

Will Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Fulfill the Aspirations of Rajasthan's People in the Upcoming Full Budget?

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Diya Kumari, along with Additional Chief Secretary Finance Akhil Arora and Finance Secretary Devashish Pushti, came to New Delhi to represent Rajasthan in the budget pre-discussion meeting held under the chairmanship of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. They forcefully put forth several important issues related to Rajasthan's development, including the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), three rail projects, and demands related to road and energy sectors before the Union Finance Minister.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had invited finance ministers and senior officials from all states to the national capital before presenting the full budget of the central government in the 18th Lok Sabha's new session. Previously, only an interim budget was presented by the Union Finance Minister to manage government expenditures before the formation of the 18th



Now, the full budget will be passed in Parliament. After receiving the funds and contributions from the central government, the states will also pass their full budgets.

After this crucial meeting, Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari shared information about the suggestions put forth by Rajasthan. She expressed confidence that this time Rajasthan would fully benefit from the double-engine government of the BJP at both the center and the state. To realize the vision of Modi 3.0 gov-

ernment under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Diya Kumari effectively presented issues and suggestions related to Rajasthan to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for the upcoming Union Revised Budget 2024-25 to achieve the concept of "Developed India - Developed Rajasthan."

During the meeting, Diya Kumari especially raised the issue of the 'Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project' (ERCP), which is expected to prove to be a lifeline for 21 districts of eastern Rajasthan, and appealed for maximum central assistance to quickly materialize this ambitious project. She detailed all aspects related to this project before the Union Finance

Minister. Diya Kumari also informed about the progress of the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' being implemented in Rajasthan to achieve the goals of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious scheme 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal,' and requested further cooperation from the central government.

In this significant pre-budget meeting, Diya Kumari also demanded the prompt realization of three major pending rail projects in Rajasthan to connect the remote areas of the state to the mainstream of development. Although the official statement did not disclose these rail projects, it is a fact that even after 75 years of independence, no rail line passes through any part of the tribal-dominated district of Banswara in southern Rajasthan, adjacent to Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. As a result, the residents are forced to travel to Ratlam, Neemuch, Vadodara, Udaipur, and Dungarpur to avail railway facilities, causing significant difficulties for laborers traveling for employment and business-related individuals.

Along with rail, Diya Kumari

also raised the issue of the construction and strengthening of new national highways in the state. She urged the central minister to ensure a robust network of roads in Rajasthan, the largest state in India in terms of area, to connect large cities with remote villages and hamlets, thereby linking all parts of the state to the mainstream of development.

Diya Kumari emphasized that the availability of adequate energy is crucial for the development of agriculture, industry, and infrastructure in Rajasthan. Therefore, central support is essential to make Rajasthan self-reliant in the energy sector. She strongly demanded special assistance for the energy companies operating in Rajasthan to better exploit all potential opportunities in the energy sector, thereby advancing the state's development.

Recently, the Chief Minister of the state, Bhajan Lal Sharma, met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Finance Minister Sitharaman, and other central ministers to discuss these issues. Their efforts have paved the way for

the state to receive lakhs of tons of coal stuck in Chhattisgarh for its coal-based power plants.

During this important meeting held before presenting the full budget in Parliament, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman took all the issues and suggestions presented by Rajasthan's Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari seriously. She assured that the central government would take positive steps regarding all of Rajasthan's demands. However, Rajasthan is still awaiting special state status similar to hilly and border states, 100% central assistance for the water-scarce state, and special central support to promote heritage tourism.

It will be interesting to see if Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman fulfills the aspirations of Rajasthan's people in the upcoming full budget to be presented in Parliament and how effectively the double-engine government of the BJP at both the center and the state can achieve its goals.

- Gopendra Nath Bhatt

Concern Raised Over Waste Accumulation on Udaipur Lake Shores and Inflow Channels



Udaipur: If the accumulated waste and debris on the inflow channels and shores of Udaipur's lakes are not removed, it will soon contaminate the water bodies. This concern was highlighted during the "Lake Dialogue" held on Sunday.

