a reliable portable water supply in the district.

Notably, the deputations emphasized the urgency of road widening projects for key routes, such as the Pandach-Beehama road, Duderhama to Towheed Chock and Beehama to Umar Hair Buchpora road.

Responding to these concerns, the Advisor directed the Executive Engineer R&B to promptly prepare DPRs for the road widening initiatives between Beehama and Towheed Chock, as well as Beehama to Umar Hair Buchpora.

He also called for preparation to include provisions for shifting utilities, enabling informed discussions at higher administrative levels to ensure strategic planning and execution.

Reassuring the public, the Advisor stated, "the government remains steadfast in its commitment to take all necessary steps, within regulatory norms, to address the issues faced by the people and improve their quality of life."

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Gul visits fire affected families of Noorbagh, takes stock of relief measures

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Pro-tem Speaker of J&K Legislative Assembly, Mubarik Gul on Saturday visited the fire affected families of Shaheen Mohalla, Noorbagh here and took stock of ongoing relief measures. During the visit, Mubarik Gul directed the local authorities for quick assessment of the losses to affected families and consequent compensation of the same.

He also asked the local authorities and other relief organizations to coordinate with one another to provide essential supplies, including food, clothing and temporary shelter to affected families.

Gul, during the visit, also interacted with the affected families and assured them of all possible support.

Meanwhile, Pro-tem Speaker of J&K Legislative Assembly and MLA Eidgah, Mubarik Gul on Saturday visited Mallapor, Khaiwan Srinagar and took stock of local issues of general public.

safety and well-being of residents in Eidgah Constituency.

He assured them that all of their genuine issues and concerns will be addressed promptly. He also gave instructions to concerned officials to ensure timely action on the issues highlighted by public. Executive Engineer KPDCI, senior officials from UEED and other officers also accompanied the Pro-tem Speaker during the visit.

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LOOK OUT NOTICE

I/C PP Gujjar Nagar, Jammu vide communication No. 465/5-1/PPGN dated 31.10.2024 intimated that on 29.10.2024 it was reliably learnt at PP Gujjar Nagar, Jammu that one person (Male) is in unconscious condition near SK Bridge, was shifted to GMCH Jammu where he was declared as brought dead. to ascertain the actual cause of death Inquest proceedings U/S 194 BNSS initiated at PP Gujjar Nagar and dead body was shifted to mortuary room of GMCH, Jammu for identification.

For the identification of unidentified Male dead body below description roll is required to be published on daily newspapers for identification / Public in general, having any clue related to the unidentified dead body, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.

Description Roll:-	
Age	: 50 years (Approx.)
Height	: 5' 8" (Aprox.)
Face	: Round

Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-	
1. DPO, Jammu	: 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D	: sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu	: 0191-2542000
4. SP City North	: 0191-2547038
5. SDPO City North	: 0191-2566621
6. P/S Pernitha	: 0191-2560100

DIP/J-6494/24
Dated:- 02/11/2024

Sd/-
For Sr. Superintendent of Police Jammu

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS SAMBA
"LOOK OUT NOTICE"

As intimated by SHO P/S Bari Brahmama vide his communication 2054/5-1/PSBB dated 28-10-2024, that on 27-10-2024 an information was received at P/S Bari Brahmama that one Hydra(Crane) bearing registration No. Nil. being driven by Afzal Ali S/o Najir Husen R/o Pakadiya Bihar on its way from SIDCO Chowk Bari Brahmama towards 04 No. Kala Gate, in rash and negligent manner, at about 1120 hrs when reached near Narmada steel Factory, could over the speed of his vehicle ie Hydra (Crane) and hit to one unknown pedestrian. During treatment the said unknown pedestrian succumbed to his injuries at Hospital. The dead body of the deceased kept in mortuary room GMC Jammu for its identification. On this a case FIR No. 146/2024 U/S 281/125(a) BNS stands registered at P/S Bari Brahmama. The photograph of the unidentified male dead body is required to be published/telecast on print/electronic media for his identification. Efforts on the part of the District Police Samba are being going on for identification but no clue has been struck out till now.

