

Pr Secy inaugurates JKAACL's first ever Rashtriya Dogri Kavi Sammelan

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) on Tuesday organised Rashtriya Dogri Kavi Sammelan at Abhinav Theatre to commemorate celebration of 75th Republic Day. This is for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir that Rashtriya Dogri Kavi Sammelan is being organised by JKAACL under the directions of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

The event was inaugurated by Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, in presence of Padamshree Mohan Singh



Prpl Secy Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta and others at Rashtriya Dogri Kavi Sammelan.

and Secretary, JKAACL, Bharat Singh and other guests. On the occasion, Secretary JKAACL highlighted the significant role and place of dogri language in art and culture of the region. He added that we should feel honoured to speak Dogri lan-

guage in our homes as a token of love and respect for our mother tongue. In this regard, he emphasised the role of women in guiding their children towards embracing their own dialect and speak Dogri. The Sammelan witnessed participation of

renowned poets like Professor Lalit Magotra, Padamshree Jitender Udhampuri, Prakash Premi, Vijay Sharma, Ashok Angurana, Vijay Verma, Naseeb Singh Manhas, Suseeb Begana, Vijaya Thakur, Bishan Singh Dardi, Brij Mohan, Promila

Manhas, Randhir Singh Raipuria, Narinder Singh Chib, Abdul Qadir Kundriyan, Pawan Verma, Yash Paul Yash, Kuldeep Kippi, Ranbir Singh Chib and Sahil Badyal. Principal Secretary stated that the main motive for organising this event was to boost and promote the Dogri language. He added that this Rashtriya Dogri Kavi Sammelan will be a regular feature in the coming years. Many renowned artists and people, especially the youth in large number were present on the occasion. Reeta Khadyal presented the vote of thanks while Amar Chouhan conducted proceedings of the event.

Directorate of Ayush organises medical camp at APS Kaluchak

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JAMMU: A medical-cum-awareness camp was organised by Directorate of Ayush at Army Public School (APS), Kaluchak where four hundred fifty students were given awareness lecture by Dr Sakshi Sharma (Medical Officer).

Dr Sakshi made students aware about "Ayurveda way of life" by following Ritucharya, Dinacharya etc. Dr Vikas Koul (Medical Officer) was also present and distributed medicines as required by the students. Principal Namrata



Medical Officers, Dr Sakshi Sharma and Dr Vikas Koul distributing medicines among students at APS Kaluchak.

Thakur was also present of Directorate of Ayush in and appreciated the efforts promoting wellness.

World Leprosy Day celebrated at SDH Kot Bhawal

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JAMMU: The World Leprosy Day celebrated enthusiastically at Sub District Hospital, Kot Bhawal, here on Tuesday in collaboration with Institute of Public Health & Hygiene College of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences, Kangar Morh, Kot Bhawal, Jammu under the leadership of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Harbaksh Singh and the supervision of Block Medical Officer Dr. Rabia Khan, Dr. Deepika Medical Officer Leprosy Unit with the support Amit Choudhary HEO, Arun Singh Jasrotia BAM and other staff members including Chief Administrative Officer of Institute of Public Health & Hygiene College of Nursing &



Doctors at SDH Kot Bhawal during World Leprosy Day programme.

Allied Health Sciences, Kangar Morh, Kot Bhawal, Jammu and students.

The day was arranged to remind each one of us that the need of prevention of leprosy universally and access its preventive strategy. World Leprosy Day contributes to raising awareness of the disease and eradicating stigma and dis-

crimination that its victim face. "Beat Leprosy" has been selected as 2024 World Leprosy theme. The theme features the dual objective of the day in the first place.

The students and the faculty members of the college provides health speeches, presentations and skits on this awareness day.

JKAACL, APS Damana host 2-day Painting Exhibition

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JAMMU: A Two-day Painting Exhibition was organized on Tuesday by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) in collaboration with Army School Damana (APS), Damana in K.L.Saigal Hall, Abhinav Theatre, Jammu under the theme 'Studio Oasis-Creativity Blooms Here'.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Padma Shri Mohan Singh Slathia, a versatile artist known for his exceptional work in the field of Dogri Language, Art and Literature and Guest of Honour Lt Col Randeep Singh Slathia SO School.



