

Need to establish narrative in interest of country: Hitesh Shankar

Journalists honoured for their outstanding contribution in field of journalism

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JAMMU: Before the independence of the country, India was the DNA or Guin Sutra of Indian journalism and it should be there even now. Unfortunately, such a period of journalism has come in the country when instead of human rights, there is talk of demonic rights. Governments come and go and will continue to come and go, but the concern in journalism should always remain. At this time, there is a need to establish a narrative in journalism in the interest of the country.

Hitesh Shankar, editor of Panchjanya, expressed these views as the main speaker during a function to honour the working journalists, which was organized by the Trikuta Samvad Kendra in connection with the birth anniversary of the world's first journalist Maharishi Narad ji at the Press Club on Sunday.

The program was presided over by the Regional Director of Indian Institute of Mass Communication, North Regional Campus, Jammu, Prof. Anil Sonmitra and Dr. Satyadev Gupta, President of Trikuta Samvad Kendra, were also present on the occasion.

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Hitesh Shankar, editor of Panchjanya posing with journalists and presenting award to STATE TIMES Photojournalist Shilpa Thakur.

Sankalp, based on 350th year of the establishment of Hindavi Swarajya was also released by the dignitaries.

In his address, Hitesh Shankar said that Maharishi Narad has been unique that he covers both gods and demons and he does this work very clearly. On the other hand, Narad was presented in films in such a way that he only laughs.

He raised the question whether anyone has observed Narad's life from the point of view of media, so this is an opportunity to understand our cultural symbols.

Hitesh Shankar said that Narad ji's journalism has sarcasm as well as meaningful-

ness. Referring to journalism before independence in the country, Hitesh Shankar said that it gave journalists like Babasaheb Ambedkar, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, Mahatma Gandhi to India while establishing many dimensions. After this came the moment of independence of the country. It was obviously a moment of excitement and pride, but it was also a moment of test for journalism.

He said that at present the month of June is going on and everyone knows what happened in June. There was emergency imposed in the India. During the period of emergency, news items were

not decided by the news editors and sub-editors of the newspapers, but by the police inspectors and sub-inspectors. In this period, the journalism of the country was tested between strength and strictness. This created anger in journalism and later the practice of journalism against the ruling party increased. Although this was not the nature of Indian journalism, the result was that in place of human rights, talk of demonic rights started. Avoiding this, we have to do journalism with the DNA of Indianness.

Earlier, Dr. Satyadev Gupta, President of Trikuta Samvad Kendra, said in his address that Maharishi Narad has

been considered a favourite of journalists. His picture was published at the time of publication of the first magazine in the country. Maharishi Narad always used to provide information so that the upcoming developments would be known. When the first film made in the country was made in Marathi, the film was based on Ramayana and it also featured his role. Similarly, in the current environment, it is necessary to know about its veracity and its discussion while writing the news.

There is a need to adopt the three basic mantras of the book composed by Maharishi Narad so that the readers or viewers can be informed about

the developments.

Presiding over the programme, Prof. Anil Sonmitra said that at present technology is being used in journalism. Using technology, good journalism can be done and fake news can be avoided. He said that now such technology has come through with which journalism can be made more effective.

On this occasion, Avtar Krishna, Prant Sah Sarkaryah, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Dr. Vivek Mahajan Sah Prant Prachar Parmukh and Sunel Sharma, member of the provincial executive were present. Nidhi Sharma, associated

Dir Fisheries conducts extensive tour of Kulgam

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KULGAM: Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar on Sunday conducted an extensive tour of Kulgam and inspected developmental activities of the Fisheries sector in the district.

During the tour, the Director visited various fish farms in the Government sector and also took stock of projects completed under beneficiary oriented schemes in the Private sector. Later, he also kick started the distribution of Trout seed at Trout Hatchery Chancer. Director was apprised that Trout seed of improved variety produced at Trout Hatchery Chancer shall be supplied to farmers to have better harvest within the short span of time. The Director also visited Trout Hatchery Panzath in District Anantnag.

