

Will hold camps in Kashmir for youngsters to pursue art as career: Bagati

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SRINAGAR, Oct 23: Arhan Bagati, who heads Kashmir's Yumberzal Applied Research Institute (KYARI), said that they will hold camps in Kashmir to help passionate youngsters to pursue different forms of art as a career. He has made the conduct of the Kumaon Literary Festival (KLF) possible in Kashmir.

Bagati, a Kashmiri Pandit by birth, is the Awareness and Impact Ambassador of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and has been spearheading the growth of the Paralympic Movement in India since 2014.

He spoke to Excelsior last week on the sidelines of Literacy festival held here.

Q: What is the driving force behind this event?

Arhan Bagati (AB): The main aim of the Kumaon Literary Festival (KLF) is to promote Kashmir, promote its art, culture, heritage, history of this beautiful place, and present Kashmir in a positive light. People belonging to different art forms reached here to present their work, talk about this place which has been a part of their work, and promote Kashmir through their artistic work.

Q: Is it going to have any impact?

AB: Such events do have an impact especially when eminent scholars and artists reach here and talk about their work; it indeed sends out a positive message which in turn has a positive impact as a whole. The youth have participated in the KLF and that is a big positive in all this.

Q: Do you see it as a good start?

AB: This is just the start of our activities and we are aiming to do much more; we have recently worked with a film company that



Arhan Bagati of 'KYARI'. -Excelsior/Shakeel

of the country but across the globe.

Q: Tell us something about KYARI.

AB: My organization, Kashmir's Yumberzal Applied Research Institute (KYARI), is a developmental research organization and we are doing developmental research in J&K under which we identify the problems district-wise and then with the help of expert researchers, we provide the solutions to the NGOs and the Government for the implementation of the same for the betterment of the people J&K. Eventually, my goal is to make KYARI self-sustainable, making it an organization that can implement the recommendations we are giving.

Q: What is KYARI looking to do next?

AB: The events like KLF are aimed at inspiring youth and after this, we can hold more such festivals, hold camps; bring in authors individually to train and inspire youth. Kashmir has great potential which needs to be harnessed. KYARI at a small scale and hopefully at a large scale is hoping to expose the young authors to experts in their fields. Several youngsters participated in the event who eventually want to become authors, write their stories and this is how they will be exposed to the field and get learning. We will host camps and similarly if other organizations, too, will bring in experts in fields to Kashmir, the same will be of great help to the passionate youngsters of Kashmir who want to pursue different forms of art as a career.

was intending to go to Himachal Pradesh for the shooting of the movie, but we persuaded them to come to Kashmir and do it here. We want to do everything that positively promotes Kashmir. We are sure that this attempt of bringing the Kumaon Literary Festival here will turn out to be a good start.

Q: How do you see literature in Kashmir?

AB: Kashmir is one of the most culturally diverse places; very heavy in literature. If you go to any place, you will find a huge amount of literature and that is what needs to be explored fully. The natural pull factor of this place has been its cultural heritage; the more it is promoted, the more positive picture will come out of Kashmir. That is what will reach not only the different parts



DAP leader Mohinder Bhardwaj addresses a gathering at Vijaypur on Sunday.

DAP leader flays abrogation of special status

Excelsior Correspondent

VIJAYPUR, Oct 23: Senior Democratic Azad Party (DAP) leader, Mohinder Bhardwaj has claimed that special status of J&K since its inception during the term of Maharajas was to protect rights of the people here, to empower them and to ensure their overall welfare.

Addressing a gathering at Vijaypur the DAP leader said that it was ironic that post August 5, 2019 developments like abrogation of special status and demotion of J&K from State to a Union Territory were to further political and electoral interests of a particular party and its leaders but it was totally unacceptable to the people as a result of which J&K has been in a total mess.

He claimed that Article 370 is still very much part of the Constitution, contrary to the propaganda of BJP leadership on its abolition.

