



Poets and scholars during Samanbal 2022 at Jammu.

## Kashmir Cultural Trust holds Samanbal 2022

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Kashmir Cultural Trust working for promotion of national cultural heritage especially of J&K organized Samanbal 2022 - a two days literary and cultural event at Saigal Hall J&K Academy premises here.

This was the first such event in two years time after COVID Pandemic in which about 50 Kashmiri writers, scholars and cultural personalities from across the country participated. Issues related to preservation of Kashmiri language, literature and culture in diaspora. The impact of COVID pandemic on literature and culture, besides a readings from literature like a short story presentations Mushaira.

Prof Ganesh Devi an eminent scholar and Padmashri awardee, delivered a Prof. Omkar Koul memorial lecture. Prof Omkar

## Dr KD Multi-Specialty Hospital conducts free mega health camp

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JAMMU, Mar 27: Dr KD Multi-Specialty Hospital, Jammu organized a free mega multi-specialty health camp today in association with SIBA Events and



Doctors providing their services during a health camp at Jammu on Sunday.

Entertainment. The camp was organized with the aim of promoting health awareness among the public and offering them easy access to quality healthcare. More than 500 people visited the camp wherein they were offered specialist consultations.

A team of specialist doctors, consultants, nurses and volunteers conducted free consultations and checkups across various specialist departments. Consultation in Ophthalmology were provided by Dr KD Singh and Dr JP Singh, in Orthopaedics by Dr Ranjit Singh and Dr Nitin Sharma, in Urology by Dr Anuj Mahajan, in Paediatrics and Neonatology by Dr Deepak Sharma, in Surgical Oncology by Dr Paras Khanna

Koul was a world famous Linguist from J&K and versatile scholar, an author of fifty five books.

Important scholars and writers who participated were Prof PN Trisal, Prof RL Shant, Prof Ratan Talashi, Prof Majroh Rashid, Prem Nath Shad, Bal Krishen Sanyasi, Prof Ashok Koul of Brown University USA, R.L Jawhar, Piare Hatashi, Nisar Nadeem, Ascer Kishitwar, Zahir Banihali, Dr. Gauri Shankar Raina, ON Shabnam, Arvind Shah, Kusum Dhar, Fozia Akhtar, Rinku Koul, Avtar Hugi, Nancy Chetna and many others.

The programme was organized with collaboration of Sahitya Academy, New Delhi and anchored by Ms. Promila Koul. The programme was coordinated by Roop Krishan Bhat Managing Trustee and former Director, Adult Education Government of India.

and Dr Gurpreet Kour and in Dental by Dr Rupam Gupta and Dr Rohit Gupta.

Moreover, medicines, laboratory investigations and X-ray services were offered at heavy discount and ECG was offered completely free of cost. Patients requiring diagnostic examinations and their results issued immediately, enabling the dispensation of free medicines without delay.

Commenting on the mega health camp, Dr JP Singh, Managing Director of Dr KD Multi-Specialty Hospital said they will regularly hold free health camps for the benefit of the public. "We consider this our way of giving back to the society," he said and added that the camp was helpful in raising awareness on lifestyle-diseases, in addition to giving people free specialist consultations, diagnostic tests and medicines.

Dr KD Multi-specialty Hospital (Maxxus Jammu) team managed the events with Dr Hari Menon (CEO), Harsh Bindra (Marketing Head), other Managers, Department Heads and staff members along with SIBA team Sidharth Verma (co-founder & MD), Baljeet Singh (co-founder and MD), Ramneek Kour (Head Promotions) and other SIBA members.

## People protest against opening of liquor shop

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Expressing resentment over the proposed opening of liquor shop, people of Basantgarh staged a massive protest demonstration and demanded cancellation of the proposal.

The protest was led by locals including Mushtaq Ahmed, Rashid Wani, Panchayat members and others joined including a large number of adjoining villages women. The protesters raised slogans in favour of their demand. "Our women folk especially school going girls aren't safe when liquor shops are being opened near educational institutions", they said. The protesters said that the peaceful and most backward village and tehsil headquarter Basantgarh should not be converted into village of alcohol.

Speaking on the occasion, Rashid Wani said instead of providing better medicare facility and

upgraded education, Government is providing liquor shops without any demand.

"We will not allow these shop to open as it will destroy our generation," the protestors said adding that if their demand are not conceded then they will intensify their protest with support of women, children and elders.

They demanded that the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha should intervene into the matter and direct the concerned department to reallocate the wine shop to some other area. People of the area also met Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Basantgarh Wahid-Ul-Rehman and conveyed their resentment. He patiently listened to the public.

When contacted, he said, "I talked to the people about their reservations on the matter. People have some issues with the opening of liquor shop in their area. I will take up the matter with concerned authorities for its redressal".

## Two drug peddlers arrested with heroin

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Gangyal Police arrested two drug peddlers and recovered 40 grams heroin from their possession.

As per police sources, on specific information a team from Police Station Gangyal led by SHO Inspector Joginder Singh under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma and SP South Manta Sharma laid a naka near Sehora bridge and intercepted a car bearing registration number DL6CL-1355.

