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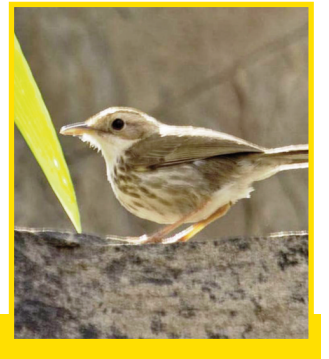
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## India to Protect Yet Another Precious Wildlife - Lesser Florican Birds

Lesser Floricans (Sypheotides Indicus), the grass-land birds of India have lots of distinct habits. These smallest of India's bustard birds are best known for the aerial courtship in their mating time. They shift their habitats in monsoon breeding and wintering seasons. Wrong has happened to them too, like many other wildlife species. Latest reports show that life and living areas of Lesser Floricans are not safe due to modern human requirements.

Lesser Floricans are usually found in the parts of Gujarat, Southern Rajasthan, Northern Maharashtra, Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh and Western Madhya Pradesh, where suitable crop fields and grasslands are available. They are secured in various Protected Areas (PAs) of these parts. For the sake of food and better shelter, Lesser Floricans come to graze in the unprotected farming land of traditional crops, like maize, pulses and grams. They need moderate height plants to identify insects, their prey as well as hide their eggs. Now, it is a major concern of protecting Lesser Florican population in these unprotected areas due to several serious reasons.

Decrease in their number was recorded in 2009, when Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) marked Lesser Floricans as one of the Priority Species in the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat program. With further studies, 2011 WII Survey Report indicated several human activities, such as, pesticide pollution, increase in grassland loss due to lack of Government guidelines, insufficient Florican monitoring in Protected Areas (PAs) and little awareness on their non-breeding habits are badly affecting the Lesser Florican species.

Farmers of Madhya Pradesh are not taking these birds to be good for them. Their number is already declining due to climate change with little rainfall in the Protected Areas built for Lesser Floricans. Data of 2016, 2017 and 2018 give Lesser Florican number to be fluctuating as 39, 19, 27 respectively. In 2019, the number reduced even more, just 11. In the unprotected areas, traditional crops, like grams and pulses are not grown any more. Now these fields are cultivated for soybeans. This farming needs more pesticides to kill insects scaring away these birds.

Government has imposed restriction over any development work or sale of private land in MP's Sardarpur Block, the neighbouring area of Sardarpur Khamor Sanctuary to retain Lesser Florican population in this area. Troubles took place over this matter in 2019, with people demanding to withdraw such policies. Officials of Forests, Wildlife Wing, Madhya Pradesh are acting diligently to make these people convince on the fact that conservation of Lesser Floricans of this area will help improve their economy indirectly with the growth of Wildlife Tourism. An approximate INR 4 crore proposal of conservation breeding is also suggested to increase the number of these birds.

Things are not so bad for Lesser Florican birds living in the areas of Rajasthan's Shokaliya, near Ajmer and Gujarat's Blackbuck National Park, Velavadar. Both these places present perfect habitat for these birds. Fortunately, farming habits are also favourable where traditional farming of jawar, urad, moong, til and maize are done. As per 2020's statistics, there are 34 male and 9 female Lesser Floricans found in a 266 square km area of Shokaliya region. Study says, almost same number of Lesser Floricans reside in Gujarat's Velavadar too. This is relieving for Conservationists and Wildlife Department to let the Lesser Floricans live safely and welcome more enthusiasts to watch these amazing birds.

- Arkprava Das

## In Navalakha Mahal Udaipur was written Satyarath Prakash by Dayanand Saraswati

- Ashok Mathur

Udaipurites can be rightly proud that it was during his stay in Navalakha Mahal in Gulab Bagh, Udaipur that Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati wrote his great work Satyarath Prakash.

