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Shayarana Udaipur Celebrates Musical Talent

Udaipur: The Shayarana Udaipur Parivar organised its monthly music programme at Aishwarya College, bringing together singers, musicians and literary artists from Udaipur, Rajsamand, Nathdwara, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Bhilwara and Kapasan. Film producer Dr. Ajay Murdia, the chief guest, described the organisation as a "turning point" for emerging artists and announced opportunities for performers to showcase their talent at upcoming state-level musical events. Aishwarya College Managing Director Dr. Seema Singh said the platform has become the heartbeat of aspiring artists by nurturing musical and literary talent.

Programme coordinator Abha Sirsikar said the organisation has been conducting free literary and musical programmes for the past 15 years, providing an open platform to artists from Rajasthan and other states. Performances included classical music, ghazals, folk songs, bhajans, Sufi compositions and Bollywood melodies.Founder Manoj Geetankar announced a free public music workshop in the coming months. The cast of the film Shikanja, produced in association with the Rajsamand district administration, was also honoured, while singer Kavya Meghwal captivated the audience with a live performance. Outstanding performances by Dr. R.K. Bose, Rakesh Paudwal and several other artists made the event memorable.

Doctors Remove Safety Pin, Save Toddler's Life

Kota: Doctors in Kota successfully saved the life of a two-and-a-half-year-old boy after removing an open safety pin lodged in a highly sensitive area behind his nose, where the brain and throat meet, following a complex endoscopic procedure.The child, identified as Nitin, son of Mukesh, a resident of Nainwa in Bundi district, had accidentally swallowed or inserted the safety pin on July 20. The pin became lodged in the adenoid region behind the nasal cavity, posing a significant risk of serious injury.According to the treating doctors, the child was initially taken to a hospital in Nainwa before being referred to Bundi. After attempts to remove the safety pin were unsuccessful, he was transferred to Kota and admitted on the afternoon of July 21.

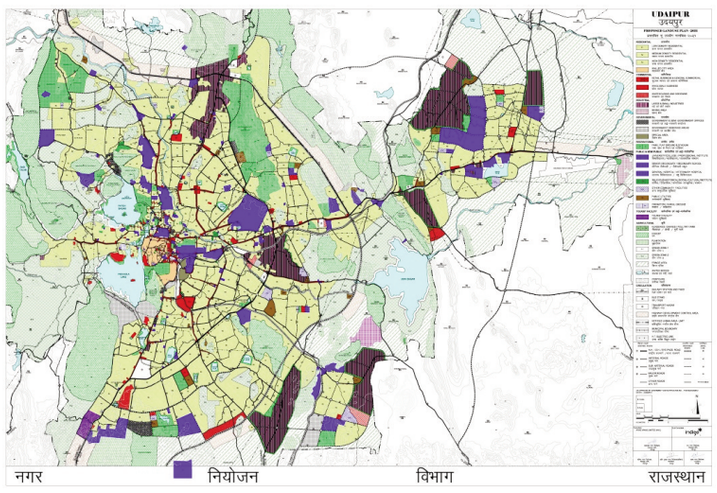
Medical examination revealed that the open safety pin was embedded deep behind the nose in the adenoid region. During the endoscopic procedure, surgeons encountered heavy bleeding inside the nasal cavity, making it difficult to locate the foreign object. After clearing the accumulated blood through suction, the team was able to identify the open safety pin.Doctors said the procedure was particularly challenging because the pin was open, increasing the risk of severe tissue injury during extraction. Using advanced endoscopic techniques and meticulous surgical precision, the medical team successfully removed the safety pin at around 6 p.m., nearly 48 hours after the incident.The child is reported to be in stable condition and recovering well.

The procedure was performed by Dr. Rajkumar Jain, Dr. Shemendra Kumar, Dr. Mukesh Somvanshi and Dr. Shilpi, whose coordinated efforts ensured the successful outcome.

Following the incident, doctors urged parents to keep small and sharp objects away from young children. They advised against allowing children to play with safety pins, ordinary pins, peanuts, peas, chickpeas, wheat grains, beads, rubber pieces or similar objects, warning that even a moment of carelessness can result in life-threatening emergencies.

- K.D. Abbasi

Long-Pending Road Plan Can Transform Udaipur's Traffic Future, Says Town Planning Maestro Satish Shrimali



Udaipur: As Udaipur grapples with worsening traffic congestion, rapid urban expansion and increasing pressure on ageing infrastructure, retired Additional Chief Town Planner Satish Shrimali, regarded as one of Rajasthan's leading town planning experts, says the city already possesses a blueprint capable of transforming its transport network — if authorities implement it.

Shrimali, who prepared Udaipur's comprehensive road network proposal in 2011 while serving in the Urban Improvement Trust, said the master plan envisioned nearly 35 strategic road projects designed to accommodate future growth, reduce congestion and create a modern, interconnected transport system.

Fifteen years later, many of those projects remain on paper even as traffic volumes, tourism and urban development have expanded far beyond the levels anticipated when the plan was prepared.

"The city's traffic challenges are not because solutions don't exist. Most solutions were identified years ago. What is needed now is implementation," Shrimali said during an interview.

The proposal was based on a simple principle: divert through traffic away from the city while creating multiple internal connectivity corridors so local commuters are no longer dependent on a handful of overloaded roads.

