

Patriotic spirit, gaiety mark Independence Day celebrations across Jammu Division

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JAMMU: Despite wet weather and incessant rains, the 76th Independence Day was celebrated with traditional fervour and gaiety across Jammu Division.

Apart from the official functions, market organizations, Mohalla Committees, social organizations and Welfare organizations hoisted National Flag in their areas to express their love for the country and pay homage to the Freedom fighters and martyrs of Army, paramilitary forces and police, who laid down their lives while protecting the Nation on frontiers and fighting terrorists.

Braving inclement Weather amid heavy downpour, People from all walks of life, including women and children, dressed in colourful attires, thronged the function venues to celebrate the National Festival. People distributed sweets and exchanged greetings amid festivity.

RAJOURI: The 76th Independence Day was observed across the Rajouri district with great fervour and national spirit. The celebrations were held at district headquarters, all additional districts, sub-divisions and tehsil headquarters and at Panchayats.

The main function was organized at District Police Lines Grounds where the chief guest, District Development Council Chairman, Naseem Liyaqat unfurled the National Flag and inspected the Parade. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal and other officers of district administration were present on the occasion.

In all, 22 contingents of JKAP, JK Executive Police, JK police band, CRPF, JK PPF and SPOs, besides student platoons of different schools presented an impressive parade, led by DySP Parupkar Singh.

Prominent among others present on the occasion DDC Member Rajouri, Sai Abdul Rashid; President MC Rajouri, Mohammad Arief; BDC Rajouri, Darbar Chowdhary; Vice President MC Rajouri, Bharat Bhushan Vaid; DIG Rajouri Poonch, Dr Haseeb Mughal; SSP, Mohd Aslam; ADDC, Pawan Kumar; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; Joint Director Planning, Mohd Khurshid, ACR, Imran Rashid Kata; SE PWD/Hydraulics; District Programme Officer ICDS, Showket Malik; DCEO, Bilal Rashid Mir; District heads of different departments, Ward councillors Pushpinder Gupta, Sanjay Sharma, Javed Chowhan and other panchayati Raj and urban local body members.

MENDHAR: Independence Day was celebrated by the Jawans/Officers of JKAP 6TH Battalion at various locations throughout district Poonch. The main function was held at Battalion Headquarter, Behra and tri-color was unfurled by Suram Singh JKPS (SSP) Commandant JKAP 6TH Battalion and Guard of honour was presented in the honor of National Flag.



Roop Raj (SSP) Principal SPS PTS Kathua taking salute of march past.

KATHUA: The 76th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, patriotic zeal and national fervor at Kathua. The main function was held at Sports Stadium, Kathua where DDC Chairman Col Retd Mahan Singh hoisted the National flag and took salute from mega parade comprising of 39 contingents drawn from CRPF, District Police, Police Training School, IRP, Home Guards, NCC boys and Girls, Bands and tiny platoons from various Government and Private schools.

Earlier, District Information Centre, Kathua in the wee hours played Shahnai Vadan at DC office complex and SSP office.

Vice Chairman DDC Kathua Raghunandan Singh, BDC Chairpersons, DC Kathua Rahul Pandey, SSP, R.C Kotwal, DDC Members, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Atul Gupta, ASP, Suresh Kumar Chib, ACR, Sandeep Sointra, CPO, Tehsildar, District Officers, Prominent citizens, Ex Servicemen were present on the occasion.

76th Independence Day" was celebrated at PTS Kathua with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. Roop Raj (SSP) Principal SPS PTS Kathua presided over the function and hoisted the National Flag.

During the function, contingents of 29th BRTC Batch held impressive March Past under the command of Insp. Kuldeep Kumar, CDI (Parade Commander) and SI Sham Lal, 2 I/C. A colourful cultural programme was also organised in which Trainees of PTS Kathua presented various solo/group patriotic/folk/national songs/dance depicting our culture including Kashmiri, Ladhakhi, Punjabi and Dogri which enthralled the audience. Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma-JKPS AP(O) closely monitored the arrangements of outdoor i.e. March Past and cultural programme and Ranjit Singh-SSP Vice Principal PTS Kathua supervised all the arrangements for the smooth conduct of this National Function. Rajesh Janwal, DySP AP(Indoor) was also present on the occasion.

