

Eid-ul-Adha celebrated with religious fervour, gaiety across region



Glimpses of Eid-ul-Adha celebration at various districts of Jammu province on Monday.

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BHADERWAH: Eid-ul-Adha, the festival of sacrifice was celebrated across Chenab Valley with full religious fervor and gaiety on Monday with thousands of Muslims thronged different Eidgahs and Jamia Masjid to offer special Eid prayers on the occasion.
 Bakra Eid is being celebrated with great religious fervour and enthusiasm, to commemorate the supreme sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him).
 The day begun with special prayers for the peace, progress and well-being of the Ummah and religious processions were also taken out.
 In Bhadarwah, since morning people started assembling in the premises of Jamia Masjid Bhadarwah where from they marched towards historical Eidgah in

the form of huge procession while chanting religious slogans.
 President Anjuman-islamia Bhadarwah Abdul Hafeez Khateeb while speaking on the occasion, greeted the people on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha and said this Eid is a great day in the history of Islam. It teaches sacrificing every thing in the way of God, helping poor and needy is the message of Eid. He also prayed for peace, prosperity and brotherhood.
 He also urged upon the Muslim Community to be united and help all needy people on this occasion.
 At the end special prayer was also offered by the Jamia Masjid Inaam to bring Joy, prosperity, brotherhood, communal harmony in the UT as well as country as a whole.
 Children were a happy lot

as they got 'Eidi' (Eid donation) from their elders and then, wearing fancy dresses, made their ways to garden and parks after the prayers.
 ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar, SP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, SDPO Wasim Hamdani, Tehsildar Kamalpreet Singh, SHO Bhaderwah Sandeep Parihar, 2IC CRPF Pankaj Gupta and others were present on the occasion.
 They also greeted people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.
 Police also distributed sweets among the people outside Eidgah Bhaderwah as a goodwill gesture.
 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.
 Security has been beefed-up in Bhadarwah and it's peripheral areas on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha by the administration.
 People of Doda and its adjoining areas assembled in their respective Eid Gahs to offer prayer of Eid-ul-Adha.
DODA: The festival of Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervor in Doda, as a large gathering from the Muslim community offered Eid Prayers at Eidgah Doda, this morning.
 The Imam of Jamia Masjid Doda led the namaz, which was attended by Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, SSP, Javid Iqbal, ADC, Sudarshan Kumar, ACR,

Sunil Kumar Bhutyal and other senior civil and police officers.
 The occasion was marked by a spirit of unity and communal harmony as people came together to celebrate this auspicious festival.
 Eid prayers were also conducted at various other locations across District Doda, where similar scenes of devotion and celebration were observed.
 The District Administration Doda has made elaborate security and other necessary arrangements to ensure the smooth and peaceful conduct of the festival.
 The DC also interacted with members of the Muslim community and extended heartfelt Eid greetings.
KISHTWAR: Eid-ul-Azha celebrated with religious fervor, gaiety in district Kishtwar, here today.

Thousands of Muslim brethren thronged local mosques and performed Nimaz-e-Eid and prayed for peace, development and prosperity of the district Kishtwar as well as the UT.
 Elaborate arrangements were made by the district and police administration for smooth celebration of Eid festival at Chowgan Ground.
 Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav, SSP, Abdul Qayoom remained present besides monitoring and supervising the security and other arrangements.
 ADC, Pawan Kotwal, ACR, Idrees Lone, ACD, Phulail Singh, Tehsildar and officers from Army, CRPF, Police and civil administration were also present on the occasion.
 They exchanged Eid greetings with Muslim brethren and prayed for peace, tran-

quility, integrity, communal harmony and brotherhood.
POONCH: Eid was celebrated with much pomp and gaiety in Poonch today which reflects the communal unity and brotherhood for which the region is known. On this auspicious occasion, people gathered in large numbers at the Eidgah to offer prayers. The atmosphere was full of joy and festivity as families and friends gathered together to celebrate Eid, depending on the time of the year. Deputy Commissioner of Poonch Yasin Choudhary was seen playing an active role in the celebrations, mingling with people and extending heartfelt wishes for peace and prosperity. This gesture underlines the administration's commitment to promote harmony and goodwill among the diverse communities living in the region. Eid in Poonch is a testimony to

