



Chittoda made small lamps from rice

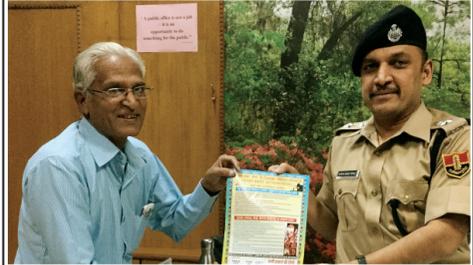


Udaipur: Chandra prakash Chittoda, city's manufacturer of miniature artworks, created a small lamp using 175 rice grains on the occasion of festival of lights. Chittoda's lamp was lighted by Joint Director, Medical and Health Department, RN Bairwa at Information Centre. On this occasion, Vice President of Information of Public Relations, Dr Deepak Dutt Acharya was also present.

Action Udaipur app free to download

Udaipur: Udaipur Blog, playing a leading role in Udaipur social media, organized a lantern function on 29th October. In-charge of Action Udaipur program Sudhir Dave informed that the program organized at Akeshan Garden in front of Ambience Hotel located at city's Shobhagpura will have various cultural and entertaining activities. Different programs will be organized from 3 PM to 10 PM, where entertainment on the ground from 3 PM to 5 PM, lantern lighting from 5 PM to 7 PM, presentation by Nasya Band from 7 PM to 9 PM and musical programs will be held from 9 PM to 10 PM. Shree Dave also informed that the organizers provided free 3G WiFi services and a new initiative by district administration, Action Udaipur app was downloaded free of cost. Public was also briefed about various new activities included in the app like police assistance and start-up.

S.P.Releases De-Addiction Poster



Udaipur: The Superintendent of Police Rajendra Prasad Goyal released a poster on de-addiction prepared before the police officers present. He said if these techniques are adopted by addicts the family can easily get rid of the addiction. by Dr.P.C.Jain who is doing de-addiction awareness as well as treatment of addicts since last two decades. In this poster he has explained ten simple techniques to get rid of addiction of Alcohol, Tobacco, Gutkha, Bidi, Cigarette. He said that Addiction is a chronic relapsing disease which is curable if treated with full follow up by the family. Poster is sponsored by Navjivan Credit cooperative Society (Badmer) and Amolak Diagnostic (Lal Patlabs.F.P.A.S.C,Pratap Nagar.

I hope that my son Paras will brighten the name of India : Raj Mahajan

Known music director and Mox Music's Head Raj Mahajan's nephew is set to feature his amazing body in the WWF World Championship to be held in Dublin, Ireland. Paras is ready to participate in Body Building Competition in Dublin, Ireland. Raj Mahajan has already made news for his probable entry in Bigg Boss 10. Raj Mahajan shared about the participation of his nephew on social media "Kindly bless my son for his competition in Dublin, Ireland for Mr World (Body Building)." WWF World Championship is going to commence from 6th November 2016 in Dublin. Paras has already qualified and become the youngest bodybuilder in the senior category in WWF World Championship. At the age of 25, Paras has become the first player from India that will represent India at international level. Prior to this, he has already won many awards and titles in bodybuilding at the national level. He has been titled as "Indian Lion" by his fans. He is very happy about his participation. He told, "It makes me feel good to represent my country on such a big level. And, I am prepared for it and working hard for it. I am very much excited that I will compete for my country. I hope that I will win the championship with the blessing of my fans and the people of India. I have prepared myself as per the requirements of the championship. I am participating in the senior category for the first time. I am going with the love of India. I won't disappoint them." Raj Mahajan said, "I am happy about Paras's participation in WWF Championship. I hope that my son will brighten the name of India. My elder brother Sunil Gupta (Paras's father) has also been a state level wrestler." Raj Mahajan has 2 brothers named Sunil Gupta and Girish Gupta and he has 2 kids named Saumya (daughter) and Moksh (son).

Six GITS students selected

Udaipur: 6 students of GITS were selected by, ArguSoft. With an offer of Rs 3.75 Lakh. Anjana Shrivastava, HR Manager ArguSoft started the process by conducting a technical written examination for the students. Students shortlisted post the written examination were taken for the final interview round that was taken by the Chief Operating Officer of the firm. The six candidates selected by ArguSoft include: Taufiq Kadri, Firdaus Hussain, Dikshita Jain, Nisha Jain, Kamesh Dashora and Kuldeep Singh. All the candidates are from the B.Tech Computer Science branch.

