

Groundbreaking solo performance in Dogri: RJ Juhie captivates as Chanchlo

Jammu witnesses a historic, emotionally powerful theatrical evening; 90-minute solo performance sets a new benchmark in regional theatre

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JAMMU: In a landmark moment for Dogri theatre, Rangyug - Theatre for Self-Realization and Social Change - staged Chanchlo, a soul-stirring 90-minute solo performance that left the audience awestruck and deeply moved.

With not a single prop to hide behind and no supporting cast to fall back on, RJ Juhie Mohan carried the full emotional and narrative weight of the play, delivering a master class in solo performance that redefined the boundaries of regional theatre.

Chanchlo, originally penned in Hindi by renowned playwright Nadira Zaheer Babbar as Sakubai, was meticulously adapted into Dogri by Juhie herself. Under the creative direction of veteran theatre artist Deepak Kumar, and supported by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, the play found new life on the stage of Jammu - and a new voice in the heart of every viewer.

Juhie's portrayal of a domestic worker who



Not merely a role - it's a revolution: RJ Juhie's performing as Chanchlo at Jammu's Abhinav Theatre on Saturday evening.

migrates to Jammu in search of livelihood is a performance that didn't just speak, it echoed. Through her expressive body language, nuanced dialect, and unwavering emotional honesty, she gave a voice to countless invisible women - the domestic workers, the caretakers, the migrants - who live lives of sacrifice and silent strength.

From laughter to tears, from moments of biting social commentary to heart-wrenching personal confessions,

Juhie held the audience in rapt attention throughout the 90-minute narrative. Her performance was not just acting - it was embodiment. The transformation of the stage into the humble world of Chanchlo felt so organic that the line between theatre and reality blurred, and the audience found themselves walking with her, struggling with her, and rising with her in dignity and courage.

The hall resounded with standing ovations as digni-

ties and theatre lovers alike acknowledged the brilliance of this experiment. Among those present were Padma Shri Dr. Lalit Mangotra; Retd. Sessions Judge Suresh Kumar Sharma; Secretary JKAACL Harvinder Kour; Special Secretary Nagendra Singh Jamwal; and Dr. Javid Rahi, Secretary of Kala Kendra. Their admiration echoed the sentiments of many who witnessed what may well be remembered as a turning point in the evolution of Dogri theatre.

Speaking after the performance, Director Deepak Kumar remarked, "Theatre belongs to the actor, and Chanchlo is proof of that. What Juhie has achieved here is not just artistic excellence - it's cultural courage. She brings dignity, depth, and an unmistakable truth to every breath of her character."

The production was elevated by the behind-the-scenes brilliance of a committed technical team. Music and sound design were helmed by Shivan Gupta, while lighting was crafted by Ashish Sharma

and Pankaj Sharma. Costumes were designed by Anuradha and make-up by Shammii Dhamir. Production support came from Monika Chandel, Neharika, Raj Kumar Behrupia, Soham Kashyap, Sumit, Akrit, Poonam, Kabir and KS Home Store - all working in harmony to ensure that the spotlight shone, undistracted, on a single, unforgettable performance.

With Chanchlo, Rangyug not only reaffirms its commitment to socially relevant theatre but also honours the power of a single voice to awaken many. RJ Juhie's performance is not merely a role - it is a revolution.

FSD intensifies efforts to ensure safe, quality food for Amarnathji pilgrims

JAMMU: The Food Safety Department, (FSD) Jammu & Kashmir, has intensified its surveillance and enforcement activities to ensure food safety during the ongoing Amarnath Yatra 2025.

The exercise is being conducted under the directions of Minister for Health & Medical Education, Sakeena Ito, and Secretary, Health & Medical Education, J&K, Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, whose guidance has supported field mobilization and monitoring.

Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Smita Sethi, inspected hygienic conditions of langars and food service areas at key base and transit camps in Jammu

Division, reaffirming the department's commitment to serving pilgrims safe and hygienic food.

In view of the increased footfall and operation of food business operators (FBOs), the department deployed Food Safety Officers, Food Analysts, and Mobile Food Testing Vans from Lakhapur to Baltal and Pahalgam. These vans equipped with testing kits, conduct daily on-spot food analysis and raise awareness among langar operators and food handlers.

During the first week of the Yatra, the department achieved 215 registrations

issued to langar operators and vendors, 171 inspections conducted, 910 food samples tested via mobile vans, 77 training and awareness sessions conducted, and 30 kg of substandard food items seized and destroyed.

Advisories outlining hygiene, storage, preparation and waste management protocols have been issued. The department has appealed to all FBOs to cooperate fully. For grievances, the toll-free helpline 104 is available.

The department reiterates its commitment to maintaining food safety throughout the Yatra.

