

Sahitya Akademi Awardees Rahi, Khalid, Aseer honoured

Languages reflect civilisation, bind people together: Rana

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JAMMU: Describing writers and intellectuals as conscious keepers of the society, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Saturday hailed the literary contribution of established writers of this part of the country, saying their treasure trove will inspire the generations to carry forward the great legacy with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Congratulating Sahitya Akademi awardees at a felicitation function, organized by Anjuman Farogh-e-Urdu, J&K, Jammu at KL Seghal Hall here this afternoon, Mr Rana said they have made Jammu and Kashmir proud by their literary and intellectual pursuits.

Rana joined the galaxy of writers and intellectuals in felicitating Raj Rahi (Dogri), Wali Mohammed Aseer Kishtwari (Kashmiri) and Khalid Hussain (Pujabi) for being conferred with the coveted Sahitya Akademi Award 2021.



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana posing with Sahitya Akademi awardees.

The BJP leader noted with a sense of pride the literary contribution of the awardees and said that the Jammu province has a bounty of languages, which are needed to be preserved and promoted in a big way. An onus lies on the writers to bequeath to the posterity the richness of the languages flourishing in the province, which actually reflect Jammu's cultural milieu. Languages, he said, bind the people together and reflect the richness of the civilization. The death of language is in fact death of soul, he added

Rana hailed the huge role being played by writers, intellectuals and artists in promoting various languages over the years and said it is due to their strenuous and tireless efforts that many people are getting well accustomed to the literary world.

He exhorted the writers to play their useful role in bringing harmony in the society by their powerful medium of literature.

The selected audience gave a big applause to the awardees and hailed their literary contribution.

Raj Rahi has five collec-

tions of short-stories and a Play to his credit. His short story 'Kala Titter' is included in the school curriculum and two scholars have done PhD on his works and personality. A tele-film for Doordarshan was also made on his play 'Phaisla Apna Apna'.

Khalid Hussain, a former bureaucrat, has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award for his collection of short stories in Punjabi 'Sullan Da Salan'. He has written six short story books in Punjabi, an autobiography, one Novel, critical essays and four books in Urdu.

Wali Mohd Aseer Kashtawari, also a former bureaucrat, has 47 publications to his credit. His several works have won Best Book Awards.

Nirmal Vinod introduced Raj Rahi and gave a resume of his literary works during the past two decades.

B.N.Betab a writer of Urdu and Kashmiri language presented an artistically drafted

and in thait Urdu" paper on "Twazin" written by Aseer kishtwari covering practically all Kashmiri writers which would be a reference book for the scholars who would like to work on Kashmiri writers both of Kashmir Valley and Jammu Province.

Aslam Qureshi threw light on Khalid Hussain's short stories book "Sulan da Salan". He pointed out that the stories of Khalid are not imaginary but the real facts that had been put in words by Khalid's own style of writing.

Hassrat Gadda appreciated the works of the three writers and congratulated them for having bagged the prestigious awards.

President Anjuman Farogh-e-Urdu Prof. Qudus Javed also highlighted the literary work done by these eminent writers in the field of literature. Prominent among others who were present included Forzia Mughal Zia, Ali Shaida, Fozia Javed Rahi and Choudhary Arshad.

Daylong workshops organised by ANTF in DPL Jammu & Baramulla



SSP ANTF J&K, Vinay Sharma chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: To make the Investigating Officers aware with the latest techniques and standard practices to expedite the investigation and improve and ensure convictions in NDPS Cases, Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Jammu and Kashmir conducted one day workshops on 'NDPS Act and related laws' at District Police Line Jammu and Baramulla.

The workshops were attended by Rameesh Gupta, SP Hqrs Jammu, Arun Jamwal, DySP ANTF

Jammu, SDPOs, SHOs, ICPPs and Investigating Officers of the Districts.

At the beginning of workshop, Vinay Sharma, SSP ANTF J&K briefed the participants regarding present drug scenario in JK UT and urgency of professional investigations and other legal actions against drug dealers.

Presentations were given by Officers of ANTF on various aspects of NDPS Act and related laws and procedures.

Various topics of deliberations during the workshop

were Procedures and Mandatory Provisions of NDPS by Insp Sanjeet Sharma, Financial Investigations in NDPS by Insp Parvez Sajjad, Routes and Types of drugs by Insp Ankush Chib and Illicit Crop Destruction by Insp Varuneshwar Singh.

The main objective of these workshops was to enhance the investigative skills, to achieve higher conviction rates in NDPS Cases and a comprehensive approach to mitigate the menace of drugs from JK UT.

