

Flag hoisting, cultural progs mark I-Day celebrations in Kashmir valley

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SRINAGAR, Aug 16: The Independence Day was celebrated across the Kashmir province with great pomp and show.

Budgam: Minister for Finance and Ladakh Affairs, Abdul Rahim Rather unfurled the Tricolour and took salute on the march past comprising contingents of CRPF, J&K Home Guard and students of 22 schools of the district.

The District Development



Minister for Rural Development, Ali Mohammad Sagar inspecting I-Day parade at Pulwama.

Commissioner Budgam, Khurshid Ahmad, SSP Budgam, Mohammad Irshad, a large number of people, senior citizens, political leaders, socio-religious workers and school children were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Finance Minister while recounting the supreme sacrifices offered by the great leaders to get freedom from the slavery of British rulers called for collective efforts to safeguard it. He cautioned the people against the communal and divisive forces, who are bent upon to disintegrate the society and the country on the basis of religion, region, caste and creed.

He called upon the people to contribute in safeguarding the

hard-won freedom by thwarting their nefarious designs. He also saluted Army and Security Forces for guarding borders of the country to stop intrusion of the enemy and also lauded the J&K Police in maintaining peace and law and order in the State despite heavy odds.

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On the occasion, the students presented variety of cultural programmes in Kashmiri, Pahari and Pashto languages which enthralled the audience. The Minister also gave away prizes among the best adjudged schools and police contingents.

Anantnag: Minister for Haj and Aqaf and Public Enterprises, Peerzada Mohammad Syed hoisted the National Flag and took salute of the march past.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister highlighted achievements of the present Coalition Government. He congratulated the people and commemorated the martyrdom of the freedom fighters with whose blessing was being celebrated as 67th freedom day.

The address of the chief guest was followed by colourful march past by J&K Police, CRPF, JKAP, Fire Services, NCC Cadets and students of various schools. A number of cultural programmes by school children and Department of Information added to the beauty of this memorable event. More than a dozen of schools participated in these cultural programmes.

Later, prize distribution ceremony was organized in which the chief guest along with DDC Anantnag presented prizes to meritorious services, performances of different departments in making the event a success and best performances in the march past and cultural programmes presented on the occasion.

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Mir unfurled Tri-colour at District Police Lines and took salute on the march past presented by contingents of JKP, Home Guard, JKAP, IRP, CRPF, Forest Protection Force, NCC and school children. The school children and local artists also presented cultural programmes on the occasion.

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Minister for Consumer Affairs, Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan during I-Day parade at Shopian.

The Minister apprised the people about the internal and external threats looming large on the State. He stressed the need for working together for the peace, prosperity and welfare of the state. He urged upon the educated youth for working honestly and dedicatedly for their bright future, saying that they have to come forward for availing benefits of the schemes launched by the Central and State Governments for their welfare.

He said that along with the Country, the State also has achieved a lot in various sectors.

The artists for Information Department and school children performed colourful culture programme on the occasion. Later, the Minister presented awards and trophies who performed well on the occasion of Independence Day.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Itrat Hussain Rafique, SSP, Abdul Jabar, Additional Deputy Commissioner, besides senior

civil and police officers from district administration, Army officers, political leaders, prominent citizens and large numbers of people and school children were present on the occasion.

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Educational institutions celebrate 67th Independence Day with patriotic fervour

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JAMMU, Aug 16: Various educational institutions celebrated 67th Independence Day with patriotic fervour and zeal.

67th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour and gaiety at the University of Jammu. Prof Mohan Paul Singh Ishar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, hoisted the National Flag in presence of Prof NK Tripathi, Dean Students Welfare, Prof Yash Pal Sharma, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof MK Dhar, Registrar, Prof Keshav Sharma, Controller of Examination, Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Rector, Kathua Campus, Prof Kuldeep K Sharma, Head, Department of Zoology, Deans, Directors, faculty members, staff members and students. Earlier, security staff of the University led by Captain SR Dubey, Security Officer presented guard of honour. Vinay Thosoo, Public Relations Officer (PRO) conducted proceedings of the function.

67th Independence Day was celebrated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). Vice Chancellor Prof Sudhir K Jain unfurled the National Flag in the presence of Registrar Roop Avtar Kaur, Deans, Directors, faculty members, staff members and students. The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by a thought provoking cultural programme. A prize distribution ceremony was also held where the winners of a debate competition held in the University on National Youth Day were given certificates.

67th Independence Day was celebrated at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu. Prof Dilip K Arora, Vice Chancellor unfurled the National Flag in presence of Directors, Deans, faculty members, staff and the students.

Bhargava College of Education, Samba celebrated 67th Independence Day with patriotic fervour and zeal. Parkash Sharma, Chairman of the college hoisted the National Flag in presence of staff members and students.

