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MMCF Award 2015 conferred by Shri ji Arvindra Singh Mewar



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Prof. John D. Smith, Mr. Piyush Pandey, Ms. Vrinda Grover, Mr. Jadav Mulai Payeng, Ms. Anu Aga, Mr. Amaan Ali Khan and Mr. Ayaan Ali Khan amongst the awardees
Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation (MMCF), Udaipur is an initiative of the custodian of the House of Mewar for the perpetuation of its core values such as service to society and mankind. It also serves as a 'temple of inspiration' for future generations and continues to be a model of sustainability that is 'Eternal Mewar'. MMCF was established in 1969, to encourage all forms of education, music, arts and culture as well as preserving tradition, heritage and ecology. The Foundation was planned as a means of protecting, honouring and preserving the duties of custodianship. Maharana Mewar Foundation Annual Scheme of Awards constitutes a major part of the activities of the Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation (MMCF), Udaipur. These Annual Awards were instituted in 1980 - 1981 to recognize college and school students, in Udaipur, for their academic and sporting achievements. The scope and spectrum of the awards has been steadily widening since 1981, now the Annual Awards Ceremony not only applauds students but also honours International and National scholars for their work of permanent value to society. Many now play a pivotal role contributing to Mewar, India on the world stage. This year, Maharana Mewar Foundation 33rd Annual Award Distribution Ceremony – 2015 held on Sunday the 22nd March, 2015 at The Manek Chowk, The City Palace, Udaipur. international award, instituted in 1996 and named after Col. James Tod is to honour a foreign national who has made a lasting contribution through his work of permanent value an understanding of the spirit and values of Mewar. was given to Prof. John D. Smith, who pursued a scholarly career in both London and Cambridge. Employed to teach Sanskrit, he nonetheless devoted much of his energy to the study of the Rajasthani language and literature. In 1976 he published a new edition of the Visaladevarasa of Narapati Nalha, a mediaeval Rajasthani poem. He then became interested in the tradition of singing and telling the story of Pabuji in front of long narrative cloth paintings called phard, a tradition that was widespread in Rajasthan at that time, though much less so now. This work led to the publication in 1991 of his book 'The epic of Pabuji: a study, transcription and translation'. He continues to visit India every year and is one of the very few Western Indological scholars to have specialised in the area of Rajasthani literature, both oral and written. He has acted as project consultant for two large-scale research projects on Rajasthan funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, USA. The National Annual Award, Haldighati Award, is given to to Mr. Piyush Pandey, Executive Chairman & Creative Director, South Asia, Ogilvy & Mather Advertising. He has put his advertising and communication skills to work for many campaigns like 'Chalo Padhayen, Kuch Kar Dikhayen', 'Bell Bajao', 'Akanksha', 'Cleft to Smile', anti-smoking campaign for Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA) etc. for the public and national interest. Through his skills he initiated an awakening in society through the medium of media, and creative communication including journalism. He has worked alongside the Ministry of Health, Government of India and UNICEF on the famous and highly effective Polio Campaign. He masterminded the 'Incredible India!' campaign for the Ministry

