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Natrang's 'Gulab Gatha' illuminates Tourism Deptt's iconic week festival

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JAMMU: Balwant Thakur's play 'Gulab Gatha' received overwhelming response from the audience during its show held at Indoor Sports Stadium, Akhnoor.

A production of Natrang and supported by Jammu and Kashmir Tourism and District Administration, Jammu, this play was witnessed by the jam-packed localities of Akhnoor. Navneet Mann, IAS along with Surinder Singh, KAS have left no stone unturned to reach it to everyone. It is also pertinent to mention that the production was the part of Iconic Week Festivals in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

'Gulab Gatha' is about the journey of a soldier who



Artists performing in Natrang's Gulab Gatha.

achieves great success at everything he initiated. His unquestionable obligatory obedience towards Lahore Durbar, his unconditional sacrifice and his conception of a kingdom has been regarded and given value in this film. Gulab Singh was the founder of royal Dogra rule and first crowned

DLSA Reasi hosts webinar to celebrate United Nations Day

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REASI: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Reasi on Sunday celebrated United Nations Day under the theme (2021) "Recovering better for and equitable and sustainable world to mark the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the United Nations Charter" by organizing a webinar in collaboration with Department of Education.

The event was held under the aegis of NALSA and JKLSA and also in compliance to the Action plan issued by JKLSA under PAN India Awareness and Outreach Campaign and under the direction and guidance and Supervision of DLSA Chairman, R.N.Watal. Rajni Devi, Master High Secondary School (Boys) Reasi was the speaker on the occasion.

Rekha Kapoor Nischal,

Secretary DLSA Reasi conducted the proceedings of the program which was attended by faculty members and students of different schools of the District.

Meanwhile, DLSA Reasi also conducted Door to Door awareness campaigns through PIVs and made the common masses aware about free legal aid services, Lok Adalats different Welfare Schemes of Central and UT Govt. etc.

of the people. His sacrifices were immense. He lost two of his sons and two brothers in the conspiracies against him and there have been occasions when he was virtually killed by the enemies but he survived all attacks.

Napoleon was a military and political hero of France and Alexander has been applauded for his greatness for his conquest. Gulab Singh as an emperor held the same qualities of being a courageous warrior. He was a normal person with no lineage of royalty but he established himself as a King with the help of his bravery and continued to keep a hold on his empire because of his well-planned strategic and diplomatic intelligence.

The most noteworthy part

of the play was the dynamic acting by the local artists who simply created a magic on stage with their highly professional performances. They include Madan Rangeela, Neeraj Kant, Vijay Bhat, Subash Jamwal, Rahul Singh, Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Gautam Sharma, Abhinav Sharma, Mohit Kaul, Sushant Singh Charak, Meenakshi Bhagat, Tanmay Mahajan, Bhawani Singh, Meenu Devi, Deepika Kumari alongwith others. Technical crew included Rakesh Kumar Kona (Choreography), Kamal Sharma (Makeup), Neeraj Kant (Assitant Director) Mohd Yaseen (Coordination) and Shivam Singh (Lights).

FAIVM demands welfare schemes for trade & industry

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JAMMU: Federation of All India Vyapar Mandal (FAIVM) FAIVM J&K unit congratulated R.K Chhibber at Chairman House J&K Bank for getting extension as MD and Chairman of J&K Bank. FAIVM wants bank should reach to new talents for awareness regarding startups and sanctions loan for skill educations. Sanjay Bansal, President FAIVM J&K Unit said that J&K Bank should check disparity in rate of interest between old and new customers, renewal should not be charged from customers, repo rate is 4% as of now, so the rate of interest should not exceed 6.5% and try to improve work culture in branches in terms of not harassing MSME's and keeping a close watch on branches by constituting new committee and having a



FAIVM members felicitating RK Chhibber, CMD J&K Bank.

complain redressal mechanism. Valuation of property done by the valutors are not up to the satisfaction of customers and it should be according to market rates, because of these traders and industrialist are facing difficulties in getting loans. Improving net-banking at par with private banks, improving account statements as IMPS recipient details are not shown in account statement, start

Union MoS Education visits Martand Sun temple

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ANANTNAG: As a part of the Central Government's public outreach program of J&K, Union Minister of State for Education, Annpurna Devi on Sunday visited Martand Sun temple in Anantnag.

