

Natrang presents Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba'

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JAMMU: Natrang presented Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba' here today under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'. The play has been written by Rajinder Kumar Sharma and directed by Neeraj Kant. Coated with humor, the play presented some debatable issues which are faced by many theatre groups because of lack of commitment of a few artists which spoil the whole performance. But still it was more inclined towards comedy than being didactic.

The play opens at the home of one 'Anokhe Lal' who has converted it as rehearsal space as he is the director of the play which is scheduled to be staged within a few days. The drama erupts as the play proceeds as it appears that no one is serious in doing



Natrang artists performing in Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba' at Jammu on Sunday.

rehearsal other than the director. The artists who used to plead for a single entry in the play have turned pricy now and come up with different excuses to skip rehearsals. At the top of it, the newly appointed servant adds to the confusion as he comes up with a new problem every time he enters the room. 'Anokhe Lal' was very much worried about the per-

formance of the play as nothing was going right, actors were forgetting the lines, people were coming late in the rehearsal and on the top of it, the tickets of the show have already been sold. The ultimate crisis occur when the director comes to know that the actor who was doing the role of father of hero is not doing the play as he has to go out of station for some

personal work. Shattered by this untoward news, he decides to prepare his newly appointed servant to do the character of father in the play, who reluctantly agrees but real trouble erupts when the real father of 'Anokhe Lal' arrives to whom the servant introduced himself as the father of 'Anokhe Lal' on which both the servant and Anokhe Lal received a thorough beating from the real father.

Natrang actors who performed in the play included Mihir Gujral, Aadesh Dhar, Vandana Thakur, Kushal Bhat, Sanket Bhagat and Vishal Sharma. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant Sharma and the sound was rendered by Priya Kumari. The presentations were done by Payal Khanna.

BMS for implementation of VDA, constitution of Private Transport Workers Welfare Board

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JAMMU: The State Working Committee meeting of the Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) Jammu Kashmir took place at the State BMS office in Jammu under the leadership of State President Dev Parkash.

The meeting commenced with a report on the 16th triennial conference, which concluded in Katra in March 2024.

Following this, the committee delved into organizational matters, focusing on expanding BMS's work across all districts of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. To ensure outreach to all districts, a detailed strategy was devised, including the appointment of in-charges for each district, as well as for Central employees working in J&K and Ladakh. During the meeting, a demand was made



BMS members during a meeting at Jammu.

to the government regarding Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA), advocating for its linkage with minimum wages-an issue BMS has long been striving for. Additionally, resolutions passed in the State conference held at Katra, including the implementation of VDA, constitution of a Private Transport Workers Welfare Board, and preference to locals in private sector employment, were highlighted and sent to the

Honorable LG for consideration. 2024 marks BMS's 70th year; and elaborate plans were discussed for year-long celebrations. These celebrations are set to commence with the "BMS Flag Campaign" on July 23, 2024, across all districts of J&K and Ladakh. Other planned activities include district conferences, study classes, and the registration of new unions. A strategy was devised to advance these plans effective-

ly. Moreover, efforts were outlined to increase the readership of BMS's publication, Vishwakarma Sanket, across the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh. The agenda items were thoroughly discussed by the working committee members, including Ashok Choudhary (Sangathan Mantri), General Secretary Neelam Sharma, Deputy General Secretary Mukesh Kumar, and several others.

The meeting was attended by Ashfaq Ahmad, Chanan Singh Toor, Harbans Choudhary, Chuni Lal, Ramesh Lal, Subash Chander, Sachin Bali, Roshu Sharma, Karan Kapoor, Ravi Hans, Rajinder Sharma, Rohit Seth, Shobha Sharma, Jeevan Thakur, Sunil Kumar, Pawan Sharma, Anil Verma, and Parshotam Kumar:

Navya Srijan Sewa Sansthan organises health checkup camp



Chief Guest, Gaurav Gupta Secretary, Jammu Club inaugurating medical camp.

