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## Satya Pal Malik assumes office as 13<sup>th</sup> Governor of J&K



Shri Satya Pal Malik being sworn-in as the Governor of J&K at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018.

Shri Satya Pal Malik was sworn-in as the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018.

Chief Justice of J&K High Court, Justice Gita Mittal administered the oath of office to Shri Malik at a simple but impressive function at bedecked sprawling lawns of Raj Bhavan in Srinagar. The warrant of appointment of Shri Malik was read out by the Chief Secretary, Shri B. V. R. Subrahmanyam.

Shri Malik was previously the Governor of Bihar and Odisha and was appointed as the Governor of J&K by the President of India on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018. He has also served as Union Minister of State and member of several Parliamentary Committees during his illustrious political career.

It is pertinent to mention that the Governor of J&K is also the Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.



## CEO Shrine Board hoists tricolour on I-Day at Katra

The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated with traditional fervour and patriotism at Katra, the base town for pilgrimage to the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Deviji. The main function was held at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex at Katra, where Sh. Dheeraj Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, hoisted the tricolour and took salute at an impressive march-past by the contingents drawn from CRPF, NCC Boys and Girls, Scouts and Guides, sports persons undergoing coaching at the Sports Complex.



Sh. Dheeraj Gupta, CEO Shrine Board taking salute at 72nd Independence Day function at Katra.

The CEO greeted the people on this joyous occasion. He also gave details of various major infrastructure developmental projects already completed by the Shrine Board, ongoing and those in the pipeline for facilitation of the pilgrims and for general development of Katra and its surrounding areas.

The students of various educational institutions presented a colourful cultural programme on this occasion based on the theme of patriotism, national integration and composite cultural heritage of the state and the country.

Sh. Gupta gave away prizes to the students who were adjudged best in the march-past and cultural events.

Among those present on the occasion were senior civil, police, security forces and Shrine Board officers, prominent citizens, heads of various educational institutions, media persons, a large

number of people of the area, teachers, school children and the pilgrims. As part of the Independence Day celebrations, CEO, SMVDSB also hoisted the tricolour at a function held at Central Office of the Shrine Board at Katra.

## Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board celebrates 33rd Foundation Day

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

The historic day celebrations were marked by performing of Pooja, Havan, Yagya and organising of several other events at Bhawan, Adhkuwari, Katra, Vaishnavi Dham, Jammu and other locations in which the staff of the Shrine Board and a large number of pilgrims participated.

At the culmination of these functions, *Prasad* was distributed among the pilgrims by the senior most officers of the respective areas and units of the Shrine Board. Employees of the Shrine Board took pledge on this occasion to perform their duties with sincerity and devotion.



Officers and staff of Shrine Board participating in Havan and Yagya organised on 33rd Foundation Day of SMVDSB.

At Katra, the main function was held at Niharika Complex where special Pooja and Havan was performed. Sh. Anshul Garg, Additional Chief Executive Officer; and other officers and staff of the Shrine Board, besides the pilgrims participated.

It is pertinent to recall that the Shrine Board was established on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1986 and since then this day is being celebrated by the Board as 'Foundation Day' every year.

