



## IUAES - 2015 held at Thammas University

International Congress of International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences was held at Bangkok Thailand, from 15th July to 17th July, 2015. The conference was attended by about three hundred delegates from all over the world. There were a number of panels for discussion of various aspects of Anthropological and ethnological sciences. The focus of this year's congress was "Re-imagining Anthropological and Sociological Boundaries. The Congress was organized at Prachan Campus of Thammasat University, Bangkok.

It was interesting to note that there was no show off and formal inauguration as is seen India. After a brief welcome address by Prof. Anusorn Unno, Dean, Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University. He talked about the drastic changes the world has seen in the last two decades and said that the conventional place bound categories like village, community and ethnicity have become obsolete in the light of rapid movement of people, goods, values, lifestyles etc. He expressed his concern over growing abuse of human rights and freedom of expression in the world more so in the third world countries. He also expressed the concern of the organization over corporate's encroachment over the community resources.

Thammat University is situated close to the Grand Palace which was once the residence of the Chakri Dynasty. It is also the place where important students' movements took place and which made Thammasat University the center of Thai Politics. Close to the University flows the Chao Phraya river which makes it all the more scenic.

Prof. Hemendra Chandalia, Department of English, Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University chaired a session in the panel P6-02 on "Expanding Anthropology through Literature and Music: Studies in Folk Culture". He presented a paper also in another session of the same panel trying to relate Linguistics to Anthropology and Ethnology.



## IIM-U Student Yadav Now Turn Soya Chips Makers

**Udaipur :** While thousands of educated unemployed youth search frantically for jobs, two students of the indian institute of management, udaipur, opted to pass up lucrative campus placements to create a snack brand of their own. Not joining the band of job seekers, they became job givers instead, with their company presently providing employment to a sizeable work force of 15. In aid of the entrepreneurship development committee of the iim-u, it is the institute's first startup by its students.

Mrityunjai yadav from mau, uttarpradesh and angelene jyrwa from shillong, carried out secondary and primary market research on food processing industry in rajasthan to identify the raw material availability, and existing businesses based on those raw materials. After immense research and over 200 prototypes, they set up a manufacturing unit in udaipur, launched 'priptos' soya chips in the rajasthan market in december last. Inspired by the customers feedback from udaipur, jaipur and indore, the product has now hit the commercial capital mumbai.

"during my internship with a logistics company, i developed a keen interest towards entrepreneurship in food sector. Later, it transformed into an initiative to launch a health friendly and nutrition based brand. Priptos is the snack brand from neu tree ventures pvt. Ltd. The company founded by me and my friend, angelene with a motive to provide better and healthier snack options to people" said mrityunjai, the company's director. "we knew it would be an uphill task to compete with the popular brands flooding the

market, but our ultimate aim is to change the way india snacks. We are currently focusing on snack items which are roasted, low on fat, high on nutrients like protein and anti-oxidants" he said.

"compared to potato ones, soya chips are healthy though less catchy to the taste buds. But as people get to know of the nutrient values in priptos, they realize its worth" angelene said. Proteinicious is what we like to describe our product, apart from the chips being very high on taste. Currently we have two flavour variants—masala masti and green garlic. We will introduce more flavours very soon, she added.

Their manufacturing unit is quite large for starters and has been set up at a cost of around 20 lakhs. "we purchased the machines from big cities and have 5 people to take care of the production. Now our focus would be to go for an aggressive marketing policy with a team of 10 staff we have recruited" mrityunjai said. Currently their company has a turnover of one lakh rupees a month, however, they expect to get 5 lakh rupees from the mumbai market alone. In the coming one and a half months, we would be investing 50 lakh rupees into the business.

We strongly believe in approaching our product development through scientific methods and following the industry requirements of food safety standards, the duo asserted. We wish to be known for unique product offering that add value to the lives of people we touch through our products. The larger picture is to improve the snacking habit of customers by creating awareness about nutrient-rich food products, they claimed.

# Need To Work In Movement Mode For Water Conservation : CM

**Jaipur :** The Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje has said that the officers and public representatives should get public support and work in the movement mode to implement different projects for conservation of water. She said that for a water-scarce state like Rajasthan water conservation efforts according to the Maharashtra Model were urgently required.

Smt. Raje was addressing a workshop on water and soil conservation at Indira Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sansthan on Friday. During this, Secretary of Maharashtra Water Resources Department Shri Prabhakar Deshmukh, Collectors of

Usmanabad and Satara districts Dr. Prashant and Shri Ashvini Mudgal gave presentations on a water conservation campaign 'Jalyukta Shivaar Abhiyan'. This event was organized in the sidelines of the District Collectors and Superintendents of Police Conference.

On this occasion, the CM said that River Basin works initiated by the state government needed dedicated efforts by all the stakeholders. Effective implementation of the water conservation projects would surely bring a change in Rajasthan, she said. Appreciating the presentations of Maharashtra officials, Smt. Raje asked the District Collectors of her



state to work with the same spirit and energy to get warranted results. She said that the Collectors should start

now preparing to lead this campaign.

