

Baba Sidhgoria Dham's 57th Shat Chandi Mahayagya concluded at Paloura

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The eleven-day spiritual extravaganza at Baba Sidhgoria Dham, Paloura, culminated today, witnessing an overwhelming influx of devotees and sadhus to the concluding ceremony of the 57th Shat Chandi Mahayagya and the final discourse of the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha. The air reverberated with chants and spiritual hymns as thousands participated in the Purnahuti, marking the successful completion of the Mahayagya. The Dham grounds were filled with an aura of tranquillity and devotion as Mahant Shri Dr. Satyanarayan Das Ji Maharaj delivered the concluding sermon of the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, leaving the attendees spellbound with his wisdom and insights. Beginning on September 14th, the event served as a beacon of spiritual solace for countless individuals. The daily discourses on the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, initiated on September 9th, captivated audiences with their profound messages and divine interpretations.



Puran Ahuuti was performed today at Baba Sidhgoria Dham, Paloura spreading the message of peace and devotion. Accommodation and meals were provided for Pandits and Mahatmas at the Dham premises courtesy of Baba Sidhgoria Dham Paloura. Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji Maharaj, expressing his gratitude towards the overwhelming response, stated, "The success of this event is a testament to the unwavering faith of the devotees. We are humbled by the overwhelming participation and the spiritual fer-

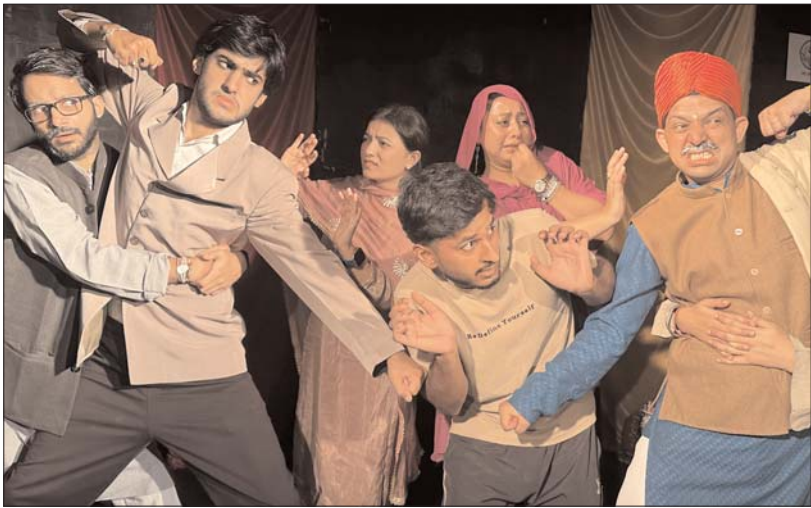
your witnessed throughout these eleven days." Chairman Team Jammu and Spokesperson BJP J&K said Zorawar Singh Jamwal who also attended Puran Ahuti ceremony said that "Such Sanatan activities teach society Vasudev Kutumbkum and Unites civil society. People must inculcate their children Sanatan preaching from childhood onwards so that they possess a strong foundation and don't indulge in bad activities like drug addiction when they attain youth age." Prominent among those who attended the Purn

Ahuti include: Mahant Rameshwar Dass ji Maharaj, Shri Mahant Dutt Giri Ji Maharaj, President Shat Darshan Sadhu Samaj (SDSS), Various political, social and religious dignitaries, Raman Raina, Senior Photo Journalist was eminent social worker who liasoned smooth conduct of Sanatan activity. The 57th Shat Chandi Mahayagya and Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will be etched in the memories of all those who attended, leaving them with renewed spirits and a deeper connection to their spiritual selves.

Natrang presents Hindi play 'Purvabhyaas'

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In its endeavours to come up with a theatre production every Sunday, Natrang presented a hindi comedy play 'Purvabhyaas' written by Om Prakash and directed by Neeraj Kant in its weekly theatre series '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. Hakim swears by his miraculous "Amar Bhaskar" powder, prescribing 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, Kushal Bhat, Lal Mohd. , Aadesh Dhar, Vanshika Slathia and Damini Thakur .The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant, the presentations were done by Priyal Ashok Gupta and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

Army organises ex-servicemen outreach programme at Akhnoor

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An Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Outreach Programme was organised at Akhnoor on 19 September 2026 with the aim of strengthening engagement with the veteran fraternity and providing a dedicated platform to address their welfare-related concerns and grievances. The programme facilitated direct interaction between Ex-Servicemen and the organisers, enabling veterans to highlight issues pertaining to pension matters, documentation, welfare schemes and other concerns requiring attention. The initiative also focused on ensuring effective co-ordination with concerned agencies for timely redressal of grievances and providing necessary assistance to the veteran community.



