

75th Republic Day celebrated with patriotic fervour in Jammu

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



Congress Party leaders and workers during R-Day celebration.

Congress Party held Republic Day celebrations across the UT by unfurling the National Flag at PCC HQs Jammu & Srinagar besides all district and block headquarters and other prominent places in different parts.

JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani unfurled the National Flag in Jammu at Shaheedi Chowk in front of PCC HQ Jammu in the presence of all senior leaders including Working President Raman Bhalla, Sr Vice Presidents Th Balwan Singh & Ravinder Sharma, Vice Presidents Ved Mahajan, Vinod Sharma, Rajnish Sharma, GS Shashi Sharma, Pawan Raina, Narinder Gupta, T S Tony, Former Minister Gurbachan Rana.

Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust celebrated 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervour at the Trust's Central Office here.

The programme commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by Brig. R.S Langleh (Retd), President of the Trust along with Trust's Secretary Ashok Kumar Sharma (SSP Rtd) in presence of employees of the Central Office. This was followed by saluting of the National Flag and singing of the National Anthem. Officials of LIC Branch, Shalamar, also joined the Republic Day celebration headed by its Branch Head, Sanjay Sharma.

The **Fruit & Vegetable Association, Narwal Mandi**, celebrated the 75th Republic Day with patriotic zeal in Jammu.

On the occasion, Surinder Singh Kala, President of Fruit and Vegetable Association, Narwal Mandi, unfurled the National Flag in presence of Sham Lal Langer, Convenor B-JP Trade Cell, J&K, Vishal Kohli, Vice President of the Association, Rajinder Singh Jr Vice President, Ankur Anand General Secretary, Anil Sharma Secretary, and Tarsem Gupta Cashier. Addressing the gathering, Surinder Singh Kala emphasized the importance of communal harmony and unity among the people.



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and leaders during R-Day celebration.

Celebrating the 75th Republic Day with fervour across Jammu and Kashmir, **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** leaders unfurled the National Flag in every locality, at Chowks, and the important places.

At BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, party General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Tilak Raj Gupta, Rekha Mahajan, Arun Prabhat Singh, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Prem Gupta, Kulbhushan Mohtra, Neelam Langleh, Shailja Gupta, Roshan Choudhary, and other BJP leaders unfurled the Tricolour.

Ravinder Raina also attended Republic Day celebrations at MA Stadium, Jammu. In Kashmir, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul accompanied by other BJP leaders unfurled the National Flag. He also attended the program organized at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar.

At the BJP office, Kachi Chawni, Jammu, former Minister Sat Sharma, former MP Shamsheer Singh Manhas, Vice-President Sofi Yusuf, ex-Mayor Rajinder Sharma, Ayodhya Gupta, Parmod Kapahi, Sanjita Dogra, Bawa Sharma, Rajni Sethi, Sanjay Baru, Parduman Singh, and other BJP leaders unfurled the National Flag.

At City Chowk, Jammu, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, former Minister Priya Sethi, spokesperson Purnima Sharma, Subhash Gupta, Sunil Prajapati, Narottam Sharma, Hari Om Sharma and other BJP leaders unfurled the National Flag.

To celebrate the 75th Republic Day as Sankalp Divas, **Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha, Parade, Jammu** organized a function in the Sabha premises, where large number of people from different walk of life participated. DBPS President Ved Parkash Sharma unfurled the National Flag in the presence of Senior BJP Leader Chander Mohan Sharma, NMC Chief Subash Shastri, Soujanay Sharma Former JMC Commissioner, Retd. D.C B.S Jamwal, Vice-President Verinder Mohan Magotra, Adv. P.C Sharma, N.C Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Jagannath Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Shiv Ram Sharma, Pt. Barita Ram Sharma, M.L. Padha, Sunil Sharma, Gurdas Sharma, S.S Baru, Pankush Padha, K.L. Sharma, Prem Balotra, Som Nath, Girdhari Lal Sharma, Devinder Sharma (Baboo), Rajesh Bargoetra, Satpal Sharma, Kanav Sharma and Raman Sharma.



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. B. N. Tripathi speaking at R-Day celebration.