Dogra Educational Trust celebrated 67th Independence Day. On the occasion Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Trustee Dogra Educational Trust was the chief guest, who unfurled the national flag in presence of staff and students of Dogra Law College, Dogra College of Education and Dogra Degree College.

Independence Day was celebrated at **Gandhi Memorial College of Education, Raipur, Bantala**. The Tricolour was unfurled by Sanjay Dhar, member HESK, in presence of Prof GL Koul, Principal, GMCEJ, staff members and students. A colourful cultural programme was also presented by the students and staff of GMCEJ.

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Singh Chib, Director of the College hoisted the National Flag in presence of Dr KK Tiwari, principal, staff and students.

Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Shastri Nagar celebrated Independence Day by organizing a simple but impressive function in the school premises. Principal of the School, Kanta Devi hoisted the National Flag while the students and teachers jointly sang the National Anthem. Sweets were also distributed among the students and the staff.

The Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in **GGHSS, Rehari**. The Principal of the School, Sanjay Kumar Zutshi unfurled the Tricolour in the presence of staff and students. National Anthem was also sung. Later, the Principal distributed sweets among the students.

The Independence Day also celebrated in **GGHSS, Mubarak Mandi**, with great enthusiasm. The National Flag was hoisted by the principal in the presence of staff members and students. National songs were also sung on the occasion. The principal of the school distributed the sweets among the students.

Government Sri Ranbir Higher Secondary School, Parade Ground, Jammu, celebrated the Day with great fervour. Principal of the School, Dalbir Singh Sudan, unfurled the National Flag and took salute from the platoons of NCC and School Band. In his speech, he advised the students to follow the footsteps of our great freedom fighters who laid their lives for the independence of the country.

Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Sunjwan, celebrated the Independence Day with pomp and show. The National Flag was unfurled by the Principal of the School, Sham Choudhary, who also took salute from the contingent of the NCC Wings of the School. He also highlighted the importance of the Day and distributed the sweets among the students and the staff members.

A colourful programme was organized by **GHSS Bahu Fort** in its premises to celebrate the Independence Day. The National Flag was hoisted by the Principal of the School, Ram Gopal Dogra in the presence of the staff members and students of the School. A cultural programme was also presented by the students. The principal of the School while speaking threw light on the importance of the Day and asked the students to follow the footsteps of our freedom fighters.

On the eve of 67th Independence Day, Flag hoisting ceremony was organized in the school premises of **GHSS, Sarwal**. Besides students and staff, local dignitaries were also present. The principal of the School, Bishan Singh Jara unfurled the Tricolour Flag and stressed upon the students to make their utmost contribution to serve the Nation. Sweets were

also distributed among the students.

Independence Day was also celebrated with fervour in **GHSS Gharota**, where Principal of the School, Anjali Gupta unfurled the National Flag in the presence of Staff, students and local Sarpanch. National Anthem was sung by the students and staff jointly. Later the Principal distributed sweets among the students.

The Independence Day was also celebrated in **GHSS Marh**, where the Tricolour was unfurled by the Principal of the School, Ram Parkash Sharma. All the staff members and students participated in the function and jointly sang the National Anthem.



JU Vice Chancellor Prof MPS Ishar during Independence Day celebrations at University of Jammu.

The Day was also celebrated by **Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar**, where the Tricolour was hoisted by Principal of the School, PD Sharma. The students sang National Anthem and also presented some patriotic items. Sweets were also distributed among the students.

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On the auspicious occasion of Independence Day, the National Flag was unfurled in **GHSS, Jhajjar Kotli**, by principal of the Institution, Geetu Bangotra. The students presented various types of cultural programmes and sung national songs. Later prizes and sweets were distributed among the

students.

67th Independence Day was celebrated in **GHSS Kohag (Malhar)** with fervour and gaiety. Local Sarpanch, Tara Chand Padotra, unfurled the National Flag followed by singing of National Anthem by the students. Sweets were also distributed among the students.

To celebrate the Day, **GHSS Durang, Billawer**, organized a simple but impressive function in the school premises. Sarpanch of the area, Virender Singh, hoisted the Tricolour in the presence of the local populace and students, teachers and Principal of the school. Later he distributed sweets among the students.

Independence Day was celebrated at **Army Public School, Akhnoor**. Principal KCS Mehta unfurled the National Flag in presence of students and staff members.

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67th Independence Day was celebrated at **Raina Higher Secondary School, Paloura**. BD Raina, Secretary Management Committee hoisted the National Flag in presence of staff members and students.

67th Independence Day was celebrated at **Crescent Public School**. Chairman Arshad Ali Choudhary hoisted the National Flag in presence of Principal RS Pathania, staff members and students.

The Tricolour was also unfurled in the premises of **GHSS, High School (GHS), Kundra (Reasi)**. The Headmaster of the School, Ved Prakash, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of staff, students and local populace, which was followed by singing of

of the day, the Minister said that it marks the beginning of our country's existence which, he said, has now emerged as a strong nation in the world. He said the towering leaders had fought for making the nation free from oppression and they ensured equality and liberty to all citizens of India including the coming generations.

