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**Om Birla: A Distinguished Political Leader**

## Know More About Honorable Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

Shri Om Birla, born on November 23, 1962, in Kota, Rajasthan, is an eminent Indian politician and the current Speaker of the Lok Sabha. He holds a Master's degree in Commerce (M.Com). He is the son of Late Shri Shrikrishna Birla and Late Smt. Shakuntala Devi. Om Birla is married to Dr. Amita Birla, an obstetrician and gynecologist, and has two daughters, Akanksha Birla, a Chartered Accountant, and Anjali Birla, an officer in the Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS).

### Political Journey

Om Birla's political career began with the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), where he served as District President in Kota from 1987 to 1991 and later as State President of Rajasthan from 1991 to 1997. He rose to become the National Vice President of BJYM from 1997 to 2003. Birla was elected as an MLA from Kota in 2003, 2008, and 2013, defeating prominent Congress leaders each time. He transitioned to national politics in 2014, winning the Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha seat and subsequently securing re-election in 2019 and 2024, defeating his opponents by substantial margins.

reached 97%, the highest in 25 years. Significant legislative achievements include the passing of 222 bills and facilitating extensive discussions on various issues. He also initiated financial discipline, saving ₹801 crores, and opened the Parliament Library to the public.

### Achievements as Speaker of the Lok Sabha

Elected unanimously as the Speaker on June 19, 2019, Birla has overseen several key initiatives. Under his leadership, the productivity of the 17th Lok Sabha

### Social and Women's Empowerment Initiatives

Om Birla is known for his social ini-

tiatives like the "Suposhit Maa Abhiyan," supporting over 8,500 pregnant women, and providing assistive devices to the differently-abled and elderly. His "Tiffin with Did" and sewing machine distribution projects have empowered numerous women, aiding them in gaining financial independence.

Om Birla's tenure is marked by significant contributions to both legislative productivity and social welfare, reflecting his commitment to public service and governance.

## Conclusion of Hindustan Zinc's Shiksha Sambal Summer Camp

**Udaipur:** Over 1400 students benefited from the educational, skill development, sports, and cultural activities in the one-month Shiksha Sambal Summer Camp organized by Hindustan Zinc for nurturing rural talents.

The camps, conducted in collaboration with Vidya Bhawan Society, saw participation from more than 300 students in the residential camp at Vidya Bhawan, Udaipur, including 16 students from Pantnagar, and 1100 students in non-residential camps held at Agucha, Chittorgarh, Dariba, Debari, Zawar, and Kayad.

The camp was enriched by the involvement of over 70 volunteers from Gargi College, IISER Mohali, IISER Pune, and various colleges of Delhi University, alongside project teachers. Additionally, resource persons from Vidya Bhawan, employees of Hindustan Zinc, and related experts contributed to various activities.

Students had the opportunity to engage in learning science, mathematics, and English while participating in diverse activities. At the closing ceremony, the students showcased their learnings through exhibitions and performances, sharing their experiences with the guests.

The event was held at Kumbha Sabha Hall, Pratap Gaurav Kendra, with prominent attendees including Abhay Agarwal, Mining Controller (Northern Region) from Indian Bureau of Mines



(IBM), Sandeep Modi, CFO of Hindustan Zinc, Munish Vasudeva, CHRO, V. Jayaraman, Head of Corporate Affairs, Kartik Santhanam, CEO of Acid Business, Anupam Nidhi, Head of CSR, Amit Wali, Deputy Chief of ZSD, Mubarak Khan, Head of Coal, Commodities & Logistics, Ashish Vaid Mehta, CFO of Smelters, S. Siddiqui, AVP of Digitization, and Anurag Priyadarshi, CEO of Vidya Bhawan, along with Senior Advisor Kamal Mahendru.

Chief guest Abhay Agarwal praised the Shiksha Sambal project, highlighting Hindustan Zinc's CSR initiatives and their positive impact

on the community. He expressed confidence that the students from this camp would go on to become successful doctors and engineers, making commendable contributions to rural development at the grassroots level.

Students shared their experiences of being away from home for a month, with some expressing a desire to stay longer at the camp.

