Directorate of Tourism Jammu Celebrates 80th Independence Day

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The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu celebrated the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour at its headquarters on Residency Road, where Director Tourism, Jammu, Sh. Vikas Gupta hoisted the National Flag in the presence of senior officers and staff.

Joint Director Tourism Sh. Aijaz Qaiser, Deputy Director Publicity Smt. Savita Chauhan, Assistant Director Tourism Sh. Vishal Sadhotra, Accounts Officer Smt. Annie Jamwal and other officials participated in the celebrations.

Following the flag hoisting, officers and officials took part in a Tiranga Rally within the office premises, adding to the patriotic spirit of the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Sh. Vikas Gupta paid tribute to the freedom fighters and called for renewed efforts towards nation-building. He highlighted the immense tourism potential of Jammu and Kashmir and reaffirmed the department's commitment to promoting Jammu as a vibrant, welcoming and sustainable destination while ensuring greater benefits for local communities.

Sh. Aijaz Qaiser stressed the importance of teamwork, innovation and dedicated public service in strengthening Jammu's position as a preferred tourism destination.

The celebrations concluded with officers and officials reaffirming their commitment to promoting the rich cultural heritage, natural beauty and diverse tourism offerings of Jammu and Kashmir.

Civil Society calls for peace, honourable return of KPs to valley

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On the occasion of the 80th Independence Day of India, J&K Civil Society, along with Gandhi Global Family, Baba Amte Maharashtra organisations, Panchayat Prasad J&K and Vishwa Kashmiri Samaj, extends heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu & Kashmir and the entire nation.

On this historic occasion, we pray for permanent peace, prosperity, development and brotherhood in Kashmir. Our collective resolve must be to preserve the age-old traditions of harmony, mutual respect and coexistence that have been the strength of Kashmiri society.

We strongly reiterate our appeal for the honourable return of our Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters, with dignity, security and at the place of their choice in the Valley. Those who were compelled to leave Kashmir must be enabled to return through a structured, meaningful and time-bound process initiated by the Government.

The people of Kashmir are not cowardly and will not be intimidated by threats issued by militant groups or forces inimical to peace. No individual, group or country should believe that threats can weaken the resolve of the people of Kashmir to live together in peace and brotherhood.

The majority community has a special responsibility to uphold the age-old traditions of brotherhood, mutual respect and coexistence in Kashmir. Protecting the dignity, security and rights of every community is a collective responsibility.

We once again urge the Government to immediately begin a comprehensive process for the honourable return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits, with dignity, security and complete freedom to choose their place of residence in the Valley.

Permanent peace, development, brotherhood and the honourable return of our displaced brothers and sisters should be the shared

POWERGRID Celebrates 80th Independence Day with gaiety and enthusiasm across Northern Region-II

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POWERGRID Northern Region Transmission System-II celebrated 80th Independence Day with patriotism & enthusiasm. at all the establishments across the Region.

In a major push to strengthen strategic infrastructure at the world's highest battlefield, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) is constructing a dedicated Re-vamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) station for the Indian Army at Siachen Base Camp. During August 15th 's site visit to inspect ongoing progress, POWERGRID's Executive Director ,Northern Regional-II ,Sh.Tarun Bajaj hoisted the National Tricolour and commended the resilience of the workforce operating in extreme high-altitude conditions.

Mo-tivating the on-ground teams to view the project as a vital service in the national interest, Sh.Tarun Bajaj urged all personnel to expedite execution and ensure the critical power in-stallations are successfully completed within the scheduled time frame. The function was also graced by the Commanding officer of Indian Army at Siachen base camp alongwith all employees of POWERGRID executing the task of electrification in remote areas of Ladhak .

At the Regional Headquarters, Grid Bhawan, Jammu, the chief guestShri Shafat Ahmed Wa-ni, Chief General Manager(AM) and Shri Sanjeev Kumar Chowan , Chief General Manager (Projects), POWERGRID, jointlyunfurled the national flag in presence of allsenior officials, employees and their families members. On this occasion both the dignitaries, in their brief addresses congratulated the employees and their families on this pious day. Both urged the employees to continue to serve the organization with dedication and sincerity for the over-all development of our nation.

A colourful program which had Fancy dress competition, patriotic songs and dance performances by members of Mahila Samiti and children of the employeeswas appreciated by oneand all present on this occasion.LaterPrizes weredistributed Prizes to the winners of various competitions organizedin connection withIndependence day.Acommunity lunch was also organized on this occasion.

The reports of celebrating the Independence Day at all site offices in the Region comprising Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, UT of J&K, Ladakh & Chandigarh are being received.

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED is a Maharatna Enterprise under Ministry of Power having its regional headquarters of Northern Region-II at Jammu. POWERGRID is engaged in inter-state bulk power transmission. POWERGRID has 186,889ckm of transmission lines, 292 Sub-stations and more than 637,061 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability >99%. POWERGRID performance has been consistently Excellent by achieving very diffi-cult measurable parameters which are set in MoU signed with Ministry of Power, Government of India.

POWERGRID, Northern Region -II with headquarter in Jammu is having its Transmission System spread over in the states of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, parts of Haryana and UT of Chandigarh, Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir.

