

# Natrang, JKAACL celebrate 'World Theatre Day' with play 'Kauva Chala Hans Ki Chaal'

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JAMMU: Natrang Jammu with the support of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages celebrated 'World Theatre Day' with the spectacular performance of the play 'Kauva Chala Hans Ki Chaal', an adaptation of Moliere's world famous French play 'Bourgeois Gentleman' at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.



Artists performing during the play.

Shantmanu, Addl. Chief Secretary Education, UT of J&K was the Chief Guest on the occasion who witnessed this magnificent performance along with the other distinguished dignitaries including Suresh Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, UT of J&K and Harvinder Kaur, Secretary J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

The play has been brilliantly directed by Sumeet Sharma, National Awardee for theatre direction and Drama Instructor at University of Jammu who has scores of praiseworthy theatre productions to his credit.

In his address, Shantmanu appreciated Natrang's consistent endeavours in shaping up the cultural landscape of the

region. He complimented Director Natrang, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur for his tremendous work which is unmatched in both quality and quantity which is a rare paradigm to achieve.

Suresh Gupta expressed gladness over watching such a brilliant performance by this occasion and Natrang, the highly experienced artists of Natrang. This marked an appropriate commemoration of World Theatre Day. He congratulated Natrang for always striving for excellence in the field of theatre.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur informed that 27th of March is celebrated as the 'World Theatre Day' all over the world since 1962. Initiated by International

Theatre Institute, this day carries a significant importance for the artists especially theatre fraternity. Throughout the world, the institutions concerned with the promotion and preservation of art organize several events to commemorate this occasion and Natrang, the premiere theatre institute of the region pioneered to start celebrating this day in Jammu in the year 1985 and is the only group in North India which is celebrating World Theatre Day without any break since then and it is an important event in the calendar of events of Natrang.

The play featured Anil Tickoo in the lead role who is the only actor of the region

who has been awarded with SNA's National Award for Theatre Acting. He was equally supported by the other senior artists of Jammu theatre including Neeraj Kant, Sanjeev Gupta and Sumita Pandit. Other trained actors of Natrang also received accolades for their flawless performance which included Meenakshi Bhagat, Shivam Singh, Kanan Preet Kour, Mihir Gujral, Aadesh Dhar, Sanket Bhagat, Mehak Chib, Ranjana Prasher Sharma and Kartik Kumar. Lights were designed & operated by Suraj Ganjoo, Sound by Lokesh Chander, Graphics and Designing by Chander Shekhar and Soujanya Shekhar. The makeup was done by Kamal Sharma. Coordination was looked after by Mohd. Yaseen and Palshin Dutta. The hall management was looked after by Vandana Thakur, Adaksh Bagal, Aryan Sharma, Mitali Sarmal, Simran Bhagat, Priyal Ashok Gupta and Prerna Sharma. Vote of thanks was presented by Harvinder Kour, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

# VHP, Bajrang Dal to organize Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra on first Navratri

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JAMMU: The youth wing of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal, is set to organize the sacred Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra on the occasion of the first Navratri.

Speaking at a press conference, Bajrang Dal's Prant Sanyojak (Provincial Coordinator), Kartik Sudan, announced that under the initiative of organizing religious and historical pilgrimages across the country, Bajrang Dal Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh Province will lead the sacred Chhari Yatra to the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji.

The holy Chhari Yatra will commence from the



Bajrang Dal's Prant Sanyojak (Provincial Coordinator), Kartik Sudan briefing media.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad's Provincial Office, Shakti Ashram, after a traditional Kanya Pujan ceremony. The Yatra will then proceed to Katra and onwards to the sacred shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi. Kartik Sudan highlighted that Bajrang Dal operates

with the principles of service, security, and cultural values. Such pilgrimages not only connect youth with Bajrang Dal but also inspire awareness and devotion towards Sanatan Dharma among the younger generation. Kartik Sudan emphasized that Bajrang Dal

actively works with the youth, engaging in several service-oriented initiatives. These include the protection of cows from smugglers, safeguarding saints, sages, and temples, and organizing campaigns to free the youth from the growing menace of drug addiction.

For participation in the sacred Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Chhari Yatra, interested individuals can contact the numbers 907033737, 9871315302. The press conference was also attended by Rajan Gupta, Provincial Service Head of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, and Siddhant Randhawa, Department Coordinator of Bajrang Dal.

