

# Sanatan Dharma, Vasudev Kutumbhakam only keys to achieve global peace: Yudhvir Sethi

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that 'Sanatan Dharma' and 'Vasudev Kutumbhakam' are the only keys to achieve global peace in today's challenging scenario.

He stated this while addressing a congregation after participating in a Hawan (Yagnya) organized by Arya Samaj Temple in Shastri Nagar here today. People from all walks of life and across cross sections of the society participated in the aforesaid Hawan with great devotion and enthusiasm. Addressing the congregation, the senior BJP leader threw light on the characteristic features of 'Sanatan Dharma' and its significance in the present day world. He said 'Sanatan Dharma' is the indigenous Indian concept or doctrine that goes to the root cause of the real reason for lack of peace in the world.

In general 'Sanatan Dharma' consists of virtues like honesty, refraining from



Vice President J&K BJP, Yudhvir Sethi performing Hawan.

injuring living beings, purity, goodwill, mercy, patience, forbearance, self-restraint, generosity, and asceticism, he asserted.

"Sanatan Dharma calls for searching of peace from within by every individual instead of looking for it outside," he emphasized. He said that following the concept as the prime key, the beginning of this journey will result in every individual achieving peace. The next step is i.e. collective urge of individuals is bound to follow thereby resulting in achieving of the much needed global peace in today's conflict and violence ridden world. He said that

ultimate aim of every religion is to achieve peace and as such there is no impediment in people of all castes, creed or colour understanding the 'Sanatan Dharma' and achieve the world peace by following it.

Yudhvir Sethi said India's traditional systems being inseparable part of lifestyle have inherent solutions to each and every problem including pollution. He said that Hawan Yagnya while having a religious significance is the traditional way of purifying the air by neutralizing the pollutants with the burning of some herbs and grains offered as obla-

tions. Sethi said that the current Western economic model and philosophies have done little to benefit the world in terms of happiness, peace in individual lives and within societies and countries. In fact, they have increased environmental damage and exploitation of developing and poor nations. Even though developed countries have advanced materially in many ways, violence, mental, physical, and social issues are on the rise, while happiness is on the decline. Therefore India is today showing the way forward to the whole world by showcasing and propagating that 'Sanatan Dharma' and Vasudev Kutumbhakam' are the only keys for global peace, happiness and prosperity.

Later, Sethi visited the Library inside the Army Samaj Temple complex and interacted with the students. He urged them to preserve and promote these rich traditions and philosophies by practically following these in letter and spirit.

# Dogri Sanstha Jammu releases Prof Shashi's book



Dogri Sanstha Jammu members and other dignitaries releasing a book.

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu released Dogri writer Prof. Shashi Pathania's collection of essays in Dogri language entitled 'Dogri Lok Sahitya Te Dogra Lok Sanskriti' in a function organized at Dogri Sanstha, here in Sunday.

On this occasion Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice President Dogri Sanstha was Chief Guest and it was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu whereas Dr. Arvinder Singh 'Amn', Additional Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture & Languages was Guest of Honour.

Prof. Veena Gupta con-

gratulated Prof. Pathania for a brilliant work that has immense literary value and will fulfill the aspirations of many who wish to know about our regional folk literature and culture.

She hoped that more creative works of her will take shape of books and enrich Dogri literature in future.

Prof. Magotra said that although Prof. Pathania has the credit of so many projects for promoting regional culture but it was always expected that she would come up with collections of her own creative works in the form of books that will surely benefit the scholars and Dogri lovers.

As special guest, Dr.

Arvinder Singh Amn was of the view that Prof. Shashi Pathania has so much to offer to Dogri literature and let us hope that it will inspire her to serve same to Dogri lovers in the form of books quite regularly.

Prof. Shashi Pathania, the writer also shared her feelings regarding the process and her wish to publish this collection of essays that are in fact document of our cultural heritage.

Dr. Rajni Kumari presented detailed paper on the book and Promila Manhas conducted the proceedings. Inderjeet Kesar, Vice President Dogri Sanstha Jammu presented vote of thanks.

# CUJ's faculty members among World's Best 2 pc Scientists

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JAMMU: Three faculty members of Central University of Jammu have featured in Stanford University's recently released list of top 2 per cent scientists in world in October 2022. The list containing data of the top 2 per cent of researchers worldwide is released by Stanford University and prestigious Elsevier Publisher. The faculty members from Central University who made it to the list included Prof Deepak Pathania, Dr Richa Kothari and Dr Pawan Kumar, who made it to the list for third time. Prof Deepak Pathania and Dr Richa Kothari both are from the Department of Environmental Sciences while Dr Pawan Kumar is from the Department of Nanosciences and Materials.

Vice Chancellor Prof Sanjeev Jain congratulated Prof Pathania, Dr Richa and Dr Pawan for bringing laurels to the University with their outstanding research work.

# Various delegations call on LG Mathur



Lt Governor Ladakh, RK Mathur interacting with a delegation.

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LEH: Chairperson, Block Development Council (BDC), Singge-Lalok, Stanzin Yangdol, along with other members, called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, here on Sunday.

