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Deputy CM Visits Navlakha Mahal

Udaipur: Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa on Thursday described the projects developed at Navlakha Mahal Cultural Centre as "centres of patriotism" that preserve the legacy of India's freedom fighters and inspire future generations.

During his visit to the heritage complex in Gulab Bagh, Bairwa toured the Rashtra Mandir, Aryavarta Art Gallery, Sanskar Veethika, Suresh Chand Deendayal Gupta Mini Theatre and Rashtronnayak Gallery. He praised the Rashtra Mandir, developed with the support of philanthropist Rajiv Gulati, for showcasing lifelike silicone statues and documented histories of India's freedom fighters, including many lesser-known revolutionaries.

Bairwa also highlighted the historical importance of Navlakha Mahal, where Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati authored Satyarth Prakash, describing the site as an important centre of the Arya Samaj movement. He commended Ashok Arya, president of the Shrimad Dayanand Satyarth Prakash Trust, for preserving the heritage complex.

Udaipur MP Dr. Mannalal Rawat said the site has gained international recognition and has been included in Rajasthan's list of tourist destinations. Pramod Samar and Bhanwar Singh Panwar also praised the trust's efforts. Arya said the palace, once used as a government warehouse, was restored into a cultural centre after being leased to the Arya Samaj in 1992 with support from donors. The visiting dignitaries were welcomed with traditional Mewari turbans and ceremonial scarves by trust members.

Army Commander Reviews Chetak Corps Preparedness

Jaipur: Lieutenant General Mohit Malhotra, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Sapta Shakti Command, reviewed the operational preparedness of the Chetak Corps during a four-day visit from July 14 to 17.

The Army Commander visited military stations at Bathinda, Suratgarh, Bikaner, Lalgarh Jattan, Fazilka and Sriganganagar, besides touring the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges and forward operational areas. He paid tribute to fallen soldiers at the Nagi War Memorial and interacted with veterans of the 1971 Indo-Pak War.

He was briefed by the GOC Chetak Corps and divisional commanders on operational readiness, training, logistics and technological initiatives. Interacting with troops, Lt Gen Malhotra commended their professionalism and stressed the need for realistic, mission-oriented training and preparedness for all contingencies. He also underscored the importance of adopting emerging technologies, particularly enhancing drone and counter-drone capabilities, to strengthen operational effectiveness and combat readiness.

Memorial Prayer Meeting for K.C. Malu

Jaipur: Family members of noted philanthropist, art patron and Veena Music Group Chairman Late K.C. Malu will seek the blessings of Acharya Mahashraman Ji and Sadhvi PramukhaVishwavibha Ji on Sunday before attending a memorial prayer meeting in Sujangarh.

The family, led by Nirmal Kumar Malu, along with Hemjeet Malu and Prasanjeet Malu, will visit Ladnun before proceeding to Sujangarh, the hometown of the late industrialist. A prayer meeting will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Terapanth Sabha Bhawan, where family members, community leaders and well-wishers will pay tribute to his contributions to philanthropy and cultural development.

Late K.C. Malu was remembered for his commitment to social welfare and healthcare. Through the Sookshem Foundation, he initiated a ₹250-crore, 300-bed charitable hospital in Sujangarh to provide affordable healthcare to people across the Shekhawati region. His family said they remain committed to carrying forward his humanitarian vision and legacy.

School Appoints Student Water Monitors

Udaipur: Government Girls School, Ayad, has appointed 13 students as "Jal Monitors" under a water conservation campaign aimed at promoting sustainable water management and environmental awareness.

Water conservation expert Dr. P. C. Jain addressed the programme, highlighting the importance of rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and responsible water use. He said the selected students would serve as Water Conservation Ambassadors, spreading awareness in the school and the community while receiving regular training in water management techniques.

The students pledged to promote the message "Save Water, Save the Future." Principal Ranjana Sharma welcomed the guests, while Pravarshi Shrimali, Water Conservation Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks. The initiative seeks to nurture young leaders committed to water conservation.

