Pr Secy Culture lauds performance of 'Mata Ki Kahani' at Navratra Fest

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KATRA: Principal Secretary Culture Suresh Kumar Gupta lauded the most outstanding performance of 'Mata Ki Kahani' at the Navratra Festival-2024. Katra. Joined by Secretary Culture Deepika Sharma and Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages Ms. Harvinder Kaur, he witnessed the entire presentation of Mata Ki Kahani on the 7th day of Navratra Festival. Prominent amongst those who graced the occasion Rayees Mohammad Bhat, IPS, DIG Reasi-Udhampur Range, Alok Kumar Maurya, Additional CEO, SMVDSB, Satish Kumar, Joint CEOJKAS. SMVDSB, Gaurav Sikarwar, IPS, SSP Reasi and Vipan Chandran, SP, Katra Applauding the mesmerising show Suresh Kumar Gupta said that seeing the professional class and standard of this power-packed performance, one can say with authority that such matchless shows can be considered at par with any international level shows. He complimented the writer and director of Padamshree Balwant Thakur and his talented team of Natrang for creating



Artists performing during the play at Katra ence to a mesmerising jour-

which innovatively unfolds the entire story of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi. He further said that such shows should be taken all-over. Earlier Natrang Director Balwant Thakur shared his experiences of the creation of this mega theatrical wonder which took him three years in mounting this show.

History has perhaps never witnessed a production of this class at Katra which unfolds the entire legend in a highly spectacular manner. Balwant Thakur who is credited for having created theatrical wonders of world class once again established the fact that his magic spell will continue to mesmerize audiences through his mindblowing ventures. 'Mata Ki Kahani' - a unique theatrical experience for the audience, beautifully showcased the popular legend of Mata Vaishno Devi. Magically it transported the entire audinev unfolding the story of Mata Vaishno Devi which is a classic narrative that echoes every Hindu household and is a part of every grandma's midnight tale. As per the legend, during the period when the Goddess was busy in annihilating the Asuras, Her three main manifestations viz. Mata Maha Kali, Mata Maha Lakshmi and Mata Maha Saraswati got together one day and pooled their collective Tejas or spiritual strength. Today Mata Vaishno Devi is worshiped by millions and trillions of peo-

ple across the world. Mata

Vaishno Devi has surfaced as

an embodiment of will,

strength and peace. In the

present times, when the

mankind is prevailing, the

legend of Mata Vaishnodevi

gives a guiding light to her

followers to help her devotees

against the

to uphold inner confidence and faith within themselves and on the strength of her healing and cosmic powers.

The most striking feature of today's performance was the demonstration of perfection in every creative department be it the stage action, design, lighting, scenic imagery and visual poetry which left a life-time impact of a highly vibrant presentation.Pan-India audience on the occasion appreciated the performance and termed this as their lives best memorable presentation which they desired to continue for the entire vear so over one Crore pilgrims visiting Katra every year get benefited by such educative showcasing of presentations. artistic Majority of the audiences admitted that they were not fully aware of the whole story of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and after having witnessed this mind-blowing presentation they have come to know about various aspects of the story.

The artists who featured in

this mega show included Neeraj Kant, Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Palshin Dutta, Kananpreet Kaur, Sana Chouhan, Kushal Bhat, Vishal Sharma, Kavya Sharma, Aradhaya Sharma, Pihu Mehra, Aanya Sharma, Nagotra, Thakur, Thakur, Aayna Bhagat, Sania Sonam Thakur, Thakur, Jeevika Vrinda GujralIsha Gupta, Mehak Chib, Aradhana Soodan, Divyanshi Sharma, Mehak Singh, Suneha Angural, Sakshi Gupta, Ashok Priyal Gupta, Pratibha Verma, Mahi Simran Bhagat Verma. Prerna Sharma, Simran Rajput, Ritika, Biloria, Harmandeep Kour, Arun Dev Verma, Sahil Narwalia, Arun Sharma. Lalita Devi, Shalini Bhagat, Kartik Kumar, Pandotra, Gopi Sharma, Sanket, Abhinav Sharma, Gourav Khajuria, Manik Raghuvansh, Bhushan Kumar, Vedanshi Sharma, Deepak Saini, Mridul and Sunny Mujoo. The sets of the play are designed by Veerji Sumbli and lights by Shivam Singh. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