Stanzin requested for delimitation of the Singge-Lalok Community Development (CD) block and the creation of an additional Halqa/Gram Panchayat for the Yulchung-Neraks-Gongma

revenue village for the overall development and smooth conduct of all the Rural Development Department (RDD) works in the Singge Lalok area.

A delegation led by President, Student Union Nubra, Stanzin Chosphel, raised several issues related to the youth in Nubra subdivision, viz. construction of a multi-purpose/indoor stadium; setting up of an IGNOU Centre; setting up of a student-oriented Community Information

Centre; setting up of a career counselling centre/career guidance in schools at regular intervals; the need for proper classrooms, transportation, playground and a multipurpose hall at Government Degree College, Nubra; proper facilities and staff at Sub-District Hospital in Nubra, etc.

A delegation of PhD holders of Ladakh in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture and Veterinary Science led by Dr Mansoor Ali met LG Mathur and raised several issues, including filling up various teaching and non-teaching posts at various constituent units of SKUAST Kashmir in Ladakh.

Director, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Prof Sunil Nautiyal, called on LG Mathur to apprise about the Institute and their various ongoing and future projects in Ladakh.

# 'Devotees feel peace after seeking shelter of Satguru'



Spiritual head of Sahib Bandgi Panth, Madhu Param Hans Maharaj addressing gathering at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Scattering nectar of spiritualism at Satwari Chowk Jammu, Madhu Param Hans Maharaj, spiritual head of Sahib Bandgi Panth said that the devotees feel a sense of peace after seeking shelter of a Satguru. He further said, "This is because they are far removed from Maya (illusion), lust, anger & the like. In what way one receives this peace of mind? In olden times, the people used to sit in the shade of trees like Peeple, Bargad etc. Poems have also been written on these. A person sitting in an AC-fitted room thinks that he

has got relief from heat, but the fact is that heat is very much there though its effect has been checked for the time being by the action of the cooler. So the elders used to sit in the shade of Peeple tree to enjoy peace of mind that the shade at home or the cool of the AC can't provide. This is because the leaves of the Peeple tree have a wonderful property of keeping away the scorching heat of the sun. Just as the hands come to the rescue of any part of the body in case of any attack, the leaves of these trees come to their rescue & turn the rays of the sun

to some other place. The tree needs tender care. The strong rays of the sun can harm it. It also needs moisture & the leaves have the property to keep the environment cool up to a distance of about 100 yards.

The thickness of the leaves is favorable for the tree." "It is wise to seek the shelter of a guru after assaying him well. Every sad & sorrowful person finds peace of mind in the company of great & noble souls. No doubt, the saints have miraculous powers & their company is nothing short of a blessing for devotees," he added.

# J&K has no dearth of talent, only need to identify, polish it by expert hands: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Jammu based Bhavishya Academy an Institute of Classical Dance, affiliated to Pracheen Kala Kendra Chandigarh had organized an event 'Kala Darpan' at Convention Centre here on Monday.

On the occasion, Priya Sethi, former Minister of State for Culture, Education, Technical Education, Tourism, Horticulture, Floriculture and Parks was the chief guest while Gauri Diwakar, an eminent personality in the field of Kathak, disciple of Pt. Birju Maharaj, Pt. Jai Kishan Mahara and Aditi Mangaldas and recipient of the prestigious Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar was the Guest of Honour.

Sheetal Nanda, Secretary Social Welfare Department and Kritika Khanna, first female para-rower of the Country were the special guests who did the lighting of the lamp along with



Former Minister, Priya Sethi posing with other dignitaries and participating students.

Gauri Diwakar and Charu Bhateja. BJP Leader Savita Anand was also present on the occasion. The Kathak dance event which comprised multiple performances with live classical music was choreographed by Parul Bhateja, Director Bhavishya Academy, disciple of Pt Jai Kishan Maharaj, son of Pt Birju Maharaj and Gauri Diwakar. Her team consisted of renowned musicians Suraj Singh, A Grade artist in Gwal; Purshotam Kumar, Senior

Tabla and Pakhawaj player; Hakam Singh Disciple of Dr. Gurdial Singh from Itawa Gharana; Amit Anand, Tabla Playing Masters in Tabla from GNDU University Amritsar; Parshotam Kumar, all India Radio, Approved Artist, Disciple of Vijay Anand, and Siddhartha Chatterjee from kolkata.

The event showcased various levels of Kathak by young and dynamic performers that blended the seamless singing of clas-

sical music to promote a classical and new take on the traditional Indian dance form. Our Guests and all the classical art lovers and enthusiasts present at the convention center loved and praised this unique event.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi said it is need of the hour to preserve and promote our rich cultural heritage. She lauded the efforts of Bhavishya Academy, an Institute of Classical Dance, for organizing mega Kathak event today.

"It's True that dance and music knows no boundaries which binds the people in a unique cord and generates harmony in the society. Music transcends all boundaries, touches souls and creates an aura free of tension and hatred. The success of artists is reflected by the serenity with which the audience resounds," she said.

