

South Western Air Command Inter Area Cross Country Championship at Air Force Station, Mount Abu

Under the aegis of South Western Air Command Sports Control Board, Inter Area Cross Country Championship was organized at Air Force Station, Mount Abu on 08 July 15. Five teams from different Air Force Bases of Jodhpur Area, Jamnagar Area, Kachchh Area, Pune Area and Jaisalmer-Uttarlai Area took part in the event. A total of 26 participants took part in the event. The purpose of the Championship was to select the athletes to form Command level Cross Country Team.

Earlier in the morning, the Chief Guest of the occasion, Group Captain GS Vishweshwara, Station Commander of Air Force Station, Mount Abu flagged off participants at 07:45 AM for Cross Country on a track stretching 12 km distance from Air Force Station Mount Abu through the entire stretch of road in Mount Abu. Standing on either side of the entire track, local citizens encouraged the participants.

Covering the stipulated distance of 12 km in 43 min 19 sec Corporal R Raj Pali of Jaisalmer-Uttarlai Area was declared champion of the event. Leading Aircraftsman Deepak Singh and Aircraftsman Kartik E of Kutch and Jodhpur Area achieved second and third position respectively. Team from Jodhpur Area with 26 points was declared champion of the event.

The Chief Guest on the occasion handed over the medals and certificates to the participants and a coveted trophy to the winning team. The chief guest praised all the participants for the true sportsmanship they exhibited in the competition. Before declaring the medal closed, he thanked the local administration for providing all support and appreciated the efforts put in by the Station personnel for making the event a grand success.

50 People Booked For 'Poisoning' Stray Dog

Jaipur : More than 50 residents of the Pratap Nagar Enclave, a residential society in Jaipur, have been booked under section 429 (mischief by killing or maiming animal) of the IPC on charges of poisoning a dog to death.

A woman resident of the society has been named as the main suspect in the case as she had allegedly threatened to poison the dogs a few days ago.

According to the police, a resident of the society, Ritu Singh, who is also a member of a local animal welfare body 'Angel Eyes Foundation', used to feed and take care of street dogs. This invited the ire of other residents who found the dogs to be a nuisance in the colony.

When one of the dogs was found dead on July 16, Singh called fellow members of the welfare body, who informed veterinarians and the police about the case.

"Symptoms showed the dog was poisoned. We informed the police who collected viscera samples for further testing and a case was lodged on Friday," said foundation member Abhishek Singh, who lodged the police case. He said a dog was found dead under similar conditions about six months ago but they had not suspected foul play at that time. Sub-inspector Phool Singh said the viscera testing would be carried on Monday after which the statements of all the concerned in the case would be recorded. He added that action could only be taken after ascertaining the role of those named in the case.

'Give Hingonia Gaushala cows burial as per Hindu tradition'

The Bharatiya Gau Kranti Manch on Saturday demanded that cows at Hingonia Gaushala must be buried following the Hindu tradition and not handed over to contractors.

Members of the organisation alleged that cows were being killed deliberately at the shelter house and handed over to contractors.

Addressing a press conference at the Pink City Press Club on Saturday, state president of the association, Tarachand Kothari, said giving proper burial to the cows would act as a deterrent to cow killing.

Kothari alleged representatives of the organisation were manhandled by the shelter house staff when they had gone for an inspection on July 15. The organisation has lodged an FIR against the culprits at Kanota police station. The organisation members urged for the immediate arrest of the accused and also pressed for proper maintenance of cows at Hingonia Gaushala.

Air Marshal lays stress on steps to enhance aerospace safety

Jodhpur : The Air Officer Commanding in Chief (AOCin-C), South Western Air Command, Air Marshal Ravinder Kumar Dhir arrived at Air Force Station, Jaisalmer on Wednesday for a one-day visit to emphasise on the importance of enhancing professional competence to enhance aerospace safety. The AOC-in-C was accompanied by Neelam Dhir, the president of the Air Force Wives Welfare Association (Regional). The dignitaries were received by Air Commodore Chandramouli, Air Officer Commanding Air Force Station Jaisalmer along with Mrs Shalini Singh, the president AFWWA (Local).