Dr. Anil Mehta stressed the importance of clearing all water flow channels of obstructions and waste by April 15 each year, as per the established procedure. Continuous monitoring is essential thereafter to ensure that these channels remain clean and unobstructed. This is crucial to prevent flooding and pollution.

Former Lake Development Authority member Tej Shankar Paliwal pointed out that significant amounts of trash and plastic waste are dumped on the Pichola Ring Road. This waste will flow into the lake with the rains, deteriorating the water quality.

Nand Kishore Sharma, Director of Gandhi Manav Kalyan Samiti, noted the presence of animal carcasses on the lake shores. Decaying meat is toxic and must be prevented from entering the lakes.

Young lake enthusiast Kushal Rawal emphasized the need to clean all the rainwater inflow channels, including Kodiaat River, Bujhada River, Badi-Fatehsagar Link, Swaroop Sagar-Fatehsagar Link, and Pichola-Govardhan Sagar Link.

Senior citizen Drupad Singh urged the administration to act swiftly and remove the accumulated waste from the inflow channels and lakebeds within the next week.

Udaipur: Assam Governor Pushes RSS Worker Off Stage During Event



Udaipur: Former Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje, remarked that people today often attempt to harm those who once helped them learn and grow. Raje was attending a distinguished citizen honor ceremony held at Sukhadia Rangmanch in Udaipur, where Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria was also present.

During the event, an elderly RSS worker, Vijay Lal Suwalka, attempted to honor Raje by garlanding her on stage. However, this led to an altercation with Governor Kataria, who pushed the elderly man off the stage. Kataria later addressed the incident, emphasizing that disruptions should not occur during such events. The incident unfolded as Suwalka, a long-time RSS member, insisted on garlanding Raje despite being asked to leave the stage. Trustees tried to remove him, but he persisted, leading Kataria to physically guide him off the stage. Suwalka protested, questioning why he was being pushed. Eventually, police and security personnel escorted him off the stage.

This event was organized to commemorate the death anniversary of RSS founding member Sundar Singh Bhandari and the martyrdom day of founder Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. Later, Vasundhara Raje met with Suwalka, who managed to garland her after the program. Addressing the audience, Raje reflected on the teachings and values instilled in her by her mother, Vijaya Raje Scindia, and the guidance from stalwarts like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, L.K. Advani, and Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. Raje emphasized the legacy of Sundar Singh Bhandari, who played a pivotal role in the rise of many leaders, including Bhairon Singh Shekhawat in Rajasthan. She lamented that the spirit of loyalty and recognition prevalent in the past seems to be fading, noting that today, people often seek to undermine those who helped them in their journey.

Governor Kataria reiterated the importance of maintaining order during official events and welcomed everyone to offer their respects after the program concluded.

Minister Madan Dilawar's Visit to Udaipur

Udaipur: Education Minister Madan Dilawar visited Udaipur, emphasizing PM Narendra Modi's vision for excellent education in a conducive environment. He highlighted the establishment of PM Shri schools, including 450 in Rajasthan and 40 in Udaipur, with 20 already underway.

At Kaya village's PM Shri Government Higher Secondary School, he laid the foundation for new classrooms and a road, funded by CSR from Ravindra Herayas Private Limited. Dilawar stressed value-based education, environmental consciousness, and tree planting for health. The event featured a grand welcome with traditional music and participation from local representatives and villagers.

International Yoga Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm Across Udaipur

An In-Depth Look at the Tenth International Yoga Day Celebrations in Udaipur

Udaipur's Yoga Enthusiasts Celebrate in Various Offices and Institutions

Udaipur witnessed a yoga-filled atmosphere throughout the district on the occasion of the 10th International Yoga Day. Following the directives of the District Collector, various offices and institutions celebrated Yoga Day with full enthusiasm, showcasing the district's awareness of health and well-being. Dr. Shobhalal Audichya, the district yoga nodal officer, reported that over 122,000 people participated in yoga exercises across the district. Yoga sessions were held at 5,491 locations, including district, block, and village levels, involving various departments, institutions, and organizations.

