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Nearly 2,000 Participants Join 'Run for Environment' on World Environment Day

Udaipur: Marking World Environment Day 2026, a large-scale "Run for Environment" was organized on Thursday under the joint aegis of the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board and the District Environment Committee. Conducted under this year's global theme, "Inspired by Nature, For the Climate, For Our Future," the event drew the participation of nearly 2,000 citizens, reinforcing the message of environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The run was flagged off by District Collector Gaurav Agrawal from Vindhyam Grand Hotel. Participants included representatives from industrial units, social organizations, schools, colleges, and various educational institutions. Through their enthusiastic participation, they highlighted the importance of protecting the environment and addressing the challenges posed by climate change.

Regional Officer of the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Sharad Saxena, informed that an exhibition focusing on environmental conservation and sustainable development was also organized alongside the event. The exhibition showcased several innovative and eco-friendly technologies and initiatives aimed at promoting resource conservation and environmental sustainability.

Among the key exhibits, Rahada Foundation demonstrated the use of Gokasth, an eco-friendly alternative to conventional firewood made from cow dung. Reliance Chemotex Industries Ltd. presented its Zero Liquid Discharge technology, while Global Enterprises displayed advanced Biological Sewage Treatment Plant (Bio-STP) solutions. Blue Planet showcased its Biomethanation Technology, and Shri Narayan Research Institute along with Engineers & Engineers highlighted innovations in biodiesel production.

The exhibition emphasized sustainable technologies, waste management practices, recycling initiatives, and alternative clean energy solutions. Organizers stated that the primary objective of the programme was to create greater public awareness about environmental protection, climate change, and the adoption of lifestyles that are in harmony with nature.

The overwhelming participation reflected the growing environmental consciousness among citizens and their commitment to preserving natural resources for future generations.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were Additional District Collector (Administration) Deependra Singh Rathore, Additional District Collector (City) Jitendra Ojha, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Sedu Ram Yadav, Deputy Conservator of Forests (North) Ajay Chittora, and officials from various government departments.

The event concluded with a collective pledge by participants to actively contribute towards environmental protection and sustainable development, reaffirming the community's commitment to building a greener and healthier future.

Udaipur's Dr. Shailendra Pandya Receives Veer Savarkar Samman 2026

Honoured for Outstanding Contribution to Child Welfare and Social Development

Udaipur: Dr. Shailendra Pandya, a prominent social worker from Udaipur and former Member of the Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, was honoured with the prestigious Veer Savarkar Samman 2026 at the Veer Savarkar National Conclave and Awards 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The programme was organized by the Bharati Yuva Welfare Association with support from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. Dr. Pandya received the award in the category of Young Social Worker for Outstanding Contribution towards Nation Building and Social Development.

The award was presented in the presence of several distinguished personalities, including Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Janardan Singh Sigriwal, Member of Parliament and former Minister, senior BJP leader Shyam Jaju, Ramesh Chandra Ratn, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of the Ministry of Railways, Jagadguru Swami Sandipani Maharaj, Justice Lokpal Singh, and noted actor Surendra Pal Singh, renowned for portraying Dronacharya in the television epic Mahabharat.

For the past 17 years, Dr. Pandya has been actively engaged in child protection and social welfare initiatives, with a special focus on the upliftment of children from tribal communities. Through his dedicated efforts, hundreds of children have been rescued from child labour and successfully integrated into mainstream education and society.

His work has significantly contributed to improving the lives of underprivileged children and promoting awareness about child rights and social justice. Over the years, Dr. Pandya has received recognition at several national and international forums for his commitment to humanitarian causes.

The Veer Savarkar Samman 2026 serves as another milestone in his journey of service and dedication, acknowledging his sustained efforts toward child welfare, community development, and nation-building. The achievement has brought pride to Udaipur and Rajasthan, with well-wishers and members of the social sector extending their congratulations on this prestigious honour.

MPUAT Vice-Chancellor Dr. Pratap Singh Dhakad Receives National Award

Honoured for Outstanding Contributions to Water Conservation and Arid-Zone Agriculture

Udaipur: Dr. Pratap Singh Dhakad, Vice-Chancellor of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology (MPUAT), Udaipur, has been honoured with the prestigious "National Award for Arid-Zone Hydro-Agronomy and Water Harvesting" in recognition of his remarkable contributions to water conservation and sustainable agriculture in arid regions.

The award was presented during the Blue Economy Summit 2026 held in New Delhi by the Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment and the World Institute of Blue Economy. The recognition acknowledges Dr. Dhakad's significant work in promoting scientific water resource management, rainwater harvesting technologies, efficient water use practices, and climate-resilient agricultural systems.

Over the years, Dr. Dhakad has played a pivotal role in advancing water conservation-based farming practices among farmers. His efforts have focused on encouraging the adoption of micro-irrigation systems, developing rainwater harvesting structures, and promoting resource conservation technologies that improve agricultural productivity while preserving natural resources.

