

Jammu division celebrates Eid-ul-Fitr with Devotion, unity and religious fervour

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JAMMU: The festival of Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervour across Jammu region on Saturday with devotion, unity and religious fervour.

In District Doda, as a large gathering of the Muslim community offered special Eid prayers at Eidgah Doda this morning.

The congregational prayers were led by the Imam of Jamia Masjid Doda and witnessed the presence of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Krishan Lal, Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Kumar Mehta, senior citizens along with other civil and police officers.

The District Administration Doda had made elaborate arrangements to ensure the smooth and peaceful conduct of the festival. Adequate security measures, traffic management and essential civic amenities were put in place for the convenience of the public.

The Deputy Commissioner Doda and SSP Doda extended warm congratulations to the people on Eid-ul-Fitr and conveyed their heartfelt "Eid Mubarak," highlighting the significance of the festival in promoting brotherhood, peace and communal harmony.

They appreciated the cooperation extended by the public in maintaining law and order during the celebrations.

Similar prayers were offered at various Eidgahs across the district, where people gathered in large numbers to mark the occasion with devotion and exchanged greetings, reflecting the true spirit of unity and togetherness.

GANDOH: The festival of Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervor across Sub Division Gandoh, where special prayers were offered peacefully amid a spirit of unity and harmony.

A large gathering of devotees assembled at the Eidgah Gandoh in the morning to offer Eid prayers. The occasion witnessed active participation of people from all walks of life, reflecting communal harmony and brotherhood.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gandoh, Arun Kumar Bhutyal, along with officers from the civil and police administration, attended the Eidgah and reviewed the arrangements put in place for the smooth conduct of the prayers.

The administration had made adequate arrangements for security, traffic management, and others.

The SDM Gandoh extended warm greetings to the people and congratulated them on Eid-ul-Fitr. He expressed hope that the festival would further strengthen the bonds of peace, unity and brotherhood in the region.

BHADERWAH: The festival of Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervour in Bhaderwah.

A large number of devotees gathered at the Eidgah in the morning to offer special Eid prayers, marking the culmination of the holy month of Ramadan. Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah, Sunil Kumar Butyal, along with civil and police officers, visited the Eidgah and extended warm greetings and congratulations to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

They also interacted with members of the public and conveyed their best wishes for peace, prosperity and communal harmony.

Elaborate arrangements were put in place by the administration to ensure smooth and peaceful celebrations. Adequate security arrangements, traffic management and others.

POONCH: Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with great religious fervour, enthusiasm and communal harmony across Poonch district, with thousands of devotees participating in the festivities.

In a remarkable display of unity and brotherhood, people from different communities came together to mark the auspicious occasion. The largest congregation was witnessed at the Eid Gah in Poonch, where thousands of Muslims offered special Eid prayers in the morning.



Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma and Senior Superintendent of Police, Shafiq Hussain Bhat along with other officers of the district administration and police, actively participated in the celebrations, reinforcing the spirit of communal harmony and religious tolerance.

On the occasion, the DC and SSP extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people on behalf of themselves, their respective departments and the district administration. They emphasized that Eid symbolizes devotion, charity and the spirit of sharing.

The district administration and police department had made elaborate arrangements for security, traffic management and essential services to ensure smooth and peaceful celebrations across the district. People from Hindu, Muslim,

Sikh and Christian communities were seen exchanging greetings, sharing sweets and celebrating together, reflecting the rich tradition of unity in diversity in Poonch.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police conducted a market inspection, reviewing the arrangements and visiting sweet shops to ensure availability of quality products and smooth functioning during the festive period.

RAMBAN: Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with profound religious fervor and joyous festivities across Ramban district Saturday.

The largest congregations were witnessed at Jamia Masjid Sharif Ramban and Eidgahs in Banihal, Gool and Batote, where large number of devotees gathered to offer Namaz-e-Eid and pray for peace,

development and prosperity in the Union Territory and the nation at large.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan conveyed warm greetings to the people, emphasizing that such occasions foster unity, communal harmony and brotherhood in society.