Smt. Raje said that there was acute shortage of water in Rajasthan and over two-third part of the state had been declared as dark zone. Water in most of the dams had been reserved for drinking purposes. To get rid of this extreme situation, we had to adopt Maharashtra Model in the state, she added. General public, civil society and religious organizations were needed to be clubbed with this campaign, she said.

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Shri Surendra Goyal shared the details of Four Waters Concept for development of watershed projects in Rajasthan. He

said that this project would be useful for conservation of rainwater, increase agriculture production and development of pasture lands in the state. Principal Secretary of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj department Shri Shrimat Pandey talked about the objectives of the workshop and shared experiences on water conservation works.

Chairman of Rajasthan River Basin Authority Shri Shiram Videre also gave a presentation during the workshop. Members of the Council of Ministers, Members of the State Assembly, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretaries, District Collectors and other officials also attended the event.

## Baneshwar dham' in Rajasthan to be developed as per master plan

**Udaipur :** 'baneshwar dham', a famous religious destination in dungarpur district will be developed on the guidelines of a master plan, after the heritage site was covered in the revenue records for the first time. 'baneshwar dham has attracted tribals on various occasions in a year and would be developed with a master plan which was in the offing," an official statement said here today.

"for the first time, this area was now covered in the revenue record and a gazette notification to this effect would be issued by the state government in a fortnight," said chairman of rajasthan dhoro sanrakshan and pronati pradhikaran (rajasthan heritage conservation and development authority or rhoda), onkar singh lakhawat.

"the land of baneshwar dham having natural flow of water in the foot hills of dungarpur and the famous temple of 'tripura sundari' were till



now not mentioned in the revenue records," lakhawat said here yesterday while holding a high level meeting with public representatives and officials. Once the proposals were received and a dpr (detailed

project report) was prepared, funds would be sought from the state government for conservation of heritage and religious places, he added.

Of a total of 80 hectares of land, 35 hectares were islands

and 15 hectares had temples and other buildings in baneshwar dham, he said. Dharmshala (inn), crematorium ground, public toilets, and other utility centres would be developed in the area, he said.

## Air conditioned 'Refuge Chambers' in Vedanta Mines

**Udaipur :** giving a major relief to thousands of workers engaged in underground mining, hindustan zinc, a vedanta group company in zinc-lead-silver business has installed 'refuge chambers' inside its mines across various districts in rajasthan. In case of emergency situations like fire, rock fall and blockage of escape routes etc. In the mines, these refuge chambers, constructed with a robust 6 mm steel plate, would provide a place of safe refuge with fresh air to the employees. The company has spend around 4 crore rupees in the installation of the life support system. "we have installed seven refuge chambers in our underground mines located at rampura agucha, sindesar khurd and kayad in rajasthan. Four chambers have been installed at rampura agucha mine in bhiwara, two at sindesar khurd mine in rajsamand and one at kayad mine in ajmer. Company is looking to install two more in the mines. These refuge chambers have the capacity to provide safety



to 6 to 20 persons" informed pavan kaushik, the head of corporate communication.

### Life support upto 36 hours

Around 3 thousand workers are working in various shifts in the mines where the chambers have been installed. These employees can immediately take refuge in the special chambers which is designed to provide life support system upto 36 hours. It has in-built oxygen supply and carbon-dioxide absorbing system and also a toilet. These chambers also have air conditioning, escape hatch with external access handles, indicating lights or strobe and siren, to indicate emergency situation. Basic first aid kit, stretcher and eye-wash are also available. Generally, these units are installed at safe place, away from the mine working area.

## Govt fixes 10th education for civic polls

**Jaipur:** after the panchayat polls, the state government has now fixed the minimum education criterion for candidates contesting the civic body elections. According to the new provision, a candidate should have a minimum qualification of class 10, besides a toilet at home.

Governor kalyan singh on tuesday approved an ordinance to push the move, after which it was notified by the state government, sources in the government said. The state will be holding elections next month for 129 civic bodies, which include a municipal corporation, 15 municipal councils and 113 municipalities. There was no education criterion for candidates when polls were held for 46 civic bodies in the first phase.

The proposal for fixing the minimum education criterion in civic bodies on the lines of panchayati raj institutions was prepared on the recommendation of the local bodies department.

Earlier too, days ahead of panchayat polls, the state government had in december 2014 brought in an ordinance fixing

education qualification for candidates which not only faced opposition from various groups but also led to submission of fake education certificates by candidates.

On the possibility of fake certificates in civic polls, state parliamentary affairs minister rajendra rathore said legal action will be taken if such cases are found. When asked why an ordinance route was taken and a bill not tabled in the assembly, he said the assembly is not in session and the legislation will be taken up in next session. The ordinance was approved through circulars from ministers and was discussed on tuesday in the cabinet for implementation.

Commenting on the ordinance, state congress president sachin pilot said every time on the eve of elections the bjp government decides to bring in such rules. "why did they not bring it in assembly? Even if they intend to do, it should have been done along with the panchayat polls. There is a democratic process which they surpass," he said.

