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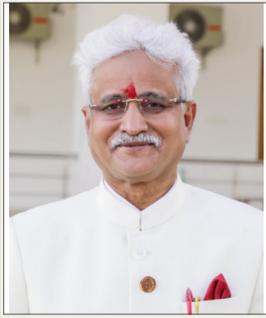
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MLSU will employ youth in the new year 2021

- Chancellor of decisions -Prof. Amarika Singh, taken unprecedented decision by which the University's retired non-academic staff will no longer be renewed, so that youth will get a chance.
Creating employment for the youth is the need of the hour; our youth are full of talent and knowledge, they will play an essential role in the progress of the University in the coming times - Vice Chancellor Amarika Singh.



Udaipur: Newly appointed vice-chancellor of Sukhadia University, Prof. Amarika Singh, who has established a distinct identity for unprecedented decisions in the state's higher education, recently presented a vision to all the universities to empower young talent and free the University from the cumbersome tradition.

As per the new decision, 30 employees working after retirement in Mohanlal Sukhadia University will not work after January 31. Under the Pay Minus Pension Scheme, 30 non-academic employees are working in the University after retirement. The contract for their work is till January 31, but now they will not be renewed further.

It is noteworthy that after retirement there has been a tradition of working in the University for years. In the past, there has been a demand for giving employment opportunities to the various youth sections. In such a situation, Vice Chancellor Professor Singh has taken the historic decision, which has been welcomed by the stakeholders of higher education aware academics.

Vice Chancellor of Sukhadia University Prof. Amarika Singh said that change is the need of the hour and to establish transparency, the change of traditions over time is also the mainstay of every developed and successful system. Its promising results come out at some level or the other. Abolishing the prevailing and impractical traditions and accepting innovation systems is the hallmark of a successful administrative system. Universities are ready to welcome such innovations in the new year. In the new year, embodying such innovations, we have included many works in our main plan, which will be implemented as soon as possible.

TODGARH RAOLI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

- Ashok Mathur

Located amidst the oldest mountain ranges of Aravali, Todgarh Raoli, Wildlife Sanctuary is representative of typical Aravalian flora and fauna of the richest ecosystem of the state of Rajasthan. Covering an area of 497 square kilometers it is a fascinating mix of splendor of history, religion, and natural beauty.

Geographically the sanctuary is a land of contrast with rivers, valleys dense forests, and sandy plains overlooked by the ancient Hills of Aravali. The hilly tracks of Rajsamand, Pali, and Ajmer district confined within the limits of the sanctuary were famous hunting grounds of the Britishers. The renowned historian Colonel James Tod famous writer of Annals and Antiquities of Rajputana stayed at the place that was later on named after him 'Todgarh' by the British. In 1983 this area was declared as a wildlife sanctuary.

The sanctuary is connected by road from Ajmer -110 km, Udaipur- 150 km, and Pali-75Kms.

The sanctuary has a unique importance as it fully represents the complete range of Aravalian Ecosystem. Its topography is diverse. In its Eastern part are mountain ranges with an altitude of over 3500 feet while the Western parts are adjoining the Marwar Plains. Generally, the hill slopes are moderately steep but near Bagmal and Todgarh they become precipitous. Another feature that adds to its significance is that it forms a dividing line between the two major watersheds of the country. The rainwater on the western slope flows in the form of small rivers like Modua, Siryari, jogmandi and Rania forming the tributaries of river Luni that ultimately merges into the Arabian Sea, whereas the rainwater falling on the eastern slopes is drained out into river Banas which falls in the Bay of Bengal.

The sanctuary represents the Northern Tropical dry deciduous forest type. Due to the big difference in altitude, there is a large variety of vegetation in different parts of the sanctuary. Vegetation in the North with lower altitude is dominated by Dhok, other flora includes ber, Khair, kumtha, arjun, ardu and Khejari. At the higher altitude are found bamboo, salar, kirby, a montane species of siris, holoptelia, godal, etc. On the onset of summer butea blossoms profusely, while during rains the sanctuary becomes a bed of several species of flowering plants.

Veteran journalist Ashok Mathur's blog (ashokmathuronudaipur.com) with over forty articles on udaipur's palaces, temples, lakes, gardens, festivals, fairs, wildlife etc. is getting very popular. It has interesting content for udaipurites as well as tourists.



The varied vegetation cover of the sanctuary provides natural habitat to antelope and deer, a number of carnivores and birds.

The top carnivore in the sanctuary is the leopard. There were tigers until 1960. Other carnivores present here include striped hyena, jungle cat, jackal, wolf, and civets. In a good number are found herbivores like sambar, bluebull and chinkara. The main areas inhabited by blue bull and chinkara are the lake and water points. Sloth bear, another important species of the sanctuary is confined to the hilly area with slopes and relatively heavy forest cover. The Hanunan langur represents the primates in the sanctuary.