On the invitation of Maharana Sajjan Singh the Maharishi arrived in Udaipur on 10 August 1882 and stayed here for over six months. The visit had a special purpose. The Maharshi thought that one ruler can reform the whole society. Though the whole country was under foreign rule, the Kshetriya rulers of Rajputana and other states had faith in their own religion and culture. By arousing their sense of self respect, feeling of patriotism and duty towards the public, they could play an important role in all round development of the nation. The Maharishi accepted the Maharana and a disciple who was asked to follow a fixed routine that included getting up early, walk or horse riding as exercise, daily 'Yagna', official work, lunch, rest, official work, evening worship, recreation, going to bed etc.

There was a sea change in the life of the Maharana who listened to his lectures every day. The public was deeply affected by the teachings. The Maharishi believed that 'Yagna' helped in environment protection and reducing pollution. He inspired the Maharana to perform a big 'havan' near Neelkanth Mahadev's Mandir. Maharishi's mother tongue was Gujarati and he knew Sanskrit well. However he wrote Satyarath Prakash in Hindi as he wanted to promote it as a national language. When the publication of Mewar Gazette was started it was named Sajjankeerti Sudhakar. The highest executive was named 'Mehadraj Sabha'. Inspired by Maharishi Samratdhan Charan set up Rajasthan Press in Ajmer and started Rajasthan Samachar weekly in Hindi that became a daily later on. It is considered to be the first Hindi daily newspaper of Rajasthan. Writers of history of Hindi literature consider Satyarath Prakash



as a work that started the tradition of Hindi prose writing. Before this the language of Hindi prose was greatly influenced by Brij and Awadhi language. He propagated the use of Ayurved system and advised people to use cloth made in the country. He emphasized the need of protection of cows as a means of economic development. His keen interest in education impelled him to develop a curriculum for govt. schools that was implemented in Mewar by the order of the Maharana.

Satyarath Prakash is a compendium of the divine wisdom given in the Vedas that has been presented in a simple and logical manner by the Maharishi. It provides solutions to the personal, family, social, national and spiritual problems that one faces in life. It is a manual for the greater good of human-

ity at large. Translated in over twenty different languages of the world, the book has a sale of over thirty lac copies.

During his stay in Udaipur, the Maharishi had discussions about several topics related to religion and philosophy with Maulvi Abdul Rehman, a judge in Udaipur court for about a week. The discussions were published in the form of a book Udaipur Shastrarth.

The great social reformer Govind Guru also used to come to listen to the lectures of the Maharishi. He disseminated the teaching among the illiterate Bhil masses in simple lan-

guage.

After independence, Navalakha Mahal was taken over by the state govt. and excise and sales tax departments were shifted to it. However, on completion of hundred years of writing of Satyarath Prakash the Mahal was handed over to Arya Samaj Trust. Arya varta Chitra Deerga show cases oil paintings depicting important events in the life of the Maharishi and other noble persons with description in Hindi and English. A moving glass Satyarath Prakash 'stambh' has also been set up that has the main teachings of the book. There is also a huge 'Yagnashala' that has walls with 'Mantras' related to 'Yagna'.

With its spiritual ambience, Navalakha Mahal has become a holy place and big attraction for tourists also.

## MLSU VC Prof. Amarika Singh in Action

VC to fix Irregularities

**Udaipur:** The Board of Management (BOM) meeting of Mohanlal Sukhadia University was chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amarika Singh. The members of BOM appreciated and congratulated the efforts made by Mr. Singh over the last four months for innovations, positive works, and educational gradation.

University spokesperson Dr. Kunjan Acharya said that the Board of Management had authorized the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Singh to take action related to any irregularity. He also assured that the actions against the corruption will be sent to the government.

All resolutions placed in the Council of Deans (COD) and the Academy Council held after February 15 this year were unanimously approved. These proposals included forming new faculty and departments, introducing faculty of engineering and architecture, the establishment of HRDC Academic Staff College, nominations made at various positions, and approval of MoUs with various universities and institutes. Permission was given for the construction of the university's main gate, and the Vice-Chancellor appreciated this initiative.

It was approved to give independent charge to the Assistant Professor in the departments where only Assistant Professor is working as in-charge. Earlier it was arranged that only one assistant professor in a department and only the dean of the concerned college would be the head of that department. Now such department in-charges will be addressed in the name of 'Incharge Head,' and they will be authorized to independently make all decisions related to the department.

