

## State-Level Program and Medical Training Workshop on World Sickle Cell Day

**Udaipur (Dr. Munesh Arora):** Under the National Health Mission, a state-level program for World Sickle Cell Day will be held at the Center of Excellence for Sickle Cell Disease at Maharana Bhupal Government Hospital on Wednesday, June 19. During the event, the 'Setu' Rapid Referral Redressal System will also be inaugurated.

On Tuesday, RNT Principal Dr. Vipin Mathur provided detailed information about the program. He mentioned that the chief guest of the event will be Tribal Area Development Minister Babul Kharadi, with special guests including Udaipur MP Dr. Mannal Rawat, City MLA Tarachand Jain, Rural MLA Phoolsingh Meena, Divisional Commissioner Rajendra Bhatt, Tribal Commissioner Pragya Kevelani, District Collector Arvind Poswal, Superintendent of Maharana Bhupal Government Hospital Dr. R.L. Suman, NHM Blood Cell Officer Girish Dwivedi, and medical professionals from eight dis-

tricts of the state, along with various subject experts.

The workshop will feature lectures by experts including Blood Cell Coordinator Manish Chaudhary, Sickle Cell Specialist Mrs. Biba Tinga (CEO, Global Alliance of Sickle Cell Disease, Canada), Dr. Deepti Jain (Nagpur), Dr. Giriraj Chandak (Scientist, CCMB CSIR), NESCO Secretary Gautam Dongre, Center of Excellence for Sickle Cell Disease Nodal Officer Dr. Lakhan Poswal, Assistant Nodal Officer Dr. Bhupesh Jain, and Nursing In-charge Lalit Kishore Pargi.

Dr. Lakhan Poswal, Nodal Officer of the Center of Excellence for Sickle Cell Disease, stated that this program is being organized jointly with the Sickle Cell Saksham Rajasthan Foundation. He informed that the Center of Excellence for Sickle Cell Disease at RNT Medical College, Udaipur, was announced on February 10, 2023. This is the country's second Center of Excellence,



the first being in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Following the announcement, OPD services began at the Pediatric Hospital, RNT Medical College, Udaipur, on March 1, 2023. To date, the center has registered 1,150 patients, including 300 sickle cell patients and 850 sickle cell carriers. In newborn screening for sickle cell disease, 355 infants tested positive and are being treated at the Center of Excellence. A total of 1,600 people have availed OPD services so far. The Center offers daily OPD, VOC and transfusion wards, all vaccinations, counseling, and other services.

Inauguration of Setu Program:

Dr. Vipin Mathur mentioned that during the program, the Setu (Rapid Referral Redressal System) will also be inaugurated by the guests. The Setu program is an advanced initiative designed to provide better and quicker medical assistance to patients. This system will streamline the referral process between referral hospitals and RNT Medical College, ensuring patients receive prompt and efficient services. Physicians in referral hospitals will scan a QR code to submit referral information online, which will then be immediately sent to the control room. This will be the first control room and call center of its kind in the state.

He explained that the referral information will be displayed in real-time across all related emergency departments via installed LED screens. The control room will contact the patient to confirm their arrival and estimated time, and will inform the emergency department accordingly. Coordinators will be placed in the emergency department, where they will be briefed on the patient's condition and needs. Based on the prior information, the emergency department will be prepared for the patient's arrival. For the first time, specialty services will also be available in the emergency department, and if the referring physician has selected this service in the

referral information, the relevant specialist will be contacted by the control room and will be present before the patient arrives. Upon arrival, the patient will receive immediate medical assistance.

Dr. Mathur stated that all necessary tests will be available in the emergency department itself. A dedicated emergency lab will be established in the coming days, and until then, tests will be conducted through a green corridor with lab assistants available 24/7. All officers and employees working in emergency services will be provided with CUG phones for easy contact.

The implementation of this system will reduce waiting times, enable better management of resources with prior information about serious patients, improve communication between referral hospitals and RNT Medical College, provide super specialty services in the emergency department, and ensure patients benefit from all government schemes.



## Soil of Haldighati Has Always Attracted Freedom Enthusiasts - Prof. Sharma

**Udaipur:** Muskaan Club's "Youth Revisited" celebrated Maharana Pratap at Oriental Palace Resort, featuring lectures and poetry. Former Rajasthan state minister Jagdish Raj Shrivastava was the chief guest, with Dr. Chandra Shekhar Sharma as keynote speaker. Prof. Sharma highlighted Maharana Pratap's global inspirational legacy, emphasizing his Atavi (guerrilla) warfare strategy and loyalty to his horse, Chetak. Media in-charge Prof. Vimal Sharma praised Pratap's role in integrating society against Mughal invaders, fostering national unity.