Grand Celebration of Mukti Parv with Message of Inner Freedom and Brahm Gyan

'True Liberation Lies in Freedom from the Bondages of the Mind'

DELHI, AUGUST 16: *While the entire nation celebrated Independence Day with patriotism, pride, and enthusiasm, the Sant Nirankari Mission also conveyed to the masses the divine message of inner freedom bestowed through Brahm Gyan on this historic occasion. The festival beautifully reflected the truth that true liberation does not lie merely in freedom from external restraints, but in freeing oneself from ignorance, ego, and discrimination and experiencing self-realization and God-realization.*

The sacred occasion of Mukti Parv was organized in an atmosphere of devotion, faith, and spiritual fervor in the presence of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji, in front of the Nirankari Sarovar at Ground No. 2, Nirankari Chowk, Burari Road, Delhi. After a long interval following the successful completion of Her Holiness's extensive welfare-oriented preaching tour abroad, thousands of devotees from Delhi-NCR and various other regions became overwhelmed with emotion upon receiving the blessed darshan of Satguru Mata Ji.

Addressing the devotees on the occasion, Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj emphasized that true liberation does not mean merely being free from external restraints; rather, it means freeing oneself from hatred, ego, narrow-mindedness, and prejudices. Living with an awareness of the Formless Divine in every breath, while embracing love, devotion, and acceptance, is the true essence of liberation while living in this world.

Drawing inspiration from the life of Mata Savinder Ji, Satguru Mata Ji gave the example of a lighthouse and explained that regardless of the circumstances, one should always preserve the light of inner peace, love, and positivity. Merely listening to the teachings of saints is not enough; incorporating them into one's thoughts, actions, and way of life is the true spiritual practice and the path to liberation.

On this sacred occasion, devotees respectfully paid homage and offered their ??????? (tributes) to the great saintly souls whose sacrifice and dedication guided humanity towards the path of liberation. Special satsangs were also organized at various branches of the Mission across the world on the occasion of Mukti Parv, where these great saintly personalities were remembered with reverence.

Lieutenant Governor Addresses Inaugural Function of Shri Baba Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra

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On the auspicious occasion of the commencement of the sacred Shri Baba Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra, the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha today graced the inaugural function.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor said that the yatra is not merely a physical journey but a profound inward journey towards self-realisation and the eternal consciousness of Lord Shiva. He emphasised that the pilgrimage to Baba Budha Amarnath Ji is a sacred path of devotion, discipline, and unity.

The Lieutenant Governor reminded the gathering of the eternal teachings of Lord Shiva- truth, duty, discipline, and compassion. He recalled the spiritual significance of the shrine, where Maharishi Pulastya performed penance and received Lord Shiva's blessings, ensuring that the site would remain a centre of faith and devotion for generations.

The Lieutenant Governor noted that the sacred river flowing alongside the shrine, known as Pulast Ganga, and the historical traditions of 'Pulast Nagari' (now Poonch), reflect the deep spiritual heritage of the region. He underlined that the yatra is not only a religious pilgrimage but also a symbol of India's unity in diversity, as thousands of devotees from across the nation walk together, chant together, and surrender together at the feet of Lord Shiva.

"This Yatra holds a special place in the hearts of devotees. That is why thousands of pilgrims from different parts of the country gather here every year and undertake the yatra together. They walk together and chant the name of lord Shiva together. It is also a symbol of unity in diversity, strength through spirituality and peace through surrender to the Lord Shiva, the supreme power," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Drawing upon the episode of Lord Shiva consuming poison during the Samudra Manthan, the Lieutenant Governor stressed that true leadership and devotion lie in absorbing hardships for the welfare of others. He urged pilgrims to imbibe this lesson of patience, sacrifice, and spiritual strength during the yatra.

The Lieutenant Governor also commended the efforts of the Baba Amarnath and Budha Amarnath Yatri Nyas, along with the volunteers of Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal, who have organised the yatra with devotion and discipline for over two decades. He remarked that discipline, when combined with devotion, illuminates the path for present and future generations.

The Lieutenant Governor prayed for the success of the yatra, wishing that Lord Baba Budha Amarnath Ji bless every pilgrim with strength, wisdom, courage, and peace.

He called upon devotees to follow the path of dharma and truth in their daily lives, thereby strengthening the nation's unity and spiritual fabric.

"The worship of Lord Shiva permeates the entire cultural and spiritual fabric of India. From Kedarnath in the no

rth to the sacred Rameshwaram in the south, and from Somnath in the west to Tarakeshwar in the east, Lord Shiva embodies the unifying consciousness of our civilisation while binding this vast nation together in harmony amidst its diversity," he said.

The yatra will commence tomorrow morning from Bhagwati Nagar with a flag-off ceremony. The Lieutenant Governor extended his heartfelt wishes for a safe, smooth, and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage for all devotees.

Swami Dinesh Bharti Ji, Shri Milind Parande, Organising General Secretary, Vishva Hindu Parishad; Shri Kishan Prajapat, National Convenor, Bajrang Dal; Shri Rajesh Gupta, President Vishva Hindu Parishad, J&K; Shri Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; senior officials and prominent citizens from different walks of life were present.

LG Sinha releases Dogri Song 'Chitta'

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today released the Dogri song 'Chitta'-– A musical call for a drug-free Jammu Kashmir. The song was penned, composed and sung by Happy Jasrotia Narsinghewala and is directed by Neeraj NJ.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Happy Jasrotia Narsinghewala and the entire team for highlighting the growing menace of drug abuse in Jammu Kashmir and its devastating impact on the youth, families and society at large.

Shri Zorawar Singh, Chairman, Team Jammu; Shri Parveen Sharma, Chairman Citizens' Co-operative Bank Ltd; Shri Yashvir Jasrotia, and Rajvir Singh Jasrotia, AGM PNB (Retd) and other members of the team were also present at the release ceremony.

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