

BJP Library releases documentary on Article 370

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP President Ravinder Raina, along with MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, General Secretary (organisation) Ashok Koul and other leaders released a documentary on Article 370 and history of Praja Parishad in the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir.



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina releasing a documentary on Article 370 and history of Praja Parishad.

Jamwal, Convenor BJP Sawachh Bharat Abhiyan and Er. T.K. Sharma, Co-Convenor of the Abhiyan presented this LED to the library.

ent subjects, particularly ones on historic moments and developments in Jammu and Kashmir. Ashok Koul said that the documentary released today is indeed a big source of information on Article 370 and the Praja Parishad movement and the readers will surely appreciate its contents and study material based on facts.

matter of pride for the party. Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, former ministers Sat Sharma and Sham Lal Sharma, general secretaries Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Manyal, Waqf Board Chairperson Dr. Drakshana Andrabi, N.E Member and former minister Priya Sethi, J&K BJP Vice-president Anuradha Charak, secretaries Arvind Gupta and Venu Khanna, Mahila Morcha president Sanjita Dogra, former MLA Ashwani Sharma, Jammu south district president Rekha Mahajan, Mahila Morcha Spokesperson Pooja Grover were prominent leaders present on the occasion.

Empowering the Spirit: Breakfast Langar commemorates Shahadat of Sahibzade

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JAMMU: In the sacred tribute to the Shahadat of Sahibzade, Gandhi Global Family (GGF) Women Wing Jammu in collaboration with Aparna Ashram hosted a Breakfast Langar, embracing the spirit of unity, compassion, and remembrance.



GGF Women Wing Jammu team hosting Breakfast Langar.

This event marks a solemn commemoration of the sacrifices made by the Sahibzade, epitomizing courage and devotion. Padma Shri Dr. S.P Verma, Dinesh Gupta, Babu Singh Mehta, Ashok Dutta, Sumi Sahi Sethi, Dr. Pervinder Kour, Priya Verma, Dr. Alka Sharma, Inderdeep Singh, Fatima and others were present to serve the Langar. The Langar was organised to bring the community together in a spirit of shared reverence and the women wing believes that attendees must expect a nourishing start to the day with a variety of wholesome breakfast options, fostering a sense of togetherness that reflects the teachings of Sahibzade.

Narotam organizes PM Vishwakarma Yojna Awareness Camp in Old City



Former Councillor Ward 3, Narotam Sharma and others at registration camp.

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JAMMU: Former Councillor Ward 3, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Narotam Sharma along with other Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders inaugurated an awareness and registration camp of "PM Vishwakarma Yojana".

crafts of India. He urged the people to take maximum benefit of this scheme and also aware other people of this scheme. PM Vishwakarma is a central scheme launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Mediums Enterprises which provides collateral free credit, skill training, modern tools, incentive for digital transactions and market linkage support, he said. During the awareness programme, it was informed that the category of trades that are included in this scheme are Carpenter (Suthar), Boat Maker, Armourer, Blacksmith (Lohar), Hammer and Tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Goldsmith (Sunar), Potter (Kumhaar), Sculptor (Moortikar)/ stone carver / Stone breaker, Cobbler (Charmkar)/ Shoemsmith/ Footwear artisan, Mason (Raajmistri), Basket Maker/ Basket Waver: Mat maker/ Coir Weaver/ Broom, Washer man, Tailor and fishing net maker.

Balwant Thakur's Hindi play 'Jaal' staged by Natrang Jammu

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JAMMU: Balwant Thakur's hard hitting Hindi play 'Jaal' staged here on Sunday at Rani Park, Jammu under the direction of Neeraj Kant.



A scene from Balwant Thakur's play 'Jaal' presented by NATRANG at Rani Park, Jammu.

