

# Patriotic extravaganza hosted at Musical Fountain Bagh-e-Bahu

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu embarked Jammuites on a Patriotic journey, weaved together with magnificent ceremonies under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Meri Maati Mera Desh initiatives of the Government, movie screening along with Tricolored theme illumination and Musical Fountain Show was commemorated at Aquaplex Crown Bagh-e-Bahu Jammu on the eve of 77th Independence Day of India.

The event was beautifully crafted in an unforgettable tapestry of Independence Day Celebrations, under the stars and the open skies amid tricolored illumination all around bringing in the beautiful symphony of nature and patriotic essence. The event was inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar by lighting of Diyas which was followed with the ceremonial recital of National Anthem and the much awaited Open Air Cinema experience was formally thrown open for public with the screening of Hindi Movie "Uri: The Surgical Strike".

Pertinent to mention here that this is the first time that Open Air Cinema Experience has been launched in Jammu and cinema lovers can now enjoy movies sitting under the open skies at Bagh-e-Bahu Jammu. The event



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar with Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Mehta and others at an event.

was a perfect amalgamation of entertainment and Patriotism leaving an indelible mark on everyone's heart. Jammuites also enjoyed the Open Air Cinema while paddle Boating in the lake at the Musical Fountain arena which was a dreamy experience for those present on the occasion. The festivities continued to unfold with captivating cinematic experience at the exquisite Aquaplex Crown Musical Fountain, Bagh-e-Bahu, as the silver screen came alive with the heroic tale of 'Uri,' under the starlit sky.

This awe-inspiring celebration, a beacon under the initiatives of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Meri Maati Mera Desh,' epitomized the spirit of our nation's 77th Independence Day. The echoes of freedom resounded in every heart, as Jammu basked in the glory of this remarkable commemoration. The enthralling movie captivated the audience with its portrayal of sequence of

events related to Surgical Strike and its inspirational narratives. The movie underscores the sacrifices and valour of our armed forces serving as a poignant reminder of the value of Freedom and the inspirational bravery of our armed forces. As a symbol of unwavering respect for the nation, the event started with the harmonious rendition of the National Anthem, bringing everyone together during this heart-warming display of patriotism and unity.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar said that the Aquaplex Crown Bagh-e-Bahu is a great endeavour of the Directorate of Tourism Jammu to bring Open Air Cinema Experience to Jammu region and it is an added feature to the ever growing diverse list of tourism products being brought in to the Jammu region. He hoped that people in large numbers especially bloggers, social

media influencers shall come to this place and watch movies under the Open Sky which is going to be a regular feature and movies shall be displayed on the Open Screen under the supervision of Directorate of Tourism Jammu.

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the attendees for joining in this patriotic celebration and said that the Directorate of Tourism Jammu has organized series of events under the Meri Maati Mera Desh initiative of the Government wherein Dogra Food Festival was organized at Duggardhani Kheral in District Reasi, Suchetgarh Border Familiarization Tour was flagged off, Mega Cultural Festival was organized at Bahu Plaza Jammu, Tiranga Rally was organized at Raghunath Bazaar Jammu and the Open Air Movie screening is a part of the month long celebrations being organized by the Directorate of Tourism Jammu to commemorate 77th Independence Day of our great nation.