After taking over the South Western Air Command, this is his first visit here. During his address to all station personnel, the AOC-in-C said that senior supervisors need to mentor young air warriors and mould them into the service ethos and work culture. He stressed on the need to curb loss of air warriors due to road accidents through safe driving practices. He also said with cyber crime on the rise and with every field being influenced by information technology, cyber security consciousness is a prime requirement. He said it needed to be instilled even in children considering their vulnerability. "Each air warrior is responsible for the care and maintenance of the equipment. The equipment has a role to play in our effectiveness as a force," concluded the Air Marshal.

Four killed, 35 hurt after bus hits trailer

BHILWARA : A luxury bus carrying passengers from Ahmedabad to Bhind collided with a truck-trailer on the Kota-Udaipur national highway (NH-76) on Wednesday morning killing four passengers on the bus, said the police. Thirty-five other passengers were critically injured and taken to the Bijolayan government hospital, where most of them are being treated for mild to moderate injuries. Five serious patients have been referred to Kota for further treatment, said Jeevan Singh Mandalgarh's circle police officer.

Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated with traditional fervour in state

Huge rush of people at malls, markets, movie theatres and restaurants

Jaipur : Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the end of the holy month of Ramzan, was celebrated with joy and religious fervour across Rajasthan on Saturday.

The auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated in Udaipur city with enthusiasm and harmony. The Muslims observed prayers, greeted each other and enjoyed the festival to its fullest.

Thousands of Muslims gathered at Paltan Masjid and other prominent Masjids across the city to attend the Eid prayers followed by Khutba. Prayers for love, peace, harmony and success for the country and citizens filled the air.

All other Masjids situated in different areas namely, Badi Masjid, Dargah Maulana Ziauddin Saheb, Laharo ki Masjid, Madina Masjid, etc. observed the Eid Namaz. Eid-ul-Fitr is the celebration after the month long fasting during Ramadan.

Governor Kalyan Singh, chief minister Vasundhara Raje, for mer chief minister Ashok Gehlot and state Congress president Sachin Pilot greeted Muslims on Eid.

After prayers, people joyfully greet-



ed each other with hugs and "Eid Mubarak." Seviyan or vermicelli noodles, kheer (rice pudding) and sheer khurma were part of the festivities on Saturday.

The Udaipur city was adorned with traditional trimmings. Even malls and retail outlets were decked up on the occasion. There was a huge rush of



people at malls, markets, movie theatres and restaurants.

Talking to RH miniature artist, Sardar Md. said: "On this day, I make it a point to visit my parental house which is located behind one of the oldest mosques of the city, where all my relatives congregate after prayers." Hundreds celebrated Eid in Ajmer,

where Dargah Sharif of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti is located.

"We offered prayers for peace and harmony in our country," Khalid Usmani, the chief qazi of Rajasthan, said. "We were preparing and waiting for this day as we get lot of sweets to eat and new clothes to wear on this day," said Aziz, a 12-year-old boy, who looked happy, attired in new clothes.

Meanwhile, amid ongoing hostilities between India and Pakistan, the Border Security Force did not exchange sweets with their counterpart to mark Eid on Saturday at the border outposts in Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Ganganagar in Rajasthan. Traditionally, the BSF and Pakistani Rangers exchange sweets on the occasion.

Spokesperson of Rajasthan frontier DIG BSF Ravi Gandhi said that sweets have been exchanged in the past as a tradition but this time no such exchange took place. "No exchange of sweets with the Pak Rangers was done to mark Eid celebration this year at any of the check posts on frontier," Gandhi confirmed.

Artistes of Udaipur Honored

First time in the history of Udaipur, Ashoka Cine and Theater Awards were conferred on Stalwarts and other artistes (Total Seventy) of Udaipur who are known for their contribution in Theater and Cinema and brought laurels to the city.

