

More organizations celebrate Independence Day

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JAMMU, Aug 17: More organizations in Jammu and Kashmir celebrated the 77th Independence Day and hoisted National Flag.

Government Middle School Barnai celebrated the 77th Independence Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. Zonal Education Officer, Jammu, Sushila Sharma was chief guest and she hoisted the National Flag. VEC members Seva Dass Digra, Mangat Ram Gupta, Avneet Gupta, Veer Singh and Neha Gupta also witnessed the programme.

Army Public School, Akhnoor celebrated the 77th Independence Day with great patriotic fervour and gaiety. The flag hoisting ceremony was performed by the guest of honour Major Bharat Chandani and this was followed by National Anthem recitation and release of Tricolour balloons into the sky. Principal of the School Geeta Devi talked about the way our brave freedom fighters sacrificed their lives, happiness and families so that we could enjoy freedom. Major Bharat Chandani emphasized on the need of every person to be a patriot.

GDC Billawar celebrated 77th Independence Day with zeal and enthusiasm. National Flag hoisting ceremony was followed by cultural programmes. Principal of the College, Dr. Alka Sharma gave the message of unity and strength and raised the slogan of 'Jai Hind' which filled the atmosphere with nationalist emotions.

Yemberzal Foundation (YF), an organization involved in preserving the age old diverse culture of Jammu and Kashmir celebrated Independence Day at Hindu Education Society. YF president, Bihari Kak urged upon the youth to work hard in their respective fields for the sake of progress and property of entire society.

Government Higher Secondary School Inharrah, Bhalessa, Doda celebrated 77th Independence Day with zeal and fervour. The National Flag was hoisted by Principal, Rameshwar Sharma and this was followed by National Anthem recitation.

Government Higher Secondary School Keri, Zone Bhalwal celebrated the 77th Independence Day. Principal of the School, Razia along with Sarpanch and locals of nearby areas hoisted the National Flag.

GGHSS Canal Road celebrated the 77th Independence Day wherein Principal of the School, Aneeta Koul unfurled the National Flag.

Government HISS Khanna Chhargal in Zone Gandhi Nagar celebrated 77th Independence Day. The National Flag was hoisted by DDC Nagrota Dansal, Shameem Begum, Principal, Dharmendar Kumar and Sarpanch of the Panchayat, Kirpal Singh along with senior citizens of the village.

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated at **Government High School Pingar (Ramanagar)**. Panchayat Ex-Chairman Sandokhu Ram, HM Hem Raj, Sudesh Sharma and Panch Mangat Ram hoisted the National Flag.

Bhartiya Group of colleges celebrated 77th Independence Day wherein chairperson of College Madhu Khajuria unfurled the Tricolour.

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated at **Kendriya Vidyalaya Nagrota** and the National Flag was hoisted by Incharge Principal, Rajnibala. Many cultural programmes were also organized on this occasion.

On Independence Day, **GDC Dudu Basantgarh** organized an event on theme 'Veeron Ko Vandan'. Mangat Ram, Suram Chand and Muzaffar Hussain were specially invited from Basantgarh area on the occasion.

Prof. Anirudh Sharma appreciated the services rendered by these retired army personnel. He explained how soldiers protect the country from internal as well as from external hostile enemy of the country.

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Welfare Society celebrated the 77th Independence Day at its both schools—V.K Sarvodaya Primary School, Trikuta Nagar and V.K Sarvodaya Middle School Rajeev Nagar Narwal.

Rashmi Sharma, president V.K Welfare Society was chief guest on the occasion. Sukriti Choudhary, joint secretary of the Society presented welcome address. Students of both the schools presented patriotic songs and biography of Late Padam Shree Prof. Ved Kumari Ghai. Dr. Ram Pratap was special guest while Dr. Richa, deputy secretary of the Society sang a patriotic song. Bharat Bhushan, working president, Kamal Sharma, member, Principal Yogita Bakshi, Principal Vandana Saini and staff members were also present on the occasion.

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Government Higher Secondary School Pargwal celebrated 77th Independence Day with great enthusiasm in the premises of the Government Higher Secondary School Pargwal in collaboration with Army, BSF and schools of the area. Chairperson Block Development Council Pargwal, Nisha Kumari unfurled the National Flag.

