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Khushi Chauhan Selected as MY Bharat Volunteer

UDAIPUR: Under the Central Government's youth empowerment initiative, MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat), Khushi Chauhan has been selected as a MY Bharat Volunteer for the Girwa Block of Udaipur district.

Her name was included in the selection list released after the completion of the interview and document verification process. District Youth Officer Sameer Khan said that Khushi will actively work at the block level on government schemes, cleanliness campaigns, youth programmes, and social welfare activities. She will also contribute to raising awareness about tuberculosis (TB) and supporting the TB eradication campaign.

Residents of the area, teachers, and family members expressed their happiness over her achievement and congratulated Khushi, wishing her a bright and successful future.

Salvi Community Women Celebrate Sawan Utsav and Teej with Festivity

UDAIPUR: Women of the Salvi community from the Chhappan area celebrated Sawan Utsav and the Teej festival with great enthusiasm and traditional fervour.

The programme was organised under the leadership of the Salvi Samaj Queen Group, headed by Suman Dodiya. Women from the community, including Narbada, Lalita, Kanta, Meenakshi and Pushpa Devi, along with other members, participated enthusiastically in the celebrations.

The event featured traditional Sawan and Teej songs, devotional bhajans and cultural performances. The women exchanged Teej greetings and highlighted the importance of preserving and carrying forward the community's cultural traditions.

As part of the Teej celebrations, gifts related to traditional adornment and beauty were also distributed among the women.

The programme reflected the spirit of unity, mutual affection and camaraderie among the women of the community. The Sawan Utsav and Teej celebration provided a meaningful opportunity for the women to come together, celebrate their traditions and strengthen their social bonds.

Independence Day Celebrated with Fervour at Aishwarya College

UDAIPUR: Independence Day was celebrated at Aishwarya College with enthusiasm, patriotic spirit and great fervour. The chief guest was Dr. Sudhanshu Mani, widely known as the "father of the Vande Bharat train."

The programme began with flag hoisting, followed by the National Anthem, which filled the campus with patriotic spirit. Students presented captivating patriotic dances, songs and poems. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mani recalled the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and said everyone must work honestly in their respective fields, contribute to improving society and fulfil their responsibilities towards the nation.

A special Zumba session was also conducted by choreographer and fitness expert Piyush Paliwal, with students and participants joining enthusiastically. The programme was hosted by Hanumat Singh Ranawat and Priyal Vasita.

Following the Independence Day celebrations, the second day of the two-day Multi-District Rotaract Rayla 2026 featured a grand workshop at the college. Held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the workshop included activities and games on six different themes for members of the Rotaract District Council.

Renowned trainers from across India, including Rotarian C.M. Bendre from Mumbai, Rotarian Shailesh Sarvah from Assam and Rotarian Amol Kabra from Nashik, shared valuable insights on leadership, social responsibility and personal development.

More than 300 participants from seven states took part in the two-day event. At the conclusion, DRR Rotarian Aishwarya Singh expressed gratitude to all participants and formally announced the successful completion of Rayla 2026

Women's Dignity, Empowerment Remain Priority

UDAIPUR: A district-level women's empowerment programme was organised at Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium on Raksha Bandhan alongside the state-level event addressed by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.

During the programme, ₹1,100 Raksha Bandhan gifts and ₹1,000 saree assistance were transferred to Anganwadi workers, helpers and Sathins. In Udaipur, 2,394 workers, 2,394 helpers and 495 Sathins received the benefits.

Rajya Sabha MP Chunnilal Garasia, the chief guest, said women are central to family, social and national progress. He praised Anganwadi workers, helpers and Sathins as an important link between welfare schemes and beneficiaries.

The state also released ₹16.77 crore for community-based events and mobile data plans. Funds were transferred under several women and child welfare schemes.

CEO Zila Parishad Virmaram, Deputy Director Nandlal Meghwal and Deputy Director Sanjay Joshi attended the programme.

Tiranga is my life, my pride and the identity of my nation

The Tiranga… is not merely a piece of cloth in three colours. It is the living embodiment of the blood that has flowed in our veins and has been offered, generation after generation, on the altar of freedom. When I hold it in my hands, two names echo in my heart — my maternal grandfather Hansraj Sodhi and my maternal uncle Lala Harbans. These names may not find place in the grand chapters of history books, yet they live forever in the memories of our family. In those dark days of British rule, when the flame of India's freedom was on the verge of being extinguished, they turned the Tiranga not just into a flag to be hoisted, but into a way of living and dying. Countless families like ours transformed their homes into laboratories of revolution. The quiet service and fearless resolve of my Nana ji and Mama ji have bequeathed us this legacy: the Tiranga is not merely a flag — it is a responsibility. Mama ji served the sentence of Kala Pani. Even after making such immense sacrifices, my Nana ji neither accepted any position nor sought any privilege, because in his eyes this was pure, selfless service. As I grew up and began reading history, I realised that this responsibility was never limited to our family alone. Every province of the country offered its share of sacrifice before we could breathe the air of freedom. The soil of Rajasthan is equally heroic and steeped in sacrifice. The fragrance of the blood of revolutionaries can still be felt in its sands.

