

# KARWA CHAETH IN UDAIPUR



A highly fascinating festival, Karwa Chauth falls on Karak Chaturthi, the fourth day of the month of Kartik. The Sanskrit word Karak means Karwa, a small pot with a hole in the middle that has a spout. It is an essential part of the evening puja. As a legend goes a lady named Karwa kept fast on this day to save her husband from being eaten up by a crocodile. The pot is also believed to be the symbol of Lord Ganesh by some

people.

Preparations for the festival begin well in advance in Udaipur when Kumbhars in Kumharwada, near Mukharji Chowk, begin to make earthen Karwas in large numbers. On the streets are heard the voice of 'Karwa' sellers, 'Karwa Lo'. Shops that sell 'pujan samagri' begin to stack their shops with more and new items.

Gone are the days when ladies wore their bridal dress on this occasion. No wonder,

now they are out in the market on a buying spree. Sari shops, sellers of cosmetics and bangles, jewellers and others do brisk business. Not to be left behind, husbands also buy fancy items and things like gadgets, jewellery and even vehicles to please their spouse and may be to compensate for not being able to fast with them. The desire to buy things is fuelled by astrologers who suggest that it is auspicious time for purchasing various things.

To look more charming on this big day, ladies make advance booking with beauty parlors for services ranging from facial, pedicure and manicure to complete make-up. Mehendi, an important item, used to be put by the ladies themselves or their family members. However, now to save labor and to get new designs a large number of ladies avail at home service of outsiders including young stu-

dents who in turn get some extra money.

There is palpable excitement in the air on this auspicious occasion. However, the day seems to be quite long for ladies who do not take even water throughout the day and pray for the welfare of their husband and family.

To pass time some ladies take a short afternoon nap, while some others go out to watch movies. Some social groups organize interesting programmes for their members. To market their products among women, some commercial houses organize various kinds of events.

Newly - wed ladies celebrating their first Karwa Chauth get a lot of things from their parents including Sargi, some eatables that they take before starting the fast. Ladies make preparations for the elaborate rituals to be performed in the evening. Some time before moonrise a piece of cloth is

spread on a wooden 'patta' and then sand is spread on it. Then the idols of Shiv, Parvati, Kartikeya and others are placed there. So also a Karwa filled with water. They listen to stories of Karwa Chauth while holding wheat grains in their palms. With deep reverence they offer 'ardhya' to the moon when it is visible. Bayana is offered to elder ladies and blessings for prosperity are sought.

A story that is commonly related in Mewar during the 'Puja' is about a married sister of seven brothers. She was on fast but as evening came, the affectionate brothers could not bear to see her in a restless condition. Even before the moon rose, they secretly lit a small fire on a hillock and covered it with a sieve. Believing that the moon had risen, she ended her fast, but as a result of not observing the fast properly, her husband died. After one whole year of repentance

and penance, he came back to life when the compassionate Chauth Mata sprinkled holy water from her 'Karwa' on her husband's corpse. And since then, the 'Puja' has been performed by ladies with great reverence.

In recent years, some feminists have tried to make the celebration of this festival somewhat controversial. They feel that women are as strong as men. So why they should fast for the whole day to beg for protection of men. To others the issue does not seem to be so simple. Fasting for a day for the welfare of husband and family is not tyranny but a generous selfless action for the prosperity of the whole family. Now some men have also started to fast to support their wife.

Unmindful of such controversies, Udaipurites still celebrate the festival with great religious fervour.

- Ashok Mathur

By the way

## Live Differently in not so different world!!

"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."

Thomas Merton

We are living in a society which is full of doubts. We don't trust each other. We are living in constant fear to lose everything. Human beings are full of emotions but mostly they use their emotions against mankind. Over thinking, over reaction, jealousy, stupidity, greed, anger, animality and many more emotions are working against one another. We buy branded clothes to impress others not for our happiness. We waste food in parties to show off money and luxuries to others. People do not know how to love and respect others. These things have not been done in a day. Power and money are not new and they are not permanent. Thousands of books have been written on religion and spirituality. Thousands of Saints and Gurus have given lectures to control our

emotions but all in vain. Our greed is increasing day by day. We have stopped to see good in others. Patience and understanding have become alien words for us. We can spend money on luxuries but we can not give a single penny to poor or orphans. We do everything to improve our next lives but we have forgotten to improve our present. Life is pure and full of enjoyment but we have become impure by creating mess all around us.

