

MSCBM Trust curretted 7-Day art workshop concludes at Patnitop

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PATNITOP: The National Art Exhibition curretted by Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust (MSCBMT) in collaboration with Petronet LNG concluded here successfully with renowned artists of national fame imparting painting skills to students through their active participation.

The week long workshop was conducted for all-round awareness of Art & Culture & Art Education in J&K has commenced on March 25 amid mesmerizing location of Patnitop. Renowned artists who participated in the workshop were Ashok Kumar, Bannu Baidh, Gouri Vemula, JD Maryan, Jitendra Baidh, Triveni Baidh, Sonal Gupta, Rahul J Mhetra, Nilisha J Phad and Monica Ghule.

It is pertinent to mention here that the workshop was held under the theme 'Karam Bhoomi' with special focus on tribal art.

While Dr. Rashmi Singh,



MSCBMT members and renowned artists at a workshop in Patnitop.

IAS, Commissioner Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol (H&P) Department, was the chief guest on the occasion. Brig Vijay Sagar Dheman (Retd) was also present.

The main attraction at the concluding function was a Sufi musical performance by renowned Sufi Artist that mesmerized the audience. The environs at the function site was full of enthusiasm both for the learning students as well as the artists.

Anuradha Rishi, Chairperson of Master Sansar

Chand Baru Memorial Trust while talking to this reporter said, "We are extremely happy to see unity among the artist fraternity that has acted as a catalyst in making the workshop a great success." She said that measures to promote art and culture were discussed in detail with the participating artists and the concerned stakeholders in the region. She informed that one artist was unable to participate in the workshop due to indisposed health and paintings prepared and displayed by eight artists

were highly motivating and inspiring for the students who participated in the seven days' workshop.

The Commissioner Secretary, in her address, lauded the role of MSCBM Trust that has been relentlessly working to discover hidden talent among the students in the Valley and enhance their creativity skills through art workshops.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary felicitated the participating artists with 'Certificate of Participation'.

Anuradha Rishi expressed profound thanks to Rashmi Singh for sparing precious time out of her busy schedule and encouraging the MSCBM Trust team, participating artists and students in further promoting Art and Culture across the union Territory that witnessed over three decades of turbulent times bringing all such creative activities to a grinding halt all these years. She said that these workshops are witnessing a healthy and positive response in the region and not only the participating students but even their parents have expressed happiness over the holding of such education and skill enhancing workshops.

On behalf of the MSCBM Trust, Anuradha Rishi, assured the students and parents that their demand of increasing frequency of art and culture workshops would be considered and a decision in this regard would be taken soon.

Sandeep Rissam appointed as new Chairman J&K RGPRS

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JAMMU: J&K Congress leader, Sandeep Singh Rissam has been assigned the new responsibility as Chairman of Congress Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sangathan (RGPRS).

In a communique issued by All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary (Organisation) & Member of Parliament K.C. Venugopal, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has approved the appointment of Sandeep Rissam as Chairperson of J&K unit of RGPRS with immediate effect.

It is pertinent to mention here that Sandeep started his journey with NSUI and was elected as State General Secretary in J&K Pradesh Youth Congress and also served as Spokesperson & Media



Incharge of J&K Youth Congress.

He also worked in National Team of Indian Youth Congress (IYC) as Co-Incharge of Delhi Pradesh Youth Congress, Training Incharge of Punjab & Himachal Pradesh Youth Congress and Training Coordinator of AICC trainings department. Due to his organisational experience in the recently concluded Madhya Pradesh

Assembly elections Sandeep was appointed as AICC Observer.

In the past congress party had also given him various assembly election duties in the state of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and J&K.

Rissam after his appointment has thanked Congress President Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi under whose guidance Congress is bringing forward youth from non political background to serve the nation.

Sandeep also thanked AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal, National Chairperson RGPRS Meenakshi Natarajan, PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani and all others who have reposed faith in him and given him the chance to work for party.

