

Artists real ambassadors of culture, deserve full appreciation: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and party Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi felicitated artists during a programme held at Dewana Mandir here on Sunday.

While addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi accompanied with Corporator Anil Masoom and Satpal Sharma appreciated the efforts of artists in infusing life and making festive occasions vibrant and colourful.

He said that the artists are the best ambassadors of culture as they disseminate the culture and tradition of the areas which they represent through their performances especially on auspicious occasions like Navaratri, Diwali, Baisakhi, etc.

Moreover, the artists deserve full credit for providing the live source of entertainment to the people in the present era of materialistic race when the life has become monotonous, he added.



BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi and others after felicitating artists at Dewana Mandir, Jammu.

Sethi thanked the artists for enriching the culture of Jammu with their valuable contributions in the field of various arts.

He said that the artists are the soldiers of history who give life to the centuries old culture. He said that there is a need to identify the artists who live in far flung areas and are not yet exposed to the mainstream platform of artists despite being the best ambassadors of folklore and culture that is still unknown to the people across the nation.

The senior BJP leader said that the focus of the Party

(BJP) is to give importance to every culture and this cannot be done without according due respect and status to the real contributors i.e., the artists.

He advised the stakeholders that while keeping the main focus on Nationalism and Dogri culture, care has been taken to involve maximum number of artists who have contributed in their respective fields for decades together.

Among others who were present include, Sahil Mahajan, Vishal Sufi, Akhil Gupta, Santyam Kundal, Sonu Sargma, Shubham Sufi and Samthra Chouhan.

Kshatriya Sansad constituted for overall development of Rajputs

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JAMMU: Kshatriya Sansad-a social organisation for the welfare of Rajputs was launched on Sunday.

The members, while talking to the media persons, said that there is a disarray, lack of vision and no road map for well being of the community and also received numerous representation from various members of the community.

There is a need of an organisation which can take care of overall development of the masses of the community, especially economically weaker section as well as the people living in far flung-rural and hilly areas, they said.

"After detailed deliberations we constitute an organisation "Kshatriya Sansad" which will hand hold the community especially in the remote areas where they are being deprived of basic education, lack of medical care and unemployment," they said.

"The Kshatriya Sansad will provide free skill educa-



Kshatriya Sansad members during a meeting at Jammu.

tion to the deserving students which will lead to their employability, organise medical camps in villages and far flung areas, in addition of taking care of well being of the community." they said and added "The Kshatriya Sansad will also apprise the general public especially the Rajputs about the very vibrant and glorious history of Dogra Rajputs with the aim to boost the morale of the community."

To start with, they said, the Kshatriya Sansad will provide 50 seats to community students in different streams like MBA, BE, B.Sc Nursing, B.Ed, Paramedical courses, etc

totally free of cost and take it further, the Kshatriya Sansad shall provide 200 seats every year to community students.

Further it was told in the press conference that shortly the organisation will come up with its Vision Document and its working will be visible in every nook and corner of the J&K, to begin with the focus of the organisation would be on education and employment, and every year 200 students of the community will be provided free job oriented education in different professional colleges in and around J&K.

Gul asks functionaries to work for strengthening communal harmony

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JAMMU: Chairman J&K Rural Development Society & former Speaker J&K Legislative Assembly, Haji Mubarak Gul on Sunday presided over a monthly meeting to take review of functioning of the society in Jammu Province during an online zoom meeting. Addressing the meeting, Gul emphasised on social responsibility to work together on issues of social justice and ethics.

Interacting with the office bearers of JKRDS from Jammu Province, Gul said that JKRDS as a part of civil society is committed to promote communal harmony, brotherhood among people of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh. He took stock of the ongoing activities of the society in Jammu Province & also sought feedback from the functionaries regarding the upcoming programmes of the society. Vice Chairman JKRDS & former Minister Babu Rampal also addressed the office bearers of the society.

He impressed upon the functionaries of the society to ensure to reach out to the underprivileged & marginalised people and lend them a helping hand. He asked the functionaries to ensure that society lives upto its cause which is primarily public welfare. Rampal also reiterated the importance of brotherhood, amity & communal harmony & discipline.

Other functionaries including Prov. Chairman Jammu K.L Abrol, Vice-Chairman Jammu Hemraj, Chairman Migrant Cell Ashok Koul, Chairman Youth Wing & People's Help Group Initiative Adv. Yunis Mubarak Gul, Provincial Press Secretary Subash Chander, District Chairman Jammu Braham Dutt Sharma, Adv. Waris Gill & District Vice Chairman Jammu Surinder Thappa also spoke during the meeting and discussed threadbare various programmes & activities of the social voluntary organization.