MLA Ramban, Arjun Singh Raju; SSP Ramban, Arun Gupta; ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak; Additional SP, Majeed Ur Rehman; Tehsildar Ramban, Deep Kumar; DySP, Vigar Batt, and other officials from the District Administration joined the celebrations at Jamia Masjid Qadeem, Ramban and extended heartfelt Eid-ul-Fitr greetings to all.

The District and Police Administration had made meticulous arrangements, including security measures, to ensure the smooth observance



of Eid-ul-Fitr festivities. Eid prayers were also offered at various mosques in the town and its outskirts, including Jamia Masjid Karol, Chandrog, Maitra and Upper Ramban.

Senior officers participated in Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations in their respective jurisdictions and extended their heartfelt wishes to the people on this auspicious occasion.

The spirit of Eid-ul-Fitr was also witnessed across other areas of the district, including Banihal, Sangaldan, Ramsoo, Ukhral, Batote, Gool and Rajgrah, where people celebrated the festival with joy, unity and traditional enthusiasm.

KISHTWAR: Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with religious fervor, gaiety and in a peaceful atmosphere across District Kishtwar. Thousands of Muslim

brethren thronged local mosques, performed Namaz-e-Eid and prayed for peace, development and prosperity of District Kishtwar as well as the Union Territory.

Comprehensive arrangements, including security and essential services, were put in place by the civil and police administration to ensure smooth and orderly celebrations of the Eid festival across the district including at the subdivision and tehsil levels.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma and SSP Kishtwar, Naresh Singh remained present and actively monitored and supervised the security and other arrangements. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner and SSP extended warm Eid greetings to the Muslim community and participated in the religious proceedings.

BJP reviews organizational strength, focuses on booth-level empowerment

KATHUA: BJP District Kathua held an organizational meeting, which was chiefly addressed by District Seh-Prabhari Sanjay Baru.

District President Kathua Updesh Andotra and MLA Rajiv Jasrotia also addressed the meeting. Raghunandan Singh (Bablu), Rajesh Mehta, Gagan Singh, Advocate Jasbir, Madhu, Nandhan Khajuria, Ashok Jasrotia, along with all Mandal Presidents of Jasrota Vidhan Sabha, attended the meeting. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on strengthening organizational activities, enhancing the active participation of party workers, and ensuring the effective implementation of upcoming party programs and initiatives across the district. Sanjay Baru appreciated the dedication and commitment of party workers and encouraged them to continue working collectively to further strengthen the organization at the booth and mandal levels. He emphasized the need to make the organization more dynamic, disciplined, and result-oriented while maintaining close contact with the public. Updesh Andotra called for a collective commitment by all party leaders and workers to further strengthen the organization and serve the people with dedication and unity. She laid special emphasis on expanding outreach at the grassroots level and ensuring better coordination among party units. Rajiv Jasrotia reiterated the party's resolve to expand organizational outreach and ensure the effective implementation of party policies and public welfare initiatives among the masses. He also stressed the importance of addressing local issues promptly and strengthening public trust through continuous engagement.

Army conducted interaction with ex-servicemen at Katra

REASI: The Indian Army conducted a meaningful interaction with Ex-Servicemen at Katra in Reasi district, with over 30 veterans from the Area of Responsibility in attendance.

The session provided a valuable platform to connect with veterans, honour their invaluable service and acknowledge their enduring sacrifices. Deliberations focused on addressing grievances, creating awareness about various welfare schemes and strengthening support mechanisms for veterans and their families.

The interaction also enabled direct feedback, fostering better understanding of their concerns and requirements. The initiative reflects the Indian Army's continued commitment to ensuring the well-being, dignity and care of its veterans, while nurturing a strong and lasting bond with those who have served the nation with dedication and pride.