The Barhath family of Shahpura — Kesari Singh, Pratap Singh and Zorawar Singh Barhath — shook the foundations of British rule. Sagar Mal Gopa of Jaisalmer sang the song of freedom even from the dark cells of prison. The farmers of Bijolia rose against the exploitation of the princely states. From 1857 to 1942, countless unknown martyrs laid down their lives — all true worshippers of the Tiranga. This scorching land of Rajasthan never bowed its head. Sparks of revolution continued to burn even within the princely states, until finally Rajasthan took its place on the map of free India.

Today, as I serve as Assistant Director in the Department of Information and Public Relations of the Government of Rajasthan, every official message, every public-awareness campaign and every press release carries for me the image of that same Tiranga — the one that was nourished by the lives of my Nana Hansraj Sodhi and Mama Lala Harbans. Along with it, I also sense the fragrance of Rajasthan's soil that has given birth to countless revolutionaries. The saffron reminds us that without sacrifice, freedom remains incomplete.

The white teaches us that truth is the greatest strength. The green inspires us to move forward with resolve. And the Ashoka Chakra… that never-stopping wheel which keeps us constantly in motion. Holding the Tiranga, I offer only one prayer — O Tiranga!

Let not the sacrifices of my Nana, my Mama and countless other heroes go in vain. Keep the flame of revolution forever alive in this heroic land of Rajasthan. And make us strong enough so that we may live you not merely as a flag, but in our conduct, our service and our resolve. Jai Hind. Jai Rajasthan. Jai Tiranga.

Udaipur Karate Coach Devendra Singh Chundawat Enters Guinness World Records

UDAIPUR: Devendra Singh Chundawat, physical education teacher and karate coach at Anand Vidya Bharti Public Senior Secondary School, has earned a place in the Guinness World Records by participating in a historic karate event held in Chennai. His achievement has brought pride and excitement to Udaipur's sporting community. The event, organised by the World Karate Masters Association, brought together more than 800 karate masters from across the country, setting a new record through their participation. Official Guinness World Records certificates were presented to 450 selected karate masters, including Udaipur's Devendra Singh Chundawat.

A long-time practitioner and coach in karate and martial arts, Chundawat was congratulated by Sanju Singh, General Secretary of Karate Udaipur. Singh said the achievement reflects Chundawat's hard work, dedication and commitment and will inspire young athletes in Udaipur to pursue their sporting ambitions.

The school management, fellow teachers and players also congratulated Chundawat and wished him continued success in the future.

Udaipur Players Win 36 Medals at Karate Championship

UDAIPUR: Udaipur's karate players delivered an impressive performance at the two-day Maharana Pratap Cup-5 Karate Championship, held at MVM School in Hiran Magri Sector 13, winning a total of 36 medals across the Kata and Final Kumite events.

Association representative Dr. Vikram Sehgal said that in the Kata event, Kiara, Iram, Shubhra, Janak, Maisha, Inmai, Meera, Manshika, Hemang, Hemendu, Vihaan, Mayansh, Medhansh, Soham and Nikki won 15 gold medals. Angel, Gunjan, Khushi and Rishi secured four silver medals.

In the Final Kumite event, Kiara, Rishi and Maisha won three gold medals. Nikki, Mayansh, Iram, Manshika, Soham and Angel secured six silver medals, while Khushi, Vihaan, Jojo, Meera, Medhansh, Gunjan, Hemang and Hemendu won eight bronze medals.

The Udaipur District Karate Association is affiliated with Karate Olympic organisations and the state-level karate body, supporting the development of karate talent in the region.

Arcelor Mittal CFO Inspires Udaipur Students

UDAIPUR: Students at the Rekha Somani Foundation gained insights into global career opportunities during an interaction with Ramesh Kothari, Chief Financial Officer of ArcelorMittal, who encouraged them to dream big, continue learning and remain committed to their goals.

Kothari was welcomed by Managing Trustee CA Devendra Kumar Somani. CA Ankit Jain, CA Anshu Maheshwari, CA Riddhi Jain and Kunal Sahu were also present.

During the interaction, Kothari discussed international opportunities in education, careers and professional growth. Drawing from his corporate experience, he said global success requires strong subject knowledge, communication skills, technological competence, discipline and continuous learning. He emphasised hard work, determination and focused effort as key drivers of professional success.

CA Devendra Kumar Somani described Kothari's interaction with students as an opportunity to gain guidance from a global corporate leader. He said the discussion would encourage students to develop a broader perspective and pursue ambitious career goals.

The programme concluded with students and foundation officials expressing gratitude to Kothari. The interaction boosted students' confidence and encouraged them to explore professional opportunities beyond geographical boundaries.

Disability Employees Welcome Promotion Reservation Move

UDAIPUR: Representatives of the Rajasthan Divyang Utthan Samiti, Udaipur, and All Rajasthan Divyang Employees Federation thanked the Bhajan Lal Sharma government for initiating the process to implement the Supreme Court's decision on reservation in promotions for employees with disabilities

from June 30, 2016.