The congenial terrestrial and aquatic habitat provide safe shelter to a number of reptiles like starred tortoise, turtle, common garden lizard, Indian monitor lizard, and a variety of snakes like common Indian krait, Russell viper, Indian cobra, water snakes, python, etc.

As there are diverse ecosystems namely lakes, forest and grassland, over 200 species of avifauna can be seen here including babblers, barbett, bee-eater, cuckoo, bulbul, rock chat, bunting, peafowl, dove, drongos, flycatcher, grey junglefowl, red spurfowl, myna, nightjar, partridges, quail robin, roller, sandgrouse Indian pitta, sand-

piper, shrike, sunbird, swallow, tailorbird, tit, treepee, weaverbird, woodpecker, etc. Among birds of prey crested serpent eagle, crested hawk-eagle, shikra, kestrel, falcon, owl, etc can be seen here. In winter, dubchik, cormorant, Indian shag, darter, egret, grey heron, white-necked stork, spoonbill, ibis, goose, teal, pintail, sarus crane, coot, moorhen, watermen, jakkanna, snipe, stilt, etc can be sighted easily.

The natural environment of the sanctuary provides an excellent opportunity for visitors to observe the wild animals and the sylvan environment from

close quarters.

Dudhaleshwa, a holy place famous for the ancient Shiva temple is located on the boundary of the sanctuary. The temple is visited by a lot of pilgrims round the year. Motorable road to Dudhaleshwar passes through dense woodlands providing a view of virgin forest. One comes across a number of several Nala streams and waterfalls. The forests have typical Aravalian flora comprising mainly Dhok, Khair, and ber trees. One can watch leopard, sloth bear, sambar, four-horned antelope, spotted deer, and a large variety of colorful migratory and resident birds.

Located at a distance of 20 km from Bajijai Ka Guda, an area ideal for watching Indian wolf. Todgarh Lake, situated in front of the historical Todgarh rest house is a paradise for bird watchers. Other viewpoint places include Dabgabda, Dudhaleshwahwar, Jamyda, Kabradata, Pehlani, Bhaban, Bhillber, Fulad dam, and Renia dam.

There are quite a few temples in an area like Dudhaleshwar Mahadev, Amliyajhar Mahadev, Gauri Dham, Goram temple, Mayli Mata, and Vayad. Pragma Shikhar and the United Church of Northern India are also worth visiting.

There are a good number of eco trails, places for nature camping and Forest Rest Houses.

The Sanctuary has many special attractions like excellent landscapes, a huge variety of flora and fauna, hill slopes, deep gorges, streams, and water bodies.

58th Maharana kumbha Sangeet Samaroh

Dr.Pamil Modi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Music, MLSU



58 th Maharana kumbha Sangeet Samaroh was organised this year virtually through zoom platform. This prestigious festival is being running in the city of lakes Udaipur from past 57 years and all the eminent, prominent and international fame artists have performed in this Samaroh which is a pride not only for them but also for the Parishad and the City.

This event was organised this year from 25th-27th December 2020. The three days musical concert was very well organised virtually, a unique benchmark from past so many years both audio and visual program was very much liked and appreciated by the lovely audiences. This samaroh was planned in such a way that both upcoming young artists and the established per-

forming musicians performed virtually from their own city and state. On 25th December Yatindra Saxena from Jaipur performed Kathak dance and after that the Project Ganganis performed Kathak dance virtually with all the accompanists and artists. Prof.N.S.Rathor Vice Chancellor of MPUAT University, Udaipur was the chief guest of the program.

On 26th December Vocal recital by Saurabh Vashishth and accompaniment by Vinay Kadel on tabla was appreciated. Archita Dinanath Bhattacharya who is professionally a banker but her passion for Indian classical music has made her renowned artist all over India.

She rendered raag Maru Bihag and Shudh Sarang along with semi classical presentation of Chaiti and Dadra. She also sang Bhajan and Ghazal. She was accompanied on tabla with Amit Chaubey from Mumbai. Rotarian Rajendra K. Sabu from Chandigarh connected virtually and lighted the lamp on this day and conveyed his blessings and wishes for the Samaroh. Shri.SK Verma Retd.Chief Principal of Forest dept addressed the audience and shared his experiences about the Kumbha Sangeet Samaroh and conveyed his best wishes as Chief guest.

On 27th December rising star Hari Krishna Verma from Kota gave his presentation on percussion instrument tabla and after his recital upcoming artist of Udaipur played Raag Brindavani Sarang on flute accompanied by Shri.Pankaj Banawat on Tabla. The concluding session of the third day event was mesmerized by the musical performance of Padmabhushan N. Rajam, Mumbai who is a renowned violinist. She played raag bihag and concluded the concert by Raag Bhairavi with her granddaughter Ragini Shankar who accompanied her on Violin.