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Independence Day was also celebrated in the premises of **Gandharv Army School**

(PCU) celebrated 77th Independence Day and National Flag was hoisted at Domail Chowk, Udhampur by President Press Club Udhampur, Pardeep Bakshi along with other Club members.

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in **Swaran Vihar Colony** and the National Flag was unfurled by Kapil Chib, JMC Councillor and S.N Raina, social activist.

Chenab Valley Power Projects (P) Ltd. (A Joint Venture of NHPC Limited and JKSPDC Limited) celebrated the 77th Independence Day, Hasan Nadeem, Managing Director hoisted the National Flag at its corporate office, Jammu & congratulated the employees and their families on Independence Day.

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Pargwal hoisting patriotic fervour wherein the National Flag was unfurled by the chief guest.

Independence Day was celebrated in **Durga Nagar Sector-I** with great enthusiasm. A grand function was organized by All Displaced Kashmiri United Forum, Durga Nagar Welfare Committee and Durga Mandir Prabhandhak Committee wherein people in large numbers participated. National Flag was hoisted, saluted amidst singing National Anthem. P.L Swadeshi, Prof. G.L Koul, P.N Raina and others lauded the services of the great martyrs.

Independence Day was celebrated by **retired police personnel in Retirees Police Office** Gandhi Nagar. National Flag was hoisted Karanjit Singh (DSP ret), president Retirees Police League.

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BJP vice president, Yudhvir Sethi listening public grievances at Jammu on Thursday.

BJP committed to uphold Modi's Mission: Yudhvir

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JAMMU, Aug 17: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is committed to uphold the treasured mission of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' by ensuring all segments of society, irrespective of caste, religion and region, on the path of progress and development.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP vice president while listening to the grievances of a large number of people belonging to different areas of Jammu and Kashmir at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan in Kacchi Chawni, here, today. Parveen Kheri president BJP East Mandal Jammu, Ajay Sharma president, Bajalta Mandal, Vipin Sharma and Arun Sethi, general secretaries East Mandal, Preeti Sharma, secretary, Mahila Morcha accompanied the senior BJP leader during the camp.

Earlier, the camp witnessed an overwhelming response from residents across Jammu city including Bajalta, as people flocked to the party office to discuss their concerns with senior BJP leaders. A diverse range of issues were raised by various deputations, seeking sought resolution on matters related to ration, education, pension, PHE, PDD, Revenue, power, water scarcity, roads, development, and personal issues.

Sethi after listening the problems presented by the people, immediately took them up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.



SP City North and Chairman Team Jammu with Secretary of Narcotics Anonymous and RDA Sosona India talking to media persons at Jammu on Thursday.

Narcotics Anonymous meets for victims to lead drug free life

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JAMMU, Aug 17: Narcotics Anonymous Jammu, an organization working to provide a way of life to the addicts who want to lead a drug free life, today shared its vision and agenda for the victims of drug addiction.

In the presence of SP City, North, Kulbeer Handa and Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Vipin Sharma, Secretary of Narcotics Anonymous and Preet Singh, RDA Sosona India, shared details of the organization, which has been organizing regular meetings in Jammu since 2006 where recovering addicts met to help each other stay clean and find a new way of life.

"Recovered drug victims are meeting regularly and helping other victims to make a comeback in main stream," they said and shared their helpline number 908659717 as well as mail id jammu.asc@gmail.com so that anyone who requires guidance and help in this regards could approach them.

They introduced 12-Step Program of Narcotics Anonymous (NA), as its existence and presence in the different States & cities in India. The Narcotics Anonymous message is that "an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live."

"Our intent is to share this message broadly so that those who may benefit from our program of recovery can approach us," they said and added the primary service provided by Narcotics Anonymous is the NA group meeting.

"Each group runs itself based on principles common to the entire organization, which are expressed in NA's literature. NA's primary approach to recovery is its belief in the therapeutic value of one addict helping another," he explained.

City SP North, Kulbeer Handa during the presentation assured all assistance from police department and also detailed the number of FIRs registered, arrests and seizure of narcotics, by Jammu police in eradicating drug abuse.

Chairman of Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal shared his vast experience of nine years in creating mass awareness among youth about ill effects of drug abuse in Jammu region. He also put forth suggestions to help drug victims in making way of living new life and contributing towards nation building.



Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, R.K Singh presenting Rajbhasha Shield Award to NHPC official.

Union Minister confers 'Rajbhasha Shield' to NHPC

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NEW DELHI, Aug 17: National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) was conferred with second prize under NTPC Rajbhasha Shield Award Scheme for the year 2021-22 as well as second prize for 2022-23 for excellent implementation of Rajbhasha by Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, R.K Singh.

The award was conferred during a meeting of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti of Ministry of Power was organized here today

Kavinder endorses Azad's statement, kick starts development works worth Rs 1 cr

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JAMMU, Aug 17: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta today said that the timeline given by former J&K Chief Minister and DPAP chief, Ghulam Nabi Azad about the inception of Islam in India is true to the hilt as this religion was introduced in the Sub-continent around 1500 years ago as aboriginals used to practice Hinduism before advent of invaders who brought in other religions.

The BJP leader cited the statement made by Azad in Doda's Chiralla area that before the invasion of the country by people of different religions, there prevailed only Hinduism, which is the oldest religion known in the history.

Kavinder, endorsing Azad, said that unveiling the history of Kashmir would also tell that not more than 600 years ago, there was no Muslim in Kashmir as all used to be Hindus. He said that it was invaders, who converted aboriginals to Islam and those who refused were killed brutally. He cited the case of ninth Guru of Sikhs, who was martyred for shouldering the cause of Kashmiri Hindus, who approached him to save them from the wrath of Mughal rulers.

The senior BJP leader asserted that almost all the Muslims living across J&K are all offspring of Hindus as also endorsed by NC patron, Dr Farooq Abdullah on many occasions. He however made a point that certain political entities are misusing the situation to divide the society for political gains creating fissures among the people.

Meanwhile, responding to a question over allegation of PDP leader, Mehbooba Mufti that India's situation has worsened and it is standing along with Pakistan and Syria, the BJP leader said that India is making unprecedented progress and soon it will become third top economy of the world. Those who used to support Mehbooba including Hurriyat and Jamaat are nowhere and she has lost relevance in politics because the party at the Centre has stopped giving importance to her.

Kavinder was speaking after inaugurating development works here at Ward No 68 in Greater Kailash's Langer area. The lane and drain works worth Rs 1 crore were started besides in Ward No 1 in Cantonment area, work on Bathing Ghat worth Rs 12 lakh was started.

Others present included Bharat Bhushan, Vice Chairman Cantonment, Anil Kumar corporator Ward 68, etc.

SDM inspects Tunnel work, Hospital functioning in Chowki Choura

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AKHNOOR, Aug 17: Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Chowki Choura, Virender Gupta accompanied by Dr. Raman Jandyal, Tehsildar today conducted surprise checks at many places.

First of all, the SDM made a surprise visit to village Bandraal Khurd to curb the rampantly going on illegal mining.

The SDM was also informed that the requisite breakthrough of the tunnel shall be met by ending December 2023. Thereafter, the SDM visited 24x7 Accidental Hospital at

constructed by M/s R&C Infrastructure Company. Works Manager of the Company informed the SDM that of the 260 meter length of the tunnel, work on 170 meters stands accomplished.

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Chowki Choura to assess the functioning of newly set Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra there.

The SDM inspected the Departments of the Hospital and chaired a meeting with BMO and his Medical Officers and stressed on to gear up all the medical facilities to make the 24x7 Hospital fully functional.

To prevent frequent fatal road-accidents, a Naka was laid by SDM and his Revenue Team, during which violators of traffic rules were sensitized and a fine of Rs. 6500 was realized on the spot.

Kapalmochan Shrine delegation calls on DC Shopian

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JAMMU, Aug 17: A 10 member delegation of Kapalmochan Shrine Shopian met Deputy Commissioner Shopian and demanded that all arrangements be made for Yatris at Kapalmochan Digam Shopian during the up coming Hawan and Shravan-Bah festivals.

Deputy Commissioner assured the delegation that all the arrangements and facilities will be made available to the yatris at Kapalmochan Nagbal Shopian from August 24 to September 1. The facilities included, installation of tent,

providing drinking water, medical care, adequate security, bedding, electricity, seating arrangements etc.

