

Jammu celebrates 79th I-Day with patriotic zeal



Vice Chancellor JU Prof. Umesh Rai speaking at Independence Day celebration.

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JAMMU: The 79th Independence Day was celebrated across Jammu with fervent patriotic spirit, solemn remembrance of the nation's heroes, and renewed pledges for development, unity, and civic responsibility. Various institutions, organizations, and educational establishments marked the occasion with grandeur and meaningful events.

At SKUAST-Jammu, the celebrations were held at both campuses with Vice Chancellor Dr. B.N. Tripathi hoisting the National Flag in the presence of faculty, staff, and students. The function was marked by floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and homage to the sacrifices of freedom fighters. In a historic first, NCC cadets of J&K (01) Air Squadron presented a ceremonial salute and escorted the VC, adding pride to the occasion.

At the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) headquarters in Town Hall, Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav led the celebrations. He hoisted the Tricolour and paid heartfelt tribute to the victims of the recent Kishtwar cloudburst. In his address, Dr. Yadav emphasized civic responsibility, especially sanitation, and applauded the efforts of Safai Sathis in maintaining cleanliness.

In Lower Roop Nagar, a grand function was organized by the **Indian Youth Congress**, where Uday Bhanu Chib, National President IYC, hoisted the National Flag alongside Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPC. The event was attended by prominent leaders, Panchayat members, and locals. Patriotic songs and slogans



Govt. Sri Ranbir Model Higher Secondary School, Jammu students and faculty at 79th Independence Day celebration.

filled the air. Addressing the gathering, Uday Bhanu called upon youth to uphold the ideals of the freedom fighters and dedicate themselves to national service. Hari Singh highlighted unity, secularism, and democracy as the pillars of a progressive India.

University of Jammu also marked the day with grandeur and vision. Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai hoisted the Tricolour and emphasized connecting academics with national development. He highlighted JU's achievements including NAAC A++ accreditation, top NIRF rankings, and several new academic and research initiatives. A four-day "Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect" program was organized featuring lectures, competitions, heritage yatras, and awareness sessions. Prof. Rai also announced infrastructure projects worth Rs 35.23 crore and MoUs with reputed institutions for fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Dogra Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha celebrated the day by hoisting the flag at its premises. The ceremony was led by Ved Parkash Sharma, President of the Sabha, and attended by members and community leaders. Tributes were paid to freedom fighters, and two minutes of silence was observed for the victims of the Kishtwar cloudburst. Tawi Andolan President Chander Mohan Sharma and other dignitaries including former DC B.S. Jamwal, NMC President Subash Shastri, and others graced the event, which was presided over by Advocate P.C. Sharma.

The Govt. Sri Ranbir Model Higher Secondary School, Jammu, celebrated the 79th Independence Day of India with fervor and patriotic zeal. The celebration commenced with the ceremonial hoisting of the National Flag by the Principal, Dr.



National President IYC, Uday Bhanu Chib speaking at hoisting National Flag.

Kishor Sharma, in the presence of staff members and students. This was followed by the collective singing of the National Anthem, echoing the spirit of unity and pride. Dr. Sharma highlighted the significance of India's independence and urged students to uphold the values of integrity, responsibility, and service to the nation. He emphasized the role of the youth in shaping a strong and progressive India.

KNIT celebrates Independence Day, Janmashtmi with enthusiasm

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JAMMU: Kotwal National Institute of Teaching (KNIT) Bharat Nagar Talab Tillo, Jammu celebrated 79th Independence Day and Shri Krishan Janmashtmi with fervour and devotion.

The events were marked with a series of activities that showcased the students' patriotism, creativity and cultural heritage.

On the occasion of Independence Day, KNIT organised a Flag-Hoisting ceremony followed by a colourful cultural programme featuring patriotic songs, dances, speeches and the 'Tiranga Rally' decorated with Tricolour in every student's hand and slogans echoing 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', 'Tiranga Uncha Rahe Hamara' from every heart and mouth!

The Principal, Bimla Blawria, applauded students and teachers for showcasing their talent and great sense of patriotism.

Prof. J.L. Kotwal, the Director KNIT, said, "We believe that such celebrations play a vital role in shaping the values and characters of our students, the future of our nation!"



He also insisted upon to remember the sacrifice made by our National heroes to let us enjoy the freedom today! He also pledged to strive to be responsible citizens and contribute to the growth and development of our country".