Book release of Dr Nutan Kavitar, Associate Professor in Govt.Meera girls College, Udaipur was done by the executive committee members and chief guest.

Dr Yashwant Kothari Secretary of Maharana kumbha Sangeet Parishad welcomed all the virtual audiences and artists on all the three days and enlightened the audience with the contributions of Maharana kumbha Sangeet Samaroh in the field of Classical Music.

vote of thanks was given by Shri Sushil Dashora and Dr Prem Bhandari, Vice President of Maharana kumbha Sangeet Parishad. The three day program was convened by Dr.Lokesh Jain and Shri.Amit Modi and Dimpy suhalka gave their technical support for the smooth conduction of this Samaroh on zoom and Facebook live.

'Say No to Dowry' initiated by NSS



Udaipur: Narayan Seva Sansthan known for helping the differently abled to be accommodated and socially accepted in the society. Narayan Seva Sansthan has been working for the weaker sections of the society where they have performed surgeries for the differently abled in their owned hospital. This year

Narayan Seva Sansthan will be organising its 35th Mass Wedding Ceremony for the differently abled and underprivileged couples in Udaipur, Rajasthan under the 18 year old flagship campaign 'Say No to Dowry' on 27th December, 2020. Due to Covid-19, the ceremony will only be a personal affair with the relatives and well-wishers of the couples who will be present during their wedding.

NSS started a 'Say No to Dowry' campaign to fight against dowry in society through organizing free mass marriage ceremonies for the underprivileged and the differently abled individuals. As a new beginning for the married couples, NSS will be gifting home appliances and gifts as a Kanya Daan to all married couples.

While addressing the virtual press conference Mr. Prashant Agarwal, President, Narayan Seva Sansthan said, "Marriage as an institution is very special for every single person in any tradition or any culture. Our initiative of Mass weddings is a milestone for us which has been a successful campaign that is running successfully for 18 years where we support the underprivileged and differently abled individuals to find their partners and also start a new life. At NSS we believe that every single person has the right to live a life that is best with respect and equality. The mass wedding is a way to offer a portion of happiness and bring in light to the lives of the underprivileged and the differently abled." Mr. Agarwal, further added, "To offer social and economic rehabilitation for the couple, we offer them various services right from free corrective surgeries, skills development classes, talent nurturing activities along with mass wedding ceremonies."

Couples from Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and several other states approached NSS for assisting them to support their weddings.

During Covid-19, NSS undertook a number of campaigns to help the needy such as food and mask distribution camps, artificial limbs distribution, Ration distribution PPE kits, and limb measurement camps including donating funds in the CM Care fund at critical times.

Initiatives like zinc football will uplift rajasthan and indian football", - Ashok Chandna



Udaipur: Mr Ashok Chandna, MoS - Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Rajasthan visited the Zinc Football Academy in Zawar, Udaipur on Sunday. The

Minister engaged in an interactive session with the young footballers of Zinc Football and was delighted to see the world-class infrastructure in Zawar, further sharing that initiatives like this would lead Rajasthan and Indian Football to greater heights in the future.

During his visit, the minister took a tour of the facilities at Zinc Football, took part in a lively discussion with the budding footballers sharing his valuable inputs and feedback on the initiative. The Minister emphasised on the importance of setting a goal in life in order to become successful and even tried his hand at playing football.

A keen football enthusiast and a footballer himself, Mr Ashok Chandna, on his visit said: "I am delighted to see the state-of-the-art infrastructure here. I am sure initiatives like this will help uplift not only the communities but also Rajasthan and Indian Football as a whole in the coming years. With the right guidance, I am sure these kids will go a long way. I wish everyone here all the best."

Zinc Football is an initiative of Vedanta Hindustan Zinc to usher in a footballing revolution in Rajasthan. It is a one-of-its-kind grassroots development programme with technology and data analysis at its core at Zawar near Udaipur, Rajasthan. The programme is using football as a tool for social and community development and ensuring young boys and girls have a platform to express themselves through football.

Workshop on Bio-diversity organized at Neerja Modi School Udaipur

Udaipur: A workshop on biodiversity was organized at Neerja Modi School Udaipur, wherein students and teachers found variety of species found in the local birds like crow, owl, pigeon, barbat, heron, babbler, Indian rabbit, drongo, bulbul, etc. located in the school premises. They were studied about their way of living and different types of trees.

Biodiversity is called in English, which is made up of two words bio and diversity. Here bio means an organism, and diversity means diversity. Therefore, biodiversity or bio-diversity refers to the variety and collection of living creatures in the ecosystem.

This workshop aims to educate the students to preserve and protect them by providing information and awareness about bio-diversity to the teachers. Director Sakshi Sojatia said that such seminars give teachers real practical knowledge to reach their students in the simplest and best way.