

World's best loved musical 'The Phantom of the Opera' makes India debut at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre

Mumbai: Almost two years since the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre opened its doors to the world with three landmark shows that set new precedents for performing and visual arts in the country, the cultural destination is set to add yet another historic first to its repertoire with the opening of Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'The Phantom of the Opera'.

Having fulfilled its promise of bringing the best of India and the world with blockbuster shows like 'The Great Indian Musical: Civilization to Nation' and iconic international theatricals such as 'The Sound of Music', 'MAMMAMIA!', 'Matilda the Musical', 'Life of Pi' and others, NMACC is now bringing the Indian audience a show

widely regarded as the 'world's best loved musical', and the 'most spectacular love story' on stage – just in time for its two-year anniversary.

Speaking on the occasion, Founder & Chairperson Mrs. Nita Ambani said, "Since the inception of the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre, our vision has been to present the best of India and the world to our audience."

As we approach our second-year anniversary next year, I am thrilled to announce the arrival of the most loved theatrical marvel that has captivated generations, 'The Phantom of the Opera.' This timeless tale unveils the beauty in vulnerability and the power of love that transcends barriers.



I warmly invite all of you to come and be a part of this extraordinary experience at NMACC."

Based on Gaston Leroux's 1910 novel, 'Le Fantôme de l'Opéra,' 'The Phantom of the Opera' tells the story of a mysterious masked figure who lurks beneath the Paris Opera

House, exercising a reign of terror over all who inhabit it. When the Phantom falls madly in love with a young soprano, Christine Daaé, he devotes himself to nurturing her extraordinary talents, employing devious methods at his command. Mesmerised by Christine's talent, he lures her

as his protégé, unaware of her love for her childhood friend Raoul. The Phantom's obsession sets the scene for a dramatic turn of events where jealousy, madness and passion collide.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'The Phantom of the Opera' is regarded as one of the world's most beautiful and spectacular productions, playing to over 160 million people in 195 cities in 21 languages. Having premiered at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End on 9 October 1986 and debuted on Broadway at the Majestic Theatre on 26 January 1988, 'The Phantom

of the Opera' has won over 70 major theatre awards. On January 9, 2006, it became the longest-running show in the history of Broadway, surpassing CATS with its 7,486th performance. Andrew Lloyd Webber's romantic, haunting and soaring score includes 'The Music of the Night,' 'All I Ask of You,' 'Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again,' 'Masquerade' and the iconic title song.

The one-of-a-kind musical coming to Mumbai marks yet another reflection of the Centre's promise of creating a home for the art, artist, and the audience. Tickets start from INR 1250 onwards. Book now on nmacc.com or bookmyshow.com.

150 Students Take the Oath of Charak Samhita and Receive 'White Coat' at Ananta Institute

Rajsamand: The White Coat Ceremony for the incoming 2024-25 batch of students at Ananta Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Rajsamand, was held on the college campus, accompanied by the Charak Samhita Oath.

Executive Director Dr. Nitin Sharma, addressing the ceremony, emphasized that Ananta College not only provides high-quality education but also creates a positive environment that helps students become not only good doctors but also good human beings. The ceremony began with Principal Dr. S.P. Manjekar and Medical Superintendent Dr. H.S. Bhui sharing insights on the field of medicine and human values.



During the event, the students were administered the "Maharshi Charak Oath," highlighting their important role and responsibilities in the medical profession.

Chairman Shri Narayansingh Rao honored the top-performing final-year students from I.U.H.S. by presenting a cheque of ₹1 lakh each to Dr. Avantika Sharma, Dr. Anisha Jain, Dr. Gunjan Solanki, and Dr. Ayush Patel.

The event was attended by Medical Director Dr. Bhagwan Vishnoi, Secretary Prabhul Dangi, Chief Finance Controller Naresh Khatouriya, and the students' parents. The ceremony concluded with the national anthem.

Anushree Samota Wins 6.8 Lakhs on KBC



Udaipur: 15-year-old Anushree Samota from Bari Sadri fulfilled her dream by sitting on the hot seat of "Kaun Banega Crorepati" (KBC) and winning 6.8 lakhs. She reached the 12th question before deciding to leave, using all three lifelines. The episode aired on October 31, and a large crowd gathered in Bari Sadri's Clock Tower square to watch her performance on an LED screen.