The meeting was also attended by SSP Shopian, ACD Development, Chief Medical Officer, Tehsildar, Executive Engineer, R&B, Deputy Director, Tourism, Assistant Director Fisheries, Assistant Director FSC&CS, Assistant Director Floriculture, Executive Officer Municipality and Incharge Fire and Emergency Services.

The delegation was led by S N Saraf, president Kapalmochan Shrine. Meanwhile, the president of the Shrine said that the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Jammu, K K Sidha has agreed to provide buses for the yatris to holy shrine from Jammu on nominal charges.

Swami Ram Shaiv Ashram elects office bearers

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JAMMU, Aug 17: Surinder Kachroo was elected as president of Swami Ram Shaiv (Trika) Ashram, Branch Naseeb Nagar, Janipur the elections of which were held here under the chairmanship of Bhushan Lal Koul, Election Officer.

Jai Krishan Khar a religious scholar was elected as general secretary of the Ashram while Sanjeev Raina (Khosa) was elected as Treasurer cum accountant.

This was stated in the Ashram handout issued here, today.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha meeting Rajiv Bhatia, Zonal Head, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, ICICI Bank.

Zonal Head ICICI Bank calls on LG

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Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhatia today. Bhatia apprised the Lt Governor on progress, achievements and work done by the Bank under CSR.

Excise teams conduct raids, illicit liquor seized

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SRINAGAR, Aug 17: Following complaints of manufacturing of illicit liquor in the area, raids were conducted by Excise and Taxation Officer, Central Kashmir at brick kilns of Nowbug, Chadooara, Budgam.

Range Inspectors of three districts and other field officials conducted the raids under the directions of Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and the supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner, Executive, Kashmir, Tazayun Mukhtar.

During raids, 150 litres of Lahan, 2 litres of illicit liquor and 20 kgs of Gur were found in isolated areas. The consignments was destroyed instantly and temporary structures were frisked in the area for any more recoveries. The shopkeepers and Brick kiln owners were warned to desist from procurement of Gur used for manufacturing of Lahan.



Renowned scholar, editor in chief Vijeshwar Panchang and chairman Pt Prem Nath Shastri Sanskritik Shodh Sansathan, Pt. Omkar Nath Shastri being honoured by Shankarvijayendra Sarasvati Shankaracharya during three days Sadas and special National Goshthi held at Varanasi. The editors of Panchangs and other scholars all over India were invited to take part in this special meet including Pt. Omkar Nath Shastri a scholar of Shastras from Kashmir.

JU organizes Talk on 'Job Opportunities: Searching for Alternatives'

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JAMMU, Aug 17: Department of Philosophy, University of Jammu, under the aegis of Amrat Kaal, organized a Talk for students of the Master Degree Programme on 'Job Opportunities: Searching for Alternatives'.

The keynote speaker for the talk was Dr Shipra Sinha, consultant on Economics matters and running a web platform for students preparing for competitive examinations.

While interacting with students, Dr Shipra emphasized on the need to set visible targets and work consistently on them. There are ample avenues generated by the Government but students have to pursue professions of their interest and passion. For female students, she stressed that there are chances of pauses in their career pursuits due to family and social engagement but they should never stop pursuing their profession. Apart from seeking job opportunities in Government or Private sectors, she insisted that students must also invest their creative energy in new startups like teaching online, educational apps, and other means of self-employment.

Earlier, Prof Jasbir Singh, Head Department of Philosophy, emphasized that the prime objective of the talk was to help the students to create their own enterprises so that they realize their talents and appreciate the execution of their innovations.

Prof Aroon Sharma, Head, Department of Economics was the chief guest on the occasion, and he desired to arrange such kind of informative talks in the future for other students.

Dr Panu Sharma presented a formal vote of thanks. Dr Ruby Bharti, Dr Sushain Raina and students of the department were also present.

Motorcyclist injured in accident

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JAMMU, Aug 17: A motorcyclist was injured in a road accident in Akhnoor area near here today.

The injured was identified as Pawan Kumar, son of Bhagat Ram, resident of Hamirpur village of Khour area.

The mishap took place when a car of Swift make bearing registration number JK02AB-4104 hit the motorcycle bearing registration number JK02CU-9267. After accident, driver of the erring car left his vehicle on the road and escaped.

Police has registered a case in this regard under sections 279 and 337 of IPC and started investigations and attempts were also being made to arrest the erring driver of the car.

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