# Kashmir's Rail link to boost tourism, economy: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta has termed the upcoming launch of the first-ever Vande Bharat train connecting the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country as a "historic milestone" that will unlock new avenues for tourism and economic growth in the region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to flag off the much-awaited train on April 19, marking a new era of connectivity that will not only enhance travel convenience but also provide a significant boost to trade, industry, and employment in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at the meeting held at Party Headquarters here today, the BJP stalwart stated that seamless rail connectivity has been a long-standing demand of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and



Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta chairing a meeting.

under PM Modi's leadership, this long-cherished dream is turning into reality. He highlighted that the railway link will provide an unprecedented opportunity for the tourism sector, making travel easier for pilgrims, nature lovers, and adventure seekers eager to explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Valley. "The influx of tourists will spur local businesses, benefiting hoteliers, transporters, artisans,

and traders, thereby accelerating the economic revival of Kashmir," he said.

Emphasizing the Modi government's commitment to transforming Jammu and Kashmir, Kavinder asserted that the rail link will pave the way for industrial expansion, ease logistics, and create new employment opportunities for youth. He noted that improved transportation infrastructure will encourage investment,

strengthen the local economy, and reinforce the Centre's vision of making Jammu and Kashmir a hub of development.

The former Deputy CM also pointed out that the launch of the Vande Bharat train will be a testimony to the Union Government's resolve to integrate Kashmir into the national mainstream in terms of infrastructure and progress. "What was once a distant dream is now a reality. This is the 'Naya Kashmir' that PM Modi envisioned, where development, peace, and prosperity go hand in hand," he remarked.

The former Deputy Chief Minister urged the people of J&K to wholeheartedly support the Centre's initiatives and take full advantage of the historic opportunities being created for the region's brighter future.

# GDC Akhnoor concludes seven-day Winter Camp with blood donation camp



Faculty members along with students during the camp.

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AKHNOOR: The NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Akhnoor culminated its seven-day Winter Camp with a Medical Health Check-up Camp and a Blood Donation Camp.

The camp, organized under the guidance of Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat, Principal, GDC Akhnoor, and coordinated by Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, NSS Programme Officer and Assistant Professor of

Chemistry, witnessed enthusiastic participation from volunteers and faculty members.

Themed "Healthy Youth, Strong Nation," the camp focused on various activities aimed at promoting health, environmental conservation, and social responsibility. Events conducted during the camp included Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse, Garden construction, Plantation Drives, Making

Competition and Beautification of the Campus.

The Medical Health Check-up Camp was conducted in collaboration with Govt Ayurvedic Medical College (GAMC) Akhnoor and witnessed the presence of expert medical professionals, including Dr. Harmeet Kaur, Dr. Sreekala, and a team of junior doctors from GAMC Akhnoor. The Blood Donation Camp was coordinated by

Dr. Abida and the medical team from GMC Jammu, where NSS volunteers and faculty members actively participated in donating blood for a noble cause.

Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat appreciated the efforts of the NSS unit and volunteers for their dedication to community service.

Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, the NSS Programme Officer, expressed gratitude to all stakeholders, including the medical teams, faculty members, and NSS volunteers, for making the camp a grand success.

He reiterated the commitment of NSS towards nation-building through youth empowerment and service-oriented initiatives.

The event concluded with a pledge to continue such meaningful activities, strengthening the role of youth in nation-building and community welfare.

# Bhim Kranti Sena to host rally on 136th Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

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JAMMU: Bhim Kranti Sena is organizing a grand rally to commemorate the 136th birthday of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and a lifelong advocate for social justice, equality, and human rights. The event is scheduled to take place on March 30, 2025, beginning at Mishriwala at 10:00 AM and culminating at Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu, where a public gathering will be held.

The rally is expected to attract a significant number of participants from various communities, particularly those from Dalit, backward classes, and other marginal-



Officials of Bhim Kranti Sena briefing media.

ized groups who continue to draw inspiration from Dr. Ambedkar's legacy.

"This rally is not just a celebration but a call to action to uphold Dr. Ambedkar's teachings of justice, equality, and social reform," said Sahil Balgotra, Media

Spokesperson of Bhim Kranti Sena. The organization has extended invitations to citizens from all communities, especially the youth, to join this historic event and honor Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to building an inclusive and equitable society.

The press conference addressing the event featured notable figures including Sham Lal Bassan, President of the All J&K Dalit Chetna Manch and former Corporator, Smt. Sumita Bangotra, and Sh. Parshotam Thappa, Media Spokesperson of Bhim Kranti Sena.

The event will serve as a platform to highlight Dr. Ambedkar's ideals and renew the commitment to the continuous struggle for social justice and equality. The Bhim Kranti Sena remains steadfast in its mission to promote these principles through community engagement and awareness programs.