Rajsamand court order police to book Rakhi Sawant over 'Modi dress'

Udaipur: Rakhi Sawant is in news again after the orders of a local court at Rajsamand, a case has been booked against the actress at the Kankroli police station of the district on Thursday. The police may now either issue summons to Rakhi for investigation or a team be sent to Mumbai to record her statement. The complaint has been filed by Prajit Tiwari, accused Rakhi for disrespecting PM Modi by wearing an indecent dress that carries his images all over. Tiwari who is also a BJP worker held in his plaint that Rakhi wore an indecent black dress to a pre-Independence Day party in the US on August 10 that was organised by the Federation of Indian Americans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Indian Independence. "Not only she wore it, but going a step ahead she posted her pictures on the social media which amounts to causing disgrace and humiliation of the prime minister. She did this intentionally because she was denied the Lok Sabha ticket from Mumbai" Tiwari said in his plaint. The lawyer also claimed that Rakhi's move has shamed Modi and the BJP not only in the country but internationally and hence she should be punished.

3-day 'GRAM 2016' begins in Jaipur on November 9; to expose farmers to latest

Farm Technologies And Showcase Investment Opportunities To Business

New Delhi: The three-day Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) 2016 gets under way in Jaipur on November 9, 2016. GRAM 2016 will expose the farming communities to the technological advancements and global best practices and showcase investment opportunities in the state to agri-business communities across the world. 'GRAM' is jointly organized by the Government of Rajasthan and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). Israel is the partner country for the event. The mega event is expected to witness the participation of around 50,000 farmers. At the Inaugural Session on November 9, the Chief Guest will be Union Agriculture Minister, Mr Radha Mohan Singh where yoga guru Baba Ramdev will also be present. On November 10 in the presence of the Union Minister of Urban Development, Mr M Venkaiah Naidu, a MOU signing ceremony will take place. At the Valedictory Session on November 11, the Chief Guest will be Union Minister of the State for Agriculture, Farmers Welfare & Panchayat Raj, Mr Parshottam Rupala. The event is aimed at ensuring economic empowerment of the farmers through accelerated yet sustainable growth in agriculture. In addition to farmers, the global event will also showcase global best practices and best of technologies suited to the agro-climatic conditions of Rajasthan. It will also be an important platform for investors, manufacturers, academicians and researchers. The event will focus on Farmer Empowerment, showcase Agri-Innovations, Marketing Tie-Ups, Joint Ventures, Technology Transfers, International Investments, Business Opportunities, Encourage Agri-based Research and Common Platform for Agri and Allied Ecosystem. An exhibition will be one of the main features of the GRAM. A



total area of 20,000 sqm space has been earmarked as an exhibition area during the event. The exhibition area will be divided into various categories like Livestock, Post Harvest Technologies, Agri Inputs & Protected Cultivation, Organic farming, Food & Food Processing Technologies, Farm Machinery, Implements and Allied Service, Financial Institution, Irrigation, Plastics and Precision Farming. To promote agri-entrepreneurship a special pavilion on startups will be setup. Furthermore, there will be a special pavilion on organic farming as well to promote herbal and medicinal plants. Delegates of Australia, The Netherlands and Israel will participate in 'GRAM'. This event is a platform to exchange and learn modern and hi-techniques used by these countries in the Agriculture and Allied sectors. Addressing a curtain raiser press meet here today, Mr. Prabhu Lal Saini, Agriculture Minister of Rajasthan, observed that in keeping with the Prime Minister's vision of doubling the income of farm-

