



A scene of Balwant Thakur's play 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun'.

## Balwant Thakur's play to be staged across Punjab, Haryana

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 2: The Punjab and Haryana Governments have invited Balwant Thakur's one of the most celebrated children's Hindi play 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun' for being staged in five places across the two States.

The play will not only inspire the theatre practitioners of both the States but also be a good learning and exposure for them. Considered to be one of the most innovative and thematically highly relevant to the times, this play of Natrang has already been staged in most of the metros of the country.

A twenty member team of artists will leave Jammu on August 15 to present the play in Chandigarh, Patiala, Kurushetra, Hissar, and Fraidabaad. Thousands of the audiences are eagerly waiting for this play in both the states of Haryana and Punjab. The play 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun' shakes parents, educationists/guardians of society out of reverie of materialism, consumerism and unbridled desires. This play compels elders to look around and clear the mess they have created due to their own amorous ambitions. Parents see in their children an extension of their unfulfilled dreams and force them to become stereotypes and kill bountiful charm in them. In a pursuit to make them doctors, engineers and IAS, they are subjected to every kind of cruelty.

The children become mechanical and hardly get time to discover their real self. Prevalent education system adds further insult to injury and creativity gets scuttled and children grow up devoid of values. Play deals with contemporary problems that younger generation is up against from their own loved ones and surroundings.

### One killed, another injured in accident

Excelsior Correspondent

BHADERWAH, Aug 2: One person was killed and another sustained injuries when a tipper they were travelling in, skidded off the road and rolled down into deep gorge on Bhaderwah-Chamba road.

The ill-fated tipper bearing registration number JK06-5152 was on its way from Padri towards Thanala when it skidded off the road and rolled down into gorge. Both the critically injured occupants of the tipper were brought out of the gorge and rushed to SDH Bhaderwah where one of them namely Mohd Ashraf, son of Abdul Karim of Pul Doda was pronounced as brought dead.

The condition of injured namely Barinder, son of Jai of Nepal was stated to be out of danger when reports last came in.

## BJP candidates file nomination for LAHDC elections

Excelsior Correspondent

KARGIL, Aug 2: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidates today filed their nomination papers for Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) elections to be held on August 22.

The candidates were accompanied by BJP State president Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member Parliament (MP) and J&K Prabhari Avinash Rai Khanna, State general secretary Rajiv Jasrotia, senior leader from Kashmir Sofi Yousuf, State secretary Munish Sharma and district president Haji Khuddam.

Interacting with media persons, Jugal Kishore Sharma said BJP has decided to contest 12 seats and will support like minded candidates at three other seats in Kargil. He hoped that BJP will emerge as a strong group in the

Kargil council.

Avinash Rai Khanna while speaking, said that the party is well aware of the problems of Kargil people and has been consistently raising the issues of good road and air connectivity, round the year operation of Zojila tunnel and adequate provision of funds for development.

BJP has already taken up their genuine demands at the national level regarding airport and all weather connectivity to Srinagar, concession in air fare and setting up of examination centre for Civil Services at Leh.

Later, these leaders held separate meetings of district office bearers, members of core group and the party candidates to seek their views about the ground situation, discuss and evolve a strategy aimed at effective campaigning and victory of the party candidates.

## HC refuses to quash corruption charges against SBI Manager

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 2: High Court has declined to quash corruption charges framed against the then Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Vijaypur, Satendra Parshad.

According to the case, Satendra Parshad during the period 2006-2007 abused his official position and cleared the project of one Sham Singh for funding despite the fact that the project was not viable as the land identified by Sham Singh was neither owned by him nor suitable for the project. In order to confer undue benefit upon Sham Singh as per a conspiracy, the SBI Manager even allowed Sham Singh to submit fake and forged bill resulting into loss to the exchequer.

After hearing Advocate Rahul Bharti for the petitioner whereas ASGI KK Pangotra for the Central Bureau of Investigation, Justice A M Magrey observed, "the jurisdiction of the Court under Article 142 of the Constitution of India is not in

dispute. Exercise of such power would, however, depend on the facts and circumstances of each case. The High Court in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and this court in terms of Article 142 of the Constitution of India, would not direct quashing of a case involving crime against the society particularly when both the Special Judge as also the High Court have found that a prima facie case has been made out against the appellant for framing charge".

"The judgments referred to and relied upon by the counsel for the petitioner are distinguishable and not applicable to the facts and circumstances of the present case because case in hand is at its threshold stage and only charge has been framed which is subject to evidence for establishing the same", the High Court said.

With these observations, the High Court dismissed the petition.

## USTA alleges favouritism in adjustment of Masters, Lecturers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 2: J&K United School Teachers Association has alleged favouritism, corruption and nepotism in recent adjustment order of newly promoted Masters and Lecturers.

A meeting of the Association was held under the chairmanship of Hari Singh who alleged that blue eyed persons of the administration and those who greased palms of the concerned authorities, were placed within five kilometers whereas others have been tossed in remote areas and 100-200 kilometers away from their residences. The Government has broken confidence and moral of hard working Masters, Lecturers

and Principals who have not been transferred to suitable vacant posts despite completion of their tenure out of the district.

Asking the Government to modify the hard hit cases suitably, repatriate and transfer all Lecturers, Masters and Principals who have completed their tenure, the USTA threatened to launch a struggle if the same is not done at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by Rajiv Kumar, Banarsi Dass, Sewa Ram, Chamali Singh, Mohd Nisar Ahmed, Zulfkar Ali Malik, Pardeep Singh, Shahsi Paul Singh, Raj Kumar, Kishori Lal, Kewal Krishan, Ganesh Dutt, Rajinder Kumar, Noor Alam, H R Shastri and others.

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