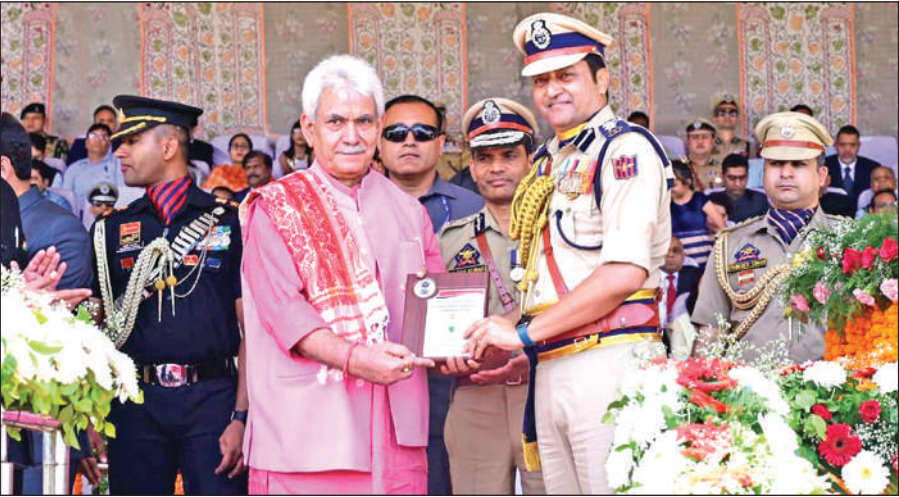
Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Mehta added that Diya Lighting ceremony, under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Meri Maati Mera Desh initiatives, envisions a unified celebration of India's valour, commemorating the nation's journey of freedom and puts emphasis on

the fundamental aspect of expressing heartfelt gratitude to all the bravehearts who have made the supreme sacrifices for our great nation. She further emphasized that Bahu Fort is a symbol of reverence for all Jammuites and Tourism Department is committed to promote it as a major attraction for the tourists.

Such initiatives of Jammu Tourism Directorate are dedicated towards nurturing a deeper connection between the people and their motherland, reinforcing the values of togetherness and pride to our heritage and culture. This impressive experience of entertainment, celebration of Culture, Heritage and patriotism, reflecting the collective spirit of unity and pride that resonated throughout the venue, was received with rousing response from the visitors who chanted 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' in between the event. The tranquil ambiance served as a canvas for the attendees to unite, celebrate and reaffirm their commitment towards national progress and development.

Among those present on the occasion were Dr. Umesh Shan Deputy Director Tourism Jammu, Sugandhi Banotra Assistant Director Tourism Jammu, Ambika Bali Assistant Director Tourism Katra and other officials of the Tourism Department.

# Lt Governor Sinha honours SSP Sandeep Mehta



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha felicitating Sandeep Mehta, SSP, CO IRP-11th Battalion for dexterously commanding the main event of 77th Independence Day Parade, 2023 at Bakshi Stadium.

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JAMMU: Sandeep Mehta, SSP, CO IRP-11th Battalion, 2001 batch JKPS Officer, being honoured by Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha for dexterously commanding the main event of 77th Independence Day Parade, 2023 at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar.

He has contributed valorously at various significant posts and is also a recipient of DGP commendation medal and JK Police medal for gallantry.

# ADGP Jammu takes part in Motorcycle #TirangaRally in Jammu

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JAMMU: To celebrate our 77th Independence Day, ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh took part in a Motorcycle #Tiranga Rally organized by Traffic Police along with Harley Davidson Motorcycle owners and Royal Enfield owners.

It was an effort to infuse a sense of patriotism and service towards the nation among the people of Jammu.

A total of 100 Harley Davidson bike owners took part



DIG Traffic leading motorcycle Tiranga rally.

in the rally. DIG Traffic, DIG Jammu, SSP Jammu, SSP Traffic City and SSP Traffic

Rural besides other officers of Traffic police also took part in the Rally.

# Netra Tickoo wins LG Presents "Mirchi Sing for the Nation", a Patriotic Singing competition



Netra Tickoo receiving LG Presents "Mirchi Sing for the Nation", a Patriotic Singing competition trophy.

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JAMMU: An exceptional showcase of talent and creativity took centre stage as LG presented "Mirchi Sing for the Nation," an awe-inspiring patriotic event that saw participation from 53 participants representing different schools across Jammu.

This captivating event, held

outside the Trends showroom of Channi Himmat. Netra Tickoo was declared the Winner, Aadhya Sharma won first prize and Garisha won second prize.

The performances were evaluated by a panel of judges which included prominent artists Sonali Dogra, Naresh Sharma, and Ravi Raghuvanshi.

"Mirchi Sing for the Nation" welcomed two eminent personalities as Guests of Honor Abhinandan Gupta, MD Bahu Express and Mandeep Sodhi, LG.