They found group work particularly enlightening and felt that even the 1.5-hour classes on a single subject were too short. Additionally, the event saw the release of the Shiksha Sambal Coffee Table Book and a video documenting

the program.

Various cultural performances and competitions, including poster making, essay writing, and arts and crafts activities organized on World Environment Day, were also held.

The concluding ceremony at Zinc Sports Complex, Zinc Smelter Debari, was attended by Ward Panch Uday Singh, Principal Sunita Boriwal of Bichhadi Higher Secondary Government School, and senior officials from Zinc Smelter Debari. Similarly, a closing ceremony was held at Zawar Mines with around 200 children participating.

## Governor of Assam and Forest Minister Bestow New Gifts on Udaipur

**Udaipur:** The city of Udaipur, renowned globally for its unique tourism appeal, received a plethora of new developments on Monday. Various initiatives and innovations were introduced by the Forest Department. Honorable Governor of Assam, Gulab Chand Kataria, and Minister of Forest, Environment, and Climate Change, Sanjay Sharma, inaugurated several projects, including a butterfly park, a children's adventure zone, an eco-tourism adventure zone, and Luv Kush Vatika. They also laid the foundation stones for water conservation structures at Ubeshwar Mahadev and the state's second lion safari at Sajjangarh.



### Inaugurations and Foundations Laid:

1. Luv Kush Vatika – The newly constructed Luv Kush Vatika near Dudh Talai was inaugurated to provide the public with a forest visit experience and inspire environmental conservation. The park includes adventure activities and eco-trek for children.

2. Butterfly Park, Amberi – Funded by the Udaipur Urban Development Trust, this park, costing ₹5 million, features 83 species of butterflies. Expert Mukesh Panwar shared insights on caterpillars and host plants. The guests planted saplings and appreciated Panwar's contributions.

3. Children's Adventure Zone, Amberi – This ₹2.5 million project includes eco-friendly adventure activities and swings for children.

4. Eco-Tourism Adventure Zone, Vankhand Gamdhar – With an investment of ₹4.8 million from the UDA fund, this zone features sky cycling, wall climbing, and giant swings.

5. Lion Safari, Sajjangarh Biological Park – The foundation stone for the state's second lion safari was laid, which is expected to increase tourist numbers in Udaipur.

6. Water Conservation Structures, Ubeshwar Ji – With a budget of ₹47.748 million from the DMFT fund, water structures were created by treating the main natural stream at Ubeshwar Ji

Mahadev based on drainage line treatment to conserve rain-water.

**Event Highlights:** Governor Kataria praised the Forest Department for their dedication and efforts. He emphasized Udaipur's historical significance and natural beauty, attributing its success to past generations and the blessings of Lord Eklingnath. He commended the coordinated efforts of district administration, municipal corporation, Udaipur Development Authority, Hindustan Zinc, IMSC, DMFT, and all Udaipur residents for making the surrounding forests lush and green.

**DMFT's Rapid Approvals:** Governor Kataria appreciated the efforts of District Collector Arvind Poswal for swiftly approving ₹2.08 billion from the DMFT fund, which will accelerate Udaipur's development.

**Speeches and Attendees:** Minister Sanjay Sharma highlighted the importance of Udaipur's unique identity in tourism and the new contributions by the Forest Department. He praised the exemplary efforts of Gulab Chand Kataria in the holistic development of Udaipur. The event was attended by city MLA Tarachand Jain, rural MLA Phool Singh Meena, District Collector Arvind Poswal, SP Yogesh Goyal, Chief Conservator of Forests S.R.V. Murthy, Divisional Chief Conservator of Forests Sunil Chidri, Deputy Chief Pushkar Teli, social worker Ravindra Shirmali, and various local representatives, officers from different departments, and the general public.

**Butterfly Park Booklet Launch:** A booklet on butterflies was also released during the ceremony, emphasizing the significance of biodiversity. The entire initiative marks a significant step towards enhancing Udaipur's tourism infrastructure and promoting environmental conservation.

## Mrs. Seema Yadav, Shares Ideas to Promote State Tourism



**Mumbai:** Mrs. Seema Yadav, Joint Director of the Rajasthan Tourism Department in Mumbai, visited the Information Center Mumbai office on Thursday. Mrs. Yadav expressed that there is immense potential for promoting Rajasthan tourism in Mumbai. She is determined to work towards this goal and is eager to collaborate with the Rajasthan Information Center in Mumbai and meet with the non-resident Rajasthanis to advance in this area.

