

All India Thathar Mahajan Biradari honours talent, service at Guga Navmi award ceremony

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JAMMU: The All India Thathar Mahajan Biradari held a grand Award Distribution Ceremony at the sacred Datti Mandir, Bawe Talab, Akhnoor Road, here on the auspicious occasion of Guga Navmi, celebrating talent, dedication, and community service.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Biradari members and dignitaries, and was presided over by Dr. Devinder Gupta, President of the Biradari.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Gupta spoke about the spiritual and cultural significance of Guga Navmi and provided updates on various Biradari initiatives.

These included the printing and distribution of the Biradari Directory, the annual



All India Thathar Mahajan Biradari members honouring senior citizen.

renovation of the revered Datti Darbar, and the ongoing construction of the Datti Ashram building. He also announced that the book "Datti Parshad" will be distributed free of cost to all Biradari members during the Mail in November 2025,

and highlighted the tradition of presenting the Datti Chuni to girls on the occasion of their marriage.

The highlight of the event was the Award Ceremony, where members were honoured across multiple categories. In

the Cultural Excellence segment, children aged 3 to 8 years were recognised for their talents in Bhajans, Poetry Recitation, and Mythological Dance.

Students achieving academic excellence in classes 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th, and graduation, with 80% marks or above in the 2024-25 academic year, were awarded for their scholastic achievements.

Biradari youth who earned higher academic qualifications or excelled in national and international sports competitions were also celebrated.

A heartfelt tribute was paid to the senior citizens and Datti Sewaks of the Biradari, honouring their years of selfless service and commitment to the community.

Dr. Devinder Gupta also acknowledged the dedicated

efforts of the event committee, which played a pivotal role in the successful planning and execution of the programme.

The leadership team included Dr. Devinder Gupta (President), Sudhir Gupta (Vice President), Aruna Gupta (Vice President, Women Wing), Ranjana Gupta (General Secretary, Women Wing), and Naveen Gupta (Secretary-cum-Cashier).

Significant contributions were also made by Bhuvnesh Gupta, Suresh Gupta, Nevi Gupta, Lalit Gupta, and Nitish Gupta, all of whom were appreciated for their active involvement.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Gupta outlined the vision for the upcoming Mail in November 2025, calling upon members to participate with renewed enthusiasm and unity.

Independence Day in Vaishali marks green pledge for cleaner tomorrow

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VAISHALI: Chitragupta Park in Vaishali came alive with patriotic fervour as residents gathered to celebrate Independence Day with a unique green twist. The tricolour Indian flag was proudly hoisted jointly by Sunil Vaid, V.B. Saxena, Minakshi Srivastava, Manju Kulshrestha along with writer and environmentalist Dr. Prashant Sinha, who also led a plantation drive aimed at creating a healthier ecological balance.

Marking the occasion, residents planted dozens of saplings, sending a powerful message that freedom is not just about political independence, but also about liberating our surroundings from pollution and neglect. Colourful banners and spirited chants echoed through the park with slogans such as "Freedom from



Sunil Vaid, V.B. Saxena, Minakshi Srivastava, Manju Kulshrestha along with Dr. Prashant Sinha at a programme.

Pollution" and "Freedom from Dirt".

Speaking at the event, Dr. Prashant Sinha said, "Our fight today is against environmental degradation. By planting trees and caring for them, we are gifting future generations a cleaner, healthier planet. True independence means living in harmony with nature."

Adding to the celebration, Dr. Birbal Jha, a noted social reformer, addressed the gather-

ing through a tele-message. He remarked, "Independence is incomplete without social responsibility. Every citizen has a role to play in preserving the environment and building a nation where both people and nature thrive."

Shailendra Srivastava, Sushil Srivastava, Jaya Srivastava, Sarita Saxena, Punam Saxena, Abhay Saxena, Kuldeep Saxena and others were present on the occasion.

Natrang presents Hindi comedy play 'Purvabhyaas'



A scene from play 'Purvabhyaas' directed by Neeraj Kant, presented by Natrang in its weekly series 'Sunday Theatre'.

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JAMMU: In its endeavours to come up with a theatre production every Sunday, Natrang presented a new Hindi comedy play 'Purvabhyaas' written by Om Prakash and directed by Neeraj Kant in its weekly theatre Sunday Theatre.

"Purvabhyaas" is a satirical stage comedy that unfolds in a small town where two self-proclaimed healers, an overconfident Hakim and a flamboyant hypnosis professor are fierce rivals. The Hakim swears by his miraculous "Amar Bhaskar" powder, prescrib-

ing it to everyone from a nervous middle-aged woman to a farmer whose cow refuses to eat grass and give milk. Meanwhile, the professor uses dramatic mind-control sessions, urging patients to imagine wild forests, lions and elephants, only to leave them more terrified than before.