An APS Damana student speaking at two-day painting exhibition at K.L.Saigal Hall.

Principal APS Damana, Pushpinder Kaur applauded the efforts of the young artists and appreciated the aesthetic sense of connectivity of young minds.

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Hussain Tantray, Exhibition Officer JKAACL also shared the dais with the dignitaries.

Under the guidance of Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL the art exhibition has been organized to

showcase the aesthetic sensibility of the students', enhancing their artistic skills, creativity, and help them to be inquisitive and think analytically. The young budding artists of classes IX -XII spellbound

the audience with their captivating prowess and exhibits.

The event was witnessed by APS Jammu Cantt, APS Miran Sahib, APS Samba, Model Academy and KV Bantalab which come under Cluster I and CBSE HUBS OF LEARNING. The occasion was graced by the august presence of almost 200 participants from various schools and their escort teachers. The welcome note was presented by Vanshika Magotra, Head Girl of the school followed by the inaugural address by the Chief Guest. The visitors had a glance at various artistic exhibits of the students.

Calm on LoC, peace in hinterland transforms J&K: Rana

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KHOUR: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday said that holding of ceasefire on Line of Control and peace across the Union Territory has transformed Jammu and Kashmir with the people deriving dividends of the obtaining peaceful scenario.

"With the single-minded and resolute approach of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the roaring of guns on the Line of Control has silenced and peaceful atmosphere across the hinterland has given new wings to holistic development and economic transformation in both the regions and the sub-regions of the Union Territory", he said while addressing a gathering organized by NGO "Hum Sath Sath Hain" at Khour, adjacent to Line of Control. He recalled the nightmarish border skirmishes uprooting dwellers from their homes and hearths and entire activity coming to standstill due to



NGO "Hum Sath Sath Hain" members honouring Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana.

intermittent ceasefire violations, saying the horrendous era ended due to proactive response from New Delhi. Now the border dwellers are engaged in productive activities without any fear, schools are functioning normally and the despondency of leaving homes has become a gruesome reality of the past, he added. "This is the real time change under a strong Indian leadership", Rana said while referring to the obtaining peace in Jammu and Kashmir in general and the Kashmir Valley in particular. He said peoples' trust

with peace has unnerved Pakistan, its lackeys on both sides of the Line of Control and the ecosystem that has been responsible for providing oxygen to separatist tendencies among fringe elements.

Rana lambasted those echoing doubts about peace and border life going as a usual norm, saying the tourist footfall from across the country and abroad, even during these winter months, is exposing their sinister propaganda. Similarly, the developmental odyssey and economic activities speak of

changing Jammu and Kashmir post repeal of Article 370, which ended and exposed all those believing in deceit and duplicity.

Devender Rana exuded confidence that the people would foil the game plan of negative elements, who were feeling uncomfortable on the face of unprecedented and inclusive development scaling new heights, welfare scheme being implemented with renewed vigour and large scale investments pouring in to carve out Naya Jammu and Kashmir as per the vision of Prime Minister

Yashvi Modi, as per his vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas. He also hoped that the right thinking people will take cognizance of negative entities and stand for the economic interests of lakhs of families, who have got a reason to cheer during the past one decade.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Suraj Singh, DDC Vice chairman, Jugal Dogra, Prabhari, Sunil Prajapati, Zoravar Singh Jamwal, Narinder Singh Bhau, Pardeep Choudhary, State Kisaan Morcha Vice President, Monu Verma NGO President "Hum Sath Sath Hain", Sanjeev Singh Langeh, Dr Sonia Verma, Raj Kumar District Publicity Secretary, Janak Kumar OBC District President, Satish Raina, President Khour Market Committee, Balveer Singh Ex Captain Army, Sukhdev Singh Principal Jagrati Shiksha Kendra.

Court rejects bail in murder of husband, father-in-law case

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Doda Amarjeet Singh Langeh on Tuesday rejected the bail application of one Renu Devi, who is facing trial in murder of her husband and father-in-law.