Rotary Club Jammu Elite, SWD organise awareness program at GCOE



SWD officials along with Club members and students during the programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: SPARSH Committee of GCOE organised a lecture "Menstrual Health and Hygiene" in collaboration Mission (SANKALP SHAKTI) a part of Social Welfare And Rotary club of Jammu Elite on 9th October, 2024 at GCOE. The objective of programme was to spread awareness among students about Menstrual Health and Hygiene. The programme was organised under the charismatic patronage Dr. Jyotiparihar principal, of the college. Dr. Davinder kour convenor of SPARSH Committe and president of Rotary club Jammu Elite formally welcomed the Resourse persons Dr.Shahid Ahmed Lone, Sunil Sharma and Sonali Rana Gender

Specialists from Mission Shakti (Social Welfare

Sunil Sharma, Gender Specialist awared students SANKALP Shakti (HUB FOR Empowerment of women) is a project monitoring Unit that Is a part of the Mission Shakti scheme. He also awared students on various scheme regarding women Empowerment. Dr.Shahid Ahmed lone discussed on Menstrual Health and Hygiene, signs of Menstrual improper hygiene and menstrual Hygiene practices, He also delebrated upon health and social impacts of poor menstrual hygiene and the management strategies which students can opt for better health and hygiene.

The session on 'Menstrual Health and Hygiene' was

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very informative for the students which gave them a comprehensive understanding on meaning of menstruation, developing biological understanding and awareness regarding hygiene practices to be maintained during menstruction. At the end of the session all the queries of the students were satisfied by Sonali Rana Gender specialist. Formal Vote of Thanks was presented by prof. Deepali Devi. programme was attended by members of SPARSH Committe, Kiran Thapa, Dr. Shalini Sharma, Sonam Gandotra. members Dr. Faculty Rana IQAC Shalini Convenor, Sarita Dogra, Dr.Shushma Bala Usha (Librarian) Neha Jaspreet, Arbaaz, Shivali .Mehak students of B.ed And M.ed were present.

SKPA Udhampur organises three-day training program for CPIOs



Participant officials during the programme.

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UDHAMPUR: In an effort to enhance transparency and strengthen the Right to Information (RTI) framework, Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA) Udhampur. under the leadership of its Director, has organized a three-day training program for $Central\ Public\ Information\ Officers\ (CPIOs).$

The program, which began on Wednesday, aims to equip CPIOs with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively handle RTI requests in full compliance with legal guidelines. The program features expert speakers from the legal, administrative, and public information sectors, who will engage participants through interactive sessions. This initiative is part of a broader effort to ensure that CPIOs are well-prepared to meet public demands for information while maintaining

the integrity of public service. The event was inaugurated by Garib Dass, Director SKPA, who served as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, the Director emphasized the crucial role CPIOs play in promoting transparency and accountability in governance.

"It is essential for public information officers to be well-versed in both the letter and spirit of the RTI Act in order to foster a culture of openness while protecting the interests of the state," he remarked. Also present were Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Deputy Director Indoor Trainings, Rajesh Bali, IPS, Deputy Director Outdoor and Chief Prosecuting Officer SKPA Rakesh Sambyal.

The course is being coordinated by Raiz Ahmed, Senior Prosecuting Officer, with assistance from ASI Rajinder Singh, SKPA

Training Program on promotion of Niche Crops under HADP held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS RAMBAN: A one-day training program under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) on the "Promotion of Niche Crops in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir" was successfully conducted in Ramban in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Ramban, SKUAST-Jammu on Wednesday. The program aimed to educate and empower local anardana (wild pomegranate) growers by imparting knowledge on best practices for enhancing crop quality and marketabil-

The event was inaugurated by Prof. Parshant Bakshi, Head of the Division of Fruit Science, SKUAST-J, and Principal Investigator of the HADP project. In his address, Prof. Bakshi emphasized the significance



of the HADP project and its role in promoting niche crops like anardana in the region. He spoke extensively about the optimal harvesting stage and drying techniques, which are critical in maintaining the quality of anardana. He also highlighted the economic potential of expanding the cultivation

area for this crop, noting that both the fruit and its peel provide high returns for the growers, offering substantial economic benefits to the farming community. Dr. RajKumar Gupta, Head of KVK, Ramban, addressed the socio-economic importance of anardana cultivation, underscoring its contrilocal growers. He stressed that the promotion of such niche crops not only strengthens the agricultural economy but also enhances the living standards of the rural populace. In her presentation, Dr. Kiran Kour, Professor, discussed various value addition techniques for anardana, encouraging growers to explore diversified products that could enhance their profitability in the market. Dr. Parveen Kumar,

