

Political Significance of Sharma-Raje Meeting

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma's meeting with BJP National Vice President and former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje in Jaipur on Sunday has sparked significant political speculation. Chief Minister Sharma visited Raje at her official residence at 13 Civil Lines in Jaipur, and this visit has ignited numerous conjectures in political circles.

Since becoming the Chief Minister, Bhajanlal Sharma has been making courtesy visits to various leaders, including the Governor Kalraj Mishra and former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Although he is a first-time MLA and Chief Minister, he has extensive experience within the party organization and understands the importance of political meetings, partly due to his RSS background. He has met Raje at her residence before, but the timing of this meeting is particularly significant given



the ongoing state assembly session, the resignation announcement of senior minister Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena, the upcoming state budget on July 10, and the proposed BJP state executive meeting in Jaipur on July 13. Political observers see specific motives behind Sharma's meeting with Raje.

There is speculation that Sharma may have discussed the upcoming state budget with Raje, seeking her input. Raje has served as Rajasthan's Chief Minister twice and held

the role of Finance Minister, presenting the state's budget during her tenure. This has led to the belief that Sharma sought her advice, particularly regarding the ambitious Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), now renamed PKC-ERCP after a new agreement with Madhya Pradesh. Raje initiated this project and sought its designation as a project of national importance, which had strong support from then Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari. Despite political promises and support, the pro-

ject did not materialize, and both the previous Congress government and the current BJP government have prioritized it. Sharma's meeting with Raje could be an effort to leverage her extensive experience for the state's benefit. However, some political analysts argue that if budget consultation were the primary purpose, the meeting should have included Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari, who is also the Finance Minister.

Vasundhara Raje holds significant influence in Rajasthan politics. When former Vice President and BJP leader Bhairon Singh Shekhawat brought Raje into state politics, she led the party to multiple historic victories and became a popular leader, especially among women. Despite her contributions, Raje faced neglect during the recent assembly elections, and after BJP's victory, she was not made the Chief Minister.

Even during the Lok Sabha

elections, she was sidelined, confining her campaign efforts to her son Dushyant Singh's constituency, Jhalawar. This sidelining possibly impacted BJP's performance, as the party did not achieve a clean sweep of all 25 seats in Rajasthan, a feat previously accomplished under Raje's leadership in 2014 and 2019. A stronger performance in Rajasthan might have allowed BJP to secure a majority on its own in the Lok Sabha, avoiding the need for coalition support.

The BJP leadership has experimented with alternatives to Raje's leadership in Rajasthan but without success. Former state BJP President and Haryana in-charge Dr. Satish Poonia, seen as an Raje opponent, acknowledged her significant contributions, emphasizing her central roles in both national and state politics.

Political analysts believe that Raje's isolation during the

Lok Sabha elections harmed BJP's prospects in Rajasthan. With five assembly by-elections imminent due to legislators becoming MPs, the stakes are high for the BJP. Winning these seats is crucial for increasing the party's legislative strength and influencing future Rajya Sabha elections.

Thus, Sharma is keen on a collective approach, reportedly encouraged by the central leadership. Success in these by-elections is critical for Sharma, especially with upcoming local body and Panchayati Raj elections. Recognizing Raje's importance, Sharma is likely seeking her support for the by-elections to boost BJP's chances.

The upcoming political developments will reveal the impact of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma's recent meeting with BJP National Vice President Vasundhara Raje on Rajasthan's political landscape.

- Gopendra Nath Bhatt

Jagannath Rath Yatra in Udaipur : A Grand Celebration



Udaipur: The city is gearing up with fervor and excitement for the grand Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath, scheduled to commence today. The preparations are in full swing to make this event majestic and divine, eagerly awaited by devotees who will witness their beloved deity embark on a procession from the temple precincts.

Kamal Chauhan, a member of the Jagdish Temple Rath Yatra Committee, highlighted that every year, the Rath Yatra includes other floats alongside the silver-clad chariot. The silver-chariot is annually polished before the procession to enhance its radiance. Currently, preparations involve polishing and cleaning the chariot's equipment before the main ceremony of Lord Jagannath Swami commences.

The Jagannath Rath Yatra is a source of immense enthusiasm for the residents of Udaipur. Notably, the chariot measures 8 feet in width, 16 feet in length, and stands at a height of 21 feet, weighing a total of 30 tons. Devotees will pull the chariot with ropes, leading Lord Shri Krishna on a city tour. The Rath Yatra also features various community floats from different sections of Udaipur.