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JAMMU: A free medical checkup camp was organised by Navya Srijan Sewa Sansthan for the residents of Bahu Fort at Saryara Sabha, here on Sunday.

More than 200 people availed the benefits of Free Medical Checkup Camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Gaurav Gupta Secretary, Jammu Club & former Secretary General CCI Jammu and Deepak Gupta Convener of N-Tripble-S.

While addressing the public, Gaurav Gupta said that such initiatives must be promoted and health must be

given first preference by hall.

He also said that diagnosis at initial stages reduces the risk of fatal disease

While talking to the doctors, he said that they are the backbone of our nation and thanked them for their presence on a non-working day.

SP South Ajay Sharma was the Guest of Honour on the occasion, who felicitated the on duty doctors and nursing staff for their tireless services.

He said that the society must come together against the evils like drugs, land mafia and other acts which

are threat to society.

He said that such initiatives are blessing for the society and volunteers must be encouraged and more such camps must be organized for the society so that the needful can be helped.

Anuradha Charak State Vice President BJP was Program President in the program alongwith other senior leaders of BJP.

Sharada Kumari Former Corporator Ward 47, Vivek Pattayad Distt. Vice President BJP, Sumit Kumar Market General Secretary Market Association Bahu Fort, Subash Kumar, Sunny Salgotra, Parshotam Punia President Saryara Sabha, Capt. Motilal, Tarsem Kumar and others were present in the program.

Dr. Rabiyeet Singh, Dr. Ghazi, Dr. Pallak Koundal, Dr. Deepakshi Vaid were the doctors who were present from KD Multi-speciality Hospital Trikutia Nagar and other medical staff were present.

SUF J&K demands establishment of Truth and Reconciliation Commission



Chairman SUF J&K, Sudershan Singh Wazir addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Sikh United Front (SUF) J&K demanded the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in India, led by a Supreme Court judge, to investigate the occurrences of fake encounters and genocides in the country since 1980.

In a press conference of various Sikh organizations in Jammu & Kashmir; Sudershan Singh Wazir; Chairman of Sikh United Front J&K, emphasized the urgent need for the Government of India to establish such a commission.

He called for a thorough investigation into fake encounters across all states and acts of genocide perpetrated by both state and non-state actors since 1980.

Citing recent submissions by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Wazir expressed concern over the agency's inability to investigate 6733 fake encounters by the Punjab police from 1984 to 1995 due to time lapse

and fading witness memories.

He criticized the apparent lack of commitment from the premier investigating agency towards addressing these grave crimes.

Wazir lamented the silence of political leaders from all parties on the issue of extrajudicial killings and genocide.

He highlighted the deaths of thousands of individuals across various states, including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir; Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and others, since 1980.

Addressing the failure of investigating agencies to probe Punjab's fake encounters and communal riots, Wazir underscored the importance of secularism in India.

He praised the contributions of Sikh Gurus, Christian missionaries, and Islamic traditions in serving the nation's civil society.

Wazir urged all conscientious citizens to raise their voices

against fake encounters and genocides.

He reminded the government of the longstanding agitation by mothers and daughters in Kashmir seeking information about their missing children. Similar cases exist in Punjab and other regions of the country.

Leaders of Sikh organizations collectively called for the immediate establishment of a Truth

and Reconciliation Commission, to be led by a Supreme Court judge, tasked with investigating disappearances, fake encounters, genocide, and other innocent killings since 1980.

They emphasized the need to identify and punish those responsible for these atrocities.

As India's electoral process is ongoing, the Sikh organizations urged all political parties to prioritize the establishment of such a commission after the formation of the new government post-June 4.

The press conference was attended by leaders of various Sikh organizations, including Darbinder Singh (President, Shiromani Akali Dal J&K), Mohinder Singh (Chief Organizer, Bhai Kanhiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K), Rajinder Singh (General Secretary, Shiromani Akali Dal J&K), and several others.