Their competitive worlds collide when both are summoned to treat a young boy who has mysteriously fainted at home. Instead of curing him, they plunge into a ridiculous battle of words, each trying to prove their own superiority. The parents watch in dismay as their "doctors" descend into a physical scuffle. Suddenly, the boy springs up and reveals the truth, he's perfectly healthy and was merely rehearsing for a play with the "Natrang" theatre group, where he must lie still on stage for two hours.

The truth makes both the Hakim and the Professor look foolish, showing how blind faith and big egos can mislead people. With lively dialogues, funny situations and light-hearted humour, Purvabhyaas becomes an entertaining yet meaningful play on quackery, human weakness and how easily we can be made to laugh at ourselves.

Today's play was decorated with the participation of Pawan Verma (Recipient of J&K State Award and National Fellowship from Ministry of Culture) who performed brilliantly. Others who have significant performances included Aryan Sharma, Nisha Suri, Kushal Bhat, Kartik Kumar, Krishay Bhatia and Mehak Sharma. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

NHPC's flagship CSR initiative Shiksha Rath 7.0 concludes in Turtuk



Participants posing with NHPC officials.

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NUBRA: NHPC Limited successfully concluded its flagship CSR initiative, Shiksha Rath 7.0, with a closing event held on Sunday in Turtuk, Nubra, Ladakh.

The event was graced by Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC as Chief Guest along with the Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Turtuk, local villagers and Self-Help Group (SHG) women.

A key highlight of the event

was the inauguration of homestay units developed with NHPC's CSR support to promote border tourism and generate sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Additionally, 30 sewing machines were distributed to women who successfully completed professional tailoring training conducted in collaboration with USHA International. Certificates were awarded to acknowledge the skills and determination of the partici-

pants, marking a significant step towards women's empowerment.

Shiksha Rath 7.0 was originally launched on October 6, 2024, under NHPC's Corporate Social Responsibility mandate. Implemented by the Samaarambh Foundation, the initiative focused on holistic development across seven remote border villages of Ladakh namely Turtuk, Tyakshi, Thang-Chathang, Bogdang, Chalunkha,

Dhotang and Thang.

The program addressed key developmental areas including health and hygiene awareness, education, skill development and sustainable livelihoods.

Notable interventions included the installation of sanitary pad vending machines to promote menstrual hygiene, enhancement of digital education infrastructure in schools, handloom training programs to preserve traditional crafts, promotion of homestays to support local entrepreneurship and the installation of a stargazing telescope in Turtuk to encourage tourism and scientific curiosity among youth.

Through Shiksha Rath 7.0, NHPC Limited continues to demonstrate its commitment to inclusive, sustainable development in some of India's most remote and strategically significant regions.

LG Kavinder Gupta pays obeisance at Devsthan of Raja Mandlik Ji

Prays for peace, prosperity & welfare of people during annual congregation

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SAMBA: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Sunday paid obeisance at the revered Devsthan of Raja Mandlik Ji at Village Raya Suchani in District Samba, Jammu, on the occasion of the annual congregation. The Lieutenant Governor was warmly welcomed by the community members, who expressed their gratitude for his presence on this auspicious occasion.

While offering prayers, Kavinder Gupta sought the blessings of Raja Mandlik Ji for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of the community as well as the welfare of the general public. He also lauded the com-



Lt Governor Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta paying obeisance at revered Devsthan of Raja Mandlik Ji.

munity for preserving its rich cultural and spiritual traditions through such gatherings. On the occasion, Sat Pal Gupta, President of the Community, apprised the Lieutenant Governor about the issues and

aspirations of the community members. The Lt Governor assured that due consideration would be given to their concerns and reaffirmed his commitment towards the welfare of the community.

MALIN celebrates Janmashtami with inmates of Virdh Ashram

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JAMMU: MALIN, a group of nearly 100 socially active senior citizens dedicated to serving the underprivileged, celebrated the sacred festival of Shri Krishna Janmashtami this year at the Home for the Aged and Infirm, Amphalla, Jammu.

Instead of celebrating in a temple, MALIN chose to spend the day with the elderly residents of the Home - people who have contributed to society but are often forgotten on such occasions. The inmates joined wholeheartedly in the celebrations, performing Krishna's birthday Pooja, chanting shlokas and mantras, and enjoying soulful bhajans. A high-



MALIN, a group of senior citizens celebrating Janmashtami at Home for Aged and Infirm.

light of the event was the devotional poetry presented by veteran poet Dr. S.K. Jain.

Speaking on the occasion, MALIN's Senior Vice President, R.K. Kakroo, reminded everyone that elders are like living gods

and deserve respect, care, and love, especially on such festivals. Patron Shri Naresh Maimi also urged civil society to come forward and support such noble causes.

Dr. Daleep Pandita, General Secretary of

MALIN, thanked the Home's management for the opportunity to serve the senior citizens. Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Secretary of the Home, shared insights about its functioning and

appealed to philanthropists to help in identifying and

supporting genuine neglected elders for admission.

