

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

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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



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

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 parodies 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) Kananpreet 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, Mehak Chib, Karan Sahib Singh, Daivik Gupta, Riaan Gupta, Abhiraj Suryavanshi, Atharav Sharma, Sheryl Sharma, Abhiuday Gupta, Advita Gupta, Aarnaa Gaur, Naira Madeel, Jigisha Thusoo, Priyal Ashok Gupta, Rudraa Jamwal, Raghav Sharma, Pulkit Jayee, Shrishti Kapoor, Vihaan 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 Wadhwa.

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 supported with Theatrical & traditional dance performance in the Opera. The Drama was written by PN Sayel, Music by Kuldeep Saproo and Directed by Vijay Dhar. The programme was sponsored by

Sangeet Natak Academy, for the financial ear 2021-22, it is the premier Cultural Institution of India who have been promoting and sponsoring such programmes with the aim to preserve & revive all Art forms.

Musical Dance Drama (Opera) Art form has diminished in J&K particularly in Kashmir since last 40 years and no efforts are being put to revive this art form by the cultural organisation of the U.T. RMK Arts & Research Foundation is engaged in reviving the Opera art form for the last many years and many operas and musical dance dramas 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, Bhour 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 UEED (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 Khajuria, 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

National Advisory Committee President Mahesh Ji Tanna, Ravindra Vaishnav National Vice President, Ashok Mahajan National Vice President, Surendra Agrawal National Vice President, Rajesh Surendra Singh Bes, Prasanta Malu and Ajay Saroke National General Secretary conducted a final round of meeting under due supervision and guidance of Bua Singh National General Secretary and Jammu / Kashmir In-charge. The above said committee recommended the name of Ajay Singh Chandel s/o Dhyran 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

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

shape of damage to public property besides loss of life also. "The IAF had started the registration process on June 24, 10 days after the Agnipath Scheme was launched by the Centre", Dr Parneesh said, adding that the record shows that the highest number of applications in any recruitment cycle was 6,31,528 which was overtaken this year under the Agnipath scheme which attracted 7,49,899 applications.

Dr Parneesh said that those opposing this scheme are now hiding their faces because they have nothing to say. He said that opposition parties have a habit of criticizing the Modi Government without going

through its policies and that is the reason that their leadership has to face embarrassment on all counts.

The senior BJP leader said that BJP is a nationalist party and doing anything against the nation is out of question. "Those who are accusing the BJP of compromising with the interests of the country should first look into their own history which I am sure is full of wrongdoings", he said, adding that political parties giving sermons to BJP should introspect their own past because many of these are responsible for the snarl in the development process of the country and miseries of the masses in the yesteryears.

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

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JAMMU: Never in the history of J&K the successive governments had taken such a philanthropic step to provide succour to thousands of differently-abled by disbursing 3000 motorized tricycles among them.

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 end 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.

Sahitya Akademi organises Gramalok programme



People at Gramalok programme organised by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Gramalok programme was organized on behalf of Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi in the remote village of Dori Dager in district Jammu.

Famous poets and litterateurs of Dogri language participated in this programme.

Yashpal Nirmal, senior poet, litterateur and critic of Dogri presided over this programme and as the Chief Guest on the

occasion said that literary programmes organized by Sahitya Akademi would help people to get literature by conducting literary programmes in far flung villages.

The chief guest of the program, Bhushan Baral, a member of the District Development Council of Bhalwal Brahmin, said that this poet is a true servant of our language.

Rajendra Ranjha Member, Dogri Paramarsh Mandal

Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi presented welcome address and introductory remarks.

The poets who participated in this programme were Joginder Pal Jinder, Harbans Lal Harsh, Vicky Sharma, Keval Kumar Kewal, Ranveer Chib, Rajinder Ranjha, Yash Pal Nirmal, Roshan Baral Roshan, Master Vijay Sharma, Master Madan Lal, Master Ramesh Sharma and others.

Enhancing ex-gratia relief to NoKs of defence personnel needful step: Danish

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JAMMU: Danish Mishra, Co-Incharge Social Media Department and Prabhari, Jammu Poonch Lok Sabha Seat, BJP J&K, has welcomed the decision taken by the Administrative Council to enhance ex-gratia relief in favour of NoKs of local defence personnel who attain martyrdom in J&K or outside.

In a statement issued to the media persons, the BJP leader said that such steps would boost the morale of people guarding the borders of the country. He 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 what they are doing for the nation, no other entity can do the same", Danish 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. Danish 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

Manoj Sinha has enhanced ex-gratia relief from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh in favour of NoK of those defence personnel who hail from J&K and attain martyrdom within the territorial jurisdiction of the U.T of Jammu & Kashmir.

"The move shows that the Government of J&K is committed to the welfare of defence personnel and it considers the families of the brave warriors as a one big family with commitment to take care of every individual by providing help in whatever way it is possible", he added.

Sikh organisations pay tributes to deceased Amarnath Yatris

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JAMMU: A meeting of Various Prominent Sikh leaders and Organizations was held today under the Chairmanship of Mohinder Singh Chief Organizer Bhai Kanaya Nishkam Sewa society in which the participants paid rich tributes to the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Yatra during elud burst. The participants observed two minutes silence prayed for peace to the departed soul and courage to their family members to bear this irreparable loss. They also prayed for the safety of missing yatris.

The speakers appealed to the Prime Minister Narinder Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Lt Governor of JKUT Manoj Sinha to announce Rs 25 lakh as ex-gratia to the next of kin of deceased with job to one member of the family. Mohinder Singh also appealed to the management committees of Sikh Gurdwaras enroute to accommodate and provide help to the needy yatris as per the tradition taught by our Great Gurus.

Those who participated in the meeting were Darbinder Singh President Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Rajinder Singh General Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Raja Singh Sarpanch member DGPC Jammu, S. Ravinder Singh Sarpanch & General Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Kulwant Singh Khajuria Joint Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Gajan Singh President J&K Motor Transport Company Association, Kuldeep Kour President Istri Akali Dal J&K, Gurmeet Kour General Secretary Istri Akali Dal J&K Charanjeet Singh (KAS) retired SDM, Prof. Yudhvir Singh Corporator, Charan Singh Bali, Convenor, Kashmir Province Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Harpreet Singh Chhotu President Youth Akali Dal J&K, Surjeet Singh Kukoo President Sikh Naujwan Sabha, Manmohan Singh Chairman Gole Gujral Jammu, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Rasbir Singh, Paramjeet Singh Raina Ex-Corporator, Tejpal Singh and Kultar Singh.

Sanjay elected President Jammu Printers Association



Newly elected office bears 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,

2024 was elected with Sanjay Verma of S K Printers as President and Vikram Bhasin of Bhavani Printers as Vice President. Rajesh Gupta of R V Printers was elected as General Secretary, Ramesh Kapali of Ramesh Printers was elected Joint Secretary cum PRO while Kamal Kishore of BMS Printing Press was elected as Treasurer.

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 Pakhwaada.

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 councillor, Yashpaul Sharma Councillor, Sahil Sharma along with Sandeep Kumar Raina TM LPG and Eshu Kumar TM Retail, Sanjeev Dhokia 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.

They also flagged off Prabhat Pheri rally to raise awareness on giving up Plastic usage and adopt Paper /Jute Bags. Varun Sharma Manager Sales LPG, Manager Sales Retail Dushyant Sharma coordinated the event.