What is the best way to live then?

Live differently and be happy right now. Happiness increases when we discover a strength and practice it. The more we practice a strength, the better we get until we really master it. It is a daily practice. Our lives can be busy with day-to-day activities and responsibilities. Many of us multi-task, so we might race ahead, thinking about the next place we need to be. But slowing down to pay attention to what we're doing and why builds happiness. When our lives are rich with positive emotions, great relationships, strengths to practice, and a sense of pur-

pose, we are ready to accomplish things. To make a success even sweeter, celebrate it with people you care about. It is not possible to live alone and gain everything for your own benefit. Universe is not created for us alone. It has been created to give life and opportunities to each and every living being. When we think about society all the time while doing anything then why do we hate one another and become a part of never ending race. Happiness and sorrow, victory and defeat, day and night are just two sides of the coin. Similarly, life is full of moments of joy, pleasure, success, and comfort punctuated by misery, defeat, failures, and problems. There is no human being on Earth that is strong, powerful, wise, or rich who has not experienced struggle, suffering, or failure. Accept others and let them live too. Take your part and leave the rest for others. Earn money but find time to donate a little bit. your contribution to the society will fulfil your mission to live differently in this not so different world.

- Hritu Sodhi

## Rahul Agarwal receives Education Excellence Award from Governor Kalraj Mishra

**Udaipur:** When a person studies, he makes his future and when he opens the doors of education to others, then the future of the country becomes golden. For the remarkable work and services done in the field of higher education, Rahul Agarwal, the founder and chairman of Pacific Medical University, Udaipur, was honored by Governor Kalraj Mishra with the Education Excellence Award in a grand ceremony. This honor on behalf of Rahul Agarwal Pacific University was received by \* President Prof. KK Dave \*

In this felicitation ceremony held in Udaipur, Rahul Agarwal was presented the Education Excellence Award among many eminent personalities from different fields. It is noteworthy that in the Pacific Medical University Udaipur, various courses are being conducted by Rahul Agarwal, in which students are mastering the fields related to medicine. At Pacific Medical University, students are educated about the latest medical technologies so that patients can get accurate treatment. World-class facilities should be made available at concessional rates for the facilities of the patients in Pacific Medical College and Hospital so that poor patients can also take advantage of the treatment.

In the program, Governor Kalraj Mishra while appreciating the excellent work being done by Pacific Medical University and Rahul Agarwal said that the teacher maintains the nursery of society by weeding and weeding it and also said that the teacher should teach himself while teaching. The Governor said that respect related to education means respect for the tradition by which the future generations of our country are cultured.



## Pacific Business School, top five management institutes of RTU and first in southern Rajasthan



**Udaipur:** Pacific Business School has made it proud by securing the fifth position among the first ten management institutes of Rajasthan in the Quality Index Value of Rajasthan Technical University, Kota.

Pacific Business School is the first institute in Southern Rajasthan in Category "A" this year. Last year also Pacific Business School made its place in the first 10 places. Director of Pacific Business School Prof. Vipin Mathur told that there is a reputed management institute of southern Rajasthan, which is known for its teaching-learning environment. Due to which today it is a huge source for campus placement not only by students but also by corporates.

For the past 13 years, Pacific Business School has distinguished itself as a provider of management education. Throughout its glorious history, Pacific Business School has always emphasized its teaching and research. Such a quality index value has been made possible only because of the institute's world-class and reputed faculty. Students are made proficient in management based on learning by doing through case analytics, business analytics, and business simulation along with better management education. The institute has always emphasized imbibing management values in the students and for all-around development.

In various parameters of the Quality Index Value Program 2021-22 by Rajasthan Technical University, the institute has fulfilled its examination results, placements, research, developmental programs, etc.

More than two dozen parameters: Under the quality index value, marks are fixed for more than two dozen parameters. In these parameters, marks are given based on many parameters including Faculty Publication Faculty FDP Attendance, Number of First Division Students, In Time Degree, Placement Ratio, Faculty Qualification Ph.D. Faculty, Students Offer Letter Number, Number of Branches, and Batch.

