

## World's First Zinc Park: A Milestone for India's Mining Industry - Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma

**Jaipur:** During the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024, Vedanta Hindustan Zinc, the world's second-largest integrated zinc producer, made a historic announcement of establishing the world's first industrial zinc park in Rajasthan. The announcement marks a transformative moment in the state's industrial landscape. Present at the event were India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rajasthan's Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, and Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal.

A Massive Investment in Rajasthan's Future

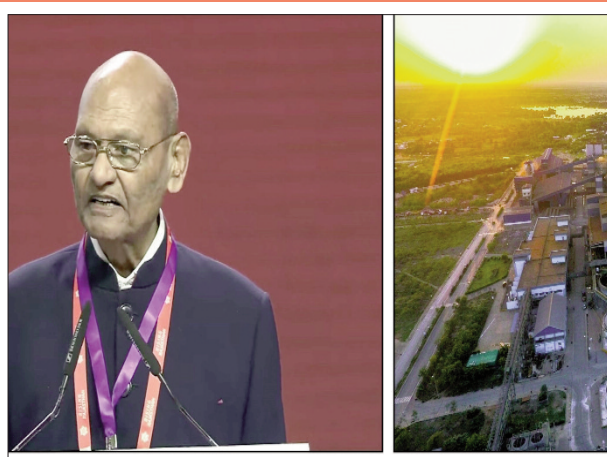
Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal highlighted that the zinc park is a key part of Vedanta's ₹1 lakh crore investment in Rajasthan across zinc, oil and gas, and renewable energy sectors. The ambitious non-profit zinc park aims to create a transformative industrial ecosystem, bolstering both upstream and downstream industries in the metals and manufacturing sectors.

Hindustan Zinc Limited Chairperson Priya Agarwal and CEO Arun Mishra also emphasized the project's significance, reinforcing the company's commitment to driving sustainable growth in the state.

Strategic Location and Advanced Facilities

The proposed zinc park will be situated near Hindustan Zinc's world-class facilities, including the world's largest zinc-lead smelter at Chanderiya, Chittorgarh, and state-of-the-art smelters in Dariba and Debari. The park is designed to generate thousands of jobs and offer unparalleled infrastructure, reliable utilities, continuous raw material supply, and competitive operational costs. Powered entirely by renewable energy, the zinc park aligns with Hindustan Zinc's sustainability commitments.

The park will provide a broad platform for enterprises, ranging from large industries to MSMEs and startups, with an initial investment of less than



₹5 crore. It will cater to sectors reliant on zinc, lead, silver, and associated byproducts, while fostering an efficient ecosystem for suppliers, raw materials, maintenance services, and equipment providers. The park will also host innovation hubs, with access to Hindustan Zinc's Centers of Excellence and R&D facilities.

**Rajasthan's Vision for Industrial Growth**

Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma welcomed Vedanta's

initiative, stating, "The establishment of the world's first zinc park in Rajasthan is a moment of pride. Our new double-engine government is committed to realizing the Prime Minister's vision of a developed India by 2047. With abundant resources and robust investment plans, Rajasthan offers some of the most business-friendly policies and incentives in the country. The state will fully support entrepreneurs at every step to build a prosperous future."

Strengthening Rajasthan's Role as an Industrial Leader  
Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal added, "This non-profit zinc park will enable the establishment of hundreds of MSMEs, creating large-scale employment opportunities. It will further strengthen Rajasthan's leadership in key minerals and energy sectors, including zinc, lead, silver, copper, and renewable energy. With over ₹2.5 lakh crore cumulative investment in the state, Vedanta is committed to fostering Rajasthan's industrial growth and creating over two lakh jobs."

Catalyzing Economic Growth in Rajasthan

Ahead of the summit, Vedanta announced plans for an additional ₹1 lakh crore investment in Rajasthan, which is expected to create over two lakh jobs and support more than 500 downstream industries across various sectors. Hindustan Zinc aims to double its zinc production capacity, expand silver production, and establish India's first fer-

tilizer plant. Cairn Oil & Gas will scale up oil production, while Serentica Renewables plans to develop 10,000 MW of renewable energy capacity in the state.

**Leading Innovation and Sustainability**

As a leader in metals, mining, and sustainable energy, Vedanta Group's Hindustan Zinc remains committed to providing critical resources for industries worldwide. Recognized as the most sustainable company in the Metals and Metals category by the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment 2023, Hindustan Zinc continues to play a pivotal role in driving Rajasthan's economic growth and positioning the state as a global industrial hub.

The announcement of the world's first zinc park not only underscores Vedanta's commitment to sustainability and innovation but also establishes Rajasthan as a key player in the global metals and manufacturing sectors.

