

# Jammu division celebrates Independence Day with patriotic fervour, gaiety

## DDC Chairmen hoist National Flag; enumerate developmental achievements in Districts

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JAMMU: Festivity and patriotic fervour gripped Jammu Division as the Nation celebrated the 77th Independence Day amid great passion and enthusiasm.

**KATHUA:** The main function was held at Sports Stadium, where DDC Chairman Col (Retd) Mahan Singh hoisted the National

Independence Day was celebrated across Doda district amid a strong sense of national pride with the main function held at the Sports Stadium in Doda Town.

Chief Guest, District Development Council Chairman, Dhananter Singh Kotwal, hoisted the tricolor amidst spirited celebrations followed by a soulful rendition of the national anthem.



DDC Chairman Col (Retd) Mahan Singh along with DDC Kathua Rakesh Minhas taking salute from march past.

flag and took salute from mega parade comprising of 45 contingents drawn from District Police, Police Training School, IRP, NCC boys and Girls, Bands and tiny platoons from various Government and Private schools.

Vice Chairman DDC Kathua Raghunandan Singh, BDC Chairpersons, DC Kathua Rakesh Minhas, SSP, Shivdev Singh Jammwal, DDC Members, other functionaries of district administration, PRI members and a good number of people were present.

Earlier, District Information Centre, Kathua

Later, the DDC chairman inspected the parade comprising contingents of JKP, CRPF, SSB, FPF, IRP 5th Bu, NCC Sr and Jr wings, Home Guards and the students of different schools.

Vice Chairperson DDC, Sangeeta Rani Bhagat, Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, SSP Abdul Qayoom, and other functionaries from civil and police departments, besides a huge gathering of enthusiastic audience were also present.

**UDHAMPUR:** The 77th Independence Day main function was held in the premises of Government PG



District Development Council Chairman, Lal Chand inspecting the parade at Udhampur.

Joginder Singh Jasrotia, BDCs, DDCs, Senior officers of District Administration, Police, Air Force, CRPF, ITBP, BSF and Army besides prominent citizens were present.

Press Club Udhampur (PCU) also celebrated the 77th Ind Day and hoisted national flag at Domail Chowk Udhampur. Tricolour was hoisted by President Press Club Udhampur Pardeep Bakshi along with club members. Beside this main function was organized at Degree College

Slathia celebrated 77th T'day in Udhampur. Slathia unfurl tricolor at Slathia Chowk. In brief speech Slathia has up lauded the prime scarification of freedom fighters.

Bhartiya Group of colleges celebrated 77th Independence Day. Wherein chairperson of college Madhu Khajuria unfurl the tricolour. Beside students and staff of colleges Ashok Khajuria, Principal Anita Bali, Principal Bhaskar college SK Magotra were present.

Sarpanch Anita Kumari



Press Club Udhampur President Pardeep Bakshi along with other members hoisting National Flag.

Udhampur.

According to reports Press Club Udhampur (PCU) celebrated 77th T'day wherein president Pardeep Bakshi accompanied by Club members and Dr.Vikram Gulati, Anket Senson and many more locals has unfurled the natinal flag at Domail Chowk Udhampur.

Prominent among journalists present were Romesh Gupta, Amit Mahi, Ranjit Parihar, Sumet Sharma, Ashish Dutta, Krishan Kumar, Viney Sharma, Arun Sharma, Aftab Hindustani, Sahil Kumar and many more.

Celebrating 77th Independence day students of Govt. High School Pingar (Ramnagar) Panchyat ex chairman Sandokhu Ram, HM Hem Raj, Sudesh Sharma and Panch Mangat Ram hoisted the national flag. Later sweets were distributed among students and staff.

While volunteers Aware India Foundation (AIF) and District president Vimal Sharma pay tributes to freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the sake of nation on the ocession of Ind. Day celebration. All volunteers lit the lamps at domail chowk by evening.