Rajasthan the leading State soon in this regard. Ms. Neelkamal Darbari, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, in her remarks, said that farmers were the central figures in GRAM 2016, where the focus will be on innovative farming techniques and high value crops to give farmers the incomes due to them. Rajasthan, she said, had 40,000 villages and the effort was to bring at least one farmer from each village to the mega event so that he could go back and share his experiences with his family, fellow farmers and the entire community. Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary General, FICCI, said that GRAM 2016 was the single largest agriculture meet in the country and it has attracted the participation of 50000 farmers and over 200 corporates. The objective was to expose the farmers to latest farm technologies and showcase to business the opportunities for investment in the State. Government had initiated several steps to help farmers grow high value added crops, through systematic and aggressive marketing and other farmer-friendly policies. He expressed confidence that these steps would enable the State to over-achieve the target of raising farm incomes. He said that NITI Aayog had ranked Rajasthan the third, after Maharashtra and Gujarat in the area of agricultural reform. The policies adopted by the current State Government would make

Parliamentary committee visited Narayan Seva



Udaipur: The members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment visited Narayan Sewa Sansthan and the Lion's Guda Sewamaha tirth free surgical camp was inaugurated for handicapped children and they were also distributed with prostheses and accessories. Institute president Prashant Agarwal informed that the members of the committee headed by MP Ramesh Bais viewed the whole operation process of the handicapped and spoke to handicapped people who came from different regions. The members also watched documentaries on workshop and services provided by the sewa sansthan for handicapped including employable sewing, computer, handicraft, mobile training program reforms, calipers workshop, physiotherapy center, CP Park, etc. Founder-Chairman Kailash Manav, President Prashant Agrawal Trustee Devendra

Chaubisa and senior members welcomed all the committee members. Founder Kailash Manav briefed the committee about the schemes implemented by the central and state government in the institute. Rajkumar Verma, Sher Singh Gubaya, Ahmed Husain, Sadashiv Lokhande, Jheena Hikaka, A Sitaram Naik, Smt Sarojini Hembrom, Dr Narendra Jadhav and Smt Chhaya Verma were present at the parliamentary committee. In addition to the general secretary of the parliamentary committee secretary Ashok Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary Sukhichand Chowdhury, director of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Rajasthan, including Ashok Sajwan Additional Chief Secretary Ashok Jain, Ravi Jain, Nand Kishore Swarnkar, Sandeep Kumar, Mahendra Parikh, etc were also present.

"40th Edition of SPANDAN Art Exhibitions"

New Delhi: The 40th edition of Spandan National/International Art Exhibitions "SPANDAN's art.. Silent Grandeur" was inaugurated successful on the 4th of November 2016 at All India Fine Art & Craft Society, Rafi Marg (AIFACS), New Delhi by the hand of our Chief Guest Hon. Minister of states for law and justice, it and electronics Shri P.P. Chaudhary, Vice President of Aifacs Shri Rajendra Agarwal, alongwith Chairman of aifacs Shri Paramjeet Singh. The Artists, coming from dif-

ferent parts of the country, with over 100 exhibits that capture an interesting melange of imagination, perspectives and styles. The exhibition will continue till Thursday, 10th November 2016 from 11 am to 7pm. **Participatin Artists :** Anjali Mittal, Noida, Aruna Tiwari, Shimla, Baviskar Ratnakar, Ahmedabad, Bhavna Yadav, New Delhi, Deepaa Singh, Shimla, Gunjan Dhillon, Chandigarh, Hema Thakur, Nasik, Jyoti Kumawat, Jaipur, Kumud Gautami, Bangalore,



Minika Swetta, Bahrain, Tyagi, Ghaziabad, Shilpi Singh, Monishikha Roy Choudhury, New Delhi, Shruti Rewari, Visakhapatnam, Nikita Agarwal, Jaipur, Pawan Kumar Saxena, New Delhi, Shalini

Need of Hour

40% tax under GST on all tobacco product

"Experts, Doctors, Victims urge for 40% tax under GST on all tobacco products to curb the epidemic of cancer" **Jaipur:** While conversion to GST is generally a good thing, the GST Council's proposal on October 20th for 26% GST sin rate will be seriously injurious to health! Fixation of sin tax on tobacco at less than 40% would amount to making tobacco products affordable to youth, blunting the edge of India's tobacco policy. The sin tax is intended to pay for the damage caused to society by products like tobacco, and also to raise their prices to reduce their usage. Fixing the tax rate at 26% would defeat both purposes; it would slash current revenues from tobacco and encourage consumption of tobacco products among vulnerable populations, including children and youth, by making tobacco products more affordable.

