

Astro India Mahindra unveils XUV 3XO REVX Series

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JAMMU: Astro India Automobile, the authorised dealer of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., on Thursday launched the XUV 3XO REVX Series in Jammu.

The launch ceremony witnessed the presence of Chairman Mohinder Gupta, MD Vikram Mahajan, Director Satyam Gupta, and Dr. C.D. Gupta, along with a large gathering of patrons and customers. Starting at a competitive price of Rs 8.94 lakh, the new REVX series aims to set new benchmarks in the compact SUV segment. "The XUV 3XO has already established itself as a frontrunner by achieving over 1 lakh sales within a year, making it Mahindra's fastest-selling SUV," Mohinder Gupta said adding that the newly introduced REVX series adds even more



Chairman Mohinder Gupta, MD Vikram Mahajan, Director Satyam Gupta, and Dr. C.D. Gupta at launching ceremony.

value to the lineup by offering premium features, bold design elements, and best-in-class performance, appealing especially to customers who value individuality and personal expression.

With the tagline "Different is in," the REVX series caters to those who prefer to stand out from the crowd, he added. "The entry-level REVX M variant is powered by a 1.2L mStallion TCMPFI engine delivering

82 kW of power and 200 Nm of torque. It boasts striking exteriors with a body-colored front grille, full-width LED DRLs, R16 black wheel covers, and a dual-tone roof. The cabin is equally stylish with plush black leatherette seats, a 26.03 cm infotainment system with steering-mounted controls, and a 4-speaker audio system. Safety features include six airbags, ESC with Hill Hold Control, and All 4 Disc Brakes," he

said. He added that the REVX M(O), priced at Rs 9.44 lakh, builds upon the M variant by offering a single-pane sunroof, enhancing the vehicle's premium appeal and elevating the driving experience.

At the top end, the REVX A, starting at Rs 11.79 lakh, is powered by a more advanced 1.2L mStallion TGD engine delivering 96 kW of power and 230 Nm torque, he said.

Available with both manual and automatic transmission options, it features a panoramic sunroof, leatherette seats, dual-tone interiors, auto-dimming IRVM, and twin 26.03 cm HD screens-one for infotainment and one as a fully digital instrument cluster. It also includes the Adrenox Connect suite with built-in Alexa, online navigation, wireless Android Auto, and Apple CarPlay.

All three REVX variants are offered in five stunning colors-Galaxy Grey, Tango Red, Nebula Blue, Everest White, and Stealth Black. With a compelling blend of bold styling, advanced technology, and high-end safety features, the XUV 3XO REVX series promises to redefine driving for the modern, style-conscious Indian consumer.

420 MT Rotor lowered in Unit-I of Pakal Dul H.E. Project, CVPPL



CVPPL officials posing with others.

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JAMMU: In an effort towards commissioning of Pakal Dul H.E. Project (1000 MW), presently under construction by CVPPL (A Joint Venture of NHPC Limited and JKSPDC), 420 MT Rotor has been successfully lowered in Unit-1 on Thursday

in the presence of Rakesh, Independent Engineer/ Executive Director, NHPC, Vishal Anand, GM (I/e) - Head of Project, Pakal Dul H.E. Project and Senior Officials of CVPPL & M/s Voith (Contractor for E&M Package).

Ramesh Mukhiya, Managing Director,

CVPPL, while congratulating the team of Pakal Dul H.E. Project, appreciated the efforts of officials in achieving the aforesaid Milestone.

Managing Director, also advised all employees to make all out efforts towards Project completion within the timeline.

JYBT announces special arrangements for Shravan Mass 2025

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JAMMU: The auspicious month of Shravan, considered the holiest period in the Vedic Sanatan tradition, is set to begin on 11th July 2025. This year, the Shravan Mass holds additional significance as it coincides with five Somvars (Mondays), a period particularly sacred for devotees of Bhagwan Shiva. The Shravan month, known for its divine atmosphere under the celestial rule of Shravan Nakshatra, is considered the most auspicious of all the twelve Desi months, said Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust (JYBT), Jammu/Haridwar while speaking in the press conference held on Thursday. During this period, Shastri said, daily worship rituals dedicated to various deities play a significant role in spiritual life.

