

Navreh Mahotsav 2025 concludes; KPs celebrate heritage and resolve

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JAMMU: The vibrant three-day "Navreh Mahotsav 2025," organized by Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra (SSK), concluded this evening with a closing ceremony held at Abhinav Theatre, HERE.

The event marked the culmination of festivities celebrating the Kashmiri Hindu New Year, honouring cultural heritage, and reinforcing the community's collective spirit.

A large number of Hindus, particularly Kashmiri Pandits (KPs), along with prominent luminaries from the community and wider society, attended the finale.

The first day, March 29th, was observed as Tyaag Divas, commemorating the selfless sacrifice of the revered 15th-century scholar and physician, Acharya Pandit Shreya Bhat.

March 30th was observed as Navreh Sankalp Divas, a day dedicated to reaffirming the community's resolve (Sankalp) to return to their



homeland. Collective and individual pledge ceremonies took place in homes, temples like Mata Baderkali Thalwal, community halls like Sanskriti Bhawan Roop Nagar (organized by Vivekananda Kendra Nagdandi), and various locations globally.

The third day, March 31st, was celebrated as Shaurya Divas, honouring the valour and legacy of the great 8th-century emperor, Samrat Lalitaditya.

The concluding ceremony today served as a fitting

finale to the Mahotsav. He quoted history to emphasize how rich Kashmiri culture, tradition, and contributions to the world were, citing Samrat Lalitaditya, who expanded his kingdom to an extent no less than that of the Mughal Empire. He urged the KPs to fight the narrative instead of fighting people, stating that a created narrative had turned oppressors into victims and victims into oppressors.

Mahamandaleshwar Shri Rameshwar Das extended his blessings to the community, highlighting the spiritual significance of Navreh and commending the collective resolve shown during the Sankalp Diwas, invoking hope and divine grace for the community's aspirations.

Dr. Karvani acknowledged the vital role of organizations like SSK in fostering unity and cultural continuity among the displaced community.

Dr. MK Bharat, Chairman of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra, conducted the stage proceedings, while Kuldeep Sudeshi presented the vote of thanks.

Nine children who won the online video and essay writing competitions were also felicitated on the occasion. Kashmiri Pandit (KP) organizations that extended their full support during the three-day event were also felicitated by the Chief Guest and special guests.

Artists from Sanskar Bharati performed the soulful song 'Wathiv Wani', which was also officially released during the event.

Jammu's Om Parkash honored with President's Police Medal on CBI Foundation Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) celebrated its Foundation Day with a significant focus on advancements in law enforcement and anti-corruption efforts.

A proud moment for Jammu, Om Parkash Dalotra, HC CBI ACB Jammu, was conferred with the prestigious President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

His unwavering commitment, exceptional investigative skills, and dedication to upholding justice have earned him this esteemed recognition.

He was awarded for his exemplary performance in conducting fast and efficient investigations, ensuring timely justice in crucial cases.

Om Parkash Dalotra has been an integral part of the CBI's mission to combat corruption and ensure accountability. His diligence and professionalism have set a high benchmark in law enforcement, making a lasting impact in the fight against crime and corruption in the region.

The event, held at Bharat Mandapam, was graced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, who delivered a lecture on the theme 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047 - A Roadmap for CBI'. The ceremony also marked the recognition of several other officers for their outstanding service.

CBI Director Praveen Sood hailed 2024 as a transformative year for law enforcement, with the introduction of BHARAT-



Om Parkash Dalotra, HC CBI ACB Jammu receiving medal.

POL enhancing seamless communication between agencies nationwide.

Additionally, new legal frameworks have accelerated investigations, leading to the registration of 502 anti-corruption cases this year, marking a significant stride in the fight against corruption.

The event also paid tribute to CBI's founder, late Dharamnath Prasad Kohli, acknowledging his pioneering efforts in establishing the agency as a premier investigating and prosecuting body in the country.

The CBI remains committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and efficiency in its pursuit of justice.

30th AAI Annual Day celebrated by Jammu Airport



Section of dignitaries during the event.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) marked its 30th Annual Day with a grand celebration at Jammu Airport.

The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by

Sanjeev Kumar Garg, the Airport Director who also read out the message of Chairman, AAI.

The celebration featured a vibrant cultural program with performances by AAI staff, airline representatives, CISF personnel, and

other stakeholders.

