

One Year of Progress: Prosperity for Rajasthan

Udaipur: Celebrating the first anniversary of the current state government's tenure, a series of events were organized on Thursday, showcasing the theme, "One Year of Outstanding Results – Responsibility Fulfilled, Prosperity for Every Household." The day began with the "Run for Vikasit Rajasthan" marathon along Fatehsagar promenade, symbolizing unity and progress.

At the Sukhadia Rangmanch Auditorium, the district-level Chief Minister

Employment Fair was held, coinciding with a live broadcast of the state-level event at the Marwar International Center, Jodhpur. The Chief Minister, Bhajanlal Sharma, alongside cabinet ministers and public representatives, emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to youth empowerment and development.

In Udaipur, MLA Phool Singh Meena distributed appointment letters to newly recruited employees, bringing joy and optimism to many.



Addressing the gathering, MLA Meena lauded the government for fulfilling its election promises, initiating extensive recruitments, and addressing unemployment effectively. "The youth are our nation's future. Their empowerment ensures a prosperous Rajasthan," he remarked.

The program highlighted the government's focused approach to creating ample opportunities across various sectors. Esteemed attendees, including philanthropist Ravindra Shrimali, ADM

Administration Deependra Singh Rathore, Municipal Commissioner Ramprakash, and CMHO Dr. Shankar Bannia, underlined the importance of such initiatives.

With its dedicated efforts, the government continues to fulfill its promise of development and inclusivity, fostering a brighter, more prosperous future for every household in Rajasthan. This celebration of achievement marks a significant milestone in the journey toward a developed and empowered state.

Vidyapeeth Annual Fest 2024: Vibrancy and Vision

Udaipur: The annual fest of Lokmanya Tilak Teacher Training College, a constituent of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, began with grandeur and cultural vibrancy on Saturday in the college auditorium. The inauguration was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Col. Prof. Shiv Singh Sarangdevot, with Waterman Dr. Rajendra Singh as the chief guest and international physiotherapist Dr. Mahendra Yadav as the special guest. Distinguished attendees included Principal Prof. Saroj Garg and faculty members Dr. Balidan Jain, Dr. Sunita Murdia, Dr. Rachna Rathore, and Dr. Ami Rathore.

The fest opened with a traditional floral tribute and lamp lighting before the statue of Goddess Saraswati. Students captivated the audience with vibrant cultural performances, including Ganpati Vandana, Kalbeliya dance, Rajasthani folk dance, Gujarati Garba, Kathak, and dance dramas on Lord Ram and the Kalki Avatar.

Competitions like mehndi design, rangoli, solo singing, face painting, monologues, and group dances added excitement. Winners received certificates and mementos, celebrating their creativity.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sarangdevot highlighted the crucial role of teachers in nation-building and urged the future educators to aim for a globally leading India by 2047. Chief guest Dr. Singh inspired students to blend personality development with environmental awareness and cultural preservation, urging minimal reliance on mechanization to nurture sensitivity and joy.

Principal Prof. Saroj Garg presented the annual report, emphasizing holistic growth and professional readiness for trainee teachers. The event, anchored by Dr. Harish Chaudhisa and concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rachna Rathore, witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty and students, marking a joyous celebration of creativity, culture, and introspection.

Rajasthan's Governance Deteriorates Under "Parchi Sarkar": Congress Criticism

Udaipur: The Udaipur Rural District Congress President, Kachru Lal Choudhary, launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led "Parchi Sarkar," accusing it of dragging Rajasthan ten years backward in just one year. Choudhary criticized the government's failure to curb atrocities against women and rising crime, stating that the law and order situation in Rajasthan has completely collapsed. "Criminals no longer fear the police, and governance is non-existent," he asserted.

Highlighting the lack of initiatives for Mewar, Choudhary said, "Despite Mewar's support in the 2023 Assembly elections, this government has not introduced a single significant plan for the region. They have also scrapped the people-centric schemes introduced by the previous Congress government and failed to implement any new impactful initiatives."