According to the police case that son of petitioner namely Mukesh Kumar lodged a written complaint on October 24, 2016 with Police Station Assar describing therein that Renu Devi (who is petitioner herein) is his mother and she has illicit relations with one Om Parkash, who is also a co-accused and an undertrial in E.L.R No. 29/2016 sub-judice in this Court; that petitioner has illicit relations with Om Parkash for 10/11 years as on October 24, 2016; that his father (father of complainant) advised accused Om Parkash to desist from such act; that Om Parkash did not heed to said advice and instead started harboring animosity against father of complainant; that in the intervening night of

23-24th of October 2016, while father of complainant Sham Lal and his grandfather namely Santu Ram were sleeping at their residence, petitioner along with five co-accused barged into the house with intention to kill the father and grandfather of complainant and the duo was accordingly killed and their dead bodies were concealed which later were recovered from field of accused Om Parkash on the disclosure of petitioner etc. etc.

On the set of aforesaid allegations, E.L.R No. 29/2016 for offences under section 302, 458, 449, 450, 149, 201, 34 of RPC was registered and investigation started. Finally, chargesheet was presented in the Court.

Additional Sessions Judge Doda Amarjeet Singh Langeh, after hearing both the sides observed that the nature of charge is a very vital factor alongside the punishment to which the party may be liable if convicted - while deciding a

bail application. Similarly, the nature of evidence led in a criminal case is also very pertinent to be considered in deciding a bail application involving an alleged double murder.

While exercising traditional reluctance to thoroughly appreciate the evidence led by prosecution till date in the case in hand, I am of the considered opinion that every relevant consideration in the matter in hand goes against petitioner in the application in hand at this stage. No fragility in the evidence of prosecution led till date could be traversed so as to allow application in hand.

For all what is said hereinabove and having regard to the nature and character of evidence available on record, gravity of the charge and the punishment that an offence under section 302 of RPC carries, Court is of the considered opinion that application of petitioner has no merit at this stage and same is therefore dismissed.

JKPCC pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

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JAMMU: Rich tributes were paid to father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi on his martyrdom in a function held at PCC HQ Shaheed Chowk Jammu.

Working President JKPCC Raman Bhalla (former Minister) presided over the function and was attended by Sr. Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Vinod Sharma-PCC Vice President Incharge HQ, Narinder Gupta General Secretary (Org), Narinder Sharma-General Secretary, Thomas Khokhar- General Secretary, Th. Mannohan Singh- DCC President Jammu (Urban), DCC President Ramban Pervez Ahmed Wani, Secretaries Sahil Sharma, Bhavishya Sudan, Michael Wazir, Sdr. A.S. Lucky, Sandeep Dogra, Ricky Dalotra -Incharge Office PYC, DCC



JKPCC leaders paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

functionaries Dr. R. K. Khajuria, Chander Shekhar Sharma, Atul Sharma, Janak Raj Mehra, Varinder Manhas and others. Bhalla remembered the great contribution of father of nation who led the freedom movement of the country and achieved it through non violence means. He cautioned the people against the communal and divisive forces who are bent upon to divide the society for their vested interest which goes against basic principle and ideology of Mahatma Gandhi who preached patience and religious

tolerance which is fundamental to the security and integrity of the nation.

Ravinder Sharma said that the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi is becoming more relevant with every passing day. The entire World tries to learn a lesson from his life and principles. His philosophy holds the key to peace and religious harmony in the World. He taught non-violence and tolerance to deal with all issues confronting the humanity. The countrymen should follow his principles to have peace & harmony.

World Anti Leprosy Day observed in Jammu Div

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JAMMU: World Anti Leprosy Day was on Tuesday observed across Jammu Division under the guidance of Director Health Services Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma.

The theme for this year is "Beat Leprosy" that encapsulates the dual objectives of the day to eradicate the stigma associated with leprosy and to promote the dignity of people affected by the disease. This year a fortnight Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign is to be observed from 30th January 2024 to 13th February 2024.