As such, photograph of unidentified male dead body is being published for information of Police Establishments/General Public so that he could be identified and any information related to it may be communicated on following contacts:-

1. PCR Samba -01923-246333, 95416-49001
2. SSP Samba's email ID: sspsamba@jkpolice.gov.in
3. SHO P/S Bari Brahmama-94191377560

The description roll along with photograph of deceased person is as under

Name	: Unknown
Complexion	: Wheatish with beard and having moustaches
Age	: Unknown
Built	: Healthy
Height	: "5" feet "6" inch
Clothes	: Black Colour Trouser and T-Shirt of white & red colour
Religion	: Unknown

No. CB/Look/2024
Dated: .10.2024
DIP/J-6486/24
Date: 02-11-2024

Sd/-
Sr. Superintendent of Police, Samba

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Subject: Provisional Selection List of candidates allotted/upgraded seats during Special Stray Vacancy Round of Counselling (Physical) for admission to MBBS/BDS/DDM/DDH courses-2024 in Government/Private Medical / Dental Colleges of UT of J&K.

Reference: Notification No. 149-BOPEE of 2024 dated 25.10.2024.

Notification No:151-BOPEE of 2024
Dated: 30-10-2024

Pursuant to the Notification No.149-BOPEE of 2024 dated 25.10.2024, the Board has conducted the special stray round of counseling (Physical) for admission to the MBBS/BDS/DDM/DDH Courses-2024 on 30-10-2024. The list of candidates who have been Provisionally Allotted/Upgraded seats in the Government/Private Medical/Dental Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K is hereby notified as per the **Annexure-A** to this Notification which shall be available on the official website of Board (www.jkbopee.gov.in) only.

1. The candidates provisionally Allotted/Upgraded shall have to report to the allotted Colleges/Institutions upto **5th of November, 2024 (till 4:00 p.m.)** alongwith all the requisite documents/certificates as required by the concerned authorities. The concerned Colleges /Institutions shall ensure proper check and verification of all the requisite documents.
2. The provisionally Allotted/Upgraded candidates have to mandatorily join the allotted College / Institution upto **5th of November, 2024 (till 4:00 p.m.)**.
3. It shall be the sole responsibility of Colleges/Institutions to verify the veracity of documents before allowing any candidate for admission to their respective College/Institution.
4. As provided under Section 9(2) of the J&K Reservation Act, 2004, the seat(s) of reserved categories that remained unfilled due to non-availability of the eligible candidates under these Reserved Category(s) have been converted into respective categories in case of horizontal reservation and Open Merit in case of other reserved vertical categories and filled up accordingly as per merit.
5. The Heads of the Colleges / Institutions are advised to keep their admission counters open even on Holidays / Sundays for facilitation of the candidates to complete their admission formalities within the prescribed cut-off date.
6. The Colleges/Institutions shall forward the shortfall, if any, on **05.11.2024 upto 05:00 p.m.** positively through E-mail: jakbopee@gmail.com / helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com / coejakbopee@gmail.com and shall ensure that list of admitted candidates shall be error free.
7. The Heads of the Colleges / Institutions are requested to release the documents and refund the fee of Upgraded candidates if any immediately to enable them to complete their admissions within the prescribed date.
8. The **Annexure-A** to this Notification shall be available on the official website of BOPEE only.

This provisional Allotment / Upgradation / Selection Notification is issued without any prejudice and subject to the outcome of Writ Petition, if any, pending before any competent Court of law.

The other Terms and Conditions shall, however, remain the same as notified by the Board from time to time.

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No. BOPEE/Exam/22/2024(7489127)
Dated: 30.10.2024
DIP/J-2586-P/24
Dated:- 02/11/2024

Sd/-
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