Adding to the criticism, Udaipur Rural District Congress spokesperson Dr. Sanjeev Rajpurohit lambasted the government's "One State, One Election" announcement as a hollow promise lacking a concrete implementation plan. He pointed out the administration's move to appoint bureaucratic administrators in municipal corporations and councils, sidelining elected representatives in local bodies. "With some panchayats' terms ending in January 2025, there are no preparations for elections. This indicates a deliberate strategy to replace elected representatives with bureaucrats, silencing the voice of the common people," Rajpurohit remarked.

The Congress leaders accused the BJP government of prioritizing appeasement of Delhi over the needs of the state. "This one year has been wasted pleasing party leaders while the public has been left to struggle with unresolved issues and stagnated development," they concluded.

The Congress' critique reflects their belief that the BJP's governance has betrayed the people of Rajasthan, compromising progress and silencing local representation in favor of central authority.

Exploring Earth's History at MLSU Seminar

Udaipur: Mohanlal Sukhadia University's Department of Geology is organizing an international seminar from December 19-21, 2024, as part of its Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The theme, "Earth – From Archaean to Proterozoic Era," aims to explore research and technological advancements on Earth's origin, geological changes, and life emergence spanning 4.6 billion to 750 million years ago.

The seminar will feature 105 research papers across four technical and one special session. Distinguished guests, including Professor R.P. Tiwari, Vice Chancellor of Punjab Central University, and industry experts, will grace the event. Eminent international speakers from countries like the USA, UK, China, Switzerland, Australia, and Germany will share insights.

Organized by Shri Akhil Dwivedi, Dr. Anjali Singh, and Dr. Ankush Srivastava, the seminar will conclude on December 21 with Dr. Deepak Sinha, CEO of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation, as chief guest. Over 250 geologists and researchers are expected to participate.

Annual Sports Day of Poddar Sports Synergy Concludes

Udaipur: The Annual Sports Day of Poddar Sports Synergy was organized at Poddar Jumbo Kids School, located in Hiran Magri, Sector-11. The school principal, Dr. Sabiha, stated that the event aimed to promote sportsmanship among students and encourage their physical and mental development.

The chief guest of the ceremony was National Karate Referee, Sensei Pratul Sanawaria.

Extreme Martial Arts Shine Nationally

Udaipur: At the 68th National School Games in Delhi, Samista Gehlot secured silver in the women's 52 kg category, and Devansh Tatawat earned bronze in the men's 50 kg category. Over 600 participants from 29 states competed, with heartfelt congratulations extended by the Extreme Martial Arts Academy and Karate India Organization.

Shilpgram Festival to Feature Life-Size Astro Signs and Tribal Masks

Udaipur: The upcoming Shilpgram Festival, organized by the West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur, promises a vibrant cultural experience with several innovative attractions this year. Scheduled to take place from 21st to 30th December 2024, the festival will showcase life-size sculptures of zodiac signs and tribal masks, highlighting rich artistry and creativity.

Furqan Khan, Director of WZCC, stated that this year's ten-day world-renowned festival will not only leave an indelible impression but will also engage visitors with unique innovations. The life-like masks, crafted by 12 skilled artists, will depict the cultures of various tribal communities and their deities. These artists hail from Udaipur and Bundi in Rajasthan, as well as Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Telangana.

Materials Used in the Tribal Masks

The masks, reflecting exceptional craftsmanship, are created using a variety of materials, including fiber, iron, papier-mâché, clay, cloth, bamboo, bamboo baskets, paper, tamarind seed flour, sutli (jute), and adhesive. The artists have meticulously painted the masks in vibrant colors, capturing intricate facial expressions and features, making them appear almost lifelike. These masks range in size from 3 to 6 feet and are bound to captivate every visitor's imagination.

Life-Size Zodiac Sculptures for Selfie Enthusiasts Another major attraction of the festival will be the life-size sculptures of the twelve zodiac signs, designed by renowned stone sculptors. Crafted with precision and attention to detail, these sculptures serve as a stunning example of stone artistry. Visitors, particularly those attending performances at the open-air stage, will find these sculptures irresistible for selfie opportunities, creating memorable moments. Positioned strategically around the venue, these zodiac sculptures are expected to be a major highlight, offering an unparalleled blend of art and astrology. This year's Shilpgram Festival, with its innovative additions, promises to be a delightful experience for all visitors, showcasing India's traditional art forms while creating new avenues for cultural engagement.