of Tourism, Government of India, which drew millions of tourists into the country. He was the first Asian to be the President of the Cannes Jury for Film, Press and Outdoor in 2004. Hakim Khan Sur Award instituted to honour work of permanent value for the cause of national integration is conferred to Ms. Vrinda Grover, who is a human rights lawyer and currently a Research Fellow at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi . She is a prominent commentator in the media on issues relating to accountability for violence against women and other vulnerable groups. She has appeared in landmark human rights cases and represented women and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence, victims and survivors of communal massacre, extrajudicial killings and custodial torture, sexual minorities, trade unions and political activists. She has contributed to the drafting of laws including, the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013, relating to sexual violence against women; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, (POCSO) 2012; the Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010; a legislation for protection from communal and targeted violence. TIME Magazine identified her as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2013. Maharana Udai Singh Award instituted to honour work of permanent value in protecting and enriching the environment, hand-in-hand with future development is conferred to Mr. Jadav Mulai Payeng: The Man Who Grew His Own Forest. He is from the Mishing Tribe and a forestry worker from Jorhat, Assam. He is an inspiration to the world, a father and a husband and an environmentalist, the forest maker of India. Jadav alerted the forest officials, who weren't prepared, to fund the planting of trees because they believed nothing would grow in the sandbar. Proposing that he could try Bamboo and leaving him to use his own initiative. After the official end of the project, Jadav remained at Aruna Chapori for 30 years devoting his life to planting more trees, tending and caring for them with real passion transforming the once barren land into a forest. The forest today, named after Jadav is known as 'Mulai' forest, it now houses Bengal Tigers, Indian Rhinoceros, monkeys, over 100 Deer and Rabbits and several varieties of Birds, including a large number of Vultures. Jadav was honoured at a public function organised by the School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for his remarkable achievement and named as 'Forest Man of India'. He was honoured with Padma Shri and has also been the subject on a number of documentaries made in recent years. He chose to plant trees and forest stands tall and proud, defying the annual cycle of floods and constant erosion caused by the mighty Brahmaputra. He believes that "Environmental Science should be made compulsory in primary schools". Another National Award is Panna Dhai Award instituted to honour an individual who has rendered selfless service, rising beyond the call of duty and setting an example to society of permanent value through sacrifice, in the face of immense hostility is conferred to Ms. Anu Aga who is known as much for her social work and activism as her business accomplishments. In 2004, she retired as the Chairperson of Thermax Ltd, Pune. She continues to be on the company's Board of Directors. Thermax was set up by Anu Aga's father Mr. A. S. Bhatena and husband in 1966 as Wanson (India) to provide a range of engineering solutions. The company was renamed Thermax in 1980 after her father retired. Her husband Rohinton ran and expanded the

company until 1996, when he died of a massive heart attack while Ms. Aga was still finding her feet as the head of Thermax. In the face of considerable resistance, she started a full-scale turn-around. Between February 1996, when she took over as Chairperson of Thermax, and 2004, when she stepped down, Ms Aga transformed the company into a global turnkey player in energy and environment projects. She is the Chairperson of Thermax Social Initiative Foundation (TSIF). She supports Akanksha that promotes school education for underprivileged children in Mumbai and Pune. She is the chair of 'Teach for India' which attempts to bridge the inequity gap in education. In 2013 she was awarded the Padma Shri for her work in the social sector. Maharishi Harit Rashi Award is being awarded to Prof. Om Prakash Upadhyaya, who is an eminent Indian ayurvedic physician and a renowned scholar of Sanskrit. He was Professor and Head of the Department at the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur before he was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Guru Ravidas Ayurved University, Hoshiarpur, Punjab. He has written several books in the Sanskrit language: Rasayan Vajikaran Darpan; Ayurveda Darshantatwa Vimarsh; Secondary Principles of Ayurveda and Anusanadhan-darsh (in press). Another Maharishi Harit Rashi awardee is Pandit Ganpati Lal Sharma with 35 years of experience, he is a renowned Acharya (Jyotish) and presently he is the Principal of Shastri College, Chauth Ka Barwara, Sawai Madhopur, Jaipur. He is honoured with the title of 'Sahitya-Shastri' and 'Kavyatirth'. He has authored a number of books; Surya Siddhant, Gol Paribhasha, Rekha-Ganit (I to VI chapter), Laghu Parashari, Janam Patra Deepak, Nirman, Pramparayam Japuriya Vidusham Jogdanam, Shodh Granth, Samarsar, Uttar Kalamratam, Beejganitam etc. Maharana Mewar Award has been instituted to honour work of permanent value rendered to society, in the field of social service, nation building and character building activities, contributed through educational methods. This year's award is given to Mr. Shyam Sunder Paliwal who is a social and environmental worker who was a Sarpanch of one such village in southern Rajasthan's Rajsamand village Piplantri, which is quietly practicing its own, homegrown brand of eco-feminism and achieving spectacular results. He has undertaken many projects including a total sanitation campaign which is a comprehensive programme to ensure self cleanliness, proper storage of drinking water and education of child care hygiene. Ms. Kriti Bharti from Jodhpur, is an another awardee for Maharana Mewar Award who is a rehabilitation psychologist specialist in the legal annulment of child marriages. She is involved with reformation activities in Central Jail, A crèche set up for children of women prisoners at Central Jail and empowerment activities for slum women and women prisoners. She is serving society as a permanent work of service in the field of education, social service and character building activities. Kriti is the founder of 'Saarthi Trust' and as Managing Trustee she is working for the rehabilitation of needy persons at grass root level. She has undertaken many projects such as Naya Savera – Annulment of Child Marriage Cases, Chahakta Aangan, Badhte Kadam, adopted Aanganwadi Centre, Aapno Saathi - Child Helpline, Bulandi, Help for Self – Employment, Nayi Dagar, Baal Snehan Milan, Children Fair, Udaan etc. Maharana Kumbha Award is being awarded to historian Mr. Narayan Lal