Rotary Club Installs New Team, Unveils Service Plan

Udaipur: Rotary Club Udaipur marked its 69th installation ceremony for the 2026-27 Rotary year at Rotary Bajaj Bhawan, announcing plans to secure a $30,000 matching grant from The Rotary Foundation for permanent community service projects.

Justice G.R. Moolchandani, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, attended as chief guest, while District Governor Arun Bagadia was the guest of honour. Former District Governor Nirmal Singhvi administered the oath to ShrichandKhaturia, who assumed office as the club's 69th president, and inducted the new executive committee.

Addressing the gathering, Justice Moolchandani described Rotary as a global symbol of selfless service, highlighting its contributions in healthcare, education, environmental conservation, blood donation and community welfare. Singhvi reiterated Rotary's guiding motto, "Service Above Self," while Bagadia announced plans to collaborate with the Rajasthan government on a cervical cancer vaccination drive for girls and welfare initiatives for women inmates.

In his inaugural address, Khaturia said the club would prioritise cervical cancer vaccination and pursue a $30,000 Rotary Foundation matching grant to implement sustainable projects benefiting underprivileged communities.

During the ceremony, the club released its annual bulletin, inducted a new member, and donated a computer set to Government Senior Secondary School, Goyan, besides providing furniture and notebooks to Government Senior Secondary School, Boojhra, reaffirming its commitment to education and community service.

Jain Monks Receive Grand Chaturmas Welcome in Udaipur

Udaipur: A devotional atmosphere prevailed at the Jain pilgrimage complex in Hiran Magri Sector 4 on Sunday as MunirajNavyaprasannakirtisagar Maharaj, MahashatavdhaniMuniraj\ Divyaprasanna kirtisagar Maharaj, Sadhvi Jinrasa Shri Ji, Sadhvi Devardhiratna Shri Ji, and the accompanying Jain monastic order made their ceremonial Chaturmas entry.

The event was attended by social worker and industrialist Mangilal Lunawat, the chief patron of this year's Chaturmas, as the chief guest.

According to Sushil Banthia, president of the Shri Jain Shwetambar MurtipujakJinalaya Committee, a large number of devotees participated in the ceremonial procession. The monks were welcomed with devotional songs, religious flags and chants, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. Devotees sought blessings from the monks and pledged to participate in regular discourses, religious observances and spiritual activities throughout the four-month Chaturmas period.

Addressing the religious assembly, the Jain monks described Chaturmas as an ideal time for self-purification, self-discipline, penance, scriptural study and service, urging devotees to enrich their lives through religious practice and spiritual reflection.

The programme was attended by office-bearers of the Jain community, committee members and a large gathering of devotees. Social worker Sunil Lunawat and Kuldeep Nahar, General Secretary of the Mahasabha, were also present.

Students of the community's religious school presented a short play highlighting the significance of Chaturmas. The Kamli Boharana ritual was sponsored by the Sushil Banthia family, while Sunil Lunawat performed the ceremonial Guru Pujan. The Swamivatsalya community meal was sponsored by the families of Chetanlal Doshi and Anil Doshi.

Satish Kumar Sharma Honoured with National 'Meritorious Mentor Award'

Udaipur: Satish Kumar Sharma, Honorary Director of Maharana Mewar Public School, The City Palace, Udaipur, has been conferred with the prestigious Meritorious Mentor Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership, dedicated mentorship, and significant contributions to the field of education.The national honour was presented during the Indian Knowledge Systems, Heritage and AI Conference 2026, organized by the Urjaa Global Principals Association in collaboration with the Ram Mithilesh Gupta Foundation at Pride Plaza Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi.