President of the Rath Yatra Committee, Rajendra Shrimalli, stated that preparations have begun at the 400-year-old Jagdish Temple in Udaipur to commence the Rath Yatra on July 7. The procession will feature decorated elephants and horses, with women participating in the Kalash Yatra.

In anticipation of the event, Magistrate appointments have been made to maintain law and order during the Bhagwan Jagannath Yatra, ensuring smooth proceedings throughout the city. Deputy Collectors have been appointed for specific areas to oversee the Rath Yatra logistics and ensure a safe and auspicious celebration.

NIMS University to Honor Martyrs' Families on Kargil Vijay Diwas

Inspired by the Sainik Kalyan Department, NIMS University will host an event on July 26 to honor the families of martyrs on Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Prof. (Dr.) Balveer Singh Tomar, Founder and Chancellor of NIMS University, expressed that honoring the families of the soldiers who achieved martyrdom during the Kargil War will be a proud moment for the university. He extended his gratitude to Brigadier Virendra Singh Rathore, Director of the Sainik Kalyan Department, for encouraging this initiative.



Brigadier Rathore visited NIMS University to review the preparations for the event. He emphasized that the ceremony will be dedicated to the bravery and dedication of the military forces.

The state-level event will be held on the NIMS University Rajasthan campus in Jaipur. It will mark the nation's gratitude and respect towards the armed forces. The ceremony will include soldiers, officers, and their families from the Rajasthan armed forces, Central Armed Police Forces, and other military units.

University officials have ensured proper - Arrangements for the event and planned its successful execution. This ceremony will be a significant achievement for NIMS University, providing an opportunity to remember and honor the sacrifices of the martyred soldiers.

GMCH Honored with Achievement Award for "Outstanding Contribution to Society"



Udaipur: The conference saw participation from over 1000 representatives across the country and more than 500 companies. The event's chief guest was Gujarat Health Minister Shri Rishikesh Patel.

Representatives from pharmaceutical companies and leading healthcare service providers from Ahmedabad and across the nation attended the event and participated in panel discussions. The discussions focused on the crucial role the healthcare sector can play in the development of 21st-century India.

Experts from across the country shared their views on how proposed government schemes could bring significant changes to the health of Indian youth and the challenges faced by healthcare services.

Vedanta Chairman Anil Agarwal Meets CM Bhajan Lal Sharma



Jaipur: Shri Anil Agarwal, Chairman of Vedanta Group, today met with Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, to discuss the state's outlook and plans for the natural resources sector - metals, minerals, and oil & gas - which is crucial for creating large-scale employment opportunities and contributing to the state's economic growth, as well as nation building.

Vedanta has made investments in excess of INR 1.50 Lakh Crore in Rajasthan to date. Two of its flagship businesses Hindustan Zinc Limited - the World's second largest integrated Zinc producer and 3rd largest producer of Silver, and Cairn Oil & Gas, India's largest private oil producer, have their largest operations in the state. In FY 24, Vedanta's contribution to the State Exchequer was INR 10,000 Cr.

Reinforcing the Vedanta Group's steadfast commitment to the State, Shri Anil Agarwal, Chairman of Vedanta Group, said, "Rajasthan is a national natural resources growth engine with the potential to power an Atmanirbhar Bharat across the minerals, metals, and oil & gas sectors. Both, the state of Rajasthan and Vedanta, are open to further collaboration aimed at fuelling India's ambition of becoming self-reliant in natural resources and thus a global manufacturing hub."

"My discussions with Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma were highly productive, sharing the vision of his government for the state's growth centred around transparency, efficiency, and value to global investors. Under his leadership and our long-standing partnership, the government's thrust on mineral exploration, value-addition, research & development, and innovation will lead to a glorious chapter in the legacy of this incredible state."

Under Vedanta's leadership, Hindustan Zinc's market capitalization since its divestment in 2002 has grown more than 400 times from about INR 650 crores (USD 100 million) to about INR 2,90,000 crores (USD 34 billion) and made the company a world leader. Hindustan Zinc is also recognised as the world's most sustainable metals and mining company as per S&P Global.