Owing to its historical importance being one of the oldest surviving sun temples in the world, the minister passed directions to the district administration to take necessary steps to bring the temple on the tourist map. She said the temple is an important archaeological monument and its tourist potential can boost the local economy of adjoining areas. The officers of the Archaeological Survey of India briefed the Minister about the restoration activities undertaken at the historical site.



Union MoS for Education, Annpurna Devi visiting Martand Sun temple in Anantnag.

The Minister was accompanied by Director Education Kashmir and senior officers of the district administration.

DSS pays homage to Pt Prem Nath Dogra



DSS members paying tributes to Pt. Prem Nath Dogra.

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) paid a befitting tribute to late Pt. Prem Nath Dogra garlanding his statue at Dogra Sadar Sabha, Sabha Bhawan, Jammu on his birthday on Sunday.

Pt. Prem Nath Dogra was born on 24th October, 1884. He was a great legend who

served the nation and humanity with the utmost dedication. He always worked for the Dogras of the area as Tehsildar, Assistant Settlement officer and as Munsiff from where elevated to Secretary of Government of Jammu and Kashmir and posted as Wazir-e-Wazarat (Deputy Commissioner) at Mirpur in

1912. Pt. Prem Nath Dogra was very kind and always ready to help others at any moment. People of Jammu still remember him for his good deeds and great work for the public.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Col. Karan Singh Jamwal (Vice President, DSS), Brig. M.S. Jamwal, Samar Dev Singh Charak, Ajay Khajuria, Janak Khajuria, Amanat Ali Shah, Rajinder Gupta and Dr. Vidya Sagar Sharma.

Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, Former Minister and President Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K conveyed his message highlighting good works of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra.

Farooq expresses grave concern over lost lives; crops damaged due to rains, hailstorm

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JAMMU: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah today expressed grave concern over the loss of life, damages to standing crops and orchards due to heavy downpour, hail-storm and stormy winds across Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Farooq Abdullah, currently on 4-day visit to the Jammu Province, sought in a statement an exhaustive assessment of the damages caused to paddy fields and orchards by expert panels, saying till the process is completed, preliminary relief in terms of financial assistance should be provided to the sufferers. The rains have lashed and damaged various utility services and road networks in many parts. There is a need for immediate restoration to facilitate the people, he said, adding that special teams should be constituted to coordinate and monitor restoration works. He also sought immediate release of compensation, ex-gratia in favour of the next of kin of those killed.

"My heart goes out to the family, which lost their kin in a landslide in the Noorpora area of Awantipora and three members of a nomad family in a road mishap in Reasi District", Dr Abdullah said and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families.

PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti urges HM to defreeze reserved 24 Assembly seats

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JAMMU: A delegation of PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti called on Union Home Minister, Amit Shah on Sunday. The delegation presented a memorandum of demands to the Home Minister, highlighting a number of issues faced by displaced persons. While expressing gratitude towards the Government for abrogating controversial Articles 370 & 35A, the members of delegation requested Home Minster to defreeze 24 Assembly seats presently lying reserved for PoJK Displaced Persons of PoJK for resolving various issues of displaced persons.

Others main issues highlighted in the memorandum included granting all rights and benefits to Displaced Persons settled outside J&K at par with residents of J&K including voting rights, rehabilitating them in J&K and reconnecting them with their ancestral roots, providing residential plots in J&K to each family, sanctioning relief package for PoJK DPs settled outside J&K etc.

The members of the delegation included Arun Choudhary, Dr Deepak Kapoor, Surinder Singh Khalsa, Subhash Kumar, Devander Sharma and Pt Ashok Khajuria.

Farmers should be financially empowered in time-bound manner: Khajuria

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Vice Chairman Wool and Woollen Export Promotion Council (WWEPC), Government of India, Romesh Khajuria conducted a tour of hail-storm affected villages in Bishnah constituency and demanded compensation from the Government for farmers, whose crops have been damaged due to the heavy rains/hailstorms.

