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PICNIC SPOTS IN AND AROUND UDAIPUR

- Ashok mathur

With the drop in temperature, clouds of all shapes floating in the sky, refreshing cool breeze, and raindrops producing sweet sound, Udaipurites are naturally excited to go on a picnic. They are lucky to have a big number of spots that not only have awesome scenic beauty with overflowing lakes, streams, waterfalls, and the like but also those that have religious and historical importance. This combination is rare in another region.

Jalburj

Located on the southern end of Lake Pichola near Doodh Talai, Jalburj is one of the nearest and most popular picnic spots for Udaipurites. Once a beautiful natural spot for picnics, it has now also buildings for picnickers. Just in front of it across the road, there is a Dhuni with a small Kui (well) that gives the place an attractive look. There is also a Vishnu Mandir here.

Nandeshwar

About 15 km from Udaipur near village Sisarma main road is Nandeshwar. The Shiv Mandir here has greenery around it. Near the temple is a Kund that is full of water throughout the year. The stream of water from the hills comes to the Kundi outside the temple and then flows out. There used to be just a single hut here. With the efforts of the devotees, the temple and the premises have been renovated and it has become an attractive place for picnickers as well as tourists. People tend to stand under the waterfall for a bath but there is always a danger of being washed away due to sudden overflow of water.

Karni Mata Mandir

The Karni Mata Mandir on Macchlamagra hill near Pichola draws a lot of people around the year but gets more crowded during monsoon season. From here one can have a mesmerizing view of City Palace and Pichola lake. Now it can also be reached through a ropeway. But climbing up on foot has its own charm as one comes closer to nature and enjoys trekking.

Sajjangarh

Located about 7 km on the top of a hill, Sajjangarh attracts a huge number of visitors in all seasons. Situated at a height of about 3100 ft. above the main sea level, it is also called Monsoon Palace as it provides an awesome experience when one is surrounded by clouds and has a fantastic view of the whole city and its surroundings. Built in 19th century it was named Sajjangarh after the death of Maharana Sajjan Singh. Used as a resort during the monsoon and a place of outdoor recreation by the rulers of Mewar it provides the best sunset view. Trekking on the hill is a memorable experience. The Biological Park, covering about 336 hectares with its varied wildlife is an added attraction. One has to be very cautious while taking a selfie as a fall can be fatal.

Thoor Ki Pal

About 15 km from Udaipur, near Udaipur Ranakpur road, is Thoor Ki Pal in Badgaon Panchayat Samiti. It is one of the most favorite picnic spots for Udaipurites. The scene of the waterfall here is unforgettable. There are big rocks here and the forceful flow of water makes it a highly risky place.

Vaidyanath Mandir

Vaidyanath Mandir located in the middle of village Sisarma near Udaipur is well known as it is related to religion, culture, and history. It was built by Maharana Sangram Singh Second as desired by his mother Dev Kunwari daughter of Rao Sadal Singh of Bedla. It is also a popular picnic spot. Located on a hill near Sisarma is Sitamata Mandir is also a good picnic spot.

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.



Park

Not far from Udaipur is Bagdarah Nature Park a favorite spot of Udaipurites where they can watch wildlife especially crocodiles in and near the lake. It used to be home to a big number of tigers. With zip lines and a big cafeteria, one can have a lot of fun.

Amrakhji

Near Cheerwa Valley on Udaipur Nathdwara road is located Amrakhji, a protected area. The Mandir reminds one of Maharishi Ambreesh who performed 'Tapasya' here. It is said that during the glorious days of Nagda Nagar, there were a number of temples here and the valley reverberated with the sound of the ringing bells. The temples were damaged during foreign attacks. There are some other temples in addition to the main Shiv Mandir that has been renovated. So also the ancient Baori that is full all through the year. The huge open field surrounded by green hills has become a popular picnic spot also because it has easy access. Shrangirishi, where Shrangirishi had performed Tapasya, can be reached via village Cheers. The hilly track has to be traversed on foot. At the spot, there is a small Kund that is full of sweet water. The place that can also be reached via Chandra and Nauwa has all the facilities for cooking and night stay. At this place, there is an inscription that gives important information about Maharana Mokal. It is believed that the Maharana got a Kund built here for the salvation of his wife Gorambika.

Kailashpuri

The whole area near Kailashpuri with its hills and greenery is an attractive place for picnics. Located near Baghela Talab is the famous Sasbahu or Sahastrabhau Mandir with serene ambience and intricate architecture. While going down the hill from Udaipur side to Kailashpuri on the left, one sees an area with dense forest called Ambawadi that has ancient temples, Kunds and Baoris. Behind Eklingnath Mandir is Indrasagar lake with shady old banyan trees. The scene of the 'paal' with ancient temples and glistening water is extremely enchanting. According to an ancient inscription the lake was built by Raja Jaisingh of the Bapparawal family. The temples were built by Maharawal Samarsingh, Maharana Kumbha, Raimal and others. At a short distance from Kailashpuri towards Delwara is Bappa Rawal a beautiful natural spot with a Shiv Mandir and a lake.

