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Roma: Connecting with Indian Roots

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Las Clarisas in Elche, Spain hosts an exhibition on the history and culture of the Gypsy People

Sastipen Tali and Teaching Gypsies associations in collaboration with the Department of Social Rights and Inclusive Policies of the Elche City Council have launched an exhibition on the theme of History and culture of the Gypsy People with the aim of breaking the stereotypes and prejudices that exist towards this group. The exhibition consists of two parts. The first one summarizes 1,000 years of history in 10 descriptive panels, while the second is made up of seven panels that describe the current state of progress in education for the recovery of the Roma people.

Read More at

https://www.ondacero.es/emisoras/comunidad-valenciana/elche/noticias/clarisas-acoge-exposicion-historia-cultura-pueblo-gitano_202107306103ad6a007f4e0001cc8175.html

The Federation of Gypsy Associations of Catalonia (FAGiC) organizes the Roma Political School

The Roma and Travelers Team of the Council of Europe within the framework of the Strategic Action Plan for the Inclusion of the Roma Population (Roma and Travelers) 2020 - 2025 supports national projects aimed at promoting the political participation of the Roma population. Within the framework of this Plan, the Federation of Gypsy Associations of Catalonia (FAGiC) has been selected to organize the Roma Political School - Romani School of Politics targeting young Roma/ gypsies from all over Spain. This school, which functions for three months (July, August and September), has the objective to promote political participation among Roma population especially Roma youth.

Read More at

<https://unionromani.org/2021/07/15/la-federacion-de-asociaciones-gitanas-de-cataluna-fagic-organiza-la-roma-political-school-escuela-romani-de-politica/>

Remembering Holocaust of the Roma, Europe's most Discriminated Community

The article articulates the cruelty, atrocity and the gory massacre of Roma and Sinti in Second World War by Nazi. It casts the light on anti-Roma legislation and the long-standing discrimination against them as well as elucidates twelve years of Nazi rule and the incarceration of Romani people in prisons, labor camps and concentration camps in Germany. The article also reflects the significance and relevance of Roma Holocaust Memorial Day.

Read More at

<https://internationalaffairsreview.com/2021/08/03/on-their-holocaust-day-remembering-europes-forgotten-community/>

Virtual Lecture on the Topic "The contribution of Post-Goedelian philosophy to van Baar's analysis of debates in European Romani Studies from the 18th to the 21st century"

Centre for Roma Studies and Cultural Relations (CRSCR) – Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) hosted the fifth virtual lecture of the lecture series on the topic "The contribution of Post-Goedelian philosophy to van Baar's analysis of debates in European Romani Studies from the 18th to the 21st century" on 27th July, 2021. Prof. Dr. Thomas Acton, Emeritus Professor of Romani Studies, University of Greenwich and Visiting Professor, Corvinus University, Budapest, elaborated on the Indian origin of Romani language in the light of comparative linguistic study by Johann C.C. Rüdiger as well as on the narrative developed by Heinrich Grellmann in his book "Die Zigeuner". Prof. Acton pointed out the underpinnings of the book, suggesting Roma/Gypsies came from India but his pseudo-scientific policy created a new narrative to fit the rationalism, utilitarianism and scientific racism of the 19th century.

Watch the Full Lecture at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYi_Bm1Z0cg

Roma Spirit Award

The "Roma Spirit Award" is organized by the Association for Culture, Education and Communication (ACEC) to honor commitment to a better coexistence. For the last ten years, "Roma Spirit" is dedicated to support those who are improving ver-life-holds-nisse of the Roma in Slovakia. The aim is to create a tradition of appreciating work for the Roma community and a platform for presenting positive

contributions. All 21 finalists in seven categories of "Roma Spirit 2020" were invited to the Gala event which took place in the unique ambience of the Protestant wooden church in Kežmarok, Slovakia.

Read More at

<http://www.roma-service.at/dromablog/?p=58540#more-58540>

Romani Student Fears Bill a Threat to Family's Gypsy Lifestyle

Romany Gypsy Jem Leveridge, second year law student at De Montfort University, fears that the proposed Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021, if passed, will threaten nomadic lifestyles. The bill is under discussions in the House of Commons. This proposed legislation would deem the trespass as a criminal offence changing from being a mainly civil matter. Those in breach of the law could face a fine, time in prison or their vehicles being confiscated.

Read More at

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-leicestershire-57657509>

Roma Holocaust Remembrance Event: A Message to Politicians of Czech Populist Parties

At the site of the unmarked burial ground for some of the prisoners of the World War 2 concentration camp at Lety u Písku, the traditional commemorative ceremony dedicated to the Romani victims of Nazism was held. ROMEA TV broadcasted the ceremony live online. Čeněk Růžička, who chaired the Committee for the Redress of the Roma Holocaust in the Czech Republic (VPORH), warned populist parties against casting aspersions against Romani people in the run-up to the autumn elections to the Chamber of Deputies because they believe it would bring success. On the other hand, Růžička expressed appreciation for the recently adopted law on the compensation for those who have been illegally sterilized. Wreaths were laid at the memorial that was first unveiled at the site of the unmarked burial ground on 13 May 1995 by then-Czech President Václav Havel.

Read More at

<http://www.romea.cz/en/news/czech/at-remembrance-event-chair-of-the-committee-for-the-redress-of-the-roma-holocaust-says-okamura-is-one-of-the-czech>