The colourful programme concluded with the distribution of refreshments among the students.

GMC Jammu sets benchmark in emergency medical response during Kishtwar tragedy: Dr. Ashutosh

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JAMMU: Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu once again proved its mettle as the region's premier healthcare institution by providing world-class emergency care to the victims of the devastating cloudburst and flash floods in Kishtwar.

As the nation prepared to celebrate the 79th Independence Day, the medical teams at GMC Jammu were on high alert, ready to receive dozens of critically injured patients transported overnight from the disaster-hit region.

According to Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal and Dean, GMC Jammu, "On the night of August 14, our medical teams worked with clockwork precision. We received 66 critical patients and immediately activated a full-scale emergency response. Our priority was to ensure not a single life was lost due to any delay or lack of medical expertise."

As the ambulances began arriving at the Emergency Wing, teams of doctors, nurses, porters, and support staff sprang into action. Patients were triaged and attended to without delay. Those in critical condition were quickly placed on ventilators, while others requiring urgent surgeries were rushed to the operation theatres. In total, around 25 major surgeries were



performed that night alone.

Departments including Orthopaedics, Anesthesia, Surgery, Neurosurgery, ENT, Dental, Ophthalmology, and Medicine, along with Blood Bank, Lab Services, and Medical Engineering Units (Mechanical, Electrical, Civil) worked in seamless coordination.

Dr. Gupta added, "Every staff member - doctors, nurses, technicians, sanitation workers, and security personnel - played a critical role in saving lives. The efforts of our nursing staff in particular were extraordinary. They weren't just caregivers; they became family to the distressed."

He shared touching moments of compassion, such as a nurse personally feeding an injured child, or staff members gently cleaning mud-covered patients and comforting those who arrived alone or had lost loved ones. "The humanity shown by our team is what truly defines our institution," said Dr. Gupta.

The Principal also revealed that the quality of care provided by GMC Jammu was acknowledged by top medical institutions. "The Director of PGI Chandigarh personally called to appreciate our response and complimented our institution for setting such high standards in mass casualty management."

What stood out was the fact that not a single patient had to be referred to a higher medical institute, showcasing the hospital's capability to handle complex cases with complete self-sufficiency. Dr. Ashutosh Gupta concluded, "GMC Jammu salutes its real heroes - the doctors, nurses, technicians, engineers, security, and sanitation staff - who worked tirelessly and rose above their call of duty. They are the true role models of our society."

The heroic efforts of the GMC Jammu team have received wide applause from all sections of society, reaffirming its status as the leading healthcare provider in the region.

Home for Aged & Infirm Ambphalla celebrates 79th Independence Day



Home for Aged & Infirm Ambphalla officials and inmates celebrating Independence Day.

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JAMMU: The Home for the Aged & Infirm (Old Age Home), Ambphalla Jammu, celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. A special programme was organised in the Home premises to mark the occasion.

The National Flag was ceremoniously hoisted by I.D. Soni, President of the Home, in the presence of Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Secretary; Vijay Gupta, Joint Secretary; and Managing Committee Members Sat Pal Sharma and

R.C. Vaid. All inmates participated wholeheartedly in the celebrations, exchanging greetings and embracing the spirit of unity and freedom. Sweets were distributed among all inmates and members present, adding sweetness to the day's festivities.

The cultural highlight of the programme was a vibrant performance by Bhooni Sharma, accompanied by Esha and Simran, who danced with the inmates to patriotic songs, creating moments of joy and togetherness. Their lively participation made the occasion truly memorable for all.

As a mark of respect to the departed souls who lost their lives in the recent cloudburst at Kishtwar's Chashoti, and to pray for the speedy recovery of those injured, two minutes of silence were observed.

The celebration concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and a collective resolve to uphold the values of freedom, harmony, and service to society.

LG Kavinder stresses preservation of Ladakh's centuries-old traditional art & craft

Says upcoming Sports Policy would encourage more youth to actively participate in sports

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LEH: Underlining the importance of preserving centuries-old traditional art such as Thangka painting, the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, said that efforts must be made to promote traditional arts and crafts and make them commercially viable so that more youth are drawn towards them.

He also emphasised the need to motivate and reward deserving sportspersons from Ladakh who bring laurels to the region, adding that the Ladakh Sports Policy is a step in that direction.

