

# Eid prayers held in Eidgahs across Jammu region



Glimpses of Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations at Bhadarwah, Udhampur and Kishtwar on Tuesday.

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**BHADARWAH:** Like other parts of the UT of J&K, Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with Zeal, gaiety, gesture and full of religious fervor across Chenab Valley on Tuesday and after two years of restrictions Eid Prayers were offered in Eidgahs amid heavy down-pour.

Eid-ul-Fitr is the festival of thanksgiving and celebrated after the culmination of holy month of Ramadan.

With the sighting of Shawaal Crescent last night, the Eid-ul-

Fitr is being celebrated today across Jammu and Kashmir.

In Bhadarwah, from morning people started assembling in the premisses of Jamia Masjid Bhadarwah where from they marched towards historical Eid Gah after two years of restrictions in the form of huge procession while chanting religious slogans.

Despite torrential rains, large number of people participated in congregation and prayed for the betterment of society.

At the end special prayer was

also offered by the Jamia Masjid Imam to bring Joy, prosperity, brotherhood, communal harmony in the UT as well as country as a whole.

After Eid prayers hundreds of people gathered to pay obience to the Islamic flag traditionally known as 'Jhande Ki Salami'. This unique tradition of paying obience to the flag on the eve of Eid is being performed since more than 5 decades. Now this ritual has spread in whole Chenab Valley and most parts of Jammu province.

On the occasion, ADC Bhadarwah Dil Mir Choudhary, SDPO Bhadarwah Meer Gafoor, SHO Jatinder Singh Rakval and President Anjuman-e-Islamia Bhadarwah Pervaiz Ahmed Sheikh greets the people.

Security was beefed up in Bhadarwah, Doda, Ramban, Banihal, Kishtwar and other areas on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr by the administration to maintain law and order.

**UDHAMPUR:** Like other parts of country Eid-ul-Fitr

was also celebrated with religious fervour and festivity across the District Udhampur.

The biggest religious congregation held at Eid Gah, Adarsh Colony Udhampur, where thousands of Muslims offered Eid-ul-Fitr Nimaz.

Elaborate arrangements were also made by the district administration Udhampur for the smooth celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr festival across the Udhampur district.

In her message, DC Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib extended her warm greetings

to the people of the district on auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. She added that such occasions help in strengthen the bond of love and brotherhood among different sections of the society of the District Udhampur.

On the occasion, Hindus exchanged sweets with their Muslim friends and extended greetings on this auspicious occasion.

Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with religious fervour across Ramban district on Tuesday. The biggest congregation took

place at Jamia Masjid Sharif Ramban and Eidgah, Banihal, Gool and Batote, where hundreds of devotees performed Namaz-e-Eid and prayed for peace, development and prosperity of the UT as well as the country.

Elaborate arrangements including security and other were made by the district and police administration for smooth celebrations of Eid-ul-Fitr festival.

Eid Namaz was also offered at other mosques of the town and its outskirts including,

mosques of Chandrog, Maitra and Upper Ramban.

On the occasion, officers of district administration extended greetings to the Muslim brethren. The Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, SSP, Mohita Sharma greeted the people of Ramban and said that such occasions promotes unity, communal harmony and brotherhood in the UT as well as in the district. The festival was also celebrated in Banihal, Ukhral, Batote, Gool and Rajgrah.

## Brahmin Sabha celebrates Parshuram Jayanti with full enthusiasm & religious fervour

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**RAJOURI:** Parshuram jayanti was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervour in Rajouri town in which large no. of devotees participated from surrounding areas. It is pertinent to mention here that a huge rally of Bikes and Cars were taken out by the members of Brahmin community on the occasion to mark the celebrations in which about 200 to 250 bikes were participated in the rally. The rally started from Dudhadhari Temple and passed through Tariq Bridge, Tehsil office, Raghnath Bazar, City Chowk, Town Hall and then finally culminated at Shiv mandir old bus stand where the members of the Brahmin Sabha organised and kept some stalls for refreshment and addressed the gathering.

During the rally, devotees chanted the slogans in the praise of Bagawan Parshuram while showing



Parshuram Jayanti celebrations and Yagyopaveet Sanskar ceremony held at Rajouri.

their solidarity towards the cause of knowledge with power as preached. People irrespective of caste and creed participated in observing this mega day. The prashad facility was also organized by the members of Brahmin community at Mandir. Devotees then took Parshad and paid their whole hearted obeisance to Bagawan Parshuram who according to Hindu mythology is the 6th incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The word Parshuram is derived from two words Parshu means axe and Rama means Lord Rama. So, literally the world

Parshurama means Rama with an axe. While addressing the gathering, the speakers appealed the people from all the communities to maintain peace and brotherhood in the region.