Prof. BP Saraswat and Dr. Sangeeta Kumari as Joint Representative of the Governor, Joint Secretary Dr. Nayeem, Nominee ADM (Administration) of Finance Department, Sanjay Kumar, Planning Department Nominated Vinesh Singhvi, University Finance Controller Suresh Jain, Science College Dean Prof Kanika Sharma, Commerce College Dean Prof PK Singh, Dr. Yadugopal Sharma as Associate College Principal, along with Prof. Sadhana Kothari, Prof. Ghanshyam Singh Rathore and Dr. Ajit Bhabhor among other members were present in BOM meeting and shared their views.

**International Residential Hostel for researchers**

An International Residential Hostel will be constructed at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, in which research students from outside the country and abroad will be able to live with the family. The said decision was taken in a meeting of the Council of Deans (COD) chaired by Vice-Chancellor Professor Amrika Singh on Wednesday.

Many students who come to conduct research stay out of the house for months during course work and other research-related work. In such a situation, the proposed hostel will provide accommodation and other facilities for the students with their families. In the initial phase, 150 blocks of single BHK will be built.

It was decided in the meeting that revenue generation work will be done by renting the university's unusable property. Along with this, it was agreed to send a proposal to the government to create various posts for Anthropology, Military Science, Forensic Science, Fashion and Textile Design, Visual Arts, and Academic Staff College.

**Anandam Diwas to be celebrated on December 7**

A one-day workshop on 'Anandam Orientation' was organized on Friday by Anand and Arogya Kendra of Mohanlal Sukhadia University. The Chief Guest was the Chief Secretary of Government, Dr. Shuchi Sharma. Dr. Sharma described Anandam as life in celebration. She said that this would develop a sense of creativity and values in students. The purpose of Anandam is to connect education with experience. VC Prof. Amarika Singh, who presided

over said that with this compulsory course, students will get rid of stress and depression and will be able to build a moral and character.

This course has been implemented with full heart and heart in the University. Prof. Singh announced celebrating Anandam Day on December 7, where Sukhadia University and Govindguru Tribal University Banswara, and Prajapita Brahmakumari will attend among other 400 institutions.

This program will be online. Program Coordinator Prof. Neeraj Sharma described Anandam as the real purpose of education. He explained in detail about nature, curriculum, examination system, etc., of Anandam while describing students' overall development through Anandam. Special guest Smt. Neelima Khaitan, implemented in the entire state of Rajasthan, from the session 2020-21, & described the course as developing the students' creative ability.

The welcome address was delivered by Arts College Dean Prof. Seema Malik and Prof. N. Lakshmi. Dr. Naveen Nandwana conducted the program. The workshop was attended by Principals, Nodal Officers, and Mentors of all the Organizations and affiliated colleges of the University.

**New courses an dnuh more -**

In the third academic council meeting on Tuesday, Various issues related to academic and non-academic subjects were discussed, and decisions were taken in the conference.

University spokesperson Dr. Kunjan Acharya said that in this meeting chaired by Vice-Chancellor Professor Amarika Singh, the Vice-Chancellor proposed a vote of thanks to the staff and teachers for the three months of available work, which was passed by voice vote.

The meeting approved the MoU for academic exchange with Govind Guru Tribal University Banswara and Brahmakumari Ishwari University Abu road.

A resolution was passed to make the subject of readymade garments and fashion technology separate.

Courses at UG and PG level will be started on an essential subject like forensic science. BA Additional in Music will be introduced along with PG Diploma courses on Tribal Music and Dance and Mining and Mineral Exploration, Astrology and Vastu. With this, new courses in Fashion Technology and Design will be introduced in Employability Skills, Community Mental Health, Soft Skill Enhancement, Diploma Career Counseling, Child Psychology, Certificate in Library and Information Science, UG.

It was decided in the meeting that examinations and syllabus have been cut in view of Covid. Under this, only 4 unit syllabus will be taught out of 5, and in the examination, too, an option will be given to solve the questions of your choice by finishing the unit system. A detailed action plan for this will be uploaded on the website soon.