AM MG Jammu celebrates Mother's Day

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JAMMU: AM MG Jammu, a part of the renowned AM Group, celebrated Mother's Day with great enthusiasm and heartfelt tributes to mothers.

The event, held at the new MG showroom in Jammu, was a memorable affair; attended by various social media influencers along with their mothers.

The celebration featured a range of activities designed to honor mothers, including a "Best Mom Selfie" contest, where guests took selfies with their mothers and shared stories about why their mom is the best.

There was also a "Mother's Day Tribute Wall," where guests wrote heartfelt messages and stuck them on the wall to express their love and appreciation for their mothers.

Guests were treated to a delightful musical performance, creating a warm and festive atmosphere. The highlight of the event was the heartfelt speeches by guests, expressing gratitude and love



AM MG Jammu celebrating Mother's Day.

for their mothers.

Many shared touching stories and memories, thanking their mothers for their unconditional love, sacrifices, and unwavering support.

RJ Tani from Radio Mirchi added to the charm of the evening with her lively anchoring, engaging the audience and keeping the spirits high throughout the celebration.

Raj Mahajan, Vandana Mahajan, Sharmila Mahajan and Sakshi Mahajan from the AM Group graced the event, further enhancing the familial atmosphere.

The occasion also celebrated the recent launch of the new

state-of-the-art showroom and service facility of MG Jammu. The showroom offers a wide range of MG cars, showcasing the latest models and features. The service facility is equipped with advanced tools and technologies, ensuring top-notch service and maintenance for MG vehicles.

The Mother's Day celebration at AM MG Jammu was a heartfelt tribute to mothers, filled with love, gratitude, and joyful moments. It not only celebrated motherhood but also showcased the commitment of AM Group to create memorable experiences for its customers.

Migrant KPs, YAIKS extend support to Apni Party candidates

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JAMMU: The migrant Kashmiri Pandits and Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj have extended their support to Apni Party and its candidates contesting from Parliamentary seats, Srinagar Mohammed Ashraf Mir, and Rajouri-Anantnag, Zafar Iqbal Manhas. As a part of the election campaign, the Migrant Cell of the Party held series of meetings and worked tirelessly among the migrant Kashmiri Pandits informing them about the policy and agenda of the Party, especially regarding the honourable return and rehabilitation of migrant Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir.

These election campaigns were led by General Secretary of the Party, Vijay Bakaya, Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber, Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Provincial Secretary / Membership Drive, Dr Rohit Gupta, Provincial President Jammu, Women Wing, Pavneet Kour; prominent social activist, and senior leader of the Party, M.K. Yogi, Provincial Secretary Minority, Nana Ji Wattal, and others.

On the other hand, the youth cam-



JKAP General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya chairing a meeting.

paing team was headed by General Secretary of the Youth Wing and Spokesperson of the Party, Abhay Bakaya, and senior youth wing leader, Muktesh Yogi.

The campaigning was held at head office Gandhi Nagar; Jagti Township, Barnai, Bohri, Vikas Lane, Talab Tillo, Patoli Brahmana, TRT Nagrota, Muthi, Adarsh Nagar Bantalab, Khanpur in Nagrota, Subash Nagar; Kangra Fort Barnai, Durga Nagar; Datta Colony and door to door campaigning at migrant

camp and various non-camps. In these meetings, Vijay Bakaya and M. K. Yogi appealed to the KP community to amass votes in favour of Apni Party. Parliament candidates whose election symbol is "BAT". Those who arranged the meetings at various places and accompanied us for door-to-door meeting were District Senior Vice President Jammu, Vaibhav Mattoo, Publicity Secretary, Vishal Jyotshi, Provincial Secretary KP wing, Vivek Sapru, TRT Nagrota, Chand Ji Bhat, Ashok Koul, Chand Ji Khair, Jai

Krishan Pandita, Ashok Bhawnoo, Hira Lal Bhat, Bal Krishan Bhat, Virender Sathoo, Pran Ji, Chand Ji Raina, Dr O.N. Safaya, G. L. Pandita, Krishan Lal Koul, Pyare Lal Mawa, P K Denbi, Pyare Lal Pandita, Rajesh Labroo, Rattan Lal Bhat, Rattan Lal Koul, Shuban Krishan Bhat, Raj Nath Bhat, Bansil Lal Raina, Santosh Khar, Subash Kachroo, Ashok Kumar Koul, Bansil Lal Bhat, Nazir Ahmed Lone, president political migrants, social activist Bittu Ji Bhat, Ashwani Bhat and others.

