

Patriotic fervour, gaiety mark Republic Day celebrations across Jammu Division

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JAMMU: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor and traditional gaiety in Jammu division amid the participation of people from across the social spectrum.

Filled with national spirit and warmth, students and youth dominated the scene at the scintillating functions held at district, tehsil and block levels across all the districts of the region.

The celebrations presented the stupendous spectacle of cultural diversity showcased through the brilliant performance by the school children and folk artists.

RAJOURI: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with great fervor and a strong sense of national spirit across the Rajouri district. The celebrations took place at various locations, including the district headquarter, subdivisions, tehsil headquarters, and panchayats.

The main event unfolded at the DPL ground in Rajouri, where the District Development Council Chairman, Chowdhary Naseem Liyaqat, unfurled the National Flag and took the salute.

Among the others present on the occasion included Dr. Haseeb Mughal, DIG Rajouri Poonch; Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat; SSP, Amrit Pal Singh; Principal District and Session Judge; R.N Batal; Addl. District and Session Judge, Mehmood Chowdhary; Town Commander Col. Tushar Yadav; 2IC IRP, Randep Kumar; 2IC 72 Bn CRPF, Vivek Saksena; ADDC, Pawan Kumar; DDC Member Rajouri Sai Abdul Rashid; DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; ADC Rajouri, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; Principal GMC, Amar Jeet Singh; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; SE PWD/Hydraulics, DSEO, Sandeep Sharma; ACD, Vijay Kumar; DPO, Auqil Nuvaid, district heads of various departments, prominent citizens, and thousands of the people who gathered to witness the grand celebrations of this national event.

KATHUA: The 75th Republic Day unfolded a wave of patriotic fervor, grandeur, and joy as the National Flag was unfurled and mega cultural events unfolded across various locations in Kathua district.

The centerpiece was the event at Sports Stadium, where DDC Chairman, Col. Mahan Singh (Retd) hoisted the tricolor and saluted March past contingents representing Police, PTS, Home Guard, Scouts and Guide, and NCC battalions, along with band squads from Police and schools.

The event witnessed the presence of DC Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, DDC Vice Chairman Raghunandan Singh, SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal, DDC members, District Officers, prominent citizens and a large gathering of people and students.

REASI: The 75th Republic Day was commemorated with fervor and enthusiasm at various locations across the Reasi district. The main celebration took place at the General Zarwar Singh Sports Stadium Reasi, where DDC Chairman Saraf Singh Nag unfurled the Tricolor and took salute.

District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan, SSP Amit Gupta, ADDC Jyoti Slathia, ADC Abdul Star, PO Poshan Mohd. Anwar Banday, ACP Pardeep Kumar, CEO and other senior district officers and officials were present on the occasion.

KATRA: Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Income Tax Office, Katra. Prominent among those present included tax professionals, businessmen and family



Republic Day celebrations at Income Tax Office, Katra.

members of AaykarParivar, Katra.

The National Flag was unfurled by the Income Tax Officer Katra Vijay Choudhary followed by National Anthem. The celebrations were marked by illumination of the office building with tricolor lights. Sweets were distributed among all present. On this occasion, the Income Tax Officer wished everyone Happy Republic Day and made aware of the role of Direct Taxes in nation building. The celebration culminated with high tea for the gathering.

75th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, fervor and national spirit at Shrine Board's Sports Complex

Katra wherein Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board unfurled the tricolor and took salute of the impressive march past of contingents from J&K Police, CRPE, NCC, Shrine Enforcement & Security



Anshul Garg, CEO SMVD Shrine Board taking salute at the march past.

besides, the students of various educational institutions.

CEO besides felicitating Para-Archers Sheetal Devi, Rakesh Kumar and coach Abhilasha also gave away cash prizes and appreciation to the outstanding staff of Shrine Board in the categories of Ministerial, Catering, Accounts, general and best performing Unit besides, to Students who were adjudged best in the march-past and presentation of cultural programme.

Among those present on the occasion were Additional CEO, Jt CEOs, Dy. CEOs, CAO, Asstt CEO of the Shrine Board, SDM, Katra; Addl. SP, Katra; Commandant, 6th Bn. CRPF; Managers, Engineers and staff of the Shrine Board. Others who participated in the function included Members of Hotel Association, Municipal Committee, Katra, Civil, Police and Security Forces Officers, Prominent Citizens, Heads of various Educational Institutions, Media Persons, a large number of people of the area, teachers, school children and the pilgrims.

