

Zuvi Kids Talent Show: celebration of Young Talent and Inspiration

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JAMMU: Zuvi Preschool & Daycare, founded by Sundeep Chandra and co-founded by Nishu Kiran, on Sunday hosted the Zuvi Kids Talent Show at the K.L Saigal Auditorium in Jammu.

This event was a magnificent celebration of young talent, featuring a diverse array of performances that left a lasting impression on all attendees.

The event was inaugurated by prominent figures including Parmod Kapahi, Brijesh Gupta, and Anu Gupta, all leaders of the BJP in Jammu.

Additionally, Tarun Sharma, a renowned theatre artist, and Karan Singh, a prominent BJP



Participants of Zuvi Kids Talent Show posing with dignitaries.

leader, graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.

The talent show showcased the abilities of 35 dancers, 9 singers, and 5 young musicians, each captivating the audience with their exceptional skills and performances. Special performances by Netra Tickoo,

a finalist of India's Talent Fight Season 3, and Yogeshwar Singh, a national gold medalist in Poetry 2023 from Jammu, added a touch of glamour and inspiration to the event.

Yogeshwar Singh's poetry, especially, resonated deeply with everyone present.

All participants were recognized for their efforts with trophies and certificates presented by the distinguished guests of honour, further motivating the young performers to pursue their passions.

The event also featured a panel discussion on "Empowering Minds: Supporting Children with Autism," led by panelists including Founder of Blessings Early Intervention Center, Megavika, Physiotherapist Dr. Geetakshi Bali (PT), Special Educator, Shahbaz Choudhary, and Pallavi from Brainpreneurs/VYOM.

This discussion provided invaluable insights and strategies for supporting children with autism, highlighting Zuvi Preschool & Daycare's commitment to inclusive education.

The presence of Shivi Suri, a news reader from AIR Jammu, added to the event's significance, while Geetika's exceptional anchoring skills ensured that the event proceeded smoothly and engagingly.

To conclude the celebration, participants enjoyed with trophies and balloons, creating a festive atmosphere that celebrated not just talent but community spirit.

Overall, the Zuvi Kids Talent Show was a resounding success, showcasing Zuvi Preschool & Daycare's dedication to nurturing creativity and providing a platform for young children to shine.

Natrang presents Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba'

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JAMMU: Natrang presented Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba' here on Sunday 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 rehearsal other than the director. The artists who used to plead for a single entry in the play have turned priority 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



Natrang artists performing in Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba'.

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, Brijesh Avtar Sharma and Chaitanya Shekhar. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant Sharma and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

JAKFAS inaugurates art exhibition 'Fusion-24'



Chief Guest, DySP Naresh Sharma posing with winners and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Jammu Artists and Kashmir Fine Arts Society (JAKFAS) on Sunday inaugurated 'Fusion-24', an art exhibition showcasing paintings, collages, sketches, and prints by budding artists from Jammu.

The event took place at the Art Gallery-cum-Studio of JAKFAS in Muthi, and was graced by several distinguished personalities. DySP Naresh Sharma presided over the ceremony as the Chief Guest, emphasizing the positive impact of creative activities on youth. Special guests included senior artist, writer, and columnist Jang S. Verma, as well as senior artist Mohd Akram Khan. Renowned sculptor Jasleen Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Jagdish Raj, and Vandana

Dutta, an educationist, were also present, adding to the event's prestige. The exhibition featured works by budding artists such as Shruti Sharma, Tejas Dutta, Prathamansh Sharma, Ramit Sharma, and Jia Langer.

These artworks were curated by JAKFAS artist Suresh Sharma, highlighting the talent and diversity within the local art scene. During the event, the dignitaries took a tour of the exhibition, interacting with the young artists and expressing their appreciation for their creative endeavors.