Shwetima, Programming Head of 98.3 Mirchi said, 'Mirchi has always ensured to promote Entertainment and happiness in the day to day life of Jammuites, through Radio as well as such events & we believe that such events help provide a platform to the youngsters and boost their confidence, thereby building a great community connect.'

Chaitanya Gupta, Station head, 98.3 Mirchi's Jammu Station also extended thanks to everyone for making the event a grand success. He mentioned that Shobhit Vaid, Account Manager and entire team Mirchi put in their best efforts to add an extra layer of excitement to the evening.

# JU celebrates 77th Independence Day, VC hoists Tricolour

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JAMMU: Extending warm greetings on the 77th Independence Day, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu Prof Umesh Rai today saluted the valour, vision, steadfastness and supreme sacrifices of the freedom fighters, which enabled the compatriots to enjoy the much sought after freedom.

"Nation will always remain indebted to the supreme contribution of the freedom fighters", Prof Rai said after hoisting the Tricolour at an impressive function, filled with enthusiasm and patriotic fervour, in the main University Campus this morning.

The Vice Chancellor called for abiding by the Panch Pran, saying this resolve is imperative for achieving the goal of developed and resurgent India with focus on promoting the country's glorious heritage and legacy.



VC JU Prof Umesh Rai releasing Tricolour balloons.

Shunning slavery mindset is key to steering this great nation into becoming Vishwaguru, he added.

Prof Rai also stressed the need for strengthening unity and amity in the true spirit of nationalism, saying that nation first is the guiding principle for compatriots.

Referring to the presentation of a variety programme on patriotic themes by the

wards of University employees and students of the University, he lauded their brilliant performance.

The Vice Chancellor released balloons at the Fountain Plaza to mark the celebrations.

Earlier in his welcome address, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Prakash Antahal informed about the initiatives taken by the

University in connection with the celebrations of 77th Independence Day.

Prominent among those who attended the Flag Hoisting Ceremony included Prof. Anju Bhasin (Dean Academic Affairs), Prof. Rajni Kant (Dean Research Studies), Prof. Meena Sharma (Dean Planning), Prof. Rahul Gupta (Registrar), Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, (Director CDC), Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, former Registrar, Prof. Monika Sethi (Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee), Sanjeev Mahajan, CoE, Deans, Rectors, Directors, members of Campus Cultural Committee, representatives of the elected bodies of the University.

On the occasion, the Guard of Honour was presented to the Vice Chancellor by the University Security Contingent led by Capt. S.R. Dubey.

Those who presented

colourful cultural items included Kavya Jandyal, Jhanvi Salaria, Ishanvi Salaria, Vanshaj Sharma, Varchasva Sharma, Yakshita Singh, Khushi Verma, Nazia, Urvashi, Ruqayat, Akshita Majotra, Bhavya Majotra, Medhansh, Amira Manhas and Aman Sharma. Prof. Monika Sethi presented the vote of thanks and the programme was conducted by Sumeet Sharma.

The whole event was organized under the stewardship of Prof. Prakash Antahal and was monitored by Prof. Monika Sethi, Dr. Sarika Manhas, Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Garima Gupta (Assistant Dean SW), Dr. Shalun Sharma and Dr. A. R. Manhas (Dy. Proctors), Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer) Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and R.S. Bandal (Sr. P.A. to DSW). The management was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur, Balwant Singh, Arif Paul and Sachin Sharma.

# Various organizations celebrates 77th Independence Day with fervour



Morning Walkers Association members Rehari Colony Jammu during I-Day celebration.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of 77th Independence Day, an impressive event was organized by Morning Walkers Association members Rehari Colony Jammu in which large number of people of Rehari colony and adjoining areas attended the flag hoisting program, under the Chairman ship of Rajesh Chowdhry. A cultural programme was also held. President of the association, Arun Chibber along with team members also attended the event.

