

Live dance performance programme organized in Kendriya Vidyalaya 1



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JAMMU, APR. 24: A live dance performance program was organized in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1 Akhnoor. This program was conducted by Routs 2 Roots Institute under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. In which the culture, literature and art of our country has been promoted.

An effort has been made to create awareness amongst children about the culture of our country by conducting live workshops organised by the Root 2 Root organization. In today's program, Shri Akhilesh Patil Ji, who taught Kathak dance to the children of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1 Akhnoor through his dance art, also gave the children knowledge about how Kathak dance is learned and also informed them about other dances of Indian culture. He also told that different types of dances are performed in different states.

He also told how music helps children in their studies and relates other subjects with it.

It was also explained how we express our emotions through dance and how a story can be narrated through expressions. This arouses interest in art and culture in children. At the same time, culture of our country gets promoted.

Along with this, the Principal Mr. Bhushan Kumar encouraged the children to learn skilled arts and explained to the children in detail about the subject of music and told them that music helps them in concentrating their mind.

Music is related to all our subjects and music also has a great contribution towards health.

Because our children are the guides of today's era. They

can contribute in enriching our culture. Our Principal Mr. Bhushan Kumar keeps organizing similar workshops every day.

Kavinder, Ganga hold Public Darbar at BJP headquarters



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JAMMU, APR. 24: Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister and Chander Parkash Ganga, MLA Vijaypur Assembly Constituency listened to the public grievances of the masses in a Public Darbar held at party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

MLA Bahu Choudhary Vikram Randhawa, along with senior party leaders Rashpal Verma, Daljit Singh Chib, and others, was also present during the interaction.

The Darbar witnessed participation from numerous deputations representing various sections of society and regions from Jammu and its adjoining districts. Citizens raised a wide range of issues including unscheduled power cuts, irregularities in ration supply, drinking water shortages, and other developmental concerns.

People apprised the BJP leaders about unscheduled power cuts, ration supply issues, drinking water supply, and other developmental issues.

The BJP leaders patiently listened to the grievances and assured that the matters brought to their attention would be taken up with the concerned departments for timely redressal. Written communications were made on the spot to the respective government officials, pressing for prompt action on the genuine demands of the public.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta emphasized the importance of regular public interactions, stating that such Durbars establish a two-way communication channel between the people and the party. "These platforms ensure that common citizens have a direct and approachable medium to share their problems," he said.

Chander Parkash Ganga highlighted that the BJP, being a people-oriented party, remains committed to serving the masses. "Our aim is to bring the issues of the common people directly to the attention of the concerned authorities and ensure their early resolution. BJP is steadfast in its commitment to public welfare," he added.

JPDCL power tariff petition 2025-26 submitted JERC with approx. 100% hike in power tariff a black warrant for industrial sector of JK UT-FOIJ

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JAMMU, APR. 24: An Urgent Meeting of Federation of Industries, Jammu was held under the Chairmanship of Lalit Mahajan, Chairman FOIJ in the presence of Co-Chairmen, S.C. Dutta, Jatinder Aul, Ajit Bawa, Raman Jolly, Viraj Malhotra. Convenor with the participation of large number of members of Federation to discuss the issue regarding the Power Tariff Proposal Petition for the FY 2025-26 submitted by Jammu Power Distribution Corporation to Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT with an unwarranted approx. 100% Power Tariff Hike proposal for Industrial Sector.

It is pertinent to mention here that the JPDCL targeted the working as well New Industrial Units established in JKUT with the steep increase of Power Tariff in the range of approx. 100% increase in the Tariff in comparison to existing Power Tariff which we term as a Black Warrant for Industrial Sector of J & K and we fear that the Working as well New Units may opt for the clouser of their Units in near future which will be resulting in to steep increase in the Unemployment Graph of J & K UT.

It is worthwhile to mention here that the JPDCL failed to reduce the Transmission Losses which is in the range of 45 to 50% since last so many years in spite of the facts that the National Level Average Transmission Losses is in the range of 16% whereas the Power Development Department has failed to control the Transmission Losses resulting huge financial losses to the Government and the JPDCL is in the process to pass on the burden to the Genuine Industrial Sector of J & K with the average transmission losses in the Industrial Areas between 6 to 8% and the Industrial Sector is paying the amount of Power dues on regular basis.