"We are very happy to see such kind of enthusiasm in our youth for organising such religious functions and next year we will try to do better arrangements and also appealed to the youth that they should away from drugs and narcotics", said Pt. Ashwani Sharma, Founder Member, Brahmin Sabha, Rajouri. Also, speaking on the occasion, Kapil Saryal,

President of the Sabha thanked everyone for their contribution and support to make the rally a successful one. Prominent personalities who present on the occasion were, Kapil Saryal, President, Brahmin Sabha, Rajouri, Pt. Ashwani Sharma, Yogesh Sharma, Karan Saryal, Atul Sharma, Sahil Sharma, Vijay Guru, Vikrant Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Susheel Sharma, Subash Sharma, Ramesh Bali, Nirman Singh, Pushpinder Gupta, Vishal Pahari and others.

In another function, a "Yagyopaveet Sanskar" and

Mundan ceremony was also held at SVS Gyan Ganga Mathh, Sunderbani on the occasion to mark the celebrations under the able guidance of HH Atal Peethadeshwar Rajguru A c h a r a y a Mahamandleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatamanand Saraswatiji Maharaj. The Yagyopaveet Sanskar is performed to channelize the personal development. Students from Punjab, Mumbai, Ullasnagar and many other areas took part in this ceremony. The initiation of the Gayatri Mantra and experiments of spiritual elevation is associated with this Sanskar. Such kind of ceremonies are very helpful to improve, uplift and benefit for the society because it gives us knowledge about ourself and our Karma. A "Dev Yatra" in the form of Rally should be taken out on this day", added Swamiji.



Glimpses of Parshuram Jayanti celebrations in Kathua.

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**KATHUA :** On the occasion of Shri Parshuram Jayanti, an impressive Shobha Yatra was taken out by Brahman Sabha Kathua in the town the other day. A large number of people from all the life participated in the Yatra.

To celebrate the occasion, main function was held at Brahman Sabha Kathua from where a grand Shobha Kathua Yatra was taken out which was flagged off by District Development Commissioner Rahul Yadav in presence of SSP RC Kotwal, ACR Sandeep Seiotra , Adtl. SP & DySP (HQ).

After passing through various parts of the town including Mukherji Chowk, College road, Shaheed Chowk, GDC (Boys) Road, Parshuram Chowk , Kalibari Chowk, CTM Road, Hatli Morh, New Bus Stand, Parliward Chowk, foot bridge, Yatra culminated back at Brahman Sabha Kathua. Brahman Sabha Committee also organised a Langar for participants. A large number of devotees including women and children joined the Shobha Yatra while Ex Minister Dr. Manohar Lal Sharma, Ex. Forest Minister Rajiv Jasrotia, Ex. MC

President Ravinder Sharma, MC President Naresh Kumar Sharma, BJP President Gopal Mahajan, TR Bhagat, O.D Attri, Narinder Khajuria, Dr. Dushant Ubbot, Subash Sharma, Ravinder Sharma , Gopal Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma took part in Shobha Yatra. Various trader associations and social organisations the Yatra welcomed the devotees. A large number of stalls were also installed. Rajani Kant Sharma President Brahman Sabha Kathua thanked district administration and public of various community of Kathua who attended the function.

## Cleanliness drive to continue at Bhingarh Fort for second month consecutively

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**REASI:** A bid to allure the maximum tourist foot fall and to reinvigorate the dormant glory and sheen of Bhingarh Fort, DC Reasi on Tuesday issued a calendar of cleanliness drive at Fort in the month of May 2022.

The calendar of activities by different departments on different days is in continuation of calendar for the month of April 2022.

This move of district administration Reasi is in commensuration with the cleanliness drive launched by the district administration on 21-03-2022. The month long calendar is devised to sustain the pace and momentum of already ongoing cleanliness drive at the Fort.

District officers have been directed by the DC to ensure the participation of staff and volunteers working under their control. The DC has also directed the district officers to appoint nodal officers for monitoring activities on daily basis and uploading the same on district group along with preservation of same for record and reference.

Additional District Development Commissioner is the overall incharge of the cleanliness drive at the Fort.

## Bari Brahmana Municipal Committee conducts special sanitation drive



Sanitation workers carrying out cleanliness drive.

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**SAMBA:** Bari Brahmana Municipal Committee on Tuesday conducted special sanitation/cleanliness drive under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The Municipal Executive Officer Bari Brahmana informed that under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Samba, special sanitation and cleanliness drive was conducted across the town in view of

the EID.

According to the official, atleast 50 sanitation workers were pressed into service for lifting of solid waste and accumulated garbage. Many garbage lifting vehicles including Hoppers, Loaders, Tipplers and other machines were pressed into service for conducting the cleanliness drive, he added.

Meanwhile cleanliness drives were also conducted at Samba, Vijaypur and Rangarh.

## Army organises lecture on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'



An army officer delivering a lecture.