Hindustan Zinc's Commitment to Energy Conservation and Sustainability

On National Energy Conservation Day, Hindustan Zinc Limited, the world's second-largest integrated zinc producer, announced impressive energy savings of over 0.8 million Gigajoules (GJ) in FY24. This amount of energy could power approximately 70,000 Indian households for an entire year. In a bid to strengthen its sustainability initiatives, the company also revealed the expansion of its renewable power delivery agreement (PDA) to 530 MW, aiming to contribute over 70% of its total power needs from renewable sources by 2026.

Hindustan Zinc's efforts are part of its ongoing commitment to responsible and sustainable manufacturing. The company has implemented energy-efficient measures such as revamping turbines in captive power plants, improving cellhouse efficiency, and transitioning from high-speed diesel to piped natural gas, resulting in significant energy savings and reduced carbon emissions. As a result, the company has successfully reduced its greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 14% in FY24 compared to 2020, all while increasing production volumes.

In addition to these advancements, Hindustan Zinc observed 'No Vehicle Day' to raise awareness about energy conservation. Employees used public transport, electric vehicles, and other sustainable modes of transport, aiming to reduce the company's carbon footprint.

Hindustan Zinc's dedication to sustainability was further recognized by S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment 2023, where the company was named the most sustainable in the metals and mining sector. As part of its broader ESG efforts, Hindustan Zinc is on track to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050 or sooner, through renewable energy adoption, enhanced operational efficiency, and innovative technologies.



Hindustan Zinc's Stall Shines at Rajasthan Summit

At the Rising Rajasthan Global Business Summit 2024, Hindustan Zinc Limited (NSE: HINDZINC), India's largest and the world's second-largest zinc producer, drew significant attention with its engaging stall. Themed "At the CORE of the Clean Energy Transition," the stall highlighted the essential role of metals such as zinc, lead, and silver in building a sustainable future through advanced technologies and community empowerment. The stall became a major attraction, with thousands of visitors, including Rajasthan's Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and various international ambassadors. They experienced the company's operations through interactive displays, including a 3D augmented reality tour and a virtual reality (VR) training experience showcasing underground machinery operations used in Hindustan Zinc's mines. Visitors were also charmed by Zincky the Robot, who provided photo souvenirs. Hindustan Zinc showcased premium products like EcoZen, Asia's first low-carbon 'green' zinc, alongside its other offerings such as die-casting alloys, lead, and silver. A standout feature was the VR tour of the world's largest underground zinc mining operations in Bhilwara and its zinc-lead smelter in Chittorgarh. Further highlighting the summit was the announcement of the world's first Zinc Park by Vedanta, which will be located near Hindustan Zinc's plants in Rajasthan. The park, powered by renewable energy, will create thousands of jobs and offer world-class infrastructure. Vedanta also committed a ₹1 lakh crore investment in Rajasthan to expand operations across various sectors, reinforcing its commitment to sustainable growth and innovation.



DMFT Spends ₹296 Crore on 1468 Projects in Udaipur, Dungarpur, and Pratapgarh Districts

Under the Prime Minister's Mineral Area Welfare Scheme (PMKKKY), the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) has approved 1468 projects in Udaipur, Dungarpur, and Pratapgarh districts of Rajasthan, with a total expenditure of ₹296 crore by September. The information was provided by Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, in response to a question raised by Udaipur MP Mannelal Ravat in Parliament.

In his inquiry, MP Ravat asked whether the PMKKKY was being implemented in Rajasthan, specifically in the districts of Udaipur, Salumber, Dungarpur, and Pratapgarh. He also sought details about the funds allocated to Rajasthan and the district-wise expenditure over the past three years, including the current year.

In response, the Ministry of Coal and Mines stated that District Mineral Foundation Trusts (DMFT) have been established in 33 districts across Rajasthan, including Udaipur, Dungarpur, and Pratapgarh. While a separate DMFT for Salumber is not yet set up, it is currently managed under Udaipur's DMFT. The DMFT is financed through the statutory contributions from mining leaseholders, with no budgetary allocations from the central or state governments. In the last three years and the current year, 3173 projects were approved under PMKKKY, with 1468 completed, costing ₹296.5 crore.

