

Mela Patt Festival

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Recently, in Jammu and Kashmir the annual three-day Mela Patt festival started in Doda district.

About Mela Patt Festival

- It is dedicated **to Lord Vasuki Nag**, the presiding deity of **Bhaderwah Valley**.
- **History:** The festival, rooted in the **Nag culture**, marks the historic meeting between Mughal **Emperor Akbar and King Nag Pal of Bhaderwah**.
- The festival has been celebrated **since the 16th century**.
- This festival was first celebrated by **King Nag Pal when Bhaderwah** was known as Bhadarkashi,
- It is observed **every year on Nag Panchami**, seven days after the conclusion of the Kailash Yatra, and is renowned for its inclusive nature.
- The **unique 'Dikko Dance,'** a **traditional folk performance** where **men and women** of all religions and backgrounds participate, serves as a symbol of peace, pride, and communal harmony.

- Dhakku dance **also known as traditional dance of Dogras** has a respectable place in the folk dances of India.
- **Significance:** The festival not only honors religious traditions but also showcases the proud historical legacy of Bhaderwah.
- Mela Patt holds a special place in the cultural and religious fabric of the region.

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