Anushree, who had aspired to join KBC for 15 years, achieved her goal through the Sony Liv app, leading to her selection for KBC's India Challengers Week. Despite facing her father's battle with blood cancer, she excelled academically, securing first place in her district's 12th-grade board exams in 2014. Now preparing for civil services, Anushree credits her success to her family and mentors, encouraging others to support their children's dreams.

Brother Jai's Role in War Hero Film

Anushree's brother, Jai Samota, has been appointed as a research consultant for the upcoming film on Param Vir Chakra awardee Major Shaitan Singh, titled "120 Bahadur." Directed by Farhan Akhtar, the film portrays Singh's bravery in the 1962 India-China war. Jai has spent years researching Singh's life and previously authored books on other Param Vir Chakra awardees.

Chandra Prakash Chittora Honored for Matchstick Sculpture Record



Udaipur: Renowned miniature artist Chandra Prakash Chittora was awarded a certificate for creating a matchstick sculpture using the "stapler pin" technique, recognized in the "Web World Records." The certificate was presented by Director Uttam Singh at a ceremony at Raj Mahal, with Maharaj Kumar Dr. Lakshyraj Singh Mewar handing over the award. Social activist Kunwar Vijay Singh Kachwaha, Govind Lal Od, and others attended, expressing their gratitude to Dr. Mewar for his guidance. Chittora, celebrated both nationally and internationally, shared this achievement from the Chittora Handicraft Art Center.

with Meena, who had assured him that the Congress party is like a mother to him, and that he would contest the elections with full dedication and integrity.

Earlier in the press conference, Dotsara expressed condolences over the passing of Maharaja Mahendra Singh Ji. The press conference was also attended by Rajasthan Congress General Secretary and Spokesperson Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Dinesh Khodnia, and Raj Singh Jhala.

Dr. Dhyaram Parmar Leads Campaign for Salumber By-Election

Udaipur: Dr. Dhyaram Parmar, MLA from Kherwara, conducted a door-to-door campaign in the Salumber Assembly constituency for the upcoming by-election. Along with other Congress leaders, he urged voters to support Congress candidate Mrs. Reshma Meena. Dr. Parmar visited key areas like Semari, Chandoda, and Rathoda, highlighting the Congress party's contributions to regional development. He emphasized that Congress's vision has been central to Mewar's progress and called for unity to ensure Mrs. Meena's victory. The campaign also saw support from local Congress leaders and officials.

Rotaract Club Aishwarya and Interact Rockwood Receive Charters

Udaipur: Rotary International has granted charters to the Rotaract Club Aishwarya and the Interact Club Rockwood. Dr. Sweety Chhabra, patron of Rotary Club Udaipur Drishti, shared that these clubs were sponsored by the Drishti Club. She highlighted that it is an honor for the club to have these charters awarded under their recommendation.

This new beginning will provide young members with valuable opportunities to contribute to community service and leadership. She attributed this achievement to the collective efforts of all club members, marking a new chapter in promoting social development and education. Rotary Club Udaipur Drishti is committed to its goals, and this charter recognition will further enrich their journey.

Collector Poswal Flags Off Family Welfare Awareness Van

Udaipur: District Collector Arvind Poswal launched the Family Planning Awareness Communication Van under the Family Welfare Program in Udaipur, aiming to educate remote villages on family planning. Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Shankar Bamaniya noted that the van will travel across villages, using posters, videos, and audio-visual aids to promote safe family planning methods and services. Additionally, it will raise awareness about the "Khulke Ke Poocho" chatbot, a UNFPA-developed WhatsApp platform providing young people with confidential, accurate information on sexual and reproductive health. The campaign focuses on dispelling myths and increasing contraceptive knowledge in underserved areas.

Sadhvi Kamal Pragya Awarded PhD Degree

Udaipur: Sadhvi Kamal Pragya has been awarded the Vidya Vachaspathi (PhD) degree by Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan. Her doctoral research, guided by Acharya Shramani Dr. Sangeet Pragya, focused on "Life Science as Expounded in the Original Agama Texts." Sadhvi Kamal Pragya explored the integration of ancient teachings with modern science.