DySP Naresh Sharma commended JAKFAS for its efforts in nurturing youth talent, noting that such creative activities play a crucial role in shaping the future citizens. The partici-

pants were honored with mementoes as tokens of appreciation from the guests. Suresh Sharma, General Secretary of JAKFAS, welcomed the guests and provided insights into the organization's activities, as well as an overview of the exhibition and the achievements of the participating artists. He highlighted that Prathamansh Sharma, one of the budding artists, had secured admission this year in the art stream at MS University of Baroda, showcasing the exhibition's role in fostering career opportunities for young artists.

'Fusion-24' not only celebrated artistic expression but also underscored JAKFAS's commitment to promoting cultural enrichment and providing a platform for emerging talents in Jammu's vibrant art community.

Apni Party is committed to standing with people, regardless of circumstances: Mir

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir, on Sunday urged the party workers to intensify their political activities and public outreach to create a closer bond with the people at the grassroots level in their respective areas. He identified some grave public issues and assured that Apni Party will work unwaveringly to ensure the redressal of these issues.

He was addressing a workers' convention at Kunzar area of Tangmarg today. Party's State Secretary and Chief Spokesperson Muntazir Mohiuddin also addressed the occasion. Talking about several public issues that are causing widespread sufferings to people, Mir pledged that Apni Party



Apni Party Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir addressing workers' convention.

will strive unwaveringly to ensure these issues are addressed in the interest of the people.

He said, "Apni Party will ensure that the existing Geology and Mining policies, which allow outsiders to secure contracts for minerals and natural resources, are repealed. These policies are adversely affecting the interests of the local people."

Mir expressed his deep concern over the growing unemployment. He said, "I feel pained to see young

and educated people grappling with unemployment, while the administration does nothing about it."

Expressing his anguish over the rising power tariffs, Mir said, "On one hand, people are suffering from issues like increasing unemployment, lack of opportunities, and up trending inflation. On the other hand, the administration is imposing higher power tariffs on them and now plans to install water meters as well. Such initiatives clearly indicate that

the administration is least bothered about the people's problems."

Muntazir Mohiuddin said, "Apni Party has its own agenda and policies that are deeply rooted in the long-term interests of the people. This party is neither affiliated nor aligned with any other political party in the region or at the national level. We have our own mission and vision that we are pursuing for the larger interest of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He went on to say, "Our

agenda and mission largely focus on ensuring peace, prosperity, and development in Jammu and Kashmir."

"I assure you that we will continue stand with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and will always protect their rights," he added.

The prominent party leaders who were present on this occasion included DDC Kunzar Sheikh Nazir Ahmad, Party's Provincial Secretary Aftab Beigh, DDC member Ishfaq Ahmad, Abdul Kareem Dar, Abdul Majid Khanday, Abdul Rehman (Kaka Ji), Nazir Ahmad, Shaheen Ahmad, Abdul Ghani Mir, Mohammad Asadullah, Mohammad Shafi Mir, Abdul Majeed, all Zonal and Block Presidents, and others.

Ajaz Kazmi demands 24/7 electricity, drinking water supply during Muharram in J&K

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JAMMU: Apni Party's Trade Union President, Ajaz Kazmi has appealed to the Govt to ensure 24/7 electricity, drinking water and quality foodgrains supply across Jammu and Kashmir during Muharram days. In a statement issued to the press, Kazmi said that the administration in all the districts should ensure that the people are not deprived of basic amenities during the Muharram. "The power cuts have already affected the life of common masses in Jammu and Kashmir during the heatwave. However, it is expected from the authorities that they would monitor the situation to make needed corrections so that the people get uninterrupted drinking water, and electricity supply," he said. He also sought attention of the administration in Jammu and Srinagar to make sure that the cleanliness is maintained, and the drinking water tanks, medical teams with the ambulances, and food item stalls are deployed enroute to the Muharram processions in various areas with adequate security.

He also suggested that the authorities should work in coordination with the organizing committees of the community during the Muharram so that possible problems can be worked out amicably.