Pulwama: Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ali Mohammad Sagar unfurled the National Flag and took salute at the march past.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister remembered the sacrifices of great leaders of the country who laid their lives for liberating the country from the clutches of Britishers. He said, "we should not forget those leaders who took part in the freedom struggle for freeing the country from colonialism. We have also to pledge working for the unity, integrity and welfare of the country and State as well".

Mr Sagar also enumerated the various initiatives undertaken by the Government for ensuring the overall development of State besides ensuring the democratic decentralization of the powers to the grass root level.

Baramulla: Minister for Medical Education, Youth Services and Sports, Taj Mohi-ud-Din hoisted the National Flag and inspected the parade.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister saluted the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for ensuring the freedom of the country, maintaining that it is our duty to uphold it. He said after independence, the country has been registering progress in every field including our State.

Referring to recent incidents

of violence, the Minister said that some communal forces are trying to spoil the peaceful atmosphere and divide people of the State. The forces playing with the unity and integrity of the country and State would be dealt with iron hand, he said, adding that J&K is abode of amity and brotherhood since long and no one would be allowed to disturb it.

The Minister also handed over certificates and mementos



Minister for Medical Education, Taj Mohi-ud-Din inspecting the parade at Baramulla.

to artists who performed well on the occasion. He also announced arranging one day tour to Gulmarg for the school children who participated in the Independence Day celebrations.

Bandipora: Minister for Higher Education, Mohammad Akbar Lone hoisted the National Flag and took salute on the march past presented by the contingents of JKP, IRP CRPF, NCC and school children.

MLA Bandipora Nizamuddin Bhat, DDC Bandipora M Y Zargar, Ex Legislators, Senior Officers and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

Highlighting significance of Independence Day, the Minister said that the best way of commemorating the freedom fighters of the nation is to ensure peace and communal harmony in the State for sustain-

able development.

Enlisting the major achievements of the present Government, the Minister said that crores of rupees are being incurred on the execution of various development projects to strengthen the basic infrastructure in Health, Education, PHE, Power and other Sectors.

On the occasion, variety Cultural programmes were presented by the school children.

Kulgam: Minister for Social

Independence Day celebrated at Raj Bhavan

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SRINAGAR, Aug 16: N. N. Vohra, Governor, hoisted the Tricolour at a brief ceremony held at Raj Bhavan here today as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

The Governor took the salute presented by a contingent of the Border Security Force. He interacted with the officers and staff members of the Governor's Secretariat and the security personnel and greeted them on this joyous occasion. Sweets were distributed among all those present on the occasion.

Governor launches Indian Science Congress Website

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SRINAGAR, Aug 16 : N. N. Vohra, Governor, launched the Website of the 101st Session of the Indian Science Congress which will be held at the Jammu University from 3rd-7th February, 2014. He launched the Website through Video Conferencing from the Raj Bhavan here today.

Interacting with Prof. M. P. S. Ishar, Vice Chancellor of the Jammu University, through Video Conferencing, the Governor, who is Chancellor of the University, emphasized on the VC the importance of ensuring that all the arrangements and logistic facilities required for the projected Indian Science Congress, being held for the first time ever in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, are put in place well in time.

The Vice Chancellor briefed the Governor about the to-date

Shut down of Salal Power Station on Aug 19, 20

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JAMMU, Aug 16: As per a notice issued here today by Chief Engineer, Elect. Maint. & R.E. Wing, Jammu, the NHPC authorities are availing shutdown of Salal Power Station from 8 a.m. on 19-08-2013 upto 8 a.m. of 20-08-2013 for reservoir flushing of Salal Power Station.

All the electricity consumers have been requested to bear with any unscheduled distress load shedding during the period.

The people have been appealed to use power judiciously during the period to prevent overloading of system.

Meanwhile, as per SE EM&RE Circle Kishtwar, the power supply will remain affected in Chatroo, Dachhan, Palmar, Kurya, Dedpeth, Bhandarkoot, Passerkoot, Sigid and Tagood area (Kishtwar District) due to replacement of damaged power transformer of Receiving Station Dedpeth.



Governor N N Vohra taking salute after unfurling flag.

CM hosts At Home

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SRINAGAR, Aug 16: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah this afternoon hosted At Home in connection with Independence Day celebration at SKICC here this afternoon.

Governor, N. N. Vohra, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Tariq Anwar, Speaker Legislative Assembly, Mubarak Gul, Ministers, Legislators, Chief Secretary, DG Police, various Administrative Secretaries and prominent citizens participated in the At Home.

Educational institutions to reopen on Aug 19

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JAMMU, Aug 16: As per official statement issued by Divisional Administration, all educational institutions in Jammu region will open on August 19, 2013 (Monday).