Sharma from Udaipur, whose mission is to provide education and upgrade standards of education qualitatively and quantitatively. Moral values and Mewar have been the objective of work and have motivated him in a wide range of writings. His publications are Literature for Tourism regarding different places i.e. Udaipur, Nathdwara, Shree Eklingji, Ranakpur, Jaisalmer etc. Books on History based on Maharana Pratap, Meera Bai and Maharana Udai Singh and several research papers on discoveries of Maharana Pratap's life and history. Dr. Chandra Prakash Deval from Ajmer, is an eminent Rajasthani writer born at Gothipa village, Udaipur, Rajasthan is given Maharana Kumbha Award for his contribution to literature. He has been working and contributing to the wealth of literature for the last 43 years. He is a Writer, Poet, Translator, Editor and Lexicographer "pas excellence". He is a person who is blessed with a multi-talent personality. He is a recipient of Padma Shri in 2011 for his contribution to the literature. Maharana Sajjan Singh Award is conferred to Mr. Kamlesh Jangid who comes from Churu, Jaipur is a Master in the art of Miniature Carving on wood - the art of wood carving. He carves motifs on wood from characters of Rajasthan that includes Gods and Goddesses, mythological figures and animals mostly camels, horses and peacocks. His master-piece is a sword carved from wood depicting various episodes based on the life of Maharana Pratap. The wooden sword includes a Haldighati war scene, Vijaystambh of Chittorgarh, Maharana Pratap with Horse Chetak, Maharana Pratap with Bhamashah. Dagar Gharana Award is awarded to Mr. Amaan Ali Khan and Mr. Ayaan Ali Khan from New Delhi, are world-renowned, multifaceted, multi-percussionist and young talented artists from the seventh generation of an unbroken chain from the Senia Bangash School. They are the disciple of the Sarod Maestro Amjad Ali Khan and grandsons of Haafiz Ali Khan. Rana Punja Award is conferred to Mr. Chunnial Garasia who comes from Udaipur, Rajasthan. He has been committed to working towards tribal development in and around Udaipur, Banswara, Sarara and Dungarpur areas of Rajasthan for the last last 44 years. He has contributed in the field of education, special provision for the advancement in education; upliftment programmes, the right to education, medical aid facilities, opening employment resources, transportation facilities, poverty, health & nutrition and other community outreach programmes and activities. He has also worked towards the provision of irrigation facilities in tribal societies as another source of employment and to encourage tribal people to take more responsibility and raise their standard of living by working on the land. Aravali Award is being conferred for the outstanding achievements in sports and games from Rajasthan. This year Ms. Sumitra Sharma, Jaipur and Mr. Navneet Gautam, Jaipur have made the sports fraternity proud of their commitment, strength, courage, enthusiasm and strong determination in playing Kabaddi Championships across the world. This year's Special Award is given to Dr. Shailendra Mohan, Pune who is currently the Associate Professor at Deccan College Post- Graduate and Research Institute, Pune. He is presently working on documentation and a description of Nihali, a critically endangered language spoken in Central India, funded by Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

[Editorial] Do Give it Back...