## Integrated Policy for Skill Development Urged by MP Mannalal Rawat

Udaipur MP Mannalal Rawat has called upon the central government to adopt a comprehensive strategy for skill development, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, to bridge the skill gap among the youth. Speaking under Rule 377 in Parliament on Friday, Rawat emphasized that skill enhancement is essential for achieving the vision of a developed India by 2047.



Highlighting concerns, he stated that nearly half of India's college graduates are considered unemployable, often due to the misconception that skill-based education is only for those who struggle academically. He pointed out critical challenges, such as the lack of coordination among 20 ministries involved in skill programs, a shortage of qualified trainers, regional imbalances in demand and supply, and inadequate inclusion of women in training programs.

Rawat further stressed the need for integration between higher education, vocational training, and entrepreneurial education while addressing the lack of access to financing and career guidance.

Through the Speaker, he urged the government to implement a unified strategy under NEP 2020 to address these issues comprehensively, ensuring India's youth are equipped with employment-oriented skills and entrepreneurship capabilities to meet the demands of a dynamic economy.

What is Rule 377?

It allows MPs to raise public concerns with the Speaker's approval during Parliamentary sessions.

## Book Review Program Organized at Regional Railway Training Institute

**Udaipur:** A book review program was organized on December 4 by the Regional Railway Training Institute at the Institute's Shastri Auditorium. The program was chaired by the Principal of the Institute, Mr. Jai Prakash. During the event, 10

trainees reviewed books from various genres. The program was attended by all the institute's officers and nearly 900 trainees.

The main highlights of the event were the books Agyatvas, Indian Soldiers' Brave Tales, The Alchemist, Jamun Ka Ped, Collector Sahiba, and Shekhar: Ek Jeevani. During the review of Collector Sahiba by trainee Uday Pratap Singh, the content was analyzed beautifully, stating, "If one path closes in life, another always opens. Hard work never goes in vain."

To make the review more engaging, the trainees were invited to ask questions related to the books being reviewed, and winners were awarded immediately. At the end of the event, the Principal, Mr. Jai Prakash, in his address, shared that the institute's library has nearly 13,000 books on various subjects. The institute also makes available books based on the trainees' needs. He appreciated the reviews given by the participating trainees and emphasized the importance of books in life. He highlighted that the trend of reading books is diminishing in today's world and stated, "Books, at any time, serve as a true friend and guide in enhancing our knowledge and experience." He also stressed that in the future, similar programs will be organized to encourage railway employees to read more books.

In this competition, Jitendra Kumar (CCTC) secured first place, Mahesh Yadav (Prof. Station Master) got second place, and Vishnu Parasher (JAA) won third place. The winners were honored with mementos and certificates.

## Nanalal Sharma, Honored with Millionaire Farmers Award

**Udaipur:** Nanalal Sharma, a progressive farmer from Udaipur, was honored at the Millionaire Farmers of India Award ceremony organized by Krishi Jagran Manch and Agriculture World at ICAR Pusa, New Delhi. Sharma was awarded by Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Chairman of the Backward Classes Commission and former Union Minister of State for Home, for his innovation in vegetable farming and achieving higher yields. Senior scientist Dr. P.C. Bhatnagar explained that the award, sponsored by Mahindra Tractors, recognized Sharma's contributions. His name was nominated by Vidya Bhawan Agricultural Science Center, Badgaon, and selected from among 22,000 farmers across the country. Receiving this award from Udaipur district is a matter of great pride.



## Armed Forces Flag Day Celebrated

**Udaipur:** The Armed Forces Flag Day was celebrated with enthusiasm on Saturday at the District Soldier Welfare Office, Udaipur. Colonel K.S. Bhati (Retd.), the District Soldier Welfare Officer, informed that the event was attended by senior retired military officers, including Wing Commander K.S. Panwar "Vir Chakra," Wing Commander Suklecha, Colonel Mendiratta, and other former soldiers. Voluntary financial contributions were made for the welfare of soldiers. Colonel Bhati explained that the Armed Forces Flag Day is observed every year on December 7th, starting from 1949, for the welfare of the personnel of the Indian Armed Forces. The funds raised on this day are used for providing assistance to the families of those who lost their lives in war, as well as for the welfare of serving personnel, ex-servicemen, their dependents, and families. Financial contributions (donations) can be made in the name of the District Soldier Welfare Officer, Udaipur, through cheques/DDs or via the department's QR code. It is noteworthy that Flag Day serves as a reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of our armed forces.

**Launch of a Small Booklet:** During the event, Colonel K.S. Bhati (Retd.) launched a small booklet on the Armed Forces Flag Day, which was created by the micro-craftsman and author, Chandraprakash Chittoda.