Chetan Audichya Creates Painting at National Art Festival

Udaipur: At the National Art Festival held at Doon Valley School, Deoband, Uttar Pradesh, Udaipur-based artist Chetan Audichya presented a unique piece of art among more than 25 artists from various states across the country. On this occasion, he was honored with the "Art of Excellence" award.



Speaking as the chief guest at the festival, the Minister of State for Jal Shakti in Uttar Pradesh, Kunwar Brijendra Singh, stated that the festival has taken the form of a miniature India, with creations from artists across the country making it highly significant. He emphasized that this event is unique in the entire country, bringing together such a large number of artists.

District Magistrate of Saharanpur, Manish Bansal, and ADM(E) Dr. Archana Dwivedi were also present at the event.

Event organizers Prashant Tripathi and Principal Seema Sharma shared that artists from various states, including Sunil Vishwakarma, the artist of the Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya, and renowned artist Vinay Sharma, known as "Paperman", showcased their creative works, painting their imaginative visions on canvas. Chairman Rajkishore Gupta expressed gratitude to all the participating artists.

Srijan The Spark Honored in Mumbai

Udaipur: In the presence of renowned industrialists, social workers, and film celebrities, Srijan The Spark, an Udaipur-based organization, was honored at the packed Mukesh Patel Auditorium in Mumbai. The organization

was awarded the prestigious Lion Gold Award by the international service organization Lions Club for its continuous contributions to the field of music over the past 12 years.

The award was received by the Chief Patron of the organization, retired IG Prasanna Kumar Khimesra, and the acting president, Rajendra Sharma. Other members of the organization, including Shri G. R. Lodha, Dr. Ajay Murdia, and Bhupendra Shrimali, were also present on the occasion.

While presenting the award, Raju Manwani, the former International Director of Lions Club, introduced Prasanna Khimesra to the audience, highlighting his dedication to music, his efforts to provide a platform for talented individuals, and his work in honoring poets and musicians.

Other notable awardees included film actor Kartik Aaryan, actor Aditya Pancholi, actress Roopa Ganguly, actress Juhi Parmar, director of the film "Gadar" Anil Sharma, and several TV stars.

New Patrons Appointed at Udaipur Marble Association

Udaipur: The sixth executive meeting of the Udaipur Marble Association was held at the association's office.

Association President Pankaj Gangawat informed that during the meeting, the executive committee unanimously appointed Mahipal Singh Roopura, Nitul Chandalia, and Viramdev Singh Krishnavat as patrons of the association. All office-bearers extended their best wishes to the newly appointed patrons, welcoming them with bouquets. They expressed confidence that with their experience, knowledge, and guidance, the association will reach new heights, and through collective efforts, will give a new direction to the marble industry's development.

Grand Inauguration of 'Watan Ko Jaano' Program

Udaipur: The Kashmiri Youth Exchange Program, Watan Ko Jaano, was inaugurated under the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" initiative, organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and My Bharat Nehru Youth Center, Udaipur. Udaipur MLA Tarachand Jain welcomed 132 Kashmiri youth participants, urging them to embrace Mewar's valor and culture during visits to historical landmarks. Traditional Kashmiri attire and food products showcased by participants were widely appreciated. Cultural performances by the Kathak Ashram groups, including Padharo Mhare Desh, captivated the audience. The program, highlighting national unity, will continue until December 21, fostering connections between Kashmir and Mewar.

Rotary Inaugurates 11 Adult Education Centers

Udaipur: Former Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta inaugurated 11 adult education centers in Udaipur under the Sakshar Bharat campaign. The initiative, promoted by Lavina Vikas Seva Sansthan, aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's literacy mission. Joining Mehta were Dr. Nirmal Kunawat, former district governor, and Yash Kunawat, president of Rotary Club Udaipur Yuva.

Shekhar Mehta emphasized that students completing class 6 can teach illiterate family members during summer vacations, helping achieve mass literacy. Each center will educate over 40 individuals, aiming to make 200 million citizens literate through a structured and rapid program.