

J&K Raj Bhawan hosts Nagaland Statehood Day celebrations

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JAMMU: Fostering the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, the Nagaland Statehood Day was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm at the Raj Bhawan, here on Friday.

Several captivating cultural programmes based on the famous dance forms of Nagaland were presented by the Artists of Jammu Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

While addressing the guests, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha extended his greetings to all especially the people of Nagaland on Statehood Day.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development initiative for North-East has truly brought historic socio-economic transformations of Nagaland after years of neglect," the Lt Governor said.



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacting with students of Nagaland.

In the last 9 years, the state, known as the land of festivals and famous for its vibrant folk music, traditional dances, arts and crafts, delicious cuisines, enchanting rivers and rich flora and fauna, has seen significant

progress on various fronts and renewed vigour in its economy, he added.

The Lt Governor paid homage to the great personalities of Nagaland and remembered their significant contribution in nation building.

Nagaland, blessed with tremendous diversity and richness is fondly called as land of warrior tribes. The Naga leader and freedom fighter, Rani Gaidinliu, also known as daughter of the hills who had joined the freedom struggle at the age of 13 years had inspired the people to rebel against the British, he said.

He said the Statehood Day is also an occasion to celebrate Nagaland's unique strengths, opportunities, tourism potential and the spirit of unity in diversity.

Security personnel, students and the people of Nagaland living in J&K UT were the special invitees for the evening.



World AIDS Day functions held at different places across Kashmir



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Srinagar: World AIDS Day was observed across Kashmir hospitals. During the programs, comprehensive health education was given regarding disease and measures to prevent it.

A day long programme on World AIDS Day was conducted at the auditorium of Government College Srinagar which was organised by the Department of Community Medicine, Srinagar commemorated the event by organising an array of activities. Prof.(Dr.) M. Iqbal Pandit, Department of Community Medicine and the Organising Chairperson, delivered the welcome address and the introductory remarks.

The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest for the occasion, Principal and Dean, Government Medical College, Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Masood Tanvir, emphasized that the growing burden of HIV infection has varied implications on physical, social and financial aspects of population. He further elaborated on the theme for this year campaign 'Let Communities Lead'.

Prof.(Dr.) S.M.Salim Khan, Head of the Department, Community Medicine and Chairperson for the event delivered the keynote address elucidating HIV/AIDS epidemiology and changing trends with regard to the Kashmiri population. He said World AIDS Day is an opportunity to reflect on the progress made to date, to raise awareness about the challenges that remain to achieve goals of ending AIDS by 2030 and mobilize all stakeholders to jointly redouble efforts to ensure the success of the HIV control response. He added that due to the stigma and discrimination associated with the disease, the people are not coming forward for HIV testing.

Khan Intiyaz Ahmad, Assistant Director, Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society, spoke about the current scenario of HIV/AIDS in Jammu and Kashmir: There are 6158 HIV positive patients registered with ART centres in J and K since the inception of J&K AIDS Control Society in 1992 and the prevalence of HIV in UT

is much below the National prevalence of 0.21%.

The Department of Community Medicine had organised health education video, quiz and essay writing competitions among the undergraduate students

The Health Education Videos were adjudged by Prof. Bilal Ahmad Sheikh, Head of the Department, Pathology and Dr. Asifa Nazir, Associate Professor; Department of Microbiology. Sadiya, Geeta, Amij, Avishek and Antariksh secured the first position. Prof. Ghulam Muhammad Bhat was the judge for the essay writing competition wherein Zobia, Shaista and Zehra secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

The winners of the quiz competition were Basit Riyaz, Adnan Javeed and Mohassan. All the winners were awarded medals and certificates of merit, whereas all contestants received certificates of participation. The event concluded after the valedictory session where all the dignitaries were presented with mementoes as a token of appreciation. Dr. Sameena Yousuf Dar, Lecturer, Department of Community Medicine and Co-Organising Secretary, along with Dr. Kousar Sideeq, delivered the vote of thanks.

A similar program was conducted at SDH Hazratbal during which doctors emphasised the importance of awareness about HIV/AIDS among the population.

Earlier World AIDS Day 2023 activity was held at Government College of Education, Moulana Azad Road Srinagar organised by Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society, Department of Health and Medical Education and Higher Education Department.

Speaking on the occasion, health experts urged the common people, students and educationists around the world to unite to show support for people living with HIV infection and to remember those who have lost their lives from AIDS-related illnesses.

J&K has huge potential to grow, industries should take advantage of MSME Schemes: Velladurai

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JAMMU: Second day of National Level Intellectual Property (IP) Yatra Programme which is being organized by the PHID Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHIDCCI) with the support of the office of the Development Commissioner MSME, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India at Regale Park, Jammu was graced on Friday by G Velladurai, Joint Director & Head of Office MSME DFO, Jammu and Vikram Sharma, President, Bar Association Jammu.

The technical sessions focused on enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights and consequences of IP infringement in India. IPR Help Desk for MSMEs was also organized for handling MSMEs in regards to their queries for IP Rights. In his welcome address, Rahul Sahai, Chairman, PHIDCCI Jammu Chapter emphasized



Rahul Sahai, Chairman, PHIDCCI Jammu Chapter and G Velladurai, Joint Director & Head of Office MSME DFO, Jammu and others at a meeting.

that enforcement of IPR is important and it ensures that rights holders can take legal action against infringers, protecting their creations and innovations from unauthorized use.