Saying that music and dance plays a pivotal role in preserving culture, Priya Sethi hoped that young artists would get due encouragement in their endeavours in this regard. She hoped that the artists will get adequate opportunities to showcase their talent on a bigger canvas.

Priya Sethi said Jammu and Kashmir has no dearth of talent but the only need is to identify and polish it by expert hands. He also hoped that the album will inspire young artists to explore their hidden talent and make their niche in the society.

# Week-long Art Workshop 'Tapobhumi' by Baru Trust concludes



ADGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar posing for a photograph with other dignitaries.

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SRINAGAR: Art Workshop 'Tapobhumi' organised by Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust culminated with the Sufi Music cum Painting workshop held at Police Public School, here on Sunday.

This week-long workshop was conducted by Trust in collaboration with Petronet LNG Ltd in which artists from Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Chhattisgarh besides the host J&K took part in this national camp.

On the occasion, ADGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar was the Chief Guest and Rashmi Singh, Commissioner Income Tax was the Guest of Honour. One thing which made this event very

special was the presence of families of senior functionaries of J&K Police Department wherein artists enthralled the audience.

Vijay Kumar presented Lifetime Achievement Award to GR Gadda, first Exhibition Officer of Cultural Academy, on behalf of the Trust.

On the occasion, students of Fine Arts College, Srinagar also participated in the workshop on last day.

Anuradha Baru, President of the Trust said that the Trust is working for the promotion of Art & Culture with main focus on the State of Jammu & Kashmir covering all the regions.

Anuradha Baru said that the Trust will continue its journey by organizing such type of workshop with an aim to promote Art & Culture.

# Horti Officer visits Panchayat Lower Kotmaira, listens to issues of villagers



Horticulture Officer Dansal, Sandeep Sharma inaugurating development works.

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JAMMU: Horticulture Officer Dansal, Sandeep Sharma visited Panchayat Lower Kotmaira under Back to Village programme. The visiting officer was accorded a warm welcome by locals. The visiting officer held meetings with elected Panchs

and Sarpanch, held Gram and Mahila Sabhas besides holding other grass-root level interactions. On the occasion, a number of demands were put forth for consideration of Government including those related to availability of water facilities, construction of roads etc.

# JKP organises 3rd Kathua Half Marathon under CAP

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KATHUA: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh in presence of Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey on Sunday flagged off third edition of the "Kathua Half Marathon" from Sports Stadium Kathua.

The Marathon was organized by district police under Civic Action Programme and overall supervision of SSP Kathua, R.C Kotwal with a strong message of "Run for Health; Stay Away from Drugs". Over 5000 participants from all walks of the life took part in the Marathon. After the completion of the event, prize distribution function was

graced by the Vivek Gupta, DIG JSK Range, Retd Col. Mahan Singh-Chairman DDC Kathua, Raghunandan Singh Vice Chairman DDC Kathua, Umesh Gupta Executive President Chenab Textile Mill, Ex president MC Naresh Sharma, Ravinder Sharma Ex President MC Lakhampur, Benam Tosh Commandant IRP Battalion, Roop Lal Bhagat PTS Principal Kathua along with other police officers and dignitaries. The winners of different events were honoured with cash prizes and medals by DIG JSK Range and other officers.

21.1 Kms (Males above 21 yrs): Goru bagged first



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh flagging-off Kathua Half Marathon from Sports Stadium Kathua.

place and awarded a cash prize of Rs. 15,000, Ravi Dass got second position and awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and Suresh Kumar got 3rd position and awarded a presented a cash prize of Rs.5,000.

10 km (Males 21-45 Yrs.): S-I Pankaj bagged first place and awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7,000, Hans Raj got second prize of Rs. 5,000 cash, Shama Masih got third prize of Rs. 3,000

cash. 10 Km (females above 21 Yrs): Mamta Sharma bagged first place and presented with cash prize of Rs. 7000, Anjali got second prize with Rs. 5,000 cash, Bandu Devi got third prize with 3000 cash.

10 km (Males 45- 60 yrs): Ram Raj bagged first place and awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7,000, Mangat Ram got second prize with Rs. 5,000 cash, Makhana Lal got third

position with Rs. 3,000 cash. (Males above 60 yrs): Rishi Kumar bagged first place and awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7000, Anil Katoch got second prize of Rs. 5000 cash and Satpal Kalsi got third position, prize of Rs. 3000 cash. In addition, medals were also distributed among participants (Men / Women) who completed 21.1 Kms and 10 Kms category. The event was organized in association

with Chenab Textiles Mill Kathua, Gateway Sports Industry Kathua, Bonzer-7 Tiles Jammu, Kashmir Steel Rolling Mill Bari Brahmana, Darriek Insecticides Ltd. & Barwal Athlete Club (Kathua), Bajrang Goods Carrier Samba, Agro-Life Science Kathua, Rama Metals Kathua, Trikuta Industry Kathua, Fena (P) Limited Kathua and 91.1 Top FM (Jab Tak Suno Top Suno).