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## Rahul Gandhi's New Avatar as Leader of the Opposition: A Fiery Debut

**New Delhi:** On Monday afternoon, Rahul Gandhi appeared in a new avatar as he spoke for the first time as the Leader of the Opposition during the discussion on the President's address in the Lok Sabha. His speech marked a significant moment, showcasing his evolved political persona and strategic prowess.



**A Day of High Drama in Lok Sabha**  
Gandhi launched fierce attacks on the BJP and the NDA, addressing over 20 issues fluently, which made Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and other leaders of the ruling party visibly uncomfortable.

**Key Issues Raised**  
Gandhi's 90-minute speech, delivered amidst loud applause from the INDIA coalition MPs and frequent interruptions from the Treasury benches, covered a range of critical issues. These included the protection of the Constitution, farmers' issues, and raising concerns about the NEET exam and injustices against the poor and minorities, and BJP's defeat in Ayodhya. His focused and incisive commentary struck a chord, making top BJP leaders uneasy.

His remarks on Hindutva stirred the session, prompting Prime Minister Modi to interrupt and assert that labeling the entire Hindu community as violent is a serious matter. Home Minister Amit Shah stood up four times, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh twice, and other BJP leaders, including Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, frequently countered Gandhi's statements.

Despite appeals from Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to maintain decorum, Gandhi continued until he completed his speech.

Gandhi had hinted at a stormy session with a video shared on his Instagram account the previous day.

**Opposition's Walkout and Heated Exchanges**  
The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha witnessed a stormy scene on Monday. The BJP's strong objections to Gandhi's remarks led to an uproar. PM Modi stood up during the session to assert that it was wrong to call Hindus violent, while Home Minister Amit

Shah demanded an apology from Gandhi. The heavy commotion led the opposition to walk out of the Lok Sabha. In the Rajya Sabha, there were also heated exchanges between Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, Kiren Rijiju, and other members over various issues, including the relocation of statues.

**A Confrontation of Ideologies**  
On the sixth day of the first session of the Lok Sabha, during the discussion on the vote of thanks for President Droupadi Murmu's address, PM Modi and opposition leader Rahul Gandhi came face to face. Gandhi began his speech with "Jai Samvidhan" and criticized the Modi government, eventually delving into Hindutva. His remarks, claiming that those who call themselves Hindus only talk about violence and spread hatred, triggered a massive uproar. Displaying a picture of Lord Shiva, Gandhi stated that it symbolizes fearlessness and non-violence, contrasting with the BJP's narrative.

and Raising Concerns  
Gandhi also raised issues related to the NEET exam and often having his microphone turned off. Speaker Om Birla clarified that the control of the microphones is not in the hands of the presiding officer but managed by technical staff, addressing allegations that opposition members' mics were being switched off deliberately.

**BJP's Counterattack**  
Following Gandhi's 'Hindu' remarks, the BJP began a strong counterattack. The BJP accused Gandhi of degrading the dignity of the Leader of the Opposition and making irresponsible statements. Central ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Kiren Rijiju, and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi held a press conference, accusing Gandhi of insulting the entire Hindu community. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Hinduism is the soul of India, representing tolerance, generosity, and gratitude, and demanded an apology from Gandhi for allegedly wounding India's soul.

**Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi defended her brother, stating that his comments were directed against the BJP, not Hindus. Reports also emerged of Sonia, Rahul, and Priyanka Gandhi meeting Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in his chamber. Political sources indicate that, following instructions from PM Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Parliamentary Affairs Minister, and other senior BJP leaders are engaged in extensive consultations on the events that unfolded in Parliament.**

**Looking Ahead**  
It remains to be seen how PM Modi will respond to Rahul Gandhi's remarks during his reply to the discussion on the President's address on the final day of the Parliament session on Tuesday. The political drama in the Lok Sabha underscores the intensifying battle between the ruling party and the opposition, with Rahul Gandhi stepping into his new role with a combative and assertive approach.

## National Doctors' Day: Honoring the Healers with a Special Focus on Udaipur

**N**ational Doctors' Day, celebrated annually on July 1st in India, is a day dedicated to recognizing the invaluable contributions of doctors to society. This day commemorates the birth and death anniversary of the legendary physician and second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. It serves as an opportunity to express gratitude to the medical fraternity for their unwavering dedication, compassion, and service to humanity. This year, special attention is given to the doctors of Udaipur, a city known for its rich cultural heritage and exceptional medical services.