tax is twofold, to pay for the damage caused to society by products like tobacco, and secondly, to increase the price and reduce their usage. A 26% rate would defeat both purposes - it would significantly reduce current revenues from tobacco and would actually make tobacco products more affordable and encourage consumption, especially among vulnerable population including children and youth. According to Dr. Rijo John, Assistant Professor, IIT Jodhpur, "Compared to a GST Sin rate of 40%, imposing a 26% Sin rate would reduce total tobacco tax revenue by almost one fifth (17%, or roughly Rs. 10, 510 crores) even if the

would make all tobacco products even more affordable to youth and other vulnerable populations, leading to the impact of the tobacco epidemic becoming more severe driving up health care costs and resulting in productivity losses. This will certainly lead to an increased number of fatalities per year, which is not a good news for any country. I firmly believe & urge that the government should tax the tobacco products at very high rate to ensure it discourages mass consumption" Dr. Pankaj Chaturvedi, Oncologist, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. Approximately 48 percent of men and 20 percent of women consume tobacco (35

even in the new GST system, will ensure that the poor continue to be trapped in vicious cycle of poverty and ill health, exacerbated by affordability and addiction which causes them to spend more on tobacco and less on food, health-care and education. We would urge the central and state governments to tax all forms of tobacco including bidis at 40 percent under GST regime, to insulate the population from its ill effects." "With 85% of smoked tobacco being consumed as Bidis, a large percentage of the 10 lakh tobacco related deaths occur because of bidi use. Therefore, treating bidis under the highest category for sin products to attract maximum tax would not only save the lives of lakhs of poor Indians but would also help reduce the overwhelming health disparities between various strata of society. The government should treat such issues on a priority basis & ensure that there is no distinction made amongst all forms of tobacco and are taxed at highest possible rates so as to keep our most vulnerable populations away from falling prey to it"



government retains the current excise on tobacco products post GST. Clearly, 26% Sin rate will be well below the rate required to maintain a revenue neutral position for tobacco and will significantly reduce tax burden on ALL tobacco products since the existing average VAT rates themselves are higher than 26% on most tobacco products." Tobacco-use imposes enormous health and economic costs on the country. The total direct and indirect cost of diseases attributable to tobacco use was a staggering Rupees 1.04 lakh crore (\$17 billion) in 2011 or 1.16% of India's GDP. "A much lower GST rate

percent of the adult population overall) - of these at least 10 lakh are dying each year from tobacco related diseases. Bidis comprise 48 percent of the tobacco market, chewing tobacco 38 percent and cigarettes 14 percent so it is evident that bidis account for a significant portion of those deaths. According to, Dr. Pawan Singhal, Associate Professor at SMS Hospital & State Patron of Voice of Tobacco Victims (VoTV), "The current tobacco tax differentiates significantly between various forms of tobacco products (such as bidis, smokeless tobacco and cigarettes). Continuing to sell cheap, virtually tax-exempt

Free treatment till 20th in GBH General Hospital

Udaipur: Free medical camp by GBH General Hospital in Bedwas organized till 31st October will now run till 20th November. The decision has been taken due to the plurality of patients from rural areas. Group Director Dr. Anand Jha informed that 33,000 patients received free treatment in the camp held till 31st October. Treatment and delivery facilities for pregnant women were also provided for free at the camp. Patients from rural areas to benefit from greater management are extended till November 20. The duration of the camp. The patients who arrive at the camp will get more operation, including the recruitment of most drugs will be free. The registered patients will also receive free follow-up.

Orientation Programme held at GMC

Udaipur: Orientation cum welcome program held for the incoming batch at Geetanjali Medical College The programme began with a Ganesh Vandana by Madhurima Bhati. Post that Academic Officer Dr Manjinder Kaur gave details about the MBBS coursework and other academic nuances. Dr. D.M. Mathur, member of the anti-ragging committee then gave students awareness about the anti-ragging clause in campus. J.P. Agarwal in his address urged the students to take maximum advantage of the coursework and recognise the importance of time. Students have a great responsibility towards the healthcare of the nation. Vice Chancellor R.K. Nahar, Director Ankit Agarwal, Principal F.S.Mehta and Registrar Bhupendra Mandliya were also present on the occasion.