



## Republic Day Celebrated with much fanfare at Budgam.

Budgam, JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> – Republic Day was celebrated with much fanfare in a function held at District Sports Stadium Budgam.

District Development Commissioner, Mr. Mir Altaf Ahmed was the chief guest on the occasion hoisted the National Flag and took salute at march past comprising of contingents of JKP, JKAP, CRPF troops and Home Guards, NCC and platoons of educational institutions.

In his address, the DDC traced the genesis of Indian Republic and the salient features of the constitution of India. He paid rich tributes to those freedom fighters who sacrificed their life in securing democracy for the nation.

Throwing light on the challenges of poverty, illiteracy and unemployment that the country is facing the DDC exhorted upon the citizens to look beyond Govt. employment and explore for avenues such as SHGs, entrepreneurship. He stressed upon the parents to ensure that their children receive quality education which is essential to safeguard their future.

Appreciating the role of officers and officials particularly from Health, R&B , PDD and Information Department during the recent turmoil, the DDC lauded the role of JKP in exercising maximum restraint and restoring normalcy in the district and articulated that peace is imperative for development

Highlighting the initiatives on the development front undertaken by the government, the DDC congratulated both the Govt. and the people of the district for having being granted Tourism Development Authority for Tosa Maidan.

Scintillating cultural programmes including traditional folk songs were presented by school children on the occasion.

Among others, SSP, Mr. Abdul Waheed Shah, prominent civil society members, Dr. Shafi Wani Ex – MLA Beerwah, District/Sectoral Officers and Principals of Government and Private schools, large number of students and citizens attended the function which concluded with prize distribution ceremony.