Shrivastava lauded Prof. Sharma's historical insights and shared his journey from child laborer to labor leader, inspired by Maharana Pratap and Mata Hinglaj. His poem "Rana Ladto Rejee Re" captivated the audience. Club members Brijlal Soni and Narayan Sahu also recited stirring poems on Pratap. The event included notable figures like Neeraj Gattani, K.K. Tripathi, and Mrs. Harpreet Makkar, who narrated the life of the fifth Sikh Guru Arjun Dev.

## 40 People Donate Blood on World Blood Donor Day

**Udaipur:** The 20th World Blood Donor Day was enthusiastically celebrated at Saral Blood Center in Bhupalpura. On this occasion, 40 individuals donated blood throughout the day, and the center was graced with congratulations from prominent citizens and journalists.

Joint Secretary Sanyam Singhvi mentioned that all visitors were warmly welcomed, and sweets were distributed. The entire blood bank premises were adorned with motivational slogans and cutouts to promote voluntary blood donation, and the center was decorated with balloons. All 40 voluntary blood donors were honored with garlands and mementos upon a simple WhatsApp request from the institution. All medical staff, including Dr. Suresh Dagi, O.P. Mahatma, Dr. Pranshu Sharma, and the entire technical team, participated in this informal ceremony with great enthusiasm.



Seeing the excitement, Honorary Secretary CA Dr. Shyam S. Singhvi noted that the current shortfall in voluntary blood donation and supply at Saral Blood Center is only 25 percent. He expressed optimism that with increased participation, the day is not far when the center will meet 100 percent of the blood supply demand through voluntary donations without requiring replacements.

Dr. Suresh Dagi, while thanking all the blood donors, highlighted that women are also stepping forward in blood donation. Special congratulations were extended to Mrs. Gargi Dadhich and Mrs. Rakhi Arora for their contributions.

## Annual Meeting of WZCC Governing and Executive Committees Held

**Vadodara:** Governor Kalraj Mishra directed the Western Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC) to enhance its efforts in promoting arts and artists across Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, and the Union Territories of Daman, Diu, and Dadra Nagar Haveli. In response, WZCC will increase its programs from 156 to over 200 annually. This decision was made during the Governing Committee's annual meeting, emphasizing the importance of providing opportunities for rural artists and preserving local arts and heritage.



The Governor praised the Ministry of Culture's proposal to raise presentation fees for artists and recommended extending this to visual arts. He also suggested attracting more visitors to Shilpgram and Bagore Ki Haveli Museum by standardizing entry fees.

Governor Mishra stressed the need for initiatives to revive and popularize vanishing arts, support cultural heritage, and provide national platforms for rural artists. He highlighted the importance of workshops and training programs in remote villages to involve all societal sections.

He lauded WZCC's initiatives under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and suggested organizing Shilpgram festivals in various locations to promote local crafts. He also emphasized addressing the challenges of modern communication technology to boost traditional arts.

The meeting included representatives from Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, and the Union Territories, as well as state academies of literature, music, drama, and other art departments. Secretary Gaurav Goyal and Chief Special Officer Govindram Jaiswal also provided suggestions. WZCC Director Furqan Khan presented a report on the Centre's activities, and various members shared their ideas during the session.

## Udaipur's Devanshi Secures Two Medals



**Udaipur:** Udaipur's talented athlete, Devanshi Jain, has brought pride to the state and city by showcasing an outstanding performance in the junior kickboxing competition organized by the WAKO India Kickboxing Association in Siliguri, West Bengal. Devanshi is representing Rajasthan in two events, Kick Light and Point Fight. According to the latest information, Devanshi's winning streak continued on the third day of the competition. In her matches so far, she defeated Maharashtra's Sarika Abhanave 15-12, Sikkim's

Shreya Rai 4-0, and Haryana's international player Sanchi Kina 2-1 to secure her place in the semifinals in both events, thus guaranteeing a bronze medal.

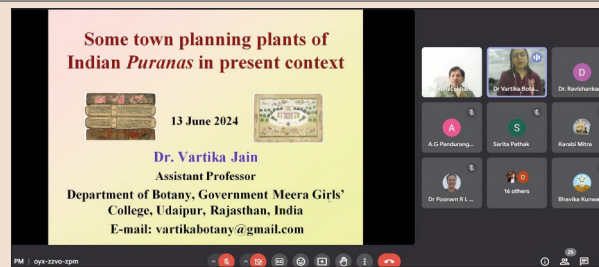
This information was provided by Udaipur Kickboxing Association's Secretary and Devanshi's coach, Pankaj Choudhary. Choudhary mentioned that Udaipur's athletes have been consistently excelling in national competitions for the past four years. Earlier this year, in the sub-junior and cadet categories, Udaipur's Atul Dak and Devanshi Jain's younger sister Charvi Jain had already won silver medals.