## KIND ATTENTION : RAIL PASSENGERS!

### SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS-2025

For the convenience of passengers, Railways have decided to run following Summer Special Trains as per schedule given below :-

02270/02269 Lucknow-Chhapra-Lucknow		Reserved Vande Bharat Special Express		54 TRIPS	
Train No. 02270	STATIONS	Train No. 02269	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 14:15	↓ Lucknow	↑ 06:30			
21:30 --	Chhapra	-- 23:00			

Day of run:- 02270 Ex. Lucknow and 02269 Ex. Chhapra on everyday (except Tuesday) upto 26.04.2025. Accommodation : Chair Car, Executive Chair Car. Stoppages : Sultanpur Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia & Suraimanpur Stations.

02436/02435 New Delhi-Patna Jn. - New Delhi		Reserved Vande Bharat Special Express		06 TRIPS	
Train No. 02436	STATIONS	Train No. 02435	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 08:30	↓ New Delhi	↑ 20:10			
20:10 --	Patna Jn.	-- 08:30			

Day of run:- 02436 Ex. New Delhi on 29, 30 & 31.03.2025 and 02435 Ex. Patna Jn. on 30, 31.03.2025 & 01.04.2025. Accommodation : Chair Car, Executive Chair Car. Stoppages : Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar and Ara Stations.

01123/01124 Lokmanya Tilak (T.) - Mau - Lokmanya Tilak (T.) Special Train (Bi-Weekly)		48 TRIPS			
Train No. 01123	STATIONS	Train No. 01124	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 12:15	↓ Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	↑ 16:45			
20:20 --	Mau	-- 05:50			

Day of run:- 01123 Ex. Lokmanya Tilak T. on Friday and Sunday from 06.04.2025 to 29.06.2025 (On 02.05.25 Train will run as 01125 Teachers Special Train) and 01124 Ex. Mau on Sunday and Tuesday from 08.04.2025 to 01.07.2025. (On 10.06.25 Train will run as 01126 Teachers Special Train) Accommodation : 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Thane, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nasik Road, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Pipariya, Narsinghpur, Madan Mahal, Katni, Maihar, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Varanasi, Jaunpur & Aunrihar Stations.

01053/01054 Lokmanya Tilak (T.) - Banaras - Lokmanya Tilak (T.) Special Train (Bi-Weekly)		48 TRIPS			
Train No. 01053	STATIONS	Train No. 01054	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 12:15	↓ Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	↑ 04:40			
16:05 --	Banaras	-- 20:30			

Day of run:- 01053 Ex. Lokmanya Tilak T. on Wednesday and Thursday from 09.04.2025 to 26.06.2025 and 01054 Ex. Banaras on Thursday and Friday from 10.04.2025 to 27.06.2025. Accommodation : 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Thane, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nasik Road, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Pipariya, Narsinghpur, Madan Mahal, Katni, Maihar, Satna, Manikpur & Prayagraj Chheoki Stations.

01431/01432 Pune - Ghazipur City - Pune Special Train (Bi-Weekly)		48 TRIPS			
Train No. 01431	STATIONS	Train No. 01432	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 06:40	↓ Pune	↑ 16:20			
20:15 --	Ghazipur City	-- 04:20			

Day of run:- 01431 Ex. Pune on Friday and Tuesday from 08.04.2025 to 27.06.2025 and 01432 Ex. Ghazipur City on Sunday and Thursday from 10.04.2025 to 29.06.2025. Accommodation : 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Manmad, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Pipariya, Narsinghpur, Madan Mahal, Katni, Maihar, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Varanasi, Jaunpur & Aunrihar Stations.

01491/01492 Pune - Hazrat Nizamuddin - Pune Special Train (Weekly)		24 TRIPS			
Train No. 01491	STATIONS	Train No. 01492	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 17:30	↓ Pune	↑ 23:55			
18:10 --	Hazrat Nizamuddin	-- 22:10			

Day of run:- 01491 Ex. Pune on Friday from 11.04.2025 to 27.06.2025 and 01492 Ex. Hazrat Nizamuddin on every Saturday from 12.04.2025 to 28.06.2025. Accommodation : 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Lonavala, Kalyan, Bhiwandi Road, Vasai Road, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Udhna, Vadodara, Ratlam, Bhawani Mandi, Sawai Madhopur and Mathura Stations.