"Mondays are dedicated to Bhagwan Shiva, Tuesdays to

Bhagwan Ganesh, Goddess Maha Kali, and Bhagwan Hanuman, while the remaining weekdays are reserved for worshipping Bhagwan Vishnu, Goddess Lakshmi, and other deities," Pawan Shastri said.

He announced elaborate arrangements for the observance of Shravan Mass at its Haridwar Bhawan from 11th July to 15th August, 2025. "The Trust will conduct daily rituals and religious ceremonies for the prosperity of the universe and devotees associated with the Trust. Notably, the Trust will perform Rudra Abhishek for prosperity, with Eleven Rudra Abhisheks being performed daily," Pawan Shastri said adding that devotees wishing to partake in this divine ritual can apply by filling out the prescribed form available at the Trust's offices in Jammu, Haridwar, and B.C. Road.

"The Dakshna (donation) for performing each Rudra Paath with

Rudra Abhishek is Rs. 1500 per path, with a special package of 11 Rudra Abhisheks available for Rs. 15,000, and 36 Rudra Abhisheks for Rs. 31,000 for the entire Shravan Mass period," Pawan Shastri said adding that the Trust also offers the facility to watch the Rudra Path live on their Facebook Page for those who cannot attend in person. For further details, devotees can contact the Gurdas Sharma, General Secretary/Treasurer (94191-93645), Jammu Office Helpline (70511-22990), Haridwar Office Helpline (9897128391), B.C. Road Office Helpline (88994-33913), Balbir Singh, Field Officer (94196-62100), B.R. Sharma, Administrator (95969-55663).

Shravan is a time for devotion, prayer, and spiritual growth, and these offerings provide a unique opportunity for devotees to connect with the divine, even from a distance.

Pahari Tribe ST Forum honours Harjot Singh for qualifying prestigious UPSC Exam

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SUNDERBANI: Pahari Tribe ST Forum, J&K held a tour of Sunderbani and Nowshera block of district Rajouri in order to boost up the block level Executive Wings

State Coordinator Pahari Tribe ST Forum, J&K Vikrant Sharma accompanied by senior Executive Members Bharat Bushan Vaid, Surinder Sharma and Bindu Choudhary held meeting with prominent members of Civil Society and discussed future course of action of PT ST Forum that aims to strengthen the socio cultural and economic conditions of Pahari Tribe. Meetings also aimed to frame the block level Executive Wings of the area. The meeting at Sunderbani was presided by President of Sr.Citizens Council



Pahari Tribe ST Forum honouring Harjot Singh.

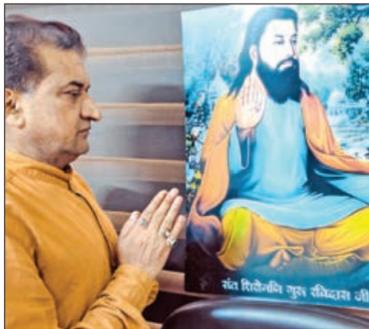
Sunderbani Shri K.K Khaki who on behalf all the house members honoured Vikrant Sharma for being elected as the State Coordinator of PT ST Forum and assured unconditional full support to PT ST Forum which lead the movement raising voice for ST status to Pahari Tribe, post 2019. The meeting was convened by renowned Social Activist

Amarjeet Sharma and prominent who were present includes Dr.Mulakh Raj, Rakesh Sharma, Balwant Raj Sharma, Nishikant Sharma, Sanjeev Khajuria, Sumeet Sudan, Ankit Bali, Akshay Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Rakesh Kumar, Ajay Sharma, Shanti Bushan, Ishan Sharma and many more. At Nowshera PT ST Forum functionaries held a visit at

