

Natrang concludes Summer Theatre Workshop with performance of 'Pollution Ka Solution'



Children performing in play staged to mark conclusion of Summer Theatre Workshop of Natrang.

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JAMMU: Natrang concluded its month-long Summer Theatre Workshop for Children-2022 with an impressive performance of 'Pollution Ka Solution', a new play in Hindi at Police Auditorium.

The play was brilliantly written and directed by Sumeet Sharma who has been doing meaningful theatre with children consistently for the last nineteen years and has inspired hundreds of children to enhance their personalities through theatre.

Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, JKUT presided over the function who lauded Natrang's efforts in bringing cultural and intellectual vivacity in the region.

She also appreciated the concept and style of the play and suggested more performances of the same to spread the message of cleanliness under Swachh Bharat Mission.

Appreciating the wonderful performance by children, she acknowledged the importance

of theatre in shaping the overall personalities. At the very outset, in his video address streamed from Mauritius, Balwant Thakur dwelt in detail about Natrang's children theatre initiative in Jammu which almost revolutionized the theatre scene of Jammu.

Advocating the importance of theatre in transforming personalities, he stressed on the dire need of introducing theatre as a compulsory subject in schools.

He thanked exclusively Mukesh Singh ADGP and

Natrang promoters in supporting this mission aimed at the larger welfare of the civil society of Jammu.

It is pertinent to mention here that today's performance was organised by Natrang in collaboration with J&K Police.

As the name suggests, play 'Pollution Ka Solution' attracts our concentration towards the malign intentions of Pollution and also suggests measures to prevent it.

But rather than preaching the cause, the topic was very creatively handled where satire and humour were the prominent tools so that children convey the heavy message in a

lighter tone and could enjoy while doing it.

The play was appreciated by the audience for its unique style where children were given liberty to exhibit their talent and also make people aware about the importance of cleanliness.

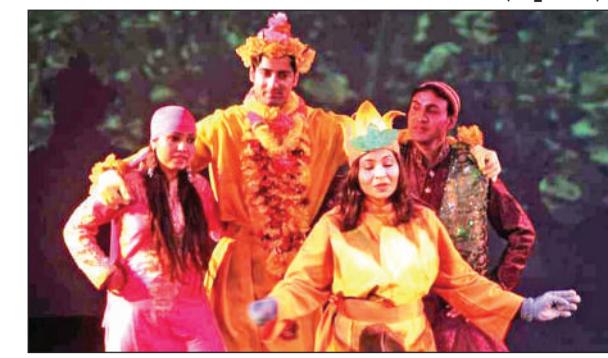
Cleverly written poetry, songs and parades enhanced the overall impact of the performance and the energetic and impressive acting by children was icing to the cake.

The workshop was coordinated by Gauri Thakur with support of Vikrant Sharma and Neeraj Kant (Coordination), Chander

Shekhar (Designing), Sunny Mujoo (Choreography), Suraj Ganjoo and Shivam Singh (Lighting and Technical Assistance), Mohd. Yaseen, Brijesh Avtar Sharma and Ms. Bhawna (Management and Logistics) Kanapreet Kaur, Sushant Singh, Arti Bhagat, Kushal Bhat (Activities and Demonstration).

Talented children who acted in the play included Raaga Sharma, Aaria Zia Sharma, Abir Beri, Devisha Gaur, Malhaar Sharma, Saanchi Dutta, Dwijesh Dutta, Ragya Gupta, Prisha Gupta, Melak Chib, Karan Sahib Singh, Daiyik Gupta, Riaan Gupta, Abhiraj Suryavanshi, Atharav Sharma, Sheryl Sharma, Abhiuday Gupta, Aditya Gupta, Aarna Gaur, Naira Madeel, Jigisha Thusoo, Priyal Ashok Gupta, Rudra Jamwal, Ragha Sharma, Pulkit Jayee, Shrishti Kapoor, Vihann Pandotra, Shambhavi Sharma, Devangi Sharma, Gaurangi Sharma, Yashmita Sharma, Reet Gupta, Hargun Kour, Sadhya Sharma, Aryan Gupta, Aviral Kapoor, Akul Arora, Droan Dushyant Kohli and Pragya Wadhera.

RMK Arts & Research Foundation showcases Musical Dance Drama (Opera)



Artists performing in a play.

