

Athrot selects 17 artists for grand finale of 'Kashir Kalakaar'

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JAMMU: Preserving culture & ethos and promoting young and budding artists of the community, Athrot Cultural Foundation, frontline cultural organisation held an elimination round of Kashir Kalakaar Season-6 and selected 17 artists for grand finale of the same at Asha Bhawan, Banquet Hall, Roopnagar, here on Wednesday.

Thirteen artists from Kashmiri Pandit community drawn from different parts qualified for Senior, Junior and Mini Junior Category of Singing, while 4 artists qualified for the Dance Category.

The artists who mesmerized the audiences with the presentation of Kashmiri songs and got the nod of the adjudicators included Shruti Raina (14 yrs), Lavanya Koul (11 yrs), Daksh Bhat (11 yrs), Naisha Bhat (5 yrs), Vishwas Pandita (18 yrs), Vanshika Kaw (7 yrs), Dakshyani Pandita (12 yrs), Parthi Dhar (12yrs), Suhas Koul (12 yrs), Pranav Pandita (19 yrs), Nirmal Raina (13 yrs), Gandharav Kaloo (19yrs) and Meeru Dhaman Raina



Young artists posing alongwith dignitaries and judges during elimination round of 'Kashir Kalakaar' in Jammu on Wednesday.

(22 yrs).

Meanwhile, those artists who gave judges a tough time before picking the final four in Dance Category included Ananya Koul (9 yrs), Naisha Bhat (5 yrs), Vihaan Tikoo (12 yrs) and Nitya Bhat (6yrs).

The finale is scheduled to be held in 3rd week of November, 2022, which is being organized by Athrot Cultural Foundation headed by Pardeep Pandita, Ajitesh Peshin, Abhimanyu Navun and RK Pandita.

Today's event was adjudicated by a panel of experts including Dr Deepali Wattal, Dr Ramesh Nirash and Shanti Lal Sidha, while the proceedings of the programme were conducted by anchor Jeevika Misri.

The event was attended by a galaxy of artists and audience, besides parents of the participants.

Earlier, special guests and the judges were welcomed with garlands by the organisers.

The programme ended with

a vote of thanks presented by social activist, Kanwal Peshin, who extended special thanks to Kamal Ganjoo, Epilogue News Network, Shine India JK for covering the event, besides Asha Bhawan Banquet Hall for providing space and Samarpit Brave Hearts for providing drinking water. On the occasion, an announcement was also made for participation in Essay Competition on Kashyap Bandu being organized by Dr Ramesh Razdan.

Neelam, Dr Pardeep start RCC slab laying work at Guru Nabha Das Sabha



Councilor Neelam Nargotra and J&K BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra starting development work.

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JAMMU: RCC slab over the Community Hall in Shree Guru Nabha Dass Sabha temple in Kabir Colony, Ward No. 40, Talab Tillo under Assembly constituency Jammu West was laid.

Local JMC councillor Neelam Nargotra and J&K BJP media in charge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra in presence of party leaders and department officials initiated and dedicated the work to the local people.

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Shabab, Supervisor JMC, Rahul Nargotra, Chaman Lal, Abhishek Sharma, Mohan Lal, Sachin Nargotra, Raj Kumar Manyal, Om Kumar, Joginder Lal, Karan Banotra and others were also present on the occasion.

Neelam Nargotra while inaugurating the RCC slab work said that this covered space in Talab Tillo Ward 40 will help the local people in their social gatherings.

She said that this space will be available for the use

of the common masses and will also help the people in the community programmes and their personal programmes.

She said that this work is initiated with an estimated cost of Rs. 11.32 lakh, Financial Year 2022-2023 and the Funds Allotted to Capex budget (Councillor Funds).

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra said that this RCC slab would be of multipurpose use to especially those living in the vicinity of the locality. He said that in view of the community programmes being continuously held in the Sabha, the visitors had to face hardships especially in extreme hot or humid weather and this slab will now provide a big relief to all the visitors along with the people of the locality. He lauded the role of former MLA Jammu West Sat Sharma and local Councillor in their efforts for the development works for the welfare of masses.