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**MENDHAR:** Army organised a lecture on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' at Kaneti Banola village of Mendhar in District Poonch (J&K) to create awareness about importance of education and rights of the girl child. The lecture emphasised on essential aspects of empowerment of girls and their invaluable contribution towards the society. To further motivate the attendees, they were informed about popular women from India, who have made their mark in the world today. The awareness drive also covered various women specific schemes launched by the Government. The villagers expressed their gratitude for the continuous support given by the Indian Army for motivating, guiding and educating them on various social issues.

## SGRDJSS to hold religious Smagam on birth anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur

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**POONCH:** Shri Guru Ram Das Ji Sewa Society (SGRDJSS) Poonch is going to organise a Grand religious Smagam on 400 years Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji on 22 of May 2022 at Poonch.

In this regard, today the organiser of Shri Guru Ram Das Ji Sewa Society Poonch, Anmol Singh chaired a meeting with the committee members to review the arrangements of Smagam in detail in which all the committee members gave their own suggestions and various important decision were taken to make the smooth and successful conduct of the event.

The programme will be organized under the overall supervision of Mahant



Society members during a meeting at Poonch.

Manjeet Singh Ji of Shiromani Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib Poonch.

During the event, Jathadar Shri Akal Takhat Sahib, Harpreet Singh Ji will be the chief Guest and a special lecture will be delivered on the life, teachings, Gurbani Vichaar, Sacrifices of Shri Guru

Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji, etc.

The programme will be organized with the cooperation of District Gurdwara Parbandak Committee Poonch, Management Committee of Gurdwara Sant Bhai Rooha Singh Purani Poonch, Gurdwara Khalsa Chowk Poonch, Sikh Missionary College of

Circle Poonch, All India Sikh Student Federation Poonch, Gurdwara Khorinaar Poonch, Gurdwara Mahant Sahib Poonch and all other Gurdwara Management Committee of district Poonch including Sanatan Dharam Sabha Poonch, Anjuman Jafaria Poonch and all other religious and social organization of district Poonch.

Different programme will be organised on the occasion including, reception of Jathedar Akal Thakart Giani, Harpreet Singh Ji on 21 of May on 7PM at Gurdwara Purani Poonch, kirtan Darbar at Gurdwara Purani Poonch on 21 of May from 8 PM to 10 PM, Nagar Kirtan will be start from Gurdwara Purani Poonch to Nangali Sahib on 22 of May 2022

at 11:00AM, Gatka, differing Ragi Jathas will be recited the Gurbani Kirtan on route during the Nagar Kirtan etc.

After the Culmination of Nagar Kirtan, in the evening the Gurani kirtan programme will be held at Shrimoni Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib from 6pm to 9Pm in which Hazuri Ragi Sachkhand Shri Darbar Sahib Bhai Darvinder Singh and locals ragi Jathas will be recited the Gurbani Kirtan.

The meeting was attended by President SGRDJSS, Daljeet Singh, Seey SGRDJSS, Balbir Singh, Master Mohinder Singh, Jasbir Singh, Manager Super Bazar, Surinder Singh, Surinder Singh Bitta, Ravinder Singh besides other committee members were present.

## Army distributes sweets on Akshay Tritay & Eid-ul-Fitr

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**KISHTWAR:** Akshay Tritay and Eid were celebrated peacefully and with full religious fervor in remote area of Kishtwar region Dool, inspite of heavy rains and bad weather condition under the security umbrella and conducive environment provided by Army on Tuesday. This reflects unity and communal harmony instilled by Indian Army in militancy affected area.

Jawans of Indian Army wished the people and distributed sweets to all on both occasions, bringing both communities together, motivating them to look beyond prism of religious

bias thereby promoting healthy nation building. This positive and warm gesture by jawans of Indian Army were appreciated by people of both communities as they swore to maintain peace and tranquillity in the region.

Army also celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr at Lam, Batraigala and Tarakundi villages of Rajouri District with the Awaam of the region. The festival was celebrated with traditional joy and gaiety. As part of the celebrations traditional sweets were distributed to the local populace. The event would go a longway in strengthening the bond between the Army and the local populace.

## Book on Environmental Sciences released



Former MLC, Surinder Choudhary and others releasing a book at Nowshera.

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**NOWSHERA:** A book on Environmental Sciences was released in the presence of Surinder Choudhary, Former MLC, ASP Nowshera, Chairman BDC Nowshera, Chairman MC Nowshera, SHO, Nowshera and other prominent citizens of

Nowshera. One of the lead authors of the book Bharti Sharma was also present on the occasion. The book is a practical manual for UG and PG students of Environmental Sciences. The book is authored by many reputed Environmental Biologists

namely Dr Rakesh Atri, University of Jammu, Dr Sudeep Shukla, Uttar Pradesh, R Sharma and Dr Mamta Bhat, BGSSB University, Rajouri. The book was appreciated by one and all present on the occasion and encouraged them to continue such endeavours in future.

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