Meditation Yoga at TAD Office -

At the Tribal Area Development (TAD) Commissioner's office, Dr. Rakesh Dashora from the Heartfulness Meditation Institute conducted a heart-centered meditation and cooling exercise. TAD Commissioner Ms. Pragya Kevalramani emphasized the importance of yoga in enhancing work efficiency, encouraging officers and employees to incorporate yoga into their daily routines.

Yoga at Central Jail - Inmates and staff at the Central Jail participated in yoga, meditation, and pranayama sessions. The event, attended by District Legal Services Authority Secretary Kuldeep Sharma, highlighted the importance of yoga asanas. Art of Living instructors Girdhari Lal Garg and Jitendra Jain conducted the sessions, with 1,205 inmates and staff participating. Jail Superintendent Rajpal Singh motivated the inmates to practice yoga daily.

Yoga Day at CCRT Regional Center - The CCRT Regional Center celebrated the 10th International Yoga Day with enthusiasm. The program saw participation from the regional center staff and 125 individuals, including ASHA workers from remote villages. Yoga instructor Mrs. Gayatri Tank led the yoga session and encouraged incorporating yoga into daily routines for health benefits.

Yoga Practice at RSETI Centers - At ICICI RSETI's residential and two block-level satellite centers, a total of 156 trainees and staff practiced yoga. The Dynamic Yoga Studio team discussed the significance of Yoga Day and the benefits of daily yoga practice.

Yoga Day at Government Polytechnic College - International Yoga Day was celebrated at the Government Polytechnic College, where a yoga teacher conducted a ses-

sion for staff members and students. The session detailed the benefits of various asanas, the correct procedures, and precautions to be taken during yoga practice.

Yoga Camp at Pension Office - A yoga camp was organized at the Additional Director of Pension's office. Additional Director Bharti Raj emphasized the importance of regular yoga for stress-free and happy living. Ms. Asha from Shreyam Yoga Center conducted the yoga session for the staff.

Tenth International Yoga Day Celebrated at Moti Magri Scheme Park - Members of the Moti Magri Scheme and eight allied organizations celebrated the tenth International Yoga Day with a yoga camp at Moti Magri Scheme Park. Media coordinator Prof. Vimal Sharma shared that yoga guru Shobha Lal Vyas guided participants through pranayama, yoga asanas, yoga mudras, and meditation.

DPS Teachers Practice Yoga - Delhi Public School, Udaipur, organized a special yoga session for its teachers on International



Yoga Day. The session, conducted by Ms. Yashaswini Saini, included various yoga asanas and pranayamas. Principal Mr. Sanjay Narwaria highlighted the importance of incorporating yoga into daily routines for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

Unification of Unit Entity with the Cosmic Entity is Yoga - Ananda Marga Pracarka Samgha (AMPS) organized a Yoga workshop in Udaipur. Bhukti Pradhan Dr. S. K. Verma discussed the concept of Yoga and Yogic postures, emphasizing the unification of unit consciousness with Supreme consciousness through psycho-spiritual meditation.

Yoga Practice and Manganiyar Singing at Shilpgram - The West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC) organized a yoga practice session and Manganiyar singing event at Shilpgram. The event, led by Mrs. Meera Upadhyay and her team, featured various yoga postures and practices. WZCC Director Furqan Khan emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy body and mind.

Doctors Celebrate Yoga Day - The Medical Practitioner Society Udaipur organized a yoga session at Shramjivi College's yoga hall, guided by yoga guru Dr. Dipesh Vats. The session included various yoga practices and pranayama exercises, with both male and female doctors participating.

Oswal Sabha Mahila Prakosht Successfully Organizes Yoga Day -

On World Yoga Day, Oswal Sabha Mahila Prakosht organized a yoga and housie event. Yoga guru Mrs. Shweta Chandalya conducted the yoga session, focusing on how daily yoga can alleviate common issues like back pain and irregular menstruation.