During the 75th Republic Day celebration at **SKUAST Jammu**, Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor unfurled the National Flag, symbolizing the spirit of unity and patriotism. In addition to paying homage to the Father of the Nation with floral tributes, Prof. Tripathi addressed the university's staff, reflecting on the sacrifices of freedom fighters and highlighting the Constitution of India as the guiding light in our governance.

Xtream Motors, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Jammu City, hosted the Tiranga Rally on Friday. The event, aimed at raising awareness about the perils of drug addiction, was flagged off by Rajesh Sharma, Chairman FICCI, J&K UT Council, and graced by the presence of Parvinder Singh, a prominent socio-political activist, who served as the Guest of Honour.

The flag hoisting at 10:15 am and the rally was flagged off at 10:30 am by Sharma. The rally commenced from Sainik Colony highway and concluded at Barkada County, Jhajar Kotli.

The Tiranga Bike Rally, adorned with vibrantly colored bikes carrying the national flag, created a spectacular visual spectacle as it traversed through the city streets, echoing the rallying cry for a drug-free society.

Sharma expressed his support for the cause, stating, "It is imperative for all sections of society to come together and actively contribute towards eradicating the menace of drug abuse. Events like the Tiranga Bike Rally play a crucial role in spreading awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility within our communities."

Parvinder Singh, shared powerful insights into the social implications of drug

addiction and the need for collective efforts. He emphasized, "Our youth is the backbone of the nation, and it is our duty to guide them away from the destructive path of drug abuse. Initiatives such as this rally are instrumental in creating awareness and instilling a sense of responsibility among the youth."

The event was also attended by Robin Mehta, President, Rotary Club of Jammu city, Jagpreet Singh (JD), MD, Xtream Motors. Rotarians from Rotary Club Jammu Elite, Rotary Club Jammu Trikuta, Members of District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), J K AIDS control department also participated in the event. Shivangi Gupta, Secretary, Rotary Club of Jammu city was the master of ceremony while, Rtn Sanjeev Vaid coordinated the entire event.

BALGRAN - A Charitable Trust, Channi Rama, Jammu celebrated Republic Day wherein Padma Shri Balwant Thakur was the Chief Guest and unfurled the National Flag. He lauded the efforts of Balgran Management, Teachers and Students of Bal Bharti Public School of the Trust for various activities of far reaching significance being carried on in the larger interest of the society.

Among large number of Life Members of the Trust, its Office Bearers viz. A K Arora, Pattern in Chief, Punit Nanda, Patron, Vinod Raina, President, J K Gupta, Vice President, Mohit Vij, Vice President, Prof R D Sharma, Secretary, Dr Rakesh, Khajuria, Joint Secretary, and Dr Shashi Kant Goswami, Treasurer, participated in the function.

On this event the Trust appreciated the commitment and devotion of its seven supportive staff members viz. Sulekha Devi, Urnila Devi, Vidhya Devi, Neelam Devi, Sheela Devi, Babli Devi and Tara Chand for their parent like most touching care of the Balgran Children and rewarded them with moderate financial incentives.

Similarly eight students of Bal Bharti Public School viz. Kum Kum Aryan, Tamana Rajput, Tamana Pandey, Bhrosha, Niti, Tariq, Saqib and Raveez were given cash prizes for their excellent performance in the Cluster and National Song Competitions organised recently by Bhartiya Vikas Parishad.

A Very Touching Guest Item of Solo Song and Performance on Captain Vikram Batra was also presented by Bhagat Chand, Student of Govt. Higher Secondary School Snaipur.



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B. S. Sahay at other faculty at Republic Day celebration.

The **Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM Jammu)** celebrated 75th Republic Day in Jagti. Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, and Cmdr Kesavan Baskkaran, Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu were present.

The ceremony commenced with the unfurling of the tricolour National Flag by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu accompanied by the resonating notes of the national anthem, invoking a profound sense of pride and patriotism among the audience.

Prof. Sahay encouraged students to embrace sports activities for developing discipline and resilience. He emphasized IIM Jammu's commitment to the holistic development of students and underscored the importance of personal values in life.