A total of 74 Ex-Servicemen, along with one Veer Nari and one Veer Mata, participated in the outreach programme and shared their concerns and suggestions. The participants appreciated the initiative and expressed confidence in continued

support for addressing matters related to the welfare of veterans and their families. The programme reaffirmed the commitment towards maintaining a strong bond with the veteran fraternity and ensuring that the sacrifices and

contributions of Ex-Servicemen continue to receive due recognition, care and support. The initiative further strengthened the spirit of camaraderie and mutual trust between the Defence Forces and the veteran community.

Jammu Tawi Golf Course Introduces 'Books & Golf' Initiative

Brings together serenity of golf and the timeless pleasure of reading

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The Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC) Sidhra has introduced a new initiative titled "Books & Golf", aimed at bringing together the serenity of golf and the timeless pleasure of reading. The initiative seeks to extend the golfing experience beyond the game itself by creating a culture of reading, sharing and meaningful interaction among mem-

bers of the golfing community. As part of the initiative, JTGC is inviting its members to contribute used books from their personal collections. The books will form a shared repository that can be accessed and enjoyed by members and fellow golfers. The proposed repository will feature books across different genres and areas of interest, providing members with an opportunity to discover something new, exchange ideas and enjoy mo-

ments of quiet reading during their time at the Golf Course. The initiative carries the message, "Share a book. Share a thought. Enrich the experience." The management said that the idea is rooted in the belief that a golf course can be more than a sporting venue—it can also be a place for relaxation, conversation, learning and community building. Through "Books & Golf", JTGC hopes to encourage members to share books

that have influenced, inspired or entertained them, allowing those books to find new readers within the golfing community. The initiative is also in keeping with JTGC's ethos of "Play | Relax | Belong", with an emphasis on making the overall experience of visiting the Golf Course more enriching and memorable. The management has appealed to members to participate wholeheartedly and contribute to the development of the shared book repository.

Principal Census Officer Ramban flags off Publicity Vans to generate awareness on Population Enumeration

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Principal Census Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Ramban Mohamad Alyas Khan today flagged off two LED-mounted publicity vans to generate awareness among the general public regarding the Phase-II Population Enumeration of Census-2027 in the district. Additional District Census Officer, Ashfaq

Ur Rehman; Tehsildar Ramban Deep Kumar; District Coordinator for Census-2027, Anish Sharma and other concerned officers were present on the occasion. The publicity vans will travel across different areas of the district and disseminate information about the Census-2027 exercise, while encouraging maximum public participation in the Population Enumeration. The Deputy Commissioner said that the ini-

tiative forms part of the ongoing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities being undertaken to ensure wider outreach and effective public participation in the Census-2027 exercise. The DC emphasized the importance of providing complete, accurate and correct information during the Population Enumeration, stating that active public cooperation is essential for ensuring com-

prehensive, reliable and credible census data. The Principal Census Officer appealed to the people of the district to extend full cooperation to the Census Enumerators visiting households for the Population Enumeration and provide the required information accurately. He urged residents to actively participate in the census exercise and facilitate the enumerators in carrying out their assigned duties.

DC Poonch attends felicitation ceremony honouring NEET & Academic Achievers

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Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today attended a felicitation ceremony organised by the Shia Federation Province Jammu at Town Hall, Poonch, to honour students who excelled in NEET and other academic fields. The Deputy Commissioner graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Retired Principal Syed Musarrat Husain Shah attended the programme as the Guest of Honour. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated the achievers and appreciated the Shia Federation for organising the programme to recognise academic excellence and encourage young students. He emphasised the importance of hard work,



dedication and perseverance in achieving success, and urged the students to continue pursuing their educational goals with commitment and sincerity.

The DC also interacted with the students and felicitated the academic achievers, appreciating their accomplishments and wishing them continued success in their future

endeavours. The programme was attended by members of the Shia Federation, students, parents, prominent citizens and other dignitaries.

Sainik School Nagrota plants 500 saplings under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'

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Sainik School Nagrota organised a plantation drive under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative on 20 September 2026, reinforcing its commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable campus development. The drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from cadets, teachers, administrative staff, NEXAS and its families, Oxygen Footprints, Rotary Club Jammu Stars, Green City Nursery and prominent citizens. More than 500 saplings of fruit-bearing, flowering and avenue species, including Sukhchain, Behra, Bottle Brush, Kachnar, Cassia, Amaltas, Guava and Amla, were planted across the school premises. The initiative will contribute to campus greening, biodiversity and awareness about soil and



water conservation and ecological sustainability. It also reflected the spirit of the School Song, which celebrates the school's natural surroundings and its ethos of Gyan (Knowledge), Veerta (Courage) and Anushasan (Discipline). Speaking on the occasion, Capt (IN) Shibu

Devasia, Principal, Sainik School Nagrota, thanked all participating organisations, citizens, staff and cadets for their wholehearted support. He emphasised that the saplings planted in honour of mothers must be nurtured and protected, with cadets encouraged to take responsi-

bility for their trees throughout their stay in the school. The Principal also announced that the plantation drive would become an annual initiative, creating a lasting Green Legacy for the Alma Mater and nurturing environmentally responsible citizens.