ABVP stages sit-in demanding withdrawal of J-K University Bill

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad on Wednesday staged a demonstration to demand the withdrawal of the Jammu Kashmir Public University Bill, 2022, that, it claimed, eroded the autonomy of universities in the Union Territory.

The administrative council led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha recently approved the bill.

With the view to address the issues regarding a wide variety of universities in Jammu and Kashmir and separate acts governing each university or group of universities with existing regulations, the government intends to frame a common Public University Bill, which would apply to all public universities of the Union Territory, an administration spokesperson had earlier said.

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) said it would not tolerate the erosion of the autonomous character of universities, which are governed by University

CISF remembers its bravehearts at National Police Memorial

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NEW DELHI: To celebrate the 75 years of the India's Independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and to pay tributes to the bravehearts of Police and CAPF's who laid down their lives in the service of the nation and to felicitate their families, commemorative event was organised by CISF at National Police Memorial (NPM), Chanakypuri, New Delhi on Wednesday.

CISF commemorated the supreme sacrifice made by its valiant bravehearts by organising a day-long grand ceremony at the National Police Memorial, Chanakypuri and CISF HQs, New Delhi. 127 bravehearts of CISF who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, were commemorated on the occasion.

In the morning session, family members of the bravehearts, Sr. Officers and personnel of CISF paid homage to the bravehearts by offering flower petals at the Central Sculpture, NPM.

The families also visited the 'Wall of Valour' where the names of all the bravehearts of



Sheel Vardhan Singh, DG, CISF laying wreath at the Central Sculpture to pay tributes to bravehearts at New Delhi.

CAPF and police, who made supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation are engraved in stone.

The families were then given a tour of the Police Museum and were shown the short video films that were prepared by the CISF as a tribute to bravehearts and on the diverse role of CISF on national security. Later the families of the bravehearts of CISF were felicitated by the Senior Officers.

In the afternoon session, Sheel Vardhan Singh, DG, CISF felicitated the families of CISF bravehearts in a function organised at Lawn's of CISF HQs, New Delhi.

In his address, Sheel Vardhan remembered the courage and valour of CISF bravehearts

who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

In the evening session, Sheel Vardhan visited NPM, Chanakypuri, New Delhi and laid wreath at the Central Sculpture and paid tributes to the bravehearts.

Open air display of movies on valour and sacrifice of CAPF personnel, and the invaluable contributions of CAPF and Police Bravehearts in the service of the nation were showcased.

A retreat ceremony was also organized on the occasion and an attractive band display was performed by CISF's band team. Senior Officers, personnel and families of CISF of Delhi-NCR based Units were present on the occasion.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises FDP

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JAMMU: GCW Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu organised a National Level five day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) in the Virtual mode on the theme 'Technical Management in Education' in collaboration with scroll well Edutech under the guidance of Principal Dr. Meeru Abrol.

The Inaugural speech was presented by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Coordinator Career Counselling and Placement Cell of the college followed by an overview of the FDP presented by Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Convenor IQAC.

The welcome address was presented by Principal, Dr. Meeru Abrol, who emphasized on the fact that ICT enables the use of innovative educational resources and renewal of learning methods, further establishing a more active collaboration of students and stimulates acquisition of technical language.

She said that, technical knowhow is the need of the hour and such faculty development programmes will go a long way in enhancing technical abilities of the educators.

The Resource person Roshan Sharma is a renowned and experienced mentor and trainer. He is an Automobile Engineer with an MBA to his credit from NITJallundhar. He has impacted over 31000+ educators, students and young professionals.

Around 150 participants from J&K and 19 other states have registered for the FDP from across the nation. The first technical session dealt with advanced features of Google form and its various add on features (time proctor, Hatia), Test Moz etc.

Saini youth demand restoration of Saini Army Regiment

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JAMMU: All Jammu Kashmir Saini Sabha (JKSS) has sought the revival of Saini Army Regiment in the Indian Army.

In this connection, a meeting of Saini Sabha was held under the chairmanship of Pritam Singh Saini, President All Jammu Kashmir Saini Sabha at the Sabha Office, Bua Datti Temple, village Sarora in Marh constituency here on Wednesday.

While addressing the meeting, Pritam Singh Saini said that the meeting of youth wing of All Jammu Kashmir Saini Sabha at Bishnah yesterday in which the youth has strongly opposed the OBC status granted by the government to the community.