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After a shortlived spring, the summer is upon us. Coolers are being readied, fans being wiped, and ACs are getting serviced. The heavy blankets and quilts are going to rest for another 78 months and so will winter wears. As we gear up to combat or rather enjoy the summers with children around, lets not forget to think of other friends of our environment who cannot speak. Yes, I'm talking about birds and animals. As the summer takes control, make sure you arrange drinking water and shelters in your garden, outside the gate, or in balconies so that these mute friends of ours don't die of heat and thirst. You can simply use an old container and place it at a corner of the balcony or just outside the house. All what you need to ensure is that the pot for birds is out of reach of big animals like cows and dogs. For these big ones, you will need a big arrangement. Today, there are pots available that can be hanged on a branch of a tree or a structure where the water is safe and reserved for birds only. Similarly, if you can, an old bucket can be kept outside tied with a locked chain. Locking will ensure that it is not stolen and a small bucket of standard size will help you keep it clean and full all the time. Yes, keeping it clean is as important as keeping it at the place. You cannot serve dirty water to your guest, right. so, when you fill your cooler, have a look at the water pot as well. Make sure you clean it properly and fill in potable water. The deforestation has resulted into times of today when the God's own creatures are forced to seek a shelter where the jungles used to be their natural homes. Today jungles have been converted into concrete structures where in the name of greenery you will see a small and thin green belt around the city. Besides ensuring that our speechless yet good friends are given good hospitality this summer, also think of a long term plan. Yes, feeding or giving water, we should also ensure that we grow more trees and plant saplings and take care of them until they become independent. Even if you mark a single plant around you and take a resolve to protect, nurture, and care for it, you will have done a great service to the world. In fact this is a way to give back to nature. Think about it positively.

IIM Udaipur launches the 4th MDP for Women Entrepreneurs

Empowering women in quotes and statements is a useless way to show sympathy towards the fairer sex. What all you need is a ground work which is tangible and substantial. Indian Institute of Management Udaipur is organizing the fourth edition of its popular Management Development Programme (MDP) for Women Entrepreneurs. The MDP is organized from 20th April to 14th May 2015 and last date for applications is 3rd April. This is an effort to encourage, empower and educate potential women entrepreneurs to create their own business or social enterprise, as well as enable women entrepreneurs to grow their existing enterprises. This one of a kind for women has a special focus for the women of Rajasthan. In the last 3 years more than 50 women have taken advantage of this program to gain the confidence to start their own ventures. Many of them are now leading examples of successful women entrepreneurs in the state of Rajasthan. IIM Udaipur also offers a special incentive to the women of Rajasthan in the form of scholarships upto 75 percent of the course fees. The programme has sessions covering all areas of practical relevance to entrepreneurs including Entrepreneurial Orientation, Business Planning, Economic Environment, Business Economics, Industry Analysis, Business Strategy, Product Development, Marketing, Sales, Services Marketing, Product Management, Operations & Supply Chain Management, Accounting, Costing, Working Capital Management, Pricing, Finance, Banking, Budgeting, Managing People, Law, Taxation, Communication, Negotiation, and Networking. This will be supplemented with site visits and interaction with successful women entrepreneurs and a panel discussion on entrepreneurship. This program is specifically designed for current and aspiring women entrepreneurs and is focused on enabling them to identify viable business opportunities and develop a feasible and sustainable plan for their proposed or existing enterprises. Grant distributed under Paalanhaar A grant of of about 10 crores of rupees was pending with government which was released this week to more than seven thousand identified children. This amount was pending due to paperwork for last one year. department of social justice and empowerment had marked seven thousand two hundred and one children of five thousand eight hundred and thirty families in the year 201415. Out of the total amount given away, five crore, twenty one thousand, and seven hundred rupees was given to generals. Of general category, three thousand and twenty six children were given away five crore twenty one thousand and seven hundred rupees. Three thousand four hundred and four children of ST category were given away ninety lakhs and thirty thousand rupees. What is Paalanhaar Scheme? Orphan children, destitute widows and their children, children of handicapped parents, children of HIV victims are given away grant from the department of social justice and empowerment. These children are given help if they attend Aanganwadi or school. Children of age bracket 1 to 18 years are included in the scheme. Under the scheme, children from Schedule Tribe, Schedule cast, and general categories were marked but the sanction had not been received since March 2014. Only in the December the sanction was allotted and before the new budget,