Sharma received the award while representing Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, Chairman and Managing Trustee of the Maharana Mewar Charitable Foundation, Udaipur. The conference brought together eminent educators, school leaders, and education experts from across the country to deliberate on the integration of India's knowledge systems, cultural heritage, and artificial intelligence (AI) in modern education.Expressing his gratitude, Sharma said the award was not merely a personal achievement but a recognition of the collective efforts of Maharana Mewar Public School, the Maharana Mewar Charitable Foundation, and the entire teaching fraternity. He dedicated the honour to the visionary leadership and guidance of Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, stating that the institution continues to advance towards excellence through value-based, innovative, and future-oriented education under his patronage.The school fraternity congratulated Satish Kumar Sharma on this prestigious national recognition and expressed confidence that under his leadership, Maharana Mewar Public School will continue to achieve new milestones in education, culture, and innovation.

Sadhvi Vidyutprabha Shriji Receives Grand Chaturmas Welcome

Udaipur: Sadhvi Dr. Vidyutprabha Shriji and Thana-6 were accorded a grand ceremonial welcome on Sunday as the Shri Jain Shwetambar MurtipujakVasupujya Maharaj Mandir Trust, Surajpole, marked the beginning of Chaturmas 2026 with a devotional procession that culminated at Dadawadi. Addressing a press conference, Trust President Raj Lodha said Chaturmas is the most sacred period in Jainism, dedicated to self-discipline, penance, meditation and scriptural study. He said the four-month observance would transform Dadawadi into a centre for religious learning and spiritual growth.The celebrations began with Navkarasi at the Town Hall, followed by a traditional Samaiya procession featuring elephants, horses, bands, drums and hundreds of devotees. The procession passed through the city's main roads before reaching Dadawadi, where Sadhvi Dr. Vidyutprabha Shriji delivered her inaugural blessings.Lodha said daily discourses, Navkar Mahamantra chanting, meditation sessions, scriptural study, penance and special programmes for youth and women would be organised throughout Chaturmas. He also announced that a Gunanuvad Sabha commemorating the 872nd Nirvana Anniversary of Dada Jindattsurishwar Maharaj Saheb will be held on July 25, while the formal Chaturmas Sthapana ceremony is scheduled for July 28. He said the programme aims to promote spirituality, moral values, social harmony and community service.

Beauty Parlour Training Under Women's Skill Campaign Concludes in Udaipur

Udaipur (Mohsina Bano): Amonth-long beauty parlour training program organized under the Mahila Kaushal Abhiyan 2026 (Women's Skill Campaign 2026) by the Gramin Mahila SwarozgarSansthan (Rural Women's Self-Employment Institute) concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony at Raj Beauty Academy in Udaipur.The training was conducted by instructor Naseem Bano, who provided hands-on guidance in professional beauty and salon skills while encouraging participants to pursue self-employment and financial independence.The trainees included Sadaf, Noreen, Sofia, Alina, Ummen Shifa, Tabassum, Tahzeeb, Nasreen, Shana, Sadiya and Simran. Organizers said the participants demonstrated dedication and enthusiasm throughout the month-long course, making the program a success.At the concluding ceremony, certificates were presented to all participants, recognizing their successful completion of the training. Organizers expressed confidence that the newly trained women and girls are now equipped with practical skills that will help them become self-reliant and create new livelihood opportunities.The institute wished all the participants success in their future careers and encouraged them to use their skills to build sustainable self-employment opportunities.

Surprise Inspection of CNG Fuel Stations

Udaipur: As part of the ongoing campaign launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs to safeguard consumer interests and ensure transparency, surprise inspections were conducted at CNG dispensing stations operating across the district.During the inspection, the CNG dispensers at Patel Filling Station (Balicha), Salasar Indian Oil (Titardi), Shri Kishan Filling Station (Eklingpura), and Coco BP were checked. The delivery accuracy of the dispenser nozzles was verified using a flow meter.At all the inspected fuel stations, the verification certificates were found to be displayed at prominent locations, and all CNG dispensers were found to be duly verified and functioning in accordance with the prescribed standards.