DODA: The residents of Doda celebrated the 75th Republic Day with immense enthusiasm and national pride at the Sports Stadium Doda.

The Chief Guest, Dhananter Singh Kotwal, Chairman District Development Council (DDC), unfurled the tricolor and took salute of the march past comprising the contingents from JKP, CRPE, IR 5th Bn, SSB, JKAP, PPF, NCC SD, NCC JD, NSS GDC and scores of students from government and private schools

Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Rani Bhagat, Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police Doda Abdul Qayoom, besides DDC members, ADDC Doda Pran Singh, ADC Doda Dr R K Bharti, Principal GMC Doda, other senior officers from civil and police administration, Army, CRPE, IRP, BSEF, prominent citizens, social workers, political activists and a large number of men, women and children were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dil Mir Choudhary unfurled the National Flag at Bhaderwah. Similar events unfolded in Sub Division headquarters like Assar, Thathri, Gandoh, Tehsil headquarters, and other district offices and educational institutions.

UDHAMPUR: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervor in district Udhampur.

District Development Council Chairperson, Lal Chand-the chief guest at the District Level function, hoisted the National flag at 9:55 AM and took salute at an impressive march past comprising 25 contingents drawn from District Police, SKPA, Volunteers Home Guards, NCC besides Police Band, took part in this national function.

DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Mohammad Suleman Choudhary, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, SSP, Joginder Singh, DDCs, ADDC Ghan Sham Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, other senior officers from District Administration, Police, Army, BSEF, CRPE, Air Force besides prominent citizens of the district were present on the occasion.

Similarly, the Republic Day function was also organized at Tehsil, Sub Divisional, Niabat level in District Udhampur with great pomp and show.

KISHTWAR: The 75th Republic Day 2024 was celebrated across the District Kishtwar with great enthusiasm, fervor and national spirit. The National Flag was unfurled at District Court Complex, Police line, Sub Divisional headquarters, tehsil and block headquarters and in all the Government offices, colleges and other Educational institutions.

At the district headquarter, the main function was held in the premises of the DC office complex. Chairperson District Development Council Pooja Thakur- the Chief guest, unfurled the tricolor, inspected the parade and took salute of March Past comprising 15 contingents drawn from JK Police, IRP, CRPE, CISF, Forest Protection Force, Home guard, Girls and Boys NCC battalion of GDC Kishtwar and children

of various schools.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, Senior Superintendent of Police Kishtwar Khalil Ahmed Poswal, CO 52nd Battalion CRPF Parma Shivan, DDC members, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Inderjeet Singh Parihar, ASP Kishtwar Rajinder Singh, Joint Director planning Mohd Iqbal, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Kishtwar Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACD Kishtwar Manoj Kumar, DPO/Dy DEI Sunil Bhutyal besides the senior officers of civil administration, Police, Army, CISF, CRPE, prominent persons of the society, media persons of Kishtwar among others remained present on the occasion.

Govt Higher Secondary Kuchhal (Kishtwar) celebrated 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervor. Principal C R Parihar unfurled the national flag in presence of staff, other faculty and students.



Govt Higher Secondary Kuchhal (Kishtwar) celebrating 75th Republic Day.

Chenab Valley Power Projects [P] Ltd. (CVPPPL) celebrated 75th Republic Day with great pride and patriotic fervor: Ramesh Mukhiya, Managing Director unfurled the National Flag at its Corporate Office, Jammu Employees posted at Corporate office, Jammu participated in the function with full enthusiasm. Republic day celebrations were also held at PakalDul, Kiru, Kwar and Kirthai-II HIE Projects at Kishtwar.

SAMBA: The Republic Day was celebrated with fervor and patriotic zeal in District Samba. The main event, held at a Rani Suchait Singh Stadium Arazi, witnessed a multitude of activities reflecting the rich heritage and unity of our nation.

The ceremony commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag and inspection of Parade by esteemed District



75th Republic Day celebrations at CVPPPL in Jammu.

Development Council (DDC) Chairman by Keshav Dutt Sharma symbolizing the essence of unity and pride. After meticulous inspection of the parade and DDC chairman took salute at an impressive march-past.

RAMBAN: Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr Shamsah Shan unfurled the Tricolor at District Police Lines, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohita Sharma, SSP Traffic, Rohit Basotra, DDC, Councillors, ADDC, Rajinder Sharma, PO, ICDS, Jahangir Hashmi, ADC, Harbans Sharam, various Senior Civil, Police and Army officers, besides prominent citizens, large number of locals and students from various educational institutions attended the function.