Provide employment to youth in highway, tunnel projects: Satish

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AKHNOOR: Launching a seathing attack on Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) for ignoring hilly and remote areas of Jammu Province in all spheres, Senior Congress leader Satish Sharma accused the Saffron party of not meeting the expectations of the local people including the unemployed youth.

The Senior Congress leader sought due share for local youth of Mountainous blocks of Jammu Province in employment. He demanded 90 percent share of employment to the local unemployed youth in the ongoing works of the Jammu-Akhnoor-Poonch four-lane National highway.

Satish Sharma was addressing several public meetings during his two-day extensive tour to different mountainous areas like Chowki Chowra, Pukhrani, Mallah, Dori Dager etc.

Taking a dig at the construction companies who were allotted highway projects, he said the big corporate houses are violating the terms of agreement signed with erstwhile State government with regard to engagement of local workers in various ongoing projects. Local educated youth should be given preference in the local projects so that they can get employment, he said.

Addressing the people, Satish Sharma narrated

the propaganda of BJP during last Assembly elections which vowed to bring much hyped 'Achey Din' for the people. He said that unemployment soared to all time high during the BJP regime. Youth were the major casualty of the BJP's apathy and callousness. People were forced to live at the mercy of God. There was no virtual impact of the national schemes on the ground. The masses were deprived of the envisaged benefits, Sharma added.

Prominent among others present included Om Parkash block President, Naresh Kumar Sarpanch, Gian Singh, Ravi Kumar, Vishal, Darshan Kumar, and others.

Narwal Mandi traders call on CCI President

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JAMMU: A delegation of Vegetable and Fruit Mandi Association from Narwal Mandi comprising of Sham Lal Langer, Ex-Sr. Vice President CCI, Davinder Gupta, President, Fruit Market Association, Sirinder Singh, President Vegetables Market Narwal, Ashok Gupta, Vice President Fruit Market, Raj Kumar and S.K.Gupta on Saturday met Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) Jammu at the Chamber House here.

The delegation brought to the notice of the Chamber President multiple issues of the traders including the expired leasehold of their shops and dilapidated road condition and poor sanitation in the Narwal Mandi area.



Delegation members presenting memorandum to CCI President Arun Gupta.

The delegation members said that the pressing issue of the traders is the extension of lease period of shops at Narwal Mandi which has been irking the traders dealing in vegetables and fruits, running their establishments in the Fruit and Vegetable Market, Narwal Mandi for the past four decades. Even the transfer of shops is not being allowed for the last

seven years due to which the traders of the area are not able to get their limits enhanced from their respective banks thus are facing financial crunch.

The delegation apprised the Chamber President that the shops were allotted to them on a lease period of 40 years and now the lease of all their shops needs to be renewed by J&K Horticulture Planning and

Marketing Department by duly extending the tenure of the original lease.

They added that for the last some time, the department is not extending the lease period of their shops at Narwal Mandi, Jammu and regretted that despite repeated requests, the officers sitting at the helm of affairs failed to show any serious concern towards this grave issue concerning the Narwal Mandi traders. They also highlighted that the business community is already facing the impact of Covid-19 pandemic for the last more than two years, especially the traders dealing in fruits and vegetables have faced immense losses during the aforesaid period. They asserted that in view of the fret of non extension of lease tenure these traders are unable to concentrate prop-

erly on their business thus further accentuating their losses. They said that there is a dire need for converting the lease-hold of the shops of concerned traders into freehold so that the problem is ended once for all.

They also raised the issue pertaining to the ongoing road work which is going at Narwal Mandi road in front of the entry gate of fruit and vegetable creating unnecessary hindrance to the traders.

Arun Gupta listened patiently to the delegation members and assured he would soon take up the highlighted issues with the government and get the same addressed soon.

The Other Office bearers of CCI present in the meeting include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta. Jr. Vice President.

Keep strict check on transportation of drugs, weapons on NH: ADGP Jammu asks officers

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh stressed upon strengthening of Naka points on national highway to keep check on transportation of drugs, weapons and other criminal activities. He said that people's cooperation in the fight against narco-terrorism and other crimes is must.

Mukesh Singh on Saturday reviewed the Law & order, crime position and overall functioning of District Kathua and Samba with all supervisory officers including SHOs and investigating officers of the district.

The disposal of cases regis-



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh during visit to Kathua.

tered during the current year and previous pendency was reviewed, discussed and instructions issued. Besides, ADGP Jammu reviewed the highway and border security arrangements of the

District.

ADG Jammu also reviewed arrangements made at Kathua regarding sealing of the borders during the Assembly Election to be held tomorrow in Punjab.

ADGP Jammu Zone was received by SSP Kathua and his team of officers and was given a guard of honour at DPL Kathua and DPL Samba on his arrival.