SUT, VKMI organize seminar on 'Spinal Disorders'

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JAMMU: Sarv Uthan Trust (SUT) in collaboration with Vichar Kranti Manch International (VKMI) on Sunday organized a seminar focused on spinal disorders, shedding light on the various causes, symptoms, and management strategies associated with back problems.

Spinal disorders, often associated with work, sports injuries, and diseases, are characterized primarily by pain, a prevalent symptom that can significantly impact daily life.

The seminar highlighted holistic approaches to managing these conditions, emphasizing improvements in diet, physical yoga, weight management, and reduction in habits like smoking and alcohol consumption, which can aid in alleviating back problems.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, President of Vichar Kranti



President VKMI, Dr. Shreyansh Jain and others at a seminar.

Manch International and Chief Advisor Trustee of Sarv Uthan Trust, provided comprehensive insights into spinal cord disorders such as vertebral fractures, degenerative disc disease, tumors, spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spinal canal), and abscesses. He delineated the three main sections of the spinal cord: cervical, dorsal, and lumbar, detailing specific conditions like cervical spondylitis, thoracic spinal pain, and lumbar disc disease.

Demonstrations of beneficial Yogasanas including Konasana, Ushtrasana, Ashvthanasana, Bhujangasana, Salabhasana, Tadasana, and Makarasana were conducted by Narendra Wadhwa and Yashpal Sharma. These practices are aimed at enhancing flexibility and strengthening the spine. Additionally, essential Pranayama techniques such as Anulom Vilom, Kapalbhathi, Surya Bhedi, and Suryanulom Pranayams

were highlighted as effective in managing spinal problems, promoting deep breathing and relaxation.

Ashok Kumar Gupta, Founder Chairman of Sarv Uthan Trust and Vice President of VKMI, shared his valuable expertise on spinal disorders, contributing to a deeper understanding of preventive measures and treatment modalities. The seminar was attended by Anju Bansal, Coordinator VKMI, and HC Vaid, President of Shivalik Bharat Vikas Parishad, whose presence added significance to the occasion.

The event concluded with a reaffirmation of the importance of awareness and proactive measures in managing spinal health, underscoring the collaborative efforts of SUT and VKMI in promoting holistic well-being within the community.

Abhay Bakaya appreciates arrest of accused involved in vandalizing religious place

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JAMMU: Apni Party Spokesperson, and Youth Wing, General Secretary, Abhay Bakaya has appreciated the police for its swift action and arrest of the accused person who was involved in vandalizing a religious place in Nagrota that had triggered protests, and strong condemnation from cross section of society. As per a press release, Abhay expressed his shock over the incident that has triggered protests, and widespread anger among the people from all the sections of society.

He said that "It appears that the incident was aimed to spark communal tension and destabilize the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu District where people from different faiths live in peace." He said that the police

acted swiftly and apprehend the accused miscreant who dared to hurt the religious sentiments and urged the police to put him behind the bars under stringent laws.

He sought cooperation from community leaders to come together and jointly ensure that the peace is maintained, and the elements responsible for vandalizing the religious place be arrested by the police.

He also remembered how a similar incident had taken place in Reasi, and accordingly cautioned the authorities against the elements who are bent upon hurting the sentiments with their acts.

"The authorities should act tough against the elements who work with a motive to destabilize the peaceful situation," he added.

Chairperson DDC B'pora chairs council meeting; finalizes Plans under ADF

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BANDIPORA: The Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Bandipora, Ab Gani Bhat on Sunday presided over council meeting at Mini Secretariat Bandipora to finalize plans under the Area Development Fund (DDC/BDC/PRI Grants). The meeting witnessed participation of Vice Chairperson DDC, Kousar Shafeeq; DDC members, Chief Executive Officer, DDC (ADDC) Mohammad Ashraf Bhatt; Chief Planning Officer, ACD, ACP and other concerned stakeholders. The meeting discussed threadbare allocation and utilization of ADF Grants to bolster developmental initiatives across the district.