He also visited Trout Fish Farming Project Kokernag. He directed the officers to supply seed to the farmers in a time bound manner so that growing season can be exploited efficiently for attaining better growth and production.

Deputy Mayor inaugurates 'Glam Petz Pet Salon'



Dy Mayor, B.S Billawaria inaugurating 'Glam Petz Pet Salon' at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated a pet salon named 'Glam Petz Pet Salon' at Gandhi Nagar in Bahu constituency.

While talking to the media, the Deputy Mayor said that he feels happy to see that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir are following the instructions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who believes in strengthening the youth of a country.

He also talked about the importance of self-reliant India and urged dog lovers to use pet salons. He further said that various schemes like Startup India, Vocal for Locals, Make in India, Mission Youth and many more are giving opportunities to passionate youth and giving

them chances to spread their wings. He congratulated the team for bringing Pet Salon & Spa to the people of Gandhi Nagar and surrounding areas.

The Deputy Mayor said that this pet salon would also generate employment opportunities for the locals and help in boosting the economy of the area. He appreciated the efforts of the team behind setting up the showroom and wished them success in their business. He hoped that this store would soon become a popular destination for dog lovers in Jammu. Glam Petz is a franchise that has branches all over India.

It has branches in Porvrim, Panjim, Navelim, Calangute, Mapusa, Jamshedpur and Mumbai. Now its branch is open in Jammu.

They provide Hair Cutting, Nail Clipping, Ear cleaning, Teeth Cleaning, Dematting, Deep Conditioning, Furminator Treatment, Medicated Wash and many more services.

Pyali Chatterjee, the owner of the franchise said that Glam Petz Pets Salon grooming centre is now open in J&K so that the people of Jammu can find better professional salons for their pets.

Neeraj Gupta said that he feels happy to serve J&K NGOs which are working for animals and pet lovers as his work experience as a Human Resource gave him a better experience to work for the mission.

As a young entrepreneur, he believes in giving back what he receives from society. Ankit Manhas becomes the first entrepreneur to buy this 9-year-old franchise. His passion for pets drove him enthusiastic and filled him with zeal to work with more and more pets of J&K.

Prominent among those present were Indubhushan Sharma, Arun Khosla, Mahaveer Singh Chib, Kulbir Singh, Deshveer Singh, Ashok Bakshi, Darshan Bhagat, Bharat Prashar, Rahul Dubey and others.

Natrang stages Hindi play 'Girgit'

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JAMMU: Hindi play 'Girgit' directed by Neeraj Kant featured here today in Natrang's weekly Theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at Rani Park, Jammu. Based on a Russian short Story by Anton Chekhov the play proved to be the hard hitting satire on the present socio-political system.

The adaptation of the play was deeply rooted in the soil of Jammu and its dramatic structure made the audience



A scene from the play 'Girgit' directed by Neeraj Kant, presented at Rani Park, Jammu.

feel as if they are watching their own story. Every time the play is staged, some highly contemporary and situational aspect is added to it which refines its beauty.

Natrang has been endeavoring to showcase highly relevant political and social satires and today's play demonstrated to be the shin-

ing example of that.

The play Girgit revolves around a Dog and corrupt Police Officer, who changes colours like a chameleon, every time as the situation changes irrespective of right or wrong. Mihir Gujral as Police Officer portrayed aesthetically the changes of colours of the central character who was equally supported by Aadesh Dhar as his subordinate. Neeraj Kant as the senior officer successfully exhibited the complexities of

the senior bureaucrats. Among others who gave impressive performances included Vishal Sharma as thief, Kuldeep Angral as Minister's Servant, Kushal Bhat as Dog, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Sheryaar Salaria and Sumit Bandaral. The presentations were done by Subash Jamwal.