Saini said that the government has granted OBC status to the Saini community but the youth of Saini community was least interested in getting OBC status. He said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has raised the slogan of 'Make in India' as he wants to make India self reliant.

While extending support to the decision of youth wing of the Sabha, Pritam Singh said our youth are in no way less talented than other youth of the country. The youth of Saini community are competitive and have already made

our community proud by performing excellently in tough competitions in every sector be it government job, civil services, sports, education, medical, engineering, etc.

Pritam Saini emphasized that reservation should only be accorded to economically weaker sections of the society and we categorically oppose the inclusion of the community in the OBC list and demand the immediate withdrawal of the community from the list.

He asserted that keeping in view the rage at the grass-roots level in the Saini community in the state and overseas, measures be immediately initiated to restore the Saini Army Regiment.

Pritam Singh Saini urged the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to revive the Saini Army Regiment instead of granting OBC status, so that the youth of our community can serve the country in a better way.

Among others who were present in the meeting include Tara Chand General Secretary JKSS, Sub (Retd) Sukhdev Singh, Sub (Retd) Sardari Lal, Mulkh Raj Saini ex Chairman, Sarpanch Ashok Saini, Naib Sarpanch Dev Raj Saini, Ex Sarpanch Sudagar Singh, Capt Retd Shamsher Singh, Hasequat Singh, Darshan Kumar, ex Panch.

Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra celebrates Vilay Diwas



A dignitary speaking at a programme at SSK.

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JAMMU: Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra, Anand Nagar celebrated the accession day in its premises on Wednesday.

B.L Saraf Retd. Distt Session Judge was Chief Guest whereas Vikas Sharma, Chairman Adhivakta Parishad was Guest of Honour. Dr.M.K Bharat, Chairman SSK, while welcoming the guests, detailed about the importance of the accession day with a beautiful Hindi poem. B.L. Saraf threw light on the historical relationship of Jammu & Kashmir with India. He emphasised that the delay in signing the instrument of accession by Maharaja Hari

Singh was due to the prevailing situation at the time of partition of India. He further emphasised that the history of Kashmiri Pandits dates back to more than 5000 years they contributed socially, politically and religiously in shaping the country. Vikas Sharma talked about the history of Hari Singh and informed the audience that Maharaja was made the commander-in-chief at young age. He highlighted the contribution of Maharaja in the development of State. Maharaja had told his religion is Justice and reformed social and educational sectors. The proceedings were conducted by Dr. M.T.K. Dhar:

Accession Day celebrated by JPPF

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JAMMU: Jammu Province People's Forum (JPPF) celebrated "Accession day" of Jammu and Kashmir with dominion of India by organizing a grand function at its Head office Talab Tillo Jammu.

Pavitar Singh (Retd. Judge) while talking to media persons told that rhetoric criticism of Jammu Kashmir accession with India by Kashmir leaders necessitated need of celebration of accession, and we are proud to proclaim JPPF's initiative started in 2010 is widely celebrated today not in J&K only but outside also, he also thanked the Government for granting holiday on this occasion which will facilitate public to join the celebrations comfortably.

He further added that approximately 562 princely run states were acceded with the dominion of India in 1947 but the Kashmiri politician's

controversial and misleading statements forced us to bring the factual status in front of the society; otherwise whatever said by the separatist mindset and the Kashmiri politicians shall be taken as the final verdict and the day will come when the future generations will accept it the way Pakistan centric people are projecting this issue. We have also felt that people who are projecting accession of J&K with the dominion of India a disputed issue needs to introspect themselves and study their own past. We are of the opinion if these people go back and study their family history for last 3 - 4 generations most of them will come to know about the truth.

Further he said that every citizen must be aware of the fact Maharaja Hari Singh who was considered to be the most efficient, visionary and man of principles run and managed this State after 1925 when throne was ascended to him did

lot many exemplary developmental works for the people of this state, and wanted to keep this state as an independent country but Pakistan who despite of signing standstill agreement attacked the state of Jammu and Kashmir by sending his forces along with the tribal invaders to capture Kashmir and Rajouri - Poonch area. The innocent people were murdered mercilessly, women were raped and houses were looted and the whole world is aware of the misdeeds of Pakistan and agents of his country staying in the state.