Village Bareri (Nowshera) and greeted Sd.Harjot Singh S/O Sd.Daljeet Singh and Sdn Jatinder Kour for bringing laurels by qualifying prestigious UPSC Examinations

Pertinent to mention that Sd.Harjot Singh has got earlier education from Christ School, Nowshera and did PG in Political Sciences from JNU, New Delhi. Earlier he also cracked JKAS examination(2023). In his message to the young aspirants Harjot Singh claimed that hardwork with absolute dedication is the key to crack any examination. He also appealed Youth to keep away from drugs and focus on their bright future. Also added that ST status to the Pahari Tribe shall boost Ethnic group of the area in particular to achieve their aim.

Balbir remembers Guru Ravidas on Guru Purnima



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JAMMU: A follower of the great 14th-century saint, social reformer, and messenger of equality and brotherhood, Guru Ravidas, and associated with various social organizations, Balbir Ram Rattan, paid respectful homage to Guru Ravidas on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima and reaffirmed his resolve to walk the path shown by him.

On the occasion of Guru Purnima, Balbir Ram

our guru's teachings are reflected in our conduct. On this day, we must express our gratitude towards our guru and draw new energy from his blessings. Balbir said that the thoughts of Guru Ravidas are just as relevant today as they were in his time. His life teaches us that true happiness can only be achieved through hard work and honesty. He showed the way to connect all sections of society and establish harmony. Balbir urged everyone in society to respect their respective gurus, follow the path shown by them, and spread goodness in society. He said that if we imbibe the teachings of our guru in our conduct, not only will our lives become better, but harmony and peace will also be established in society.

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KSS celebrates Guru Purnima with traditional religious fervor

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JAMMU: Kashmiri Sahayak Samiti (KSS) celebrated their annual Guru Purnima festival with religious fervor and with high spiritual enthusiasm here today at Sai Baba Mandir, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Hundreds of devotees chanting Guru mantras through the sanctum sanctorum of Sai baba Mandir to worship their religious Guru by performing their ritual traditional Pooja for peace and prosperity of mankind besides paying full obeisance to their Guru mentor.

Kashmiri traditional sholakas and mantras, created an emotional atmosphere among displayed Kashmiri Pandit Baradari, who could not pay their obeisance at their native place in Kashmir on this auspicious occasion.

Dr. Daleep Pandita, General Secretary of KSS while thanking all the devotees who attended this function in exile with great spirituality and high enthusiasm, culminated the day long function by offering traditional prashad suji halwa among the devotees and public.

ADGP Armed emphasizes significance of maintaining discipline, physical fitness

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KUPWARA: Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Armed J&K, on Thursday visited the IRP 4th Battalion Headquarters at Wayen, Kupwara.

He was accompanied by Junaid Mehmood, DIG IRP Kashmir, and Munir Ahmad, SSP APCR Kashmir.

On his arrival, the ADGP was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour by a smart contingent of IRP 4th Battalion.

The ADGP conducted a comprehensive inspection of the battalion campus, including the Battalion Kot, Mess, MT fleet, Equipment Store, and Main Office.

Jain interacted with officers and jawans and later presided over a Darbar of the battalion personnel.

During the Darbar, he patiently listened to their grievances and assured timely redressal of all genuine concerns.

He strongly advised personnel to refrain from drug use, stay away from online gaming addiction, and remain vigilant against cyber-related frauds, which increasingly target security personnel.

DIG Junaid Mehmood emphasised about welfare and duties to go together. He lauded effort of Battalion in performing multifarious duties with dedication and commitment.

On the occasion, the ADGP also inspected the newly constructed infrastructure of the Border 2nd Battalion at Wayen, Kupwara.

He reviewed the progress and quality of ongoing construction works and issued on-the-spot directions for ensuring the timely completion of all pending works.

