

Preserving culture vital for maintaining integrity of progeny towards society: Ritu Singh, Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: As a part of week-long celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony of Maharaja Gulab Singh, founder of erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir, former Minister Priya Sethi in association with Shivang Satya Gupta, Chairman, Maharaja Gulab Singh Brigade, organized an inter school painting competition under the theme "My Heritage My Pride", here today.

A total of 100 students from several schools of Jammu including SP Smart Schools, Sainik School Nagrota, Jodhamal Public School, Heritage School, DPS Jammu, House Corp Co-operative Public School, Sidhu, Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti, Ambphalla and many Govt Schools took part in the competition.

On the occasion, students were made aware about rich cultural heritage of the Dogras and the role played by Maharaja Gulab Singh in conquering and annexing Gilgit, Baltistan, Ladakh, part of Tibet and several other areas in State of Jammu & Kashmir.

It is pertinent to mention that Maharaja Gulab Singh was administered Raj Tilak by the Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja



Former Minister Priya Sethi posing for a photograph with winners and other dignitaries.

Ranjit Singh at 'Jeo Pota Ghat' on June 17, 1822 AD and became the first Maharaja of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State.

On the occasion, Kunwarani Ritu Singh was the Chief Guest while former Minister and senior BJP leader Priya Sethi and Shilpa Gupta were the Guests of Honour. Shivang Satya Gupta, Chairman, Maharaja Gulab Singh Brigade was also present during the event.

Former minister, Priya Sethi, in her address, asserted that the contributions made by the founder of Dogra dynasty are immaculate and remarkable which make people of J&K to feel proud and contented. She stressed on disseminating information about J&K's rich cultural legacy and vibrant heritage as the generation next has been disconnected with its past due to many reasons including

Maharaja Gulab Singh as a visionary, brave and enterprising ruler who is best known for extending boundaries of India outwards far & wide upto Afghans, Tibetans and Chinese.

Ritu Singh asserted that to ensure integrity of generation next it is vital to preserve rich cultural ethos and heritage as the same can be bestowed upon progeny to create a meaningful connect between past and the future.

Addressing the gathering, Shivang Satya Gupta, Chairman, Maharaja Gulab Singh Brigade said that such celebrations play a significant role in connecting the young generation with the glorious past of the region which otherwise is difficult to revisit. She said that the aforesaid programme is part of initiative taken to make the present generation aware of the rich legacy which J&K holds with places like Jammu, Akhnor, etc having special significance in the history of J&K.

Shivang Satya Gupta appealed to people of J&K to get involved in such celebrations as much as they can

the stress of modern day world.

She said that apart from today's painting competition, several other programmes are on cards in run-up to the coronation day celebrations.

In Senior Category, Atush Pratap (Class 12th, Sainik School) got first prize while Prashant Gupta (Class 12th, DPS Jammu) secured second prize and Kaushika Bhoty (Class 11th B, Jodhamal Public School) got third prize. Consolation prizes were awarded to Prachi Motiyal (Class 12th I, Jodhamal Public School) and Meenakshi (Class 12th, G D Goenka).

In Junior Category, Atharan Dabgotra (Class 10th, Heritage School) secured first prize while Anu (Class 9th, DPS Jammu) got second and Arindam Rai (Class 9th, Heritage School) secured third prize.

Consolation prizes were awarded to Medhansh Singh (Class 7th, Sainik School, Nagrota) and Sparsh Uppal (Class 8th, DPS Jammu).

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Ganga Dashera celebrated with full religious gaiety at Gyan Ganga Ashram Rajouri



HH Atal Pethadeswar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Swami Vishwatanand Saraswati Maharaj during a programme.

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NOWSHERA: Ganga Dashera was celebrated with full enthusiasm and religious fervour at SVS Gyan Ganga Ashram here on Thursday in which thousands of devotees from across the country participated under the Presidency of His Holiness Atal Pethadeswar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatanand Saraswati ji Maharaj.