Maharaja Hari Singh Ji executed the instrument of accession on 26/10/1947 and was accepted by the then Governor General of India Lord Mountbatten on 27/10/1947 without any pre condition.

The instrument of accession is available and has no condition of any kind but there are some people who for the sake of political mileage do not hesitate

to prove the history wrong by issuing contradictory statement which has no locus standi and is also considered misleading.

JPPF also feel it pertinent to mention here that entire Kashmir was bought by the then Maharaja Gulab Singh for Rs 75,00,000 (Seventy five lakh) in year 1846 but today the Pakistani separatists and Kashmiri politicians are trying to paint different picture at national and international level and even Pakistan is establishing its claim on the land of Kashmir and trying hard to encroach the land by misleading youth of Kashmir and pushing them into militancy but all in vain.

Many prominent personalities of Jammu province namely M.S Katoch, Interjeet Khajuria, Resham Singh Jamwal (Vice President JPPF), Avinash Bhatia, Balwan Singh, Prof O.P Sharma, P C Sharma, Ram Ratan Sharma, Ram Singh Slathia, Surinder Vir, Abhimanyu Katoch.

Jan Abhiyan: Cooperatives Deptt organises training/ awareness programme at Achabal

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ANANTNAG: As part of the Jan Abhiyan, Back to Village (B2V4), the Department of Cooperatives Anantnag on Wednesday organised a Mega Training cum Awareness programme at Dak Bungalow Achabal. Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Anantnag, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Ganderbal & Bandipora (as special invitee), Assistant Registrars, Accountants, field staff, Chairperson of Cooperative Societies, besides members of Cooperative Societies of Anantnag district remained present during the camp. On the occasion,

Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Anantnag, Muzaffar Ahmad Baig discussed various schemes in vogue for the upliftment of the Cooperative Societies.

He stressed upon the field workers to move from door to door for creating mass awareness regarding the functioning and schemes of the department of Cooperatives. The Deputy Registrar also discussed the importance of Jan Abhiyan for bringing governance to the door steps of the general public. Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Ganderbal & Bandipora who participated as special invitee on the occasion spoke about the

initiatives of the government for strengthening the Cooperative Societies at grass roots level.

He assured the field staff that all the DPRs from districts have been sent to the higher authorities for approval. He said that intangible assets have increased satisfactorily over the past few years and suggested coordination among various stakeholders for the overall benefit of the Cooperatives.

Members of Cooperative Societies put forward their suggestions for better functioning of the department, and got patient hearing from the experts present in the camp.

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JAMMU: Only four days left to take the advantage of this great fair, do not miss the opportunity and come quickly and choose the best quality clothes of your choice. Avail Mega offers, the last four left of Silk Expo at Kala Kendra, Jammu.

Exclusive stalls of silk Sarees, cotton suits, Lehnga Choli, bedsheets and many more items are available under one roof at Kala Kendra.

Special attractions for ethnic wear by Silk Weavers Expo, by National Weavers

Silk Weavers Expo ending soon

Customers can grab offer at Kala Kendra before Oct 30



Customers visiting exhibition at Jammu.

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If you really want to give something antique and really splendid to your loved ones this festival season, then

come to Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk, Jammu before October 30 and grab this offer where Silk Weavers Expo has brought all kinds of

clothes and charming & unique special gifts that too with 50% discount and multiple choice offer.

Every year Silk Weavers Expo, by National Weavers Association, registered with Ministry of Textile organizes highly exclusive exhibition in all different states of the country where authentic and pure Silk & Handloom products are available and for the very first time, they are offering greatest deal on the auspicious occasion of Diwali & wedding season in Jammu.

The products on display will be large variety of exclusive

and attractive silk & cotton sarees, dress materials, suits, stoles, dupattas, Kurtas & Kurties along with fashion jewellery & artifacts for home decor that are sure to entice one & all to get hold of an item of their choice. Thus all in all the exhibition is all about the use of traditional handloom skills to create contemporary lifestyle products all under one roof.

So make the most of this golden opportunity to enrich your wardrobe for the festive season and re decorate your sweet homes with attractive home decor items.