Ubeshwar

For reaching Ubeshwar that is 20 km from Udaipur, one has to go to village Dhar

and turn west from Rampura (Chakri Amba). The steep hilly road has now been made even and easy to traverse. The Shiv Mandir has a cooking place. There is a waterfall among the hills in the east of the temple. One has to be cautious here as the sand is very slippery.

Kamalnath

Located on high hills about 60 km from Udaipur is Kamalnath in the Jhadol area. It is two kilometers away from the village of Badrana. The place is associated with Ravana. At the foot of the hill is a Shani Mandir and a Baori. The dense forest and greenery are so inviting that one wants to visit the place again and again.

Kadiamata

Kadiamata is in Badgaon Panchayat Samiti. The waterfall attracts one from a distance. It is located on a huge ground and is surrounded by water on three sides. A visit to the place is an exciting experience.

Jhameshwar

Located about 20 km away from Udaipur is Jhameshwar that has a highly revered Shiv Mandir in a cave among hills. The flowing stream has a waterfall that is an excellent spot for bathing. The serene ambience attracts a huge number of Udaipurites, especially during the month of Shravan.

Jargaji

Jargaji is situated near Saira at the foot of the second highest Arawali hill. It is believed that the original name of the place was Dargaji. A devotee of Baba Ramdeo, Dargaji used to look after the horses of the great saint. The Kamda sect has its origin here. The inscription of the time of Rajsingh near the metal idol of Pahadinath in Kamda Mandir in village Dhol has a mention of Dargaji. The dense forest, the tall trees, and the flowing stream make it a highly enjoyable place for picnics. Not far from here is Beron Ka Math near Kumbhalgarh with a lake and Shiv Mandir. The place is the origin of the Banas river.

Aamach Mata Mandir

Located near village Riched about 30 km from Udaipur is the famous Aamach Mata Mandir with mesmerizing scenic beauty. Rokadia Hanuman Mandir near Charbhujia is another good picnic spot. So also Gotemshwar near Iswal on Udaipur-Gogunda road that has an ancient Shiv Mandir and beautiful scenery.

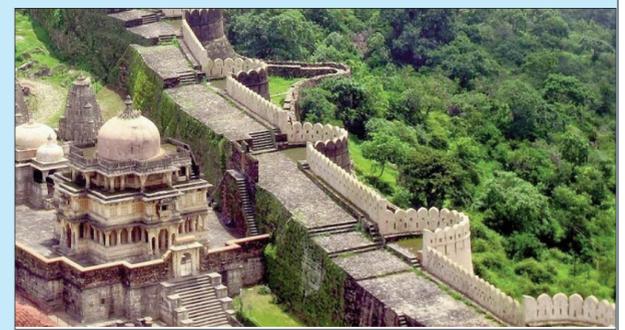
Badi

Very close to Udaipur in Badgaon Panchayat Samiti is village Badi, well known for its huge lake that presents a mesmerizing view. Sitting under the 'Chhatris' and watching the lustrous water of the lake is an enjoyable experience.

Udaisagar

The deep lake, the big 'paal', and the beautiful buildings make Udaisagar, located near Udaipur, a place worth a visit, especially during the rainy season.

One has to be very cautious while going on a picnic. It is not safe to take the risk if one doesn't know swimming and it is advisable to avoid slippery places. It is better to keep away from edges of rocks and not imitate others. Taking a selfie at risky spots might result in a fatal fall. It is also better to carry a first aid box.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE – World Peace Through Indian Music.....



Udaipur: Department of Music, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, University College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Udaipur organized One day National Conference on "World Peace Through Indian Music" on Monday 5th July, 2021. Grammy Award winner Padma Bhushan Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt was Chief Guest and Prof. Pandit Sahitya Kumar Nahar, Vice Chancellor of Raja Man Singh Tomar University, Gwalior was Special Guest in the Inaugural ceremony. In his elaborative talk Padma Bhushan Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt emphasized on the values of Indian Classical Music. Deep riyaz and understanding of Music gives spontaneity where the performer of Indian Classical Music mesmerizes the audience throughout the World. The

Western Musicians and youth not only admire the discipline of Indian Classical Music, but are keen to learn Indian Music and collaborate with Indian Musicians. He shared his experiences of his International performances. Prof. Pandit Sahitya Kumar special guest appreciated the program and also inspired the participating students and Scholars. Prof. Seema Malik, Dean, UCSSH

welcomed all the honourable guests and participants. Vote of thanks was given by Dr Nidhi Sharma in the inaugural ceremony. In the second session around 47 authors presented their research articles in three different tracks.

Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Prof. Shuchismita Sharma, Kurukshetra University, Haryana and Prof. Sangeeta Pandit, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi presided the tracks as Chairperson. Dr. Prem Bhandari, Dr. Nirmal Sanadhya, Dr. Usha Sanadhya were the Keynote Speakers of all the sessions. Prof. Gurpreet Kaur, Prof. Shuchismita Sharma and Prof. Sangeeta Pandit shared their views with the authors and participants. In order to motivate the Scholars, the organizers presented special awards to three scholars to Dr. Anaya Thatte, Anubhuti Gupta and Tara Kannan for the Best Papers Presentation. The scholars offered a wide range of subject for their presentations. As a participant I too presented a talk on "Music of Udaipur Theatre Creating moods and finally leading to Peace (Shaant ras)". I included songs from few selected plays directed by Shri Bhanu Bharti, Dr. Shail Choyal, Dr. Qayam Ali Bohara, Ashok Banthia and me. I was associated with these plays for last

49 years. The Music for play Hayvadan was composed by Pandit Ram Lal Mathur. The effect of these songs composed in different Raags was illustrated with singing. Music of Suruyoday was given by Shri Hemant Pandya while Raja Oedipus was by Dr. Prem Bhandari. It was a wonderful experience for a dramatist like me to share the significance of Music in Theatre with the Scholars.

Report making of Seminar of tracks was done by Bindu Joshi, Shyam Sunder Nagar, Rakesh Paliwal and Manish Adiwaj.

Prof. Anupam Mahajan, Former Dean and Head of Delhi University as a chief Guest of Valedictory Session discussed the significance of Music in attaining the World peace. Dr. Madhu Bhatt Tailang (Retd. Asso. Prof.), University of Rajasthan, Jaipur as the Special Guest was happy to announce about sharing her rich experience of ancient Dhrupad Singing with the students in some special session.

Dr. Mandakini Lahiri and Dr. Harshita Vayar welcomed all the esteemed guests and participants. Saraswati Vandana and musical performance was presented by the students of Dept. of Music. Dimpy Suhalka and Vidhi Sharma compared the Inaugural and Valedictory ceremony. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Pamil Modi.

Such creative and innovative activities of Mohan Lal Sukhadia University will bring encouraging results. A big thank to Prof. Amrika Singh, Vice Chancellor, MLSU, Udaipur and Prof Seema Malik, Dean, UCSSH for this successful event.

- Vilas Janve

Honorary Doctorate conferred on Udaipur Currency Man Vinay Bhanawat



Udaipur: Vinay Bhanawat, the Currency Man from Udaipur has been conferred an honorary doctorate in Notaphilist from the AIIPPHS State Government University in New Delhi.

It is worth a mention that Vinay Bhanawat was chosen for this honor, as an appreciation for his study of notes, world-class collection and research in India as well as globally. AIIPPHS Vice Chancellor Anju Bhandari said that earlier she was supposed to organize an event at Noida Film City Center in May 2021, but due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the honorary doctorate was conferred in online mode. Bhanawat is the only currency and coin collector who has been selected for this title, perhaps for the first time in the Notaphilist category. Bhanawat's name has been recorded in World Record books more than 50 times.

INELI South Asia Mentor Dr. Deepak releases book "Udaipur: Rajasthan ka Kashmir" by Dr. Prabhat



Kota: INELI South Asia Mentor Dr. Deepak Kumar Shrivastava, Divisional Librarian and Head Government Divisional Public Library Kota and Author of twenty-four acclaimed books, Dr. Prabhat Singhal, former Joint Director DIPR Rajasthan, has recounted the Tourism story of "UDAIPUR: Rajasthan ka Kashmir."

During the unveiling of the Book "UDAIPUR: Rajasthan ka Kashmir," Dr. Deepak said that "it's a dedicated honeymoon guide full of important information for those of us who want to enjoy the companionships of our best travel partner and our parents." Further, he states that Dr. Prabhat Singhal has written a must-read primer for anyone considering travel Udaipur... I request you all, Read this book and learn from one of the best.

On this occasion, the author of this Book, Dr. Prabhat, said that "Udaipur is known as one of the most romantic cities in India and this book cover 360 approaches for all destinations. In this book, we covered the Digestible information about Udaipur, or we can say "UDAIPUR READER DIGEST" event has been held in Government Divisional Public Library Kota with following COVID-19 Protocols.