## Excellent Results for Students in Hindustan Zinc's Shiksha Sambal Program

Students in Hindustan Zinc's Shiksha Sambal program excelled in the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education's 10th-grade exams, with 91% passing and 37% securing first division. Out of 66 government schools, 24 achieved a 100% pass rate, and 48 had results above 90%. Since 2016, pass rates have increased from 67% to 91%, and first-division rates from 14% to 37%. The program supports over 8,000 students from grades 6 to 12 with additional teaching resources and vocational sessions. In the 12th-grade science stream, students achieved a 99.31% pass rate. This year, 133 girls received the Gargi Award for excellence.

## Invited talk of Dr. Vartika on Town planning plants of Indian Puranas in present context

**Udaipur:** An International webinar series on 'Various dimensions of Indian Knowledge Tradition' is organized by Govt. M. S. Golwalkar College, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh from 12th to 16th June 2024. Notably, Dr. Vartika Jain, Assistant Professor at Dept. of Botany, Govt. Meera Girls College, Udaipur (Rajasthan) was invited to talk on the theme of the webinar. Dr. Vartika delivered a talk on Some town planning plants of Indian Puranas in present context on Thursday, 13th June, 2024, the second day of webinar. She described different plants mentioned for town planning purposes along with their currently accepted botanical nomenclature specifically from Brahmaivaarta Purana and Matsya Purana. In Matsya Purana, there are 49 plants



mentioned for plantation in towns and some of the plants are common to the plants as recommended in Brahmaivaarta Purana. She assessed the present status of the plantation of the puranic plants and provided the list of the indigenous plants of Puranas which need attention to be planted in town areas. Some of those plants were Banyan Tree, Peepal, Sermal (Silk Cotton Tree), Jackfruit, Seeta-asoca, Bael, Varun, Arjun, Mahua, Kanak-cham-

pa, Haritaki etc. Dr. Vartika discussed the increasing problem of invasive plant species such as Eucalyptus, Prosopis juliflora, Black wattle, Yellow kaner etc. and its impact on local ecosystem and told that we should go back to our ancient Indian knowledge traditions as mentioned in Puranas and plant those indigenous species which are congenial for fauna of our country.

In the beginning, Prof. R.L.S. Sikarwar from AKS University, Satna, chairper-

son of the session introduced Dr. Vartika to the audience. Delegates from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, USA have also joined the webinar. Dr. Ravishankar Thupalli, Prof. Karabi Mitra, Dr. A.G. Pandurangan and many other stalwarts of Botany and other fields appreciated the presentation of Dr. Vartika and advised her to provide the list of priority plants to local bodies before plantation drive starts in monsoons.

The Webinar was held on Google Meet Platform. In the end, convener of the International webinar Prof. Skand Mishra from Govt. M. S. Golwalkar College, Rewa extended her heartfelt thanks to Dr. Vartika for depicting the ecological importance of Puranic plants.

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## MP Damodar Agarwal Honored

**Bhilwara:** MP Damodar Agarwal expressed his commitment to modernizing the Bhilwara Lok Sabha constituency, particularly Bhilwara city, within the next five years, aiming to create a smart, well-equipped area for the general public. Speaking at an honor ceremony organized by the Mewar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Agarwal emphasized that access to clean drinking water is a fundamental right for every individual. He announced the construction of 14 overhead tanks to ensure clean water in all areas, including colonies developed by colonizers. Other issues such as traffic and sanitation will also be addressed on a war footing.

Agarwal stated that he would work alongside the people of Bhilwara as a grassroots worker rather than just a politician, focusing on industrial development and job creation. He stressed his results-oriented approach, highlighting that determination is crucial for any task's execution. Agarwal underscored that there is no shortcut to development and no substitute for hard work. He is also planning for the needs and facilities Bhilwara will require in the next 25 years, ensuring consistent follow-up at the state and central levels.

He assured that a proposal for a Mega Textile Park for Bhilwara has been sent from the state government to the central government. Agarwal welcomed suggestions from Bhilwara's strong industrial organization, acknowledging the senior entrepreneurs' guidance.

