

Dussehra celebrated with grandeur across region



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POONCH: On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, a grand celebration was held at the Sports Stadium Poonch. Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police Shafiq Hussain Bhat, Additional Superintendent of Police Mohan Lal along with several other civil and police officials attended the celebration.

The event began with a special Pooja in reverence of the cultural and spiritual essence of the festival, which was followed by the ceremonial burning of the effigy of Ravana, symbolizing the eternal victory of good over evil.

The Deputy Commissioner and SSP extended warm wishes to the people of Poonch. They highlighted the significance of Dussehra in promoting unity, peace and the rich cultural heritage of the Country.

RAJOURI: The festival of Dussehra was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and traditional fervour across Rajouri district, witnessing vibrant participation from the local community.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma attended the celebrations at the Dussehra Ground and conveyed warm greetings to the people on this auspicious occasion. In his address, the DC underscored the significance of the festival as an enduring symbol of the triumph of truth over falsehood and good over evil, urging

citizens to uphold these values in their everyday lives.

The event was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Chander Prakash, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Mohd Jhangir Khan and other officers of the district administration.

UDHAMPUR: Like other parts of the country, Dussehra was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervor at the Sports Stadium Udhampur late this evening. Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, graced the occasion as the chief guest. The event was organized by the Dussehra Utsav Samiti.

Thousands of people thronged the venue to witness the grand celebrations where the effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna and Meghnad were set ablaze symbolizing the eternal triumph of truth over evil.

Prominent dignitaries present on the occasion included Member Legislative Assembly Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta, MLA Udhampur East, R.S



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Pathania, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh, President Dussehra Utsav Samiti, Vikram Singh Slathia besides other eminent citizens and a large gathering of enthusiastic people.

Bhaderwah: The celebration of Dussehra festival was held in Additional district Bhaderwah with religious fervour Thursday evening amid tight security arrangements.

Like other parts of the country, Dussehra festival-which marks the victory of good over evil, was celebrated with great enthusiasm, gaiety and religious fervour at Bhaderwah where effigies of Ravana, Kumbkaran and Meghnath were burnt.

The celebration was held in New Bus Stand Kotli Bhaderwah, where people watched the burning of sky high effigies of demon king Ravana, his brother Kumbhakarana and son Meghnath to mark the culmination of good prevailing upon evil.

On the occasion, a victory march was taken out from Seri Bazaar to new Bus Stand Kotli Bhaderwah with tableau of Lord Rama, depicting the scenes and char-



Dussehra celebration at Diani, Ramgarh organized by Ram Leela Club.

acters from Ramayana, to mark the return of Lord Rama after killing the demon king. Thereafter, the tall effigies of Ravana, Meghnath and Kumbhakarana were set on fire, amidst bursting of loud fire crackers.

SAMBA: The festival of Dussehra was celebrated with great zeal and traditional



fervor at Diani under the auspices of the Ram Leela Club Diani. The event witnessed a large turnout of local residents who gathered to mark the victory of good over evil through the symbolic burning of effigies of Ravana, Meghnath, and Kumbhakaran. On the occasion, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh and Former Minister for Health and Medical Education, J&K, graced the celebration as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the significance of Dussehra as a festival that inspires society to uphold truth, righteousness, and moral values. He also appreciated the efforts of the Ram Leela Club Diani for keeping alive the rich cultural and spiritual traditions of the region.

The program was marked by devotional performances, cultural presentations, and enthusiastic participation by the community, reflecting unity, devotion, and celebration.

Basohli Utsav 2025 ends on high note with Mega Marathon event

MLA Basohli, DC Kathua and Director ACB felicitate winners; 400 athletes take part

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KATHUA: The vibrant Basohli Utsav 2025 concluded on a spectacular note today with a Grand Marathon organized from Atal Setu to Ramleela Ground Basohli, witnessing overwhelming participation of nearly 400 athletes in 2 km, 5 km, 10 km and 21 km categories.

LA Basohli, Darshan Singh graced the occasion as Chief Guest, along with Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma and Director ACB, Shakti Pathak, who together encouraged the participants and lauded the organizers for promoting fitness, youth engagement and cultural vibrancy through the Utsav.

In his address, MLA Darshan Singh described the marathon as a befitting cul-



mination of Basohli Utsav, reflecting the town's emerging status as a hub of cultural, sporting and tourism activities. He urged youth to take pride in their heritage and actively participate in such festivals.

