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Diwali Greetings

Dear residents of Rajasthan, esteemed teachers, and dear students, On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, I extend my heartfelt wishes to each one of you. This festival is not only a symbol of light and joy but also a time for new aspirations, fresh goals, and renewed determination as we move forward in our lives.



This Diwali, let us all come together and resolve to work toward the progress of our families, our society, and our nation. By lighting the lamp of knowledge, we endeavor to brighten the future of ourselves and our communities.

Additionally, I would like to mention the Rajasthan Invest Summit, organized by the Rajasthan Government. This summit represents a significant opportunity for the development and progress of our state. I hope that it attracts substantial investment in the fields of higher and technical education, which will not only create employment opportunities for our youth but also accelerate our state's economic growth.

Let this Diwali be a new beginning. Move forward with knowledge, skills, and dedication to bring about positive change in society.

Wishing you all a joyful and prosperous Diwali!

Thank you,

Prof. Amarika Singh

Pro Chancellor, NIMS University, Rajasthan

Former Vice Chancellor, MLSU

Former Dean, AKTU IET, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

MLSU Students Shine in RBI Quiz 2024, Securing State-Level Recognition

Udaipur: The University College of Commerce and Management Studies at Mohanlal Sukhadia University (MLSU) celebrated a proud moment as two of its students, Garvish Jain and Priyansh, clinched the title of second runner-up in the prestigious Reserve Bank of India Quiz 2024. Competing against some of the state's top institutions, including IIT Jodhpur and NLU Jodhpur, Garvish and Priyansh's achievement places MLSU among Rajasthan's academic elite.



The RBI Quiz, known for its rigorous challenges and high standards, tested participants' knowledge, dedication, and collaborative skills. Garvish and Priyansh represented MLSU with outstanding confidence, competing with grace and determination to secure the third position. The first place was awarded to IIT Jodhpur, while NLU Jodhpur took the second, making

MLSU's accomplishment a remarkable feat among the leading institutions.

Prof. Sunita Mishra, Vice Chancellor of MLSU, extended her heartfelt congratulations to Garvish and Priyansh. "Their exceptional achievement has brought pride and recognition to our institution. Competing at such a high level is no easy task, and their performance is a reflection of their dedication and hard work. This victory is not just theirs, but it is also a testament to the supportive learning environment we strive to create at MLSU," she stated. Prof. Mishra expressed hope that their success would inspire many more students to reach new heights in academics and beyond.

Teachers and faculty members echoed this sentiment, expressing immense pride in their students' success. "Witnessing their accomplishment on such a significant platform is a testament to their dedication," said a faculty representative. "Their victory symbolizes not only their potential but also the academic standards of our college."

This achievement is expected to inspire many students at MLSU to strive for excellence in competitive forums. Garvish and Priyansh's success not only brings pride to MLSU but also highlights the college's commitment to fostering intellectual growth and academic excellence.

The college looks forward to more such victories, confident that Garvish and Priyansh's journey is just beginning. Congratulations to the champions who have elevated MLSU's reputation at the state level.

Diwali Get-Together Organized at DPS Udaipur

Udaipur: Saturday was a memorable evening for DPS Udaipur, as the school management invited all staff members and their families to celebrate the Diwali festival with a communal feast. Each guest received gifts as tokens of good wishes.



The Diwali get-together began with the lighting of auspicious lamps, creating a serene and joyful atmosphere during the chanting of bhajans and the Sundarkand Chalisa. Traditional dances, including Ghoomar and Gidda, performed by the teachers added vibrancy to the celebrations, while solo and group dances captivated everyone present.

Attendees relished a variety of delicious dishes, and the air was filled with laughter and joy, accompanied by the excitement of fireworks. Pro Vice Chairman Mr. Govind Agarwal remarked that the Diwali get-together, true to its name, fostered a spirit of harmony. He expressed gratitude to all staff members and their families for making the event memorable and emphasized that every teacher is like a lamp, illuminating the lives of countless students with their knowledge.

Principal Mr. Sanjay Narvariya expressed his appreciation for the management, staff, and their families for strengthening the bonds of love, trust, and unity. He extended heartfelt Diwali wishes to everyone.

