

# Full Dress Rehearsal stirs up Republic Day celebrations across Jammu Division



ADC Kathua Ranjit Singh inspecting the parade.

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JAMMU: Full Dress rehearsal in connection with the celebrations of 75th Republic Day, 2024 was held across Jammu Division with great enthusiasm, setting the stage for grand celebration of the National Day.



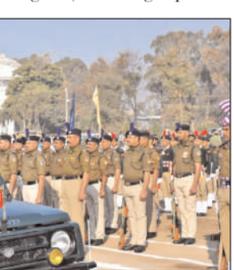
ADC Doda Dr. Ravi Kumar Bharti inspecting the parade.

Stadium, Kathua. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ranjit Singh took salute at an impressive march past comprising contingents drawn from Police, CRPF, Forest Protection Force, pla-

formation of Police Band. The students presented a scintillating cultural program based on patriotic and cultural themes, besides featuring folk dances and music.

**DODA:** In anticipation of the 75th Republic Day, a full dress rehearsal unfolded at Sport Stadium Doda, where Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Ravi

rehearsal unfolded today, here in the DC Office Complex Mini-Secretariat. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Inderjeet Parihar unfurled the tricolor and took the salute at the march past featuring contingents from CRPF, Police, CISF, IRP, NCC (Sr. Div.) of



ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria inspecting the parade.

toons of NCC cadets besides

tatives from J&K police, IR

5th Bn, NCC SD, NSS GDC, NCC JD, PPF, SSB, and school children.

Ten cultural troupes from various educational institutions added vibrancy to the event, underscoring the community's diverse talents and contributions.

**KISHTWAR:** Amidst favorable weather conditions, a comprehensive full dress

Republic Day Celebrations. Stepping up to oversee the proceedings was the Additional Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria. As the parade unfolded at the District Police Line Rajouri, participants from various agencies including the Police, CRPF, Forest Protection Force, NCC and students



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GDC Kishwar, Forest Protection Force, Homeguard and school children led by Parade Commander Dy. SP Davinder Singh Bandral.

**RAJOURI:** The spirit of patriotism and national pride filled the air as District Administration Rajouri conducted a successful full dress rehearsal for the upcoming

from esteemed educational institutions showcased their synchronicity and unwavering commitment.

**REASI:** Full Dress rehearsal was held with great enthusiasm, here in the General Zarwar Singh Sports Stadium. Deputy

Commissioner, Abdul Star took salute at the function which included an impressive march past by the contingents drawn from Police, CRPF, platoons of NCC cadets and Students from various Schools, besides Band of Police. Various departments viz Education, Agriculture, NRLM, Youth Service & Sports and Rural



Additional Deputy Commissioner, Suresh Chander Sharma taking salute at the march past.

Development Department displayed the welfare schemes for the citizens of the UT carrying placards.

**SAMBA:** District Samba successfully hosted the full dress rehearsal for the upcoming Republic Day celebrations. The event took place in Rani Suchait Singh Stadium, Arazi, Samba. Deputy

in addition to the District Police lines. The program featured a vibrant display of cultural and patriotic expressions, including songs, dances and singing performances in Hindi, Punjabi and Dogri languages.

**RAMBAN:** In a fervent display of patriotism, the Full Dress Rehearsal for the 75th Republic Day celebra-



ADC Ramban, Harbans Lal Sharma inspecting the parade.

Commissioner, Suresh Chander Sharma presided over the proceedings. He unfurled the tricolor, taking the salute of the impressive March Past of contingents from police, NCC and Educational institutions in

tions resonated in the District Police Lines, Ramban.

The event witnessed Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Harbans Lal Sharma unfurling the National Flag and



Tehsildar Bhadarwah Umar Jahanzeb taking salute at the march past at Bhadarwah.

taking salute from the contingents. ADC inspected the parade, overseeing the March-Past of contingents representing Police, IRP, Forest Protection Force, Home Guard and educational institutions. Emphasizing the significance of the occasion, he commended the seamless arrangements made by various departments for the upcoming Republic Day celebrations.

**UDHAMPUR:** In prepara-

dress rehearsal at Sports Stadium Poonch. The march past was presented by the contingents of security forces including, CRPF, JKP, JKAP, J&K Police (QRT Commander), JKHG, NCC and NSS Government Degree College, Poonch, Boys Higher Secondary School Poonch and other educational institutions.

**BHADARWAH:** Amid inclement weather condi-



DC Udhampur, Saloni Rai inspecting the parade.

ration for the Republic Day celebration, a full dress rehearsal was held today at Government PG College Boys Udhampur. Deputy

tions, full dress rehearsal of 75th Republic Day celebrations were held at additional district Bhadarwah on Wednesday.



ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik inspecting parade at Poonch.

Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai hoisted the National Flag at 9:55 AM and took salute at an impressive march past comprising 25 contingents drawn from District Police, SKPA, Volunteer Home Guards, NCC and other civil troops.

**POONCH:** Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik took salute and unfurled the National Flag on occasion of Full

Tehsildar Bhadarwah Umar Jahanzeb was the chief guest while SDPO Bhadarwah Wasim Mehmood was the guest of honor.

After unfurling the national flag, Tehsildar Bhadarwah inspected the parade and took salute at the march past of full dress rehearsal at New Bus Stand Kotli Bhadarwah. SHO Bhadarwah Amrit Kathoch and other officials were also present.

## Rahul Gandhi is crusader against injustice in country: Ravinder

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: AICC Coordinator Udhampur & Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson PCC Ravinder Sharma has said that Shri Rahul Gandhi is a crusader against injustice in the country and only Congress can fight the dictatorship of BJP.

Addressing a meeting of Senior Congress leaders of District Kathua including PCC functionaries, District President, Block Presidents of all blocks and representatives of Six assembly segments of district, Mr Sharma lashed out at the BJP for exploiting the religious sentiments of people at the time of elections while running away from real issues of common people especially youth, farmers and poor people.

Urging workers to drag BJP to discuss real issues faced by common people especially record unemployment, unprecedented price



Chief Spokesperson PCC Ravinder Sharma and others during the programme at Kathua.

rise, massive taxations and issues of farmers and working class besides attempts to crush democracy.

The meeting was presided over by District President Pankaj Dogra & attended by PCC General Secretaries Shashi Sharma Incharge Kathua, Naresh Sharma Ex-MC Chairman, Kulbhushan Kumar Ex-Chairman Nagri, Akash Bharat President JK youth Congress, Parmjit Singh Panna, Nirdoshi Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, Ravinder Singh Neta, Pawan

Sharma, Sat Pal Bhandari, Narinder Khajuria Adv Rakesh Sharma, Romesh Kunal, Yog Raj, Tarsem Saini, Kulbir Singh, Karan Singh Mukhtiar Ahmed Arun Mehta, Des Raj, Jaswant Singh, Raman Thapa Ganishyam, Rakesh Khajuria, Sohan Lal, Romesh kundal, Bodh Raj, Mast Ram Dogra, Capt Anchal Dass & ors.

Sharma advised Senior leaders and prominent workers to volunteer themselves for their respective booth levels duties to convey a

strong message to grass roots workers. It's the party and workers who fight the election's & not only the candidate, so be ready to give big fight & defeat BJP.

He said BJP should clear its stand on restoration of statehood, protection of land, jobs and natural resources of J&K besides non holding of assembly election's for five & half years and delay of panchayat and local body elections. The old age, physically handicapped and widows are suffering while employees are seeking old pension scheme and daily wagers and temporary & contractual employees are seeking regularisation while regular employees are debarred from holding protest for genuine issues.

All senior leaders and block Presidents & frontal heads spoke on the occasion and gave their suggestions on the party, issues of common public and candidate.

## Students from Thathri's Educational Zone immerse in vocational exposure at Bhadarwah Campus

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**BHADARWAH:** In a significant educational initiative under the aegis of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan scheme, students from Government Upper Primary School (GUPS) Cheera, Upper Primary School (UPS) Doki, UPS Zenhari, UPS Sipla, and Government Girls Middle School (GGMS) Bhella in Zone Thathri, District Doda, were welcomed at Bhaderwah Campus for a vocational exposure visit spanning from class 6th to 8th. Rector of Bhaderwah Campus, Prof. J P Singh Joorel in his message extended a warm welcome to the visiting students and accompanying staff. Prof. J P Singh Joorel emphasized the importance of such visits, stating, "Bhaderwah Campus appreciates and values these interactions. These experiences are pivotal in helping our future generations shape their



Students and faculty during visit to Bhadarwah campus.

aspirations and set meaningful goals."

In his message Rector Bhaderwah Campus said that such initiatives underline the commitment of educational institutions to go beyond conventional teaching methods and actively contribute to the overall growth and well-being of students.

Assistant Registrar of Bhaderwah Campus, Mr. Abdul Mujeeb Sheikh, addressed the students and expressed his delight in hosting them. He highlight-

ed the campus's commitment to providing a conducive environment for learning and skill development. During the visit, Dr. Waqar Yunus from the Department of English delivered an insightful lecture on social issues, focusing on the drawbacks of the drug menace and other societal challenges. The aim was to provide students with a broader understanding of their role in addressing and mitigating such issues.

Yasir Hussain, Teacher I/C accompanying the students,

extended his gratitude to Rector Prof. J P Singh Joorel for the warm reception. He acknowledged the positive impact such visits have on the students' overall development.

