



20 Best Child Scientists Selected for State-Level Competition

In Udaipur, young scientists showcased creativity and innovation at the three-day district-level INSPIRE Award MANAK Exhibition (DLEPC 2023-24) held at Bal Shiksha Sadan Higher Secondary School. The event featured 204 participants presenting innovative models addressing societal and technological challenges. A distinguished jury—Mukesh Parakh, Manoj Kumar Pathak, Garima Chaudhary, and Parul Singh—evaluated the entries, selecting 20 mod-

els to advance to the state-level competition. Among the awardees, Kushal Menaria's Radiation Control System Utilizing Cow Dung for Border Area Hazard Mitigation stood out for its ingenuity.

The closing ceremony, chaired by Dr. Lokesh Bharti, District Education Officer (Secondary Headquarters), and featuring chief guest Garima Chaudhary from Delhi, emphasized the critical role of responsible research. Dr. Bharti stressed that scientific



advancements must align with national progress and humanitarian needs, particularly as

emerging technologies present both opportunities and risks. He urged a focus on log-

ical reasoning to guide innovation responsibly.

Complementing the exhibition, a six-hour Hackathon 2025 was organized under Kailash Rawal's guidance from the School Enterprise Association. Sixty students tackled challenges such as global warming, road safety, and assistive technology for differently-abled individuals. Top-performing schools received cash prizes, further motivating young innovators. The event concluded with accolades for

teachers, principals, and jury members, reaffirming Udaipur's commitment to nurturing scientific talent and fostering ethical innovation.

In addition, Kailash Rawal announced upcoming competitions in ten categories, including agriculture, women's safety, and energy conservation, with incentives totaling ₹40,000 in phases for the top 10 child scientists. This vibrant event showcased Udaipur's dedication to empowering young innovators remarkably.

Congress : Expanding Its Base in Delhi

Udaipur: Regarding the results of the Delhi Assembly elections, Udaipur Rural District Congress President Kachru Lal Choudhary gave his statement, saying that Congress fought the election strongly in Delhi. Slowly, Congress has taken a meaningful step towards expanding its base in the city. Victory and defeat are part of democracy, but Congress fought the election with strength in Delhi. Although Congress received a higher vote share than in the previous assembly elections, we did not win a single seat. However, we contested the election with unity and strength.

Udaipur Rural District Congress spokesperson Dr. Sanjeev Rajpurohit, in his statement regarding the Delhi elections, said, "The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was working as the 'B' team of BJP across the country, which is why it contested elections in states like Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Goa, Punjab, and Haryana, causing harm to Congress. However, now the BJP has defeated its own 'B' team, which is a case of 'tit for tat.' In these assembly elections, Congress's vote share increased, but we did not win a single seat. Ultimately, the decision of the people, the Janardan, is supreme."



MP Mannalal Rawat Inaugurates Beneshwar Fair by Beating the Drum

Udaipur: The grand inauguration of the Beneshwar Dham Fair, known as the "Mahakumbh of Tribals" and the "Prayagraj of Vagad," took place on Saturday, Udaipur MP Dr. Mannalal Rawat, the chief guest, inaugurated the fair by beating the drum. A large number of tribal community members and public representatives were present on this occasion.

Tribals' Culture and Faith Still Alive Due to Our Legacy

Addressing the gathering, MP Mannalal Rawat extended his greetings and empha-

sized that the tribal community's heritage and faith have remained intact due to the presence of sacred sites and traditions. He also highlighted that the 311th birth anniversary of Saint Mavji Maharaj is being celebrated, making the fair's inauguration even more special.

Attempts to Undermine Tribal Faith

MP Rawat pointed out that several forces have been attempting to weaken the tribal faith and culture for years, but tribals, who have worshipped Lord Ram, Lord Shiva,

and Goddess Kali since time immemorial, have always preserved their traditions and the nation first. He also warned against misinformation being spread in tribal regions by certain groups pushing church-driven and Jharkhand-inspired ideologies.

He specifically mentioned that a British missionary, Verrier Elwin, was the first to introduce such divisive ideologies in India, aiming to erode tribal faith and culture. However, the sacrifices of our ancestors prevented these agendas from succeeding. He

urged the community to remain vigilant against such elements even today.

PM Modi's Commitment to Tribal Development

MP Rawat emphasized the importance of moving forward with both heritage and development. He stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is giving special attention to the progress of the tribal community, something that previous governments never considered.