At the event's commencement, Chamber President B.M. Sharma and Honorary Secretary R.K. Jain welcomed MP Damodar Agarwal with a traditional Mewari turban and shawl. Former Chamber Presidents Dr. S.N. Modani, former Honorary Secretary S.P. Nathani, Dr. P.M. Beswal, Dinesh Naulakha, J.K. Bagdodia, G.C. Jain, Senior Vice President Dr. R.C. Lodha, Vice President Anil Mishra, Yogesh Laddha, Joint Secretary Sumit Jagetia, along with representatives from the Bhilwara Textile Trade Federation, Synthetic Weaving Mills Association, Textile Agents Association, Bhilwara District Tea Merchants Association, CA and CSA Association, Cloth Merchants Association, and senior officials from major industrial houses like Hindustan Zinc, J.K. Tyre, Sangam Group, RSWM, BSL, and Niti Spinners honored the MP with garlands. The program was conducted by Honorary Secretary R.K. Jain.

## Focus on Water Conservation and Cleanliness Campaign in Mahesh Navami Procession

**Bhilwara:** Under the auspices of the Srinagar Maheshwari Sabha, a grand procession was organized to celebrate Mahesh Navami. The event featured a special tableau focusing on water harvesting, emphasizing the message "Water is Life." Plates and glasses used during the procession were promptly cleaned to promote cleanliness. At the Rameshwaram Maheshwari gathering, the slogan "Take only as much as you need, don't let it go to waste" highlighted the importance of not wasting food. This year's feast was made disposal-free to protect the environment.

City President Kedar Gagrani and Secretary Sanjay Jagetia emphasized raising awareness about environmental conservation and maintaining cleanliness. Notable personalities like former President of All India Maheshwari Mahasabha, Rampal Soni, and State President Radheshyam Chechani led the procession, which started from Rajendra School and traversed through key city locations. A special bullet motorcycle rally featuring men and women in saffron turbans added to the spectacle. For the first time, a large drone showered rose petals at major intersections. The procession concluded with a grand feast at the Rameshwaram building, with free transportation provided for community members. Eleven major intersections were decorated with lights and colorful fabrics, attracting significant attention. Key organizers, including Udaylal Samdani, ensured the procession ran smoothly, featuring drums, bands, elephants, and water harvesting tableaux. Over 101 welcome gates were set up along the route by various institutions.

Mahesh Navami celebrations included grand offerings at 16 temples, with ritual bathings of Lord Shiva's lingam. The main event took place at Gopal Dwara Temple, followed by aarti at 9 AM. Organizers like Gopal Lal Jagetia and Ashok Kabra played crucial roles in the festivities. For the past 10 years, the Shree Maheshwari Society and Shree Bada Mandir Trust have organized a "Chappan Bhog" at Bada Mandir, thanks to the Dad family, featuring devotional songs and prasad distribution.

**18,000 Maheshwaris Gather for Grand Feast on Mahesh Navami** - At Rameshwaram Bhavan, 18,000 community members participated in a grand feast managed by 22 counters. Key organizers, including Abhijeet Sharda and Prahlad Nuval, ensured smooth arrangements for the event, which highlighted the community's dedication to tradition and environmental consciousness.

## Entrepreneurs in Kota Learn the True Meaning of Public Relations

**Kota:** To raise awareness about Public Relations, marketing, and sustainability in startups and empower them, two special workshops were jointly organized on June 14 by the state government's Information Technology and Communication Department-operated iStart program and media partner YourStory at iStart Nest, Incubation Center in Kota.

Manoj Kumar Meena (Deputy Director), the in-charge officer, mentioned that over 100 startup entrepreneurs participated in the iStart-organized workshops.



Neha Gaur, President of PR 24x7, a prominent regional public relations company based in Indore, provided attendees with extensive information on the necessity of PR and branding, the difference between PR and marketing, the optimal timing for PR activities, and the various types of PR. She also addressed numerous doubts raised by the startups.

Neha Gaur stated, "Many people are not aware of what Public Relations actually entail. There is a fine line between PR and marketing that differentiates their functions and outcomes. This session dispelled many myths, with participants actively engaging and gaining a real understanding of PR through the answers to their questions." Abhishek Gupta, co-founder and CEO, and Abhinav Shekhar Vashistha, CTO of WeVoice, a waste management startup, highlighted their personal journeys as entrepreneurs. WeVoice collaborates with 14 municipal corporations and cities to manage municipal solid waste through technology and applications. They shared various examples, detailing the grassroots challenges faced in waste management and their experiences in overcoming them. Additionally, they discussed several aspects of product development, emphasizing how to make businesses more sustainable, profitable, and customer-friendly in line with market demands. The program was successfully conducted by iStart Nest mentors Ayush Tyagi and Kaustubh Bhattacharya.