

'Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi' programme witnessed by Sages, BJP leaders, prominent persons

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JAMMU: "Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi" programme, organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed at various places by Sages, BJP leaders and prominent persons. BJP Jammu and Kashmir unit saw and heard the praiseworthy works of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at about 118 places, in which 178 scholars of saints, Acharyas and other sections of the dignitaries were present. People at all places saw and heard this program with their families in large numbers through LEDs.

Programmes were also organized in the temples of Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi, in which party workers as well as sages of the area took part. On this occasion, Thakur Narayan Singh,



Saints, Acharyas and BJP workers witnessing 'Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi' programme online.

Coordinator Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi, said that like all over the country, programs have been organized by the Jammu and Kashmir BJP, in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address was heard and Information about the development work done in the temple of Kashi Vishwanath was obtained through him. Thakur Narayan Singh said that this program has been organized in all the mandals of Jammu district.

On this occasion co-con-

vener "Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi" & JMC Mayor Chandra Mohan Gupta and Co-Convenor "Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi" Sardar Harbhajan Singh Pammi said that there was a lot of enthusiasm among the party workers and saints regarding this program. They said that all the people have got a chance to have darshan of Kashi Vishwanath sitting at home through this program.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul attended the "Divya

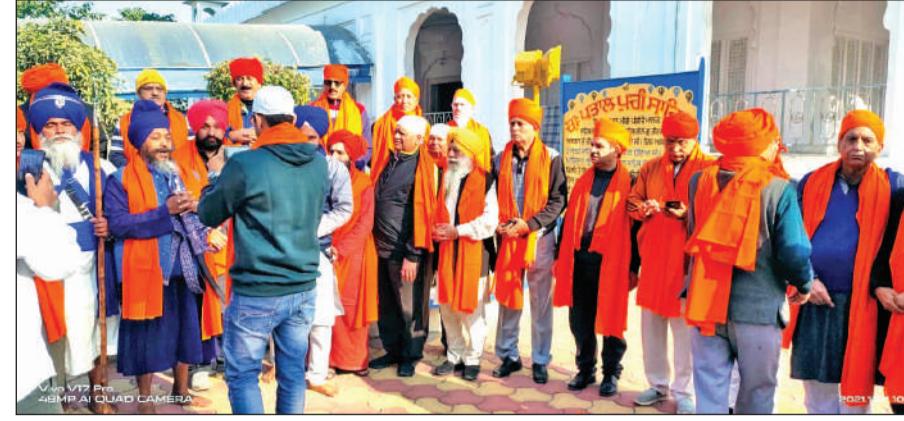
Kashi Bhavya Kashi" programme at Nanak Nagar.

General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal attended the programme at Purmandal. Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma attended the programme at Peer Khol.

Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas attended the programme at Aap Shambhu, Roop Nagar.

Former Minister Sat Sharma attended the programme at Shiv Mandir Talab Tillo. Prof. Gharu Ram attended the programme at RS Pura. CP Ganaga attended the programme at Sarore. Sham Choudhary attended the programme at Suchetgarh.

KPs delegation returns back from Anandpur Sahib



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JAMMU: The delegation of volunteers of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra (SSK) Jammu, which was on a visit of Anandpur Sahib, returned back on Monday. The delegation reached Anandpur Sahib on December 11 to participate in celebrations held to commemorate great sacrifice of

Guru Teg Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru. His sacrifice is respected by Kashmiri Pandits, as per the pleadings of Pandit Kripa Ram Dutt, the great Guru confronted Aurangzeb against torture and forced conversion of Hindus in Valley.

The Jatha, comprising of a vast diaspora of Hindu

community, paid their obeisance at Anandpur Sahib. The Kashmiri Pandit community is indebted to Sikh Panth and always feels emotionally connected to it. Responding to the warm & emotional participation of KPs in the programme, Nihang Sants reaffirmed the bond between both communities.

Hriday Nath Pandita, senior trustee of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra, on behalf of Kashmiri Pandit community, paid gratitude to ninth Guru Teg Bahadur at Kirtpur Gurdwara, Baghpat Gurdwara, Shaheed Bagh in Anandpur Sahib, Har Gobind Gurdwara, Kesh Garh Gurdwara and Sheeshganj Gurdwara.

Dr. Maharaj Krishna Bharat and other community members, who were leading the group, while speaking on behalf of Kashmiri Hindu community, said that the way Pandit Kripa Ram Dutt appealed for protection of entire human race and Sanatan in front of Guru Teg Bahadur in the same way, Pandit Kripa Ram's descendants kept the appeal before the descendants of Bhai Jaita that there is a need to play a major role even in present times.