Chairperson, Ab Gani Bhat emphasized the importance of prudent planning and transparent execution in ensuring these grants positively impact the socio-economic landscape of Bandipora. He underscored the council's commitment in prioritizing projects that align with local needs and aspirations. The Chairperson expressed confidence that the finalized plans would pave the way for sustainable growth and equitable development in the district. He urged all stakeholders to collaborate effectively to expedite project implemen-

tation and achieve tangible outcomes. He said, District Development Council is committed to harness resources effectively and foster inclusive development across Bandipora.

ZNS NIST Academy organizes Bridal Shoot 2024

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JAMMU: ZNS NIST Academy on Sunday hosted Bridal Shoot 2024 (Chapter - 4) at Celebration Resorts, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to celebrate the achievements of their outgoing students who have successfully completed courses in hairstyling and makeup.

The event was a vibrant showcase of creativity and talent, highlighting the skills acquired by over 35 students from the academy.

Nusrat Malik, Centre Head of ZNS NIST Academy, expressed enthusiasm about the event, emphasizing that more than 35 students demonstrated their expertise in creating diverse bridal makeup looks learned during their courses. The event drew aspiring models from across Jammu & Kashmir, providing a significant platform for the students to showcase their artistic abilities. During the event, a student



Participants of Bridal Shoot 2024 posing with ZNS NIST Academy members.

from Kashmir shared her experience of completing the three-month makeup and hairstyle course at the academy.

She proudly presented her first bridal makeup look, exuding confidence and skill. She expressed her newfound financial independence and plans to establish her own salon in Kashmir, highlighting the transformative impact of the academy's training.

Nusrat Malik underscored the academy's commitment to quality work and providing the best platforms for nurturing student talents. She commended all participants for creating captivating makeup looks, complemented by perfect combinations of attire and jewelry.

The event featured Aggrawal Professional Cosmetics as the gifting partner and Sood Eye

Centre, a unit of Dr. Aggrawal Hospitals, as the associate partner. Irfan Choudhary hosted the event, adding to its success and vibrancy.

ZNS NIST Academy congratulates all its passout students, celebrating their hard work, creativity, and achievements. The academy wishes them a glamorous journey ahead in the dynamic world of beauty and artistry.

BJP cadre rejuvenated after party National President JP Nadda's Jammu visit: Purnima

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JAMMU: BJP cadre in Jammu and Kashmir has received a much-needed boost following the visit of Party National President JP Nadda to the City of Temples-Jammu.

This was stated by BJP Spokesperson J&K and former deputy Mayor, Jammu, Adv Purnima Sharma in a press release issued here on Sunday.

The senior BJP leader highlighted that the interactions made by the Party's National President have instilled confidence among the party activists, providing a significant impetus to the poll campaign in the Union Territory ahead of the Assembly elections.

"The two-day visit of JP Nadda has surely rejuvenated the party leadership as well as the ground-level

workers," he said, emphasizing that the renewed vigor and enthusiasm are expected to turn the tide in favor of the party across the Union Territory, potentially leading to a clean sweep in the upcoming Assembly elections.

During his visit, JP Nadda engaged with various sections of the party, addressing concerns, sharing strategies, and reinforcing the party's vision for the region.

His presence has created a palpable wave of enthusiasm among the BJP cadre, who are now more motivated to work towards the party's success in the elections, she added.

Purnima urged party workers to channel this energy into a focused and robust poll campaign. She emphasized the impor-

tance of grassroots efforts and the need for every party member to contribute actively to the election preparations.

The BJP Spokesperson expressed optimism that with the current momentum, the BJP is well-positioned to garner widespread support across Jammu and Kashmir.

She reiterated the significance of Nadda's visit, stating that it has not only boosted the morale of the party members but also laid down a clear path for the upcoming electoral battle.

She called upon all BJP workers to maintain the momentum and work tirelessly to achieve a decisive victory in the Assembly elections, ensuring the party's continued growth and success in the region.