

LG addresses Foundation Day of KP Volunteers; Felicitates Volunteers for Selfless Service

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The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha graced the Foundation Day celebration of KP Volunteers, a humanitarian organisation and felicitated its volunteers for their selfless service to the society. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor lauded the organisation's six-and-a-half years of tireless work in serving the needy and upholding the values of compassion, duty and humanity.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that true service lies in performing one's duty without expectation of reward. He said KP Volunteers exemplify this spirit, having never sought fame or wealth but embraced service as a sacred duty.

The Lieutenant Governor recalled how the organisation began in April 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when a single bag of rice donated by the Jammu Ashram of Swami Nand Bab Sahib sowed the seed of a selfless service revolution. He said KP Volunteers has since grown into a trusted platform for humanitarian service across UT of Jammu Kashmir.

"I am proud that you have made the welfare of others your guiding principle. I believe that KP Volunteers is also living proof that when service is selfless, it continues to grow like light spreading from one lamp to another.

I have seen the achievements of the campaigns being conducted continuously by your organisation, and I can say that these figures tell the story of the far-reaching nature of your selfless service. Behind every statistic is a human being and a life that has been touched by assistance," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Highlighting the organisation's achievements, the



Lieutenant Governor noted that under the Family Adoption Programme, 164 families receive monthly assistance in ration, medicines, and education and through the Emergency Assistance Programme, a number of families have been supported in times of crisis, including surgeries and debt relief. It was also informed that nearly 10,000 online medical consultations were provided during the pandemic and more than 6,500 emergency blood donations were facilitated. The financial support was also extended for the marriages of daughters from economically weaker families.

"These are not merely achievements but they are important milestones in a journey of compassion and service," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor praised KP Volunteers for adopting Direct Benefit Transfer mechanisms, ensuring accountability and transforming service into a sacred human bond. He described the organisation's 411 active volunteers worldwide as the priceless jewels of the Kashmiri Pandit community and urged that their numbers be expanded to meet future challenges in poverty, healthcare, and education.

The Lieutenant Governor also outlined four key priorities for the future- Expanding educational assistance to empower youth, strengthening healthcare support, creating a global

volunteer network and empowering women through skill development and entrepreneurship, with greater leadership roles for women volunteers.

"Education is the most powerful instrument for the welfare of all. Empowering children with knowledge and education will prove to be the finest gift we can offer them. There is an urgent need to utilise the potential of the Kashmiri Pandit community settled across the world, as well as that of the Indian diaspora, in order to expand compassion and service and ensure that financial constraints do not obstruct various initiatives," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also observed that the Kashmiri Pandit community has made unique contributions to nation-building, education, philosophy and culture. He said from ancient times to the modern era, scholars, saints and leaders from the Kashmiri Pandit community have played a significant role in strengthening the intellectual, cultural and administrative foundations of the country.

"KP Volunteers should draw inspiration from these great personalities and dedicate themselves to the field of service. Your objective should be to work together to build a future as glorious as your past.

You have kindled the flame of service. It is now the responsibility of the entire community to carry

this flame forward.

Let us resolve today that we will never allow compassion to diminish. Let us pledge that every hungry child will receive food, every child will receive quality education, every young person will have employment, every sick person will receive medicine, and every struggling family will have the opportunity to live with dignity and honour," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Responding to the demands, the Lieutenant Governor reiterated his commitment to the welfare of every member of the Kashmiri Pandit community. He emphasised that the administration, police, and security forces are fully dedicated to ensuring a peaceful environment. "Anyone who attempts to disrupt peace will not be allowed to succeed," he said.

Meritorious students were also felicitated on the occasion.

Shri Vikram Koul, Founder, KP Volunteers organization; Shri Kuldeep Khoda, former DGP; Dr. Arvind Karwani, Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner; prominent citizens, members of KP Volunteers and people from different walks of life attended the event.

Shri Shridhar Patil, DIG JSK Range; Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, and other senior officials were also present.

IIM Jammu Celebrates 80th Independence Day with Patriotic Fervour

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The Indian Institute of Management Jammu celebrated the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour and national pride at its Jagti campus.

The celebrations began with a ceremonial Guard of Honour and unfurling of the National Flag by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, followed by the National Song and National Anthem.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Sahay paid tribute to the freedom fighters and highlighted the role of innovation, technology, entrepreneurship and youth in building a strong and Viksit Bharat. He called upon students and young professionals to lead with integrity, innovate with courage and contribute meaningfully to nation-building.

The celebrations also featured vibrant cultural performances by students through the Malhar Cultural Committee, including soulful singing, dance and skits showcasing India's rich cultural heritage. A



special highlight was Prof. Sahay's rendition of "Aa Chalke Tujhe", joined by students, faculty and staff,

creating a memorable moment of togetherness.

Faculty members, officers, staff, students, their

families and members of the IIM Jammu community participated enthusiastically in the celebrations.