G Velladurai, Joint Director & Head of Office MSME DFO, Jammu highlighted that J&K has huge potential to grow and industries should take advantage of MSME Schemes and our Ministry is there to support and hand-

hold MSMEs.

He further emphasized that entrepreneurs should have focussed and right approach to grow their business and innovate in their areas.

Vikram Sharma, President, Bar Association, J&K congratulated PHIDCCI for organizing this important event and in his address said that Fundamental shifts in technology and in the economic landscape are rapidly

changing intellectual property rights AI may be new to the market, existing laws have significant implications for its use.

There are infringement and rights of use issues, uncertainty about ownership of AI-generated works, he added.

Kanchan Zutshi, Director PHIDCCI highlighted Health and safety risks of using Counterfeit products which are often produced using substandard materials and poor manufacturing practices. This leads to health and safety risks for consumers and all of us should be attentive while purchasing goods should take a pledge of not using counterfeit products, Kanchan added.

The session was addressed by Siddharth Swain, Sadaf and Neeraj Bhardwaj legal experts from United & United IPR who explained in detail in regard to the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights and their consequences.

World AIDS Day reflects progress made in combating epidemic: Advisor Bhatnagar

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Friday remarked that World AIDS Day is a global platform to unite in solidarity and reflect on the progress made in combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The Advisor made these remarks while addressing the remarkable event organised by Jammu and Kashmir AIDS control society (JKACS) in the backdrop of World AIDS Day celebrations at Convention Centre here.

Principal GMC Jammu, MD NHM, Director Health Services Jammu/Kashmir, Director AYUSH, Additional Director, JKACS, Director Family Welfare and Immunisation J&K, Principals of different colleges, officers of health department, Red Ribbon Club members of Jammu University and med-



Advisor, R.R Bhatnagar inaugurating event during World AIDS Day.

ical colleges, paramedical institutes, huge gathering of school and college students were also present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Advisor Bhatnagar commended the collective efforts that have contributed to advancements in treatment and prevention. He also stressed on the importance of collaborative initiatives between government bodies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector to ensure

a comprehensive and sustained approach to combatting HIV/AIDS.

The Advisor highlighted that we as a society need to take ownership of those affected by AIDS or other problems like drug addiction and take proper measures for their well being and take lead in addressing their problems, taking it as our prime responsibility. He added that the theme of this year's World AIDS Day 'Let Communities Lead' also reflects

on the responsibilities we as a society have to address the issues related to AIDS or any issue in the society. He underscored the need for continued efforts to eliminate stigma, enhance education and provide accessible healthcare for those affected.

The Advisor further said that present LG led Administration is committed to establish state of art medical ecosystem in the UT so that no person of J&K need to go outside for any kind of medical care.

Advisor Bhatnagar on the occasion also lauded various initiatives of JKACS and their dedication and commitment towards creating a society free from the stigma of HIV/AIDS as well as giving proper facilities to the affected persons.

Earlier, Advisor Bhatnagar flagged of E-auto rally for creating awareness about AIDS and also released balloons in air to mark the occasion.

YOUNG BITES TEAM IN UAE

UAE's Indian community lauds PM Modi's global leadership

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DUBAI: As global leaders convened in Dubai for the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP-28) World Climate Action Summit to address the urgent issues of climate change and global warming, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emerged as a key figure as he unveiled the commitment of India to achieve the goals to reduce carbon emission in coming decades.

BHARAT AT COP-28

The Indian community in the UAE, expressed

their pride and admiration for Prime Minister Modi's leadership on the international stage. The enthusiasm was palpable as members of the diaspora gathered to witness the historic moment when their leader outlined India's commitment to sustainability and environmental preservation.

In an exclusive interaction with Young Bites, several members of the Indian community shared their thoughts.



Saloni Saragni, Indian Ladies Association, Abu Dhabi, "We are very blessed to have a glimpse of PM Modi. Global warming is a very important issue and India has taken several steps to address those. Nobody can prevent India from becoming a world leader. Climate change is a crucial issue for the world". Another member said that Modi is leading the efforts to reduce the carbon footprint.



Members of All Kerala Colleges Alumni Forum (AKCAF) were all praise for PM Narendra Modi and his leadership and said that India has become number one at global level. One of the members, who has been living in UAE for the last 40-years said India has been recognised and witnessed major transformation under Modi. They said that Modi is an international figure and leader of the world and they are happy to interact with him. "We want another term for PM Modi as Prime Minister of India".



Devinder Lavate, president Maharashtra Mandal said, "We are very excited. PM Modi is very concerned about climate change and he had outlined the path during the G-20 meeting when the Biofuel Alliance was launched. Modi has taken several initiatives. Similarly another member of the diaspora, Sachin who has been living in UAE for 27 years said, "Modi is a world leader and due to the strong leadership, Indian passport is one of the strongest today. "Soon we will have the biggest temple in the UAE and it is all due to PM Modi".



A member of the diaspora explained that COP 28 is a conference which will decide the future of the world. He said that it has been decided that a certain percentage of carbon emission will be reduced to some extent in the coming decades. Modi has the power to convince the world to address the climate change issues. It was Modi who brought G-20 members to agree on resolution.