No Water Coming - An Emotional Play on Water Crisis



The increasing severity of water scarcity has become alarming. Despite the 8% extra rainfall this year, the intense heat threatens to evaporate this precious resource by summer. A powerful play, titled "No Water Coming," was staged during the Diwali Milan program by the Bharat Vikas Parishad, "Subhash," to shed light on this critical issue.

In this play, it is shown how taps have been dry for five days, prompting women to search for water at the local hand pump, only to find it dry as well. Ultimately, they gather at an old well, where tensions rise, and a struggle ensues for water. This moment vividly portrays the desperation of a future water crisis.

One woman, with shampoo in her hair and a bucket in hand, arrives at the pump, only to see it bone dry. Another woman arrives, explaining that her father-in-law is gravely ill and she needs water urgently. A third woman, who has left her six-month-old baby at home, pleads for water as she has none left. Amidst this, another woman quietly attaches her pipe to the well to draw water, but the others soon throw it out. When she explains that she needs water for her swimming pool, the other women push her aside, saying she has drained the community's water for her pool and lawn.

As they argue, an elderly woman from the neighborhood intervenes, urging them to realize the importance of conservation. She explains that if they had saved rainwater and recharged their wells, or used water judiciously each day, they wouldn't be fighting over it now. The play concludes on this thought-provoking note, leaving the audience with a powerful message about the urgency of water conservation.

Written by Dr. Manju Jain and directed by Water Friend Dr. P.C. Jain, the play featured heartfelt performances by Dr. Manju Jain, Advocate Anjana Nagda, Sushila Agarwal, Seema Khamesra, Meenakshi Khurdia, and Rekha Dhakad, touching the hearts of everyone in the audience.

Fierce Three-Way Contest on Salumber Assembly Seat

Salumber Assembly By-Election: A Fierce Three-Way Contest on the BJP Stronghold

The Salumber Assembly constituency is gearing up for a highly competitive by-election following the passing of BJP MLA Amritlal Meena. With women candidates facing off, campaigning has intensified, and the political stakes are high. Traditionally a BJP stronghold, Salumber is witnessing a three-way contest, with political discussions spreading from villages to urban areas. To retain the seat, the BJP has fielded Shanta Devi Meena, wife of the late Amritlal Meena, aiming to harness sympathy votes.

The Congress, meanwhile, has introduced Reshma Meena as a fresh face, setting the stage for a unique woman-to-woman contest. The regional party BAP has also gained attention with its candidate Jitesh Kumar Katara, who disrupted the traditional vote share in the last election by securing over 51,000 votes, causing the Congress to lose.

Political Pulse of Salumber

Traveling through Udaipur



to areas like Kevda, Oda, Paluna, and Palodra, a strong security presence and police checkpoints are evident, indicating strict monitoring. Conversations among locals reflect varied opinions on the election's outcome, with many predicting a party-based vote on this reserved seat, irrespective of candidates. In Salumber town, where the general caste population is substantial, the sentiment suggests that urban and Meval region voters will play a crucial role, as tribal votes seem divided.

The Demographic and Political Dynamics

The reserved Salumber seat has a 55% tribal population, and all three candidates belong to the reserved category. Consequently, tribal votes appear split among the three. Additionally, Muslim voters, who hold influence, might abstain this time, prompting

BJP and Congress to strengthen their ideological base. The BAP, with its inclusive message, is working hard to garner support across communities.

Internal Friction and Party Strategy

Speculation surrounds leaders like former MP Raghuvir Meena and BJP's Narendra Meena, both of whom previously withdrew over differences but have since reconciled. The roles of these leaders have affected grassroots dynamics, influencing workers' and voters' responses in the region.

Statewide Election Campaign in Full Swing

With by-elections underway for seven Rajasthan Assembly seats, all major parties are putting in maximum effort. Campaigning will cease on Monday evening, so leaders are making final appeals to voters. Daily feedback from these seats helps each party assess its standing, with BJP and Congress focusing on strongholds and potential wins.

Party Predictions

- BJP: Confident in their position, BJP leaders believe they have a solid chance across the six seats, especially

in Devli-Uniara, Salumber, Jhunjhunu, and Khinwsar, while considering Dausa and Ramgarh as competitive. CM Bhajanlal Sharma and BJP State President Madan Rathore have taken command of the campaign.