## Critical allege govt was not able to deliver on poll promise on education, health and employment

# First 18 months of State govt : a failure, says activists

**Jaipur :** eighteen months into its tenure, the vasundhara raje-led bjp government in rajasthan has failed to live up to people's expectations, civil society activists said on monday, warning it that transferring responsibilities to the private sector is not the panacea for all ills.

Participating in a conference here, activists concurred that in most areas—education, health, employment, agriculture, women and child development, social justice and empowerment—the government has not been able to deliver on its electoral promises. They also criticised the government plans to privatise health and education services.

A report prepared by ngo cecoedecon and other civil society organisations evaluating the 18 months of the government was also released at the conference by eminent economist prof vs vyas. Appreciating the report, he

said ngos act as watchdogs by keeping tabs on the progress made by the government and its shortcomings.

The report titled "citizens report 2015" takes a hard look at the bjp government's current tenure and finds it wanting on most fronts.

Former finance minister and independent mla manik chand surana said the state government's tenure has so far been disappointing as compared to 2003. "the government has promised 15 lakh jobs. For this it is totally dependent on the skill development programme. So far only 77,000 people have been trained whereas if the government intends to give 15 lakh jobs, at least 30 lakh people will have to be trained," surana said.

Panachand jain, former chief justice of the rajasthan high court, who is convener of the report, pointed out that expectations from the government were high but it has

n't been able to deliver.

According to jain, the water table is consistently falling, agriculture is becoming unviable, pollution is becoming a serious problem, discrimination against women and weaker sections is widespread, rates of maternal and infant mortality remain high and literacy level is low.

Jain said the initiatives like sarkar aapke dwar, nyay aapke dwar, jan sunwai by ministers, daily meetings by sarpanchs in panchayats had taken off well but are now foundering.

The government's plan, he said, to hand over health and education services to private players was a worrisome development. "if we say we are a welfare state then it is the government's responsibility to provide basic services like health and education," he said.

Kulbhushan kothari, managing trustee of pratham rajasthan, said while rajasthan has improved on student enrol-

ment and infrastructure development, quality of education provided remains a concern and a challenge.

Activist vijay goel criticised the government for cutting back on welfare measures like the food security scheme, free medicine scheme and the free diagnostic test scheme.

Meanwhile, state congress president sachin pilot on monday said bjp's strategy to defend vasundhara raje in parliament over lalitagate was a breach of promise made to the people.

He alleged, serious charges of corruption and irregularities against raje along with chief ministers of madhya pradesh and chhattisgarh have been proved and so they had lost their rights to hold the post.

"despite this the bjp leadership is protecting them... this shows the bjp government at the centre has given relaxation to party leaders," he said.



## ZRTI Udaipur : Now in Goble Map

**Udaipur :** a german magazine 'loki' described it as one of the 1001 wonders of the world. An ardent rail enthusiast in the united states of america has decorated his huge drawing room with its pictures and captions in specially erected large frames. A marvelous example of art and engineering, the working rail transportation model room installed at the zonal railway training institute (zrti) here, after 59 years of establishment, continues unabatedly to attract and inspire thousands of rail enthusiasts far and wide. School children and even adults who have had never seen a steam engine in their lives, are thrilled to

see it here at the model room, chhuk-chhuk-ing in a toy form.

Unique in many ways, the transportation model room (tmr) of the institute is the biggest of its kind in asia, if not in the world. This is located in a spacious hall. There are 18 stations incorporating single, double and quadruple line working with lower quadrant, mauq (three type signal) and colour light signaling in absolute & automatic block systems.

"models of non interlocked, interlocked, padlocked, key locked, modified non interlocked, interlocked various standards stations are provided here. The track gauge is 45 mm

and the track length in the model railway is about 1328 meters" informed satyapal mairh, the principal of the institute. The movement of the engine is controlled electrically on 12 volt dc through the center cable fixed in between the track. Life size working block instruments are provided for running of trains under absolute block system of working. Visitors are amused to see the field telephone, emergency train lighting box, flasher and blinker lights, breathalyzer and other equipments in operation as in real running trains.

Extinct turn table at display In the history of railways, for more

than a century, steam engines were the proud power houses as well as power horses. Gradually though advanced diesel and electric engines themselves started occupying these positions. While electric and diesel locomotives have the advantage of being driven towards both directions, steam engines have to limit itself to a single direction. Turn tables are however, used to change the direction of steam engines. The engines are positioned on track over the turn table and the table is then rotated.

It is done through ball bearing technique. Working models of such facilities are displayed in the tmr. Experts

from the railways claim that the facilities seen here and infrastructure of the training institute is even better than the training facilities of white city school of london transport. The zrti which was established in october 1956, imparts training to 10 to 12,000 trainees from various streams of railway. Employees from western and north western railway, delhi and jaipur metro, concor, irctc, rites, indian railway traffic service, foreign national railway from across the globe are sent here to receive training on multifarious aspects.