

REPORT ON JANMASHTAMI UTSAV CELEBRATION

Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun

Date: 03 September 2026

Venue: Pathri Bagh Campus Heliped

Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun, celebrated **Janmashtami Utsav** with great devotion, enthusiasm, and spiritual fervour on **03 September 2026** at the Pathri Bagh Campus. The programme was organized to commemorate the birth of **Lord Shri Krishna** and to acquaint students with the rich cultural, devotional, and spiritual traditions associated with Janmashtami.

The programme commenced with the **traditional lamp-lighting ceremony**, followed by a devotional **Pooja**. The auspicious ceremony was performed in the presence of the **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir, Registrar Sir, and Dean of Student Welfare (DSW) Ma'am**. The dignitaries lit the ceremonial lamp and offered prayers, marking the beginning of the celebrations. The atmosphere became deeply spiritual as the gathering sought the blessings of Lord Shri Krishna.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the students presented a variety of **cultural and devotional performances** based on the life, teachings, and divine leelas of Lord Krishna. The programme included **Shri Krishna Bhajans, devotional songs, classical and folk dances, Nritya-Natika, and Jhanki presentations**. The students showcased their talent and creativity through beautifully coordinated performances depicting various episodes from the life of Shri Krishna, including his childhood, divine leelas, and teachings.

The **Bhajan presentations** created a devotional atmosphere in the auditorium, while the dance performances added colour, energy, and vibrancy to the celebrations. The **Nritya-Natika** beautifully portrayed the message and values associated with Lord Krishna, highlighting themes of devotion, righteousness, love, compassion, and the victory of good over evil.

One of the major attractions of the celebration was the **Krishna Jhanki**, in which students dressed as Lord Krishna, Radha, and other characters associated with Krishna's life. The colourful costumes, traditional decorations, music, and artistic presentation made the Jhanki a memorable part of the programme. The performances received enthusiastic appreciation from the audience.

The celebration also featured the traditional **Dahi Handi** event. The boys' team enthusiastically participated in the Dahi Handi ceremony, recreating the joyful tradition associated with **Bal Gopal Shri Krishna**. The energetic participation of the students generated excitement and enthusiasm among the audience. The event beautifully reflected the spirit of teamwork, coordination, unity, and celebration.

The entire programme provided students with an opportunity to participate actively in India's rich cultural heritage and to understand the significance of festivals beyond their religious

dimension. The celebration promoted values such as **teamwork, discipline, devotion, creativity, cultural awareness, and social harmony** among the students.

The programme concluded with a collective and deeply devotional **Shri Krishna Aarti**. The dignitaries, faculty members, staff, and students participated in the Aarti and sought the blessings of Lord Krishna. The concluding ceremony created an atmosphere of peace, devotion, and spiritual harmony.

The **Janmashtami Utsav 2026** was a successful celebration that brought together students, faculty members, and university officials in a spirit of devotion and cultural unity. The active participation and enthusiastic performances of the students made the event memorable and meaningful. The celebration successfully reflected the university's commitment to promoting **Indian culture, traditional values, creativity, and holistic development among students**.

Highlights of the Programme

1. Lamp Lighting Ceremony by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and DSW.
2. Shri Krishna Pooja and devotional prayers.
3. Presentation of Shri Krishna Bhajans by students.
4. Classical and traditional dance performances.
5. Nritya-Natika based on the life and teachings of Lord Krishna.
6. Shri Krishna and Radha Jhanki presentation.
7. Traditional Dahi Handi celebration by the boys' team.
8. Participation of students, faculty members, and university officials.
9. Concluding Shri Krishna Aarti.
10. Promotion of Indian cultural heritage and traditional values.

Conclusion

The Janmashtami Utsav at **Shri Guru Ram Rai University** was celebrated with devotion, joy, enthusiasm, and cultural vibrancy. The combination of spiritual rituals and student-led cultural performances made the programme both meaningful and entertaining. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic abilities while connecting with India's rich cultural and devotional traditions.