The award recognizes his outstanding contribution to the development and dissemination of water harvesting technologies, enhancement of water-use efficiency, conservation of natural resources, and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices in drought-prone and arid regions. His work has helped farmers adapt to changing climatic conditions and adopt more resilient and environmentally sustainable farming methods.

As Vice-Chancellor of MPUAT, Dr. Dhakad is actively leading the university's "Water Conservation and Save Farms Campaign," which aims to raise awareness among farmers about efficient water management, advanced irrigation techniques, and sustainable resource utilization. The initiative has been instrumental in encouraging farmers to adopt practices that conserve water while maintaining agricultural productivity.The national recognition has been widely welcomed by

the university community, agricultural scientists, faculty members, students, and members of the farming sector across Rajasthan. They have congratulated Dr. Dhakad on this significant achievement and described it as a matter of pride not only for MPUAT but also for the entire state of Rajasthan.

The award reflects Dr. Dhakad's dedication to advancing agricultural innovation, environmental sustainability, and water conservation. His contributions continue to strengthen efforts toward building a more resilient agricultural sector capable of addressing future challenges related to water scarcity and climate change.

This honour further reinforces MPUAT's growing reputation as a leading institution in agricultural research, education, and extension services, while highlighting Rajasthan's important role in promoting sustainable solutions for water and agricultural resource management.

₹250 Crore Development Proposals Discussed in 12th DMFT Governing Council Meeting

Focus on Education, Healthcare, Drinking Water and Infrastructure Development

Udaipur: The 12th Governing Council Meeting of the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) was held at the Zila Parishad Auditorium under the chairmanship of District Collector and DMFT Chairman Gaurav Agrawal. Tribal Area Development Minister Babulal Kharadi attended as the chief guest, while MPs, MLAs, and senior officials reviewed ongoing projects and discussed new development proposals.

During the meeting, proposals worth approximately ₹250 crore were presented by various departments. Officials informed the council that development works worth nearly ₹1,069 crore have been executed under the DMFT scheme since 2017. A detailed review of previously approved projects was also undertaken.

Special emphasis was placed on completing pending projects and strengthening sectors such as education, healthcare, drinking water, and infrastructure. Public representatives stressed the need for timely execution of sanctioned works, particularly school infrastructure projects, before the reopening of schools after summer vacation.

A major highlight of the meeting was the announcement that recruitment of healthcare personnel through DMFT funds has been cleared following state government approval. The council also unanimously approved the installation of an MRI machine at the District Hospital to enhance healthcare facilities.

Several suggestions were made for improving school infrastructure, drinking water supply, security arrangements, skill development initiatives, and rural infrastructure. Discussions also included proposals for libraries, agro-processing units, parliamentary clusters, and the repair of damaged water pipelines.

Concluding the meeting, District Collector Gaurav Agrawal reaffirmed the administration's commitment to accelerating development works through DMFT funds and ensuring that projects related to public welfare are completed efficiently for the benefit of residents across the district.

Ikram Rashid Qureshi Appointed BJP Minority Morcha State Spokesperson

Udaipur: Senior BJP leader Ikram Rashid Qureshi has been appointed as the State Spokesperson of the BJP Minority Morcha, Rajasthan, in the newly announced State Executive Committee. The appointment was made under the guidance of State BJP President Madan Rathore and Minority Morcha State President Hamid Khan Mewati. BJP leaders and workers welcomed the decision, expressing confidence that Qureshi's extensive organizational experience and active leadership will strengthen the Minority Morcha and effectively communicate the party's policies and initiatives.

Mody University Highlights Scholarships, Placements and Global Opportunities for 2026–27 Session

Udaipur: Mody University of Science and Technology unveiled its academic plans and student-focused initiatives for the 2026–27 academic session during a press conference held at Hotel Radisson, Udaipur. Spread across a 265-acre campus, the university continues to promote women's education and empowerment by offering quality higher education across diverse disciplines.

Addressing the media, AGM Admissions Gaurav Sandal and Dr. Sarita Kathuria, Head of the Department of Chemistry, highlighted the university's undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in Engineering, Law, Design, Business, Liberal Arts and Sciences. Industry-oriented courses such as Data Science, Machine Learning, Forensic Science, Psychology, Journalism, Physiotherapy, Food and Nutrition, Biomedical Science, and Nuclear Science are also offered.

The university provides scholarships of up to 100 percent based on academic merit and national-level entrance examinations. Students scoring 97 percent or above in Class 12 can receive full academic scholarships. Special provisions are available for SC, ST, EWS, differently-abled students, children of martyrs, and wards of Armed Forces personnel.

The university reported strong placement outcomes, with top packages reaching ₹41 lakh per annum and an average package of ₹12 lakh. Leading recruiters include Amazon, JP Morgan, Oracle, Visa, Walmart, Samsung, and HSBC. International collaborations with over 20 institutions offer exchange programs and internship opportunities at organizations such as CERN and NASA.

