

Urban Sketchers' Exhibition Highlights Enthusiasm and Art

Udaipur: On the second day of the three-day sketch exhibition organized by Urban Sketchers Udaipur, dedicated to celebrating their hundredth weekly sketch meet, the event saw significant enthusiasm from the audience.

Held at the Information Centre, the exhibition featured an engaging art discussion session with experts. Guest artist and Rajasthan Administrative Service (RAS) officer Mrs. Kirti Rathod, along with artist and psychologist Dr. Suniti Amarawat, shared their insights and participated in an open discussion with the artists.

The session was effectively moderated by theater artist and Kasturi Foundation head Shradha Murdia and story-



teller Rajat Meghna. Sketch artist and architect Sunil Laddha, along with painters Anurag Mehta and Rahul Mali, also contributed their views.

Creativity Through Freedom: Rathod

Watercolor artist RAS Kirti Rathod expressed that every

individual has an inherent artistic ability that needs to be recognized and nurtured. She noted that engaging with colors and lines provides immense joy and personal satisfaction. Rathod emphasized the importance of freedom for artists, stating that when given this

freedom, remarkable artistic creations can emerge. She praised the Urban Sketchers' dedication to creating and exhibiting sketches over 100 weeks, acknowledging its potential to inspire other artists.

Art and Mental Health: Amarawat

Oil color artist and psychologist Dr. Suniti Amarawat highlighted that while people are often meticulous about their physical health, mental health is frequently overlooked. She noted that art can keep individuals fully engaged and contribute to mental well-being. Amarawat shared her experience of discovering her inner artist during the COVID-19 pandemic and emphasized that the passion of artists fosters artistic creation.

Art and Career Discussions:

Both experts discussed the intersection of art and career. Kirti Rathod noted that art can be a viable career option, countering the outdated notion that only professions like medicine and engineering are suitable

career paths.

She encouraged recognizing one's skills and developing them into a source of income, highlighting social media as a platform for promoting art from home.

Dr. Suniti Amarawat added that with the increasing interest in art, it is possible to build a career in this field, and urged individuals to explore their surroundings and focus on making art a career.


Exhibition Review by Experts:

Before the discussion, the guests toured the exhibition and expressed their pleasure at seeing the artists' creations. They thoroughly reviewed the sketches across various age groups and sought information about the themes.

Engineers' Day: Dr. Anil Mehta says, 'Without undue pressure from administration, Engineers can serve excellent engineering for environment and water source improvement'

Udaipur: Dr. Anil Mehta, Principal of Vidya Bhavan Polytechnic, said that engineers should make water source improvement, conservation, and protection their main goal. He added that M. Visvesvaraya, a Bharat Ratna awardee, had served society and the country through various works like water supply from Sindh River to Sukkur city, construction of Krishna Raja Sagara dam, flood control system in Hyderabad city, and Khadakwasla reservoir floodgate. His work in water source management has been appreciated worldwide.

Dr. Mehta said that Visvesvaraya was never under pressure from the government, and current rulers and administrators should not pressurize engineers to work on environmentally destructive projects. Tej Shankar Paliwal, former member of Lake Development Authority, paid tribute to the role of engineers in the country's development and said that engineers who work with environmental awareness should be considered the best.

Nand Kishore Sharma, Director of Gandhi Human Welfare Committee, said that Udaipur's engineers are experienced, but they face pressure to work according to the instructions of new consultants. Educator Kushal Rawal suggested that all engineering colleges in Udaipur should start a special course on Udaipur's environment. Senior citizen Drupad Singh and other aware citizens present said that engineers play a crucial role in saving hills, trees, water, and environment. On this occasion, a cleanliness drive was also organized. 

Udaipur's UNESCO Heritage Recognition Benefits

Udaipur: The designation of Udaipur as a 'UNESCO World Heritage City' carries significant implications for this beloved city. Here's what this recognition will mean for Udaipur:

- Global Recognition:** Udaipur will be acknowledged globally as a premier cultural and historical destination. This will enhance the city's image and prominence on the international stage.
- Increased Tourism:** With a rise in international tourists, local businesses, hotels, and artisans will benefit economically. The influx of visitors will boost local commerce and create opportunities for economic growth.
- Financial Support for Preservation:** UNESCO's support will provide funding and resources necessary to preserve and maintain Udaipur's unique heritage. This assistance will ensure that the city's historical assets are safeguarded for future generations.