FICCI FLO JKL hosts Promo Run for its Half Marathon'24



FICCI FLO JKL members and participants at a promo run.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: FICCI FLO JKL on Sunday took a significant step towards promoting health and eradicating tuberculosis with the organization of a 10 km 'Promo Run' in anticipation of the upcoming FICCI FLO JKL Half Marathon'24 RUN4HEALTH. Scheduled for April 21, 2024, and set to commence from the University of Jammu, this marathon aims to raise funds for the eradication of tuberculosis, aligning with the national initiative of TB Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chairperson of FICCI FLO JKL, Ruchika Gupta, emphasized the imperative need for

collective action to combat tuberculosis, a persistent public health challenge in India. She highlighted the vision behind the marathon, stating, "Our goal is not just to run, but to run with purpose. The proceeds from this marathon will provide essential nutritional support, testing, and treatment facilities to tuberculosis patients in Jammu & Kashmir."

FICCI FLO JKL is proud to organize the Half Marathon'24 RUN4HEALTH in collaboration with the University of Jammu, with Narayana Super Speciality Hospital as the Health Partner, and powered by Munjal Auto.

The success of this initiative

hinges upon the active participation and support of all individuals, contributing to raising awareness about tuberculosis and its prevention.

Instrumental in organizing the Promo Run were FLO JKL members Kanupriya Garg, the first ultra woman of Jammu & Kashmir UT, alongside Shipra Aggarwal, an ace runner. The enthusiastic participation of the running community and FICCI FLO JKL core team & members underscored their commitment to supporting this noble cause.

Together, let's make a difference in the lives of tuberculosis patients in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond by registering for the marathon.

Academic colloquium on Haemophilia organized in Dehradun by HHCN

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JAMMU: Haemophilia & Health collective of North India (HHCN) organized academic colloquium/CME on "Changing landscape of the Haemophilia care: Unmet needs & solutions" in Dehradun recently.

It was a focussed-group academic programme to discuss and deliberate upon enhancing the clinical care & patient adherence for Haemophilia under the changing scenario with the availability of drug products (SHL, EHL & NFT). Experts on the subject who were invited from North India among others included Dr. Naresh Gupta, chairperson HHCN, Medical advisor Haemophilia LNJP Hospital & former Director Prof. MAMC New Delhi; Dr. K.K. Kaul, President HHCN, Medical advisor J&K Thalassaemia Welfare Society, former Prof.& Head PG Dept. of Pathology & Chief Nodal officer CHCC GMC Jammu; Dr. Sunita Agarwal Prof. & I/C Haemophilia care center MAMC & LNJP Hospital New Delhi; Dr. Tulika Seth, Prof. Haematology AIIMS New Delhi; Prof. S. Bilal, HOD Pathology & I/C



Eminent Doctors at academic colloquium/CME being organized by HHCN.

Haemophilia Center GMC Srinagar; Dr. Girsh Kumar, Asso. Prof. Paediatrics Hamirpur (HP). Dr. RK Nigam, Prof. Pathology Gandhi Medical College Bhopal; Dr. Rubi Khan Deputy Director NHM Bhopal, Dr. Sudhir Atri, Senior Prof. Haematology PGIMS, Rohtak; Prof. Sanjeev Dingra, an eminent Paediatrician GMC Jammu; Dr. Ankur Jain, Haematologist Sabderjang Hosp. New Delhi.

Dr. Naresh Gupta Gave a welcome address, introduction & highlighted meeting objectives. He also spoke briefly about the emerging therapies for better Haemophilia care. Dr. Tulika Seth (AIIMS

Delhi)discussed in detail about the advances in Haemophilia A & B management.

Dr. Sunita Aggarwal spoke on unmet needs in Haemophilia among the present standard of care. Improving adherence and confidence among persons with Haemophilia (PWH) was discussed by Dr. Bilal.

This was followed by workshop in which newly developed drug products which are undergoing final trials were deliberated upon. The main focus remained especially on anti-Tissue factor pathway inhibitor (anti-TFPI) which is effective in both types of Haemophilia (A&B) with or without inhibitors. This prod-

uct comes under the category of haemostatic rebalancing therapies (Non-factor therapy, NFT)that restores normal blood clotting in PWH by decreasing anti-coagulation factor levels which help prevent bleeding events. In the workshop exposure was provided tothe experts about another important development which is happening for the benefit of PWH. It is availability of the drug in the form of pen devices with multiple doses inside this fountain pen like device having very fine& short needle for self subcutaneous infusion. This device can be replaced by a new one after the multiple doses are consumed (use and through device). Dr. K K Kaul sought

detailed clarification about the level of Thrombin generation in the patient using these novel therapies so that safe and optimal dose schedule especially of anti TFPI is scientifically defined based on laboratory monitoring as well as clinical outcome. Since further trial is on, a detailed information will be shared at the time of its approval for use in India.