As the weather situation became inclement, the Khajuria went out to meet farmers who have been affected badly with the massive hailstorm and heavy rains on Saturday. Khajuria visited Rehail Panchayat, Saidgarh, Shahpur, Krail Manhasa,

Pandori, Arnai Area, Karyal and met the hail-storm affected farmers.

Speaking on the occasion, Khajuria said that Farmers in Jammu has lost almost 100 percent of crops after Saturday's strong winds, rainfall and hailstorm

"The damage of crops which mainly includes famous Basmati Rice, causing massive financial loss as well as liability to them," he said. "The farmers need immediate compensation so that they clear the damaged crops from the fields by help of labourers," he said adding, the season of next crop also depend upon sale of this damaged crops, if delayed in compensate, the farmers may lost next crop."

Khajuria maintained that the losses are huge and LG administration must proactively provide compensation to empower farmers financially. He, therefore, demanded that the Government should provide appropriate compensation to the farmers so that they can overcome the financial losses they suffered. The compensation in such matters should not be delayed, he said and demanded that the immediate compensation will provide relief to the farmers.

Mohan Lal, Ashok Kumar, Sonu, Chunni Lal, Sat Pal Dewan Chand and Ashok Kumar among others were also presented on the occasion.

KP Sabha delegation calls on Amit Shah, submits memorandum

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JAMMU: A delegation of Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS), led by its President K K Khosa called on the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah on Sunday, who is presently on a visit of J&K. Highlighting a number of issues faced by the migrant Kashmiri Pandit community, the delegation submitted a memorandum to the Home Minister and urged for initiating necessary measures to resolve all highlighted issues in respect of KP migrants.

Expressing grave concern on recent targeted killings of members of minority communities in Valley, the delegation requested Union Home Minister to provide adequate security to members of minority communities to ensure their safety.

Major issues and grievances highlighted in the memorandum included sending delegation of KP representatives to Valley for assessing situation and boosting morale of PM package employees, announcing 15,000 posts to provide employment opportunities to youth, earmarking posts in every category and not only keeping the same restricted to class-III and IV, launching special recruitment drive for community, initiating immediate steps to protect all Temples & Shrines in Valley besides taking action against culprits who destroyed, usurped or desecrated any of these temples and shrines irrespective of their background, passage of legislation for protection of

Temples & Shrines in Parliament, carrying out repair and renovation of all damaged Shrines and temples under supervision of a special committee, enhancing monthly relief amount from Rs 13,000 per family to Rs 25,000, granting representing to Kashmiri Pandits in the legislature, controversial SO 194 issued by UT Govt should not be made applicable to present lot of fresh recruits who shall be joining shortly, initiating necessary measures for return & rehabilitation of community back in Valley without any further delay, constituting an Advisory Committee comprising representatives of community for providing necessary consultation on all matters etc.

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JAMMU: General Secretary J&K Pradesh Youth Congress, Nimrandeep Singh expressed serious concern over the rising unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir due to hollow policies of the BJP led government at the Centre.

In a statement issued here today, the senior Youth Congress leaders said that the situation is alarming in Jammu and Kashmir due to unemployment as its peak. He said that since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic since 2019, the youth are facing serious consequences due to lack of job opportunities in the Jammu and Kashmir. He said that it is a cause of serious concern that the unemployed youth

whose age has crossed 30, having any least opportunity for government job. Singh mentioned that JKSSB has advertised UT Cadre 800 post of Sub Inspectors but the maximum age limit for applying this job is 30 which is sheer injustice with the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, who have not provided a single opportunity since the outbreak of COVID pandemic. "The maximum age limit for the open merit aspirants in the recruitment of Sub Inspectors should be 35 years of age. The justification of fixing the maximum age limit to 28 is injustice with the unemployed youth," he said. The youth who have waited for job opportunities in government services and the fix-

ing age limit for them which has no justification in the prevailing circumstances in J&K, he added. Singh also raised question over the criteria fixed by the JKSSB in which minimum qualification age for applying this job is 18 years with Graduation. He said the minimum age required for the candidate to be eligible to appear in 10th standard board examinations is 15 years. Then how can a student shall qualify Graduation in 18 years. He said that JKSSB should go through the job qualification criteria and enhance the maximum age criteria so that maximum number of aspirants would be benefitted while applying for the government service. Singh lambasted

BJP for playing with the future of unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir who are working hard by giving their day and night for their better future. He emphasized that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised to give two crore jobs every year but instead of providing jobs the BJP leaders are playing with the sentiments of unemployed youth of J&K State. Nimrandeep urged government to increase the age limit for the recruitment of Sub Inspectors in J&K Police. He reminded the BJP Government that youth are the highest voters of our country and playing with the future of youth will remind BJP in the upcoming elections in the State.

