

Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir celebrates Janmashtami with Grand Rath Yatra



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Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust (Regd.), Gandhi Nagar, celebrated the auspicious festival of Shri Krishna Janmashtami with great religious fervour, devotion and enthusiasm by organising a colourful Rath Yatra and a series of religious and cultural programmes at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir, Gandhi Nagar.

The celebrations commenced with Shri Ganesh Pooja and Nav Grah Pooja, followed by a beautifully decorated Rath carrying the idols of Lord Krishna, which proceeded from the temple premises amid the participation of a large number of devotees.

Students and staff of various educational institutions, including Dogra Higher Secondary School,

Shastri Nagar and Shastri Shiksha Kendra School, Gandhi Nagar, along with trustees, members and special invitees of the Trust, enthusiastically participated in the Shobha Yatra.

Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, and Shri Vikram Randhawa, Hon'ble MLA, graced the occasion as distinguished guests and participated in the religious celebrations and Rath Yatra.

The Rath Yatra passed through various temples and prominent areas of Gandhi Nagar, including Shri Mahadev Mandir, Dhudha Dhari Mandir, Shri Durga Mandir and Gole Market, before culminating at the main complex of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir. En route, various organizations and devotees made arrangements for refreshments, drinking water, cold drinks and Prashad

for the procession of the devotees.

Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, highlighted the enduring relevance of Lord Krishna's teachings and appreciated the Trust for organizing the Janmashtami celebrations with devotion and grandeur.

Shri Vikram Randhawa, Hon'ble MLA, Bahu, lauded the Trust for upholding the traditions and promoting the values among the younger generation.

The celebrations were held under the leadership of Sh. V.K. Abrol, President of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, who reaffirmed the Trust's commitment to preserving the temple's rich religious and cultural traditions. He appealed to the devotees to follow the preachings of Lord Krishna and the holy Gita.

Special arrangements were made by the Trust to ensure the smooth movement of devotees and minimise crowding during the various programmes. The temple complex was beautifully decorated for the pious occasion, while the specially designed Selfie Point remained a major attraction for devotees and visiting families.

At the sacred hour of Lord Krishna's birth, Maha Aarti was performed with great devotion, followed by the distribution of Prashad among the devotees present in the temple complex.

Prominent among those present were S.C. Rekhi (Gen.Secy), Karan Singh, Adv. Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Romesh Thakur, P.C. Gupta, Kapil Slatia, Ved Verma, Prashant Sharma, Krishan P. Gupta, Sumesh Damral, Sandeep Singh, Tarun Gupta, Col. Pushaphas Sharma, Kiran Rajput, Uma Sharma, KB Magotra, Prem Sharma, Pankul Vaid, Indu Bhushan Sharma, Ashok Gupta, besides trustees, members, devotees, students and staff of participating educational institutions.

The Trust expressed gratitude to all trustees, volunteers, participating institutions and devotees whose wholehearted support ensured the successful and peaceful celebration of Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

Grand Janmashtami Jhanki Draws Devotees in Doda



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Religious fervour gripped Doda as a grand Janmashtami Jhanki was taken out from Radhey Shyam Mandir, Main Bazaar, on the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, with devotees from different parts of the district participating enthusiastically.

The colourful procession witnessed a large gathering of devotees from Nagri, Tondwah and Bundoda, who joined the celebrations, carrying religious flags and raising devotional slogans in praise of Lord Krishna. The atmosphere remained charged with faith and devotion as the Jhanki passed through the main areas of Doda.

Beautifully decorated

tableaux depicting various episodes from the life of Lord Krishna were a major attraction of the procession. Through the tableaux, devotees highlighted the timeless message of Lord Krishna centred on truth, righteousness, compassion, love and devotion.

The procession also conveyed a strong message of peace, brotherhood and communal harmony, with

the organisers and participants stressing the importance of mutual respect and unity in society.

The celebrations concluded with prayers for peace, prosperity and well-being of all.

Devotees raised chants of "Jai Shri Krishna" and "Radhe-Radhe", bringing the religious celebrations to a devotional and joyous conclusion.

Shri Krishna Janmashtami Celebrated with Religious Fervour Across Ramban District

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Shri Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated across Ramban district with religious fervour, devotion and gaiety, with grand Shobha Yatras taken out in Ramban, Batote and other parts of the district. Thousands of devotees from all walks of life, including men, women and children, participated in the celebrations.

At the district headquarters Ramban, Shobha Yatras were taken out from various temples and passed through Shan Palace, Court Road, Upper Bazaar, Cafeteria Morh, Bus Stand, Lower Maitra, Upper Maitra, Masjid Market and other adjoining areas before culminating at Raghunath Mandir, Bowali Bazaar.

Before commencement of the Shobha Yatra, special Pooja of the beautifully decorated Jhankis was performed at various temples. The processions witnessed enthusiastic participation of devotees, who chanted religious slogans and accompanied the Jhankis with traditional drum beats.