Dr. Kaul also said that adoption of these pen devices in Haemophilia care is a crucial unmet need and shall be a game changer towards a better future for PWH.

It allows for storage at both refrigeration and room temperature. It can be kept by the patient himself or parents / attendants with a self-infusion capability, suitable for long term use, ready to use and very easy to handle. It can be immediately used by PWH following injury / accidents or during severe bleeding episodes before reaching to the hospital.

He concluded by informing that cure of Haemophilia is possible in near future by gene therapy and its trial on one patient has began at CMC Vellore.

Congress candidates to lose deposits in J&K: Vibodh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: During a joining program on Sunday, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta expressed that the people of India are committed to making the 2024 Parliamentary elections epoch-making and to become ambassador of developed India as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Vibodh Gupta accompanied by Priya Sethi, BJP NEM & Former Minister; former Deputy Mayor JMC Baldev Billawaria, State Secretary Venu Khanna, BJP Mahila Morcha General Secretary Neha Mahajan and Reema Padha welcomed the new entrants into the party fold.

Senior Congress leaders including Er. Parshotam Sharma, Shankar Singh Langeh (Rajput Sabha Member), Shamsheer Singh (Sarpanch Seri Pandita), Anil Verma, Vikas Badyal, Akshay Kumar Sharma, Abhishek Kerni, and retired Government Secretary Bharat Bhushan



BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta with newly joined members.

Thapa, along with hundreds of their supporters joined BJP in party headquarters Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

While welcoming them to the party fold, Vibodh emphatically stated that popular and mass leaders are joining the BJP inspired by the vision of the Prime Minister; and the idea of a Congress Mukti Bharat is not just a slogan but a firm determination embraced by the people of India today.

He firmly asserted that the BJP will achieve historic victories in Jammu and Kashmir; and in the two parliamentary

seats of Jammu, even the deposits of the opposition candidates will be forfeited. He stated that the last 10 years were just a trailer for Development and the roadmap for the next 25 years has been prepared to make India Vishwa Guru. Priya Sethi, too welcomed and congratulated the new entrants for making the decision to serve the nation and society as a BJP worker. She said that BJP is working tirelessly for the welfare of the people irrespective of their regions or religions. She asked the new entrants to work tirelessly in

the coming days to secure the maximum votes for the BJP in the Parliament election.

Baldev Billawaria, who facilitated the joining of these new entrants, also welcomed them and said that BJP is a Party of New India. He said that the BJP believes in the core ideology of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas' which represents the 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam' thought of Bharat Bhumi. He said that the Modi government has worked for the welfare of all, which is acknowledged by people from diverse backgrounds.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: National Book Trust, India in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts & Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and languages organized a two day workshop at K.L. Saigal Hall to develop Bi-Lingual Books from English to Dogri and English to Kashmiri during ongoing Tawi Sahitya Lok Utsav Jammu.

Dwijendra Kumar, Assistant Editor looking after Dogri and Kashmiri languages at National Book Trust, India who coordinated the workshop said during the inaugural session that translation of children literature in regional languages is the necessity of time and NBT is stressing upon the revival of ancient old concept of storytelling to create awareness about nature and our surroundings among the children to groom them into good and responsible citizens.



Dwijendra Kumar, Assistant Editor and others releasing books.

Such workshops are important as in addition to translation the writers involved therein get an added value for creating at their own also.

During the workshop, Dr. Manoj Heer, Dr. Sheetal Devi, Dr. Sonika Jasrotia, Dr. Radha Rani and Bharti translated ten children books from English to Dogri whereas eminent Kashmiri, Hindi writer and translator Vijay Wali, Pyare Hatash,

R.L. Jowhar, Rinku Koul and Tahir translated ten books from English to Kashmiri.

As per NBT, these books will soon be published and made available for the readers of both languages.

