



Devotion, tradition, and togetherness - the vibrant spirit of Jhiri Mela comes alive as devotees throng the holy fair. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

Priya Sethi questions location of New Law University



BNP J&K Vice President, Priya Sethi with others at a programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Priya Sethi, BNP Vice President and former minister, has voiced concerns over what she terms a "regional bias" in the allocation of the newly sanctioned Law University in Budgam Kashmir.

Abdullah has publicly stated that he is concerned about the welfare of the people of Jammu, the decision to locate the new Law University exclusively in Budgam raises questions about equitable development across the Union Territory.

Law University are vital for empowering our youth," Priya Sethi said. "It is important that development is balanced and inclusive. Jammu, like other region, deserves to benefit from such significant educational initiatives." Priya Sethi further emphasized that such regional imbalances can have long-term social and economic

implications. She called upon policymakers to ensure that future development projects consider the needs of all regions, thereby fostering unity and equitable growth of the UT.

The former minister also urged the government to actively engage with local representatives from Jammu to explore opportunities for similar institutions, ensuring that both Jammu and Kashmir have access to quality higher education facilities.

"This is not about politics; it's about fairness, opportunity, and ensuring that no region feels left behind," Priya Sethi added.

The announcement has sparked discussions across political and social platforms, with many highlighting the need for balanced development across all districts of the Union Territory.

LG releases two books of Urdu Poetry



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha releasing two books of Urdu Poetry on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday released two books of Urdu Poetry titled "Dhoop Chhaon" and "Main

Tanhayee Mein Sochta Hoon" written by Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhampuri, at Raj Bhawan. The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the author and wished him success in the future literary endeavours.

Meanwhile, a civil society delegation led by Vipin Kumar, Chairman All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

Under-17 girls showcase talent at IDPL Yoga competition

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BARAMULLA: The ongoing Inter-District Provincial Level (IDPL) UT Level Yoga Competition for all age groups of boys and girls continued on Wednesday at Indoor Stadium Khawaja Bagh, Baramulla, witnessing yet another day of inspiring performances and youthful energy.

The prestigious event is being organized and Hosts by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Baramulla, under the supervision of DYSSO Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Wani, Today's session featured the Under-17 Girls category, where 88 talented young girls representing 14 districts across Jammu and Kashmir showcased their

skills, flexibility, and deep sense of discipline through yoga. Their graceful movements and perfect balance reflected months of dedication and commitment to the ancient art form. The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Baramulla, continues to play a pivotal role in nurturing young talent and providing them a platform to excel at the Union Territory level.

SKUAST-K organizes training Programme on 'Promotion and Cultivation of Bamboo in Kashmir'

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GANDERBAL: The Division of Forest Products and Utilization, Faculty of Forestry, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), on Wednesday organized a one-day training programme on "Promotion and Cultivation of Bamboo in Kashmir."

The programme aimed to create awareness among farmers about the economic and ecological potential of bamboo cultivation in the region.

The event was graced by Member of Parliament, Mian Altaf Ahmad, as the Chief Guest. In his address, the Member of Parliament appreciated the efforts of the Faculty of Forestry, SKUAST-K, for their continuous contribution towards the upliftment of tribal and rural communities through innovative forestry initiatives. "Bamboo can be a game-changer for the economy of hill

farmers. Such programmes bring scientific knowledge to the grassroots level," he remarked.

Dean, Faculty of Forestry, Prof. Arshid Hussain Mughal, highlighted the importance of bamboo as a fast-growing, sustainable resource that supports livelihoods and environmental conservation. He emphasized the university's commitment to promoting green and income-generating forestry practices across Jammu and Kashmir.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Ganderbal, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, lauded SKUAST-K's outreach initiatives and said that bamboo cultivation aligns with the government's vision for sustainable rural development and employment generation.

Head, Division of Forest Products and Utilization, Prof. Parvez Ahmad Sofi, presented the overview of the

training programme and discussed various aspects of bamboo propagation, management, and utilization.

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Ganderbal, Iqbal Rasool Dar, highlighted the ecological importance of bamboo in soil conservation and biodiversity enhancement. He stressed that bamboo can play a significant role in combating land degradation in Kashmir's hilly terrains.

On the occasion, a book titled "Commercial Medicinal Plants of Kashmir Himalayas" authored by Dr. Tahir Mushtaq and Dr. P. A. Sofi, HoD (FPU) was released by the Member of Parliament along with other dignitaries.

The event also witnessed the distribution of agricultural tool kits among 50 progressive farmers, an initiative aimed at supporting their participation in bamboo cultivation and related forestry enterprises.

DC, SSP Srinagar visit Gurudwara Chhati Padshahi, extend greetings on Prakash Diwas of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: On the occasion of Prakash Diwas, marking the 556th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Sandeep Chakraborty on Wednesday paid visit to Gurudwara Chhati Padshahi in Rainawari area of the District to extended warm greetings on the occasion.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner and SSP accompanied by members of Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee paid obeisance to the Guru Granth Sahib.

The Gurudwara authorities expressed satisfaction over the arrangements and conveyed their gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner in this regard.

Addressing the devotees, the Deputy Commissioner high-



DC Srinagar, Akshay Labroo with SSP Sandeep Chakraborty visiting Gurudwara Chhati Padshahi in Srinagar.

lighted the immense contributions and universal teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He said that the teachings of the Sikh Gurus promote noble social institutions such as Langar, Sangat, and Kirtan teaching the spirit of equality and selfless service. While extending warm greetings on the occasion, the DC expressed hope that this event would contribute towards

strengthening brotherhood, unity, harmony and would be a harbinger of peace, progress and prosperity. During the visit, the DC also visited various compartments of the Gurudwara including Langer and took stock of the facilities being extended to the devotees. Meanwhile, District Administration Srinagar made all essential arrangements

through several line departments at Chattipadshahi Gurudwara to facilitate devotees on the Prakash Diwas.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Intiyaz Ul Aziz; SDM East, Zubair Ahmad; Zonal SP, Tehsildar Khanwar; CMO, Exen KPDCI, Exen City Roads and other Officers were also present on the occasion.

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

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
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

FIND CINEMA	
EK DIWAANE KI DEEWANIYAT	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:45 AM / 2:15 PM / 5:05 PM / 7:50 PM / 10:40 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	09:00 AM / 03:50 PM / 10:50 PM
KANTARA (A LEGEND CHAPTER-1) (HINDI)	
PVR KC JAMMU	01:35 AM
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:15 AM
BAAHUBALI: THE EPIC (HINDI)	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	10:00 PM / 3:20 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	05:05 PM
THAMMA - HINDI	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	12:30 AM / 7:20 PM / 10:50 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	10:15 PM / 4:15 PM / 10:30 PM
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