BJYM urges administration to check increasing dengue cases

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Jana Yuva Morcha (BJYM) spokesperson, Chetan Wanchoo, while raising serious concern over rising number of dengue cases in Jammu and Kashmir, urged the administration to take effective measures to check further spread of the disease.

In a statement issued to media here on Sunday, Chetan Wanchoo castigated the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) authorities for not playing the due role in maintaining the optimum sanitation conditions that are necessary for prevention and elimination of this disease.

He accused the JMC of failure to carry out regular fogging drives in all the wards of Jammu city adding that this clearly indicates the callous and negligence on the part of Corporation authorities besides their non seriousness to deal with this deadly disease.

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) spokesperson said that if this is the condition in urban areas one can very well imagine the sordid state of affairs on this account in rural areas where fogging drives have not been conducted at all. Asserting that the things could take a serious turn if immediate measures are not initiated to check and eliminate the spread of this deadly virus, he urged the Union Territory Administration to wake up from deep slumber and take necessary steps to save people from this deadly disease.

Chetan Wanchoo also impressed upon the authorities to establish a 24x7 helpline in this regard making the people aware about dos and don'ts pertaining to this disease besides the necessary precautions to be observed by them in preventing the breeding of mosquitoes from where the disease emanates.

Selective target killings of minorities in Kashmir must stop forthwith: KP leader

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JAMMU: Several security concerns about migrants, non migrants and other minorities of Kashmir were thoroughly discussed and debated in an interactive session of prominent Kashmiri Pandits held at Roop Nagar, here. The security aspect of PM package employees working in Valley and other non Kashmiri migrants have raised serious concern all over the UT and other parts of the country in view of continuous selective and targetted killing of minority people in the Valley for last several weeks, Speakers said adding that these issues need to be brought into the knowledge of UT / Central Government and also to people of the nation through foras. Most of the participants who had come from Valley urged the government to take adequate preventive measures for protecting un armed minorities living or working in Kashmir. They also impressed upon government to handle Kashmir situation in such a way that no such incident of selective and targetted killings take place in future.

Speakers also said that apart from strengthening the security grid, central authorities must take all other measures that rekindles the old age practice of secular ethos of J&K especially in Valley. Regarding the PM package employees working in the alley, most of the speakers pleaded in voice that their jobs be made transferable to any part of UT and other parts of the country.

The meeting which was organized by M.K Yogi, was also attended by Prominent persons Professor A.N. Sadhu, Dr. T.K Bhat, R.K Bhat, Vinod Pandita, A.K Dhar, Shadi Lal Pandita, Sanjay Dhar, Sunil Pandita and Romesh Kumar.

DFSS holds protest against civilian killings in Valley

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JAMMU: Condemning targeted killings of minorities in Kashmir by terrorists, a number of activists of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) led by its President Ashok Gupta held protest in Jammu on Sunday, demanding high-level probe into the matter. On the occasion, the activists raised anti-Pak slogans and torched Pakistani flag.

Speaking during the protest, Ashok Gupta said that since October 2, nine civilians have been shot dead by terrorists in Valley. "Members of minority communities and Hindu migrant workers from Bihar along with a Sikh school teacher were killed by terrorists. Further, three Kashmiri Muslims were also killed. There is panic



DFSS activists raising slogans against Pakistan.

prevailing in Valley. There is a sense of siege in transit camps, where people are locked up and guarded by security forces," he added.

He further said that anti-national elements want to create communal disharmony by killing Hindus and members of other minority communities but it is the

responsibility of people of Kashmir and politicians to foil their evil designs. Jammu stands firmly with people of Kashmir in this grave situation, he asserted. The activists present during the protest included Birbal, Sushil, Lovely, Kalu, Prem, Bantu, Prem and Khandu.

JKTJAC announces expansion in official body, highlights pending issues

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) expanded its body for smooth functioning of the committee besides highlighting grievances of teaching fraternity to ensure timely redressal. During a press conference held in Jammu on Sunday, JKTJAC UT President, Vinod Sharma & UT Chairman Saleem Sagar announced the names of the members inducted on various posts, including Riyaz Ul Rehman (Vice Chairman), Parviz Iqbal Shah (Sr Vice President), Sukhdev Singh Sumbria (Secretary), Aashiq Rasool (Chief Organizer), Mohd Anun Budgami (Additional General Secretary), Mohd Ashraf Malik (Secretary), Arvind Sharma (Chief Co-Ordinator), Naresh