## PR 24x7 Promotes Ujjain Singh to President - Media Monitoring on 25th Anniversary



**Indore:** PR 24x7, one of the leading PR and communication companies in the country, has successfully completed its 25 years of journey. On this special occasion, the company honored its outstanding employees with promotions, recognizing their hard work and contributions. In this regard, Ujjain Singh has been promoted to the position of President - Media Monitoring, owing to his exceptional service and leadership skills. Prior to this, he served the company as Senior Vice President - Media Monitoring.

Ujjain Singh joined the company in 2008 and has since played a pivotal role in elevating PR 24x7 to new heights in the media monitoring domain with his dedication and hard work. He holds a post-graduate degree from Barkatullah University and is known for transforming every challenge in media monitoring into an opportunity. His goal is to make the company's media monitoring system more accurate and effective.

Atul Malkram, Founder of PR 24x7, expressed, "Ujjain's hard work, dedication, and leadership have made our company unparalleled in the media monitoring space. His team works tirelessly 365 days a year, as our name '24x7' signifies. I am confident that in his new role as President, Ujjain will take the company to even greater heights. This promotion is a testament to his integrity and commitment to his work."

Ujjain Singh, speaking about his new role, said, "My journey with PR 24x7 has been truly special. I am grateful for the trust and recognition the company has bestowed upon me. I will continue striving to innovate in media monitoring, making it even more robust. My aim is to keep the company at the forefront of this field while providing exceptional services to our clients."

PR 24x7 is one of the leading companies in the field of media monitoring in the country. Ujjain Singh and his team's dedicated service has made the company a leader in this sector. Known for their precision and timely service, this team works 365 days, 24x7, as their name suggests.

Ujjain Singh's leadership will further enhance PR 24x7's media monitoring capabilities. The company's decision reflects its trust in its employees and its long-term strategic goals. This initiative not only aims to boost employee morale but also strengthens its commitment to its clients.

## Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari's Mumbai Visit

**Mumbai:** Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari arrived in Mumbai on Thursday at 11:35 AM via an Air India flight. The primary purpose of her visit was to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, held at Azad Maidan.

Before the ceremony, Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari interacted with prominent members of the Rajasthan migrant community. Among them were the community president Mohan Mali, Chaina Ram, journalist Suresh Padiv, and Jitendra Kumar Rathore, along with other key figures.

She received a warm reception at Mumbai Airport. The Joint Director of Rajasthan Tourism Department, Seema Yadav, Assistant Director of the Information and Public Relations Department, Ritu Sodhi, and Shashikanta Sharma from Rajasthan House, Vashi, welcomed her with floral bouquets.

Diya Kumari also emphasized the importance of strengthening relations between Rajasthan and Maharashtra and fostering cooperation between the two states. Her visit is being seen as a step toward enhancing ties and mutual goodwill between the regions.



## THE HONOUR RUN' BIB EXPO HELD AT GANDIV STADIUM

**Jaipur:** The Bib Expo for the Honour Run was inaugurated at Gandiv Stadium, Jaipur Military Station, on December 5. Shri Madan Dilawar, Education and Panchayati Raj Minister, Rajasthan, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh, Army Commander of Sapta Shakti Command, Mrs. Barinderjeet Kaur, Regional President of AWWA, and other dignitaries were present.

The event featured thrilling martial activities, including Kalaripayattu, Gatka, a paramilitary show, and trick riding by the 61 Cavalry. The crowd was captivated by these performances. The first Bibs were handed over by the chief guests, including Dr. Deepa Malik, Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee, and Mrs. Ritu Gaur, General Manager of SBI.

Special guest speakers like Paralympian Dr. Deepa Malik, Asian Marathon Champion Mrs. Sunita Godara, Mrs. Sangeeta Bishnoi, and Para Athlete Colonel Anuj Bindra motivated the attendees with their inspiring words. Senior army officials, Army Public School students, and NCC cadets also participated.

Bib distribution will continue on December 6, with an additional day for outstation runners on December 7. The Honour Run on December 8, 2024, themed "ARun for Veterans," will include time-based categories: 21 km, 10 km, 5 km, and a 3 km fun run. The event will be flagged off by Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Minister for Industry & Commerce, IT & Communication, Rajasthan. This event aims to honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of the Indian Army's brave veterans while promoting health awareness.