Rajasthan's Unique Diwali Decorations Make Jaipur's Markets World Famous

The vibrant colors of Rajasthan shine brightly during Diwali, with the state's decorations and illuminations being truly unmatched. Every year, the festival of lights brings a spectacular display of decorations and colorful lights throughout the state. From Dhanteras to Bhai Dooj, the Pink City of Jaipur, Blue City of Jodhpur, the city of lakes Udaipur, the religious town of Ajmer, and the desert cities of Jaisalmer, Bikaner, and Barmer, as well as Kota on the banks of the Chambal River, all come alive with traditional decorations and lights that are a bonus for visitors.

The collective decorations for Diwali in Jaipur are renowned worldwide. Domestic and international tourists travel from afar to witness the enchanting lights and decorations in the city's markets, especially those within the

walled city. This year, preparations are underway for a grand display costing around ₹180 crore to illuminate homes and courtyards. On average, residents are spending about ₹3,000 on lighting and decorations, with over 60% of homes in the capital expected to participate. Market prices for decorative lights range from ₹150 to ₹1,500, while fancy lights are available from ₹25 to ₹400. Overall, spending on Diwali decorations is projected to reach ₹180 crore, with traders anticipating their lighting business could also hit ₹200 crore.

Jaipur's Johari Bazaar is adorned with 72 light gates, 36 of which feature the inscription "Jai Shree Ram." The decorations at Chandpole Bazaar, showcasing Ashok Vatika, are particularly noteworthy, while Tripolia Bazaar features Ganesh idols accompanied by



five different musical instruments. The decorations along MI Road and in other markets are equally impressive, with special lighting arranged at Panch Batti. In Mahesh Nagar, a community lighting initiative was undertaken on Sunday, and the walled city markets are ablaze with lights, creating a mesmerizing ambience. Rajapark also boasts beautiful lamps as part of the col-

lective decorations.

For the collective market decorations, traders are receiving electricity at domestic rates. Jaipur DISCOM has decided to provide this benefit at standard rates for loads exceeding 25 kilowatts. Without this discount, traders would have had to pay one-and-a-half times the standard rate. This year, the concession will be extended for seven days

instead of five. Suresh Saini, General Secretary of the Jaipur Trade Federation, confirmed that this concession was granted following the federation's request.

During Diwali, substantial shopping is anticipated in the markets of Jaipur, with millions expected to be spent on home decorations and lighting.

Not only the markets but also the Assembly Secretariat and other government and non-government sites like the City Palace, Govind Dev Ji Temple, Moti Magri Ganesh Temple, and Birla Bhawan are showcasing magnificent lighting. The Ghata Ji Kund is also a unique attraction for devotees. The nearby Amer Palace and the beauty of other markets in the new city, including Raja Park, are also worth seeing. Special decorations have been arranged along the routes to the airport in Sangner for

the upcoming Rising Rajasthan Global Summit in December.

Firecracker manufacturers in Jaipur are showcasing their craftsmanship by creating smoke-free and pollution-free fireworks in innovative styles.

On the second day of Diwali, the Shri Nath Ji Temple in Rajsamand, near Udaipur, offers a mesmerizing display of 56 offerings (ChhappanBhog) and Annakut, along with the celebration of Govardhan Puja. A long-standing tradition of local tribes involves collecting a part of the Annakut, drawing crowds to witness the festivities.

The delicious sweets and various dishes prepared during Diwali, particularly from Jodhpur and Bikaner, attract everyone. Across Rajasthan, the celebrations and fairs held until Bhai Dooj are irresistibly appealing to all.

-Gopendra Nath Bhatt

Sojatia Group Celebrates Diwali with the Underprivileged

Udaipur: Diwali is celebrated in different ways by each individual to share the joy of the festival with others. This year, Sojatia Jewellers extended their celebration to the underprivileged, who have been deprived of such joys for years. Director of Sojatia Jewellers, Dr. Mahendra Sojatia, personally visited various areas in the city and invited the underprivileged to join the Diwali celebration at the showroom.