Dy CM acts against poor road work; suspends JE, issues notice to contractor

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, acting strictly against the substandard road work on the Chijhama - Tragpora stretch in Rafiabad, Baramulla, has suspended the Junior Engineer (JE) besides issuing show cause notice to the defaulter Contractor.

The action has been taken following a viral video and public concern on the issue which necessitated suspension of Junior Engineer Riyaz Ahmad Bhat with immediate effect.

The executing contractor, M/S Rafiq Construction, has been served a formal notice to

explain their position within three days, failing which action will be initiated under the NIT conditions and relevant laws. Samples of the laid macadam and bituminous material have been collected and sent to the DIQC laboratory for analysis.

The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated the Government's commitment towards ensuring transparency, accountability and quality in public infrastructure, emphasizing zero tolerance for negligence. He encouraged the citizens to continue voicing their concerns, underscoring the importance of public participation in ensuring effective governance.

SKUAST-J hosts expert lecture on Green Bio-Manufacturing of D-Allulose

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), the Faculty of Basic Sciences organized a thought-provoking expert lecture as part of its ongoing Expert Lecture Series. The session featured Prof. Rajender Singh Sangwan, Vice-Chancellor of Raffles University, Rajasthan, and former Director/Vice-Chancellor of the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AeSR). He delivered a lecture on the topic, "Biochemistry and Bio-manufacturing of D-Allulose: The Table Sugar of the Future for a Healthy World."

A distinguished figure in biochemical sciences and biotechnology, Prof. Sangwan provided an insightful analysis of sugar biochemistry and the evolution of artificial sweeteners. He introduced D-Allulose, a rare, low-calorie sugar recognized for its safety

and diabetic-friendly properties, positioning it as a promising natural alternative to traditional sugar.

He also discussed the sustainable bio-manufacturing of D-Allulose from fructose using agricultural waste - an approach that supports the circular bio-economy, waste valorisation, and eco-friendly technologies.

Prof. Sanjay Gulera, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, welcomed the speaker and stressed the growing importance of green bioprocessing and nutraceuticals in modern agricultural and health sciences. The event was coordinated by Dr. Vinod Kumar, Associate Professor, Division of Biochemistry.

The lecture saw enthusiastic participation from faculty, scholars, and students of SKUAST-Jammu, as well as from CCS HAU Hisar, Eternal University Baru Sahib, PAU Ludhiana, and Raffles University Rajasthan, showcasing strong inter-institutional academic collaboration.

LMD cracks whip on cement manufacturer: seizes 550 bags in Jammu, Udhampur

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JAMMU: Acting swiftly on the directions of Controller Legal Metrology Department (LMD), Rajinder Singh Tara, the teams of Legal Metrology Department carried out special surprise inspection of trade establishments dealing with hardware and building materials.

The team seized 550 bags of cement for violation of provisions of Legal Metrology laws like non-declaration of month and date of manufacture and MRP.

As part of the initiative, a team headed by Legal Metrology Officers conducted major enforcement drives and unearthed serious violations at two separate locations in Jammu and Udhampur.

During the inspection, cement bags of a prominent brand found lacking mandatory information like month and year of packaging. The team registered cases against the cement manufacturer and seized 300 cement bags at Jammu.

In another surprise inspection at Udhampur, the team conducted raid on manufacturing premises at Battal

Ballian. The team found that cement bags ready for retail dispatch were without the mandatory declaration for which the company was booked under Section 18(1) of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and around 250 cement bags were seized.

As per a communique issued here in this regard, the Controller Legal Metrology reaffirmed the department's commitment to consumer protection and fair trade practices. He further highlighted that the department will continue its rigorous inspections in days to come.

The Controller urged upon the consumers to remain vigilant and report any irregularity found in pre-packaged goods. Proper labelling helps ensure transparency and provide consumers with accurate product information of pre-packaged commodities which discourages deceptive or fraudulent practices, he added.

The Legal Metrology Department advised the consumers to be vigilant while making the purchases and in case of any consumer related grievance, they can approach the department for redress of their issues.

Amit inspires VLEs during Mizoram CSC Diwas celebrations



Secretary to Government of Mizoram, ITC Departments, Amit Sharma with VLEs and others dignitaries posing for a photograph.

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AIZAWL: Amit Sharma, Secretary to Government of Mizoram, Information Technology and Cooperation Departments, made an inspiring address to the Village-level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) during the 16th Common Service Centre (CSC) Foundation Day, being celebrated all across the nation, particularly in Mizoram, wherein he was invited as the Chief Guest to grace this important occasion.

CSC Diwas was observed in Mizoram at the I&PR Conference Hall, Lianchihari Run, Aizawl wherein Information & Communication Technology Department Secretary Amit Sharma, as apart from delivering his inspiring address to the VLEs, presented awards to the three outstanding Village-level

Entrepreneurs for their top performances at national level in various services during the year 2024-25. They include VL Ramropui (Kolasib District), Lalnunpua Kawhni (Aizawl District) and Hmingthamawia (Lawnglai District).