DC Kathua Rajesh Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, said that Basohli Utsav is not only a celebration of art, culture and tradition but also

a platform to showcase sportsmanship, fitness and community participation. He underlined that such events will strengthen Basohli's identity at the regional and national level while boosting tourism.

Director ACB, Shakti Pathak complimented the organizers, participants and volunteers, noting that blending sports with cultural festi-

ties has made Basohli Utsav more vibrant, inclusive and engaging for all sections of society.

The event witnessed enthralling competitions, with Ravi Dass from Udhampur clinching first position in the 21 km category, Amit Kumar of Pathankot and Sanjay Kumar of Dhar Kalan secured second and third positions respectively. A special

award was also conferred upon Dipakshi of JNV Basohli.

In the 10 km run, Parkash Chander of Jammu and Shamsbad Bano of Jammu bagged first prizes in boys' and girls' categories respectively. Winners of other categories were felicitated, while all participants of the 2 km and 5 km runs received medals as a token of encouragement.

At the culmination, DC Kathua extended gratitude to the local administration, organizers and the people of Basohli for their wholehearted participation and acknowledged the guidance and leadership of the Lieutenant Governor J&K U/T in ensuring the smooth and successful culmination of Basohli Utsav 2025.

Centenary Celebration of Military Nursing Service Corps at Military Station Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The Military Nursing Service proudly celebrated its centenary year on 01 October 2025 marking 100 years of dedicated service to the Indian Armed Forces. This momentous milestone commemorates the rich legacy of excellence, compassion and commitment that Military Nursing Service Officers have demonstrated in Operational as well as Peace areas. The centenary slogan for the celebrations is "Honouring the past, Healing the present, Inspiring the future". A series of events conducted in the run-up to the celebration - Medical Camp for Veeer Naris, Breastfeeding Awareness Program, Screening camps for cervical cancer, HPV vaccination and World Heart

Day to name a few. In addition, the Military Nursing Service is inculcating best health practices and emergency medical management like CPR training to school children and NCC cadets etc. A young officer of Command Hospital, Northern Command, Udhampur participated in the Indian Army's Military Nursing Service team 'Arohini' and brought historic laurels to the Military Nursing Service by successfully summiting Mount Lamo (6120 m), a previously unconquered peak in the Yabat Topko Valley of Ladakh.

The celebration was graced by Lt Gen Pratik Sharma SYSM, PVSM, AVSM, SM GOC-in C, Northern Command, as Chief Guest. He lauded the invaluable contributions of the Military

Nursing Service officers in challenging circumstances. The GOC-in C, Northern Command also awarded commendation card to the most outstanding Military Nursing Service officers in recognition of their exemplary service. Brig Parveen Rani, Brig MNS, Headquarters Northern Command and Principal Matron, Command Hospital, Northern Command along with Veteran MNS officers laid wreath at the War Memorial at Command Headquarters honouring the brave hearts who made the supreme sacrifice for the Nation. The centenary celebration stands as a testimony to the indomitable spirit, professionalism, and compassion of the Military Nursing Service-a legacy that continues to inspire generations.

Fortnight-long Sewa Parv concludes in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: District Administration Udhampur organized an impressive function at District headquarter to mark the conclusion of the fortnight-long Sewa Parv celebrations.

The event witnessed the participation of Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash, Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, GM DIC Kishore Singh Katoch, along with other senior officers, beneficiaries, farmers, students and school staff members.

During the programme, the DC distributed nutrition kits to TB patients and interacted with them. She also handed over sanction letters and keys under PMAY-Urban, PMAY-Gramin and HADP schemes to the beneficiaries. Officers of the District Administration who voluntarily registered as Ni-Kshay Mitras to support TB patients were felicitated, while Safai Karamcharis were honoured with T-shirts and caps in recognition of their dedicated service.

As part of the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan awareness campaign, the DC flagged off Mobile Van and Auto Rickshaws carrying TB awareness messages and also pasted TB awareness stickers on vehicles. While addressing the participants, the DC extended greetings on the occasions of Dussehra and Gandhi Jayanti. She commended the tireless efforts of all departments in ensuring the successful culmination of Sewa Parv in Udhampur District. She further highlighted the teachings and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, stressing his lifelong dedication to uplifting the poor and downtrodden. The DC appealed to the public to maintain cleanliness, promote proper waste disposal and actively participate in keeping Udhampur neat and hygienic. She also urged citizens to come forward and voluntarily register as Ni-Kshay Mitras to support TB patients, thereby contributing to the national mission of building a TB-free India.