POONCH: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, fervor and national spirit here in the Sports Stadium.

Chairperson District Development Council Poonch, Mtm. Tazem Akhter hoisted the National Flag and took salute at the March Past consisting of contingents of Educational Institutions, CRPE, JKP, JKAP, Home Guard, JKPQRT Commando, NCC Cadets, Police Band. DySP DAR Mohd. Shafiq was the parade commander during the event.

Republic Day celebrations at Government Higher Secondary

School Jhulass showcase patriotism and unity. The event com-



75th Republic Day celebrations at Govt Higher Secondary School Jhulass.

menced with the hoisting of the national flag by Ramesh Chander Sharma, Principal followed by the rendition of the national anthem by the school choir.

District Court Kathua: Republic Day was celebrated in District Court Complex (Headquarter) Kathua with full zeal & enthusiasm.

The event commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by Ashok Kumar Shavan, Principal District & Sessions Judge Kathua (also Chairman District Legal Services Authority Kathua) which was followed by reciting of the National Anthem by the gathering.

The program was attended by Surinder Kumar Thapa, Special Mobile Magistrate Kathua, Cheena Sumbria, Munsiff JMIC Kathua and Neena Thakur, District Mobile Magistrate Kathua, Prosecuting Officers of District Court Complex Kathua, President, Senior and Young members of the Bar Association Kathua, staff members of both District Court Kathua and District Legal Services Authority Kathua, Police personnel & Para Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Kathua.

District Court Doda: District Court Doda celebrated the 75th Republic Day with fervor and enthusiasm. The event unfolded with a grand flag unfurling ceremony, attended by staff members and legal fraternity professionals.

District Session Judge, Sudeshna Sharma, alongside other senior officials, graced the occasion with their presence.

District Court (Headquarter) Reasi: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated in District Court Complex (Headquarter) Reasi today with full Zeal & enthusiasm.

The event commenced with the unfurling of the National flag by Sonia Gupta, Principal District & Sessions Judge Reasi (also Chairman District Legal Services Authority Reasi) which was followed by reciting of the National Anthem by the gathering. This program/event was attended by Archana Charak, CJM Reasi, Sunil Kumar, Secretary DLSA, Samba, Arti Devi, Munsiff JMIC Reasi, Lakshya Badyal, Munsiff Katra, Prosecuting Officers of District Court Complex Reasi, President, Senior and Young members of the Bar Association Reasi, Staff Members of both District Court Reasi and District Legal Services Authority Reasi, Police



Plantation drive at GDC Khour as a part of 75th Republic Day celebrations.

Personnel and Para Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Reasi.

KHOUR: Govt. Degree College Khour celebrated 75th Republic Day in the College premises. The event was organized by the NCC cadets and NSS volunteers of the College. The Principal of the College Prof (Dr) T. K Sharma unfurled the National flag and the Indian National Anthem was played. The whole event was managed by Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS Programme officer GDC Khour.

Yasha Mudgal for enhanced coordination among district admin, locals for rapid development

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KISHTWAR: Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Yasha Mudgal on Saturday chaired a mega public darbar at Drabshalla block, Kishtwar.

Addressing the concerns of the community, Commissioner engaged with the public, while assessing progress on developmental initiatives within the tourism sector and beneficiary-oriented schemes under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The event was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav, DDC member Drabshalla A, Ashok Kumar, DPO, Sunil Bhutyal, AD FSC & CA Executive Engineer PHE, CDPO Drabshalla, CAHO, DSHO, CAO Kishtwar, CHO, Tehsildar Drabshalla, BDO Drabshalla, TSWO



Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Yasha Mudgal chairing public Darbar at Drabshalla.

Kishtwar besides officials of KDA and tourism and locals.

Scores of locals from adjoining areas thronged the public darbar wherein representatives including DDC members raised their issues and demands, ranging from infrastructure and tourist facilities at Bimal Naag to pending road compensations and development of trekking routes. Other highlighted concerns included establishment of cricket stadium at Drabshalla, employment in Ratle HEP, speedy construction of roads like Kuntwara and Kalehanda to Bimal Naag, uninterrupted electricity supply, enhanced bus services for school children, and completion of building projects such as HSS Chhirod.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary underscored the paramount importance of holding these public darbars, stating that its primary objective is to

ensure that every individual reaps the benefits of welfare and developmental schemes. She urged upon the public to actively engage with the district administration to elevate the development profile of the district.