LVD state president along with workers Vikram Singh

has hoisted the tricolor in the premises of Panchayat Ghar Lower. Other who present were chairman People's Welfare Fouram, Prof Romal Singh, president Varinder Singh, Amar Singh, Narinder Singh and many more.

**RAMNAGAR:** The Independence Day function was held in the premises of Government Model Higher Secondary School, wherein MC President, Banti Devi unfurled the Tricolour.

**RAJOURI:** The 77th 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, as well as at panchayats.

The main function took place at DPL grounds Rajouri, where the chief guest, Chairman of the District Development Council, Advocate Ch. Naseem Liaqat, unfurled the National Flag, inspected the Parade and took the salute in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal and SSP, Amritpal Singh.

The parade was commanded by DySP Parupkar Singh. Thousands of people thronged the venue to witness the grand celebrations of the national event.

R. N. Wattal (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Rajouri) and Mehmood Ahmed Choudhary (Additional District & Sessions Judge, Rajouri) also attended the event as special guests. Also in attendance were President MC Rajouri, Mohammad Arief; DDC Member Rajouri, Sain Abdul Rashid; BDC Chairperson Rajouri, Darbar Chowdhary; Councillors of MC Rajouri other civil society members; ex-legislators, Ministers and members of both panchayats and urban local bodies and functionaries.

Educational institutions. The main function was held on the historical Chowgan Grounds where the Vice-Chairperson, District Development Council, Saima Parveen Lone, accompanied by SSP, Khalil Ahmed Poswal, hoisted the tricolor, inspected the parade and took salute at the March Past comprising contingents drawn from Police, IRP, CRPF, CISF, Forest Protection Force, Home guards, SPO Group, NCC battalion of GDC Kishtwar, Anganwari Workers and School children. The parade was commanded by Dy. SP



Chairman District Development Council, Advocate Ch. Naseem Liaqat taking salute from march past at Rajouri.

ies of District Administration attended the function .

**REASI:** The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm across Reasi district and the main function was held at General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium Reasi where District Development Council Chairperson, Reasi Saraf Singh Nag unfurled the National Flag, inspected the Parade and took salute at the march past comprising the contingents of CRPF, IRP, J&K Police, Jammu Kashmir Home Guard,

Vishal Sharma. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, and senior civil and police functionaries and officers of security Forces and Army, besides a large number of people attended the function

**RAMBAN:** Chairperson, District Development Council, Dr. Shamshad Shan hoisted the National Flag at District Police Lines, Chandroge, where the main function of the 77th Independence Day celebration under theme 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' was held with patriotic fervour and tradi-



District Development Council Chairperson, Reasi Saraf Singh Nag inspecting the parade.

National Cadet Corps, School Students, and JKP Pipe band.

Vice Chairperson DDC, Sajra Qadir, District Development Commissioner, Babila Rakwal, SSP, Amit Gupta. ADC Abdul Star and other district officers were also present on the occasion.

Kishtwar: The 77th Independence Day 2023 was celebrated across the District Kishtwar with great enthusiasm, fervor and national spirit.

At Block level the National flag was unfurled by the concerned BDC Chairpersons, besides flags were unfurled at District Court Complex, Police Line, Sub Divisional headquarters, Tehsil and Block headquarters, in all the Govt offices, colleges and

tional zeal.

DDC Chairperson inspected the parade consisting of JK Police, IRP, FPF, Home Guards and students of various education institutions.

Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, President MC Ramban, Sunita Kumari, DDC Councillors, BDC Chairpersons, SSP, Mohita Sharma, ADC Harbans Lal Sharma, senior officers, armed forces, prominent citizens and senior officers of various departments attended the function.

**POONCH:** The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, fervor and national spirit at Sports Stadium Poonch where the Chief Guest, Chairperson District Development Council,



Chairperson, District Development Council, Dr. Shamshad Shan inspecting the parade at Ramban.