At the very outset while addressing the gathering, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur said that while bidding farewell to 2023 and welcoming 2024 Natrang chose to present a play which addresses the biggest challenge of the contemporary times. The menace of drugs amongst youth is all set to take its toll. Before it becomes 'Uda Jammu', it becomes the responsibility of every one to come forward and fight out this growing menace before it grips every home. Natrang being a responsible cultural institution has volunteered by taking this message to every nook and corner of the region through the effective use of theatre. In a very effective manner this powerful play 'Jaal' innovatively

showcases as how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations like a rapid fire, crippling the developing nations like India. The youth of the country, the largest energetic and most productive human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slip into this dangerous trap of drug menace. The play 'Jaal' was not based on any one story-line but as an experiment Balwant Thakur has woven multiple stories in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a mesh, this taking the toll of the strongest workforce of the country. Jammu is no exception. We are a witness to lots of youth losing lives.

senses damages his household belongings as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of the growing drug menace which is to be fought unitedly to bring them out of the mesh of drugs menace. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon who is extending its constituency day by day. Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Aadesh Dhar, Kanapreet Kour, Vishal Sharma, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Sanket Bhagat, Kushal Bhat and Chaitanya Shekhar. The show was ably conducted by senior actor of Jammu stage Rajinder Narang and coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

CGPWA holds lecture, interaction with BALGRAN inmates for awareness

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JAMMU: Continuing with its initiative, the Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) held an interactive session with more than hundred inmates of the BALGRAN, Home for destitute children. The General Secretary of CGPWA K B Jandial took the session in the presence of the President of BALGRAN V K Raina, IFS (ret'd) and Prof R D Sharma, former Vice Chancellor of Jammu University. A lecture on Water Resources and Environmental Issues was delivered by another member, Upender Pachnanda IFS (Ret'd) former Additional Principal Chief Conservation of Forests.

Views were solicited from the students on how to become a good student and subsequently the responsible citizen of India. The students were explained the context when someone talks about traditions, customs, and the value system of vast and diverse India. The students were explained that diversity is one of the factors that provides India a special place. This diversity has given birth to a varied rich composite value system, traditions, and customs. Traditions were explained as practices and beliefs of people of India that include everything from food and clothing to religion and art. By and large, the harmonious existence of many religions and sects, makes a colourful tapestry of Indian society. Maintaining this basket of colourful flowers of India is the real challenge for the students which every one of

them had to understand and worked for. The students were told that morality plays a vital role in shaping the fabric of any society. In the case of Indian society, which possesses a rich culture and traditions, morality holds immense significance. Morality in Indian society finds its roots in the teachings of ancient scriptures emphasizing righteousness, compassion, and ethical conduct, providing individuals with a moral compass to guide them toward leading a virtuous life. Jandial also talked about eleven Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution which every citizen of India is required to perform. These include abiding the Constitution, respecting the national flag

& National Anthem, following ideals of the freedom struggle, protecting sovereignty & integrity of India. To give importance to the fundamental duties and create awareness, 6th January has been declared as 'Fundamental Duties Day', he added. Earlier, Pachnanda delivered an impressive lecture on Water Resources and Environment. He dwelt with different aspects of conservation of water and water resources and the need for public awareness against wastage of water. Rainwater harvesting is another technology to improve availability of groundwater. Similarly, there is a need for increasing forest cover, planting trees in open areas and even in houses to improve the environment.

Arjunveer receives prestigious National Child Scientist Award

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JAMMU: Arjunveer Singh, an eighth-grade student at Airforce School, Jammu, clinched the National Child Scientist award at the 31st National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) - 2023. His ground breaking app, ReKindle HOPE, designed to prevent suicide by promoting emotional wellness, stood out as the best among participants.



Children Science Congress took place at RM Public School in Chowadhi, Jammu. The event was organized by the National Council for Urban and Rural Development Society (NCURDS) Jammu, under the guidance of the School Education Department Jammu, with support from the National Council for Science and Technology Communications (NCSTC), Department of Science and Technology, Government of

India. During the NCSC, 41 projects were presented by young scientists from different places. The top seven outstanding projects, including Arjunveer's in the junior category, were selected to represent Jammu at the national level later this month. Arjunveer not only won the hearts of the adjudicating scientists but also outscored selected candidates in the senior category. Other junior category projects selected for the national competition were presented by Diksha Devi of GGMS Abtal Samba and Amit Singh of TMP School Nowshehra. In the senior category, the chosen projects included those by Arush Dev Sharma of Govt. BHSS Sunderbani, Rujila Mahajan of Heritage School Jammu, Ishan Pandey of Army Public School Samba, and Aditi Bakshi of Shiksha Niketan Hr Sec School Jeevan Nagar, Jammu. The NCSC plays a crucial role in nurturing and enhancing scientific temperament among young minds and teachers, contributing to the advancement of scientific knowledge in the community.