- Congress: Congress anticipates strong performance on four seats—Jhunjhunu, Ramgarh, Dausa, and Salumber—and predicts a close contest in Devli-Uniara and Khinwsar. Party leaders Tikaram Juli, Govind Singh Dotsara, and Sachin Pilot are leading the campaign, with former CM Ashok Gehlot participating in key events.

- BAP: Confident of victory on the Chaurasi seat and strong competition on Salumber, BAP's candidate, who performed well previously, is expected to put up a tough fight.

- RLP: Assured of their prospects on the Khinwsar seat, RLP has enhanced its booth management, hoping to increase their previous margin of victory.

With all parties vying for dominance, this election is a critical battleground that could signal future shifts in Rajasthan's political landscape.

Dr. Anil Mehta of Vidya Bhavan to Participate in United Nations Climate Summit

Udaipur: Dr. Anil Mehta, Principal of Vidya Bhavan Polytechnic, has been included in a special delegation of experts and institutions appointed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change to participate in the United Nations Climate Summit, COP 29. The summit will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from November 11 to 22.

Dr. Mehta, along with seven other experts from India who are actively working on envi-

ronmental issues from a grassroots level, will represent the country. The delegation includes experts from major Indian institutions, as well as youth from prestigious global universities such as Harvard, Yale, and Columbia. In total, 22 young Indian participants will attend the conference in Azerbaijan.

Dr. Mehta, who has been working for many years on topics related to trees, mountains, water, and the environment, will join the delegation

in focusing global attention on India's Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for the Environment).

This mission emphasizes a sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle to protect the environment. The Indian team will encourage the global community to embrace green dialogue and environmental conservation.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Mehta recently presented his views on climate change and sustainable solutions during a national seminar titled "Global

Efforts for Climate Change: Contribution of States in India's Commitment" organized by the Madhya Pradesh government in Bhopal. At this seminar, Dr. Mehta introduced the concept of "Green Dialogue" (Holistic Action for Revitalization of Indigenous Traditions), which advocates for local, environmentally sustainable cultures, traditions, and lifestyles. This theme will be prominently featured in the discussions at the upcoming climate summit.

Rajasthan Congress President Govind Singh Dotsara Discusses By-elections and BJP's Governance at Press Conference in Udaipur

Udaipur: Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee President, Govind Singh Dotsara, addressed a press conference in Udaipur where he discussed the ongoing seven by-elections in the state. Dotsara expressed that Congress workers are filled with enthusiasm and that the people of Rajasthan have decided to bring the Congress back to power. He alleged that the people are frustrated with the BJP government, which has been in power for the past ten months and has failed to fulfill any of its promises.

Dotsara criticized the BJP government, accusing it of spending the last ten months attacking Congress leaders rather than focusing on governance. He specifically pointed out that BJP had discontinued popular welfare schemes initiated by the Congress government, such as the Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Scheme, English Medium Schools, Indira Rasoi Yojana, and Annapurna Packet Yojana. Additionally, he blamed the gov-

ernment for not addressing issues like broken roads, compensation for crops damaged by heavy rainfall, and delayed electricity connections and waivers.

Targeting the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Dotsara remarked that his speeches were repetitive, lacking any new plans or discussions on public concerns. He also accused the BJP government of promoting corruption, alleging that contracts and tenders were being handed over to people from Gujarat. He further claimed that land had been allocated to Adani Group in five cabinet meetings.

On the Congress performance in the upcoming by-elections, Dotsara stated that the BJP is currently in a position of decline and is failing to earn the trust of the people. He pointed out that the BJP had not been able to conduct Panchayati Raj or Municipal elections. Dotsara emphasized that Congress was contesting the by-elections in Chaurasi and Salumber with unity, and had fielded a new young leader in Chaurasi as part of a fresh approach.

Addressing the BAP Party, Dotsara explained that while Congress had supported BAP in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections to help remove the BJP from power, the BAP should not have the misconception that the public exclusively favors them. He added that it would be difficult for the BAP to replicate its performance from the previous state elections.

In response to a question about the alleged displeasure of Raghuvir Singh Meena, Dotsara clarified that he had spoken