Dignitaries in Attendance

The event was presided over by Sabla Pradhan Lailita



Devi Dendor. Distinguished guests included former minister Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya, Banswara BJP district president Dhansingh Rawat, and former MLA

Gopichand Meena. Former MLA Gopichand Meena spoke about the life of Saint Mavji Maharaj and the historical significance of the Beneshwar Fair.

Honoring Tribal Talent and Teachers with Pride

Udaipur: The 11th Regional Tribal Talent Honor and All-Community Teacher Pride Ceremony was held at the Swami Vivekananda Auditorium on the Mohanlal Sukhadia University Campus in Udaipur. The event, graced by MP Dr. Mannalal Rawat as chief guest and former MP Raghuvveer Singh Meena presiding, celebrated excellence in both tribal talent and teaching. Institution President Prabhulal Dendor warmly welcomed the dignitaries, emphasizing ongoing activities and calling for sustained support for future initiatives. Vice President C.B. Meena recounted the inspiring life of Gondwana's Queen Durgavati to highlight the importance of preserving tribal identity, while General Secretary Dr. Shankar Bamnia detailed major projects, including plans to build a dedicated coaching facility on allocated land.

MP Dr. Rawat reminded everyone that nurturing talent is a shared responsibility and an essential national heritage, encouraging the tribal community to draw strength from historical heroes. In his address, Raghuvveer Meena underscored the event's non-political nature, setting a benchmark for holistic community development. The ceremony recognized 60 teachers from nine districts and honored 581 tribal talents through awards for academic, social, and sports achievements. Highlights included the Shri Mangarh Dham Gaurav Award, the release of the annual souvenir "Udaan - Ek Prerna," and a youth career guidance documentary, all witnessed by over 1,200 attendees.

Deepening Meditation Through a Disciplined Life and Satvic Diet

Udaipur: In the second session of the HOPE workshop organized by the Heartfulness Meditation Institute, the Spotlight Session featured a spiritual discourse by Sadhvi Dev Vani from Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar. She emphasized that achieving depth in meditation requires maintaining a healthy body, as the physical body (Annamaya Kosha) plays a crucial role in spiritual practices. She stated that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind, and both the mind and body influence each other. Through meditation, one can attain greater depth in spiritual practice.

Highlighting the importance of diet and self-discipline, she advised that consuming a Sattvic diet and leading a disciplined life significantly enhances meditation. She also elaborated on the importance of fasting in spiritual practice and discussed challenges that arise during meditation. According to her, discipline in mind, speech, and actions is essential for achieving spiritual depth.

Earlier, Dr. Rakesh Dashora, the Udaipur center coordinator of the Heartfulness Institute, welcomed the guests and explained the objectives of the HOPE program. The workshop was organized at Bhamashah Auditorium, Chitrakoot Nagar.

The event was graced by Sadhvi Garima Ji, State In-Charge Vijaya Devi, and Mandala In-Charge Tara Ji from Patanjali Yogpeeth. Other notable contributors included Dr. Subodh Sharma, Dr. Namrata Jain, and Mohan Borana from Heartfulness Institute, who played an active role in the session.

Participants engaged in group discussions on the theme "Know Your Heart", reflecting on sensitivity, emotions, and the role of the heart in human identity. The session was conducted by Dr. Kailash Tiwari, Dr. Rakesh Dashora, and Mugdha Dashora.

Mohan Bohra Honored with JSG Presidential Award

Udaipur: Mohan Bohra, former chairman of the Mewar region and joint secretary of the Jain Social Groups International Federation, was honored with the prestigious Presidential Award by Federation President Amish Doshi at the grand International Jain Social Groups Convention held in Indore.

Bohra expressed that this recognition is a proud moment for the Mewar region and JSG Ananta. The event was graced by the upcoming Federation President Birendra Shah, former Presidents Abhay Sethia, Ashok Jain, Kiran Jain, Ajit Lalwani, Suresh Kothari, and several regional and federation officials.

The ceremony also witnessed the felicitation of various regions, groups, forums, and office bearers for their outstanding contributions and services.

Dr. Rajshree Gandhi Appointed Workplace Safety Committee Member

Dr. Rajshree Gandhi has been appointed as a member of the Workplace Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee at Rabinranath Tagore Medical College and Controller of the Joint Medical College Association in Udaipur. Established under the 2013 Act, the committee protects women's rights and addresses workplace grievances. A pioneer as Udaipur's first female bank officer from the Vagad region, Dr. Gandhi has contributed to women's empowerment, consumer rights, and social service. She serves as Medical Convener of the Indian Red Cross Society and National President of the Consumer Protection Organization. Honored with the Veerangana Award and honorary doctorate, her leadership promotes fairness.

