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Roma: Connecting with Indian Roots

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The Government of Northern Macedonia Assures of Implementation of Roma Strategy

Roma did not secure important positions in both the legislature and the executive after the Parliamentary elections held on 15th July in the Republic of Northern Macedonia. In the run up to the election, leader of the SDSM party Zoran Zaev had promised to set up a separate Directorate to handle issues pertaining to Roma Community. The President of the International Roma Union (IRU) Zoran Dimov emphasized that establishment of such a Directorate would additionally demonstrate to European Union the commitment of Northern Macedonia for addressing the need of the Roma community and its integration in the mainstream society.

Read More at

<https://romatimes.news/index.php/en/categories/politics/4892-government-announces-directorate-for-implementation-of-roma-strategy-but-without-clear-competencies>

A Romni Wins Title of "Miss Elegance"

After winning the title of Miss Czech Republic 2019, Nikola Kokyová- a 21 year old Romni, was given the title of "Miss Elegance" in the Miss Globe 2020 beauty competition. Miss Globe contest-2020 was held in Albania and was attended by 42 contestants from all over the world. Kokyová made it into the top 15 and brought home the title of "Miss Elegance".

Read More at

<http://www.romea.cz/en/news/world/miss-czech-republic-who-is-romani-wins-title-of-miss-elegance-and-is-now-in-the-top-15-of-the-miss-globe-2020-beauty>

The Project “Education, Employment, Partnerships and Gender Equality, Kicked Off

The Project “Education, Employment, Partnerships and Gender Equality: A Winning Formula for Roma in Vocational Education & Training, is being implemented by Roma Education Fund (REF), and Roma Versitas Albania (RVA) and Roma Versitas Kosovo (RVK). The project, funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation, aims at contributing to social inclusion and poverty reduction of Roma in Albania and Kosovo. The Project focuses on strengthening professional skills of community through a wide range of vocational trainings, paid professional internships, professional skills development, and cooperation and partnerships with employers.

Read More at

<https://romaversitasalbania.org/kick-off-meeting-education-employment-partnership-and-gender-equality-a-winning-formula-for-roma-in-vocational-education-and-training/>

Slovak President Commemorates WWII-era National Uprising to which Roma's Contribution

In his speech on 29th August at a ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising during the Second World War, Slovak President Zuzana Čaputová acknowledged involvement of Romani people also in the Slovak National Uprising despite the risk of death and prison for joining the armed struggle against fascism and Nazism. Zuzana Kumanová, ethnologist and historian, has reminded the public of Romani fighter Anton Facuna who participated in the uprising in the spring of 1944.

Read More at

<http://www.romea.cz/en/news/world/slovak-president-commemorates-wwii-era-national-uprising-to-which-roma-also-contributed>

Without Access to Online Teaching, Roma Children’s Education on Hold by COVID-19

Among the worst affected in Europe are Roma children. Many are experiencing a complete halt on education, though the authorities promised to ensure that all children would have the necessary devices to join the online educational system. However, a recent survey, conducted

by Caritas Romania in some of the organisation's learning centres, found that only 1 per cent of Roma children have a computer at home and 3 per cent have a tablet and 54 per cent are dependent on their parents' mobile phones to receive worksheets and homework.

Read More at

<https://www.euronews.com/2020/10/27/without-access-to-online-teaching-roma-children-s-education-has-been-put-on-hold-by-covid->

Indian Identity of Roma Community in the Light of Historical Evidences

The Article delineates the exodus of Roma community from North India, re-evaluating a number of references and inferences of various documents in the light of more recent discoveries and findings. It touches upon Kannauj's connection of Roma through a link between dislocation of Roma following raids perpetrated by Mahmud Ghazni as well as Romani language with Sanskrit, Prakrit, Hindi, and other Indian languages.

Read More at

http://www.arspindia.org/pdf/ARSP_Bulletin_07-11-20.pdf

Obituary for Dr. Rajko Djuric

Centre for Roma Studies and Cultural Relations-ARSP grieves the death of Dr. Rajko Djuric and pays homage to his rich legacy and noteworthy contribution to the betterment of the Roma people. Roma world will always remember him for his efforts towards preservation and promotion of Romani language and culture.

Read More at

http://www.arspindia.org/pdf/ARSP_Bulletin_07-11-20.pdf

Romani Girl Runner in Slovakia Scores another Regional Victory

Romani youth athlete Annamária Horváthová won the 1500 meter run event in the individual category during the recent championship in eastern Slovakia. Norbert Pecze, chair of the Athletic Legion Club in Moldava nad Bodvou said, Horváthová is the best runner in eastern Slovakia in the category of the female pupils in the upper grades.

Read More at

http://www.romea.cz/en/news/world/romani-girl-runner-in-slovakia-scores-another-regional-victory?fbclid=IwAR3Jl_jSzeDfH1ZVOfpURxb6Zi5H4DZCdU9UYLcYgc1Nm9UxtjXoZqqqfbA#.X2yPOwRHe2U.facebook