Rajesh Ranjan, Vice-Chancellor of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Choglamsar-the oldest university in the region, established in 1959 under the guidance of Kushok Bakula



Rinpoche-called on the Lt Governor at the LG Secretariat today.

He briefed him about the Institute, its student strength, and the courses offered. He also informed him about the upcoming inauguration of the Sowa Rigpa Hospital in September by the Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

The Lt Governor called for

immediate measures to preserve traditional art forms such as Thangka painting and Amehi practices. He stressed the importance of making these crafts commercially viable and suggested organising internship programmes for beginners to ensure their preservation for future generations.

Rinchen Youdol, an exceptional Para-Taekwondo athlete from Ladakh, and

Skalzang Dorjey Kalyan, the first cricketer from Ladakh to represent the region at the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament as part of the J&K cricket team, also met with the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor reiterated the UT Administration's commitment to recognising and rewarding sportspersons. He assured that the upcoming Sports Policy would encourage more youth to actively participate in sports.

Ven. Stanzin Gurmet, Vice-President of the Buddhist Association Kargil, also called on the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor underlined that steps would be taken to protect ancient heritage sites in Ladakh and develop them into potential tourist destinations, thereby creating livelihood opportunities for the local population.

DSS celebrates 79th Independence Day

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) J&K observed the Independence day in a simple and solemn manner in view of the yesterday's massive cloudburst in Kishtwar District, which resulted in a number of casualties. The event was held in the Sabha's premises, with Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Vice President DSS hoisting the national flag in the presence of central body members and members of youth wing followed by singing of National Anthem. Extending his greetings and felicitations to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on this Day, Gambhir Dev Singh paid heartfelt tributes to the Martyrs and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation's independence.

He also spoke about the supreme sacrifices made by our valiant soldiers, paramilitary



forces and police personnel to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the nation.

He further exhorted the youths of the nation to prepare themselves for any eventuality to save this hard earned freedom both from external and internal dangers facing the country in view of aggressive postures from across the border and export of huge quantities of drugs from neighbouring countries. He also reminded everyone of the importance of unity, peace and dedication

towards the progress of the country.

In the meanwhile, a condolence meeting was also held to mourn the tragic loss of lives in the recent cloudburst at chashoti area in Kishtwar, along the route of annual Machail Mata Yatra. Participants expressed deep sorrow and solidarity with the bereaved families. Prayers were offered by observing two minutes silence for departed souls and strength to the affected communities in Kishtwar, Uttarakhand and

Himachal. Prominent among those present on the occasion were Adv. H C Jalmaria Gen Secretary, G A Khwaja Add. Gen Secretary, Arvinder Singh Amn Add. Gen Secretary, Amanat Ali Shah Joint Secretary, Narinder Singh Jamwal Financial Secretary, Dr. Nasib Singh Manhas convener Cultural Cell, Prem Sagar Gupta, Pawan Sharma, Kamal Singh Jamwal, Rasal Singh, Chaman Lal, Joginder Patti, Naresh Kumar Sharma and others.

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State of J&K through Police Station Katra
 Through: Mr. Ld. APP Raman Verma
 V/s
 Ravi Kumar S/o Kavel Kumar R/o Ladha Kotely Tehsil Mongrey District
 Udhampur. FIR No. 178/2023 U/s 341, 323,325,504 IPC.

CORAM: Vishal Bharti
UID No. JK00287

ORDER
10.07.2025

1. APP present. Accused is absent from so many hearings thereafter various non-bailable warrants against the accused from time to time i.e. vide order dated 11.07.2024, 28.08.2024, 24.10.2024, 20.12.2024, 07.02.2025 and 24.03.2025 but the same remained unexecuted. Hence surety bond and personal bond of accused are here by forfeited. Office is directed to frame Robkar against surety. Issue notice to the surety of the accused to be executed by SHO concerned.

2. It transpires that the accused is absconding and concealing himself so as to prevent execution of warrant and I am satisfied that proceedings for compelling appearance of accused including proclamation is required to be invoked against accused. Accordingly, office is directed to issue proclamation against the accused requiring and directing him to attend this court on 25.08.2025 at 10: AM sharp.

Sd/-
Munsiff/JMIC, Katra

DIP/J-4728/25
 Dated: 16-08-2025