Institute's Group Director Prof. Mahima Birla said that the credit for this achievement goes to the entire team of Pacific Business School, which is constantly striving to improve its ranking. High-quality industry link several certificate courses are offered to the students in the institute. This improves the practical understanding of the students and makes it easier to get high-level jobs.

## Sikkim's Girish and The Chronicles To Perform In Switzerland's UrRock Music Festival 2021

After another globally hit album release 'Rock the Highway' in April 2020, Sikkim's popular Hard Rock Band Girish and The Chronicles (GATC) receives invitation to perform from Switzerland's UrRock Music Festival 2021 commencing on November 11 till 14 of the month this year. Among other top performers, eminent being the sensational early 70's Scottish Band Nazareth, the group will be getting the stage to chant the audience with India's own western music genre. Sikkim is one of the states of our country grooming this long tradition of western music blending a distinctive exclusivity in it.

GATC is a four-piece band having the vocalist-guitarist Girish Pradhan, bassist Yogesh Pradhan, Suraj Karki, the lead guitarist, and Nagen Mongrant for playing drums. They appeared during 2019 in public performances of Hard Rock, Progressive, Metallic Rock and Heavy Metal themes. Currently settled in Bangalore, it is the famed Gangtok based western Hard Rock band and largely reviewed in various online portals, magazines and entertainment stories for their musical expeditions. This band is evolved with their screaming vocals, ground shaking accompanying instruments and the electrifying zeal rewinding back to the 70s and 80s classical Rock eras.

Beyond the floors of India's Rock arenas, such as, MAD Festival, Mighty Rock Union, Bangalore Open Air and more, they have given loads many successful international performances earlier and achieved arrays of prestigious accolades. Like, in 2010 Sun Cane Skale International Music Awards Festival, Montenegro it won silver trophy for their smashing single 'Yesteryears'. To add to this, it paired in performances with Poets of the Fall, Destruction, Steve Vai and such other noted Rock groups. GATC's upcoming foreign shows include the UK's Hard Rock Hell (HRH) Festival at Manchester in 2022.

- Arkaprava Das

## JEE Advanced Examination - CPS 2021 Five students selected

**Udaipur:** JEE Five students of Central Public School, New Bhupalpura, Udaipur has been selected in the Advanced Examination - 2021. Five students - Mr. Mohak Gupta, Mr. Mehul Jain, Mr. Harsh Jain, Mr. Shreyas Babel, and Mr. Ayush Ranawat have made their special place in the category of selected students by clearing this examination. On this occasion, Mr. Ayush Ranawat, Chairperson of the school - Mrs. Alka Sharma, Director - Mr. Deepak Sharma and Principal - Mrs. Poonam Rathore congratulated the students and wished them all the best for their bright future.

## Prof. Chandalia was nominated as a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference held in Iran



**Udaipur:** Prof. Hemendra Singh Chandalia, working in the English department of Manikya Lal Verma Shramjeevi Mahavidyalaya, a constituent college of Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, has been nominated as a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference to be held at Mazandaran Fahrenjanj University, Iran. Dr. Syed Bagher Mirshoji, the working president of this conference to be held in the coming year, has invited Prof. Chandalia to the membership of this committee through a letter. Various scholars from the country and abroad will participate in this conference to be held on the subject of linguistics "Pedagogical Content Knowledge in Teaching English as a Foreign Language". Prof. Chandalia is working in the English department of Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University for the last thirty-five years. He has published twenty-one books on various subjects and before that, he visited China, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

## Divyang Arjun Bhandari will play International Power Lifting Competition

**Udaipur:** Divyang Arjun Bhandari from Jammu will give his best performance in the International Power Lifting Competition to be held in December under the Indian Power Sports Federation. Arjun Bhandari is a very good powerlifter who makes his teammates sweat with only one hand in an accidental deadlift lifting competition.

## Sangam university: Three-day sports meet Spectrum 2021 concludes

**Bhilwara:** School of Engineering and Technology Department's sports competition Spectrum 2021's three-day competition concluded!

Dean Prof. Vinesh Agarwal told that in the three-day sports meet, cricket, volleyball, badminton, table tennis competition was organized in which students of engineering, BCA, MCA, diploma, etc. Departments participated!