Mayor of Udaipur, Shri Chandra Singh Kothari, as Chief guest and other distinguished guests, Past Governor of Rotary Club of Udaipur Shri Nirmal Singh Singhvi, Managing Director of Aishwarya College, Smt. Seema Singh and Director, NICC, Dr. Sweetie Chabra were on stage to give away awards.

Senior film, TV and stage actor-director and recently nominated member Film Censor Board, Ashok Bantia was awarded for his contribution in cinema.

Young Promising Director Ridham Janve got award for all round success of "Kanche aur Postcard" which was written and directed by him. This film was produced by Miraj Entertainments and won awards and appreciations in National and International Film Festivals including SAARC



Film Festival.

Dr. Pradeep Kumawat, Producer - Director of film "Maharana Pratap", Dr. Prem Bhandari, Gazal singer and composer, International Kathak exponent Abha Bhatnagar Roy, RJ Jitendra Bhatt, Theater Director, Mahesh Nayak and Mime Guru Vilas Janve were awarded on the occasion along with other actors, choreographers, photographers, dancers, musicians of the lake city.

Abha Bhatnagar Roy is running Dance Institute in America was overwhelmed while giving her Kathak performance in Udaipur after almost 30 years. She displayed

high skill and proficiency in her brief concert.

Film 'Kanche aur Postcard' was screened during the Award Ceremony. Barring Satish Ashi, Usharani Bhatnagar and Vilas Janve, all the artistes, even the protagonist Praduma Singh Chaudhari were non actors. Strong script and innovative direction of Ridham Janve made simple scenes very effective. Melodious Music by Samarth Janve made indelible impact. Film was shot in different locales of Udaipur. Entire team of the film watched together and congratulated each other.

A choreographed dance performance by Rajesh

Sharma and disciples was well appreciated. The co host of the event, Rotary Club-Udaipur, also screened their song enacted by club members. Organizers team included Shalini Bhatnagar, Raghav Bhatnagar, Dr. Ritu Vaishnav, Girish Vaishnav and Anil Malkani.

Mukesh Madhwani, and Anil Mehta of Ashoka Group who were behind the concept of 'Ashoka Cine and Theater Award' worked hard for the project. Their idea of making Udaipur as Film City was applauded by the Chief Guest as well as all concerned. Though on small scale, but this is just a good beginning. Time will tell its fate.

ZP Chooses Politics over RAS

Jaisalmer : Anjana Meghwal faced the interview for the RAS just after she was sworn in as the zila pramukh Jaisalmer, but when the results were announced last week ie on Friday and she started getting congratulatory calls, she decided to choose politics over bureaucracy - to keep a poll promise.

"When I was campaigning for the panchayat elections, people knew that I had passed the written exam for RAS and thought I may not stay with them in politics. But I assured them that if they elect me, I will continue to serve them, irrespective of the RAS final result," the 36-year-old told on telephone from Jaisalmer.

Anjana was sworn in as the Jaisalmer zila pramukh on February 7 and she was before the interview panel at the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) in Ajmer on February 9.

Results of the Rajasthan State and Subordinate Services Combined Competitive Examination, 2012, conducted for recruitment into RAS and RPS among a host of other allied services, were declared on Friday evening.

The RAS-2012 was Anjana's second and Prem's first attempt. "I wrote the first in 2003 and cleared the prelims and mains but couldn't make it to the final list. After my husband passed away in 2011 in a road accident, I decided to pick the books again. My husband was a superintending engineer in municipal council and I could have got a government job in his place since he died during service, but I wanted to be an officer like him then," Anjana said. When she began preparing for the administrative service exam again, her two sons, Mohit (17) and Ankit (15), were a constant help. Many a time, the three would study together. But now when she has got what she wanted, she has an election promise to keep.

The other sister wants to be in the government, however. Her husband is a paediatrician at the Pokaran community health centre (CHC).