"Time has come to thoroughly debate as to how the developments that took place three years back have benefitted the people of J&K," he maintained adding: "Since the Article is still an integral part of the Constitution nobody should object to discussing its merits and demerits as it involves the survival, sustenance and future of the people."

Balwan Singh, senior DAP leader also spoke on the occasion while those present on the occasion were Gaurav Chopra, Sobat Ali-JMC Councillors; Badri Sharma, Sarpanch; Vicky Mahajan, Sagar Singh, Magar Singh, Vidhya Sagar and others.



Corporator, Sanjay Kumar Baru submitting a memorandum to Union Minister, Arjun Ram Meghwal at Jammu on Sunday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

Restoration of Gole Mahal demanded Baru submits memorandum to Arjun Ram Meghwal

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU Oct 23: Senior BJP leader and JMC Councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru along with PTI Bureau Chief and Palms Welfare Association president, Anil Bhat, BJP State publicity secretary, Ayodhya Gupta, BJP TalabTillo Mandal president, Keshav Chopra, BJP district secretary, Brijesh Gupta and local BJP leader, Jatin Sethi submitted a memorandum to Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, in presence of Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma during his tour at Hazuri Bagh area falling in Jammu West Constituency.

At the arrival Sanjay Baru welcomed the Union Minister and Member Parliament in his Ward and submitted memorandum demanding the renovation and restoration of historical Dogra Heritage Maharaja's Gole Mahal by removing the illegitimate possession of property dealers and handing over the same to (ASI) Archaeological Survey of India and Department of Culture.



People celebrating birthday of Maharaja Gulab Singh at Lakhampur on Sunday. -Excelsior/Pardeep Sharma

230th birthday of Maharaja Gulab Singh celebrated

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Oct 23: Birth anniversary of founder of Jammu and Kashmir Maharaja Gulab Singh was celebrated at his statue point at Gateway of J&K in Lakhampur near here today. In this connection the programme was organized by Ekta Manch Kathua. On the occasion DDC vice chairman, Raghunandan Singh was chief guest and he paid floral tribute to Maharaja Gulab Singh. He was accompanied by various leaders and prominent persons

of Yuva Rajput Sabha, Karni Sena, Kathua Rajput Sabha, and Ekta Manch. Number of people witnessed the programme and paid tribute to Maharaja Gulab Singh. DDC vice chairman, Raghunandan Singh said that Maharaja Gulab Singh was a visionary king. He has preserved the identity of people of J&K and purchased the J&K State from British ruler for Rs 75 lakh. He has also ended disparity in the society and gave justice and equality to all religions.

CBSE organizes National Conference on Inclusive Education

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 23: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) organized a 2-day National Conference on Inclusive Education.

The conference was hosted by CoE Chandigarh and Jammu Schools on 21st and 22nd Oct at Teachers' Bhawan, Gandhinagar. The two-day Conference aimed at Inclusive Education, focusing that all students, irrespective of any difference they may have, are placed in age-appropriate general education classes to receive high quality instruction, interventions and support that enable them to meet success in the core curriculum.

The inaugural session on day one commenced with the welcome address by Dr Ramshankar, briefly introduced the elaborate audience about the two-day long programme.

The opening remarks were delivered by Chairperson CBSE Nidhi Chibber, who was the chief guest on the occasion. In her address, she stressed upon bringing all students together in one classroom and community regardless of their strengths or weaknesses in any area, and sought to maximize the potential of all students.

The guest of honor,

Ravinder Kumar Sinha (VC SMVD University), in his keynote address enlightened everyone on successful inclusive education that happens primarily through accepting,



Dignitaries during a National Conference organized by CBSE in Jammu.

The second day commenced with cultural events of the region to make all the delegates know about the cultural aspect of the Jammu region. A video presentation on Best

understanding, and attending to student differences and diversity, which can include physical, cognitive, academic, social and emotional.

Dr Ravishanker Sharma, Director School Education, appreciated the thought of CoE Chandigarh and Jammu Schools in collaboration with CBSE on inclusive education which is the need of the present society.