Emphasizing the pivotal role of Nasha Mukht youth in building a thriving society, Commissioner Secretary called for a joint efforts by the District Administration and the community to intensify the Nasha Mukht campaign on a mission mode to combat drug addiction.

Assuring a prompt resolution of issues, Yasha Mudgal stated that concerns raised during the public darbar would be examined and addressed expeditiously. Commissioner Secretary shared a comprehensive tourism plan for the Union Territory, focusing on holistic development from infrastructure to guide training.

Proposing development of Bimal Naag as a spiritual tourism circuit connected to the Machail area, she encouraged exploration of untapped tourist areas to promote adventure tourism. She stressed the need for challenge-based tourism destination development and assured facilitation of events like the Winter carnival and other tourism festivals.

Discussing the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Yasha Mudgal informed that about 110 schemes offering heavily subsidized credit-linked options for farmers are being implemented. She directed the district administration to intensify awareness camps and encourage farmers to leverage HADP schemes for hi-tech farming and allied sector practices. Commissioner Secretary underscored the importance of a multidimensional approach, urging collaboration between the district administration and Women

Self Help Groups to enhance the impact of developmental initiatives under HADP. During the event, the Deputy Commissioner provided insights into the tourism profile and outlined initiatives being taken up by the District Administration to boost tourist footfall. Highlighting the significance of tourism festivals and carnivals held at the Sinthan, Devigol, Paddar, Kishtwar, and Warwan, he showcased the collaborative efforts that resulted in Rafting and Mountaineering training courses for youth, aiming to bolster the tourism sector.

The Deputy Commissioner further shared positive updates, including transparent employment of 250 land losers in the Hydropower Project (HEPP) and the approved RR plan for the Ratle HEP, fostering infrastructure development in the region. Meanwhile, the Commissioner Secretary inspected departmental stalls besides distributing Self-Help Group approval letters, sanction letters for various units, and nutritional inputs under the HADP scheme. He also distributed wheelchairs and sticks among the Persons with Disabilities. Lastly, success stories from NRLM SHG members were shared on the occasion.

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RAMBAN: Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Prerna Puri, on Saturday visited Ramban to listen to the issues and demands of the public, besides assessing the status of development works and beneficiary oriented schemes in the district. Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamsah Shan along with DDC members, public representatives besides the general public attended the public darbar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary outlined the significance of holding public darbar, saying that the main motive behind launching this government-people interface programme is to ensure that not even a single person is deprived of the benefit of welfare and developmental schemes. She emphasized upon the people to ensure their proactive engagement with the district administration in taking the development profile of the district to top place.

Emphasizing the improvement of public service delivery in the district, the Commissioner Secretary informed that more than 1100 government schemes and services are being provided to the public on online mode. She informed that the Department of Information Technology has fixed the

'Over 1100 Govt schemes, services being provided to public online': Prerna Puri



Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Prerna Puri addressing gathering at Public Darbar in Ramban.

rates at Rs.50 for CSC for providing online services, besides setting up a helpline number 14471 for convenience of the general public.

Prerna Puri said that all the issues will be examined and taken up for redressal in a time bound manner on priority basis.

In her address, the DDC Chairperson highlighted various developmental achievements registered in the district. She demanded opening of Awaas plus portal, issuance of new ration cards, conduct of new BPL survey, enhancement in funding under NABARD, completion of ongoing developmental projects under Area Development Fund, PMGSY, JJM and other road projects besides sanction for issuance of an ambulance under ADF.

Earlier, the Commissioner Secretary along with other dignitaries inspected the stalls established by various departments displaying their schemes and programmes meant for empowering com-

mon masses. Afterwards, she gave away the keys and ownership documents to four beneficiaries under MUMKIN scheme besides presenting loan sanction letters to some PMEGP beneficiaries and an educational assistance of Rs. 9.70 lakh to the children of 27 labourers under JK Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board. She also handed over Advance Mobilization Cheque of Rs. 41,666 each to two beneficiaries besides giving away Grahparvesh key to 5 beneficiaries of PMAY-U of Municipal Council, Ramban. She also handed over third trench of Rs 50,000 to 3 beneficiaries of Municipal Council, Ramban, under PM SAVINDHI.

Among others, ADC, Harbans Lal, ACR, Giasul Haq, Chief planning Officer, Shakeeb Rether, ACD Ashok Katoch, CEO, CHO, CMO, CAO, GM, DIC, CAHO, other senior officers and people in large numbers participated in the programme.

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