Prof. Lalit Magotra and Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' eminent Dogri and Hindi writers were resource persons for Dogri whereas Rattan Lal Shant and R.L. Talashi, eminent Kashmiri and

Hindi writers performed the duties of resource persons for Kashmiri language.

While presenting vote of thanks, Dwijendra Kumar thanked all associated with the workshop for successful execution of the task and hoped that such creative efforts will become a regular feature in future also from time to time thus fulfilling the mission of NBT to reach to maximum readers of all regional languages.

For Congress 'Family above Nation' : Rana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Sunday lashed out at the Congress for promoting India inimical political discourse in sheer frustration after remaining out of power for a decade since 2014 with prospect of no scope for comeback in future as well.

"The rout of the Congress in the national politics owes its genesis to, inter alia, Parivarvaad that dented the Indian ethos hugely", Rana said while addressing prominent members of Gujjar community of Tehsil Bhalwal here this evening along with Mr. Oni Khajuria, District President Jammu North.

He said the Congress's anthem of family above nation virus has infected I.N.D.I Alliance partners in a big way,



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing public meeting on Sunday.

which is why they are desperately struggling for their survival and relevance in Indian polity.

Rana said the Congress's priority to Gandhi Parivar above those who sacrificed their lives for the nation is the sole reason for the debacle of the so-called grand old party, which Mahatma Gandhi had wished to be disbanded immediately after the independence. Instead of learning lessons from the fate

of the Congress, the likeminded parties with dynastic genes have followed the suit and ganged up to save their outfits and escape punishment for their acts of omission and commission, he said, adding that this vicious ecosystem may tolerate things against the nation but not tolerate anything against their families.

Devender Rana said that the Congress's loyalty towards its first family played havoc with

democratic ethos of the country and its rumblings are echoing even now when the party has lost sheen and grace. He held the Congress responsible for all ills across the country in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular; which witnessed mayhem and disaster besides unprecedented instability for over two decades till the abrogation of Article 370.

He said the landmark political developments of August 5,

2019 integrated Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country emotionally and psychologically, ending the era of deprivation of marginalized segments of society besides discrimination of various regions and sub-regions. The abrogation of special status bade farewell to gender bias also.

He said the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A demonstrated the firm will of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to accomplish BJP's mission of "One India and Nation First", unlike the Congress and its ilk "Family First and Nation Last". The determination and resolve with which the central leadership went ahead with the agenda of transforming Jammu and Kashmir is hugely discernible now, in every sphere of activity, he added.

JKMEF thanks LG Admn for settling long-standing salary demands of FMPHWs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) on Sunday held a meeting under the leadership of Sushil Sudan, expressing gratitude to the government, particularly Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, for addressing the long-standing demands of Female Multipurpose Health Workers (FMPHW).

These workers have been striving for the resolution of their salary issues for the past 40 years, tirelessly knocking on every door without success, Sushil Sudan said adding that however, in a recent meeting, the present administration took decisive action and settled the salary matter, much to the relief of the FMPHW community.

The Federation extended its thanks to several key individuals who played pivotal roles

in this achievement.

Firstly, they acknowledged the efforts of Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo for his keen interest in resolving the salary concerns of 2211 heads.

They also expressed gratitude to Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D Vaidya, Administrative Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, and Director Family Welfare, Dr. Tabasum Jabeen, for their contributions to this cause.

With the salary issue now settled, the Federation expressed hope that FMPHWs and the 2211 heads would receive their regular salaries from the government promptly, enabling them to continue serving humanity with renewed dedication.

They also urged the government to expedite the process

of issuing the final order to ensure smooth implementation.

The meeting was attended by numerous individuals, including Anita Bhagat, Ch. Aslam, Deeraj Sharma, Parfulat Singh, Pawan Singh Jamwal, Onkar Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Bharat Bushan Bhagat, Madan Lal Sharma, R P Singh, Harpal Singh, J P Singh, Kuldeep Dabgotra, Subash Chodhary, Sanjay Chodhary, Bhadar Singh, Surjeet Kumar, Daleep Kumar, Govind Sharma, Waryam Massi, Kulwant Singh, Tajinder Singh, Ashvani Kumar Gupta, and Rajinder Sharma.

Their collective efforts and support have been instrumental in achieving this milestone for the medical employees of Jammu Kashmir, Sushil Sudan said.