Sharma (Chief Publicity Secretary), Sukesh Khajuria (Chief Press & Media Secretary), Gh Nabi Ganai (Chief Finance Secretary), Azad Hussain (Chief Spokesman), Javid Qureshi (Chief IT & Social Media Secretary), Sham Parkash Sharma (Chief Advisor), Raj Kumar Dubey & Mudasir Ahmad Shah (Secretary Council), Rishi Singh Rana & Mukhtar Ahmad Dar (Special Secretary), Shabir Choudhary & Khurshid Ahmad Mir (Joint Secretary), Anita Kiran & Mushtaq Ahmad Lone (Convenor), Anil Choudhary, Mohd Saleem, Imtyaz Ahmad Bhat, Haji Farooq Ahmad & Qazi Tasleem, (Advisor), Tanveer (Legal Advisor), Pawan Kumar, Joginder Singh, Peer Siraj Ud Din & Mohd Imran

Pall (Co-Ordinator), Azmat Iqbal, Naseer Batt & Javed Bali (Publicity Secretary), Nahida Mir & Tufail Masroor Bhat (Press & Media Secretary), Pawan Sharma, Subash Chander, Zahoor Ahmad & Nazi Ahmad Poshpori (Organisor), Mahesh Kumar, Shahnavaz Ahmad Lone & Mushtaq Ahmad War (Spokesperson), Shoib Zia Khan (IT & Social Media Secretary), Gh Qadir & Hillaal Ahmad Kutta (Finance Secretary), Mohd Abass Dar (Social Media Incharge), Abdul Majid (Publicity Secretary), Hilaal Ahmad Bhat (Press Secretary), Seva Singh Sumbria And Javed Malik (Apex Members). On the occasion, Vinod Sharma raised several burning issues of teachers

including inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits, comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme, implementation of old pension scheme in favour of NPS employees, release of enhanced HRA in favour employees etc.

Saleem Sagar demanded immediate resolution of salary issue of NPS employees who often suffer due to frequent non-release of salaries. Rajesh Janwal Provincial president Jammn, Lekh Raj Parihar DP Udhampur, Sajad Malik DP Doda, Manzoor Khan DP Rajouri, Balwan Singh DP Reasi, Hari Lal Nag DP Ramban, Surjit Singh, Ravinder Singh, Ashaq Jaral and Pankaj Sharma were also present on the occasion.

First-Aid Training on 'Fractures' imparted to inmates of Bal Ashram

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JAMMU: First Aid Training on 'Fracture' was imparted to inmates of Bal Ashram Amphalla Jammu by Dr Rajinder Thappa, Senior Consultant and First Aid Trainer Jammu and Kashmir under supervision of Aparna Sharma of MKK (regd) on Sunday.

Topics discussed during the training include fracture, types of fractures ie fracture of Skull, neck, jaw and facial fracture, Fracture of Spine, Ribs, collar bone, Femur, tibia, fibula complications of fractures and how to transport the patient from site of incidence to ambulance of different types of fractures.

Difference between fracture and Sprain was also dis-



Senior Consultant, Dr Rajinder Thappa along with inmates of Bal Ashram during a First Aid training.

cussed and demonstrated in first Aid Training to inmates.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Thappa said that a fracture can occur for many reasons, often due to trauma or excess force being placed on the bone. Highlighting signs and symptoms of fractures,

Dr Thappa said, "if someone has a fracture, he/she may have pain, loss of movement of the limb/area, Angulation, Swelling & bruising and tenderness over the area."

"Fractures may not always be incredibly painful, the pain may take a few hours to develop. Sometimes a frac-

ture can be mistaken for a sprain or a strain," he added.

If anybody suspect someone has a fracture, then firstly keep the area as still as possible, ask the person not to move it, expose the site of injury to check for any bleeding or open wounds. If there is a bone through the skin then do not move it, instead cover with a sterile dressing if available. If the wound is bleeding then apply gentle pressure around the wound."

"Pad around the injured area with blankets / clothing. If the person has hurt their arm then ask them to hold it in the most comfortable position possible," he said and further arrange transport to the nearest hospital.

Mayor to lay foundation stone of 'Memorial Dwar' on Oct 21: Prof Youdhvir

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JAMMU: To finalize arrangements for laying Foundation Stone of a Memorial Dwar in the memory of Son of the Soil, Martyr Havildar Sarup Singh, a meeting was convened here on Sunday by Martyr Hav Sarup Singh (MVC) Memorial Dwar Development Committee, under the leadership of Councillor Ward-73, Prof (Dr) Youdhvir Singh. Speaking on the occasion, Singh said that the government took a decision to rename schools and roads after the name of martyrs as a mark of tributes, which was welcomed by locals.