The event was graced by several dignitaries including S.N. Koul, Surinder Munshi, Chandan Popli, Sarla Kholi, Rema Ambaradar, Nirmal Bhati Pandita, Ashok Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Sat Pal Sharma, Rajinder Singh and Dr. R Thappa. President of the Home, I.D. Soni, expressed gratitude to MALIN for organizing such a meaningful

Bhajan Sandhya and encouraged them to continue visiting and interacting with the inmates. MALIN assured that they will keep celebrating festivals with the Home, making the residents feel like part of their family.

ABVP Kashmir's 'Shuraya-e-Tiranga' rally inspires patriotism, unity

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PAHALGAM: In a powerful display of national pride and youth solidarity, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Kashmir organized the historic 'Shuraya-e-Tiranga' Rally in Pahalgam, uniting hundreds of students under the theme "Shaheedoun ke Samaan Mein, Vidyarthi Parishad Maidan Mein."

The rally paid homage to the

martyrs of Operation Sandoor, the victims of the Pahalgam killings, and those lost in the Kishitwar cloudburst tragedy.

Starting from Pahalgam Club and culminating at the Main Market, the highlight was a 150-foot-long Tiranga, carried by spirited students echoing chants of national unity.

Addressing the crowd, Akeel Ahmad Tantray, National Executive Council Member of



ABVP Kashmir's members taking out 'Shuraya-e-Tiranga' rally.

ABVP, emphasized the importance of remembering sacrifices and empowering youth for nation-building.

He reaffirmed ABVP's commitment to fostering patriotism and resilience among students across Kashmir. The rally concluded with emotional tributes and a collective pledge to uphold the honour of the Tiranga and serve the nation with dedication and unity.

Dr. Karan Singh expresses grief over cloudburst tragedy in Kathua

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JAMMU: Dr. Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir, has expressed deep anguish at the tragic cloudburst in Kathua district that has claimed several lives and caused widespread destruction.

In a message of solidarity, Dr. Karan Singh said that the loss of precious human lives and destruction of homes in this natural calamity has brought immense sorrow to the people of

the Union Territory. Extending his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, he prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls and courage to the families to bear this irreparable loss.

Dr. Karan Singh also wished speedy recovery to those injured and called upon the administration to ensure timely relief, medical assistance, and rehabilitation for the affected.

Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust provides relief to Kishitwar cloudburst victims

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JAMMU: The President of Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust, Pawan Kumar Shastri, along with Vice President Raj Kumar Gupta and General Secretary Gurdas Sharma, visited Government Medical College, Jammu, to meet and support individuals injured in the recent Kishitwar cloudburst.

The Trust officials inquired about the patients' health and interacted with their accompanying family members, assuring them of the institution's unwavering support during this difficult time.

The Trust is providing nutritious meals, fresh fruits, and other essential items to the injured and their families, ensuring dignified services and continuous care.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Pawan Kumar Shastri



JYBT members interacting with Kishitwar cloudburst injured at GMC Jammu.

said, "The Kishitwar tragedy is a matter of deep sorrow for the entire society. In this hour of crisis, every institution and individual must come forward to help the victims. Jammu

Yatri Bhawan Trust has always been at the forefront of social and humanitarian service, and we stand firmly with the affected families."

Known for its contributions

in social, cultural, and religious spheres, the Trust has served pilgrims, organized religious events, and supported social initiatives across Haridwar and Jammu.

The Kishitwar disaster has highlighted the Trust's commitment beyond religious service, extending assistance to every section of society in times of need.

On August 14, 2025, a sudden cloudburst struck the Chishoti area along the Machail Mata Yatra route in Kishitwar, causing widespread devastation, injuring many devotees, and leaving several families grieving. The government immediately launched relief and rescue operations and began providing financial support to victims' families.

Through its swift intervention, Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust has set an inspiring example of compassion, solidarity, and humanitarian service, offering immediate relief while reinforcing the message that society stands united in the face of tragedy.

BTSM Kashmir team meets Dr. Indresh Kumar at Pahalgam

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JAMMU: A delegation of the Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) Kashmir Division met with Dr. Indresh Kumar, senior RSS Paraharak and founder of BTSM, today at Pahalgam. The team was led by Abdul Majeed Sheikh, State Secretary in charge of Kashmir, and included Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday (South Kashmir in-charge), Rameez Raja (District President, Anantnag), Shabir Ahmad Malik (District President, Srinagar), along with other activists.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Indresh Kumar lauded the Kashmir team for their dedication and impactful work on the ground and



BTSM Kashmir team meeting with Dr. Indresh Kumar, senior RSS Paraharak.

assured them of his continued support in all initiatives.

Dr. Vivek Sharma highlighted that the BTSM Kashmir team has been actively pursuing the organisation's mission throughout 2025, conducting events such as the Tiranga Yatra on Independence Day and celebrations of the BTSM

Foundation Day, among others.

He further emphasized that the Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch, under the guidance of Dr. Indresh Kumar, remains committed to promoting awareness about Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar and advancing the organisation's objectives in the region.