Representatives honoured Rajya Sabha MP Satish Poonia, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Iqbal Khan and Director Chandrashekhar with garlands, turbans and shawls.

Federation president Dayanand Swarnkar said the issue had remained unresolved for nearly a decade and welcomed the Cabinet proposal, which could provide eligible employees notional benefits for the period covered by the court decision.

Senior office-bearer Arun S. Vyas called the development a major victory for persons with disabilities in Rajasthan.

The Federation said its wider campaign would continue, with demands including increased vehicle allowance, 4% reservation in political positions, a transfer policy, accessible government offices and interest-free employment loans.

Artists from WZCC, Udaipur Perform at Rashtrapati Bhavan

UDAIPUR: On the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day, the West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur, presented a grand showcase of the country's rich folk and tribal cultural heritage during the cultural evening of the 'At Home' reception held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Dr. Ashwin Dalvi, Director of WZCC, Udaipur, shared that nearly 115 folk and tribal artists from various states across India presented an extraordinary glimpse of the nation's 'Unity in Diversity' through their traditional art forms and performances. The prestigious event was graced by the Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Union Cabinet Ministers, senior dignitaries, and distinguished guests from India and abroad. Under the guidance, music composition, and presence of Dr. Ashwin M. Dalvi, folk artists from Goa—a member state of the centre—delivered mesmerizing performances of Goa's unique folk and traditional art forms, including Ghumat, Samai dance, Ghodemodni, and Dashavatara. These presentations powerfully highlighted Goa's vibrant folk culture and traditions on a national stage. Key coordination and event arrangements on behalf of the West Zone Cultural Centre were managed by Siddhant Bhatnagar and Nikhil Verma. The cultural evening at Rashtrapati Bhavan marked a proud milestone for WZCC, Udaipur, celebrating and promoting India's diverse artistic heritage at the highest level.

Tailik Sahu Samaj Bedla Meeting Concludes

UDAIPUR: The Shri Tailik Sahu Samaj Bedla Baithak, Udaipur, organised its annual picnic and religious tour to Gautameshwar Mahadev in the Mandsaur–Pratapgarh region on August 14 and 15.

Members of the community, including women and families, participated enthusiastically in the two-day religious and social gathering. The programme provided an opportunity for community members to spend time together while visiting the revered religious site.

The successful completion of the tour received special support and guidance from Baithak Patron Jagdish Nenawa. Baithak President Mahesh Vagerwal also briefed members about the organisation's upcoming programmes and action plan.

At the venue, office-bearers of the local Tailik Sahu Samaj welcomed and felicitated the office-bearers of the Bedla Baithak. Representatives of Tailik Sahu Samaj Pratapgarh, including Patron Dinesh Pancholi and President Rajesh Magrudiya, along with other community members, were present.

The religious tour conveyed a message of mutual affection, brotherhood, unity and social harmony among members of the community. The gathering also strengthened social bonds and provided an opportunity for members and families to connect with one another.

Congress Minority Department Holds Divisional Meeting

UDAIPUR: The Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Minority Department held a divisional meeting in Udaipur to discuss preparations for the upcoming local body elections, organisational strengthening and candidate selection.

Udaipur District Congress Minority Department president Mohammad Rais Khan welcomed office-bearers and workers and called for reviewing organisational shortcomings while strengthening the party at the grassroots level. Chief guest and District Congress Committee president Fateh Singh Rathore urged workers to unite across communities and strengthen the organisation up to the booth level.Divisional in-charge Najma Rain (Mewafaros), who chaired the meeting, stressed implementing the responsibilities assigned by Rajasthan Congress Minority Department president M.D. Choupdar at district and ward levels. She called for democratic and disciplined campaigning and urged workers to support whoever receives the party ticket.

State vice-president Dharampal Jain, divisional secretary Firoz Khan Abbasi, district in-charges Shamsher Khan and Shabnam Dyer, along with several district presidents, office-bearers and workers, shared their views on election preparations.

Tarang Club Marks Independence Day With Fervour

UDAIPUR: Tarang Club celebrated the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour at Jagannath Dham, Sector 7, beginning with a spirited Tiranga Yatra in which members and local residents participated enthusiastically.The programme opened with the national song and National Anthem. Jaymala Chhaprawal, Devraj Khanagwal and Shyam Mathpal presented patriotic songs.Addressing the gathering, Balram Chauhan said Independence Day belongs to all 1.45 billion Indians and should be celebrated collectively in a spirit of unity and harmony. Dr. Mahesh Chandra Mishra highlighted the importance of values and good संस्कार, expressing confidence that India would become a developed nation by 2047.Ranjit Singh Shaktawat and Pushpa Agrawal were honoured for their contributions, while Bhupendra Singh Bhati shared his views.

AMewar history and heritage quiz was organised by Jaswant Shakdwipiya, followed by running competitions for different age groups. Vimla Chelani, Maya Mathpal, Suresh Chandra Gupta and ChandmalChhaprawal secured first positions in their respective categories.The programme was conducted by Shyam Mathpal, presided over by Ganesh Lal Sharma, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Devraj Khanagwal and distribution of sweets.