the region's rich tradition of communal harmony. People from different religious and ethnic backgrounds joined the celebrations which highlights Poonch's status as a symbol of unity. This inclusive spirit forms the basis of Poonch's identity, which shows how different communities can co-exist peacefully and celebrate each other's festivals with mutual respect and equal enthusiasm. Those who were present in the functions administrator Er Mohd Rafiq chisti, Jamia masjid imam Moulana Farooq Misbhai, SSP Poonch Yugal Manhas, Deputy commissioner Poonch Yasin Chowdhury, ex MLC Jehgir Mir, Gurudwara prambdak president Narinder Singh, vice president SD Sabha Satish Sharma, senior Congress leader Taj Mir, Pardeep Khanna.

Three-day meeting of All India Sangathan Mantri Varg held



Participants posing for a photograph in a meeting at Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: The three-day meeting of the All India Sangathan Mantri Varg of the Bhartiye Kisan Sangh concluded at Keshav Bhawan, here.
 The meeting was attended by respected leaders including Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's

Dattatreya Honshhole, Akhil Bhartiye Sampark Head, and Kisan Sangh Sampark Adhikari Ramlal, along with Bhartiye Kisan Sangh's Akhil Bhartiye Sangathan Mantri Dinesh Kulkarni, who provided guidance and direction.
 The meeting saw the participation of Karyakarta

Prant Sangathan Mantris, regional Sangathan Mantris, and provincial Sangathan Mantris from various provinces across the country. The presence of these delegates underscored the national scope and importance of the discussions held during the event.

Voice of people to resonate much louder in Parliament: Bhalla on Priyanka contesting from Wayanad



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing public meeting.

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JAMMU: The voice of the people will resonate much louder with both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's presence in Parliament, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla said on Monday.
 Bhalla's comment came shortly after Congress Chief Mallikarjun Kharge announced that Rahul Gandhi

will retain the Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh and vacate the Wayanad constituency in Kerala, from where his sister Priyanka Gandhi will contest a bypoll.
 "Thank you to people of Wayanad and our best wishes in advance for getting Priyanka Gandhi Ji as your representative in the 18th Lok Sabha," Bhalla said.
 "The voice of the people will

resonate much louder with both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi present inside the Parliament," he added.
 Priyanka had accompanied Rahul while he came down to Wayanad for filing nomination in 2019 as well as this time. She also took part in the road shows in Wayanad.
 Bhalla welcomed Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to Wayanad and expressed confidence that she would secure a record winning margin in the high-range constituency in the upcoming bypoll. "Rahul and the party are designating Priyanka, who is even more popular in dearest Wayanad," Bhalla said. "She would become a darling of the entire state by securing a historic victory margin in the upcoming bypoll for the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat, he added.

AIFF sacks head coach Igor Stimac

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Monday sacked Igor Stimac as the head coach of the country's senior men's team following a disappointing campaign in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.



Stimac, who was appointed as the head coach in 2019, was given an extension last year by the sport's apex body.
 India could not make the third round of the World Cup qualifier following a 1-2 defeat against Qatar in their final second round match.
 "Noting the disappointing outcome of the Senior Men's National Team's FIFA World Cup 2026

qualification campaign, the members unanimously agreed that a new Head Coach would be best placed to take the team forward," the AIFF said in a statement.
 "A notice of termination has been issued to Mr. Stimac by the AIFF Secretariat, and he stands relieved of his obligations with immediate effect."
 The 56-year-old Stimac, who was part of the Croatia team that made the semifinals of the 1998 World Cup, had taken charge of the Blue Tigers in 2019, after the departure of Stephen Constantine.
 Under Stimac, India won four major trophies, including two SAFF Championships, one Intercontinental Cup and a Tri-Nations Series.