Cairn Oil & Gas, also part of the Vedanta Group, contributes 25% of India's domestic crude production, a large part of which is from its operations in Barmer, Rajasthan. Cairn also recently implemented the largest commercial Alkaline Surfactant Polymer (ASP) flooding procedure in the high oil viscosity Mangala field in Barmer to enhance recovery from the matured field. Cairn is also executing the largest exploration project by any private company in India and has plans to drill exploration and development wells in Barmer in FY25.

Through these companies, Vedanta has created more than 50,000 direct and indirect job opportunities in Rajasthan.

Beyond business, Vedanta has signed an MOU with the Government of Rajasthan to develop 25,000 Nand Ghars across the state which will positively impact the lives of 10 lakh children and 7.5 lakh women. Nand Ghars are modern-day, technology-enabled anganwadis developed by Vedanta which serve as holistic centres of learning and development for women & children from the community. Vedanta's community development initiatives span women empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, education, healthcare, infrastructure, grassroots sports, and culture, benefiting about 2 crore people across Rajasthan.

Assam Governor Visits Bird Park, Plants Saplings

Udaipur: Assam Governor Shri Gulab Chand Kataria visited the Bird Park located in Gulabagh on Sunday. During his visit, he planted saplings and released a white dove, symbolizing peace and harmony.

Governor Kataria and Member of Parliament Dr. Mannalal Rawat arrived at the Bird Park in Gulabagh on Sunday morning. They were welcomed by Deputy Forest Conservator Mukesh Saini and Deputy Forest Conservator (Wildlife) D.K. Tiwari, among others.

Governor Kataria toured the Bird Park and received information about its activities. During the visit, Deputy Forest Conservator D.K. Tiwari and Rajat Bhargava briefed him about the rescue center, explaining that the center provides treatment to various injured birds.

Governor Kataria and MP Rawat praised the efforts of the Forest Department, stating that such initiatives are giving new life to injured birds.

Badola Hyundai

Celebrate Doctors' Day

Udaipur: At the Hyundai showroom located at Shobhagpura Circle, Doctors' Day was celebrated by honoring renowned Udaipur physician Dr. J.K. Chapparwal and gynecologist Dr. Kamla Kanwarani with a turban and shawl. Dr. Chapparwal emphasized the importance of timely medical consultation for treating illnesses, warning against the dangers of delaying medical advice. Both Dr. Chapparwal and Dr. Kanwarani announced free consultations, receiving applause from the staff and customers.



Dr. Kanwarani stated that being honored increases the responsibilities of doctors towards society. Director Nakshatra Talesra highlighted that doctors are seen as divine figures, and their services and guidance are crucial for a long life. Director Dilip Talesra added that a healthy society is unimaginable without doctors, and advanced medical research and collaboration with doctors are essential for a long and healthy life.

Statements from Leaders -Dr. Abel George, Facility Director at Paras

Honors IMA President and Esteemed Doctors

Udaipur (Shabnam Bano): Paras Health Udaipur celebrated Doctors' Day by honoring the President of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Dr. Anand Gupta, and Udaipur's Zonal Director, Z.A. Qazi, along with other distinguished doctors. The General Manager of Sales and Marketing at Paras Health Udaipur, Rajesh Shukla, visited the IMA Udaipur office to express gratitude and honor Dr. Anand Gupta for his contributions to the health field.

Honoring the Contributions

On the occasion of Doctors' Day, Zonal Director Z.A. Qazi was honored at his office by Facility Director Dr. Abel George and Rajesh Shukla of Paras Health Udaipur. Additionally, all doctors at the hospital were welcomed and honored with a police band. Paras Health Udaipur recognized the significant role of doctors and expressed their appreciation for their invaluable contributions.

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Health Udaipur, stated, "Doctors are the pillars of our society, playing a crucial role in healthcare. Their dedication and service ensure our lives are safe and healthy. At Paras Health Udaipur, we feel proud to honor their contributions."

IMA President Dr. Anand Gupta remarked, "Doctors not only safeguard our health but also act as protectors of our societal health infrastructure. Without their hard work, dedication, and knowledge, our healthcare services cannot function effectively. Doctors play a critical role not only in treating illnesses but also in health education, disease prevention, and promoting healthy lifestyles. Honoring doctors is our society's responsibility, and it is essential to appreciate their service and sacrifice."