The temples and other prominent locations across Ramban district were specially decorated to mark the auspicious occasion. Devotees and local residents across the society accorded



a warm welcome to the Jhankis at different places, showering flowers as the procession passed through the town.

A large rush of devotees was witnessed at temples across the district, particularly at Raghunath Mandir Ramban, where hundreds of devotees offered prayers and sought blessings of Lord Krishna and Radha. The temples were beautifully decorated and devotional activities continued throughout the day.

The District Administration, under the overall su-

pervision of Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, had made elaborate security and other necessary arrangements to ensure the smooth and peaceful conduct of the religious processions.

At Ramban, Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak, Tehsildar Deep Kumar, Dy. SP Hqr. Waqar Bhat, senior officers of the civil and police administration accompanied the procession and personally monitored the arrangements.

In Batote And Chanderkote also, grand Shobha Yatra were taken out on the eve of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, witnessing participation of a large number of devotees and local residents. The procession passed through different parts of the town amid chanting of religious slogans and devotional fervour.

ACR Ramban Shokat Hayat Mattoo, Dy. SP DAR Kuldeep Sharma, Tehsildar Batote Vijay Sharma and other officers participated in the Shobha Yatra.

Religious fervour mark Janmashtami celebrations in Rajouri

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The Janmashtami procession and celebrations were marked by religious spirit in Rajouri town and other parts of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma along with DIG Rajouri Poonch Range Sandeep Wazir, SSP Naresh Singh, ADC, Ravi Kumar Sihag, ACR Mohd Jahangir Khan and other officers joined the congregation.

The Janmashtami procession passed through the main areas of Rajouri town, with devotees participating with religious fervour and enthusiasm. The occasion was marked by a festive atmosphere, with people coming together to cele-



brate the birth of Lord Krishna.

The officers also inter-

acted with the participants and conveyed their best wishes for peace,

prosperity, happiness and well-being of the people of Rajouri.

Janamashtami Celebrations: DC Anantnag visits Ragunath Ram Ji Temple Sherbagh

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 04: On the auspicious occasion of Janamashtami, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, today visited Raghunath Ram Ji Temple, Nagbal Sherbagh, to greet the devotees and take stock of the facilities and arrangements available.

The DC was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Tariq Ahmad Malik, Tehsildar Anantnag, officers from line departments, and representatives of the temple management.

During the visit, the DC participated in the ceremonial observances alongside the temple management representatives and expressed hope that the festival would bring prosperity and happiness to people's lives. He observed that such festivities present an ideal op-



portunity to strengthen the bond of love and mutual respect between different communities.

Interacting with the management committee, the DC stated that the historic temple has long stood as a symbol of brotherhood that defines

the region's rich syncretic heritage. He appreciated the enduring spirit of unity among the people and urged everyone to continue preserving the area's cultural and religious traditions.

On the occasion, the DC reviewed the overall

arrangements and directed the concerned departments to ensure all basic facilities including smooth power and water supply, sanitation, traffic management, and medical care remain available for ease and convenience of the devotees. He instructed officials to keep all services fully operational throughout the festivities so that the celebrations proceed smoothly and hassle-free. He further directed them to maintain close coordination with temple representatives, address emerging issues promptly, and extend full support to the devotees.

The devotees and other participants expressed their gratitude to the district administration for its proactive support and elaborate arrangements provided at different temples for smooth observance of the festival across the district.

DC Kishtwar inaugurates Hi-Tech Polyhouse established under HADP Project

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 04: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma inaugurated a Hi-Tech Polyhouse established under Project No. 3 of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The polyhouse has been established by Chenab Walnut Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO), with the support of the Department of Agriculture as part of the UT Government's efforts to promote modern, technology-driven and sustainable agricultural practices among farmers.

Chief Agriculture Officer Kushal Chandel apprised the Deputy Com-



missioner that the polyhouse currently has a full-bloom tomato crop. He informed that the unit is producing around 40-50 kg of organic tomatoes daily.

It was further informed that the 1-kanal polyhouse has generated benefits of approximately ₹80,000 to ₹1 lakh in one month.

The organically pro-

duced tomatoes are being sold in the local market at a rate of around ₹40-₹50 per kilogram, providing a viable source of income and demonstrating the economic potential of protected cultivation.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the Department of Agriculture and the Chenab Walnut FPO in

adopting modern agricultural technologies.

He stressed the importance of promoting hi-tech and protected cultivation to enhance productivity, improve farm incomes and encourage farmers, particularly in hilly and challenging agro-climatic areas, to adopt innovative agricultural practices.

The DC underscored the significance of HADP interventions in creating sustainable livelihood opportunities and directed the concerned officers to continue providing necessary technical guidance and support to farmers and FPOs for successful implementation of such projects.