Vote of thanks was presented by Ragbir Singh, AP Admin, PTS. The proceedings were conducted by Insp. Sanjiv Sharma, Law Instructor.

Govt Polytechnic College Kathua celebrated 76th Independence Day with great joy, fervour and enthusiasm in the college. On this occasion, Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal in the college hoisted the Tricolour.

Independence Day-2022 was celebrated with unprecedented national fervour at IRP 19th Battalion Headquarters Kathua where SSP Benam Tosh Commandant IRP 19th Battalion hoisted the national flag, inspected ID parade and took salute at march past in the presence of other Police officers.

DODA: The Independence Day 2022, marking completion of 75 years of Free India, was today celebrated with national fervor, enthusiasm and gaiety at Sports Stadium Doda, where the Chairman District Development Council, Dhananter Singh Kotwal hoisted the Tricolor.

He inspected the parade, took salute from the March past comprising contingents drawn from the JK Police, IR 5th BN, CRPF 76Bn, FPF, Home Guard, NCC, NSS, Sports Council and children from different schools.

Vice Chairperson DDC Sangeeta Rani Bhagat, Deputy Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma, SSP Doda, Abdul Qayoom, President MC Doda, Ved Prakash Gupta, DDC members, ADDC Doda Pran Singh, besides other civil and police officers were present on the occasion.

Similar functions were also held at all Sub Divisional, Tehsil/Block levels headquarters and all the panchayats across the District where BDC Chairpersons, SDMs, Tehsildars and elected PRIs hoisted the National Flag and took salute of the March past contingents.

RAMBAN: Chairperson District Development Council Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan hoisted the National Flag and inspected the Parade at the main function of the 76th Independence Day held in the District Police Lines.

The Chairperson took salute from the March Past consisting of contingents of JK Police, IRP, Home Guards, school contingents and Military Band.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam,

President MC Ramban, Sunita Kumari, Councilors of DDC Ramban and MC Ramban, besides SSP, Mohita Sharma, SSP Traffic, Shabir Malik, ADDC Rajinder Sharma and other civil, police and officers of Armed forces, prominent citizens attended the function.

Meanwhile, the President, MC Ramban, Sunita Sumbria hoisted Tricolor in the MC office while all the BDC Chairpersons hoisted Tricolor in their respective block headquarters.

REASI: The 76th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor in district Reasi.

The main function was held in the General Zorawar Singh Sports stadium Reasi, where District Development Council Chairman, Saraf Singh hoisted the National flag at 08:55 AM and took salute at an impressive parade of 18 contingents drawn from J&K Police, SKPA, Volunteers Home Guards, NCC and Civil Scots besides Police Band, took part in this national function.

Deputy Commissioner, Babila Rakwal, Sr. Superintendent of Police Reasi Amit Gupta, ADDC Jyoti Salathia, besides other officers of District Administration, Police, CRPF, BSF and Army and elected representatives and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

Similar Independence Day functions were also organized at Tehsil, Sub Divisional level.

Later, at home was organized at Auditorium, DC Complex, Reasi where a cultural performance was arranged by the District Administration.

Reasi Campus of the University of Jammu has celebrated 76th Independence day of India with great fervour and zeal. The function was attended by all the staff members, students and persons from the civil society. The national flag was hoisted by the Prof. Sushil K. Pandey, Director, Reasi Campus. Dr. Nisha Sharma and Manoj Kumar organized the event while Diksha Bharti, Ravi Kumar, Babloo Salaria and Sandeep Sharma were also present.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) celebrated the Independence Day at KVK, Reasi campus with great fervor, zeal and spirit. The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. JP Sharma and guidance of Director Extension, Prof. SK Gupta of SKUAST-Jammu. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Kamal Singh, Naib Sarpanch of Dera Baba Panchayat in Reasi distt.

KISHHTWAR: The 76th Independence Day was celebrated across the district Kishtwar including tehsil and block headquarters and in all government and private Educational institutions with great enthusiasm, fervor and national spirit.