During his quality-oriented speech, Amit highlighted the importance of CSC's work in the modern times wherein it can help the cause of last mile villagers, especially those who are staying next to Bangladesh and Myanmar Borders and he said that it also helps in creating more and more job opportunities for tech-savvy youth of Mizoram.

Amit, who also happens to Secretary Cooperation, shared that this year, while celebrating International Year of Cooperation, it has been decid-

ed that MPACS of Cooperation should have CSCs as one of the major vertical and this indeed shall help in maximising revenues of MPACS and also help in expanding CSC network to the grassroot levels upto all Village and Local Councils of Mizoram.

Amit also shared several ICT initiatives taken in Mizoram over past one year including successful implementation of e-Office in Secretariat, signing of historical multi-lingual BHASHINI MoU with Government of India, bringing various AI-enabled Courses for the Government Employees and Students here.

Sharma emphasized that CSCs role in serving the public is crucial and he encouraged Village-level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), to work with total dedication and commitment,

alongwith creating awareness towards using e-Services, through close interaction with the public.

While underlying the significance of e-Office and its practical implementation, Amit shared that ICT Department is trying hard to bring all the key services of major departments such as Revenue, Home, FCS&CA, Agriculture, Horticulture, Transport, Rural & Urban Development, Forest etc within the fold of e-Services, which shall be further provisioned to all citizens residing in distant hilly terrains of the state through our CSCs.

Before culminating the address, the chief guest Secretary Amit Sharma mentioned that the VLEs running CSCs should strive hard to make their services more accessible and efficient for the public and employees. He wished the gathering a successful celebration of CSC Diwas.

The event was presided over by Pu Laldhukima, State Incharge, who welcomed the attendees. Reports on CSC's activities for 2024-25 were presented by Pu Denghliia, District Manager for Hnathial and Siaha. After the awards, Pu Lalnunzama, District Manager for Kolasib, delivered the vote of thanks, concluding the event.

Public delegation calls on LG

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SRINAGAR: A public delegation led by Rouble Nagi, social activist and Founder Rouble Nagi Art Foundation called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday. The delegation apprised the Lieutenant Governor of various welfare issues of Non-Migrant Sikh community members living in Kashmir.

Subsequently, a delegation of Temples and Shrines



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Tral also called on the Lieutenant Governor.

DC Poonch reviews PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana implementation

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district. The meeting covered progress on rooftop solar installations, application status and financial disbursements.

A total of 1,125 applications have been received under the scheme with 157 rooftop solar systems installed so far.

The review included bank-wise and sub-division-wise progress, reasons for application rejections and pending cases. The Deputy Commissioner urged departments to expedite

installations and ensure completion of pending cases.

He directed officials to conduct intensive awareness campaigns to inform residents about the scheme's benefits and encourage participation.

Instructions were issued to simplify registration processes and speed up approvals.

The DC also emphasized the need for coordinated efforts among the Power Development Department, financial institutions and empanelled vendors to resolve technical and procedural issues.

The meeting was attended by SE JPDCL Ayoub Khawaja, Tehsildar HQ Palvi Verma, LDM Ravi Kumar and other officers.

DCC Ramban Mourned death of Five people in Pogal Paristan Mishap

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RAMBAN: District Congress Committee Ramban has mourned the death of 5 persons who were killed and one person critically injured, when the vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Nallah-Dabdari, Pogal Paristan area of Ramban district. President District Congress Committee Ramban Shri Parvez Ahmed Wani and other senior leaders have expressed great shock over the loss of 5 precious lives, in the Road mishap and seriously injured one person. They expressed deep sorrow and anguish over the loss in a critical road accident.

Meanwhile, Ex-MLA Shri Ashok Dogra also expressing grief over the incident expressed heartfelt condolences to the kith and kin of those who lost their nearest and dearest once. He pray for strength to the bereaved families to bear the loss. He said the death of five persons in this tragic accident discomf me the most.

The Congress leaders demanded that special compensation should be given to the families of those who lost their loved one and also demanded the special treatment should be provided to the critically injured person. They also demanded that the team of officials should be constituted to check the condition of old vehicles on roads specially in hilly and far-flung areas which is the major cause of accidents. Besides the condition of roads in the hilly terrain and other such areas should be improved.

Prominent among those who expressed great shock over the incident were S/Shri Khalid Wani-Working President, Farooq Ahmed Katoch-Vice President PCC Pahari Cell, Pardeep Raju-General Secretary DCC Ramban, Manmohan Singh Daroda-President BCC and others.

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SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
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IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

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Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
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Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
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Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270	
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PVR KC	1:05 PM
METRO IN DINO	
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PVR KC JAMMU	07:30 PM
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