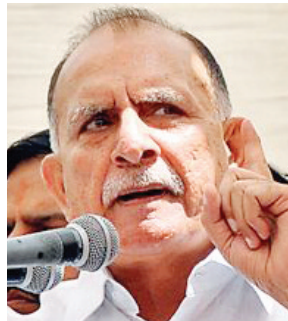
Their father Rooparam Meghwal retired as the chief engineer of the Public Health and Engineering Department, Rajasthan, and contested the 2013 Assembly election as a Congress candidate from Jaisalmer.

'Cong doesn't have strength to reduce PM's 56-inch chest'

Jaipur : Reacting to Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi's statement on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, state Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president on Friday said it was the support of the Indian public that broadened Modi's chest to 56 inches.

Ashok Parnami lashed out at the Congress scion soon after he took a jibe at the Prime Minister's '56-inch' chest, saying his party and the people of this country will reduce it to 5.6 inches in the next six months. During a press briefing, Parnami said the Congress did not have the strength to reduce Modi's chest to 5.6 inches and told the Congress leader to abstain from making such comments.

Reacting sharply to Rahul's remark that the Vasundhara Raje government's "remote" was with Lalit Modi in London, Parnami said: "The Congress vice president should have (the) knowledge that remote controlled governments existed during the Congress regime...Be it the state government, headed by Ashok Gehlot or Manmohan Singh-led central government, it's



remote was with Sonia ji and the whole country knows this."

"Our government also runs with (a) remote, but chief minister Vasundhara Raje has put it in the hands of the public," Parnami retorted. The party's state unit chief said the chief minister had contacted the public directly through the Suraj Sankalp Yatra to know their problems and demands. "The demands were included in the budget and all efforts are being made to fulfill them," he said.

Raking up the controversial land deals involving Rahul's brother-in-law Robert Vadra, Parnami advised Rahul to visit Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Bikaner where more than 10,000 bigas farmers' land was usurped during the previous Congress government.

Cong values everyone's voice: Rahul

Jaipur

Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi on Friday clarified his intentions saying he wanted to encourage democracy within the party and give a voice to both young as well as experienced leaders.

Addressing a gathering of senior Congress leaders, elected panchayat representatives and aspirants in the upcoming civic polls at Birla Auditorium on the final day of his two-day visit to the state, Gandhi said while the Congress party is the power of the Indian people and not just of a particular caste or religion, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) wanted everyone, including Lal Krishna Advani and the ministers, to blindly agree to what Prime Minister Narendra Modi says.

Drawing a comparison with the Congress, where he said the voices of everyone held weight, he said the government was a one-man show.

Speaking at the event, state party chief Sachin Pilot said Rahul Gandhi's visit to the state has enthused the people and sent shockwaves through his detractors. "We will strongly challenge the (BJP-led) state government's anti-



people policies. The government betrayed the people after coming to power with such majority. Farmers are committing suicide in the state," he said. Pilot expressed confidence that the party would make a comeback in the next state assembly elections to be held in three-and-a-half years.

In his turn, former chief minister Ashok Gehlot alleged that the BJP government had weakened public welfare schemes and programmes launched by the previous government. He said the truth was now out and the people were

acknowledging what the Congress government had done for them. He said the graph of this government has reversed within just a year and a half. Also in attendance at the event were AICC general secretary Gurudas Kamat, CP Joshi, Mohan Prakash, senior leader and former state party chief Girija Vyas, Dr Chandrabhan, BD Kalla and leader of opposition Rameshwar Dudi, along with other senior leaders.

The heir apparent of the Congress also made it a point to meet social activists and

important personalities after the gathering.

Sources say a number of activists complained of being targeted by the government. Among those he met included Shanker Singh of the Majdoor Kissan Sangarsh Sangthan; Sawai Singh, PL Mimroth of Centre for Dalit Rights; Shabnam Azeez of Action Aid; K Ram of Vivekanand University; Ramesh Dhadiach of Kota Open University; father Raymond Koylo, Yogendra Durlabji, PS Verma; and elected NSUI presidents and office-bearers.