Over 400 Participants Attend the Celebration
More than 400 people



arrived at the showroom at 7 am, amazed by the decorations and warm welcome. The purpose was not only to give gifts but to provide this section of society with a respectful opportunity to celebrate. Prof. Ranjeet Singh Sojatia, founder

of Sojatia Jewellers, said, "The underprivileged have every right to celebrate Diwali. This year, we took the initiative to share our joy with them."

Distribution of Gifts and Essentials

Dr. Mahendra Sojatia, along with family members, distributed new clothes, blankets, sweets, and food packets. This was a unique experience for those in attendance, who mentioned that they had never experienced a Diwali like this. The main objective was not only to bring joy to their lives but also to unite them within

the community.

Diwali Happiness for All

Dr. Sojatia explained that pants and shirts were provided for men, while sarees were gifted to women. Laborers from areas such as Hathipol and Pahada also attended the event. Every year, Sojatia Group endeavors to bring Diwali cheer to the homes of the underprivileged. The event was attended by Round Table India Udaipur Chairman Dr. Dhruv Sojatia, Prateek Nahar, Akshay Bapna, Dr. Mukesh Shrimali, Ajay Sabla, and Deepa Sabla.

Inauguration of Terminal 1 at Jaipur International Airport to Boost Tourism Development

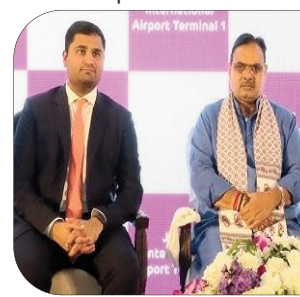
The inauguration of Terminal 1 at Jaipur International Airport by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has given new momentum to tourism development in the Pink City of Rajasthan ahead of the upcoming Rising Rajasthan Global Summit 2024 in December. The first international flight from Abu Dhabi marked the terminal's opening, with passengers welcomed in traditional Rajasthani style. With this inauguration, Jaipur now boasts two international airport terminals, making it the first in Rajasthan. Given that New Delhi has three airports and the new Jewar Airport is emerging as one of the largest in the world, the opening of this additional terminal in Jaipur is significant.

The importance of Jaipur Airport is heightened as it is the closest major airport to the national capital. During times of traffic congestion or emergencies in Delhi, flights are often diverted to Jaipur.

After an 11-year hiatus, Terminal 1 has regained its vibrancy. The airport administration had closed Terminal 1 to the public on July 16, 2013, after the construction of Terminal 2. With the reopening of Terminal 1, the new design features a heritage look, allowing tourists to see

elements reminiscent of Rajasthani heritage, including red sandstone and glimpses of landmarks like Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar.

In his speech at the inauguration, Chief Minister



Sharma stated that the new terminal, designed with a heritage aesthetic, offers special facilities for travelers, which will likely increase the number of investors and tourists. He emphasized that the terminal reflects culture, heritage, and development, enhancing the city's image as a world-class destination. He noted that the Rising Rajasthan event from December 9 to 11 would attract guests from around the world, further enhancing Jaipur's global reputation.

Jaipur Airport currently has a passenger capacity of 6.5 million, which is expected to increase to 38 million in the future, contributing to tourism and business growth in the region and boosting the state's

economic development.

In addition to Jaipur, Rajasthan has seven other airports, and efforts are underway for their expansion and progress. With the support of



the central government, flights are being ensured from airports in Bikaner, Kota, and Jaisalmer. The state government is also developing helipads in all border districts to enhance connectivity.

As a heritage city, Jaipur—also known as the Pink City—has endowed Terminal 1 with a heritage look that will provide foreign tourists with a glimpse of the city's charm upon arrival. The operation of Terminal 1 is expected to increase the number of international flights.

Currently, Jaipur has six international flights to the Middle East and Kuala Lumpur, primarily serving the working population in the Gulf countries. The opening of Terminal 1 is set to expand international

Diwali Festival Celebrated at VIFT College

Udaipur: A grand Diwali festival was organized at the VIFT College campus of Sai Tirupati University on Saturday. Various creative activities were held for the students, including a no-fire cooking competition and a rangoli competition, where different teams from the college actively participated.



Chairman Ashish Agarwal extended Diwali greetings to all students, wishing them a bright future. He emphasized the importance of such events in promoting cultural understanding and creativity among students. The judges for the competition were Dr. Gayatri Tiwari and Dr. Shankar Sharma.