IE(I) Jammu Centre Celebrates 80th I-Day

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The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour at Engineers' Bhawan, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Er. Anil Verma, Chairman, IE(I) Jammu Centre, hoisted the National Flag on the occasion. The function was attended by senior Corporate Members, former Chairmen and Honorary Secretaries, besides Er. Avneet Gupta, Honorary Secretary of the Jammu Centre.

The gathering paid tribute to the freedom fighters



and reaffirmed its commitment to contributing to

towards the nation's progress through engineering excellence

and professional service.

Educational Institutions, Govt Departments celebrate 80th I-Day across Kashmir Division



SRINAGAR, AUGUST 16: The celebrations for 80th Independence Day were today held in various educational institutions and Government departments across Kashmir division with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm.

SDD: Director, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Owais Ahmad, hoisted the National Flag at Government Polytechnic for Women, Srinagar today as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

The flag-hoisting ceremony was held on the college grounds and was attended by a large and diverse gathering that included senior officials from the Police and paramilitary forces, representatives from the Directorate of Skill Development, principals of polytechnic colleges and ITIs across the region, faculty members, and students from various polytechnic colleges and ITIs.

The event commenced with the National Anthem following the flag hoist. In his brief address, Dr. Owais Ahmad highlighted the importance of skill development in nation building and urged students to seize vocational training opportunities to contribute to local and national development. He

lauded the role of technical education institutions in empowering youth and praised the collaboration between training providers and industry partners in supporting community resilience.

Dr. Owais Ahmad welcomed and thanked all participating institutions and security personnel for their support in ensuring the ceremony's smooth conduct. The programme also included patriotic songs by students and trainees, showcasing discipline and enthusiasm.

He also felicitated the students of Government Polytechnic for Women for their exemplary performance in the recently held examinations, applauding their hard work and dedication. The occasion reinforced the Department of Skill Development's commitment to merging patriotic values with practical skill-building, and to preparing students for meaningful employment and entrepreneurship.

JKEDI: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) celebrated the 80th Independence Day at its main campus at Sempora, Pampore, with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm.

The National Flag was hoisted by



Mohd. Younis Malik, Director, JKEDI, in the presence of officers and officials of the Institute.

Addressing the employees, Director, JKEDI emphasized the importance of strengthening entrepreneurship and self-employment as key drivers of economic development in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed the need to scale up entrepreneurial activities and create greater opportunities for sustainable livelihoods and employment generation.

The Director reiterated the vision of "Viksit Bharat @2047", underlining that entrepreneurship and self-employment would play a major role in shaping a developed and economically empowered India.

He called upon the employees of JKEDI to contribute towards creating a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Union Territory and to work with renewed commitment towards empowering aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Independence Day celebrations concluded with a renewed pledge by the officers and officials of JKEDI to contribute towards the socio-economic development of Jammu and Kashmir and the larger vision of a



Viksit Bharat by 2047.

GCOE: Government College of Education (Institute of Advanced Studies in Education), M.A. Road, Srinagar, celebrated the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour, enthusiasm and a strong sense of national pride on its campus today.

The celebrations commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by Professor (Dr) Seema Naz, Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges, and Principal, GCOE, who also took the ceremonial salute. The National Anthem was sung thereafter, creating a solemn and deeply patriotic atmosphere across the college campus.

The ceremony was attended by members of the teaching and non-teaching staff, along with a large number of students, who participated enthusiastically in the Independence Day celebrations. The college campus was appropriately decorated for the occasion, reflecting the spirit of national unity, patriotism and the values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Addressing the gathering, Professor (Dr) Seema Naz extended warm greetings to the staff and students on the occasion of Independence Day.



She highlighted the historical significance of the day and paid tribute to the freedom fighters and national leaders whose sacrifices and contributions paved the way for India's independence. Dr. Naz underscored the vital role of educational institutions in shaping responsible, informed and socially conscious citizens. She emphasized that education is not merely a means of acquiring knowledge but also a powerful instrument for strengthening democracy, promoting social harmony and fostering a sense of responsibility towards the nation.

Urging students to uphold the ideals of the Constitution, she called upon them to embrace unity in diversity, discipline, integrity, inclusiveness and social responsibility. She encouraged the students to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress by pursuing excellence in education, respecting democratic values and actively participating in the development of society. The programme concluded with a renewed commitment by the staff and students to discharge their responsibilities with dedication, honesty and integrity and to contribute towards nation-building and the realization of the ideals of justice,



liberty, equality and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution of India.

GMS Moghalpura: A solemn function was organised today to celebrate Independence Day at Government Middle School (GMS), Moghalpura.

The programme was attended by local dignitaries, parents, students and teaching staff in large numbers.

The function was presided over by Headmaster Muhammad Rafi Bajar.

Addressing the gathering, he said that love for the nation, loyalty and a spirit of service should be instilled in every heart. He stated that every citizen must discharge their duties with honesty and sincerity for the progress and prosperity of the country.

He further said that citizens should remain ready at all times to serve the nation and should strive to bring honour to the country through hard work, competence and good character. He added that as students represent the future of the nation, it is essential to inculcate in them, along with education, a sense of patriotism, discipline, unity and national responsibility.

The function concluded with special prayers offered for the security, progress and prosperity of the country.