Now all the papers of UG and PG can be re-evaluated. Earlier, only two papers had this facility, but at the same time, it was also provided that the demand for any reassessment would not be accepted from the copy received based on RTI.

Gold medals and Ph.D. degrees will be approved for the convocation to be held on December 22. A total of 96 gold medals will be given at the convocation as well as 33 Ph.D. degrees completed during the year will be distributed.

Sarathi scheme will be launched to strengthen and promote social and cultural relations with the border and Himalayan states of the country. Under this, three students from Assam, Nagaland, Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Jammu, and Ladakh will be encouraged for research work. Sukhadia University will provide free Ph.D. to tribal students of these states and will arrange for their lodging. This will be a big gift for these tribal students.

## Death of Kiran Maheshwari, BJP MLA from Rajsamand sends shock waves in Udaipur

Kiran Maheshwari, BJP leader and MLA from Rajsamand in Rajasthan, who had tested positive for corona virus, died at a hospital in Gurgaon. She was a three-time MLA from Rajsamand, was undergoing treatment at Medanta hospital for the past few days. She passed away late Sunday night. Maheshwari, who was also a member of the 14th Lok Sabha from 2004-2009 from Udaipur constituency, was shifted to Medanta earlier this month after her health worsened during election campaign in Kota Municipal elections.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Assembly Speaker CP Joshi, BJP state president Satish Poonia and other leaders expressed their condolences on her demise.

Smt Kiran Maheshwari was a prominent politician from Rajasthan. She completed her education from Bombay University, Catering College, Dadar, Mumbai and ICT- Udaipur. She was first spotted in political sphere when she participated in the Gangaajal Yatra of Vishva Hindu Parishad. She was just 24 then. When The Rama Janma Bhumi issue gain momentum in 1989, Maheshwari established herself in Kanarkoli in the field of Mahila Jagrati and held the responsibility for systematic publicity. In 1981 she married Satyanarayan Maheshwar. In 1992 She became Member, State Welfare Board. In 1994 she emerged victorious in the Udaipur Municipal Council by becoming the President and became the Chairman of the council. She was Mayor of Udaipur from 1994 to 1999. In 2000 she was appointed as the President of BJP Mahila Morcha of Rajasthan Pradesh. In 2006 She was appointed as the National President of the Mahila Morcha. She established Women's Co-operative Bank for empowerment and upliftment of women. She became its founder President.

In 2011 she was nominated as the National General Secretary of the party.

In 2004 defeating Congress leader Dr. Girija Vyas, she was elected to the Loka Sabha from Udaipur-Rajsamand constituency. Serving 4 years as MP she resigned in 2008 to contest in State assembly election and subsequently elected to the Rajasthan State assembly. She was again elected as MLA in 2013 and was given the portfolio of Higher Education ministry. Apart from politics, She was known for her social works. She played a leading role in various functions like Sarva Samaj Samuhik Vivah, Charchuja Padyatra from Kankoli and, death sentence to be given for the perpetrator of rape and murder with the Masoom Balik. She is also a serving member in many organizations like All India Maheshwari Mahasabha, Vaishya Mahasammelan, Indian Lions Parisangh, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Mrigendra Bharati, Savarkar Smriti.

Kiran rose much higher than Gulab Chand kataria in the national politics of BJP who once was her mentor. Later Kataria could not digest her rise and their rivalry became evident in public sphere as Kataria often mentioned his anguish about her rise. Condoling her demise, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, the Member of Parliament (MP) from Kota, called it a "personal loss." He tweeted: "The passing way of Rajsamand MLA Kiran Maheshwari is extremely saddening. She devoted her entire life to serving the society. Her death is a personal loss to me. May her soul rest in peace. My condolences are with her family." "I worked with Kiran ji politically and socially for a long time. She was a strong voice for social issues, especially the rights of women and deprived classes. Kiran Ji, who was always ready to help the afflicted, will always be remembered for her courage and clarity," Birla posted in a subsequent tweet.