77th Independence Day was celebrated by Ashoka Law College and Ashoka B.Ed College. The National Flag was



VC DDC Kathua, Raghunandan Singh hoisting Tricolour at Ashoka Law College.

hoisted by Raghunandan Singh, Vice Chairman DDC Kathua. The students sang National Song in the honour of the Flag ceremony. Kathua Counselor Kumar along with Sumita Devi Sarpanch of Chak Desa Singh Sardar graced the function. Many dignitaries belonging the surrounding area were also present at the function. After hoisting of the National Flag, the students of the college presented their views on the importance of Independence Day. Principal of the College, Dr. Ajit Lal highlighted the importance of Independence Day and the immense development the country has made during all these years.

Vote of thanks was presented by Seema Braroo Sr. Lecturer of the college, the function was concluded by Harmesh Chander Sharma Sr. Lecturer of the college.

After the function the sweets etc were distributed to the students.

The 77th Independence Day celebrated with fervour at Shaheed Naib Subedar Mehrarudin Butt Memorial Government Higher Secondary School Palmar. Block Development Officer Sumit Singh hoisted the National Flag in presence of SDAO Manzoor Ahmed Zargar, Major Deepak Kumar (17 rr), MO Dr Junaid and Incharge Police Post Palmar Dalip Parihar. The Flag hoisting ceremony was presided over by Principal Madan Lal. The anchoring was done by Dr Meena Kumari, Incharge Lecturer Chemistry.

The Ever Green Park Association of Channi Himmat Jammu celebrated 77th Independence Day. The Flag hoisting ceremony was organized in the Park. The Flag was hoist-



99 years old Ishar Dass Sharma hoisting Tricolour at Ever Green Park.

ed by 99 years old Ishar Dass Sharma, father of Dr Raj Rishi and Vivek Sharma. The ceremony was attend by the prominent citizens of the adjoining area among others Col Karan Singh, Soujanya Sharma, renowned artist Suman Gupta, Ashok Gupta Dr Liaqat Shah were present on the occasion.

To commemorate the Independence Day, former Member Legislative Council (MLC) and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa, hoisted National Flag at various locations. While addressing the people, Randhawa extended heartiest greetings to the people on the occasion of Independence Day.

He urged upon the people to inculcate the spirit of patriotism and nationalism among the younger generation by narrating them the stories of freedom fighters and martyrs.

Those present on the occasion at different places include



Former MLC Vikram Randhawa hoisting National Flag.

Jaideep Sharma, Councillor, Neena Gupta, Councillor, Shashi Pal, Rajinder, Mozam Asgar, Bisham Singh, Salman Khan, Jagdev Lamberdar, Rakesh, Amit Gupta, Tarun Sharma, Dalbir Singh, Arun Khosla, Varun Sharma, Arvind Gupta, Rajesh Bhau, Abhinandan, Subash Choudhary, Satpal Choudhary, Harbhans Choudhary, Balwan Singh, Jyoti, etc.

# ADGP Jammu appreciates Red FM 91.9 for Desh Bhakt series on I-Day

Distribute cash prize to KCIS students for greeting card contest

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JAMMU: Appreciating Red FM 91.9 for initiated Desh Bhakt, a series of 7-days on Independence Day on inspiring stories of Jammu Kashmir Police officers, jawans and martyrs, ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh said that it has connected general public with police in much better way.

The series was initiative of Red FM 91.9 Jammu Station in which the tricolour were presented to Police Officials and the martyrs families and also run their brave and inspiring stories on radio and



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh with winner students and others at a programme.

digital network.

On the conclusion of Desh Bhakt series, greeting cards prepared by KC International School were presented to ADGP Jammu and he initiated an on the spot contest for best cards. Three students

whose cards were selected were rewarded by ADGP Mukesh Singh with cash prizes of Rs 1000, Rs 2000 and Rs 3000 to third, second and winner of the contest with the theme J&K Police's brave stories.

The Desh Bhakt activity

was began from DIG Jammu, Shakti Pathak's residence and concluded with presenting of Tricolour to ADGP Mukesh Singh.

DIG JKS, Shakti Pathak, SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli, Red FM, Head, North India, Sidarth Arora, Programming Head Jammu, Deepak Khajuria, Red FM RJ Roohi, RJ Anchita and Sales Head Shekhar Banotra were also present on the occasion.

While KCIS principal, Anupama Sinha and coordinator Sonal Gupta were also participated in prize distribution event.