The main function was held at Historic Chowgan Ground where the people from all walks of life participated.

Chairperson, District Development Council, Pooja Thakur, who was the Chief Guest, hoisted the tricolor; inspected the parade and took salute from the March past comprising contingents drawn from District Police, CRPF, CISF, IRP, Home guards, Forest Protection Force, NCC wing (Boys and Girls) GDC and GHSS, besides Students of Government and Private schools.

Among others Vice-Chairperson DDC Kishtwar Saima Parveen Lone; Chairman Block Development Council Kishtwar, Suresh Kumar Sharma; President Municipal Council Kishtwar Sajjad Ahmed Najjar; Deputy Commissioner Ashok Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police Shafkat Hussain Bhat, DDC members besides other civil, police and Army officers, prominent persons of the society, social workers and political leaders attended the Function.

Dulhasti Power Station celebrated India's 76th Independence Day with great patriotic fervor and enthusiasm on 15th August 2022. The celebration began with the unfurling of National flag by M K Singh, Group General Manager (Incharge).

Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Sharad Jaikar, General Manager (Civil), Gursharan Singh, Group Deputy General Manager (Electrical), Ashok Kumar Dhanwal, Senior Manager (HR), Deputy Commandants and officers and jawans of CISF, Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya and senior officers and employees of Dulhasti Power Station were present.

Chenab Valley Power Projects [P] Ltd. (CVPPPL) celebrated the 76th Independence Day on Tuesday in which Hasan Nadeem, Managing Director unfurled the National Flag at its corporate office, Jammu & congratulated the employees and their families on Independence Day. Employees posted at Corporate office, Jammu participated in the function with full enthusiasm. Independence day celebrations were also held at PakalDul, Kiru and Kwar HE Projects at Kishtwar.

SAMBALI: The 76th Independence Day was celebrated in district samba amidst fervour, gaiety and valour. The national function saw a huge participation of the general public across the ages.

Chairman District Development Councils, Samba, Keshav Dutt Sharma hoisted the National Tri-colour at an impressive decorated Rani Suchait Singh Stadium.

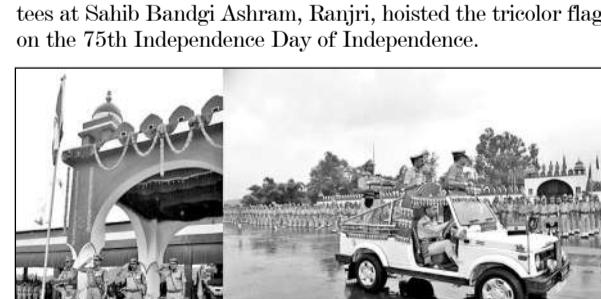
Vice Chairman DDC Balwan Singh, District Development Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta, other DDC members, Senior Superintendent of Police, besides other District Officers and prominent personalities were also present.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Suran Chand Sharma, District Social Welfare Officer, Deep Kumar, District Information Officer, Ajay Sharma, besides officers from health department, PWD, Rural development, JK Police, Civil Defense, Revenue department, Youth services and Sports and others were also felicitated.

Mementos were distributed among the war veterans and families of Martyrs' by district administration samba.

Awards were also given to NGOs, Journalists, persons related to art and culture, Ex-servicemen and persons with distinguished services.

Satguru Madhuparamhans, along with thousands of devotees at Sahib Bangla Ashram, Ranjri, hoisted the tricolor flag on the 75th Independence Day of Independence.



Police Academy Udhampur celebrates Independence Day.

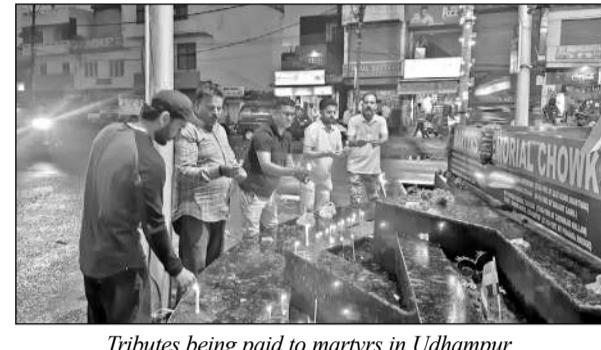
UDHAMPUR: The 76th Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervor across district Udhampur.