Modi Govt committed to restore pristine glory of Indian culture: Kavinder

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JAMMU: The BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accomplished so much which no other government has accomplished as far as rejuvenating the culture and traditions of the country are concerned.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta in statement issued here on Monday. He said that that the inauguration of rejuvenated and transformed Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham shows the commitment of Modi government in restoring the pristine glory of the rich cultural heritage of the country. He said that unlike the successive governments, the Modi dispensation has taken exemplary steps in satiating the aspirations of the people

as far as spiritual desires of the population of the country are concerned. He said that PM Modi has ensured that Kashi moves towards all round and future oriented development through many public oriented projects.

"With the aim of restoring the cultural and spiritual glory of Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham complex has been built under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi", he said adding that the PM's new initiatives will ensure that the pilgrims would be able to easily worship Baba Vishwanath as well as have the Darshans of Maa Ganga from Baba's Dham as it used to be in ancient times.

He said that the unprecedented and historic work of rejuvenation of Baba Vishwanath Dham has become possible only because of the exemplary leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, blessings of revered saints and cooperation of the prominent people of Kashi.

Kavinder said BJP Govt at the Centre and J&K Govt under the stewardship of LG Manoj Sinha committed to also promote the religious pilgrimage sites of Jammu and Kashmir. He however demanded that the government should create

a dedicated corridor of all ancient holy places of Jammu region with an aim to boost the religious pilgrimage as it will also boost the economy of the Union Territory. He said that if the government will focus on this initiative the tourism and economy will get the much desired push taking the UT to the next level of progress.

ADGP Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K chairs review meeting



ADGP Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K, Danesh Rana chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: A review meeting of Homeguard/ Civil Defence & SDRF J&K was convened by Danesh Rana, ADGP Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K here on Monday. The meeting was attended by Vikas Gupta, Director Homeguards Jammu, Nisha Nathyal Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu, G.L Sharma SSP Staff Officer to Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K and other gazetted and non-gazetted officers. The Commandant General emphasized upon a joint strategy to be adopted by the officers of three wings to have fruitful results while responding and mitigating disasters in challenging situations. The officers were directed to increase capacity building programmes and devise specialized training programmes to be imparted to police personnel and other stakeholders so that they may also contribute while responding to disasters and other emergency situations. A detailed audit of equipment in the stock of SDRF was also discussed. The HG/CD and SDRF personnel were directed to remain in a state of high alert in view of the impending snow and winter season.

IMFA, JU organises three-day Kathak Dance Workshop

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JAMMU: The three-day Kathak Dance workshop was on Monday inaugurated by Mohd Aziz, CEO Reasi.

The workshop is being organized by Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu (JU) in collaboration with Girls Higher Secondary School Reasi.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEO lauded the efforts of the Institute. IMFA is promoting Music and Fine Arts particularly Kathak Dance in the remote areas like Reasi, describing Kathak part and parcel of Indian culture. The CEO assured his full cooperation for organising the event.

Principal IMFA Prof Shohab

at Rajouri, which was highly appreciated by the people of border District. In near future more workshops would be organised in various district headquarters of Jammu region to educate the masses about the country's rich cultural heritage.

Earlier the workshop was started by Presenting the Ganesh Vandna by the students and faculty members of Kathak Dance Department assisted Dr. Priya Dutta in organizing the workshop. Vote of thanks was Presented by Vijay Kumar.

Kathak Dance and Bandish on Shringar Rasa presentation.

Whole workshop was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Priya Dutta HoD Kathak Dance IMFA. Rajkumar Behrupia, Vijay Kumar, Shivan Kapoor and students of Kathak Dance Department assisted Dr. Priya Dutta in organizing the workshop. Vote of thanks was Presented by Vijay Kumar.

Center, UT Govts to work on making Tribal Research Institute as Centre of Excellence

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NEW DELHI: The Center government and the Jammu and Kashmir administration will work vigorously towards making Tribal Research Institute (TRI) J&K as center of excellence. Officer on Special Duty, Mission Youth, Dr. Abdul Khabir, stated this here on Monday during his exhaustive deliberation with the officials of Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs regarding functioning of J&K TRI and implementation of tribal welfare schemes in the UT. During the interaction, it was informed that TRI shall focus on core responsibility as body of knowledge and research for tribal development. OSD informed that Department of Tribal Affairs is in the process of finalizing proposal for recognition of contribution made by

the Tribals with particular focus on Youth of J&K. Union Joint Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Dr. Navaljit Kapoor, while stressing need for making TRI J&K as center of excellence, assured complete support to the UT in this regard. It was informed that in order to support the research studies on regular basis, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is focusing on involvement of TRI J&K for working out a long term and policy oriented research studies for development of tribals. OSD also interacted with the officials of National Tribal Research Institute, New Delhi. He informed that NTRI is planning to collaborate with TRI

J&K for various capacity building workshops. It is in this context that a two day capacity building workshop was organized for elected representatives of Tribal areas at Panchayat Bhawan Jammu in the month of November this year.