Director Dr. Rimjhim Gupta encouraged students to participate in various activities, while Principal Vipra Sukhal welcomed everyone. During the event, all staff and students enjoyed the festivities together, exchanging good wishes for Diwali.

Once Again, PFC Education Students Excel in ACCA Results

Udaipur: PFC Education students have once again showcased their talent by excelling in the ACCA exams. Director of the institute, Meenakshi Bherwani, shared that in the previous attempt, their students achieved two India ranks, with Vandana Dhanjani securing the second rank and Rohan Jain achieving the first All-India rank.

In the recent September attempt, Rohan Jain performed exceptionally well again by scoring 91% in SBR, and PFC Education is now eagerly awaiting the world ranking results.

Several other students from PFC Education appeared for the ACCA exams, including names like Kaeksha Bano, Aastha



Manthan, Pavitra Bhatt, Hanisha Sevakani, Shubham Khandelwal, Krishna Chapparwal, Kanak Mantri, Shruti Jain, Bhavyansha Bansal, Ishant Somani, Mahvish Imran, Palak Jain, Shritika Shrimali, Manan Babel, Bhupendra Dangi, Gajraj Choudhary, Parva Kothari, Maheep Rathore, Fatima

Tinwala, and Pratham Nebhmani.

Recently, three students from PFC achieved ACCA Affiliate status, including Sujata Purohit, Fatima Tinwala, and Bhavyansha Bansal.

Many students also succeeded in the Knowledge Level exams, including Angeline Amos, Vibhuti Kothari, Tushar Shivanani, Arth Raj Maheshwari, Hansika Jain, Mohammad Prithviraj, Hasan Mohammad, Kashak Jain, Jai Pahuja, Mustafa Bohra, Ali Asgar, Asna Khan, Moiz Tamatia, Aditya Singh, Raghuveer Singh, Rudra Sen, Vidhi Agarwal, Amatullah, and Mahit Jain, who all cleared exams through their hard work and dedication.

This outstanding performance by PFC Education marks yet another step towards new heights in the field of ACCA.

Diwali Celebration Held at Central Public Senior Secondary School

Udaipur: A Diwali festival event for 2024 was organized at Central Public Senior Secondary School, located in New Bhopalpur, Udaipur. The celebration began with Ganesh and Lakshmi puja, led by the school's Chairperson, Mrs. Alka Sharma. It was a delightful sight to see all members of the CPS management, teachers, and students dressed in traditional attire.

On this occasion, sixteen beautifully arranged puja thalis were displayed, showcasing various decorative styles. The presentations included traditional rangoli and mandana designs. The school's female students also performed a spectacular dance presentation during the event.

Chairperson Mrs. Alka Sharma, Administrative Director Mr. Anil Sharma, Director Mr. Deepak Sharma, Joint Director Mr. Vikramjeet Singh Shekhawat, Principal Mrs. Poonam Rathod, Administrator Mr. Sunil Babel, and Headmistress Mrs. Krishna Shaktawat extended their best wishes for a happy Diwali to everyone.

Awareness Programs Held on World Occupational Therapy Day

Udaipur: Pacific College of Occupational Therapy at Pacific Medical University celebrated World Occupational Therapy Day today. The theme for World Occupational Therapy Day 2024 is "Occupational Therapy for All," which highlights the profession's vital role in enabling individuals, communities, and populations to participate fully in life.

Dr. Vishal Sharma, Principal of the college, shared that World Occupational Therapy Day is celebrated annually on October 27. This day promotes the goals and objectives of occupational therapy while raising awareness about the global impact of professional therapists. On this occasion, a variety of activities, including poster-making, rangoli, street plays, and presentations, were organized to educate patients, their families, and hospital staff on conditions such as autism, cerebral palsy, ADHD, Down syndrome, slow learning (ID), and global developmental delay (GDD).

Additionally, students organized an awareness rally on the university campus. Faculty members, including Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Dr. Amit, Dr. Dharmendra, Dr. Ashish, Dr. Akanksha, Ramsahay Meena, and Devendra Ameta from the Pacific College of Occupational Therapy, were present at the event.