Shiv Sena vows to restore privileges and rights of local people

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SRINAGAR: The people of Jammu and Kashmir have shown a glimpse of their anger in the Lok Sabha elections, the full picture will be seen in the upcoming assembly elections,
 Stated by Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni.
 Setting an example of Hindu-Muslim brotherhood on the auspicious occasion of Eid, a delegation of state leaders led by Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir chief Manish Sahni celebrated Eid with party leaders and workers of Kashmir division today at Ilahi Bagh in Srinagar with the prayer of



Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni speaking at a programme.

peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.
 While addressing the media on this occasion, Sahni said that his party and Jammu and Kashmir are victims of the deceit and betrayal of the Central gov-

ernment. While in Maharashtra, Shiv Sena was stripped of its name and symbol and divided into two groups whereas in J&K, Ladakh was separated and state status was taken away.
 Our cultural identity and

the rights of the sons of the soil are being violated. With the resolve to restore it, the party high command has directed the Jammu and Kashmir unit to contest the elections.
 Sahni said that they will

contest the elections with the promises of special status to Jammu and Kashmir and restoration of rights of local people, better education, health and employment with the support received from the public, he is very much sure to create history in the upcoming assembly elections. On this occasion president Mehila Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, centre Kashmir incharge, Mohd. Ramzan Dar, district youth president Gulzar Ahmed, Tarik Ahmed, Shahina, Kounsar, Fasil, Basit, Riaz Ahmed, Faizan Ahmed and many others were present.

Police holds security awareness meetings with traders



SHO Pacca Danga interacting with traders during PCPG meeting at Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: In adherence to directives from senior officers, two PCPG (Police Community Partnership Group) meetings were conducted today, focusing on present security threat perceptions and the upcoming Amarnath Yatra events. These meetings were chaired by the SHO of P/S Pacca Danga.
 The first meeting took place at Jain Bazar, followed by another at Pacca Danga market. Both gatherings saw active participation from prominent citizens, members of market associations, shopkeepers, and other stakeholders. Attendees were thoroughly briefed on the importance of remaining vigilant and were urged to promptly report any suspicious activi-

ties to the police.
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Sumit Nagal attains career-high ATP ranking of 71

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India's Sumit Nagal continued his ascent in the ATP singles chart, climbing to a career-high ranking of 71 on Monday.
 His previous best was 77 last week.
 The Olympic-bound Nagal jumped six places following his runner-up finish at the Perugia ATP Challenger tournament on Sunday.



round, Nagal is set to compete at in the main draw of Wimbledon followed by the Paris Olympics at Roland Garros. He had won the men's singles crown at the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 Challenger event in Germany earlier this month and the Chennai Open in February. Nagal, who is currently the best-ranked Indian singles player, has won four ATP Challenger titles since 2023 and Heilbronn was his fourth title on clay.

Rohit Sharma's coach shaped my career: USA cricketer Harmeeet Singh

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NEW DELHI: Left-arm spinner Harmeeet Singh, who is a part of the USA team that is enjoying a fairytale run in the ongoing T20 World Cup in the Americas, has revealed that Indian captain Rohit Sharma's coach Dinesh Lad has been instrumental in shaping his career.
 The 31-year-old represented India in two Under-19 World Cups and played for Mumbai at the age-group level before moving to the USA. He is now a member of the American team that has made the Super Eight stage in its very first appearance at the showpiece.
 "I would like to thank everybody who supported me in this journey and especially to Dinesh Lad Sir. My talent was first recognised by Lad Sir, who was the coach and mentor during my school days (Rohit Sharma



studied in the same school)," Harmeeet recalled in a video shared with PTI.
 "In fact, he only advised me to join his school. There he provided me with everything he possibly could," he said.
 Harmeeet said his progress would not have been possible without Lad.
 "I switched to Swami Vivekanand school. We broke many records, there was no cricket in the suburbs then but now looking

back at it, it all looks like a dream. What all we achieved at the school, couldn't have been possible without Lad Sir's support," he said. "The passion with which he worked on us, and the dedication he showed by sending us to the Shivaji Park Gymkhana to train better under Padmakar Shivalkar Sir and Pravin Amre Sir," he added. The USA will open their Super Eight campaign against South Africa on June 19.

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