Renu Gupta (guest of honour), in her address, talked about the movement related to legislation that students receive their education in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

Practices in Inclusive Education showcasing the Jammu region was the next item.

The chief guest for the second day was Dr Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, who in his speech, asserted the supreme power of knowledge, unity, collective thinking and cultural sharing.

NSF pays tribute to Ashfaqulla Khan

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 23: Jammu University unit of National Secular Forum (NSF), today paid rich tribute freedom fighter and martyr Ashfaqulla Khan on his birth anniversary.

In this connection, NSF organized a simple function at JU campus wherein Dr Vikas Sharma, Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC, was the chief guest while, TR Sharma (Retd KAS) was the special guest and Dr Sukhdev Singh, President NSF, presided over the function.

Speaking on the occasion, said that right tribute to Ashfaqulla Khan would be to launch struggle for our rights, particularly restoration of full statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

Army chief condoles death of jawan in line of duty in Siachen

NEW DELHI, Oct 23:

Army Chief General Manoj Pande on Sunday saluted the supreme sacrifice made by a havildar in the line of duty in the Siachen Glacier.

Havildar Darpan Pradhan was deployed in the region under the Operation Meghdoot, the Army said.

"General Manoj Pande #COAS and All Ranks of #IndianArmy salute the supreme sacrifice of Havildar Darpan Pradhan in the line of duty at #SiachenGlacier and offer deepest condolence to the bereaved family," the Army tweeted.

Earlier in the day, the Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps said it paid homage to the fallen soldier. "Siachen Warriors paid homage to Late Hav Darpan Pradhan who made the supreme sacrifice on 21 Oct 2022 while deployed in the Siachen Glacier under Operation Meghdoot. The nation will remain indebted to his supreme sacrifice and his family members," it tweeted. (PTI)

Hindu Sanatan Sabha discusses demands

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 23: A meeting of Kashmiri Hindu Sanatan Sabha district Kupwara held a meeting at K P Sabha here, today which was presided over by prominent KP leader and renowned writer Dr Kashi Nath Pandita.

The meeting highlighted the various issues of the Kashmiri Pandits from the district especially of the shrines and temples in the area and urged the Government to ensure the protection of Hindu religious places in the district which are cultural monuments and symbols of identity and faith.

Addressing the meeting Dr K N Pandita reiterated the demand regarding passage of shrines and temples bill which he said is a long pending demand of the community.

Operations of 30 drug sale outlets disallowed for violation of rules

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 23: Drugs and Food Control Organization (DFCO) Jammu carried out a special inspection drive across Jammu province to ensure that quality drugs are made available to the public at affordable rates.

During the drive, the sleuths of DFCO disallowed operations of 30 drug sale establishments including eight in Jammu, four in Samba, two in Kathua, five in Doda, four in Kishtwar, three in Udhampur and four in Ramban for breach of conditions of the licenses and mandate of law under Section 22 (d) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 on spot.

The sleuths of DFCO, during the drive, warned the pharma dealers to desist from unethical trade practices, particularly with respect to sale and purchase of psychotropic drugs from unregulated channels which are prone to be misused by the nefarious elements.

Statutory drug samples of

more than 100 fast moving/commonly prescribed drug formulations viz cough syrups, pediatric syrups, antibiotics, etc were also drawn from the supply chain for determination of quality parameters with respect to strength and purity. All the samples were referred to drug testing laboratories for framing legal opinion to ascertain their quality parameters.

Further, stocks of drugs worth Rs 82,503 that were found to be contravening the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act were confiscated from the supply chain by the Regulatory Officers of the Organization under relevant provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act.

The team of DFCO sleuths also impressed upon the drug dealers to adopt computerized system of billing for maintenance of sales & purchase records as mandated under law and install CCTV cameras at prominent places in their premises for better surveillance.

Drive taken out against adulterated food items

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Oct 23: A special drive on the eve of Deepawali was taken out in Udhampur town by the Food Safety team along with district administration against adulteration of food products, sweets and milk products.