4. Cultural Pride: The global appreciation of Udaipur's rich history and traditions will foster a sense of pride and identity among its residents. This recognition will celebrate and validate the city's cultural significance.

5. Sustainable Development: The adherence to World Heritage standards will lead to improved urban planning and infrastructure development. This will enhance the quality of life and prevent unregulated construction, promoting sustainable growth.

6. Employment Opportunities: The growth in tourism will generate new job opportunities in hospitality, crafts, and cultural sectors. This will support the upliftment of local communities and provide new avenues for employment.

7. Environmental Protection: Increased focus on preserving Udaipur's natural beauty—such as its lakes, hills, historic palaces, monuments, gardens, temples, havels, and step-wells—will ensure these assets are protected for future generations.

Overall, this recognition will lead to comprehensive development, benefiting every resident of Udaipur and addressing previously overlooked areas.

Udaipur's Chandresh Chhatlani Honored in Lumbini, Nepal

Udaipur: On Hindi Day, the Shabd Pratibha Foundation Nepal organized an international poetry competition in the sacred land of Lumbini, Nepal. The event aimed to strengthen Nepal-India relations and promote Hindi as a language of friendship in Nepal. Udaipur's renowned poet Chandresh Kumar Chhatlani was honored with the prestigious 'Hindi Kavya Ratna' honorary title for his outstanding poetry.

Participation of 6,742 Poets from Around the World

The competition was held online by the renowned Shabd Pratibha Multidisciplinary Award Foundation Nepal to enhance Nepal-India friendship, preserve the Devanagari script, and encouraging Hindi poets. The event saw participation from 6,742 poets from Nepal, India, Canada, the USA, Australia, and Tanzania.

Jitendra Wins Gold in Wrestling

Udaipur: Students from Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Badgaon, showcased excellent performance in various events at the 68th District-Level Sports Competition for the first group of students. Physical Education teacher Lata Gehlot reported that Jitendra Sen of Class 10 won the gold medal and secured the first position in the 68 kg Greco-Roman wrestling category. He will be competing in the state-level competition in the coming days.

In addition, Poonam Nagda won a bronze medal in the Under-19 Karate competition, and Natik secured a bronze medal in the Under-17 Judo event. Principal Mrs. Vandana Gilundia, along with other staff members, congratulated the athletes on

Honors 31 Educators with Nation Builders Award

Udaipur: The Rotary Club of Udaipur hosted the Nation Builders Award ceremony for the year 2024-25 today at the Rotary Bajaj Bhavan. The event recognized 31 educators from the city for their contributions to nation-building. Colonel Prof. S. S. Sarangdevot, Vice-Chancellor of Janardan Rai Nagar University, was the chief guest.

In his address, Prof. Sarangdevot emphasized the need to build an integrated India through knowledge and highlighted the crucial role of educators in this mission. He

stated that while many things in life can be acquired, good people are rare, and it is essential to share moments of happiness with future generations. He also stressed the interconnectedness of teachers, the nation, and education, noting that the success or failure of a nation depends on its educators.

Dr. Pradeep Kumawat, the program coordinator, introduced Prof. Sarangdevot, recalling the mutual respect between Munshi Premchand and the founder of Janardan Rai Nagar University, Janardan

Rai Nagar. He also emphasized that ideal life involves hard work and that teachers should be community builders.

Club President Anil Chhajed welcomed the attendees and noted the significant responsibility of the Nation Builders Award recipients to contribute meaningfully to society and nation-building.

The following educators were honored with the Nation Builders Award: Pankaj Vya, Kailashchandra Mundra, Dr. Shabnam Chaturvedi, Heeralal Suthar, Bhupendra Prasad Upadhyay, Prakashchandra

Kundal, Rekha Jarwar, Suman Audichya, Sarita Mandomra, Satish Kumar Mishra, Vishnu Panda, Anjali Joshi, Khushalata Joshi, Pannalal Teli, Renuka Theophilus, Kishan Gandhav, Janak Singh Rawat, Rekha Sharma, Dheeraj Ameta, Dinesh Prakash Sharma, Omprakash Chaubisa, Heena Soni, Shadema Imran Khan, Ajay Singh, Manjeeta Ramdev, Dharmista Singh, S.L. Jain, and Suman Jain. They were presented with shawls, mementos, and fruits.