During checking, police team recovered 40 grams heroin from the possession of two persons travelling in the car and arrested them.

The arrested persons were identified as Rayees Ahmed Khan, son of Wazir Ahmed Khan of Boniyar District Baramulla and Shahid Qayoom, son of Abdul Qayoom of Trikanjan District Baramulla.

A case under FIR Number 35/2022 under Section 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Gangyal and investigation started.

## Col Mahan takes stock of people's problems

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Mar 27: Col Mahan Singh (ret.) District Development Council (DDC) Chairman, Kathua today visited extremely remote and under developed areas in Panchayat Atheltha and took stock of issues and problems of the people there.

It is pertinent to mention that located deep inside Maryal region of Kandi belt, this area is still deprived of road connectivity, drinking water supply, electrification, healthcare, mobile network connectivity, etc.

Accompanied by Sarpanch Atheltha Sushma, Rajesh Mehta, Kaka Singh, Sultan Choudhary, Narinder Slathia and other BJP leaders and workers, the DDC Chairman travelled on foot from Dukath to Berihat the most rough track, passing through Nallah and slippery contours. He along with the team was accorded warm welcome by the poor villagers mostly Tribals. During their interaction with the Col Mahan Singh, the villagers put forth their main demands regarding road connectivity, drinking water supply and poor mobile connectivity. Expressing his seri-

ous concern over the far flung areas craving for development, the DDC Chairman held the public representatives of yesteryears responsible for the same accusing them of having failed to address the public issues despite being in power for about seven decades.

The DDC Chairman assured them of resolving the same by taking up the issues with the concerned authorities at the earliest. Col Mahan Singh complimented the Modi Government for taking up the cause of the common people especially the poor and backward living in remote and far flung areas. He reiterated that BJP Government is committed to the overall development of remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir and welfare and prosperity of its people.

Meanwhile, the DDC Chairman also met the polling booth level workers of the party and urged upon to be proactive and strengthen gross root base of the party. He asked them to ensure that all the residents are aware about the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) launched by the Union Government and that they derive maximum benefits from these schemes.

## On World Theatre Day, Natrang stages 'Girgit'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Natrang celebrated World Theatre Day by staging its popular play 'Girgit' for army troops at Mendhar.

Director Natrang, Padmashri Balwant Thakur informed that Natrang pioneered celebrating this day of much importance for the



A still from Hindi play 'Girgit' staged at Mendhar.

artist fraternity in particular and the whole society in general. Hindi play 'Girgit' directed by Balwant Thakur is based on a Russian short story by Anton Chekhov. 'Girgit' revolves around a dog and corrupt police officer, who changes colours like a chameleon, every time as the situation changes irrespective of right or wrong.

The stage action starts when a dog bites a pickpocket who approaches the Police officers for help but it turned in vain. A

passerby hints that the dog belongs to the local Minister as he saw a similar dog moving around his bungalow.

On getting this clue, the officer starts beating the pickpocket for teasing a respectable dog. While he is beating the pickpocket, another man from the crowd observes that the local minister cannot keep such dog, as he is known to have pointer-hunting dogs only.

On this, the dog is thrashed and search continues for the owner of the dog to enable the pickpocket to claim compensation.

The beating of dog continues until a servant of the minister appears on the scene. At first he refuses to recognize the dog but later identifies him as minister's brother's dog who has visited from Delhi. Here the dog is escorted back home with full honors and official protocol.

Natrang actors who acted in the play included Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Meenakshi Bhagat, Sanket Bhagat, Sushant Singh Charak, Vishal Sharma, Aarti Bhagat, Shivam Singh, Kushal Bhat and Sagar Gupta.

The show was coordinated by Neeraj Kant and Mohd. Yaseen.

## Shiv Sena urges LG for regularization of CIC operators

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir chief Manish Sahni today appealed J&K LG Manoj Sinha to regularize CIC operators.

While speaking to media persons at the Party office in



Shiv Sena J&K chief Manish Sahni addressing a press conference at in Jammu.

Jammu, Manish Sahni said that our MPs are continuously raising their voice on Jammu and Kashmir. He said recently Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi raised in Parliament the issues of regularization of CIC operators and enhancement of their wages.

"Not only this, Priyanka had also demanded immediate relief on the demands of CIC operators posted in Jammu and Kashmir through a letter to Home Minister Amit Shah on February 18," Sahni said, adding, since 2004, the appointment of CIC operators was done on the basis of merit through district level

appointment committees constituted by the J&K Government.

He said in 2016 after completing all the formalities including creation and regularization of posts, 172 Data Entry Operator posts were created for their regularization through a Cabinet decision but after the formation of the Union Territory of J&K on August 5, 2019, the process of their regularization was put on hold.

Sahni asserted that it's very unfortunate that even after taking the services of these highly qualified youth for 17 years, the sword of unemployment is hanging on them and only a meager salary of Rs 10,000 per month is being given to them. He said that most of these operators have already crossed the upper age limit for any Government job and the process of their regularization is taking years.