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JAMMU: RMK Arts &

Research Foundation on

Sunday performed a specially

made Musical Dance Drama (Opera) Waktuk Partav in

Kashmiri sponsored by

Sangeet Natak Academy, New

Delhi at Govt. Polytechnic

College, Jammu Auditorium in

presence of large enthusiastic

public who got enthralled with

mesmerising performance of

all the artists. The audience

appreciated the light & sound

effects mixed with music sup-

ported with Theatrical & tradi-

tional dance performance in

the Opera. The Drama was

written by PN Sayel, Music by

Kuldeep Sapoor and Directed

by Vijay Dhar. The pro-

gramme was sponsored by

Sangeet Natak Academy, for

the financial year 2021-22, it is

the premier Cultural

Institution of India who have

been promoting and sponsor-

ing such programmes with the

aim to preserve & revive all Art

forms.

Musical Dance Drama

(Opera) Art form has dimin-

ished in J&K particularly in

Kashmir since last 40 years

and no efforts are being put to

revive this art form by the cul-

tural organisation of the UT.

RMK Arts & Research

Foundation is engaged in revi-

ving the Opera art form for the

last many years and many

operas and musical dance dra-

mas have been prepared and

presented for the audience in

an effort to revive this art form.

Mahajan Sabha working tirelessly in service of Amarnath pilgrims

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JAMMU: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS), Shalamar road is playing a crucial role in ongoing Amarnath Yatra by providing various necessary facilities to pilgrims in Jammu. As per a press statement issued on Sunday, the main Hall of Sabha has been placed at the disposal of Government for registration of Yatris, who are thronging the place in large number. Sabha is also providing breakfast, lunch and Prasad throughout the day to Yatris. For the purpose, a special team of workers led by Romesh Chander Gupta, President, assisted by Partap Partap Gupta (Senior Vice President) and Sanjay Mahajan (General Secretary) is working relentlessly.

Meanwhile, C P Gupta and Mukesh Mahajan are looking after Press & Protocol arrangements while Balbir Gupta and Yash Paul Gupta are Langar Incharge. Other members of the team included Surinder Mahajan, Dr Mohan Lal Gupta, Subash Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Romesh Gupta, Satish Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Rajneesh Gupta, Romesh Chander Gupta and Suresh Gupta.

Randhawa listens to grievances of rainfall affected people, assures early redressal



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa during visit to rainfall affected areas.

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa visited rainfall affected areas.

The areas where Randhawa visited were Azad Nagar, Amar Colony, Bhow Pind and adjoining areas. He was accompanied by Advocate Jasmeet Kour Pandey Councillor, Jammu Cantonment.

During his visit, Randhawa listened to the grievances of the people. Randhawa gave a patient hearing to the problems faced by the people. He directed the officials of the UED (Urban Environmental Engineering Department) to immediately lift the garbage from the Nallahs and also take up the construction works of the Nallahs in order to provide a better infrastructure to the public. He stated that the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for restoration of flood damaged infrastructure and preventive measures for water logging and submergence caused due to incessant rains have been sanctioned. He also stated that works will be taken up within days. After hearing the grievance of the people, Randhawa assured early redressal after taking up the issues with the concerned department.

"I am always available for the people who were facing any kind of issue", he said, adding that people can contact him anytime for redressal of their grievances. Pitambar Sharma, Inder Kharjuria, Davinder Singh, Ashok Kumar, Ujwal Singh and many others were present on the occasion.

RHSS appoints Ajay Singh Chandel as J&K President

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JAMMU: Ajay Singh Chandel has been appointed as the State President, Rashtriya Hindu Shakti Sangathan (RHSS) Jammu and Kashmir unit.

This has been informed through a press handout issued by RHSS from New Delhi today. According to the press note, detailed deliberations were held by the RHSS high command to appoint the State President of the Sangathan for Jammu and Kashmir.

Thereafter the prominent members of the organization including the National Convenor of Rashtriya Hindu Shakti Sangathan Sanjay Arora, Anil Agarwal (MP Rajya Sabha) National President and Smt. Sarita Sharma Arora National President (Women) and

the above said committee recommended the name of Ajay Singh Chandel s/o Dilyan Singh resident of Shankar Nagar, Channi Rama Ward No. 49 Channi Himmat Jammu to be nominated as the State President of Jammu/Kashmir. The recommendation has been duly accepted by the Sangathan

Sanjay elected President Jammu Printers Association



Newly elected office bearers of Jammu Printers Association.