Adding to the significance of the occasion, Babita Garg, President of the AAI Women Welfare Association (Kalyanmayee), graced the event with her presence.

Educate every citizen about Modi govt schemes: Sat to party leaders

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Emphasizing on the need to take full advantage of the public welfare schemes initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government, Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP asked the senior leaders of the party to educate every citizen about the Modi government schemes on a mission mode.

Sat, was interacting with Party's Secretary Tariq Keen, former Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma, Spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, IT Incharge Ishant Gupta, and others at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sat said that the Modi government is committed to the welfare of the poor, needy and the underprivileged sections of the society. This government is working on the 'Antyodaya'



Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP interacting with party leaders.

mission, which aims to provide all the basic facilities and the right to live with dignity to the most neglected person of the society, he said.

"A glance at the numerous development projects and welfare schemes will itself convince even a common citizen that the Modi government has launched several welfare schemes aimed

at benefiting the needy, focusing on financial inclusion, healthcare, housing, agriculture, and social security", he said.

While enumerating some of some key benefits, he said that PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), PM Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Direct cash

transfers, and free food grain distribution during and after the crises like COVID-19, Aadhaar-based DBT has led to the Financial Inclusion of the poor and needy sections of society. He added that PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Awas Yojana (PMAY), Jal Jeevan mission, Ayushman Bharat

(PM-JAY), PM Mudra Yojana have provided relief to the needy section.

"Modi government has provided a people-friendly administration at their doorsteps with no scope of middlemen and corruption with total transparency", he said.

BJP is not only a political party to seek votes of the people during the election times but a mission to serve the nation and its people and it becomes the prime duty of every activist of the party to remain at the beck and call of people and extend best possible help to make them avail the benefits of welfare schemes.

Sat Sharma stressed upon the party leaders to also ask their colleagues to remain available for the people and serve as a bridge between them and the party.

HPS claims Geeta Dixit Memorial Trophy for third consecutive year

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: The Annual Valedictory Ceremony of YTS 2024-25 was organized by Youth Talent Search, a prestigious forum of 11 renowned schools, at Govt. Polytechnic Bikram Chowk, Jammu.

The event honored the winners of various competitions conducted throughout the year.

In a proud moment, Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan, clinched the Overall Winning Trophy, marking its dominance in multiple categories.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation



Faculty members along with winner team.

of the Geeta Dixit Memorial Rolling Trophy, which HPS won for the third consecutive year. The trophy was awarded to Anku Charak, Vice Principal of HPS.

The event was graced by

Indu Kanwal Chib, Chairperson, Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board, and a University Council Member, University of Jammu, as the Chief Guest.

Shagun Manchanda, District Mission Coordinator, Mission Shakti, Social Welfare Department, was the Guest of Honour and principals of distinguished schools.

The pinnacle of the event was a mesmerizing dance performance by the dedicated teachers of Humanity Public School. Their graceful and well-coordinated presentation captivated the audience, adding a touch of artistic brilliance to the event.

The performance featured Monika Saini, Ritika, Sonu Bala, Pallavi, Nirmal, Taruna, Neetu, and Tanmeet from the Primary

Wing; Nisha Dogra, Vishali Sangral, Gurvinder, and Mannu from the Pre-Primary Wing; Neha Attri and Shivati from the Middle Wing; and Vaishali and Davneet from the Art & Craft Department.

The Vice Principal, Anku Charak, and Principal, Gaurav Charak, addressed the gathering during the school's morning assembly, expressing their deep gratitude to the organizers and participants.

They emphasized the importance of such platforms in nurturing young talent and fostering a spirit of healthy competition among schools.

Watch DFB Pokal semi-finals live on WAVES OTT on April 2 & 3

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Football fans across India can gear up for two thrilling nights as the semi-finals of the DFB Pokal kick off on April 2 and 3. The matches will be streamed live on WAVES, the official OTT platform of Prasar Bharati.

Following the exciting quarter-finals - also broadcast on WAVES - the tournament now enters its final leg before the grand finale on May 24.

To celebrate this global sporting event, an exclusive contest is launched, giving two lucky Indian fans a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to win an all-expenses-paid trip to Germany for the DFB-Pokal final in Berlin. Participants must download the WAVES OTT app, watch the DFB-Pokal matches and answer simple questions.

