

Bala Jyoti chairs conference on "Women in Electricity" at Bharat Electricity Summit 2026

Focuses on women's role in Power Sector



Bala Jyoti, Member (Law) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT of J&K and Ladakh speaking in conference at Bharat Electricity Summit 2026.

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JAMMU: Bala Jyoti, Member (Law) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh, on Saturday participated and chaired the

Conference on "Women in Electricity:- Current and Courageous in Bharat Electricity Summit 2026" where women leaders, Vice Chancellor Dehradun, Director Transmission,

Director Market Operation deliberated upon Future of women in field of power and electricity. Bala Jyoti, the chief Guest in the event, in her inaugural address emphasised to work collectively to achieve the

goal of "Viksit Bharat 2047". She focused on participation of talented women in unconventional fields like Power which is challenging and innovating. She stressed inclusiveness of more women as frontline work-

ers in the fields of energy and power. She further said that there must be a clear road map for women in energy, electricity and power. There is a need to recognise the inherent strength of women. She also stressed about safe and congenial working atmosphere at all levels. She concluded that India's power sector is at a defining moment & we must with concerted efforts make endeavour to redefining the power sector to meet challenging perceptions. The Conference was a huge success and other participants deliberated upon the theme and it was unanimously felt that need of the hour is to strengthen educational and professional path ways to create mentoring and leadership opportunities.



MP Sat Sharma, Devyani Rana visit Kisan Mela at Baba Kailakh Nath

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JAMMU: Member of Parliament, Sat Sharma and MLA Nagrota, Devyani Rana on Saturday visited the departmental stalls installed by the Department of Horticulture at Baba Kailakh Nath Mandir, Thather, during two days awareness programme bring organized for farmers and the general public.



MP, Sat Sharma visiting the departmental stall.

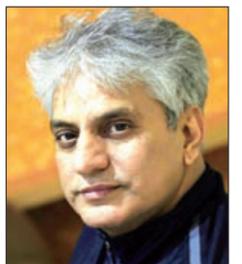
The Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu R Kotwal and Chief Canning Instructor Sanjeev Kumar Karlupia, Horticulture Development Officer Bhalwal Ravinder Kumar along with the field staff of the department were present on the occasion. The department disseminated information regarding various horticulture schemes and subsidies available to farmers. They were briefed about key horticulture initiatives including high-density fruit plantation, area expansion under

fruit crops, rejuvenation of old and unproductive orchards, establishment of fruit nurseries, others schemes like HADP, JKICP, MIDH, CSS and post-harvest management practices such as grading, packaging, and value addition. A large number of farmers and local residents visited the stalls and showed keen interest in availing benefits under different schemes and components. The dignitaries appreciated the efforts of the department in creating awareness among the

farming community and emphasized the importance of adopting modern horticulture practices to enhance productivity and income. The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) also installed a two-day Book Exhibition at the Kisan Mela. JKAACL showcased its rich collection of Academy publications and journals, which received wide appreciation from the public as well as the visiting dignitaries.

Internationally acclaimed artist KK Gandhi invited to International Painters' Camp 2026

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Krishna Setty Foundation proudly announces the participation of internationally acclaimed artist KK Gandhi at the upcoming International Painters' Camp, scheduled from 28th March to 1st April 2026 at Nature Knots, N r i t h y a g r a m , Hesaraghatta Grass Farm, Bangalore curated by Krishna Setty - Eminent Artist.



cross-cultural understanding through art. Its core motive is to provide artists with a shared space to exchange ideas, explore diverse artistic practices, and inspire one another beyond geographical boundaries. Set in a tranquil natural environment, the camp encourages artists to reconnect with nature, push creative boundaries, and produce meaningful works that reflect global perspectives and human connections. The camp features an impressive roster of artists from across the globe, including Jatin Das (New

Delhi), Clemens B Sou (Austria), Simone Noseda (Italy), Barbara Perga (Italy), Madan Lal (Chandigarh), Julia Chubutkina (Kazakhstan), Narayan M (Pune), G Subramanian (Bangalore), Sudath Abeyskara (Sri Lanka), P Gnana (Singapore), Rama Suresh (Chennai), Basuki Dasgupta (Tumkur), Prabhu Harasur (Tumkur), Mintu Deka (Assam), Achala Gunawardhana (Sri Lanka), Nada Itani (Lebanon), Najma Akhter (Bangladesh), Vijay Dhore (Hyderabad), Kandan G (Tamil Nadu), Kariyappa Hanchinmani (Haveri), Praveen Kumar (Bangalore), and Krishna Setty CS (Bangalore). The event is partially supported by the Surya Art Foundation and is open to visitors, offering a rare opportunity to witness live art-making and engage with artists in an inspiring setting.