Dr Ram Prakash delivered invited talk at BHU Varanasi

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JAMMU: Associate Professor and Head, School of Physics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra Dr. Ram Prakash delivered an invited lecture on 'Rare-Earth Activated Nanophosphors: Synthesis, Spectroscopy, and Lighting Applications' in international conference on Advances in Multifunctional Materials (ICRAMMD-2026) held at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Varanasi.

The conference witnessed the participation of nearly 300 delegates from India and abroad. Dr. Ram Prakash discussed Rare-Earth Activated Nanophosphors: Synthesis, Spectroscopy, and Lighting Applications.

Dr. Prakash presented a comprehensive overview of recent research on the synthesis, structural characterization, and spectroscopic investigations of Eu^{3+} , Dy^{3+} , and Sm^{3+} activated phosphor materials, with emphasis on their down-conversion luminescence behaviour and colour tunability.



He highlighted the potential of these phosphor systems for application in near-UV pumped warm white LEDs and advanced photonic devices.

The lecture was well received by the participants. Dr. Ram Prakash thanked Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor for allowing and encouraging him to attend the said conference.

SMVDU students Excel in GATE-2026 Examination

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KATRA: Students at the School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), have achieved remarkable success in the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) 2026, conducted by IIT Guwahati.

Rajkumar (Biotechnology - BT), Omesh (Life Sciences - XL), and Badal Shah (Life Sciences - XL), postgraduate students of M.Sc. Biotechnology, have successfully qualified GATE 2026. She expressed sincere gratitude for the support and coordination and guidance provided under the DBT-supported M.Sc. Biotechnology Program, and extended special thanks to Prof. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Coordinator of the Program for her dedicated efforts and inspiration, which significantly contributed to



the successful completion of their academic work.

Madhu Sharma, a postgraduate student of the regular M.Sc. Biotechnology Program working for her Dissertation at the Tissue Culture Laboratory, School of Biotechnology, also successfully qualified GATE 2026 in Life Sciences (XL).

She expressed her sincere gratitude to her Project Supervisor, for her constant guidance, and academic support throughout her academic journey. All the students acknowledged the excellent academic and research ecosystem and state-of-the-art facilities provided by School of Biotechnology

and are grateful to all the Faculty Members for their support at SMVDU, which played a crucial role in the accomplishment of their career goals.

They also extended their respectful thanks to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, for his visionary leadership and continuous encouragement of academic excellence. Head, School of Biotechnology, Dr. Anil Kumar, along with all Faculty Members of Biotechnology, congratulated the students on their commendable achievements and wished them continued success in their future endeavours.

BJP is a value-based organization: Ashok Koul; addresses workshop

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JAMMU: J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul addressed a workshop organized under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan-2026 at Amphalla Mandal, District Jammu.

J&K BJP Secretary Arun Sharma, District President Jammu Adv. Rajesh Gupta, MLA Yudhvir Sethi, and former Mayor Rajinder Sharma, along with senior party functionaries and activists attended the workshop.

While addressing the workshop, Ashok Koul elaborated on the



ideological foundation of BJP, emphasizing that the BJP as an organization is not merely a political party but a value-based organization rooted in

nationalism, ethos, and service to society.

He elaborated on the ideological background of the party,

drawing inspiration from the philosophy of Deendayal Upadhyaya and the concept of Integral Humanism.

He highlighted that the

core principles of the BJP revolve around nation-first approach, good governance, transparency, and inclusive development.

He further stressed that organizational strength comes from disciplined cadre, strong moral values, and continuous training of party workers, which enables the party to effectively serve the people at the grassroots level.

Koul prompted the party activists to deeply understand the party's ideology and translate it into action while working among the masses.

He said that such training programs play a crucial role in strengthening the

organizational structure and preparing committed leadership for the future.

Rajesh Gupta stated that the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan is instrumental in enhancing the capacity and efficiency of party workers, enabling them to effectively communicate the party's vision and policies to the public.

Yudhvir Sethi emphasized that ideological clarity and organizational discipline are the pillars of BJP's continued growth. He added that regular training initiatives ensure that party workers remain motivated, informed, and aligned with the party's core principles.