In Jammu District an event was organised by Dr. Sushma Mattoo, Zonal Leprosy Officer in the Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar under the supervision of Medical Superintendent Dr. Rakesh Magotra. The purpose of this event



Students and faculty members with doctors at a programme.

was to generate awareness about causes, transmission, signs and symptoms, treatment, prevention of leprosy and social stigma associated with the disease among the community. The event started with observation of two minute silence to commemorate death anniversary of Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi followed by pledge taking ceremony on the occasion of Anti Leprosy Day.

Under the supervision of Principal ANMT School Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu Dr. Daisy Parihar the students of ANMT School performed a cultural program that was appreciated by all present in the function. A Rally was also flagged off by Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma from Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu enroute Gole

Market area. On this occasion a Tribute was paid to commemorate the Covid warriors.

Deputy Director Dentistry, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, State Epidemiologist Dr. Harjeet Rai, and officers and officials from the Directorate of Health Services Jammu and Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu were present on the occasion. World Anti Leprosy Day

was also observed in health institutions of all districts of Jammu division. Various types of activities were conducted that included two minute silence followed by pledge taking ceremony, flagging off of rallies, Nukkad Natak, Poster making and awareness in Health institutions, Schools, Anganwadi Centres and among the community. Cleanliness drives were also held in health institutions. Emphasis was laid on early detection and its treatment which is provided free of cost at all health institutions so as to eradicate leprosy from the root level. On the occasion Information, Education and Communication material on the disease was also distributed amongst all field functionaries and the general masses by the health department.

DSRS, JU organizes Lecture on "The 1971 War: Re-examining the Largest Military Surrender after World War-II"

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu (JU) on Tuesday organized a Special Lecture, titled "The 1971 War: Re-examining the Largest Military Surrender after World War-II" in memory of nation-builders who sacrificed their lives during the freedom movement of India

The lecture started by paying tribute to the Bharat Mata by the Chief Guest, Major General (retd.)

Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, Guest of Honour, Brigadier (retd.) Vijay Sagar Dheman, Prof. Virender Koundal, and other dignitaries. Director DSRS, Prof. Virender Koundal introduced the theme of the lecture on Martyrs' Day.

Gen. Goverdhan Singh presided over the inaugural session.

Brig Dheman while emphasising the contribution of individuals to safeguard the freedom of the nation with their varied sacrifices can be called

as "hero and martyrs of the nation".

He contextualized the Initial wars of India with Pakistan and China that eventually drew India to the 1971 War with Pakistan over East Pakistan.

This war was concluded with the surrender of 93,000 soldiers of Pakistan under the command Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Nayazi.

He further said, "The Indian government opened the Indian border to allow the Bengali refugees to find safe



Chief Guest, Major General (retd.) Goverdhan Singh Jamwal speaking at a programme at JU.

shelter; the governments of West Bengal and Bihar established refugee camps along the border. This resulted in a flood of impoverished East Pakistani refugees strained

India's already overburdened economy and provided India an opportunity to train the Mukti Bahini to initiate the Guerrilla War against the Pakistani forces."

In his presidential remarks Maj. Gen. Goverdhan Singh discussed the mistakes committed in the past which are required to present the real version of history in contemporary times.

He stressed that J&K's contribution to the freedom struggle and India's defence and security must be recorded, taught, and researched appropriately and adequately in academics. To elaborate on this, Gen. Jamwal maintained, "Incomplete and wrong historical facts always

pose a threat to the existence of communities and nations, therefore histories must be accurate, complete and inclusive".

Prof. Virender Koundal gave concluding remarks and graced the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour by presenting them with his book Swantratra Sangram Mein Jammu-Kashmir Ka Yodhan in gratitude.

Faculty of the DSRS Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Surinder Mohan, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra,

Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Devinder Kahluria, Riya Kahluria, Dikha Kahluria, Ashok Sharma Vashisht, Arun Prabhat Jamwal, Luv Sharma, Rakesh Gupta and many eminent academicians, journalists, members of civil society, research scholars, and PG students of Semester I and -III have attended the seminar.

Dr. Ganesh Malhotra conducted the proceedings of the seminar. Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam presented the vote of thanks.