Indian Terrain unveils newly redesigned flagship Store in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Indian Terrain, a leading men's high-street fashion brand, on Sunday announced the re-launch of its flagship store in the beautiful city of Srinagar.

Located at the heart of the city, the brand-new store aims to offer customers a unique and immersive shopping experience while providing a diverse range of fashionable clothing options for fashion enthusiasts in the region. Set against a picturesque neighbourhood, the Srinagar store houses a range of jeans, jackets, and shirts. In addition, the store also has a dedicated section for its signature Boys Wear collection of shirts, t-shirts, and sweaters.

Commenting on the expansion, Charath Narasimhan, Managing Director - Indian Terrain said, "Srinagar is one of our important markets where we have numerous customers who value our brand and ensure that we are involved in all their special occasions. With this in mind, we aimed to provide our valuable customers with a more refined shopping

experience by redesigning the store's architecture to exude luxury and finesse. We are happy to announce the re-launch of our store in Srinagar, marking a significant milestone for our brand. As we continue to expand, we are committed to serving our customers with the highest quality apparel, now accompanied by a modernized store in Srinagar has been thoughtfully designed to create a welcoming ambiance for customers, reflecting Indian Terrain's commitment to providing a comfortable and stylish environment.

The store's interior exudes a modern and minimalist aesthetic, ensuring a seamless browsing experience for shoppers. With adequate space to explore the extensive clothing options, customers will be able to discover the perfect outfits to suit their personal style. Customers can also explore Indian Terrain's diverse range of fashion offerings and shop conveniently online by visiting the official website at <https://www.indianterrain.com>.



Jammu West Assembly segment has witnessed massive development: Sat



Former BJP President, Sat Sharma, starting development work.

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JAMMU: Jammu West Assembly segment has witnessed massive development, stated Sat Sharma, former Minister & former BJP President accompanied by JMC counselor Neelam Nargotra in presence of J&K BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra and Mandal President Keshav Chopra starting the construction of deep drain work in Vijay Nagar, Ward 40 of Talab Tillo under Jammu West Assembly Constituency.

District General Secretary Rajesh Gupta, Yashpal Shivgotra, Chaman Lal, Rahul Nargotra, Abhishek Sharma, Vikas Kumar, Vinod Gupta, Suraj Gupta, Amit Sharma, Anil Gupta, Goldy, Kunti Devi, Nitish, Shobit, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) officials, local residents and social activists of the area were also present on the occasion.

Sat said that the Jammu West Assembly segment has witnessed massive development since it was represented by BJP in

Assembly and now the party's JMC Councilors are taking the development works with the same pace.

He stressed that many reformatory steps were taken in Jammu West Assembly Constituency to improve infrastructure related to electricity, water supply and drainage to provide relief to the inhabitants.

Neelam Nargotra said that present deep drain in Vijay Nagar is being constructed under the supervision of JMC at total project cost of Rupees 40,63,000, which also includes works in lane adjoining Chanchal Super Market, Shiv Nagar and Vishal Nagar.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra said that many development works are being taken on priority in Jammu & Kashmir under Modi government.

He stated that BJP is the only party which has taken overall development as the primary task and reached out to every household under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Keshav Chopra complimented the proactive approach of former Minister and stated that the BJP's elected representatives are taking the BJP's development mission to the masses.

Ramakrishna Mission Udhaywala conducts free medical camp



Nephrologist Dr. S. K Bali with other doctors and members of Ramakrishna Mission Udhaywala during a free medical camp.

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JAMMU: A free medical camp was organized by Ramakrishna Mission Udhaywala Jammu on Sunday.