Lokjan Seva Sansthan Organizes Program on the Eve of International Yoga Day - Lokjan Seva Sansthan organized a program to celebrate the eve of the tenth International Yoga Day. The event included the launch of Chandraprakash Chittoda's booklet, which provides illustrated descriptions of various yoga postures and asanas.

Udaipur Celebrates International Yoga Day with Enthusiasm - A district-level program was held at Gandhi Ground, attended by dignitaries including Revenue Minister Shri Hemant Meena. The event began with the lighting of the lamp and included a yoga session led by Dr. Shubha Surana from Sun College.

Neerja Modi School Students Practice Yoga in the Himalayas - Students of Neerja Modi School practiced yoga in the picturesque valleys of Padampur in the Himalayas. The session, guided by physical education teachers, emphasized the theme "Yoga for Self and Society."

Yoga and Fitness Program at Bhairav Bagh - A grand yoga and fitness program was organized at Bhairav Bagh, featuring activities like yoga, Zumba, a satsang, and an award ceremony. The event, conducted by experts from Kalp Nechuro Healthcare and other organizations, saw around 500 participants.

Yoga: A Precious Gift from Indian Culture to the World - The theme of Yoga Day 2024, "Yoga: For Self and Society," emphasizes staying healthy individually and keeping society healthy. Yoga helps maintain physical and mental health and is a precious gift from Indian culture to humanity.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Participates in Mass Yoga Practice - Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan participated in a mass yoga practice at Pusa Campus, emphasizing yoga as the art and science of living a happy, healthy, and complete life.

International Yoga Day Week Celebrations in Delhi - Shakti Yoga Sansthan organized a special yoga event in Delhi, featuring 121 expatriate yogis and yoginis. The event honored martyrs of a recent terrorist attack through a collective yoga performance.

International Yoga Day Celebrated by Readers at Kota Public Library -

The Government Public Mandal Library in Kota celebrated

International Yoga Day with a theme of "Yoga for Self and Society." Yoga instructors Dr. Vitul Khandelwal and Dr. Sarika Mohta guided participants through several important asanas.

International Yoga Day Celebrated at Bhupal Nobles Institute - Bhupal Nobles Institute celebrated International Yoga Day with active participation from the staff and students. Yoga instructor Pushkar Pandey led the participants through various asanas and pranayama exercises.

Enhance Body Efficiency Through Yoga Practices - Dr. Karnataka - Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology organized a yoga session emphasizing the importance of Indian yoga practices for maintaining a healthy body. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnataka highlighted the benefits of correct breathing techniques used in yoga.

Grand Celebration of International Yoga Day by NIMS - University - NIMS University celebrated International Yoga Day with a yoga practice and meditation session conducted by Brahma Kumari Ashram's Sulabha Didi, Khushboo Didi, and Pinky Behan. The event witnessed the presence of eminent personalities and university officials.

Chair Yoga Program at Darshan Dental College - Darshan Dental College organized a Chair Yoga program, highlighting the benefits of chair yoga for dental practitioners. Yoga guru Anita Babel demonstrated how yoga can alleviate common complaints among dentists.

Yoga Practice at PMCH on International Yoga Day - Pacific Medical University conducted a yoga practice session to celebrate International Yoga Day. Vice Chancellor Dr. M.M. Mangal emphasized yoga as a discipline that maintains youthful fitness and enhances beauty.



Yoga and Meditation Session at PIMS Umarda - PIMS Hospital, Umarda, and Sai Tirupati University organized a yoga and meditation session in a scenic natural environment. Yoga instructor Dr. Chintan Dosi led the session, discussing disease treatment through special yoga techniques.

Business Network of India Conducts Yoga Session - The Business Network of India (BNI) organized a yoga session for its members, led by yoga guru Dr. Guneet Monga. The session emphasized the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life for lifelong health and well-being.

International Yoga Day Celebrated at Regional Rail Training Institute - The Regional Rail Training Institute celebrated International Yoga Day with a yoga session led by Yoga Instructor Mrs. Victor Kaur Bhandari. The event saw participation from staff, officers, their families, and trainees from the institute.