04092/04091 New Delhi-Indore Jn.-New Delhi Superfast Express Special Train		04 TRIPS			
Train No. 04092	STATIONS	Train No. 04091	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 15:30	↓ New Delhi	↑ 02:30			
06:00 --	Indore Jn.	-- 11:30			

Day of run:- 04092 Ex. New Delhi on 28.03.2025 & 30.03.2025 and 04091 Ex. Indore Jn. on 29.03.2025 & 31.03.2025. Accommodation : 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Mathura, Kota, Nagda and Ratlam Stations.

01415/01416 Pune - Ghazipur City - PUNE Special Train (Unreserved) (Weekly)		26 TRIPS			
Train No. 01415	STATIONS	Train No. 01416	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 06:40	↓ Pune	↑ 17:50			
20:15 --	Ghazipur City	-- 04:20			

Day of run:- 01415 Ex. Pune on every Saturday from 05.04.2025 to 28.06.2025 and 01416 Ex. Ghazipur City on Monday from 07.04.2025 to 30.06.2025. Accommodation : General. Stoppages : Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Manmad, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Pipariya, Narsinghpur, Madan Mahal, Katni, Maihar, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Varanasi, Jaunpur & Aunrihar Stations.

03297 Danapur-Anand Vihar T. Special Train		01 TRIP	
Train No. 03297	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.
-- 14:30	↓ Danapur		
11:15 --	Anand Vihar T.		

04085/04086 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Reserved Special Express		08 TRIPS			
Train No. 04085	STATIONS	Train No. 04086	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 12:30	↓ New Delhi	↑ 20:00			
02:00 --	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	-- 07:30			

Day of run:- 04085 Ex. New Delhi on 28, 29, 30 and 31.03.2025 and 04086 Ex. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on 29, 30, 31.03.2025 and 01.04.2025. Accommodation : 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Sonapat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Ambala Cantt., Dhandari Kanan, Jalandhar Cantt., Pathankot Cantt., Jammu Tawi, and Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Stations.

04024/04023 Delhi Jn. - Varanasi Jn. - Delhi Jn. Reserved Superfast Festival Special Express		06 TRIPS			
Train No. 04024	STATIONS	Train No. 04023	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 19:30	↓ Delhi Jn.	↑ 08:50			
09:45 --	Varanasi Jn.	-- 18:35			

Day of run:- 04024 Ex. Delhi Jn. on 28, 29 and 30.03.2025 and 04023 Ex. Varanasi Jn. on 29, 30 and 31.03.2025. Accommodation : 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Almagar, Lucknow, Rae Bareilly and Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratappgarh Stations.

04088/04087 New Delhi-Patna Jn.-New Delhi Reserved Superfast Festival Special Express		10 TRIPS			
Train No. 04088	STATIONS	Train No. 04087	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 15:50	↓ New Delhi	↑ 04:40			
08:40 --	Patna Jn.	-- 12:00			

Day of run:- 04088 Ex. New Delhi on 28, 29, 30, 31.03.2025 & 01.04.2025 and 04087 Ex. Patna Jn. on 29, 30, 31.03.2025 & 01 & 02.04.2025. Accommodation : 3 AC Economy & General. Stoppages : Govindpur, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stations.

04090/04089 New Delhi-Saharsa Jn.-New Delhi Reserved Festival Special Express		04 TRIPS			
Train No. 04090	STATIONS	Train No. 04089	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 14:15	↓ New Delhi	↑ 18:00			
13:30 --	Saharsa Jn.	-- 18:45			

Day of run:- 04090 Ex. New Delhi on 28.03.2025 & 31.03.2025 and 04089 Ex. Saharsa Jn. on 29.03.2025 & 01.04.2025. Accommodation : Sleeper & General. Stoppages : Govindpur, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Barauni, Begu Sarai, Khagaria and Mansi Stations.

04430/04429 Anand Vihar T. - Bhagalpur - Anand Vihar T. Unreserved Special Express		06 TRIPS			
Train No. 04430	STATIONS	Train No. 04429	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 12:40	↓ Anand Vihar T.	↑ 14:30			
12:10 --	Bhagalpur	-- 14:30			

Day of run:- 04430 Ex. Anand Vihar T. from 28.03.2025 to 30.03.2025 and 04429 Ex. Bhagalpur from 29.03.2025 & 31.03.2025. Accommodation : General. Stoppages : Govindpur, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur, Mokama, Hathidah, Luckeesarai, Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur and Sultanganj Stations.

04432/04431 Delhi Jn.-Saharsa Jn.-Delhi Jn. Unreserved Special Express		06 TRIPS			
Train No. 04432	STATIONS	Train No. 04431	ARR.	DEP.	
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.			
-- 15:20	↓ Delhi Jn.	↑ 20:10			
16:00 --	Saharsa Jn.				