Army organises Rally for Ex Servicemen

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RAJOURI: With the aim to connect with Veterans, an Ex-Servicemen Rally was organised by Tain Rashtriya Rifles at Sial Sui During the rally, the Ex-Servicemen were acquainted with the various initiatives undertaken by the Army for the welfare of Ex-Servicemen in the AoR. The gathering was made aware on the issues being faced by them in updation of records and timely remittance of pension through Project SPARSH and other planned activities for the next months. The rally helped in understanding the requirements of the Ex-Servicemen in a holistic manner. During the rally, grievance cell was established in which army officials took a feedback regarding issues pertaining to SPARSH, Pension, Canteen smart cards, ECHS, Resettlement etc.

Medical Camp for the ESM and their families was waslo setup to provide basic medical aid to them. Senior most ExSM of the region Hony Capt Abdul Rashid also addressed the gathering and explained the other ExSM about various schemes run by the government for benefit of ExSM. Amongst other issues, various aspects like general wellbeing of villagers, measures to empower the women and girl child, improvement in sports activities and ideas to enhance skills in the youth to attain gainful employment were also discussed. Ex-Servicemen pledged that they will motivate youth of their area to join Armed Forces to be part of mainstream, keep them away from illegal activities like drug peddling and assist civil administration in holistic development of their villages.

Money-doubling scam: One accused nabbed from Tamil Nadu, five more identified

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday said that six accused have been identified in the money-doubling scam which came to the fore earlier this month. A police spokesman said that one accused has been held from Tamil Nadu while efforts are being made to nab the rest. The scam came to light on December 19, 2023, when numerous victims found themselves deceived and the company - operating under operating under the guise of 'Curative Survey Private Limited - unresponsive, triggering chaos, anguish, and public protests. Acting swiftly, a case (FIR No. 39/2023) was registered under Section 66D of the IT Act and Section 420 of the IPC at the Cyber Police Station in Kashmir Zone-Srinagar. Recognizing the severity of the situation, a Special Investigation Team (SIT)

was formed to delve into the matter. The investigation revealed that the fraudulent company had established six offices in the Kashmir Valley and one regional office in Jammu between January and February 2023. All seven offices were promptly searched, sealed, and incriminating evidence was confiscated for further analysis at the FSL. Numerous employees associated with the company, spread across Jammu and Kashmir, were identified, examined, and their statements recorded. Simultaneously, victims of the scam approached the SIT, providing crucial statements and aiding the ongoing investigation. The SIT, relying on victim statements, technical and digital evidence, identified six accused individuals, all residing outside the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Specialized police teams were mobilized to

apprehend the identified culprits, resulting in the arrest of one suspect in Tamil Nadu, who is currently in police custody. Efforts are underway to apprehend the remaining accused persons. The financial losses incurred by victims are being assessed through the collection of related evidence and witness statements. All bank accounts associated with the fraudulent company have been debit-frozen, and a comprehensive investigation is ongoing. The involvement of local employees and contacts of the main accused persons is also under scrutiny. Additionally, the SIT is investigating the role of social media influencers who promoted the fraudulent company through various platforms. So far, the Cyber Police Station in Kashmir Zone Srinagar has received 27 complaints related to this scam.

Ahead of Lok Sabha Polls, Sajad Lone, Bukhari hold secret meeting in Srinagar: Sources



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SRINAGAR: In a political development, Peoples Conference President Sajad Lone and Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari met at an undisclosed location in Srinagar without party leaders and any security cover. This was the first face to face meeting between the two leaders, which assumes significance as it is in the backdrop of the upcoming parliamentary elections. According to sources, previously estranged leaders Sajad Lone and Altaf Bukhari met face to face after a very long time. They seem have expressed

a desire to temporarily set aside differences and prioritize a collective fight against a common adversary detrimental to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Sources close to them emphasized that despite not being on talking terms for the longest time now, the leaders agreed that they owe it to the people of J&K that common enemy of people of J&K should not win by virtue of division of votes. Additionally, the source revealed that they also discussed the critical necessity of cleansing Kashmiri politics. "They intend to take other leaders on board and expose politicians who exhibit inconsistent behaviors. They especially felt that leaders who swear by sentiment by the day and enjoy the hospitality of agencies by the night need to be publicly exposed", he added. This unexpected turn in political dynamics has the potential to significantly impact the election outcome. Those who participated the meeting include Mohinder Singh, Darbinder Singh, Rajinder Singh and others.