Water Monitor Oath, Learning Water Conservation from Trees

Udaipur: In a ceremony held at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, near Magri Sector 4, water monitors from classes 6 to 12 were informed about their duties as Water Monitors by Water Friend Dr. P.C. Jain. He administered the Water Monitor Oath and encouraged the students to make water conservation a lifelong mission, turning it into a public awareness campaign. In his PPT presentation, Dr. Jain emphasized that if we do not improve our water habits now and start practicing rainwater harvesting, we will face a severe water crisis in the future. He pointed out that just as trees like babul, neem, tamarind, and ber conserve water in their roots for future use, why can't we recharge our own tube wells and hand pumps to preserve groundwater? Should we not learn from trees?



Speaking about the growing issue of substance abuse, Dr. Jain highlighted the misconception in society that addiction is just a habit with no cure. He reassured the students that addiction is a disease, and with proper treatment, it can be overcome. He also shared some home remedies for addressing addiction.

The following students took the Water Monitor Oath: Mittal Trailer, Twinkle Rathore, Disha Salvi, Shrivanti Hazar, Riddhi Bhavati, Bhumi Vaishnav, Krish Krishna Garg, Ankita Menaria, Divya Mali, Bhumi Talreja, Urmila Meena, Khushi Ranawat, Roshni Mochi, and Harshita Verma. Mamta Rathore served as the in-charge of the Water Monitors.

The program was conducted by Sanju Kumawat, and Principal Dr. Varsha Tripathi welcomed Dr. P.C. Jain to the event.

Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Rajee Visits Ghatavali Mataji Temple

Udaipur: Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Rajee visited Maa Chamunda Ghatavali temple on Friday evening, offering prayers for Rajasthan's prosperity. She was welcomed by Kishore Singh on behalf of the temple trust.



Several prominent leaders, including former MLA Randhir Singh Bhinder, Pratap Singh, Girish Sharma, Prithviraj Chauhan, Ashok Chaudhary, Arjun Singh Devda, Kishan Singh Kitawat, Govind Singh Devda, Inder Singh Devda, Nahar Singh Devda, and Makhan Singh Devda, were present on the occasion.

Notably, Vasundhara Rajee was in Udaipur to attend the wedding of Himanshu Singh Shekhawat, son of former Deputy Mayor Mahendra Singh Shekhawat, at Hotel Shauryagarh. She blessed the newlyweds during the ceremony.

Earlier in the day, she arrived at the airport and proceeded directly to the Shrinathji Temple in Nathdwara, followed by visits to Charbhujaji and Eklingji temples.

High Demand for Red Cakes at Ashoka Bakery on Rose Day and Valentine's Day

Udaipur: On the occasion of Rose Day this Friday, the demand for red cakes at Ashoka Bakery has surged dramatically. Jai Madhvani,

the owner of Ashoka Bakery, shared that the bakery is experiencing a special rush for red cakes, not only for Rose Day but also in anticipation of Valentine's Day, which falls on February 14. To meet this growing demand, Ashoka Bakery has curated a variety of cakes specifically for the occasion, including red fondant cakes, red velvet cakes, and red jelly cakes. In addition, they are offering a selection of other cakes such as broken cakes, mixed fruit cakes, and cassata cakes, all carefully crafted for the season. Customers purchasing any type of cake will also receive a complimentary rose, adding a touch of romance to the celebrations.

In addition to these special offerings, Ashoka Bakery has introduced convenient ordering options through popular food delivery platforms like Swiggy and Zomato. This allows customers to enjoy their favorite cakes from the comfort of their homes without having to step out. The bakery's special Valentine's Day promotions and festive offerings have made it a popular choice for those looking to make their celebrations sweeter.

Former Vallabhnagar MLA urges Kanod Panchayat Samiti creation

Udaipur: Former Vallabhnagar MLA Ranadhir Singh Bhinder has written to Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, advocating for the establishment of a new Panchayat Samiti in Kanod. He highlighted that the Vallabhnagar Assembly constituency currently comprises three Panchayat Samitis: Kurabad with 18 panchayats, Vallabhnagar with 23, and Bhinder with 29. Bhinder emphasized that with the ongoing reorganization, there is potential to form 15 to 20 new panchayats within the constituency. This expansion could justify the creation of an additional Panchayat Samiti in Kanod. He also referenced a policy from former Chief Minister Vasundhara Rajee's tenure, which stipulated that areas with a tehsil should also have

District Lake Conservation and Development Committee Meeting

Udaipur: The District Lake Conservation and Development Committee meeting was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of District Collector Namit Mehta.