In this camp, Nephrologist and Ophthalmologist Dr. S. K. Bali, Cancer Specialist Dr. Sumit Pandita, Ayurveda Specialist Dr. Sonia Gupta, General Physician Dr. B. D. Sharma, Dr. Vasundhara Verma, Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Ophthalmologist Dr. Reema Sadhu, Physiotherapist Dr. Meghna Sharma and Dentist Dr. Tannu Gandotra, did a free checkup. Apart from this,

blood sugar, uric acid test and B.P. investigation were also done free of cost. When Swami Vivekananda established the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission in 1897, he had put the ideal of "Shiv Gyan se Jeev Seva" in front of the people. Swami Yajnadharamand, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu said that the purpose behind this camp is the ideal given by Swami Vivekananda "Shiva Gyan Se Jeev Sewa", which means that while serving we should feel that we are serving Shiva himself.

Dignitaries like Dr. Rakesh Raina, Dr. Neeru Kharoo were also present during the camp.

A total of 320 patients were screened in this free camp. Refreshments were served to all the patients. Along with this, medicines were also distributed free of cost to many patients. More than 275 sugar tests and 85 uric acid tests were done free of cost in the camp.

Ramakrishna Mission Jammu, following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda, provides cultural, educational and medical services.

MSCBC Trust's National Art Workshop enters Day-2

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PAHALGAM: The week-long National Art Workshop 'Kavyabhoomi' organized by Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable (MSCBC) Trust in collaboration with Petronet LNG at Pahalgam in Kashmir entered into Day-2 here today. It is pertinent to mention here that the workshop has been organized to give impetus to the genre of arts in the Valley and to encourage the young and budding artists to explore their hidden artistic talent. A total of eleven artists including five from Kashmir and others from different parts of the country are taking part in the workshop. Prominent among other artists entrusted the responsibility to do the spade work for the national arts workshop are Laxmipriya Panigrahi, Bhakti Vilas Lad, Nilisha J Phad, Kishore Roy, Vikram Nayak, Dighijayee Khatua, Snober Jeelani Shah, Naushad Hussain, Azim Hassan, Zargar Zahoor and Javid Iqbal. Artist Nilisha J Phad from Delhi while interacting with this reporter said that she has done masters in portraits and was very enthusiastic to participate in this workshop in Kashmir. While pointing to

her artistic creation in the workshop, she said "In my work I have tried to reflect duality focussing on the human nature. She thanked the organizers of workshop for providing the opportunity to the artists to create and display their works in such a beautiful destination i.e. Pahalgam.

Laxmipriya from Amritsar said that Pahalgam is a very beautiful place and an exceptional destination for the artists to create their works especially in view of the fact that the panoramic view acts as a catalyst to further sharpen the artists' creativity and skill. Snober Jeelani Shah from Srinagar while pointing towards her creation at the workshop said that her field is materialism and she is working on contrasts. Bhakti Vilas Lad from Mumbai while talking to this reporter stated, "I like to be part of this workshop as it has provided a unique chance to enhance our creativity amid beautiful valleys. I work in articulate/figurative style including even displaying emotions." Amuradha Rishi said Art plays important role in grooming the children but the sad part of the story is that toddlers in J&K remained away from this virtue due to turmoil in the region.

'Bye Bye Plastic Say Yes To Cloth Bags' awareness conducted by GGM Science College



NSS volunteers posing with faculty members during an awareness programme.

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JAMMU: NSS unit II of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan on Sunday started an awareness drive around College outreaching the community as a part of Mission LiFE Clean India 'Say No to Single Use Plastic' under the

aegis of G 20 on the fourth day of summer camp celebrating World Environment Day. The polythene bags are non-biodegradable even the animals consuming these polythene bags die an unnatural death due to the damage caused in their internal body system. NSS volunteers carrying posters chanting slogans 'Kaple Ke Bag Ko Han Kaho,

Plastic Ke Bag Ko Nah Kaho' urged the shopkeepers, Rehriwalas and the people around to Say no to polythene bags 'Bye Bye Plastic' as polythene bags take up to 1000 years to decompose.

The theme for World Environment Day on 5 June 2023 will focus on solutions to plastic pollution under the campaign Beat Plastic Pollution.