Kavinder pitches for PM Modi's third term to continue India's development trail Intensifies Lok Sabha for BJP Candidate in Gurdaspur

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GURDASPUR: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, emphasized the criticality of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's continuity in office for a third term to uphold India's ongoing journey of development and progress.

He was speaking while campaigning in favour of BJP Lok Sabha candidate Dinesh Singh Babbu at Gurdaspur Lok Sabha Constituency, Punjab.

Speaking to media persons here today, Kavinder underscored PM Modi's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to the nation's advancement across various sectors. He cited transformative policies and initiatives undertaken during PM Modi's tenure that have significantly impacted the lives of millions of Indians, fostering economic growth, infrastructure development, and social welfare.



Senior J&K BJP leader Kavinder Gupta campaigning in favour of BJP Lok Sabha candidate Dinesh Singh Babbu at Gurdaspur in Punjab.

Highlighting the imperative of stability and continuity in governance, Kavinder asserted that PM Modi's leadership is indispensable for sustaining India's momentum on the path of growth and prosperity. He urged the electorate to recognize the unparalleled dedication and tireless efforts of PM Modi in steering the nation towards a brighter future.

As the Punjab State prepares for the Lok Sabha polls, the senior BJP leader appealed to the people to extend their support to PM Modi by casting their votes in favour of BJP candidate for Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency, emphasizing the pivotal role they play in shaping India's destiny. He reiterated the party's commitment

to serving the nation with integrity, innovation, and inclusivity.

Kavinder also appealed to the people to ensure maximum participation on June 1 polling in favour of BJP Candidate Dinesh Singh Babbu while endorsing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's candidacy for a third term to sustain the nation's progress.

Ex-Cadet Dr Juhie inspires girl cadets at NCC Training Academy

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NAGROTA: The NCC Training Academy in Nagrota on Sunday hosted a captivating lecture by Dr. Juhie Mohan, a multifaceted personality known for her influence on social media, on the radio waves, and her past as an NCC cadet.

Dr. Mohan's engaging discourse struck a chord with the cadets as she shared her own thrilling journey through the NCC.

During her address, Dr. Mohan intertwined her personal experiences, underlining the transformative impact of NCC training.

By drawing from her own story, she established a profound connection with the cadets, instilling in them a sense of pride and purpose in their roles as future leaders.

A standout moment in Dr. Mohan's lecture was her emphasis on the significance of preserving one's connection to their roots through their mother tongue.



Brig P S Cheema, Group Commander, NCC Group HQ Jammu presenting souvenir to Dr. Juhie Mohan.

By celebrating the cultural diversity of India and specifically of Jammu and Kashmir, she urged the cadets to embrace their linguistic heritage as a source of strength and identity.

Her gesture of conversing with the cadets in the local language fostered camaraderie and inclusivity.

Furthermore, Dr. Mohan shed light on the critical issue

of gender sensitivity, equality, and safety.

She urged the cadets to advocate for inclusivity and respect for all genders while also emphasizing the importance of awareness and safety.

Reflecting on the event, Dr. Mohan expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to address the cadets at the NCC Training Academy, Nagrota.

She remarked on the inspiring energy and enthusiasm of the cadets, expressing confidence in their ability to embody the values instilled by the NCC throughout their lives.

The session was attended by Brig P S Cheema, Group Commander, NCC Group HQ Jammu, and concluded with the presentation of a souvenir to Dr. Mohan.