Prakashchandra Koiari took the oath of membership administered by former District Governor Nirmal Singvi.

The ceremony began with Secretary Advocate Dr. Bharat Saruparia presenting the sec-

retary's report. Ish Vandana Padam Dugad performed a devotional song, and the event was conducted by Rajendra Sen. At the conclusion, Bharat Saruparia expressed gratitude to all involved.

Dr. Prabhat Singhal's "Adbhut Bharat" Books Launched at Hindi Day Celebration



The "Hindi Laao Desh Bachao" two-day event was held in Nathdwara, organized by the Sahitya Mandal Nathdwara to mark Hindi Day. The celebration featured various activities, including the honoring of Hindi Upanishads, recognition of literary figures, the launch of books, cultural programs, and a poetry symposium.

The highlight of the event was the launch of six books titled "Adbhut Bharat" by Kota-based author Dr. Prabhat Kumar Singhal. The books cover different regions of India, including North India, South India, East India, West India, Central India, and Northeast India. The book launch was officiated by Shyam Prakash Devpura, Prime Minister of the organizing committee, along with President Madan Mohan Sharma, literary figures Purushottam Pallav, Hiralal Milan, Dr. Rajendra Nath Sharma 'Arun', Amar Singh Bachhal, Dr. Rahul, and Dr. Krishna Kumar.

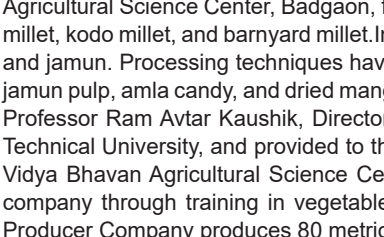
Dr. Singhal explained that these books are designed to provide readers with comprehensive knowledge about India's history, geography, development, arts, culture, and tourism. They are significant documents for general knowledge, research, and tourism.

The launch event saw participation from literary figures across various states, including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Maharashtra, Bihar, Punjab, Jharkhand, and Karnataka.

Udaipur's Progressive Farmer Honored

Udaipur: At the 5th Agritech Summit and Swaraj Awards 2024 held in New Delhi, progressive farmer Heeralal Patel from Turgarh village in Udaipur was recognized for his efforts in the continuous cultivation of traditional and indigenous crops such as millets (Shriani) and for encouraging other farmers to adopt this practice. Additionally, the Vanadhan Shakti Women's Producer Company from Sutharmadada village was awarded the Leading Startup Organization Award.

The awards were presented by Divesh Chaturvedi, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, at a national-level award ceremony organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Outlook, and Swaraj Tractors. Shanti Bai, representing the Producer Company, and Devi Singh from the Gramshree Foundation Trust accepted the award on their behalf. The Producer Company has been actively working on non-timber forest products for the past three years. Heeralal Patel received continuous support and guidance from Vidya Bhavan



Agricultural Science Center, Badgaon, for the cultivation of millets such as chickpeas, finger millet, kodo millet, and barnyard millet. In the region, there is an abundance of custard apples and jamun. Processing techniques have been developed for producing custard apple pulp, jamun pulp, amla candy, and dried mango. These processing techniques were developed by Professor Ram Avatar Kaushik, Director of Extension at Maharana Pratap Agricultural and Technical University, and provided to the group. Senior scientist Dr. Prafull Bhatnagar from Vidya Bhavan Agricultural Science Center, Badgaon, also encouraged the women of the company through training in vegetable farming and income enhancement. Currently, the Producer Company produces 80 metric tons of goods, benefiting over 60 villages.

recitation on the boat. The boat circled the lake while the rhythmic beats of the dholak and the sound of manjiras enhanced the joyous atmosphere. Following the recitation, the devotees offered aarti to Lord Ram and the Ganga, and distributed prasad to all attendees.

DPS Udaipur Students Win Gold in Badminton

Udaipur: Students from Delhi Public School (DPS), Udaipur, delivered an impressive performance at the district-level badminton championship held on September 10, organized by the Udaipur District Badminton Association. The school emerged victorious, clinching gold medals in the 68th District Badminton Competition for the under-14 age group.

Principal Mr. Sanjay Narvaria announced that DPS Udaipur students won gold medals in both singles and doubles events. In the singles match, Arav Sharma of DPS Udaipur secured a decisive victory with straight sets of 21/15 and 21/14. In the doubles category, the duo of Vihaan Sen and Rudra Lodiya provided a tough competition, ultimately winning with scores of 21/13, 10/21, and 21/19.