Scientist at KVK, Ramban, provided insights into the various farmer-centric activities organized by KVK for the betterment of the region's agricultural community. His presentation showcased the ongoing initiatives aimed at providing technical and advisory support to farmers, fostering sustainable agricultural featured interactive discussions, with Anardana growers from the region sharing their experiences and challenges in cultivation and marketing. Their active participation enriched the event, providing practical insights into the ground realities faced by farmers. The resource persons were felicitated by momento. The program was also attended by local experts Zahid Sheikh and Mohsin, who contributed to the discussions and shared their perspectives on the potential of niche crops in the region.

practices in Ramban.

The training session also

The training concluded with a positive response from anardana growers, who expressed their gratitude for the valuable information shared and vowed to implement the knowledge gained in their farming practices

RBI Jammu organizes awareness camp



RBI official imparting awareness.

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KATRA: Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Jammu, conducted a one-day awareness camp during the holy days of Navratra celebrations at Niharika Complex, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Katra on Wednesday.

The event was organized by Issue Department, RBI, Jammu under the theme of

spreading awareness about currency management, the security features of currency notes, and note refund rules. This initiative was conflucted under the agois of RBI@90, commemo rating 90 years journey of RBI.

The event saw active participation from general public, with a special focus on educating them about the security features of currency notes to prevent counterfeiting.

As a part of the engagement, a quiz on currency management was also conducted, wherein the participants were suitably awarded.

Additionally, fresh notes and coins counter was operated by Jammu & Kashmir Bank wherein, all denominations of fresh notes and coins were distributed to the public. The initiative received widespread appreciation from the public, who praised the efforts of the RBI.

Court discharge accused in attempt to murder Sent copy to DGP for appropriate action in connection with faulty, unprofessional investigation

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Judge Baramulla Amarieet. Singh Langeh discharged the accused Abdul Majeed Ganie who was challened at the time of framing charge.

While discharging the accused, Additional Sessions Judge Baramulla Amarjeet Singh Langeh directed that a copy of this judgment be sent to Director General of Police for appropriate action in connection with faulty and unprofessional investigation.

According to the police case on May 6, 2021, complainant in the case namely Zaffar Ahmad Tramboo (PW - 1) lodged a written complaint with police station Kreeri alleging therein that accused attacked him with stones with intention to kill him and he also harassed his employees, who were busy working near his factory gate (Near Max Water Plant) Tapper.

Complainant also alleged that accused threatened his employees also. Based on this complaint, FIR No. 39/2021 for offences under Sections 336, 506 & 307 IPC was registered and investigation started. On the conclusion of investigation, it was alleged that accused committed aforesaid offences and challan was accordingly presented.

Additional Sessions Judge Baramulla Amarjeet Singh Langeh after hearing both the sides observed that admittedly and as record will also demonstrate that complainant in the case has not received even a simple injury leave alone the one which could have threatened his life

Furthermore, nothing indicates in the investigation as to what triggered accused to wound up (to get angry) in to stone pelting.

order to take alleged recourse There is, thus - neither the

intent nor an overt act on the Court observed that there is no frame charges against accused accordingly discharged and JAMMU: Additional Sessions part of accused in execution of material available on record to for aforesaid offences. He is challan is dismissed. alleged act of assault on complainant. Once there is no bodily injury capable of causing death received by injured, I am afraid, accused cannot be charged to face trial for an

> The fact that seizure memo in respect of alleged seizure of five stones used in the occurrence does not contain the names and particulars of witnesses -only highlights the brazen and utterly casual manner in which investigation in the case has been conducted. Allegations with regard to hurling of threats alluded to accused are only vague and groundless - as suggested by

offence under Section 307

investigation. In other words, there are no grounds to proceed ahead with the trial of offences alleged against the accused, for - the material collected during investigation does not prima facie carve out offences under Sections 336, 506 & 307 IPC against accused.