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During this religious event, Shrimadbhagwat Tatva Gyan Yagna (Bhagwat Katha) was held in the Ashram, which was started on June 1 with Kalash Yatra and concluded on June 9, in which various incidents and aspects of Krishna Leela were depicted by various characters and detailed description was given by Swamiji.

Speaking on the occasion, Swamiji said that the contri-

butions of Shri Guru Gang Devji Maharaj in spreading knowledge by giving education to everyone across every nook and corner of the country cannot be compared and we are following their path.

Guruji always believed that, "Ignorance can be killed only by Knowledge" and the establishment of various educational institutions by Shri Swami Maharaj is one such step to carry forward their (Guruji) mission by giving education to everyone.

During the week long function, Swamiji, the main orator of the Katha, explained each and every aspect of the life history of Lord Krishna with the help of various characters.

The concluding function started with Sant Sammelan and Shradhanjali on 8th and 9th of June in which saints and mahamandleshwars of different Aakharas, came from various parts of the

Company Secretaries help cos grow big, says Kiren Rijiju



Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and other dignitaries releasing a brochure.

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NEW DELHI: Company secretaries help companies grow big and strengthen the economy though they always remain in the background, Union minister Kiren Rijiju said on Thursday.

The Union Law and Justice Minister was speaking at a special programme under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) here.

"Though the company secretaries always remain in the background, they are the ones who make companies grow big, strengthen the economy and are the foundation of Atmanirbhar Bharat," a release issued by ICSI quoted Rijiju as saying.

Rijiju also appreciated the efforts of the Institute in bringing the far-flung areas of North-East into the mainstream by going an extra mile and waiving fees for stu-

dents from northeastern states of India. By proceeding, you are agreeing to our Terms and Conditions. To find out what personal data we collect and how we use it, please visit our Privacy Policy. Corporate Affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma said Company secretaries are the catalyst in promoting and upholding good governance in the country.

Devendra V Deshpande, President, ICSI, said that the Institute is aspiring to become a think tank of Good Governance Practices and explore newer areas of service in the future.

Deshpande also mentioned the introduction of ICSI BRSSR Awards for all companies who have taken up Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting.

CS Ashish Mohan, Secretary, the ICSI and other Council Members were also present on the occasion.

IGNOU opens online portal for fresh admissions for July 2022 session

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JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has started the online portal for fresh admissions for the July 2022 session for the academic year 2022-23.

IGNOU Offers UG, PG, Diploma, and Certificate programmes and the desirous candidates can fill the application form through online mode.

The minimum eligibility criteria for UG courses are that students must pass 10+2 from a recognized university, and for PG courses, candidates must be

a graduate from a recognized university.

Admission in MBA, MBAOL, MBF, MCA_NEW and MCAOL is also open for the July 2022 cycle.

The MBA and MCA Programmes which have started for the July 2022 session have been approved by AICTE.

They can apply for IGNOU fresh admission July 2022 session by visiting the official website of the IGNOU www.ignou.ac.in.

The last date for applying online for fresh admission of IGNOU 2022 for July 2022 session is July 31, 2022.

Mahakavi Subrahmanyam Bharati' centenary celebrations held at Central Sanskrit University



Guest. In offline mode, the programme was conducted at Vani Vilas Auditorium, Sri Ranvir Campus Jammu, which started with lighting of lamp. On this occasion, the campus director and Guest of Honor, Prof Madan Mohan Lal Sharma, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir BJP and former Minister, who was the Guest of Honour said that we all should work for preserving and promoting our language. "Historians not only created a rift between North-

South India but also made no effort to highlight the achievements of Dogra Kings of Jammu. Other princely states of India continued to fight among themselves, while Dogra kings, especially Maharaja Gulab Singh and his famous general Zorawar Singh, extended borders to the inaccessible Nepal, Tibet and Afghanistan in west, but historians never discussed about it," said Sharma, and asked younger generations to increase their knowledge about history of Jammu & Kashmir besides propagating and disseminating it further.