Tazeem Akhter hoisted the tricolor and took salute.

Guard of honour was presented by JK Police which was followed by March Past comprising contingents of JKP, 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, Ashfaq Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) , DDC Members, ADDC, ADC, besides other officers from Civil, Police, Judiciary, Ex Legislators,

Kashmir.

Unfurling the national flag, to mark the Independence Day celebrations, in front of capacity and responsive crowd, he said the impunity with each the constitutional guarantees and provisions are being tampered with at times even without following the due course of constitutional and legal provisions and not caring for the stakeholders, has created a challenging situation. This tendency needs to be fought back by all the forces committed to defend the constitutional provisions, mainly those dealing with people's existence. "How could the geography of the



Chairperson District Development Council, Tazeem Akhter taking salute from the march past at Poonch.

prominent citizens, social workers, political activists and a large number of men, women and children were present on the occasion.

**BARI BRAHMANA:** Senior Congress leader M K Bhardwaj has said Independence Day is the occasion to dedicate ourselves to save and preserve the values pertaining to individual rights and federalism, as

state of Jammu and Kashmir be changed ignoring the laid constitutional provisions", he wondered.

Later, he addressed a series of meetings in Vijaypur and Bishnah assembly constituencies, after unfurling the flag, namely at Bishnah, Arnia, Ratnal, Chak Hasla and Karel Manhasan located along the International Border.



Senior Congress leader M K Bhardwaj addressing gathering.

enshrined in the Constitution, which are under greater threat. This threat is more during current times as ever before and a glaring example of it is seen by all of us in Jammu and

Those who spoke on the occasion Former Ministers Yashpal Kundal and Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Ashok Dubey, Ashwani Puri, Jeet Raj, Janak Raj and others.

## Panchayat Prabhari convenes 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' events at Village Sheindara Lower

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**POONCH:** To celebrate the Independence Day 2023 a series of activities were conducted under "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" with the theme "Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan" at Sheindara Lower Panchayat of Block Lassana.

The event was convened by Visiting Officer (Panchayat Parbhari), Jatinder Singh, Director General Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu under close supervision of Sarpanch Halqa, Wajahat Bukhari. The PRI members, front line workers of different departments and the public of the panchayat attended the Azadi ka Amrit Mohostav and actively participated in all the activities of the celebrations.

The Parbhari/Visiting Officer alongwith Sarpanch of the Panchayat hoisted the National Flag in the Phachayat Ghar followed by singing of National Anthem. The participants chanted Bharat Mata Ki Jai & Vande Mataram in one voice. The members of Gram Sabha were also present in the ceremony who planted saplings in the Panchayat Ghar area.

"Panch Pran" pledge was also taken in the premises of Government Hr. Sec. School Sheindara administered by Sarpanch Halqa/Visiting Officer to PRI Members, Teachers, Students and prominent Citizens. A Plantation drive was also held where students actively took part in the drive and planted 75 plants of various varieties in the panchayat.

A mega Tiranga rally and Kalash Yatra with the Deepak (Lamp) and Kalash of Maati of the Panchayat was also organized which started from Government Hr. Sec. School Sheindara and culminated at Sheindara Market. Sarpanch Halqa led the rally by holding Deepak in his hand. PRI members, Public of the area and the staff, and a large number of students participated in the Kalash Yatra.

## Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha orgaines patriotic evening in name of martyrs



Sabha members honouring family members of martyrs.

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**SAMBA:** On the anniversary of Independence, a programme was organized by Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha at Gurha Salathia in Samba district, one evening in the name of martyrs in which local singers and artists paid tribute to the martyrs by giving melodious

renditions of patriotic songs.

Citizens lit lamps in the memory of the martyrs at Shaheed Smarak Gurha Salathia.