What is chilling to note is that investigation in the case has been conducted in a very unprofessional, casual and tainted manner which only gives an impression that a case has been sought to be built, sans evidence, against accused. In addition to what is said herein-above, the place of occurrence shown in the site plan also does not match with the allegations in the complaint based on which FIR was registered.Court further observed that needless to say, fair and impartial investigation in a criminal case is one of essential bedrock of a fair trial. Investigation in a criminal case ought not suggest, even obliquely as though monstrosity is unto itself. I say no more

With these observations, the



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF HOSPITALITY AND PROTOCOL JAMMU/SRINAGAR **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

NIT No:-DHP/ Acctts/NIT/020

Dated:- 09-10-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from registered/approved agencies in connection with Annual Maintenance Contract for CCTV Cameras with allied accessories installed in various Houses of the Department in (Jammu Province), under two bid tendering process i.e. "Technical Bid" and "Financial Bid" as per details given below. Instructions to bidder (ITB):

Name of the tender	Annual Maintenance Contract for CCTV Cameras with allied accessories installed in various Houses of the Department in Jammu Provinces
Cost of Tender Document	Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Hospitality and Protocol. (Non-Refundable)
Earnest Money Deposit (CDR)/Performance security	Rs.10,000/=(Rupees Ten Thousand Only) in shape of Cal Deposit Receipt drawn from any scheduled Bank pledged to the Accounts Officer Directorate of Hospitality and Protocol, J&K
Period of contract	One year
Date of issue of Tender Notice	10-10-2024
Period of downloading of tender document	12-10-2024
Bid Submission Start Date	12-10-2024
Bid Submission End Date	30-10-2024
Late date for receiving hard copy (Original Demand Draft as cost of Tender Document and EMD in shape of CDR)	30-10-2024
Date of time of opening of Bids (on line)	Convenient to Purchase Committee of Hospitality and Protocol Department for Goods and Services

conditions, scope of work, detail of material and manpower etc. can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in .The bidders are requested to submit their bids prior to last date of submission to avoid any technical or other difficulty resulting in non submission of their bids due to non availability of website at last moment and or any reason whatsoever. Neither Director Hospitality & Protocol, J&K nor the E-Tendering service provider shall be responsible for any issues such as internet connectivity or non compatibility internet browser etc.

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Director Hospitality and Protocol, J&K

Student Welfare Committee of GDCW Kathua hosts Induction Program

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KATHUA: The Student Committee of Government Degree College for Women (GDCW) Kathua successfully organized an informative induction program for newly admitted Semester I students. The event was held on the college premises and saw active and enthusiastic participation from both students and

The program commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Sonika Jasrotia and was inaugurated by Dr. Savi Behl, Principal of GDCW Kathua, who served as the chief guest and the key resource person.

In her opening remarks, she

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warmly welcomed the new students, introducing them to the faculty members of different department and institution's

She emphasized the college's commitment to fostering a holistic learning environment that aligns with NEP 2020's goal of empowering students through multidisciplinary education and skill development

Savi Behl delved into the core principles of the NEP 2020, highlighting its student-centric approach, flexible course structure, and its emphasis on enhancing critical thinking, innovation, and career development. She provided an indepth explanation of the new credit system, which offers a flexible curriculum, multiple exit options, and the integration of vocational education within the higher education frame-

She encouraged students to seize the opportunities provided by NEP 2020, stressing the importance of continuous learning and personal growth.

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tion system. opportunities. In her keynote address, Dr.

Gagan Kumar. insightful presentation.

sional futures. The event saw active partici-

pation from approximately 130 Semester I students, who were keen to learn how NEP 2020 would shape their academic journey. The induction provided valuable insights into the transformative nature of NEP 2020, offering students a clearer understanding of its role in modernizing the Indian educa-

The program was graced by the presence of esteemed faculty members, including Dr. Seema Jolly, Prof. Ashwani Khajuria, Dr. Babita Mahajan, Dr. Amita Dua, Dr. Sonika Jasrotia, Dr. Satish Khajuria, Dr. Ajay Sanotra, and Dr.

The induction program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Rachna, Dean of Student Welfare, who extended her heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Savi Behl for her Dr. Rachna noted that the

presentation, supported by a detailed PowerPoint, would significantly aid students in understanding the profound impact of NEP 2020 on their academic and profes-