The students actively engaged in interactive sessions, workshops, and practical demonstrations, gaining firsthand experiences that complemented their academic curriculum. The Bhaderwah Campus faculty ensured that the visit was both enriching and enlightening.

## DDC Reasi felicitates meritorious girls

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: On the National Girl Child Day, District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan felicitated eleven meritorious girls for their outstanding achievements in academics, sports, and cultural activities.

The felicitation ceremony, held today in Reasi, celebrated the prowess of these young achievers who have brought accolades not only at the national level but also on

the international stage. DDC Vishesh Mahajan interacted with the accomplished young girls, expressing his admiration for their dedication and hard work. He assured them that the district administration is committed to taking all necessary steps to promote sports in the region, creating infrastructure and opportunities for the youth to showcase their talents on a broader platform.

DDC Mahajan emphasized the importance of parental encouragement in nurturing the talents of women. He urged parents to actively motivate their children to participate in sports, recognizing the positive impact in their overall development. The District Development Commissioner expressed confidence that such initiatives would not only motivate the current generation but also inspire many others to pursue excellence in various fields.

## Road Safety Month Celebrations: MVD organises free medical/eye checkup camps, awareness session

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Under the supervision of ARTO Kishwar, Mohd Saleem Manhas, the District Motor Vehicle Department Kishwar conducted a significant initiative by organizing a free Medical Camp cum Eye Checkup Camp at the General Bus Stand Kishwar. This event was part of the ongoing National Road Safety Month Celebration in the district.

The event witnessed the presence of distinguished dignitaries, including Tehsildar Kishwar Muneeb Umar, DTI Kishwar Navneet, Motor Vehicle Inspector Azad Hussain, President of Transport Union Bansil Lal, and various other prominent personalities.

Additionally, health staff and Medical officers actively participated, contributing to the success of this vital initiative.

Approximately 200 drivers and conductors were meticulously screened to ensure their



Drivers participating in medical camp at Kishwar.

fitness for driving. The comprehensive checkup aimed to identify and address any health concerns that could potentially impact their ability to operate vehicles safely. Those found unfit received appropriate guidance and recommendations for further medical attention. On the occasion, the Social Reforms & Charitable Organisation Kishwar (SRCO) and Dabur India Ltd. under the Health and Nutrition Support Program in Kishwar distributed Nutritional Packets among

drivers and conductors. Simultaneously, the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) organized an enlightening Awareness Programme during the fitness Camp at Trial Ground Kishwar. This program targeted drivers, common citizens, and vehicle owners, emphasizing the importance of road safety practices. The initiative sought to create a more informed and responsible community, fostering a culture of safety on the roads.

The holistic approach of combining medical checkups with awareness programs underscores the commitment of the District Motor Vehicle Department Kishwar towards ensuring the well-being of drivers, conductors, and the general public. By integrating health assessments and educational initiatives, the department aims to contribute significantly to the overall enhancement of road safety standards in the district.

The collaboration of government officials, transport union representatives, healthcare professionals, and the active participation of the community showcases the unity and determination to make road safety a shared priority. District Motor Vehicle Department Kishwar expresses gratitude to all individuals and organizations involved in making these initiatives a success. This collaborative effort reflects a shared commitment to fostering a safer and healthier environment on the roads of Kishwar.

## KVK Reasi educates farmers on Azolla Farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) educated the farmers for Azolla cultivation at KVK, Reasi campus under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J. Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr.Scientist and Head of KVK, Reasi said that KVK has provided Azolla to the farmers so that they can establish Azolla units in their farms and feed Azolla to their poultry and dairy animals. He informed that Azolla is a multifaceted aquatic resource to ensure ecosystem sustainability in the hilly areas. He said that it is a free floating, fastly growing aquatic fern on the surface of water. He said that farmers can cultivate Azolla cheaply at their farms by establishing Azolla units in their farms and they can feed

their animals and poultry birds as it has multifarious uses. He also informed that Azolla helps in nitrogen fixation as it lives with the blue green algae which fixes atmospheric nitrogen for the rapid plant growth and it can be used to grow the organic paddy. He informed that dry Azolla contains 25-35% protein, 10-15% minerals and 7-10% of amino acids, bioactive substances and biopolymers. He further said that Azolla is very rich in proteins, essential amino acids, vitamins (vitamin A, vitamin B12, Beta Carotene), growth promoter intermediaries and minerals including calcium, phosphorus, potassium, ferrous, copper and magnesium. He added that Azolla is a multi-animal feed, biofertilizer and is helpful in improving the livestock health in an organic way. He expressed that Azolla is highly productive plant and it doubles its biomass between 3 and 6 days depending on conditions.

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