BJP Samba district in-charge Thakur Narayan Singh was the chief Guest on the occasion. Special guests were DDC sudarshan Singh Salathia, Shri Amar

Kshatriya Rajput Sabha Vice President Jagdish Singh, District President Inder Singh, Kabla Singh, Pawan Kohli, Vinay Sambyal, Guiding and Counselling Cell Gurha Salathia Chairman Veer Pratap Singh and mangleshwar Singh. More than a dozen singers presented songs in the journey of tunes which lasted for about three hours. The singers enthralled the audience till 9 pm by singing songs. The audience enjoyed a lot in this patriotic program which lasted for three hours. During this, the families of the martyrs were also honored. Other citizens including Utkansh Salathia, Shivdev Singh, Balbir Singh, Rimpu etc were present on the occasion.

## Public outreach camps held across Doda under Block Diwas programme

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**DODA:** To reach out to people to address their grievances, District Administration Doda, as part of Block Diwas program, organised outreach camps. Block diwas programs were Block Headquarter Bhalla Sub District Bhadarwah, Sub Divisional Headquarter Assar, Sub

Divisional Headquarter Gandoh and Sub Divisional Headquarter Thathri. The event was chaired by Tehsildar Bhalla Manjeet Singh Katal and BDO Mahesh Chandra at Bhalla, of Sub District Bhaderwah. The government officers provided different services and listened to the grievances and demands of people.

They resolved many issues on the spot pertaining to their respective departments. The line department which were present in these public outreach programs include PDD, PHIE, PWD R&B, Education, Revenue etc. The program was attended by PRIs sarpanchs, Sectorial officer and representative of concerned department.

## DC Rajouri conducts public outreach camp at Doongi, addresses concerns of locals

### Awareness imparted to participants on NMBA, IMI 5.0, Mission Youth & other Govt schemes

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**RAJOURI:** In an earnest endeavor to address public concerns, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal conducted a public outreach camp in Doongi block as part of the weekly Block Diwas initiative.

Engaging with locals, the DC listened to their grievances, assuring them of swift redressal. The community members raised a wide range of issues seeking road maintenance, school upgrading, meeting staff shortage and improvement in healthcare services.

Among the specific concerns highlighted were repair of roads from Shahpur to Thatyali and Tek to Thatyali, Sasal Kote to Challas, besides provision of Road link from main road to Naibat, Workshop bridge to Mua Galli and main road to Khori Mohalla; Bank branch and ATM facility at Doongi Bhramma, sanctioning of a PHC for Sasal Kote panchayat drainage work on Agrati to Jabbar road etc.

Other issues projected included speedy completion of JJM Schemes, rationalization of staff in Educational

Institutions, repair of school building at Loorkote, construction of a community hall at Damma, inclusion of left out beneficiaries under PMAY-G, adequate staff at Government Middle school Ratti Mitti etc.

The officers capitalized on the opportunity to inform the public about government initiatives, encouraging them to avail the benefits of the same.

The Deputy Commissioner called for close coordination among departments and PRIs and active participation of the public to achieve developmental goals. He especially emphasized youth involvement in self-employment schemes for self-reliance.

Prompt action was taken as the Deputy Commissioner issued instant directives to concerned departments for time-bound resolution of highlighted issues. Responding to the water scarcity problem, he reiterated the administration's commitment to provide tap water to all households under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The DC further assured to take up the demand for

health sub-centre and construction of Government Degree College Building Doongi with the concerned authorities.

The successful public outreach camp earned commendation from locals for its effectiveness in bridging the gap between the administration and citizens. It stood as a platform for airing grievances, with government officials demonstrating responsiveness and accountability. This event reaffirmed the district administration's unwavering commitment to swiftly and effectively addressing public issues, ensuring people's well-being remains the top priority.

Among the others present were DDC Member Doongi, Khalid Chowdhary; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACD, Vijay Kumar; DDE, Qadeer Ul Rehman; CEO Education Sultana Kouser; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; EXEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; EXEN REW, Zahir Khan and other district and sectoral officers attended the event.

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