The inspection team comprised Legal Metrology Officer Rakesh Maheshwari and Technician Bhavesh Bhardwaj.

Rotary Honours 75 Women Leaders

Udaipur: Rotary Club Udaipur Pannadhay honoured 75 women for their outstanding contributions across diverse fields during the 'Grihalakshmi Awards' ceremony held at Ashoka Green.Women aged 30 to 85 years were felicitated with traditional Uparna and commemorative trophies in recognition of their achievements and service. Addressing the gathering, chief guests Rtn. Madhu Sarin, Sweety Chhabra, Reena Rathore and Shraddha Gattani said honouring women reflects a progressive society and acknowledged their vital role in family, community and nation-building.Club President Rtn. Rajendra Agrawal said the initiative recognises inspiring women from all walks of life while promoting the values of respect, equality and empowerment. The event was attended by club office-bearers and members, including Rtn. Bhanu Pratap Dhaybhai and Rtn. Tarika Dhaybhai, and concluded with a pledge to continue supporting and encouraging women's contributions in every sphere of society.

Collector Honours Everest Climber Manasvi

Udaipur: District Collector Gaurav Agrawal felicitated mountaineer Manasvi Agrawal for becoming Rajasthan's first non-military and non-government woman to scale Mount Everest, describing her achievement as a matter of pride for the state.

Manasvi, who unfurled the Indian flag atop the world's highest peak on May 21, was honoured with a traditional Mewari Pag. The Collector also recommended her name for recognition at the state-level Independence Day celebrations. Udaipur MP Dr. Mannalal Rawat has written to the Chief Minister seeking a state honour for her.Within nine months, Manasvi became the first woman from Rajasthan to summit the highest peaks of five continents, including Mount Vinson Massif, Mount Elbrus, Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Aconcagua.

Ascent Career Point Achieves Remarkable Success in NEET 2026

Udaipur: Ascent Career Point has once again achieved outstanding success in the NEET 2026 results, highlighting its commitment to academic excellence. The institute's student Harshil Gupta secured an impressive All India Rank (AIR) 22, bringing recognition to both the institute and Udaipur at the national level.Director Manoj Bisarti credited the achievement to students' dedication, regular study, and expert guidance from experienced faculty. He said that Ascent Career Point focuses on providing quality education, personalized mentorship, and a competitive learning environment for medical aspirants.

Institute Manager Mangla Ram Devasi congratulated the successful students, parents, and teachers, stating that the results reflect collective hard work and commitment. Other achievers included Meet Ahuja (AIR 142), Saurabh Pandya (AIR 279), Gaurav (AIR 326), Nakshatra Raj (AIR 415), and several other students securing top national ranks.The institute expressed confidence in continuing its tradition of excellence and guiding students toward successful careers in medicine through quality education and dedicated support.

Royal Fashion Week Highlights New Talent

Udaipur: Fashion enthusiasts, designers and aspiring models from across the country gathered for "The Royal Fashion Week Grand Launchpad" at Ashoka Green Banquet Hall, where emerging talent was showcased on a national platform.

Organised under the banner of Swayam Production, the event featured 120 models who walked the ramp in 10 themed rounds, presenting a diverse range of designer and contemporary collections. Sujal K., Founder and CEO, and Sahil Raghuvanshi, Co-founder, said the initiative aims to provide aspiring models and fashion designers with opportunities to demonstrate their creativity, confidence and professional skills.Collections were presented by NIF Global Udaipur, Prashant Majumdar, Kingshuk Bhaduri, Alina Fashion Institute, India Fashion, Designer Simi, Unira Fashion, Designer Kaushalya and Oye Jija Fashion.The event was attended by Yogesh Guru, Shanu Khan, Pushpraj, Hansraj Athariya, Bhanupriya Sahu, Roshni Malviya, Rakesh Tak Kumawat and Anish Jain.