

Shailputri Puja on first Navratri

Among the Nine Durgas, Maa Shailputri is considered to be the first manifestation of goddess Durga. She carries the trishul and the lotus in her hands. Her vehicle is the Bull, Shiva purana and Devi Bagyaatam Maa.

Shailputri in her previous birth was born as a daughter to Daksha Prajapati. She was named 'Sati'. She had been deeply devoted to Lord Shiva since her childhood. When she grew into a maiden, she propitiated Lord Shiva by her penance and devotion and desired to beget him as her consort. Lord Shiva bestowed the desired boon on her and accepted her as his consort.

Once her father Daksha Prajapati organized a great Yajna in which all the gods including Brahma, Vishnu, Indra and saints and sages were invited, but Lord Shiva was excluded. When Goddess Sati came to know of it, she could not tolerate the disgrace of Lord Shiva. So, she decided to pay a visit to her father. Getting angry Sati spoke to Lord Shiva, "O Dear Lord! My father Daksha Prajapati is performing a grand fire sacrifice.

All the gods, saints, seers and sages have been invited to participate in this sacrifice, but he has disgraced you openly by not inviting you. I can never bear your insult. So, you kindly let me go to my father to speak out my mind to him."

Seeing the infuriated Sati, Lord Shiva said to her, "O Goddess! It does not behoove you to lose your temper over such a trifles. Daksha Prajapati is the performer of this great sacrifice. It is his sweet will to invite or ignore any one. You must not poke your nose into his affairs. Such trivial steps may cause bitterness in your relations."

Sati's anger did not subside even after such a lecture given to her by Lord Shiva. Seeing her great obduracy, Lord Shiva ultimately granted her the permission to see her father.

When Goddess Sati reached the site of the Yajna, she heard everybody denouncing Lord Shiva. Even Daksha, her father, surrounded by his servants was busy with the condemnation of Lord Shiva. All her sisters were mocking at Sati.

Such a hostile situation fanned the fire of her fury even more. She failed to endure such a horrible disgrace of her Lord and consigned herself to the sacrificial flames. When Lord Shiva heard of Sati's self-immolation, he sent his attendants to destroy the sacrifice.

Sati in her next birth was born as a daughter to Himalaya, the Lord of Mountains. She was named Parvati or Hemavati. Since she was born as a daughter to the mountain-king Himalaya, she is also known as Shailputri. She propitiated Lord Shiva by her severe penance and begot him as her husband. Among the Nine Durgas, the importance and powers of Mother Shailputri are unlimited. On the first day of auspicious Navaratri, she alone is adored and worshipped.

Mantras for Shailputri Devi

Om Devi Shailputryai Namah (108 recitation of this mantra)
Vande Vanchhit Laabhaay, Chandradhkrishkharoam |
Vrisharudham Shoodharaam Shailputrim Yashaswinim ||

I worship Goddess Shailputri to fulfill my wishes, who is adorned with crescent moon on her head, rides on a bull, carrying a trishul and is illustrious.



JU organises live-streaming of Pariksha Pe Charcha



JU faculty listening to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi during Pariksha Pe Charcha-2022.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, on Friday addressed the students and their parents across the nation in the fifth edition of the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha-2022' in an annual event. The event was held at Talkatora Stadium, Delhi and was live-streamed on various social media channels and National Channel television. The University of Jammu (JU) live-streamed the event for the students and scholars of the university. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, JU also attended the event along with Prof. Nareesh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Parkash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Er. Anik Gupta, Director IT & E&SM besides other dignitaries of the JU. Addressing the students, Prof. Dhar eulogized the importance of the tips given by Prime Minister Modi in his

address. Prof. Dhar asked the students to emulate those tips given by the Prime Minister in letter and spirit to excel in their chosen fields. Emphasizing the importance of hard work, Prof. Dhar said that there is no substitute for hard work and without hard work and dedication, the desired goals cannot be achieved. He further advised the students to have a positive approach and stay away from jealousy as it is only the competitive spirit that leads to success. He also exhorted the students to become capable of handling all sorts of challenges and difficult situations in life by developing holistic views and exploring all viable options.

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Fight against SAC order, SCERT notification will continue: ABVP

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JAMMU: ABVP unit of Jammu University lodged a protest in support of its demands on Friday and tried to march towards Bikram Chowk, but was stopped by Police contingent deployed. While expressing resentment against controversial SAC decision 2018, which regularised all Re/TSSA teachers and changed their nomenclature, along with SCERT recruitment notification, the ABVP leaders said that their fight will continue until justice is delivered to students. "If administration will not revoke SAC decision 2018 and stop 100 per cent regularization of Re/TSSA teachers along with 100 per cent departmental promotions for vacant posts of lecturers and drawback SCERT recruitment notification, we will march towards Secretariat," they added.

Prominent among those present during the protest included Mukesh Manhas, Shivani Rajput, Saket Rathore, Rammik Sharma, Anoop Singh, Ramesh Samburia, Akhil Jassotia, Abhishek Sharma, Vikrant

Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee presented the formal vote of thanks. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr Pritam Singh, Assistant Dean of Students Welfare. The NSS Unit Of Kathua Campus, University of Jammu also organised a Live session of Pariksha Pe Charcha for the Students and Teachers.

The live streaming of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022 in the Kathua Campus, JU was organised under the supervision of Amit Sharma, NSS Programme Officer along with Er. Abhigya Mahajan, Incharge NSS activities UIET. The whole event was organized under the guidance of Dr Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus, KU and Prof. Susheel Sharma, Coordinator UIET. Dr. Vivek Sharma Academic Coordinator, Pankaj Khajuria, Assistant Registrar; Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Incharge Head MBA, Dr. Sourabh Shastri, Incharge Head MCA along with the entire faculty of UIET and Kathua Campus were present during the event.

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