Guru Nanak Girls PG College Bids Emotional Farewell to Final-Year Students

Harshita Chauhan Named Student of the Year, Tanisha Patel Honoured as Achiever of the Year

Udaipur: Guru Nanak Girls Post Graduate College organized a grand farewell ceremony for its final-year students, creating an atmosphere filled with emotions, memories, and celebration. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp before Goddess Saraswati, symbolizing knowledge and new beginnings.

Former institution president Sardar Mahendra Pal Singh Likhari attended the event as the chief guest, while institution secretary Sardar Amarpal Singh Pahwa presided over the function. Addressing the gathering, Sardar Pahwa encouraged students to continue striving for excellence, actively participate in cultural and creative activities, and uphold the values and reputation of the institution throughout their lives.

The highlight of the event was the recognition of outstanding students. Harshita Chauhan was honoured with the prestigious Student of the Year award, while Tanisha Patel received the Achiever of the Year award for her exceptional accomplishments.

College Principal Prof. Kothari inspired students to maintain a balance between academics and extracurricular activities, emphasizing that holistic development plays a vital role in achieving success. He urged students to carry the institution's name with pride and contribute positively to society.

The ceremony was graced by co-secretaries Sardar Satnam Singh, Sardar Joginder Singh, and Surendra Singh Kalra, whose presence added warmth and encouragement to the occasion.

A memorable segment of the programme featured heartfelt speeches by second-year students, who shared cherished memories and conveyed their best wishes to the outgoing batch. The emotional exchanges created an atmosphere of nostalgia and gratitude.

Students also presented a series of vibrant cultural performances that captivated the audience and received enthusiastic applause from guests, faculty members, and fellow students. The performances showcased the talent, creativity, and confidence nurtured by the institution.

The programme was skillfully conducted by Paramveer Kaur and Dr. Ranjita Khaturia, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Anugaya Porwal.

The successful organization of the event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Cultural Committee, comprising Dr. Bhagwati Nagda, Dr. Rashmi Manoj, Paramveer Kaur, Dr. Bhavna Sharma, Heeramani Soni, Dr. Anil Sahu, Dr. Satyendra Barbar, Dr. Dimpal Kaur, Taslim Naaz, and Dr. Meena Nagda.

The farewell ceremony concluded on a joyous yet emotional note, celebrating the achievements of the graduating students and wishing them success as they embark on new journeys in life.

Yoga, Meditation Camp Concludes Successfully

Three-day programme promotes holistic health and mental well-being ahead of International Yoga Day

Udaipur: A three-day free Yoga and Heartfulness Meditation Camp organized in connection with International Yoga Day 2026 concluded successfully at the Community Hall in Purohiton Ki Madri. The camp was jointly conducted by the Heartfulness Institute, Udaipur Centre, and Bharat SwabhimanNyas and Patanjali Yog Samiti Family under the nationwide initiative of the Ministry of AYUSH.

Participants practiced yoga as per the Common Yoga Protocol and attended Heartfulness Meditation sessions led by certified trainer Dr. Subodh Kumar Sharma. The programme focused on improving physical fitness, mental peace, emotional balance, and spiritual well-being.

Yoga trainer Devilal Chandel guided participants through various yoga practices, while Ms. Ranjana introduced Brighter Minds exercises aimed at enhancing concentration, memory, learning ability, and decision-making skills.

Yoga Committee President Manohar Lal Chawda emphasized the importance of combining yoga and meditation for a healthy body and a calm, focused mind. On the concluding day, participants pledged to make yoga and meditation a regular part of their daily lives. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from people of all age groups and reinforced the message of creating a healthier and happier society through wellness practices.

Father's Health Takes Center Stage

GMCH and Lions Club Ashoka to honor fathers while promoting health awareness

Udaipur: Geetanjali Hospital & Medical College (GMCH), in association with Lions Club Ashoka, will organize a grand Father Felicitation Ceremony on June 20 at the GMCH Auditorium to celebrate Father's Day with a meaningful focus on health and well-being.

The event will provide a platform for children and families to honor their fathers and express gratitude for their lifelong sacrifices, dedication, and support. Beyond celebration, the programme aims to raise awareness about an often-overlooked issue—fathers frequently prioritize their family's needs while neglecting their own health.GMCH CEO Rishi Kapoor said fathers work tirelessly to fulfill their family's dreams and responsibilities, making it essential for families to care for their physical and emotional well-being. Marketing Head Kalpesh Chand Rajbar emphasized that a healthy father is the foundation of a healthy family and society.Lions Club Ashoka Founder President Mukesh Madhvani noted that the event seeks to strengthen family values while encouraging greater awareness about preventive healthcare for fathers. Outstanding fathers from various fields will also be honored during the programme.<

Organizers said the initiative will remind families that the greatest Father's Day gift is not a material possession but a commitment to ensuring a father's good health, happiness, and long life.