Among the plan's biggest recommendations were two outer ring roads that would allow heavy vehicles and long-distance traffic to bypass Udaipur instead of entering the city's busiest corridors. According to Shrimali, this alone could substantially reduce congestion across the urban core.

Within the city, the plan proposed approximately 35 new roads, missing links and road widening projects to create alternate routes between residential areas, commercial centres, transport hubs and educational institutions.

Key proposals included a new corridor behind the Roadways Bus Stand to divert bus traffic away from the congested Surajpole intersection, direct road connectivity between Sectors 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the railway station and bus terminal, an alternate airport approach connecting Pratap Nagar through Central School and Bohra Ganesh Ji to University Road, and a 60-foot road linking Bohra Ganesh Ji with the railway station to reduce pressure on existing city roads.

The blueprint also proposed widening several roads and constructing new 60-foot and 80-foot corridors connecting University Road, Subhash Nagar, Roop Sagar and adjoining residential neighbourhoods. Besides improving mobility, these roads were intended to support stormwater drainage and provide safer pedestrian movement.

Shrimali also pointed to one of Udaipur's fastest-growing urban corridors — the Ambari–Nagda Road belt along National Highway 27 — where rapid residential and institutional development is creating new transportation challenges.

He said expanding neighbourhoods in Vada, Ambari and adjoining localities are increasingly dependent on the National Highway even for short-distance local travel because adequate internal road connectivity has not been developed alongside urban growth.

To address this, the 2011 master plan proposed a network of 60-foot and 80-foot internal connector roads linking Ambari, Nagda Road, the Agricultural University area, educational campuses and emerging residential colonies. These east-west connector roads were designed to allow residents to move between neighbourhoods without entering the highway for local trips.

According to Shrimali, the proposed internal road grid would significantly reduce congestion on the highway, improve emergency access, shorten travel times and lower accident risks while supporting orderly urban expansion.

He warned that unless these internal roads are developed soon, the Ambari–Nagda Road growth corridor could face the same traffic and safety challenges experienced on the Debari corridor as residential development expanded on both sides of the highway.

The veteran planner also expressed concern over changes made to the original proposal for a major flyover connecting the airport corridor with the city. He said the original concept envisioned a direct flyover carrying airport-bound traffic toward the city centre, but a different alignment was eventually executed, leaving one of Udaipur's busiest intersections vulnerable to congestion.

Several road projects remain delayed because of land acquisition disputes and pending litigation. Shrimali said many of these obstacles could be resolved through coordinated planning, land exchanges and timely administrative intervention, allowing critical missing links to be completed.

Beyond transportation, Shrimali renewed his call for relocating the city's solid waste disposal site away from expanding residential areas near Balicha. He said continued urban growth around the existing landfill has increased concerns over air pollution, environmental degradation and public health, making relocation increasingly urgent.

With Udaipur continuing to expand as a major tourism, education and investment destination, Shrimali said the city has an opportunity to implement the long-pending road network before urbanisation makes future infrastructure development more difficult and expensive.

He said completing the proposed road network would improve traffic flow, strengthen road safety, support planned urban growth and create a more resilient transportation system capable of serving Udaipur for decades to come.

- Dr. Munesh Arora

Mansoori Community Honors Meritorious Students in Rajsamand

Rajsamand: The Mansoori Samaj Society, Rajsamand, organized a Student Merit Felicitation Ceremony to honor outstanding students, with office bearers of the Mansoori Educational and Welfare Society, Udaipur, attending the event as special guests.

Responding to the society's invitation, Udaipur representatives including President Abdul Latif Mansoori, Secretary Zahid Mohammad Mansoori, Treasurer Mohammad Yousuf Mansoori, Executive Committee Member Mohammad Ishaq Mansoori and Munshi Mohammad Mansoori participated in the ceremony. The guests were welcomed with traditional shawls.

A total of 19 students — nine boys and 10 girls — who scored more than 70% in the Class 10 and Class 12 board examinations were felicitated with certificates, mementos and cash awards.The Rajsamand Mansoori Samaj Society presented cash prizes of Rs. 11,000 to first-rank holders, Rs. 5,000 to second-rank holders and Rs. 2,100 to third-rank holders in both Class 10 and Class 12 categories.

In addition, community members contributed special awards to encourage academic excellence. Hamid Mansoori awarded Rs. 2,100 to each honored student, while lecturer Shaukat Hussain of Railmagra and Allauddin Mansoori of Kunwariya presented Rs. 1,000 each to every awardee.The event was attended by Patron Haji Iqbal Mansoori, President Usman Mansoori, Secretary Abdul Rahim Mansoori and other office bearers, who welcomed guests from Rajnagar, Kunwariya, Kankroli, Rajsamand and nearby villages. Representatives of the Udaipur society also felicitated 16 office bearers of the Rajsamand organization, including its patron, president, vice president and secretary.Addressing the gathering, Haji Iqbal Mansoori, Zahid Mohammad Mansoori and Abdul Rahim Mansoori congratulated the students and their parents. They emphasized that education is the most effective means of achieving personal growth, strong values, business success and social progress, while contributing to the nation's development. They urged families to make education their highest priority.

The Rajsamand Mansoori Samaj Society also hosted a community lunch for all guests following the ceremony.

The organizers appealed to members of the Mansoori community to extend moral, voluntary and financial support to community organizations so they can continue promoting education, social welfare and community development.