Mrs. Yadav highlighted that each district in Rajasthan boasts numerous tourist attractions, particularly forts that are present in almost every district. Additionally, Rajasthan is home to many ancient temples that remain relatively unknown to the public. Currently, Rajasthan has ten major tourist circuits:

1. Jaipur, Amer
2. Alwar, Siliserh, Sariska Circuit
3. Bharatpur, Deeg, Dholpur Circuit
4. Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner

5. Barmer, Nagaur Circuit
6. Churu, Jhunjhunu, Sikar Circuit
7. Mount Abu, Sirohi, Pali, Jalore Circuit
8. Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Nathdwara, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisamand, Dungarpur Circuit
9. Ajmer, Pushkar, Merta, Nagaur Circuit
10. Kota, Bundi, Jhalawar Circuit, Ranthambhore, Tonk Circuit

She believes that proper promotion of these circuits can generate significant revenue.

Mrs. Yadav was appointed as the Joint Director of Tourism in Mumbai in October 2023. She successfully managed and executed the Rajasthan pavilion at the India International Travel Mart, Pune, held at Deccan College Ground, Yerwada, Pune, from November 24-26, 2023. Additionally, she efficiently handled the operations and management of the Rajasthan pavilion at the Outbound Travel Mart (OTM), held at Jio World Convention Center, BKC, Mumbai, from February 8-10, 2024. The Rajasthan Tourism Department was awarded the "Best Design and Decoration" award during the closing ceremony of the OTM event.

Assistant Director of the Rajasthan Information Center in Mumbai, Mrs. Ritu Sodhi, was also present during this courtesy visit.

## Rotary Club of Udaipur Meera Engages in International Cultural Exchange in Indonesia



**Udaipur:** The Rotary Club Meera embarked on a six-day trip to Bali, Indonesia, engaging in cultural exchanges with local Rotary clubs. Club President Sangeeta Mundra shared that the members explored Bali closely and learned about its rich cultural heritage and strong religious traditions, which remain preserved and popular.

The members visited Hindu temples, observing local worship practices and noting the unique blend of art and craft prevalent in the area. Mundra expressed pride in seeing Rotary's involvement in maintaining a 1200-year-old ancient temple, which included the installation of handwash stations and waste bins.

The members concluded that serving humanity is a fundamental trait shared by people worldwide. The trip was attended by Secretary Kavita Srivastava, Kavita Baldawa, Harsha Kumawat, Jyoti Kumawat, Archana Vyas, Jasmeet Kaur, and Richa Rupal Vyas.

## Yoga Day "Women Empowerment" Celebration at SPSU

Endorsing with the theme 'Yoga for Women's Empowerment' Sir Padampat Singhania University, Udaipur celebrated 10th International Yoga Day on June 21, 2024.

The Honourable President and Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav, highlighted the transformative power of yoga in alleviating stress, improving fitness, mental health and reinforced the importance of integrating such practices into daily life to achieve holistic well-being. He also appreciated the dual role played by women in maintaining the work life balance and their significant contribution in Nation building. Accentuating with the theme the Yoga Expert and Chief Guest Ms. Madhavika Rathore, a renowned Art of Living, yoga trainer, was felicitated by Ms. Savita Yadav and other women members from the SPSU fraternity. The day witnessed a myriad of yoga sessions and demonstrations, each highlighting the diverse practices and styles that make up this age-old discipline. These sessions included a variety of poses, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques. The serene environment fostered an atmosphere ideal for relaxation and introspection. Promoting physical fitness, mental balance, and a sense of community, this global celebration witnessed the enduring importance of yoga in enhancing overall well-being. The Deans, Registrar, Faculty members and entire SPSU family participated actively in the global celebration. The event was coordinated by Dr. Archana Gajbiye, Coordinator Student Welfare, Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Sports Director, Mr. Vishram Yadav, Mr. Praveen Jhala and Mr. Harish Tiwari, Coordinator NSS, Cell.

