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Janubhai : A Pioneer of Era Building - Prof. Sarangdevot



The 113th birth anniversary of Pandit Janardhanrai Nagar, the esteemed founder of Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth Deemed-to-be University, was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Sunday. A seminar titled "Janubhai: Not Just a Name, but an Idea" was held at

the IT auditorium in Pratapnagar, presided over by Vice-Chancellor Colonel Prof. S.S. Sarangdevot.

In his address, Prof. Sarangdevot hailed Janubhai as a pioneer of era-building who, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, awakened the masses through educa-

tion during the freedom movement. He remarked on the proud history of Mewar, noting the illustrious figures like Bappa Rawal, Maharana Kumbha, Maharana Sanga, Maharana Pratap, and Maharana Raj Singh, as well as notable women such as Maharani Padmini, Bhaktimati Meera,

and Panna Dhai. He also mentioned the freedom fighters like Vijay Singh Pathik, Manikya Lal Verma, and Motilal Tejawat, whose sacrifices illuminated Mewar's legacy. Prof. Sarangdevot emphasized that Pandit Nagar's efforts to eradicate illiteracy in Mewar during the freedom struggle cannot be forgotten. He was a staunch advocate of Hindi, founding the Hindi Vidyapeeth in 1937, which later became Rajasthan Vidyapeeth.

Prof. Sarangdevot praised Janubhai's multifaceted personality, describing him as an institution unto himself, who contributed to various fields for societal upliftment. Janubhai was a renowned litterateur, thinker, social reformer, journalist, poet, educationist, politician, philosopher, and a distinguished creator. He believed education was essential for democracy and founded an institution committed to the moral and ethical development of India. He also emphasized the need to rediscover and reinterpret the wisdom hidden in Indian scriptures like the Vedas and Upanishads.

Janubhai Connected Workers to

Mainstream Education - Gurjar

Chief guest Bhawarlal Gurjar highlighted that Pandit Nagar's vision aimed to make individuals literate and enlightened citizens while preparing them for livelihood. He stressed that Janubhai was akin to a living award, initiating the Night Labor College to reconnect daily workers with mainstream education. Gurjar noted that despite the struggles, Janubhai's efforts in spreading social consciousness and education are noteworthy. Rajasthan Vidyapeeth was Janubhai's dream, and he worked tirelessly to realize it, even during times when annual salaries depended on donations or grants. Today, the institution is established at national and international levels. Prof. Hemendra Chaudhary recalled Janubhai's patriotism from a young age and his efforts to unify small princely states. He believed that education was the key to awakening the masses, leading him to open adult education centers in villages and promote Hindi.

The program was conducted by Prof. Malay Paneri, with a vote of thanks deliv-

ered by Assistant Registrar Dr. Dharmendra Rajora.

Tribute to the Life-Size Statue:

Before the seminar, a tribute was paid to Janubhai's life-size statue at the Pratapnagar campus by Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.S. Sarangdevot, along with BL Gurjar and other officials. They vowed to fulfill Janubhai's dreams. The event was attended by Prof. Manju Mandot, Prof. Malay Paneri, Prof. Saroj Garg, Prof. Manju Mandot, Controller of Examinations Dr. Paras Jain, Dr. Dharmendra Rajora, Dr. Bhawani Pal Singh Rathore, Dr. Ami Goswami, Dr. Naveen Bishnoi, Dr. Hemendra Chaudhary, Dr. SS Chaudhary, Dr. Babita Rashid, Dr. Leela Jain, Dr. Ami Rathore, Dr. Sunita Murdia, Dr. Rachna Rathore, Dr. Shahid Qureshi, Dr. Lalit, Dr. Ajita Rani, Dr. Santosh Lamba, Dr. Ashish Nandwana, Manoj Royal, Dr. Najmuddin, Bhagwati Lal Shirmali, Dr. Vijay Dalal, and many others. The faculty, deans, directors, and staff pledged to contribute to the progressive development of the Vidyapeeth, following the path shown by Janubhai.

