

Natrang presents 'Jayaz Hatyare-Act 1'



Natrang artists performing in a play.

Originally, the play is based on a true story of a group of Russian Socialists-Revolutionaries who assassinated the Grand Duke Sergei Alexandrovich in 1905.

Jayaz Hatyare is adapted from a French play titled 'Les Justes'. The play was first published in the year 1949 written by French writer and philosopher Albert Camus, later on it had been translated in English as 'The Just Assassins' and then in Hindi by Suresh Bhardwaj and more.

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the various political parties and other stakeholders and did a lot of work to come up with the recommendations of increasing six constituencies in Jammu and one in Kashmir. They are also busy in reserving some constituencies for the marginalised sections of society which were ignored previously. They are busy in preparing the final recommendations they were made known to 3 associate members of Parliament from Kashmir belonging to NC and two from Jammu in a meeting held on December 20. As reported there was no initial reaction, but later on some highly communal and damaging remarks came to light which is highly deplorable. The commission has invited objections up to December 31. Everyone is free to give objections based on facts. But it should be clear to everyone that the commission has been constituted following the due course of law and its formation cannot be challenged. Its final recommendations will be placed before the Parliament but they cannot be altered. No court in the country has the jurisdiction to challenge the formation of the commission and its recommendations.

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BYs Jammu celebrates 'Mahila Yog Shakti Diwas'

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Yog Sansthan (BYs), Jammu celebrated 'Mahila Yog Shakti Diwas' on Sunday at Gole Gujral, Jammu. The programme was quite impressive though short, in view of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Programme started with Deep Prajwalan followed by Saraswati Vandana. Dr Mohan Singh, Director (ISM) AYUSH was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion he said that Prime Minister's vision for Fit@India can be harnessed through Yoga. He appreciated that

events like Mahila Yog Shakti Diwas are quite empowering for women in the society. Yoga has a potential to have a disease-free society, said Singh, and congratulated participants on the occasion of Mahila Yog Shakti Diwas.

Pertinent to mention here that Bharatiya Yog Sansthan (BYs) Jammu celebrates 'Mahila Yog Shakti Diwas' throughout country and abroad annually and the day is considered as one of the six major annual functions of Sansthan. This event is conducted and managed exclusively by women Sadhaks.

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Des Raj, National President of Sansthan, Delhi delivered a talk on the topic of Management of cancer related problems in women with Yoga. He said that accumulation of morbid matter in the body is the root cause for cancer and other health-related issues. "Yogic remedy lies in Asans and Pranayam. Vaksh Lapet, Kati Lapet, Kati Sanan, Supuchi (Satvik) Bhojan and Shudi Kriya are quite useful,"

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The play has been adapted in Hindi by Deepa Sahi and Suresh Bhardwaj and was ably directed by Mohd Yaseen, a National fellowship and Scholarship holder from Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

Prominent amongst those who witnessed the play included VK Singh IPS (Retd.), Suresh Kumar, Anil Tiekoo, Sunny Dua, Vikrant Sharma, Sumeet Sharma, Sunil Soni and more.

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JAMMU: Department of Environmental Science in collaboration with Department of Botany, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu under the banner of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' organised Quiz Competition on the theme-'Energy Conservation' on 26th of December 2021 wherein 153 students participated.

The event was organised to create awareness among the students about global warming and climate change and promoting efforts towards saving energy resources for the future generations.

Dr. Sangita Nagari, Principal of the College, encouraged the students to make a plan to take action so as to make our mother planet a happier and healthier place to live.

She further added that the students should work for raising awareness of the importance of energy conservation and energy resources.

Tanu Goswami, Amreen Iqbal and Aaisa Zafar clinched first, second and third positions respectively.

The event was organised under the supervision of Prof. Mala Bhasin, Head Department of Botany and coordinated by Dr. Basharat Hamid of Department of Environmental Science.

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Peshawar High Court has allowed the possession of a sword only with a license under the Arms Policy of 2012 but the Sikhs in Pakistan and elsewhere are not happy with this decision, which has invited massive resentment and anger.

Singh condemned ban on

wearing Kirpan without license in Pakistan in strongest words.

2nd online essay contest-2021 winner honoured

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Varinderjeet Singh on Sunday said that the decision of Pakistan's Peshawar High Court regarding wearing of Kirpan, is totally unjustified.

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The Peshawar High Court in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province has ordered the Sikh community to get licenses to carry Kirpans with them.

"There is resentment among

Sikh organizations about this

because the Kirpan is a symbol

of Sikhism and it is included

in the five Kakaars. In such a

situation, keeping it with them is

their right to religious freedom

and it is unfair to see it as a

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The contestants wrote their

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Didda Rani-The Warrior Queen of Kashmir". The contest was conducted in English, Koshur and Sharda in junior, senior and super senior categories.

Vice Chancellor University

of Jammu, Prof Manoj Dhar

was the chief guest of the

prize distribution function.

He appreciated the efforts

put in the direction of popularizing the lost and forgotten