



Food Stalls



Kausal ki Chaat



Panchali ki Thali, Vidur ki Thali, Bhim ki Rasam



Student enjoying the delicious of Mahabharata Personalities & Era.



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MAHABHARAT FEST AT PARYATAN BHAWAN

Get a taste of Draupadi's kitchen

LUCKNOW: The Mahabharat Festival at Paryatan Bhawan, Gomti Nagar is a delight for both foodies and culture lovers. It not only serves gastronomical delights like 'Bhim's laddoo' and 'Dronacharya's kefir milk', but also takes visitors on a journey to mystical times of Lord Krishna.

The festival, inaugurated by chief minister Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday, has been organized by the tourism department in association with Delhi-based Draupadi Dream Trust and aims to promote the state's connection with the epic. It will continue till December 21.

Inaugurating the event, the CM said that UP was a land rich in culture and such festivals would continue to be hosted here.

Apart from the food festival, which promises visitors a taste of Draupadi's kitchen, the event includes an exhibition and several other cultural programmes. A fel-



■ An artiste dressed as Gandhari of Mahabharat. HT PHOTO

let and Pashupati were performed on the opening day. Manuscripts, details of geographical, archaeological and historical significance of places in UP associated with the epic have been put on view. The display also has pictures of a 300-year-old Urdu version of the Mahabharat. "Hastinapur, Mathura, Kampilya, Kash, Naimisaranya and a number of cities in UP have been a part of the Mahabharat. The idea

behind organizing this event is to show people that the places mentioned in the epic aren't just figments of imagination," said Neera Mishra, spokesperson trustee of the Draupadi Dream Trust. Amit Abhishek, director general, tourism said, "The cities in the epic - Kampilya, which is now Farrukhabad, Hastinapur, now Meerut, Kash, Varanasi, Shoorseen-Mathura, Kosha-Paizahab, Shukratal-

Muzaffarnagar - are places of historical significance. We want to showcase the art of these places and to promote them as tourist destinations." "There is a legend behind everything that has been exhibited here," added Seera.

The CM also inaugurated One Avenue centre in Gorakhpur on Saturday. A mobile app of tourism department and a mobile phone game on heritage walk of Lucknow were also launched.

TECHNICAL SNAG

A technical glitch interrupted the dance ballet - Draupadi Amarkatha - three times during the inaugural ceremony. As the pen drive malfunctioned again and again, the artiste concerned finally had to call off the performance. Reacting to the confusion that ensued, the CM quipped, "I was stuck in a lift a day before and now a pen drive has interrupted the programme."

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Glimpses of Craft Mela

Showing Crafts of Mahabharata Era Culture & Janpadas



Ambe, Ambika Sari, Ambalika Resam (Varanasi).



Khadi / Aryaved



Mathura ki Pujan Items / Bhadohi ki kalin, Naimisharan ki shanti Dari



Pilibhit Panchal



Radha Ka Singar



Krishan ki Gita, Gangajal, Pujya Mala



From Sursena Janapada region - Agra Marble.



Draupadi ke Upchar, Kanha ki Bansuri, Draupadi ke Dupatte Kampil ke Langhe.