NATF National Chairman meets former CM J&K Ghulam Nabi Azad



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Vishal Chopra, National Chairman of the National Anti Terrorism Front (NATF), extended warm Eid greetings to former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and his family during a visit to his residence in New Delhi. On the occasion, Vishal Chopra met Ghulam Nabi Azad to deliberate on key issues concerning Jammu & Kashmir and the strengthening of the organization's activities in the region. During the meeting, both leaders held detailed discussions on the prevailing situation in Jammu & Kashmir and emphasized the need for greater public awareness and community participation in maintaining peace and security. Ghulam Nabi Azad suggested that awareness camps should be organized along the border areas of Jammu & Kashmir to educate and sensitize local residents about security concerns and the role they can play in safeguarding the nation. Vishal Chopra appreciated the valuable suggestions and assured that the National Anti Terrorism Front (NATF) will actively work towards implementing such initiatives to strengthen

Zang Tri celebrated with grandeur at KP Sabha on Maa Chandraghanta Day

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JAMMU: The auspicious occasion of Zang Tri, coinciding with the third day (Tritiya Tithi) of Navratra dedicated to Maa Chandraghanta, was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at the premises of KP Sabha. The day, symbolizing reverence for womanhood as the embodiment of Jagat Janani Jagat Amba, holds special cultural significance in the Kashmiri Pandit community. Traditionally, married women in Kashmir visit their parental homes on this day following Navreh. In contemporary times, the occasion is also observed as a day of women empowerment within the community. The event witnessed large participation of women along with their families, reflecting a vibrant spirit of unity and cultural pride. The Sabha continued its tradition of serving as a maternal home for Kashmiri Pandit women, offering atagath and salt as per custom. The function was graced by Dr. Indu Koul as the Chief Guest and presided over by K. K. Khosa, President of KP Sabha. The proceedings began with Jyoti Prajulan and offering of rose petals to Mata Saraswati by the dignitaries and members of the Executive Committee. The cultural segment featured soulful hymns in praise of Lord Ganesh and Goddess Durga, presented by renowned Kashmiri vocalist Ravi Bhan, whose melodious devotional renditions captivated the audience. In his welcome address, President



KP Sabha President K. K. Khosa with others at Zang Tri celebration.

K. K. Khosa emphasized the pivotal role of Kashmiri women in preserving and promoting the community's language, culture, and traditions. He encouraged women to actively engage the younger generation by conversing in the Kashmiri language at home and involving them in traditional rituals and functions. He also expressed concern over issues such as inter-caste and delayed marriages within the community, reiterating that women serve as ambassadors of cultural heritage. Chief Guest Dr. Indu Koul highlighted the religious and cultural importance of the Zang Tri festival and called for greater participation in community activities organized by the Sabha. She elaborated on the significance of Navratras and described Zang Tri as one of the oldest forms of women empowerment observances. She also acknowledged

the invaluable contributions of women during the exodus period and urged them to continue guiding the younger generation in preserving their cultural and religious identity. Among the prominent attendees were Ashok Baroo and Executive Committee members including Deepak Dhar, Ashvani Koul, S. L. Bagati, Subash Dhar, Rajinder Tikra, Jitender Parimoo, Asha Kitchloo, Dr. Usha Tiekoo, Vinod Bhat, V. K. Bakshi, Satish Khoda, V. K. Mukhi, S. K. Koul, and B. B. Gosai. The programme was skillfully conducted by Dr. Sujata Sathoo, while the vote of thanks was presented by G. J. Kampasi, Secretary of the Sabha. The celebration concluded on a note of cultural pride and collective commitment toward preserving the rich heritage of the Kashmiri Pandit community.

BJP is a value-based organization: Ashok Koul

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul addressed a workshop organized under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan-2026 at Amphalla Mandal, District Jammu. J&K BJP Secretary Arun Sharma, District President Jammu Adv. Rajesh Gupta, MLA Yudhvir Sethi, and former Mayor Rajinder Sharma, along with senior party functionaries and activists attended the workshop. While addressing the workshop, Ashok Koul elaborated on the ideological foundation of BJP, emphasizing that the BJP as an organization is not merely a political party but a value-based organization rooted in nationalism,



J&K BJP General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul addressing a workshop at Jammu on Saturday.

cultural ethos, and service to society. He elaborated on the ideological background of the party, drawing inspiration from the philosophy of Deendayal Upadhyaya and the concept of Integral Humanism. He highlighted that the core principles of the BJP revolve around nation-first approach, good governance, transparency, and

inclusive development. He further stressed that organizational strength comes from disciplined cadre, strong moral values, and continuous training of party workers, which enables the party to effectively serve the people at the grassroots level. Koul prompted the party activists to deeply understand the party's ideology and translate it into action

while working among the masses. He said that such training programs play a crucial role in strengthening the organizational structure and preparing committed leadership for the future. Rajesh Gupta stated that the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan is instrumental in enhancing the capacity and efficiency of party workers, enabling them to effectively communicate the party's vision and policies to the public. Yudhvir Sethi emphasized that ideological clarity and organizational discipline are the pillars of BJP's continued growth. He added that regular training initiatives ensure that party workers remain motivated, informed, and aligned with the party's core principles.

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