Mohit Sharma told that the mechanical department was victorious in the final, Badminton convenor Dr. Ravi Khatwal and Dr. Avneet told that in the final, Samkit Jain in singles and doubles Samkit Jain, Divyanshu Dadhich

stood first, table tennis coordinators Pankaj Mehta and Shashank Sultania told that Sundaram was first in the final, Vikram Singh and Laxmikant Rana, the convenor of Volleyball, told that Computer Science A won the final!

At the end Vice-Chancellor Prof. Karunesh Saxena, Registrar Prof. Rajeev Mehta congratulated all the winners! Deputy Dean Engineering Dr. Archana Agarwal, Proctor Jai Kalia, Dean Research Dr. Rakesh Bhandari, Dr. Vikas Somani, etc. were present on the occasion!

## It is our responsibility to increase the Happiness Index of Rajasthan Culture - Dr. Arjun Ram Meghwal

**Udaipur (Dr. Munesha Arora):** Union Art and Culture Minister Dr. Arjun Ram Meghwal said that it is our responsibility to increase the Happiness Index of Rajasthan's culture, which is not seen



in any other country. These views were expressed by the Union Minister in the inaugural function of Rajasthan Literature Festival Aadaav-2021 held at Maharana Kumbha Auditorium on Saturday.

Dr. Meghwal said that the culture of Rajasthan is such that it leads us in the direction of increasing the Happiness Index. Today, migrant Rajasthanis are increasing their respect all over the world. Our culture has depth while it is humanistic.

He said that his department is always ready for the Rajasthan language and culture.

The chief guest of the program Dr. Pushpendra Singh Bhati, Judge of Rajasthan High Court said that flexibility and democracy are valued in the world in the Constitution of India. Its strength is indicative of the local language and culture here.

The judge said that cultural identity holds a special place in giving special status to any state and bringing it in front of the world. Unity in diversity strengthens local strength and country.

Initially, the program director Dr. Shivdan Singh Jolawas presented the program outline while honoring the guests.

**Glimpses of folk culture on stage -** The girls of the tribe along with the artists of Shakuntalam and Kumbha artwork showed a tremendous glimpse of Rajasthan on the stage after Corona, leaving a distinctive mark of the culture of Rajasthan with traditional folk songs and dance of marriage, Vinay Verma, Shyam Sundar to the voices of Kesaria Balam Aao Ni Suman Depawat from Bikaner recited Kurja folk song, kept in separate form by Shivraj Vaishnav and Niyaji group. Culture will have to be handed over to the children. Special guest of Rajasthan Literature Festival Aadaav, KK Gupta said that culture will have to be handed over to the children, there is no artificial in them.

Cleanliness not only means garbage, it is also the religion of every Rajasthanis to preserve the culture of thoughts. The program was presided over by Ami Institute President Rohit Bhatnagar.

The operation was done by Seema Rathore from Jhunjhunu. Yogesh Kumawat, vice-president of the organizing committee, said that to keep the art culture of Rajasthan alive, efforts are being made to hand over the rites to the coming generation from this platform. Ranvir Singh kept the technical side of Rajeshwari as a show of gratitude.

Discussion on water conservation method and traditional knowledge Dr. Devendra Singh Chouhan gave his views on the water conservation method and traditional knowledge of Rajasthan on Sunday evening.

The dialogue was done by Dr. Anushree Rathore. This one-month-long program started. The above information was given by the media in-charge of Rahul Singh Bhati. People from 10 countries watched the live program.

## Awareness program organized on World Anesthesia Day

**Udaipur:** The program at Fatehsagar was organized by the Pacific Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Hospital Umrda to spread awareness and information on World Anesthesia Day. In this, the resident doctors of PIMS Medical College showed how the patient is managed in OPD, Emergency IPD, and Operation Theater in the hospital through a street play.

Chief Intsvist Dr. Kamlesh Shekhawat told in the program that anesthesia has special importance in surgery. Both the surgeon and the anesthetist play an important role in surgery. Earlier surgery was not easy. Now surgery has become easier with anesthesia and the patient does not feel pain at the time of surgery and the patient regains consciousness after some time of surgery. Anesthesia has brought a huge change in the medical field. The main objective of World Anesthesia Day is to make people aware of the important contribution, achievements, and needs of anesthesia in surgery.