## Honour Run Unites Jaipur Citizens

**Jaipur:** The Prestigious 'Honour Run' will be held in the Pink City Jaipur on 08 Dec 2024. Top Indian athletes to include Mary Kom, Suresh Raina and Para Olympian Dr. Deepa

Malik have extended their best wishes and called upon citizens of all age group to join the 'Honour Run'. The Honour Run will feature timed categories of 21 km, 10 km, and 5 km along with a non-timed 3 km fun run. The route will extend from Albert Hall to Patrika Gate, taking a U-turn at Hotel Lalit and ending back at Albert Hall. A total prize pool of ₹30 lakhs will be distributed across various categories. The run will be flagged off by Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Cabinet Minister, Govt of Rajasthan and graced by the presence of senior Army dignitaries Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, Army Commander, Sapta Shakti Command.

## Dungarpur and Sirohi Honored for Empowering Disabled

Dungarpur and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan were awarded the National Divyangjan Empowerment Award 2024 by President Draupadi Murmu on International Day of Persons with Disabilities. At Vigyan Bhawan, District Collectors Ankit Kumar Singh (Dungarpur) and Jasmeet Singh Sandhu (Sirohi) received the honor for their exemplary work. Sirohi's initiatives under the Accessible India Campaign included making 1,000 government buildings accessible, issuing 4,400 UDID cards, and conducting disability surveys. Dungarpur's No One Left Behind campaign provided pensions to 8,692 individuals and facilitated 2.5 lakh workdays under MNREGA for 7,232 disabled workers. Their efforts set benchmarks in disability inclusion and empowerment.

-Niti Gopendra Bhatt

## Nisha Soni Awarded PhD by Jain Vishva Bharati University,

## Ladnun

Nisha Soni has been conferred with a PhD degree by Jain Vishva Bharati University, Ladnun. The degree was awarded during the convocation ceremony, held in the esteemed presence of Chief Guest Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and under the guidance of Jain Terapanth Acharya Mahashraman Ji.

Nisha Soni completed her research under the supervision of Associate Professor Dr. Pradyumna Singh Shekhawat. Her research focused on the topic "The Impact of Yoga on Psychophysiological Health."

## Shine India: A Beacon of Social Service

Shine India Foundation, dedicated to promoting eye, organ, and body donation, organized the Divisional-Level Excellence in Social Service Honor Ceremony on Sunday in Jawahar Nagar, Kota. The event was graced by Shri Tarachand Goyal (Founder, Goyal Group) as the chief guest, Shri Alok Kumar (International President, VHP) as the president, and Shri Kapil Garg (Vice President, EBSR & Former DGP) as the guest of honor.

**Recognizing Contributions to Eye Donation**

Dr. Sangeeta Gaur, founder-secretary of Shine India, highlighted the contribution of individuals who advanced rural eye donation campaigns. Honorees helped elevate the initiative to national prominence, showcasing the power of selfless service.

**Inspiring Messages and Cultural Evening**

Shri Goyal emphasized eye donation as a path to salvation, while Shri Kumar encouraged families to discuss organ and body donation. The event concluded with awards for 70 "Jyoti-Mitras" and a cultural evening featuring performances by singers and dancers, making it a truly inspiring occasion.

## Mayra, Samayra, and Prince Raj Selected for National Roller Skating Championship

## Skating Championship

**Udaipur:** Three skaters from Mayank Soni Skating Club, Udaipur—Mayra, Samayra, and Prince Raj Singh Chauhan—have been selected to represent Rajasthan in the Roller Skating Championship to be held in Mysore from 5th to 15th December.

Skating coach Mayank Soni shared that it is a matter of pride for Udaipur that these skaters have been selected for the 62nd National Roller Skating Championship organized by RSFI. Mayra has been selected in the Under-9 Inline category, Samayra in the Under-7 category, and Prince Raj Singh in the Under-9 Cadets category. In the recent State Championship, Mayra won 3 gold medals, Samayra won 1 gold and 1 silver, and Prince Raj won 1 gold and 1 silver, securing their spots in the Rajasthan team.

## Inner Wheel Divas Shines at the District Conference Held in Ajmer

**Udaipur:** Inner Wheel Divas made a mark at the Inner Wheel District 305 Conference held in Ajmer, winning three awards. The club was represented by President Nayana Jain, Vice President Sameeksha Khandelwal, and Secretary Asha Shrimali.

Nayana Jain was honored with a special award for recruiting the highest number of new members for the year 2024-25. Additionally, Secretary Asha Shrimali secured the third prize in the handkerchief-making competition.

President Nayana Jain shared that the conference provided an opportunity to connect and learn from other clubs. She expressed hope that the club would participate in more such events in the future and further enhance the capabilities of their team.

Founder Rekha Bhanawat expressed pride in the team's achievements and reiterated their commitment to continue striving for similar successes in the future.