Om Birla Likely to be Re-elected as Lok Sabha Speaker

The suspense around the election of the Speaker for the 18th Lok Sabha appears to have ended, with reliable sources indicating that Om Birla is likely to be re-elected. The election is scheduled for June 26, with the first session of the new Lok Sabha starting on June 24. Birla's probable re-election was hinted at during a late-night meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP President J.P. Nadda, and others.

Reports suggest that an NDA ally, possibly TDP or JD(U), will be appointed as Deputy Speaker. The Congress and INDIA coalition parties have demanded the Deputy Speaker's post,



citing tradition, and have threatened to field their candidate for the Speaker's position if their demand is unmet.

Media speculation around Andhra Pradesh BJP President Daggubati Purandeswari for the Speaker's post seems unlikely, as the Speaker and Deputy Speaker are not expected to both come from the BJP. Some reports suggested Birla might be appointed BJP National President, though there is no precedent for a sitting Speaker being made party president.

Om Birla, who won the Kota Lok Sabha seat in Rajasthan, is the first Lok Sabha Speaker in twenty years to be re-elected. His term during

the 17th Lok Sabha was notable for the suspension of many MPs and the inauguration of the new Parliament building, where he chaired the Lok Sabha proceedings. Birla has a long history with the BJP and the RSS, having worked extensively with the BJP's youth wing and maintaining close connections with top leaders.

Born on November 23, 1962, in Kota, Rajasthan, Om Birla holds a B.Com and M.Com from Rajasthan University. He has served three consecutive terms as an MLA before being nominated for the Kota Lok Sabha seat in 2014. Birla is married to Dr. Amita Birla, and they have two daughters.

Prime Minister's Meeting with Rajasthan's Chief Minister Sparks Discussions

On Monday, Rajasthan's Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, prompting significant media speculation. The meeting lasted two hours, during which Sharma discussed Rajasthan's development, including water issues in desert areas, border challenges, and infrastructure projects. The BJP's underperformance in the recent Lok Sabha elections in Hindi-speaking states like Rajasthan was also a topic of discussion.



Sharma tweeted his gratitude to Modi, calling him the 'charioteer of India's Amrit Kaal' and emphasizing the NDA government's commitment to a self-reliant India. During his New Delhi visit, Sharma also met with Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, J.P. Nadda, and others, discussing various state issues.

The BJP recently won the Rajasthan assembly elections but faced setbacks with key leaders' defeats. The party's strategy in the Lok Sabha elections included replacing several sitting MPs, but internal and external challenges led to losses.

Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra was also in New Delhi, discussing state development with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. With upcoming assembly elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Jammu & Kashmir, the BJP has appointed in-charges and co-in-charges for these states. Sharma's performance in the forthcoming by-elections and local body elections will be closely watched.

- Gopendra Nath Bhatt

Congress Targets Modi Government Over Kanchenjunga Express Accident



Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences on Monday regarding the tragic rail accident in West Bengal. In a post on X, Modi stated, "The rail accident in West Bengal is tragic. My condolences to those who lost their loved ones. I pray for the speedy recovery of the injured."

Reacting to the collision between the Kanchenjunga Express and a freight train in West Bengal, the Congress party accused the Modi government of "criminal neglect" of Indian Railways. Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge posted on X, expressing his deep distress over the collision in Jalpaiguri, which resulted in multiple fatalities and injuries. "The scenes are heart-breaking. Our thoughts are with the families of the victims," Kharge wrote.

Kharge further stated that the Congress stands in solidarity with each affected family and extends its condolences. He called for immediate and full compensation for the victims. He

criticized the Modi government for "grossly mismanaging" the Ministry of Railways over the past ten years and accused the ministry of turning into a "camera-operated self-promotion platform." Today's tragedy, he said, is a stark reminder of this harsh reality.

Congress leader Pawan Khara also criticized the government, pointing out the ongoing series of tragic incidents. He accused the government, ministry, and minister of failing to learn from past events. Khara remarked that while ministers may visit the accident site for publicity, leaders from their party had resigned after such rail accidents in the past, setting a precedent of accountability.

Prime Minister Modi reiterated the tragedy of the rail accident in West Bengal, expressing his condolences for the victims and their families. He stated that rescue operations are ongoing and that he has spoken to officials to assess the situation. Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnav is also en route to the accident site.