Udaipur, often referred to as the "City of Lakes," is not only famous for its picturesque landscapes and historic palaces but also for its advanced medical facilities and dedicated healthcare professionals. The city boasts a robust healthcare infrastructure with several renowned hospitals and medical institutions, including Maharana Bhupal Government Hospital, Pacific Medical College and Hospital, and Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital. These institutions have been at the forefront of providing high-quality medical care to the residents of Udaipur and the surrounding regions.

On National Doctors' Day, Udaipur's medical community comes together to celebrate the achievements and sacrifices of its doctors. The day is marked by various events and activities, including seminars, health camps, and awards ceremonies, to honor the doctors who have made significant contributions to the field of medicine. These events provide a platform for doctors to share their experiences, discuss advancements in medical science, and inspire the younger generation of medical professionals.



One notable event in Udaipur is the felicitation ceremony organized by the Udaipur Medical Association. This ceremony acknowledges the efforts of doctors who have gone above and beyond in their service to patients. Awards are given in various categories, such as excellence in patient care, innovation in medical research, and community service. These awards not only recognize the hard work and dedication of the doctors but also motivate them to continue striving for excellence.

Dr. Sunita Sharma, a renowned gynecologist in Udaipur, shared her thoughts on the significance of National Doctors' Day. "This day is a reminder of the noble responsibility we bear as doctors. It is an honor to serve the people of Udaipur and contribute to their well-being. The recognition we receive on this day inspires us to continue our efforts with even greater dedication," she said.

A highlight of this year's celebration is the commendable work of Dr. Vipin Chandra Mathur, Principal of RNT Medical College. Dr. Mathur has been instrumental in leading initiatives to combat sickle cell disease in the region. His efforts, along with those of the Center of Excellence for Sickle Cell, have significantly advanced the fight against this debilitating condition, particularly in tribal areas. Dr. Mathur's dedication to improving healthcare services and his innovative approach to addressing medical challenges have made a profound impact on the community.

Udaipur's doctors have played a pivotal role in managing and mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. From setting up dedicated COVID-19 wards to providing round-the-clock care to affected patients, the medical fraternity in Udaipur has demonstrated exemplary courage and resilience. Their efforts have not only saved countless lives but also brought hope and relief to many families during these challenging times.

As the world continues to grapple with various health challenges, the importance of doctors and healthcare workers cannot be overstated. National Doctors' Day serves as a reminder of their crucial role in society and the need to support and appreciate their tireless efforts. In Udaipur, the celebrations on this day are a testament to the city's commitment to health and well-being.

In conclusion, National Doctors' Day is a day to honor the dedication, compassion, and selflessness of doctors across India. In Udaipur, the celebrations highlight the significant contributions of the city's medical professionals to the health and welfare of the community. As we celebrate this day, let us express our heartfelt gratitude to the doctors who work tirelessly to keep us healthy and safe.

## Yoga Day "Women Empowerment" Celebration at SPSU

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

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



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

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 Gajbhiye, Coordinator Student Welfare, Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Sports Director, Mr. Vishram Yadav, Mr. Praveen Jhala and Mr. Harish Tiwari, Coordinator NSS, Cell.

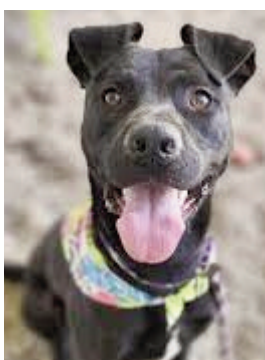
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## Udaipur Faces Potential Dog-Free Future

**Udaipur:** Concerns have arisen following a recent news report suggesting that Udaipur may soon become devoid of street dogs. The report mentions that 4,500 dogs in Udaipur have already been sterilized, with 13 dogs undergoing the procedure daily. The current pace of the campaign has raised fears that Udaipur could eventually be left without any street dogs.

The author also highlights past changes in the city, such as the closure of Udaipur's stepwells in the 1970s and their subsequent preservation efforts. Similarly, the use of fluoride toothpaste was promoted, only for it to later be advised against due to the risk of fluorosis. The shift from iodized salt to advocating for locally ground and Lahori salt is another example. Additionally, foreign tree species like Conocarpus and Eucalyptus were planted under government schemes, which are now found to be harmful to the environment and public health.

The author expresses curiosity about the criteria for selecting the 13 dogs sterilized daily in Udaipur and is concerned that future campaigns might be needed to conserve dog species. The author stresses that any campaign should be based not just on statistics but also on its utility and potential future impact.