HC denies bail to POCSO accused for abetment to suicide & sexual assault

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court dismissed bail application of an accused, charged with abetment of suicide and sexual assault on a minor. Justice Javed Iqbal Wani rejected bail application of one Ranjeet Singh, who is Army personnel, after hearing marathon arguments advanced by Sr. Counsel K S Johal with Supreet Singh for the petitioner and arguments of Aseem Sawhney, Additional Advocate General for J&K UT Police. The accused was seeking bail in FIR No. 27 of 2020 registered at Police Station Arnai, for commission of offences punishable under Sections 305/376 of IPC read with Section 3/4 of POCSO Act.

According to prosecution, on July 27, 2018 at 16:30 Hours PCR Jammu, telephonically informed PCR Arnai that a girl

(name withheld) consumed poison and passed away during treatment at GMC Jammu, in suspicious conditions, requiring ascertainment of her death. During investigation, statement of mother of deceased under Section 164 CrPC was stated to have been got recorded and on basis of statements, school certificate of deceased, accused was found to have committed offence under Sections 305/376 of IPC read with 3/4 of POSCO Act. The accused was arrested on April 18, 2021 while serving in Indian Army and was found to have been misleading deceased on pretext of marriage intentionally and manipulating physical and mental relations without her consent having married somewhere else resulting into committing of suicide by the deceased.

The High Court, after hearing both the counsels, held that a

bare perusal of the provisions of law would tend to show that Section 305 provides for abetment of suicide of child or insane person punishable with death or imprisonment of life or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years with fine, whereas, Section 376 provides for punishment for rape punishable rigorous imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than 7 years, which may extend to imprisonment for life as also liable to fine. "Section 3 of POCSO Act, provides for penetrative sexual assault, whereas,(b) Reasonable apprehensions of the witnesses being tampered with or the apprehension of there being a threat for the complaint should also weigh with the court in the matter of grant of bail," the Court observed.

The High Court further held

that admittedly a minor girl of age 16 years has died otherwise than under normal circumstances who allegedly has attributed reasons thereof to petitioner herein while divulging same to her mother during last hours of her life on way to hospital as also allegedly having written the same in her diary. There is no explanation offered by petitioner in the instant petition in response to aforesaid allegations. The chain of events revealed from the prosecution case do prima-facie at this stage connect the accused/ petitioner herein with the commission of alleged offences. "The general contentions and grounds urged by the accused/petitioner herein that he did not commit the alleged offence and that there is no direct evidence connecting him with the commission of alleged offence or that the case of prosecution is based on cir-

cumstantial evidence cannot alone be taken into account at this stage, either discarding or else overlooking the evidence collected by the prosecution during the investigation being part of the charge sheet against the accused/petitioner herein and same in view of the principles laid down by the Apex court in the judgments supra particularly regarding nature of accusation, severity of punishment in case of conviction and nature of supporting evidence as also reasonable apprehension of tampering with witness or apprehension of threat to complainant, have to be considered before grant of bail," the Court observed.

An excerpt from the judgment of the Apex court passed in 'Neeru Yadav's case supra, having regard to the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, with respect to the question of

the liberty of an individual as against the norms of the society was cited by the Court while rejecting the bail application. The Court cited the Supreme Court dictum stating, 'A society expects responsibility and accountability from its members, and it desires that the citizens should obey the law, respecting it as a cherished social norm. No individual can make an attempt to create a concavity in the stem of social stream. It is impermissible. Therefore, when an individual behaves in a disharmonious manner ushering in disorderly things which the society disapproves, the legal consequences are bound to follow. At that stage, the court has duty. It cannot abandon its sacrosanct obligation and pass an order at its own whim or caprice. It has to be guided by the established parameters of law.'