JKAACL organises "Meet the Eminent Dogri Author" Programme with Lalit Magotra

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JAMMU, APR. 24: The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) today organized a prestigious literary interaction titled "Ek Malati", featuring eminent Dogri author and Padma Shri awardee Prof. Lalit Magotra. The event was held at KL Saigal Hall, Jammu, and drew an impressive gathering of academicians, writers, cultural personalities, and students from across the region.

Harvinder Kour, Secretary JKAACL, in her remarks, described Prof. Magotra as a trail-



blazer in Dogri literature, stating, "Featuring Prof. Magotra in this programme is both an honour and a recognition of his unparalleled contribution

to Dogri language and culture."

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Lalit Magotra-recently honored with the Padma Shri

Award-shared personal stories from his seven-decade-long life, spanning childhood to the present. In a heartfelt and philosophical 90-minute address, he spoke about his literary influences, the evolution of his writing style, the ideological framework of his work, and his contribution to the Dogri language movement, including efforts toward Dogri's inclusion in the Eighth Schedule, issues related to script, and the journey of the Dogri Sanstha.

Welcoming the guests, Dr. Javaid Rahi, Divisional Head of JKAACL Jammu, stated

that the "Meet the Author" programme aims to document self-narrated accounts of literary icons regarding their life, philosophy, and creative journey.

He also shared that an audio-visual record of the programme will be preserved, and an excerpt of the event will be published in Sheeraza, the Academy's flagship literary magazine.

The highlight of the event included a scholarly paper presentation by Prof. Veena Gupta, who offered an analytical exploration of Prof. Magotra's literary journey, highlighting his role in

shaping the socio-cultural narrative of the region.

Prominent personalities who participated in the interactive session included Khalid Hussain, Liyaqat Jafri, Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Vijay Saraf, and Dr. Parveen Yograj, among others. Their thoughtful questions added richness to the dialogue and were met with detailed and reflective responses by Prof. Magotra.

The event was gracefully conducted by Rita Khadeal, Editor Dogri, JKAACL, who ensured the programme maintained its literary vibrancy and decorum.

KPSS condemns barbaric terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam

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JAMMU, APR. 24: The serene meadows of Baisaran Valley near Pahalgam in Anantnag district, Jammu and Kashmir, were stained with the blood of innocents. A group of militants, affiliated with The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba, unleashed a brutal attack on unarmed tourists, resulting in the death of 28 individuals and injuring over 20 others.

Eyewitness accounts reveal that the attackers, armed with M4 carbines and AK-47s, targeted tourists enjoying the natural beauty of Baisaran Valley. Some reports indicate that victims were asked to reveal their religious identities before being shot, adding a chilling communal dimension to the violence. Local heroes, such as Syed Adil Hussain Shah, a pony operator, bravely attempted to protect the tourists and lost their lives in the process. Such acts of courage amidst terror highlight the complex fabric of Kashmiri society, where humanity often shines through darkness.

The Kashmiri Pandit Sangarash Samiti (KPSS) unequivocally condemns this barbaric act of terrorism. As an organization

that has consistently championed human rights and stood against violations perpetrated by both state and non-state actors, we find the recurring pattern of selective outrage deeply troubling.

Over the past 35 years, Kashmir has witnessed a relentless cycle of violence, with countless lives lost to the gun culture that has permeated the region. KPSS has consistently raised its voice against atrocities, irrespective of the perpetrators' identity. However, the response from the majority community in Kashmir to such incidents has often been marked by a conspicuous silence or, worse, justification.

When Kashmiri Pandits or Hindus have been targeted, there has been a glaring absence of protests, hartals, or public condemnations from the majority community. This apathy stands in stark contrast to the widespread outrage observed following the Pahalgam massacre, where the victims were primarily tourists. It raises a pertinent question: Are human lives valued differently based on religious or regional identities?

The militants who perpetrate such atrocities are not foreign entities; they emerge from within our

society or are supported by elements within it. The narrative that "no Kashmiri would do such a thing" is a dangerous denial that absolves the community of introspection and responsibility. By refusing to acknowledge the presence of radical elements within, society becomes complicit in their actions.