The main function was held in the premises of Government PG College, Boys Udhampur, wherein District Development Council Chairperson, Udhampur Lal Chand was the chief guest, who hoisted the National flag at 9:55 AM and took salute from an impressive parade of 28 contingents drawn from J&K Police, SKPA, Volunteers Home Guards, NCC and Civil Scots besides Police Band, took part in this national function.

DDC Vice Chairperson, Juhi Manhas Pathania, Deputy Commissioner, Krittika Jyotsna; DIG Udhampur Reasi Range, Mohammad Suleman Choudhary; Senior

Superintendent of Police, Dr. Vinod Kumar; President Municipal Council, Jogeshwar Gupta; Additional District Development Commissioner, Anu Behl; BDCs, DDCs and senior officers of District Administration, Police, Air Force, CRPF, ITBP, BSF and Army besides elected representatives and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

Udhampur Media persons celebrated I-Day where Pardeep Bakshi accompanied by Ramesh Gupta and Chairperson Priti Khajuria, Ashwani Khajuria and Sunil Proach unfurled the National Flag at Domail Chowk Udhampur. Journalists present were Sumeet Sharma, Ashish Dutta, Deepak Anand, Sanjeev Sharma, Aftab and Vinay Sharma.



Tributes being paid to martyrs in Udhampur.

Celebrating 76th Independence Day, volunteers Aware India Foundation (AIF) and District president Vimal Sharma pay tributes to freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the sake of nation. LVD State President along with workers Vikram Singh Slathia unfurled tricolor at Slathia Chowk.

137bn of CRPF celebrated 76th Independence Day in the premises of SRTC campus in Udhampur. Mohd. Khalid Khan, Commandant of 137 Bn CRPF Mohd Khalid unfurled the Tricolour. Others who present were Sadhu Saran Yadav, 2-I/C (Adm), Tejinder Kaur, 2-I/C (Ops), Umesh Chand Singh Dy Comdt Ysomt Vardhan other company commander also. Sweets were distributed and greets each other.

Sarpanch Anita Kumari hoisted the tricolor in the premises of Panchayat Ghar Lower Malhard. Others who present were chairman People's Welfare Forum, Prof. Romal Singh, president Varinder Singh, Amar Singh, Narinder Singh and many more.

BJP Senior State Leader Pawan Khajuria also celebrated 76th I-Day celebration. On this occasion Khajuria hoisted the tricolor at BJP office near Sallain Talab in Udhampur amidst crowd of workers.

Independence Day 2022 was celebrated at HQ Northern Command, Udhampur with great zeal and patriotic fervour. A solemn wreath laying ceremony at the Dhruva War Memorial marked the Independence Day celebrations. The officers and men of Udhampur military garrison paid homage to our gallant fallen heroes and their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. A befitting tribute was paid by laying of wreaths by Maj Gen SS Patil, GOC 71 Sub Area and Veterans.

The 76th Independence Day of our nation was celebrated with great fervor by District Administration at GDC Udhampur in the college premises as per the past practice. The National flag was hoisted by the DDC Chairman Udhampur Lal Chand as the Chief Guest. Government ITI Udhampur celebrated "76th Independence Day" with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. Chairman IMC of ITI Udhampur Arun P Gupta hoisted the national flag and took salute. Superintendent ITI Udhampur Er. Naresh Singh along with staff members and students also participated in the celebration with great gaiety and fervor.

76th Independence Day was celebrated at Govt Higher Secondary School Mansar, District Udhampur, with great enthusiasm & zeal. Charu Anand, Principal of the institution, hoisted the National flag along with Sunita Sharma, Sarpanch of panchayat mansar who also was Chief Guest of the event. Moreover, Nirmal Singh, PSI Mansar, was the Guest of Honour.

Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu celebrated Independence Day with great patriotic favour and zeal. Professor Parikshat Singh Manhas, Rector Udhampur Campus accompanied by staff members, students and non-teaching staff hoisted the tricolor followed by National Anthem. Local people from the adjoining villages also joined in the celebrations.

