



## Kheer Bhawani Mela

- Jammu and Kashmir's two separated communities, Muslims and Pandits, witnessed a **rare union on the annual festival** of Zyesht Ashtami at the **Kheer Bhawani temple** in **Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Keeping the age-old tradition alive, local Muslim shopkeepers were seen selling earthenware lamps, marigold flowers and other puja paraphernalia at the temple.
- The festival is fast emerging as a **source of healing of relationships between the Pandits and Muslims of Kashmir**.

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