Also, UNDP chapter of India is in the process of documentation of dances of J&K and the same shall be done in natural setting of the tribal communities of J&K. Under support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI), MoTA is focusing on building infrastructure, research and documentation, training and capacity building apart from organizing exchange visits for tribals.

Natrang to start theatre-workshop from December 15

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JAMMU: Natrang is going to start a theatre-workshop from December 15, 2021 in Jammu and UK-based Theatre Director, writer and actor Aarushi Thakur Rana will be the Workshop Director. It was informed by Director Natrang, Balwant Thakur while inviting young theatre enthusiasts of Jammu to avail this golden opportunity to get trained from internationally trained and experienced mentor. He further said that due to COVID outbreak, all the training/practice opportunities were stalled which caused an adverse effect on performing arts, as such endeavours like this workshop would definitely play an important role in rejuvenating the theatre in Jammu and Kashmir.

Introducing the workshop director, he informed that Aarushi Thakur Rana is a professional Theatre Director, Writer and Actor based in United Kingdom. She is the first Indian from Jammu and Kashmir whose directorial debuts have been performed in the most prestigious Nehru Centre, London, Mayfair, Zoroastrian Centre London in 2019 and various places in country. Since January 2020, she joined production team of Birmingham Repertory Theatre, UK and is presently working with them. She has also translated major works by William Shakespeare like A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night and Romeo and Juliet in Hindi which have had various shows across India. Interested candidate of the age-group 18 to 25 years may send an email at natrang83@gmail.com or contact coordinator of workshop, Mohd Yaseen at 9419106669 or 9906048670.

BGSBU organises tennis ball cricket match

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RAJOURI: The Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) on Monday organized tennis ball cricket match between Vice Chancellor's XI and Dean's XI on the eve of 18th Foundation Day celebration of the university. Vice Chancellor's XI won the match by four wickets.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Inder Singh Corporator, Paramjit Singh ex-corporator, Sucha Singh Corporator, Kuldeep Singh, H S Sudhan, Prof K D Singh, Nasib Singh ex-AGM J&K Bank, Avtar Singh President Gurdwara, Digiana camp, Gursimran Singh, Jagjit Singh Publicity Secretary, Kuldeep Singh Kuklu, Khazan Singh, Manjit Singh and Amandeep Singh.

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Participants from different schools, colleges and clubs took part in the Championship. In the closing ceremony, Dr. Altaf-Ur-Rehman (Ex Physical Director, ICSC Hawal) was the Chief Guest while Sr. Staff of GGHSS Nowhatta, Shugufa, Abdul Rashid,

also install fast chargers at all touchpoints at the dealer network in 35 cities in India.

BMW said its iX comes with a standard two-year warranty for unlimited kilometers. The batteries are covered by a warranty valid for eight years or up to 1.6 lakh kilometers.

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output of 326 hp. As an introductory offer, the BMW iX will come with a complimentary smart BMW Wallbox charger. It can be integrated at home to enable safe and convenient charging up to 11kW. The 11kW AC charger can charge 100 per cent in about 7 hrs and add 100 kms range in 2.5 hrs, it added.

Through a 150 kW DC Charger, it can charge up to 80 per cent in 31 min and 95 km added range in 10 minutes, while with a 50 kW DC Charger, 80 per cent can be charged in 73 minutes with 100 km added range in 21 minutes.

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Amandeep wins Kathua Open Chess title

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KATHUA: Amandeep Singh bagged the title trophy of the day-long cash prize money under-15 chess tournament which was organised by Kathua District Chess Association, here on Monday.

Second place went to Shivang Gupta while Karan Sambyal remained third. The girls title trophy secured by Harsheen Kour. In other age group of under-10 boys, Paras Sharma was first

while Sutishen Bharat and Dakas Dev remained second and third respectively. Devansh was winner in under-eight age group event.

In the prize distribution, Harpreet Singh was the Chief Guest and Sohan Lal Gupta the Guest of Honour.

Among others present were district Kathua Chess Association president, Ravi Sharma.

The special guests presented cash prizes and title trophies to the winners.

BMW on Monday launched its technology flagship all-electric SUV iX in India at an introductory price of Rs 1.16 crore, the first of the three electric vehicles that it plans to drive in the country in the next 6 months. The car will be imported to India as a completely built-up unit (CBU) and can be booked through BMW dealerships across major metropolitan cities in the country as well as shop.bmw.in. BMW Group India said in a statement.

Deliveries will start by the beginning of April 2022, it added. Commenting on the launch, BMW Group India

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