ADGP Jammu held a thorough discussion regarding working of Police especially crime, investigation, NDPS, and disposal of cases including under trial cases and other issues related to policing.

He stressed on the importance of good investigation and shared his experiences of investigation of cases.

ADGP impressed upon the SHO's for proper compilation of records in the Police Stations to ensure efficient use of technology.

He said that CCTNS is a complete package which includes crime registration, investigation as well as some public services on line.

He impressed upon all officers to also frequently use the ICJS portal for effective crime monitoring.

The ADGP Jammu emphasized upon the officers to strengthen the intelligence grid and ensure input sharing for speedy action by the forces. He emphasized for regular interactions/briefing of the subordinates at different levels.

The ADGP said that Police Public meetings, especially in the border villages should be conducted on a regular basis.

Tehsildar, Councilor Ward-73 distribute Land Ownership Passbooks among residents

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JAMMU: The flagship programme of J&K administration to digitalize land record across J&K and distribution of passbooks started on Saturday, wherein land ownership passbooks were distributed among various landowners in Ward-73, Gadigarh. The distribution programme was held in presence of Harjit Singh Tehsildar, Panchs, Sarpanch Avtar Singh, former SDM Charanjit Singh, Niab Tehsildars and all concerned Patwaris under the overall directions of SDM (S) Abhishake Abrol. The function was attended by a number of locals, who were provided land passbooks by the officials of Revenue Department.

While addressing participants, Harjit Singh, Tehsildar briefed people about the new initiative of Government in detail.

"To begin with, the scheme is being started in two Districts, viz Srinagar & Jammu and very soon will be launched in all the districts of the Union Territory," he said adding that the land passbooks being issued to every



Councilor Ward 73, Prof. Youdhvir Singh and Tehsildar, Harjit Singh handing-over Land ownership passbook to a land owner.

landholder contain sentry from the Jamabandi in revenue estate so as to enable him to make its use for credit facilities and for other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

"The land passbook prescribed by the Revenue Department is true to the record and can be generated online by landholder without visiting a Patwari or Tehsildar or any Revenue office," he further said.

On the occasion, people raised a number of queries which were replied by the concerned officials.

Councilor of Ward-73, Prof (Dr) Youdhvir Singh, who

was also present on the occasion, shared his views regarding the significant scheme of the Government and tried his level best to make all participants understand the benefits of the new scheme of the Government, in a simple language.

He further expressed gratitude towards the officers of Revenue Department and J&K administration for its tireless efforts to ensure transparency in the department and launch of the significant scheme.

He informed that Land Passbook is an evidently valid entity carrying same evidentiary value as if being certified

copies of Record-of-Rights for all intents and purposes before courts and financial institutions.

It is an authoritative document for grant of financial assistance by a financial institution, he said adding that each Land Passbook has a unique ID and QR code as an additional security feature.

"With the help of QR code any institution, individual or an agency can verify the credentials and authenticity of the Land Pass Book," he said adding that it is going to be a tool for redressal of various

grievances, litigations, disputes at various forums and for reference.

People, present during the programme, expressed happiness on knowing that now they need not to visit Patwar Offices repeatedly for their works as Land Ownership Passbook will help them a lot in many ways. Pertinent to mention here that important feature of Passbook is that it is printed in three languages-Urdu, Hindi & English and can be used in financial institutions to procure loans, if required.

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JAMMU: Cautioning displaced KP Community members against touts and power-hungry elements, Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) has warned the Government not to play with sentiments and future of already suffering community. While speaking during a meeting, President KPC, Kundan Kashmiri

made it clear that no return and rehabilitation formula will be acceptable to KP community, which fails to redress geo-political aspirations of KPs, who are living an exiled life for over last 32 years. Taking serious exception towards confusion being created by some displaced Kashmiri Pandits, politicians and misguided elements for showing green

pastures to victim community and creating imagery and temporary atmosphere with an aim to lure KPs to return to valley for facing another displacement (migration), Kundan Kashmiri and other KPC leaders cautioned the present dispensation and UT administration not to tread the same path and policies for return of victim KPs to

valley, which were adopted by successive Governments. "We, at KPC, want to make it clear to Government that no return formula will be acceptable to displaced Pandits which fails to address their geo-political aspirations and fails to provide guarantee that there will be no migration in future through hands of radical forces in

Valley," he added. KPC President Kundan Kashmiri, M K Raina, Tej Pandita, other leaders and activists decided to hold a consensus on resolution of one place settlement in Valley and for granting indigenous status to microscopic community, and same would be conveyed to all quarters so that no confusions remain behind.