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SSP Doda greets people on Gandhi Jayanti & Dussehra

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DODA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Shri Sandeep Mehta-JKPS, has extended warm greetings to the people of District Doda on the auspicious occasions of Gandhi Jayanti and Dussehra.

In his message, SSP Doda emphasized the importance of reflecting on the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, who championed peaceful coexistence,



truth, and social justice. He encouraged the citizens of

Doda to embrace these values not just during the festive season but throughout their daily lives.

Highlighting the significance of these festivals, he said they reaffirm the timeless principles of truth, non-violence, and the triumph of good over evil, inspiring everyone to unite in building a resilient, peaceful, and just society.

He also urged the communi-

ty to celebrate the festivals with fervor while maintaining harmony, brotherhood, and cooperation among all residents, reinforcing the spirit of unity that is essential for a thriving society.

The SSP concluded his message by wishing everyone a joyful and safe celebration of Gandhi Jayanti and Dussehra and expressed his hopes for a prosperous future for the people of Doda district.

Swachhata Hi Seva Hai: Kishtwar police & district administration organise cleanliness drive



DC Pankaj Kumar Sharma, SSP Naresh Singh leading cleanliness drive at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: As part of the nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva Hai campaign under Sewa Parv of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan 2025, District Police Kishtwar and District Administration today organised a special cleanliness drive at the Chowgan Ground, Kishtwar.

The drive was jointly led by Pankaj Kumar Sharma, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, and Naresh Singh, JKPS, SSP Kishtwar, along with

gazetted officers, SHOs, police personnel, and officers from the district administration. Participants enthusiastically carried out sweeping, waste collection, disposal of plastic and non-biodegradable items, and general upkeep of the ground.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC Kishtwar and SSP Kishtwar underlined the importance of cleanliness as a reflection of discipline, dignity, and civic responsibility. They urged

officers and officials to lead by example and inspire the community to actively contribute towards maintaining public spaces.

The event concluded with a collective pledge by Kishtwar Police and District Administration to continue supporting the vision of a "Clean Bharat, Healthy Bharat" by making cleanliness an enduring habit rather than a symbolic exercise.

Doda Police observe Swachhata Abhiyan 5.0 under Sewa Parv



SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta and others carrying out cleanliness drive.

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DODA: As part of the ongoing Sewa Parv celebrations, a Swachhata Abhiyan was observed today at District Police Lines (DPL) Doda under the supervision of SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta, JKPS.

On the occasion, a cleanliness drive was carried out in the premises of DPL in which a large number of police personnel enthusiastically participated. The drive was aimed at promoting the message of cleanliness, discipline and public service.

ASP Doda, DySP DAR Doda and DySP Headquarters Doda were also present and joined the police personnel in

the cleanliness initiative. Speaking on the occasion, SSP Doda appreciated the participation of officers and officials in the programme and highlighted that such initiatives strengthen the bond between police and community while contributing to the larger goal of Swachh Bharat. He further highlighted the importance of Cleanliness in our daily lives, where, it provides clean atmosphere all around as well as it equally describes the attributes of the person where he is living.

The Doda Police reiterated its commitment to continue such public service activities in the future as part of its responsibility towards society.

Udhampur Police organises 'Seva Parv Shramdaan-Swachh Bharat Clean India Green India' Drive

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its efforts towards community welfare, Udhampur Police organized a cleanliness drive under the banner of "Seva Parv Shramdaan" and the theme "Swachh Bharat - Clean India Green India" at Daabar Chowk Gole Market Udhampur. The initiative focused on keeping public places clean, promoting hygiene and spreading awareness about environmental protection.

Police personnel along with locals and shopkeepers actively participated in the drive by cleaning roads/streets, removing litter, and encouraging people to adopt eco-friendly practices.

Participating officers highlighted that cleanliness should not be limited to one day but must become a regular part of life requiring collective responsibility and community cooperation.

The locals appreciated the step taken by Udhampur Police and expressed gratitude for their efforts not only in maintaining law and order but also in leading social and environmental initiatives.

Udhampur Police reaffirmed that such drives will continue in the future, reflecting their commitment to serve the people through both policing and community welfare.