Initially, Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Committee Member Secretary Ramprakash informed about the lakes notified under the State Lake Development Authority. The meeting focused on the proposals prepared by the Water Resources Department for the conservation of the Jaisamand Lake. District Collector Mehta mentioned that decisions would be made after a detailed review of the relevant circulars. The meeting also discussed the operation of boats by hotel owners for passenger transportation on Fatehsagar and Pichola lakes, and the possibility of converting these boats to electric or solar-powered boats. The District Collector directed the Municipal Corporation Commissioner to hold a meeting with the relevant stakeholders and discuss all the facts related to this issue.

Regarding the operation time of the boats, the District Collector emphasized that decisions would be taken only after a thorough review of all circulars and orders. The meeting also discussed the financial accounts of the income generated from Fatehsagar and Pichola lakes, the necessary steps for lake conservation, and other related points.

The meeting was attended by UDA Secretary Hemendra Nagar, Chief Engineer of Water Resources Department Manoj Jain, Deputy Director of Tourism Shikha Saxena, Pollution Control Board representative Payal Pancholi, Additional Director of Fisheries Dr. Deepika Paliwal, Executive Engineer of Water Resources Department, Salumber Prateek Chaudhary, Executive Engineer (Mechanical) of Municipal Corporation Lakhanlal Bairwa, among others.



-Shabnam Bano

Dr. Sakka Created a Golden Temple

Udaipur: In the sacred Prayagraj Maha Kumbh Mela, a symbol of faith for 140 crore Indians, 40 crore devotees will take a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam. On this grand occasion, Udaipur's gold artist and world record holder, Dr. Iqbal Sakka, has crafted a golden national flag, a silver temple, a golden Shivaling, Trishul, Chimita, Kamandal, serpent, deity, and Damru to be offered at the Shiva temple situated in the middle of the Yamuna River. These intricate artworks can only be seen with the help of a magnifying lens. Dr. Sakka has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Rajasthan's Chief Minister, requesting permission to present these creations on behalf of the Rajasthan government.

Dr. Dev Kothari and Dr. M.P. Jain Honored with Baba Saheb Apte National Award

Udaipur: Udaipur: A two-day national seminar on "Indian History, Culture, and Constitution" concluded with a firm commitment to uphold the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Hosted by Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth under the aegis of the Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana and Madhav Sanskriti Nyas, New Delhi, the event provided a dynamic platform for scholarly exchange on India's rich historical legacy. During the closing session, Dr. Dev Kothari and Dr. M.P. Jain were honored with the prestigious Baba Saheb Apte National Award for their exceptional contributions to history. Four other distinguished

historians were also recognized for their lifelong dedication. Chief guest Dr. Balamukund Pandey, National Organization Minister of Itihas Sankalan Yojana, highlighted the significance of the Indian national anthem as a symbol of unity, citing references to various regions that exemplify an undivided India. He reminded participants that India's ancient assemblies of scholars and sages laid the foundations of democratic ideals, emphasizing that kings were accountable to dharma. Keynote speaker Prof. Shiv Kumar Mishra stressed that history should be narrated by those who live it, urging historians to democratize access to India's glorious past. The seminar also featured insightful sessions with 165 research papers presented by young historians. In the valedictory address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.S. Sarangdevot reinforced the role of history, culture, and the Constitution in guiding the nation's future. Additionally, Dr. Jeevan Singh Kharkwal was appointed as the new regional president for Chitorgarh, marking a significant step forward in regional historical scholarship.

DPS Udaipur Celebrates Prep Graduation Day with Enthusiasm

Udaipur's Delhi Public School celebrated its Prep and Cambridge branch Graduation Day with enthusiasm, embracing the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." The event began with a Ganesh Vandana dance and welcome song, followed by cultural performances where young students showcased American, Egyptian, Korean, and Mexican dances, while Cambridge students presented classical dances. Distinguished guests, including Dr. Prithvi Yadav (Vice Chancellor, SPSU) and Shyam Singh Singhvi (Founder, Saral Blood Bank), awarded graduation certificates to Prep students in ceremonial attire. Principal Sanjay Narwaria emphasized happiness as key to success, and Pro Vice Chairman Govind Agrawal highlighted the value of nurturing good students.