Furthermore, the ADGP directed the Commandant of the Border Battalion to shift the unit's office to the new premises.

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Div Com reviews preparations for Annual Basohli Utsav



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar speaking in a meeting.

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KATHUA: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Thursday visited Basohli to hold a comprehensive interaction with stakeholders and review the roadmap for the Annual Basohli Festival to be organised in coming months for celebrating and reviving the region's rich cultural and artistic heritage. While interacting with the participants, the Divisional Commissioner underlined the importance of reviving Basohli's pristine glory through the Basohli Utsav.

He said that Basohli holds immense cultural and historical significance with its world-famous paintings, fine Pashmina, traditional food, and iconic heritage sites like Atal Setu, Basohli Fort and Chanchlo Mata Mandir.

The Divisional Commissioner emphasized that coordinated efforts are required to put and promote Basohli on the tourism map of the country. He added that the need of the hour is enhanced local involvement and

up scaled production of indigenous crafts like Basohli paintings and pashmina shawls to enhance their reach and market value. To enhance the vibrancy of the festival, the Divisional Commissioner suggested community-led beautification of homes and surroundings, bringing in renowned artists and experts to curate and guide the festival's aesthetics and programming, and roping in students and professionals from institutions like IITs and IIMs for innovative ideas to help the festival grow every year.

He also stressed the promotion of homestays and encouragement of local vendors to boost tourist interaction and economic activity.

The Divisional Commissioner assured full administrative support to make Basohli Utsav a grand annual event that resonates with showcasing rich ancient culture, traditions, art & crafts, community spirit and tourism promotion. He said that through combined efforts, Basohli can emerge as a vibrant destination reflecting its tradi-

tion richness and artistic excellence. Earlier, Director ACB (DIG), Shakti Pathak informed that fifteen committees have been constituted to manage different aspects of the festival. He described Basohli Utsav as a meaningful initiative to reconnect people with their roots and instill pride in local traditions. He added that this year's events will be spread across multiple locations including the traditional Ramleela Ground, TRC, Basohli Fort, Jaunjghar and Purthu. Regional Director IGNCA Jammu Shruti Avasthi informed that contests based on local folklore will be a highlight of this year's festival. Besides, academic and technical sessions will be held to bring educational value and deeper understanding of Basohli's rich heritage to visitors and participants. Prominent citizens and stakeholders shared their valuable suggestions to make the Basohli festival successful and vibrant.

The meeting was held at the Office of the Ram-leela Club, Basohli, and was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas, Director ACB (DIG), Shakti Pathak, Additional Deputy Commissioner Basohli Pankaj Bhagotra, Regional Director IGNCA Jammu Shruti Avasthi, along with representatives from NGOs, social organizations and a large number of locals.

J&K poll body headless for over a month, no action taken yet: AJKPC

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JAMMU: The All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) has expressed strong discon-

cerns. Sharma alleged that MLAs are deliberately avoiding the issue, fearing the conduct of long-pending Panchayat and Urban Local Body elections. "On national or unrelated issues, they never hesitate to speak. But on a crucial matter like local elections, they choose silence," he added.

Under the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, only the State Election Commission has the authority to conduct these elections, which have been overdue for more than 18 months. Sharma appealed to senior bureaucrats to uphold the Constitution and democratic values. "Officers serve institutions, not individuals. Institutions are permanent and must be protected," he asserted.

The AJKPC plans to launch a mass campaign demanding immediate Panchayat elections following the conclusion of the Amarnath Yatra and Independence Day celebrations. A formal letter has already been sent to the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister, urging prompt appointment of the new State Election Commissioner to restore faith in democratic governance at the grassroots level.

He highlighted that over a month has passed since the term of former Chief Secretary B.R. Sharma as the State Election Commissioner ended, yet no steps have been taken to appoint a successor. This apathy, he said, points to a disturbing neglect of demo-

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