The Shiv Sena chief appealed the Lieutenant Governor to regularize these CIC operators and hike their salaries without any further delay. On this occasion, president Mahila wing Meenakshi Chibber, vice president Harsh Kumar Gupta, secretary Balbir Singh, Geeta Lakhotra, president Youth wing Binu Mahajan, Rakesh Handa and Dimple were present.

## Thief arrested with stolen car

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Channi Himmat Police arrested a thief along with stolen car.

As per police sources, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Channi Himmat by a person namely Asif Azad of Sunjawan District Jammu wherein he stated that his Creta car bearing registration number PB02CN-3636 has been stolen by some unknown person(s) from parking lot of his house.

Acting over the complaint, a case under FIR Number 42/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Channi Himmat and investigation initiated.

During the course of investiga-

tion, a team from Police Station Channi Himmat led by SHO Inspector Deepak Katoch and assisted by Incharge Police Post Chatta PSI Arun Shan was constituted under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari and SP South Manta Sharma.

The team did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV cameras footages of the area finally rounded up a suspect namely Satbeer Singh, son of Karnail Singh of Mattan, District Anantnag from Ludhiana, Punjab. During questioning, the accused confessed his involvement in the above case and on his disclosure the stolen car was.

Further investigation into the case is going on.

## International flights resume in India after two years

NEW DELHI, Mar 27:

Regular international flights resumed on Sunday after a coronavirus pandemic-induced hiatus of approximately two years, with Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia calling it a "very important day".

India had banned scheduled international flights on March 23, 2020. During the last two years, limited international passenger flights were operating between India and select countries under bilateral air bubble arrangements.

Battered by the pandemic, the airline industry is slowly coming back to normalcy and the resumption of normal overseas flights is expected to provide a fillip to the sector.

On March 8, the Civil Aviation Ministry announced that regular overseas flights would resume from March 27 amid a decline in coronavirus cases. It also relaxed various COVID-19 guidelines.

Talking to reporters in Gwalior on Sunday, Scindia said,

## Man killed in accident

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: A man was killed in accident near Talli Morh area of Miran Sahib here today.

As per police sources, a man identified as Harpal Singh, son of Sujay Singh of Simbal Morh Gopindpura was seriously injured after his scooter hit a stray dog near Talli Morh area of Miran Sahib.

The profusely bleeding victim was rushed to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), where he failed to respond to the treatment and succumbed to his injuries.

The body of the deceased has been shifted to mortuary of GMCH for autopsy.

A case under FIR Number 24/2022 under Sections 279, 337 and 304-A IPC has been registered at Police Station Miran Sahib and investigation started.

## Man arrested with country made pistol

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Channi Himmat Police arrested a man and recovered country made pistol from his possession.

As per police sources, on specific information about movement of a person with weapon, a team from Police Station Channi Himmat led by SHO Inspector Deepak Katoch under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari and SP South Manta laid a naka and intercepted a pedestrian, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

During checking, police team recovered country made pistol from the possession of the pedestrian and arrested him. The arrested person was identified as Basharat Singh, son of Balraj Singh, a resident of Sunjawan District Jammu.

A case under relevant Sections has been registered at Police Station Channi Himmat and investigation started to ascertain the motive of the arrested person of carrying the pistol.

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"Today is a very important day...All regular international flights services resumed with full capacity from today. During the last two years of the coronavirus pandemic, the international flights were being operated under the air bubble arrangements."

He said he was confident that people from India are eager to go abroad and vice versa.

The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital, which is also the country's largest airport, expects international flight departures to witness a significant jump in the first week of April.

While Indian carriers are prepared for normal international services, various foreign airlines, including Emirates, Virgin Atlantic and LOT Polish, have announced plans about their services to and from India.

As many as 60 airlines from 40 countries have been permitted to operate 1,783 frequencies to and from India during the summer schedule, according to the DGCA. The summer schedule will be effective from March 27 till October 29.

A total of 1,466 international departures per week have been approved for six Indian carriers for the summer schedule. They will operate to 43 destinations in 27 countries, according to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

The Government has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for international flight operations, including the removal of the requirement to keep three seats vacant on overseas flights for medical emergencies.

Besides, the requirement for the crew for having a complete PPE kit has been done away with. India's largest airline IndiGo said on Sunday it will resume scheduled international flights on 150-plus routes in a phased manner during the next month. (PTI)

## Bari Brahmana police reunites lady with family

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Mar 27: Samba police today reunited a mentally unstable lady hailing from district Kathua with her family at Police Station (PS) Bari Brahmana.

A police party of PS Bari Brahmana while performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area, noticed a lady who is mentally upset and was wandering around Rattan Palace, Bari Brahmana on Bisnah road.

On questioning about her whereabouts, the lady divulge her name as Rano Devi, a resident of Haria Chak, Hiranagar, district Kathua.

On this, SHO PS Bari Brahmana under the supervision of SDPO, Bari Brahmana after hectic efforts succeeded in tracing her whereabouts and made contact with her family members.

The lady has been handed over to her husband namely Kartar Chand, son of Munshi Ram of Haria Chak, tehsil Hiranagar, district Kathua at Police Station, Bari Brahmana after completing all legal formalities.

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