At Ramnagar, the Independence Day function was held in the premises of Government Model Higher Secondary School, wherein MC President, Banti Devi unfurled Tricolour.

Similarly, the Independence Day function was also organized at Tehsil and Sub Divisional levels.

"Jal Shakti (PHE) Employee and Workers Association" District Udhampur celebrated 75th Independence Day (15th August 2022) Programme at Jal Shakti (PHE) Station Barian Udhampur. Large number of Employees and Workers participated in the function, where the Chief Guest Som Nath District President Jal Shakti PHE Employees and Workers Association Udhampur hoisted the National

POONCH: The 76th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, fervor and national spirit here at Sports Stadium.

The Chief Guest, Chairperson District Development Council Pooneh, Tazeem Akhter hoisted the tricolor and took salute at the march Past. Guard of honour was presented by JK Police which was followed by an impressive Parade by the contingents of JKPL, CRPF, JKAP, NCC, J&K Home Guards, J&K Police QRT Commando, J&K Police Band and various Government and Private Schools.

Vice Chairperson DDC Pooneh, Ashfaq Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner Pooneh, Inderjeet, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rohit Baskotra, DDC member Loran, Riaz Bashir Naz, ADDC Abdul Sattar, ADC Dr. Basharat Hussain, besides other officers from Civil, Police, Judiciary, Ex Legislators, prominent citizens, social workers, political activists attended the function. A Large number of men, women and children were present on the occasion.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner hoisted the flag at DC Office Pooneh. Independence Day was celebrated across all the Government Offices, Degree Colleges, Govt ITIs & Polytechnic Colleges, Schools and at Block and Panchayat Levels, where the concerned BDC Chairpersons/Sarpanches hoisted the National Flag.

As part of the ceremony, 'At Home' function was also organized by the Deputy Commissioner Pooneh at Government Degree College.

JINDRAH: The NSS unit of Government Degree College (Jindra) Jindra celebrated Independence Day by conducting Flag hoisting ceremony with cultural bonanza to mark 'Har Ghar Tiranga campaign' under the banner of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate seventy five glorious years of independence.

The Flag was hoisted by the Principal, Prof. Rajashre Dhar in the presence of the whole staff and students. The program was organized by Dr. Deepika Sharma, Program Officer, NSS Unit and Dr. Vikseh made the arrangements for Flag hoisting ceremony. Prof. Jasneet Kour compared the whole Flag hoisting ceremony and independence celebrations and Dr. Seema, Librarian and Member NSS Unit completed and reported the whole event. The chief guest on the occasion was Anil Sharma, Chairman, All J&K Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) and Ranjeet Singh was also presented on the occasion.

RAMGARH: Government Degree College Ramgarh celebrated 75 years of India's Independence under the aegis of "Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". Principal of College, Prof. (Dr.) Meera Abrol hoisted the national flag.

NOWSHERA: Govt. Degree College Nowshera celebrated 76th Independence Day with great pride and enthusiasm. The national flag was hoisted by the Principal of the college Dr. K.K. Sharma. The day concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Joginder Singh.

VIJAYPUR: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. On the occasion, Khalid Ahmed Poswal, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur presided over the function and hoisted the National Flag in presence of Rajinder Singh Rahi, SP, Vice Principal PTTI Vijaypur, Satish Kumar, Dy.SP (Admn/Outdoor) PTTI Vijaypur other staff and trainees. During function, the contingents of Trainees led by Insp. Pawan Parihar (RI/CDI) as Parade Commander and ASI Sulinder Singh (SM Outdoor) as 2nd in Command held March Past.

Insp. Rakesh Bamba, Insp. Vivek Kalsotra, Insp. Surinder Paul Singh, Insp. Vishal Kumar, Insp. Manoj Kumar, Insp. Rattan Singh, Insp. Ram Lal, Insp. Tariq Mahmood Mirza, Insp. Rakesh Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

BARI BRAHMANA: An impressive Function was held today at Bari Brahmana Industries Association Office, Bari Brahmana to celebrate the 76th Independence Day of India