He further congratulated the locals and other eminent citizens of the area for start of the construction work of a Dwar in the memory of Martyr Hav Sarup Singh, decorated with Mahavir Chakra, who achieved martyrdom during Indo-China war of 1962. "The Memorial Dwar, besides being a mark of

tribute towards martyr, will inspire the younger generations to serve the motherland by joining defence forces," said Prof Singh, adding that Mayor JMC, Chander Mohan Gupta along with Deputy Mayor Adv Purnima Sharma would lay Foundation Stone of the Dwar on 21st October, 2021, the day on which Hav Sarup Singh attained martyrdom in 1962.

Prof Singh further sought suggestions from all members and locals for the success of the programme. The participants contributed numerous valuable suggestions for early completion of the Dwar, which were noted by the Councillor. The meeting culminated with formal vote of thanks by Charanjit Singh, Retd SDM.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Capt Bawa Singh; Rajinder Singh Khajuria; Lekh Raj Khajuria; Mohinder Singh; Rasbir Singh; Lalit Sharma; Gurmeet Singh; Gurdev Singh & Deepak Kumar.

LLSA organises seminar on 'Poverty Alleviation: Awareness of Rights & Entitlements'

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LEH: Ladakh Legal Services Authority (LLSA), under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Leh on Sunday organized a seminar on 'Poverty Alleviation: Awareness of the Rights and Entitlements' in observance of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

The seminar was presided by Justice U.U Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman NALSA, in the presence of Justice D.S Thakur, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman LLSA, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairman, High Court legal Services Committee, Tashi Gyalson, Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Ashok Jain, Member Secretary, NALSA, Puneet Sehgal, Director, NALSA, M.K Sharma, Member Secretary LLSA,

Officers of the Civil and Police Administration of Ladakh, Officers from the Judiciary, President and members of Bar Association, Leh & Kargil, school children, PLVs and participants.

The seminar was also marked by the E-inauguration of 27 Legal Literacy Clubs by Justice U.U Lalit, as a part of Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign in various schools of Ladakh region for capacity building and strengthening the efforts of LLSA for generating legal awareness.

On the occasion, student-members of Legal Literacy Club, Hr. Sec. School, Leh were given membership certificates and a Visual presentation of the Legal Literacy Clubs in various schools of Ladakh was also displayed.

On the occasion, the maiden issue of "Newsletter" of Ladakh Legal Services Authority, encapsulating the activities of LLSA during the period February to September, 2021 was also



Justice U.U Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India and other dignitaries releasing Newsletter of LLSA.

released.

In his key note address, Justice Lalit expressed that poverty has various dimensions and broadly, it finds existence where people or sections of populace are deprived of various facilities of life including healthcare, schooling and education.

He highlighted the objective of NALSA and underscored the contribution of Justice T.S Thakur, former Chief Justice of India, in providing vision to NALSA for floating scheme for eradication of poverty.

He also emphasized that the 45 days "Pan India Awareness and Outreach

Campaign" is an endeavor to ensure that the benefits percolates to the marginalized sections and the opening of Legal Literacy Clubs in schools will not only make the children aware but shall also catch them young for spreading the message of legal services. Justice Lalit also emphasized the requirement of a Law College in Ladakh and assured all possible help in undertaking the venture.

Justice D.S Thakur, in his welcome address, stated that dignity is fundamental to the human existence and anything that violates human dignity calls for justifiable concern.

Poverty is one such issue which violates human dignity as it excludes some sections of society by denying them access to just and equitable means of livelihood, health, shelter, medical care and education causing a divide in the society, he said.

He expressed concern on the sizeable population of people living in extreme poverty conditions in our country and underlined the importance of putting into place and effective execution of policies for poverty alleviation especially in the wake of challenges compounded by the COVID-9 pandemic.

He called upon all functionaries associated with Legal Services Authorities to discharge their onerous duties to the best of their capacities so as to provide benefit to the weaker and marginalized sections of the society.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, while presenting the vote of thanks, also gave an overview of the functioning and activities of High Court legal

Services Committee and stated that three lawyers from the Ladakh region have been empanelled by the HCLSC recently for the purpose of providing quick and effective access to legal services.

He also expressed gratitude to the civil & police administration for providing the conducive atmosphere for legal services activities.

On the occasion NALSA theme song and National Anthem were also played.

The proceedings of the seminar were moderated by M.K. Sharma.

Earlier in the day, the foundation stone for construction of building of Office of Ladakh Legal Services Authority was also laid by Justice U.U. Lalit in the presence of Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, Ladakh Legal Services Authority who joined through virtual mode, Justice D.S Thakur and Justice Tashi Rabstan and other dignitaries.