The inspection team comprising Naib Tehsildar Udhampur Shyam Singh and Food Safety Officer (FSO) Udhampur Town Pervaiz Ahmed randomly checked many shops including that of bakery, sweets, confectionary, fast food, etc in the Udhampur town to ensure that the pure, quality and fresh food products are made available to the consumers.

The team compounded the erring shopkeepers and realized fine to the tune of Rs 25,100 from them. The inspecting team also sensitized the owners and employees of food establishments about cleanliness and maintaining proper hygiene in their establishments.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION, AKHNOOR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 24 of 2022-23

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders (in two cover system) Cover-Ist containing CDR and prequalification and Cover-IInd containing price Bid are invited on item rate basis per specifications in BOQ from approved PWD contractors having upto date GST Clearance certificate.

S. No.	Name of work	Advised Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Position of funds
1	Construction of flood protection work at Godhan and NardiBalaNallah at places.	26.85	53700.00	500.00	45 days	A/B/C	Available as per Budget Provision
2	Construction of crate revetment for protection work on left bank of NardiBala near JNV.	8.46	16920.00	500.00	45 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision
3	Construction of crate revetment on Right Bank of ManawarTawi near village Dhakker/ Narbara Dev Sathan at Deoli at places.	15.28	30560.00	500.00	60 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision
4	Construction of revetment on Left/Right Banks of Bailey Nallah at Village Rangpur Near Shamshan and adjoining area.	24.39	48780.00	1000.00	45 days	A/B/C	Available as per Budget Provision
5	Construction of crate revetment for protection of Baba Maimal Dev Sathan at Nathal.	9.88	19760.00	500.00	45 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision
6	Construction of flood protection work in the tributary of Jadh&PanjgrianNallah at spots.	9.78	19560.30	500.00	30 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision
7	Construction of flood protection work in DaskalNallah back side of Kameshwar Temple. (Part -I)	16.42	32840.00	500.00	45 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision
8	Construction of crate revetment for protection of agricultural land of Sh. Ajay Singh at RD 12000m (Island) on Right Bank of creek feeding N.S. Pura Canal at KhundpurGarkhal (RD54m - 108m)	10.38	20760.00	500.00	30 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision
9	Construction of crate revetment near LambiKhad of LohakiNallah at places.	7.49	14980.00	500.00	20 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision
10	Construction of crate revetment near village Serh at places at LohakiNallah.	4.89	9780.00	500.00	15 days	A/B/C/D	Available as per Budget Provision

- Date of Publishing of Tender Notice : 18-10-2022 (06:00 pm)
- Document Download Start Date : 19-10-2022 (10:00 am)
- Document Download End Date : 28-10-2022 (04:00 pm)
- Bid submission start date : 19-10-2022 (10:00 am)
- Bid submission end date : 28-10-2022 (04:00 pm)
- Date and time of Bid opening : 29-10-2022 (12:00 Pm)

1) The tender shall be received on-line or before 28-10-2022upto04:00 PM. The Bids will be opened online on the same website www.jktenders.gov.in at above mentioned time and date at the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Akhnoor on 29-10-2022or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority.

2) Bids must be accompanied by bid cost of documents as mentioned in the above table in the form as specified in the bidding documents. The Cost of Tender should be paid through Challan simply remitting into Treasury under MH: 0702 and uploading treasury Challan receipt along with Tender shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Akhnoor payable at Akhnoor. (Note:- The fee on account of downloaded bidding documents shall be acceptable in form of Treasury Challan under MH: 0702. Further, bidders are requested to mention name of the work/ NIT No. on the particular Challan. The Treasury Challan before date of publishing of e-NIT shall not be accepted).

3) The bids of the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids and the tender shall be applicable for the financial year 2022-23.

4) A separate job order for the work to be executed shall be issued on the allotted/ approved rates of the bidder. Further in case of emergency/ urgency at site, work can also be got executed through the contractors who has participated in the bidding process on the allotted rates of lowest bidder.

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