Prof. Vice Chairman Mr. Govind Agarwal expressed his delight at the students' performance and extended his best wishes for their future endeavors. He hoped for their continued success in the upcoming state-level competitions.

Rajasthan State Ex Services League Celebrates Golden Jubilee In Jaipur

Jaipur: Rajasthan State Ex Services League (RSESL) celebrated Golden Jubilee of its foundation at 'Utsav' in Jaipur Military Station on 16th September 2024. Shri Prem Singh Bajor Chairman of Sainik Welfare Board Rajasthan graced the event as the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries present at the event included General Officer Commanding 61 Sub Area Major General RS Godara and MG-ic-Adm Saptak Shakti Command Major General Satbir Singh. A large number of Gaurav Senani attended the Jubilee celebrations. The function started with traditional lighting of the lamp followed by greetings and welcome address by the President of the League, Lieutenant General SPS Katewa. Colonel NS Janu, while narrating the history of the League, said that RSESL



was formed on 16 September 1974 as a non-political organization under the chairmanship of Maj Gen K Bhagwati Singh, with an objective to solve the problems of re-employment, pension reforms of retired soldiers, family pensioners and their families. At present, it has about 41000 members. Major General RS Godara and Major General Satbir Singh also spoke about the work done for the welfare of Gaurav Senani and assured full cooperation always. Chief Guest Shri Prem Singh Bajor, Chairman Sainik Welfare Board praised the invaluable contribution of soldiers in the defence of the country and reiterated his commitment to be ever ready for their welfare. At the occasion, Gaurav Senani were also honoured by presenting them with mementoes. In the end, Brigadier Kartar Singh, (Retd) of the League expressed his gratitude to all.

Aruna Dangi Selected for State-Level Volleyball Competition

Udaipur: Aruna Dangi, a student of Class 8 at the Government Higher Primary School in Gandoi (Sangwa) Block Mavli, has been selected for the state-level volleyball competition in the 14-year age group. Physical Education Teacher Gopal Mehta Menaria reported that the school's team performed well in the district-level volleyball competition held at Government Higher Secondary School, Ghodan Kala, securing fourth place in the district. Aruna Dangi's all-round performance earned her a spot on the district team.

Following a two-day training camp in Vasni Mafi, Aruna will join the district team to compete in the state-level volleyball competition scheduled from September 17 to 23 at Tarun Higher Secondary School, Pandit Ji Dhani, Osian (Jodhpur Rural). Anita Arya, Principal of the school, noted that since 2016, the school has had six girls and one boy selected for state-level volleyball competitions. The school community, players, and villagers have sent their congratulations and best wishes for Aruna's selection.

New Generation Joins Gawri Tradition in Sundaras

Udaipur: Mewar's renowned folk tradition, Gawri, continues to resonate through towns and villages, drawing significant attention. In a 40-day ritual of devotion to Goddess Gaurja,



the Bhil community faithfully observes fasting while performing Gawri in various locations. On Friday, the artists from Loyra village presented the Gawri dance at Shiv Chowk in northern Sundaras, attracting a large crowd from the morning onwards.

What stood out in this performance was the active participation of the younger generation under the guidance of their elders. From five-year-old children to teenagers and young adults, the performers skillfully delivered traditional Gawri acts, offering moments of laughter and emotional depth. Their engagement not only preserved the essence of this ancient art form but also ensured its continuity through the involvement of future generations

Faith Sailed on the Waves: Sundarkand Recitation Echoes

Udaipur: In celebration of the full Fatehsagar Lake, Neem Foundation Udaipur organized a Sundarkand recitation while boating on the lake. Roshni Barot, Founder of Neem Foundation, shared that a similar Sundarkand recitation was previously held when the lake was dry, as a prayer for its refilling. Following the lake's replenishment, this year's event was marked by a boating Sundarkand recitation to celebrate the lake's fullness.

On this occasion, members of the Mahakaleshwar Temple's Ram Bhakt Upasak Mandal, including Chetan Jethi, Dalchand, Ashutosh, Romit Sharma, Balveer, Prince, Uma, Ranjit Singh, Yashoda, Kavita, and other devotees, performed a musical Sundarkand