The successful organization of the programme demonstrated the university's efforts towards **preserving Indian cultural heritage and encouraging students to participate in traditional celebrations**. The event concluded on a positive and spiritually uplifting note with the collective Aarti of Lord Shri Krishna.



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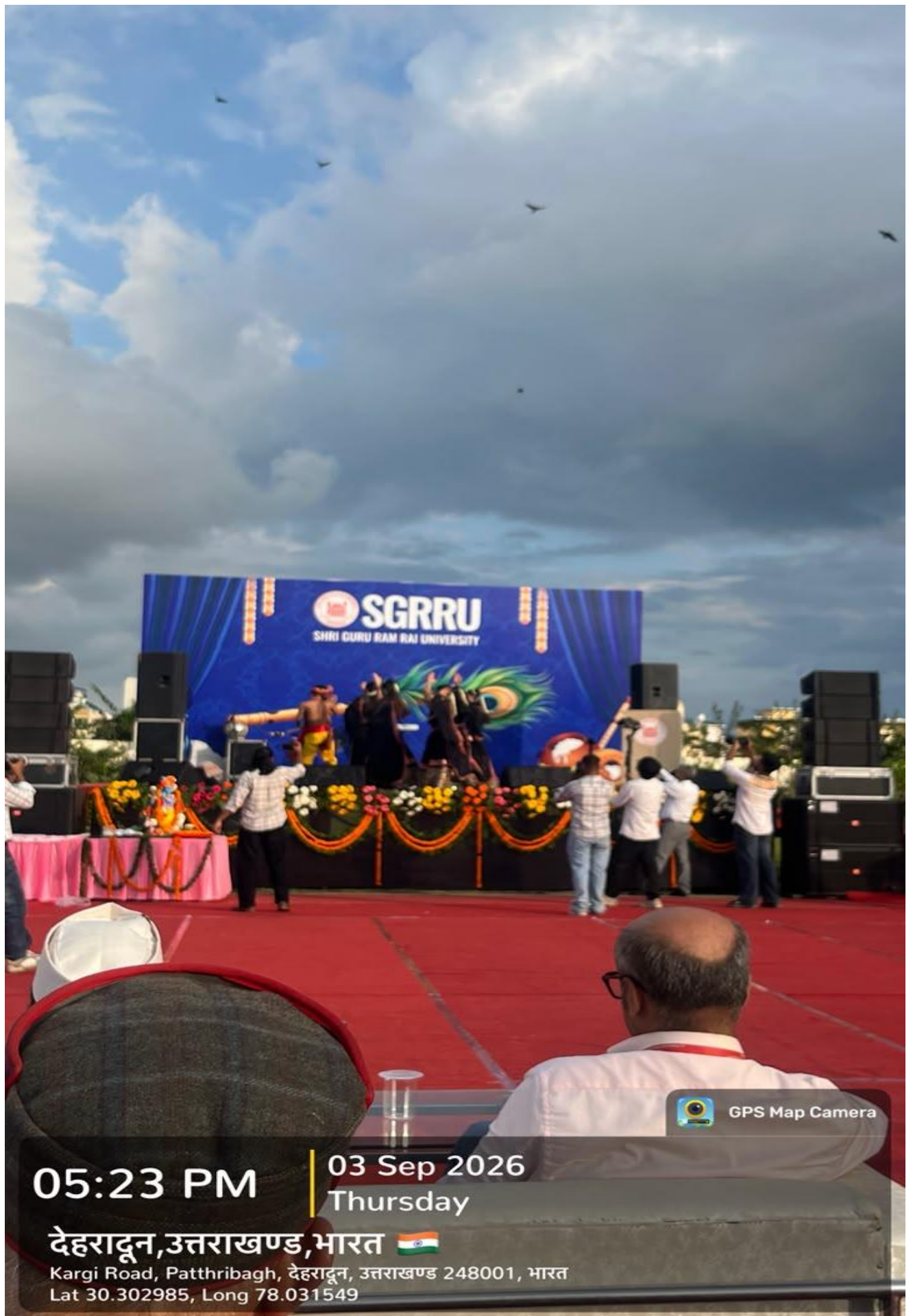
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