The winners will be announced on April 15 and will have the chance to witness the thrilling finale live in Germany.

Tune in to WAVES for world-class football, and a chance to witness it live from the stands.

Reasi Taekwondo Champ held at Katra

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District Reasi Taekwondo Championship, organized under the aegis of the J&K Taekwondo Association and J&K Sports Council, concluded at the SMVD Shrine Board Sports Complex, Katra. The competition witnessed nearly 100 participation from various schools and clubs of district Reasi.

The event held under the guidance of Danish Sharma, secretary of the Taekwondo Association of district Reasi. The event was graced by Laxmi Devi, who was chief guest. Rishi Kotwal, Satpaul Sharma



and Daksh Salgotra were special guests.

The championship highlighted the growing talent in Taekwondo in district Reasi

and encouraged the young athletes to pursue excellence in the sport.

The Results: Sub-Junior Boys: Arnav Dev

Singh, (21 kg); Dhaivik Kumar (32 kg); Bhuvanaya Kangotra (32 kg); Aadhavan Samotra (50 kg). Sub-Junior Girls: Kavya Verma (23 kg). Cadet Boys: Sorav Kumar (31 kg); Suryansh Rajput (57 kg); Devansh Kumar, (33 kg). Senior Male: Gold: Gourav Singh (54 kg); Shivnandan Lalotra (58 kg); Ayush Bral (63 kg); Rahul Kalotra (68 kg); Manat Sharma - Gold (Under 74kg); Tarun Singh (87 kg). Senior Female: Muskaan Devi (55 kg). Junior Boys Category: Sandeep Kumar (51 kg); Narinder Kumar (55 kg); Nishant Bral (63 kg).

New session begins with Hawan at MHAC School

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The new academic session commenced at Maharaja Hari Singh Agricultural Collegiate School Nagbani, here with the auspicious Hawan Ceremony. Prominent among the special guests were Legislator, Sham Lal Sharma and Manager, MHAC School Nagbani, T.K Ganjoo. Member of Local Managing Committee, Prof Narayan Dutt and parent representative for the event, Mr Parveen were also present.



A ceremonial hawan was performed in the Yagyashala

wherein newly admitted students along with their parents participated. The aura of the Hawan purified the ambience. Melodious Bhajans were sung by the music department to elevate the spiritual awakening amongst the august gathering. Legislator Sham Lal Sharma advocated value education and the importance of languages in once life. He

highlighted the legacy of Maharaja Hari Singh and his contribution in education, especially for those under privileged. He praised the contribution of MHAC School Nagbani towards education for last few decades. He lauded the Principal's efforts in imparting quality education to the students of the region. Earlier, Principal MHAC School Nagbani, Brij Mohan Babbar speaking on the occasion laid stress on value based education and highlighted the achievements of the school in various fields.

DIG U-R Range inaugurates Volleyball Tournament in Memory of Martyr PSI Deepak Sharma



DIG U-R Range, Rayees Mohammad Bhat along with players and others during the tournament.

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: In order to pay tribute to the bravery courage, and supreme sacrifice of PSI Deepak Sharma, who laid down his life in the service of nation.

District Police Udhampur inaugurated a three-day Volleyball Tournament at the District Police Lines Udhampur. The event is being organized under the Civic Action Programme 2024-25 in collaboration with the Volleyball Association Udhampur.

The tournament was inaugurated by DIG U-R Range, Rayees Mohammad Bhat in presence of SSP Udhampur Sh. Amod Nagpure IPS, Addl. SP Udhampur, DySP Hqrs., DySP DAR Udhampur; officials, participants, and members of the Volleyball Association Udhampur.

While addressing the gathering, DIG U-R Range emphasized the significance of sports in shaping the lives of youth. He highlighted that sports activities not only enhance physical and mental well-being but also help in steering the youth away from social evils such as drug addiction, terrorism, and separatism. He encouraged young athletes to take inspiration from the discipline and team spirit exhibited in sports to achieve their life goals.

Volleyball tournament is being organized from 1st April 2025 to 4th April 2025 where in 08 different volleyball teams will participate from different areas of District Udhampur.

A Volleyball match between Udhampur Volleyball Club and Thial Volleyball Club was played on the occasion of inaugural function, which was won by Udhampur Volleyball Club.