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The Jammu & Kashmir Branch (NIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), organized a function on 75th Republic Day at ICAI Bhawan, Canal Road, Jammu in which the senior as well as younger members participated to celebrate the occasion. Chairman of the J&K Branch of ICAI, CA Vikas Purdhani along with its Committee members & others members of the branch unfurled the National Flag and pledged to serve the country and contribute towards nation building. Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Branch (NIRC), CA Sourav Pargal CA Ayush Sahwney, Treasurer, Jammu & Kashmir Branch (NIRC) & CA. Nakul Saraf Immediate Past-Chairman were also present along with a large number of Chartered Accountants.

Chairperson of JK Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi unfurled Tricolour

at Waqf Central Office at Jammu and felicitated the best performing employees of the Board during the past one year. Chief Executive Officer of the Board Dr Syed Majid Jehangir, Administrator J a m m u Mudassir Iqbal and Tehsildar of the Board for Jammu province Fareed Ahmad were also present. Dr Andrabi presented a special award to the CEO Dr Majid Jehangir for his contribution in the Board. Later Dr Andrabi in her address said that India has the honour of being the mother of democracy and our Constitution reflects our civilizational belief in democracy and equality of all citizens.

Paying great tributes to our Constitution makers, Dr Andrabi said that we are fortunate to have the world's best Constitution with us and this has helped us in nurturing our value systems and our democratic institutions.

The 75th Republic Day of India was celebrated at the **Central University of Jammu** with enthusiasm. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain hoisted the National Flag followed up by singing the national anthem with this Republic Day events started. Prof. Sanjeev also inaugurated the NCC Girls Wing, providing a platform for female students to actively participate in the National Cadet Corps activities.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain mentioned in his speech about the University's upcoming "Tawi Dhara" Community Radio Station, a pioneering initiative by CUJ.

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The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence at Kashmiri Pandit Sabha, Ambphalla. The ceremony began with the unfurling of the Tricolour by K.K. Khosa, President of the Sabha accompanied by the members of Executive Committee. Flag hoisting was followed by the National Anthem to pay tribute to the motherland.

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Jammu celebrated the 75th Republic Day with fervour.

National Flag was unfurled by Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu in presence of other office bearers and senior members of the CCI.

In his address, Arun Gupta threw light on the martyrdom of freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the cause of the nation and its people as a result of which the people of the World's largest Democracy are enjoying full freedom and self esteem having earned honour and dignity at the global level. The Chamber President assured that CCI members will leave no stone unturned in taking J&K on the glorious path of development and prosperity.

CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu celebrated the 75th Republic Day with patriotism. Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, IIM unfurled the Tricolour and took salute at the ceremonial march past by the Security men of CSIR-IIM, Jammu and the students contingent of Regional Research Laboratory High School. He informed that the Lavender tableau garnered attention and applause from the spectators, dignitaries, and officials present at the Republic Day Parade and rest of India. It served as a visual rep-



CCI Jammu members unfurling Tricolour during R-Day celebration.

resentation of CSIR's commitment to excellence, innovation, and its role in shaping the scientific future of the nation. Prominent among others present were Er: Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head RMB & IST Division and Br. Lab. Srinagar; Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, Dr. Sumit Gandhi, Dr. Naveed Qazi, (all HODs), Vikram Singh, Sr. Controller of Administration and Prof. Abid Hamid Dar, Head, Department of Biotechnology, CU of Kashmir.



SCERT J&K Divisional Office Jammu faculty celebrating R-Day.

75th Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour at **SCERT J&K Divisional Office Jammu**. The celebrations commenced with unfurling of National Flag by H.R. Pakhroo, Joint Director; SCERT J&K, Central followed by singing of National Anthem. Flag hoisting ceremony was followed by a cultural programme under the mentorship of Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director SCERT J&K and supervision of H.R. Pakhroo and Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT J&K Jammu.

Republic Day celebrations were marked by mesmerizing performances coloured in the spirit of patriotism and nationalism by faculty of SCERT namely Surjit Kumar, Prof Abha Verma, Sr. A.O. Shamim Nazki, A.OSCERT J&K Jammu.