Furthermore, the tendency to deflect blame onto external agencies or to question the veracity of such attacks only serves to protect the image of those who wield weapons against innocents. This pattern of denial and justification undermines the collective conscience and stalls any genuine efforts towards peace and reconciliation.

The recent surge in tourism in Kashmir has been touted as a sign of normalcy returning to the region. However, the Pahalgam massacre exposes the fragility of this facade. While economic development is essential, it cannot come at the cost of human lives. The prioritization of economic gains over human rights and security is a dangerous path that risks further destabilizing the region. The KPSS urges the majority community in Kashmir to reflect deeply on the societal

dynamics that allow such acts of violence to occur and, at times, be justified. It is imperative to recognize and address the radical ideologies that have taken root within. True peace and progress can only be achieved when society collectively stands against all forms of violence, irrespective of the victims' identities.

We also call upon the Indian government and international bodies to ensure that justice is served, not just in the aftermath of such incidents, but through proactive measures that prevent their occurrence. This includes addressing the ideological indoctrination that fuels such attacks and ensuring the protection of all communities within Kashmir. The Pahalgam massacre is not just an isolated incident; it is a reflection of the deep-seated issues that continue to plague Kashmir. Selective outrage, societal denial, and the prioritization of economic interests over human lives have created an environment where such tragedies can occur. It is time for collective introspection, accountability, and decisive action to break this cycle of violence and pave the way for a truly inclusive and peaceful Kashmir.

Pakistan's support to terrorism is a global threat: Vibodh



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JAMMU, APR. 24: In a heartfelt tribute to the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the Mandir Committee of Gangyal today organized a Yagya to offer prayers for those who lost their lives and to seek blessings for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Later, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta addressed the media at the venue. Expressing deep anguish over the incident, Gupta stated, "We strongly condemn the cowardly attack on innocent civilians. Such acts of terror are a direct assault on the peace and unity of our nation, and the perpetrators will not be spared."

He further emphasized India's long-standing ethos of peace and non-aggression, while also asserting the country's right to self-defense. "India has never attacked any country out of hatred or contempt, but if our interests are threatened, we will not hesitate to take a big step," Gupta added.

He further highlighted the Modi government's unwavering commitment to national security, noting several strong measures taken in response to repeated provocations from Pakistan. He also asserted that Pakistan's support to terrorism is a global threat. "This government has not stayed silent. We have taken steps like keeping the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance, cancelling SAARC visas for Pakistani citizens, among others - sending a clear message that terrorism will not be tolerated," Gupta said.

Speaking to the media, Baldev Singh Billoria expressed profound grief and condemned the heinous act in the strongest terms. "This cowardly attack is not just an assault on individuals, but on the very spirit of our nation - a nation built on unity, resilience, and peace."

He called on the people to remain united adding, "Terror has no justification. Such violence will only strengthen our resolve to defeat it in all its forms. We must continue to support our security forces and stand firm against any attempt to destabilize our peace."

NSS Units of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce Jammu Champion Healthy Diets and Lifestyles During Poshan Pakhwada



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JAMMU, APR. 24: The NSS Units of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce Jammu, in collaboration with ICCASH and SPARSH under the aegis of IQAC, organized a comprehensive program focused on promoting nutrition and healthy eating habits as part of the nationwide Poshan Pakhwada initiative. The event which was a part of ongoing NSS camp, aimed to raise awareness and encourage students to adopt healthier lifestyles. The programme started with assembly and singing of NSS song by NSS Volunteers. A key highlight of the program was the screening of an insightful documentary centered on the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle.

This visual presentation effectively conveyed crucial information about balanced nutrition and its impact on overall well-being. To further engage students

and foster a spirit of healthy eating, a "Healthy Food Competition" was organized. This interactive event provided a platform for students to showcase their creativity and knowledge of nutritious recipes.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation and highlighted the delicious possibilities of healthy cuisine. In the competition judged by Dr. Chetna Gupta and Dr. Roomi Rani, Tanish Kumar got 1st prize while the second prize was shared by Pranav Verma and Vashu Choudhary, while Rasneet Kour and Palvi shared the third prize.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh, emphasized the pivotal role of nutrition in academic success and overall development.