Zonal Director Z.A. Qazi added, "The role of doctors in healthcare is invaluable. Their hard work and commitment help us provide better health services. On this occasion, we thank all doctors for their relentless efforts."

Paras Health Udaipur's celebration on Doctors' Day highlights the essential and tireless work of doctors, recognizing them as the backbone of healthcare and appreciating their dedication and contributions to society.

President Murmu to Visit Next Month for Geology Department's Platinum Jubilee

Udaipur: The Academic Council meeting of Mohanlal Sukhadia University was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Professor Sunita Mishra, where various policy decisions were made. Notably, the meeting included student representation for the first time. University spokesperson Dr. Kunj Bihari Acharya reported that this was the first meeting of the academic session, which included the approval of previous orders along with various new decisions. Vice-Chancellor Professor Sunita Mishra informed the council that the Honorable President of India, Droupadi Murmu, will visit the university next month. Preparations for her visit have already begun. She will participate in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Geology Department, which is marking its 75th year. During the event, she will also lay the foundation stone for a new laboratory costing ₹2 crore.

The Academic Council approved approximately 51,000 degrees for various courses from the previous academic session. The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that the university has been continuously uploading degrees to Digilocker, with 237,766 degrees uploaded so far, the highest in Rajasthan. It was decided that there will be no fee increase for any course in the upcoming academic session; fees will remain the same as the previous session. Additionally, a decision was made to change the answer booklets used in exams. Exam Controller Dr. Rajesh Kumawat stated that this session's exams will use newly designed answer sheets, replacing those that have been in use for nearly 15 years. It was also decided that undergraduate exams for regular and private students will be conducted together to avoid delays in result preparation. The meeting approved the formation of a Student Grievance Redressal Cell. Dean of Student Welfare Professor Seema Jalan stated that the cell will organize a 'Samadhan' program to hear and resolve all types of student complaints. The proposal from Law College Dean Dr. Rajshree Chaudhary to teach the new criminal law enacted in India from this academic session was approved. The curriculum will be updated accordingly to allow students to study the new laws. For the first time, students were allowed to participate in the meeting. Six toppers attended the meeting, including student Pranjal Dwivedi, who requested enhanced access to legal data, and student Anjali Sisodia, who emphasized the need for regular educational tours. The meeting was attended by Dean of Commerce College Professor B.L. Verma, Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities Professor Hemant Dwivedi, Dean of Science College and Dean of PG Studies Professor Aarti Prasad, Chief Proctor Professor Purnamal Yadav, FMS Director Professor Meera Mathur, Chief Warden Professor Digvijay Bhatnagar, President of the Sports Board Professor Neeraj Sharma, and heads of all university departments. The meeting was conducted by Exam Controller Dr. Rajesh Kumawat.

Miraj Group Commits to Green Future with 1 Crore Tree Plantation Drive

Miraj Group, a prominent company based in Nathdwara, has announced the launch of an ambitious tree plantation drive, pledging to plant 1 crore trees. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the vital importance of tree conservation and significantly enhance the green cover in Rajasthan, particularly between Udaipur and Nathdwara. The company has organized 5 crore seeds and plants, including Neem, Amaltas, Peepal, and Gulmohar, for this endeavor.

Inauguration by Minister of State - The initiative was inaugurated by Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Minister of State for Forest, Environment & Climate Change, and Science & Technology Department in the Government of Rajasthan. Mr. Sharma praised the initiative, stating, "The efforts of Miraj Group in initiating this massive tree plantation drive are commendable and align perfectly with our state's commitment to environmental sustainability. By increasing the green cover in the arid regions between Udaipur and Nathdwara, we are not only enhancing the natural beauty of Rajasthan but also contributing to the fight against climate change. This initiative will significantly benefit our local communities, providing cleaner air and promoting biodiversity."

Commitment from Miraj Group - Celebrating the occasion, Mr. Madan Palival, Founder of Miraj Group, said, "By planting 1 crore trees, we hope to make our communities greener and healthier. This initiative is about more than just trees; it's about teaching people to take care of our planet. Every tree we plant helps create a better, more balanced world. We are committed to providing the necessary resources and support to ensure these trees thrive. Our dedicated team and infrastructure are in place to maintain the plantations. We also hope this initiative inspires others to join us in making a positive impact on the environment. Together, we can create a sustainable future for generations to come. Our children and grandchildren deserve to inherit a world where nature flourishes."