Prof Swaran Singh Jara, Prof Surjit Kumar, Dr. Neeraj Jandial, Associate Professor, Sultana Kousar, Associate Prof., Tahira Parveen, Associate Professor, Pushpa Kaith, Assistant Professor, Dr. Sanjeevani, Assistant Professor; Suman Lata, Assistant Professor; Arti Gupta, Assistant Professor; Parveen Akhtar, Assistant Professor; SCERT J&K Jammu were also present. The programme was moderated by Sunil Sharma ,Sr. Academic Officer ,SCERT J&K Jammu. H.R. Pakhroo remembered all the national heroes who sacrificed their lives to make India Independent and urged the faculty to take vow to maintain this independence and make best efforts to contribute towards nation's development .The programme concluded with a message of brotherhood, love, compassion and humanity.

Social Organisation **Teli Welfare Association Jammu** celebrated Republic Day at

its Head Office at Trait Basti, Bari Brahmana, Samba. The National Flag was unfurled by President of the Teli Biradari, Sadiq Hussain. He congratulated the people of the country. Advocate Mohd. Latif Malik, General Secretary of the Teli



Teli Welfare Association Jammu members during celebration of Republic Day.

Welfare Association congratulated the people of country and hoped that the country under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha will achieve new heights of development and success. Malik further stated that Republic Day marks the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1950. The flag is unfurled as a symbolic gesture to renew the commitment to the principles laid down in the Constitution, highlighting the shift from colonial rule to a sovereign, democratic republic.

Other personalities present on the eve of Republic day celebrations are Ghulam Nabi Malik Retd Tehsildar Chief Organizer TWA, Abdul Majid Chairman TWA, Rashid Mohd. Organizer; Anjiz Malik, Hakim Din Malik, Haji Alif Din, Zahid Malik, Naib Sarpanch, Bashir Ahmed, Sher Mohd. And large number of other prominent persons present on the occasion.

Social and political activist, Ritika Trehan along with Dr Subhash Gupta, KV

Jandyal, Vijay Verma BJP senior leader with morning walkers association unfurled "Tiranga" in Gandhi Nagar, Ward 20. They saluted the National Flag and sang the National Anthem. The participants celebrated the event with great enthusiasm and greeted each other. They also kept Langar for all on the occasion.

In her address, Ritika highlighted the steps taken by the LG administration and the central government to improve the development scenario and security situation in Kashmir.

The Gandhi Nagar Green Belt Morning Walkers organised a colorful function yesterday to celebrate

75th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and fervour: About two hundred morning walkers and their families participated in the function. Two eldest members-Dr Subash Gupta, former Principal Govt

Medical College, Jammu, and H S Bahri, former Session Judge unfurled the National Flag. National Anthem was sung by the participants followed by patriotic songs.

Dr. Gupta felicitated the morning walkers on the occasion of India's 75th Republic Day and threw light on the Republic Day.

He appealed morning walkers to dedicate themselves for the all-round & inclusive development of Jammu and maintain communal harmony.

The Green Belt Park was colorfully decorated with tricolors and bunting. Sweets and snacks were distributed on the occasion. Fruit merchant Subash Malhotra distributed fruits to all participants.

Lt Gen Kotwal gets AVSM on R-Day

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JAMMU: Son of the soil, Lieutenant General Narendra Kotwal, Director and Commandant of the prestigious Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune has been conferred the prestigious Ati Vishisht Seva medal (AVSM) on Republic Day 2024.

Gen Kotwal hails from Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir and is first from the Chenab Valley to rise to the rank of Lt Gen.

A graduate from Government Medical College Jammu, the General Officer specialised in Internal Medicine (MD) from AFMC and obtained a Diploma of the National Board of Examinations, (DNB) in Medicine. Continuing his brilliant academic journey, he went on to acquire Doctorate of Medicine (DM) in Endocrinology from PGIMER Chandigarh. The General Officer is also an alumnus of the prestigious National Defence College, New Delhi where he was awarded an M.Phil. in Defence and Strategic studies.

In his exemplary service career spanning nearly four decades, the General Officer has had the distinction of providing medical care to four Presidents of India.

The General Officer hails from a distinguished academic lineage. His father, Prof J.L Kotwal is a renowned educationist and social reformer and his mother, Bimla Baloria, also an educationist, is Director of KNIT institute.