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JAMMU: The election of office bearers of Jammu Printers Association (Regd) was held on Sunday at Kohinoor Restaurant, Jammu under the guidance of Om Parkash Thakur, Election President, in a peaceful manner. During elections, the body for a term starting from July 11, 2022 to July 10,

Youth's overwhelming response to Agnipath Scheme made opposition silent: Dr Parneesh

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JAMMU: The overwhelming response which the youth of the country has given to Agnipath Scheme has silenced the opposition which was misleading the country just to take undue political mileage.

This was stated by Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener Department of Training, Jammu and Kashmir BJP in a statement issued to media persons here on Sunday.

Citing the ongoing recruitment process in the Indian Air Force, Dr Parneesh said that the IAF has witnessed the highest number of applications for recruitment surpassing all the previous records after the completion of the registration process under the new Agnipath scheme. He said that this is a slap on the face of unprincipled opposition parties which exploited the situation by misleading the youth over the issue leading to loss of crores of rupees in the

Govt's step to provide 3000 motorized tricycles to differently-abled laudable: Nitish

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Never in the history of J&K the successive governments had taken such philanthropic step to provide succour to thousands of differently-abled persons of Jammu and Kashmir by the ending of this year.

This was said by Nitish Mahajan, State Executive Member, BJP J&K in a statement issued to media persons here on Thursday.

The BJP leader said that J&K Government has scripted history under this endeavour showing the concern of LG Manoj Sinha towards making J&K an inclusive society

where specially-abled people can live with dignity and pride, and earn livelihood by working shoulder to shoulder with their other counterparts in the Union Territory.

Nitish said that LG has proved beyond any doubt that J&K government is committed to alleviate the troubles of the specially-abled by creating an atmosphere where they can sustain without taking help from others. He

appreciated LG Sinha for his vision to distribute 3000 units of Motorized Tricycles among the specially-abled persons of Jammu and Kashmir by the ending of this year.

The senior BJP leader said that J&K Government under the stewardship of Union Govt led by PM Narendra Modi is committed to make accessibility a right for specially-abled and ensure a barrier-free environment for people irrespective of their caste, colour or creed.

"Various schemes launched by the government aims at achieving the vision of building an inclusive society by empowering socially, economically marginalized sections, creation of livelihood and skilling initiatives for youth and adequate support to senior citizens", he said, adding that J&K is marching ahead to achieve what modern developed cities have achieved and for this people's support holds the key.

Nitish said that the entry of a soldier in the belt force is a big sacrifice because he or she has to shun the comforts of cozy homes and hearth, and live a life full of daredevilry to ensure that his or her countrymen remain safe and secure.

"It is the bounded duty of the country to extend honour and all the help including the monetary to the soldiers and their families because they are doing for the nation, no other entity can do the same", Nitish said, adding that the decision taken by the Administrative Council is most appropriate as

this will infuse sense of security among the troops and also act as necessary support to their families (NOKs) in case the need arises. Nitish Mishra said that providing monetary help or job to next of kin of martyrs was in no way going to compensate their loss, but it was a measure to provide some relief to the families, which is imperative and responsibility of the government as there is no big sacrifice than the supreme sacrifice made by the valiant soldiers of the country. It is pertinent to mention that AC under the chairmanship of LG

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BPCL, JMC spread awareness against plastic usage

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JAMMU: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), Bharatgas LPG and Retail (Petrol Pump) business units of Jammu in association with Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) organised Prabhat Pheri to ensure wide spread awareness against plastic usage and adoption of paper and jute bags during the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada.

Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta and Chairman Swach Bharat Jammu Hardeep Singh Mankotia, Raj Kumar Chairman of Public Health



Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta flagging-off Prabhat Pheri at Jammu.

& Sanitation Committee JMC, Dinesh Gupta councilor, Yashpal Sharma Councilor, Sahil Sharma along with Sandeep Kumar Raina TM LPG and Eshu Kumar TM Retail, Sanjeev Dhokha TC Retail addressed the gathering of Distributors and Dealer staff of various agencies at Bharat Petroleum Jammu office. Jute bags were distributed among the Agency delivery boys and DSMs and Swachhata Pledge was taken to raise awareness on this important issue.

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