He lauded the efforts of the NSS units and collaborating organizations for

organizing such an impactful event.

He said that healthy eating and healthy living are the cornerstone of a successful lifestyle.

A screening of an informative video lecture by Dr. Sushil Sharma, a renowned cardiologist was also organized. Dr. Sharma's expert insights provided valuable perspectives on the crucial link between diet, lifestyle, and cardiovascular health.

Adding a motivational dimension to the event, a video showcasing the healthy lifestyle practices of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi ji, was also screened. This provided a real-world example of how incorporating healthy habits can be integrated into a demanding schedule. A cleanliness drive in the college campus was also conducted by NSS Volunteers.

The entire programme was organized by Dr. Deepshikha Sharma (NSS PO) and Dr. Deepak Pathania (NSS PO), Dr. Reena Rani (Convener ICCASH), Prof. Rekha Gupta, Dr. Neeru Devi Anand from ICCASH Committee, Dr. Madhu and Dr. Rajni from SPARSH. Among those who were present on the occasion included Dr. Mohd. Azam, Dr. Chetna Gupta, Prof. Ashraf Nawaz, Prof. Shaji Khan, Dr. Sunal Sharma and others.

Dimple holds protest against Pakistan, burns Pak flags

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JAMMU, APR. 24: Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir led anti Pakistan protest, burnt Pak flags, effigies during Jammu Kashmir band called by Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir. Against the 27 tourist's targeted killings and many injured in Pahalgam, Anantnag.

Addressing the protestors, Sunil Dimple demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi to start war with Pakistan.

Dimple welcomes Prime Minister, Home Minister decision in the cabinet committee on security meeting to scrap of Indus water treaty with Pakistan, closure of Pakistan embassy in India, withdrawal of Indian embassy in Pakistan, closure of Amritsar Atari Railway Line, cancellation of Pakistan visa passports of Pakistanies. He demands HM Amit Shah to crush Pakistan militancy, start operation all out. Liberate POK and start war with Pakistan.

Dimple announced Rs. 50 lakh reward for the person who will cut wanted terrorist Hafiz Sayeed's head and give it to India. He urged Home Minister Amit Shah Union Government is unable to control the situation, then, the government should issue an advisory in India and abroad that tourists should not come to Kashmir.

Dimple appealed to the people of all religions to



Hindu, Muslims, Sikhs to maintain communal harmony and brotherhood. He alleged motive behind the Pahalgam targeted killing is, the Pakistan and antinational forces want communal riots of Hindus and Muslims in Jammu Kashmir and India like 1947. Replying to the media question of all party meetings in Kashmir? He thanked Kashmir people for showing solidarity with Jammu and tourists. He urged upon Dr Farooq Abdulla attending all party meetings to tell the Kashmir political PDP, PC, Apni Party, ANC leaders attending all party meetings of Gupkar gang leaders. And warned to leave the Pakistan line of sympathy with Pakistan, otherwise they will not be allowed to land in Jammu. now enough is enough.

Dimple alleged complete failure of BJP to save the lives and properties of the people of Jammu Kashmir, the outsiders tourists and people living in Jammu Kashmir. He alleged this cowardice incident militates attack will badly affect the tourists flow, the Amarnath Yatra and rail service is starting for Kashmir. He alleged terror-

ists want to disturb Amarnath Yatra and also railway service should not be started until militancy ends.

He demanded to start war Liberate POK, Gilgit, Baltistan and make it part of India. He condemned the killing of one soldier in Udhampur encounter. He appealed to the DG director general of J&K police and the security forces, to start operation all out clear & elimination of ISI modules operating in J&K sleeper's cells, and crush Pak guides in Jammu Kashmir.

He alleged in the last ten years BJP only did politics and after abrogation of the article 370 the militancy has spread in the peaceful Jammu region.

He said the attacks, targeted killing encounters Kathua, Samba, Doda, Kishtwar, Baderwah, Basohli, Poonch Rajouri, Arnia, and all the borders security is weak and the infiltration is increasing every day. Start war with Pakistan.

The other senior leaders are Biloo Pahlwan, Arun Verma, S.Kala Singh, Vijay Virdi, Lohri Shah, Rajinder Gupta, Babu Kumar and many others.