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EID CELEBRATED IN JAMMU REGION WITH RELIGIOUS FERVOUR

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Sloganeering in Kishtwar; 3 held for stone-pelting in Poonch

JAMMU, Aug 12: Situation remained peaceful, barring two minor incidents of stone-pelting and sloganeering in Poonch and Kishtwar towns, as Eid-ul-Azha was celebrated with religious fervour across Jammu region on Mon While five districts, including Jammu district, where restrictions were completely lifted, the festivity was in air, restrictions were eased in Chenab Valley districts and twin border towns of Rajouri and Poonch districts as well, facilitate people to offer prayers in mosques and celebrate the festival.

On the whole, the festival passed off peacefully across Jammu region barring two minor incidents in Kishtwar ar Poonch towns. In Jammu district, prayers were offered at Eidgahs and mosques in Jammu city and adjoining ar In Kishtwar town, few devotees after offering prayers at Jamia Masjid came out of it raising pro-Azadi and pro-A slogans. As after raising slogans, they dispersed peacefully, the authorities, though remained watchful of their a did not react, eye-witnesses said. Elsewhere in the district, prayers were offered peacefully in the mosques.

In Poonch district, the festival passed off peacefully yet in Poonch, some youth, numbering around 40-50, while returning from Eid-Gah after offering prayers, protested near Bus Stand. They raised slogans against JKP and ir favour of Article 370. Eye-witnesses suggested that they also briefly resorted to stone-pelting targetting security personnel, who were deployed in good strength across the town. “After they pelted stones, police came to actio used mild force against them. Immediately situation was contained. In this connection, police also detained thre youth,” they added.

Besides, this incident, situation remained absolutely peaceful across the district where restrictions were eased a throughout the day. Markets too remained open till late evening.

In Doda town, as Eidgah remained closed, locals did not offer prayers in Jamia Masjid in consonance with the c Seerat Committee which yesterday had announced that all Muslim devotees would not offer prayers in mosque they were not allowed to offer prayers at Eidgah.

“The administration asked people to offer prayers at Noor Masjid. Following it, few devotees did offer prayers th the absence of adequate space, prayers were offered there four times. The officials from civil and police adminis were present there in full strength who clicked photos of devotees offering prayers there. In Behala Munshi, peo offered prayers on the roof-tops. In adjoining areas of Doda town, people did offer prayers in mosques. Howeve situation remained peaceful across the district and markets too remained open throughout the day,” Doda inhab

said.

Eid-prayers were offered peacefully and with fervour in Rajouri, Ramban, Kathua, Samba, Reasi and Udhampur districts with no untoward incident reported from anywhere, officials said. “A large number of people gathered in Eidgah to offer Eid prayers. People exchanged special greetings and best wishes and prayed for peace and harı in the state,” they said.

Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Verma, In charge IGP, Mukesh Singh, DIG CRPF, Nitu, Deputy Commissioner, Sushma Chouhan, SSP Tajinder Singh and other officials were also present on the occasion in Jammu and exte their warm greetings to the people on the eve of Eid.

In Ramban, the biggest congregations took place at Jamia Masjid Sharif Ramban and Gool, Eid Gah Batote anc Gah Banihal where large number of devotes performed Nimaz-e-Eid and prayed for peace, development and prosperity of society.

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Nazim Zai Khan and SSP Ramban Anita Sharma, ADC Dr. Basharat Hussain, A Harbans Lal Sharma, CEO, AH Fani, DySP, Asgar Malik, DySP, Suresh Sharma, SHO, Vijay Kotwal along with off of district administration distributed sweets among Nimazies besides extending greetings to the Muslim brethre Eid prayers were also offered at other mosques in town and outskirts including, mosques of Chanderkot, Chanc Maitra and Upper Ramban.

In Kishtwar, Deputy Commissioner, Angrez Singh Rana, SSP, Dr. Harmeet Singh Mehta, ADC, Pawan Parihar, Additional SP, Nasir Ahmed, Tehsildar, Parmod Kumar, Officers from Army, CRPF, RAF were also present on the occasion and exchanged Eid greetings with Muslim brethren and prayed for peace, tranquility, integrity, commu harmony and brotherhood in the district and the State.

Poonch Deputy Commissioner Rahul Yadav along with SSP Ramesh Angral visited different mosque in town anc extended best wished to the people. He also visited markets to review various arrangements put in place for the occasion.

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