The Prime Minister's Office announced an ex-gratia payment for the victims. Families of the deceased will receive ₹2 lakh each from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), while the injured will receive ₹50,000. Railway Board Chairperson and CEO Jaya Varma Sinha confirmed the deaths of the freight train's driver and assistant driver, along with the guard of the Kanchenjunga Express. She reported that the rescue operation is complete. Help desks have been set up at all railway stations along the Agartala-Sealdah route.

Grand Unveiling of the Mewar Premier League Trophy

Udaipur: The eagerly awaited Mewar Premier League (MPL) trophy was unveiled in a grand ceremony at the Wonder Cricket Academy, Shikarabadi Cricket Ground, Udaipur.

The unveiling was graced by the presence of esteemed guests including Gautam Dakh, Rajasthan's Minister of Cooperation and Civil Aviation, as the chief guest, Rahul Agarwal, Chairman of Pacific University, as the president, and Deepak Sharma, MD of Rockwood School, as the distinguished guest. Also in attendance were Aman Agarwal, Director of Pacific Medical College and Hospital, and Dr. Kiran Jain, BJP Udaipur City District Secretary.

The ceremony was attended by Manoj Chaudhary, President of Mewar Premier League, Ravindra Bhati, Founder of 100 Sports, along with members of the Udaipur District Cricket Association (UDCA), several players, and notable personalities from the city, all adding to the excitement of the event.

Speaking at the unveiling, Minister Gautam Dakh emphasized the burgeoning enthusiasm for sports in the country. "The efforts of UDCA, in collaboration with Ravindra Bhati of 100 Sports, are commendable in promoting cricket. Such collective efforts will lay a strong foundation for a bright future. I extend my best wishes to them," he said.

Rahul Agarwal and Deepak Sharma highlighted how tournaments like the Mewar Premier League inspire young players. "After the Mewar Premier League, the city of lakes could become the city of players," they remarked.



PR Officer of UDCA, R. Chandra, shared details about the league, stating that the Mewar Premier League, organized jointly by the Udaipur District Cricket Association and 100 Sports, will feature six strong teams representing various districts of Mewar.

The tournament will see participation from notable players like Ashok Sharma, Shubham Garhwal, Mohit Jain, and Aditya Garhwal.

The Mewar Premier League will be held from June 19 to June 28, 2024, at the Wonder Cricket Academy Shikarabadi Cricket Ground. The district franchise league will feature

both day and night matches, setting the stage for an exhilarating series of games in Udaipur, heightening the excitement and anticipation among franchisees and players alike. The league aims to promote cricket talent, unite communities through a universal love for the sport, and enhance local sports facilities.

With the trophy unveiling, the Mewar Premier League is all set to kick off a thrilling cricketing spectacle in Udaipur. The event marks a significant step towards fostering cricketing talent and promoting sportsmanship at the grassroots level.

Gopendra Nath Bhatt Appointed Special Invitee Member of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly'

Jaipur: On the directive of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani, independent journalist Gopendra Nath Bhatt has been appointed as a special invitee member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly's Journalists Gallery Consultation Committee. Bhatt is widely recognized for his distinguished services in New Delhi as the former Press Attaché to the Chief Minister and Additional Director of the Information and Public Relations Department of the Rajasthan Government.



This appointment was confirmed in a letter issued by the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Secretariat, signed by Principal Secretary Mahavir Prasad Sharma.

Deputy Director (Public Relations) in the Assembly, Dr. Lokesh Chandra Sharma, stated that Gopendra Nath Bhatt has been informed of his nomination through an official correspondence from the Principal Secretary. Under Section (1) of Rule 1 of the relevant rule governing the entry of newspapers and news agencies into the Journalists' Gallery of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, the Honorable Speaker has appointed Bhatt as a 'Special Invitee' member for the period of 2024-25.

Gopendra Nath Bhatt has graciously accepted this honor and expressed his gratitude to the Speaker for the nomination. He also extended his thanks to the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly's Journalists Gallery Consultation Committee for bestowing this honor upon him and providing the opportunity to serve the state with his extensive knowledge, experience, and ingenuity.