# Shock defeat for BJP in Rajasthan & Himachal Pradesh, Congress wins all seats

Dhariawad

Assembly constituency with a

margin of 18,725 votesThe

elections were necessitated

after the demise of Congress

MLA Gajendra Singh

Shekhawat from Vallabhnagar

and the BJP's Gautamlal

back to the ruling BJP in Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh, the Congress won the Mandi Lok Sabha and all three Assembly seats of Jubbal-Kotkhai, Arki and Fatehpur and Vallabh Nagar and Dhariawad where bypolls were conducted on October 30.

"Every victory for the Congress is a victory of our party workers. Keep fighting hate. No fear. — Rahul Gandhi, Congress"

The Congress retained Fatehpur and Arki seats while it wrested Jubbal-Kotkhai and Mandi from the BJP. In Mandi, former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh's wife Pratibha Singh, who had also represented the seat in 2004 and 2013, defeat-

Udaipur: In a major set- ed BJP's Brigadier Khushal Thakur (retd), a Kargil war hero, in a keenly contested election

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Rajasthan Assembly Bypoll Results 2021: Massive Setback for BJP, Congress Wins Both Dhariawad And Vallabhnagar Seats

In a massive setback for the Bharatiya Janata Party, the The party also won the



Congress

on Tuesday registered a huge victory in both Vallabhnagar, Dhariawad Assembly seats. Congress candidate Preeti Shaktawat won the Vallabhnagar Assembly seat by a margin of 20,606 votes.

votes (49.14 per cent) while Khushal got 3,62,075 (48.14 per cent). The victory margin of 7,490 was lesser than 12,626 votes that went to NOTA. In 2019, BJP's Ram Swaroop Sharma, whose demise in February necessitated the bypoll, had won the seat by a record margin of 3.98 lakh votes. The Congress secured lead in nine of the 17 Assembly segments (part of Mandi Lok Sabha seat), including Manali, Banjar, Anni, Kullu, Bharmour, Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti and Nachan. The highest lead of 19,253 votes was from Rampur, Pratibha's native place.

The poll debacle is being seen as a setback for CM Jai

Pratibha polled 3,69,565 Ram Thakur, whose constituency Seraj too is part of the Mandi parliamentary seqment. The BJP got the highest lead of 19,903 votes from Seraj. The drubbing in all the four seats could make the going tough for CM Thakur as his detractors could raise the demand for change in leadership. Viewed as semifinals ahead of the Assembly elections next year, the Congress won despite facing a crunch of resources. Poll analysts claimed price rise and unemployment tilted the scales in favour of the Congress, though the sympathy factor too worked in favour of Pratibha, whose husband and six-time CM Virbhadra Singh had passed away on July 8.

# NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE DRIVING FOR WOMEN FOR BETTER ACCESS TO LIVELIHOODS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Udaipur: Shell Foundation, a UK based charityand the UK Government in association with Moving Women Social Initiatives Foundation (MOWO) have launched 'Moving Boundaries', a campaign to encourage

women to pick up driving skills and remove roadblocks within the ecosystem to increase their job prospects in transportation businesses including as taxi and e-rickshaw driversor asdelivery agents for ecommerce companies. Under this campaign, Jai Bharathi, founder of MOWO is touring India on her motorbike from October 11th for a period of over 40 days and coveringover 20 cities to create awareness and encourage women to learn driving to increase their jobopportunities. Today, Ms Bharathi reached Udaipur on the current leg of her tour. Starting from Hyderabad, she has covered Bangalore, Chennai, Kochi, Goa, Pune, Mumbai, Surat, Ahmedabadand would now be covering Jaipur, Amritsar, Srinagar, Chandigarh, New Delhi, Lucknow, Varanasi, Patna, Guwahati, Kolkata, Ranchi, Bhubaneshwar, among oth-

The campaign seeks to promoteawareness on the importance of women acquiring the power of driving and travelling safely to expand their horizons in all aspects of their lives. The focus is on enabling women to not only learn driving but also own electric vehiclesto generate income which in turn can also reduce carbon emissions from transport.

'Even Cargo', a social enterprise providing training, employment, and electric vehicle ownership to women drivers is also supporting this campaign.

As part of the campaign, a WhatsApp based chatbot has been rolled out for women who would like to learn driving a two or three-wheeler vehicle or apply for a job as taxi, auto or delivery rider. Any interested person can express their interest by dropping "Hi" on the WhatsApp number +91 8885916606 and the chatbot will connect them to nearby partner organisations like Even Cargo which offer training and employment opportunities to women. The chat support is available in mul-

Commenting on 'Moving Boundaries', Ms. Jai Bharathi, Founder of MOWO said. "Women all over the world face restrictions on their mobility. They are unable to travel long distance to acquire decent education or take up jobs which involve complex or unsafe commute which results in a restricted pool of jobopportunities. I am very excited to take on this 40-day journey on my motorbike across the country to meet women from all strata and hold workshops to make driving an aspirational and achievable employment choice for them. Creating a safe environment where women have access to reliable transportation and they can drive their own vehicles to earn a living is a great way to increase employment opportunities for women in a sector which has predominantly been male-

Speaking on the partnership, Mrs. Shipra Nayyar of Shell Foundation said, "We launched 'Moving Boundaries' to promote safe, affordable, and clean transportation for women for better access to basic amenities like healthcare, education, and jobs. The focus is also to create an environment whereby more women can enter the workforce by learning how to drive and becoming owner-entrepreneurs of their vehicles in the transportation linked sectors such as e-rickshaws and asdelivery agents. Our ambition is to enable equal access to opportunities for women by helping them become more mobile. We hope that in the next 5 years, by supporting and helping build capacity of more such enterprises that train and employ women from low-income households, we will see a sizable number of women drivers owning and driving electric vehicles in over 100 cities and villages across India increasing safe transportation and connectivity for other women" Promoting employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for women is an important goal for Shell Foundation. Together with the Government of UK, Shell Foundation launched POWERED (Promotion of Women in Energy Related Enterprises for Development) in 2017, a women-focused programme to increase participation of women across the clean energy and mobility value chain in India. POWERED programme supports enterprises that promote inclusion of women in jobs in the transportation and logistics sector as well as enable them to own electric vehicles to earn an income

### MewarTrail Expedition is Indian Army's homage to heroes of Mewar: Mr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar

Udaipur: The Mewar Trail Expedition, led by the Indian Army, today culminated their 20-day long expedition at the Maharana Pratap Smarak Samiti, Moti Magri, in the city for the flag hoisting ceremony to mark the final destination of the

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur, a member of the former royal Family of Mewar and President of Maharana Pratap Smarak Samiti said, "During the Mewar Trail Expedition in the historical sites, the Indian Army projected the sacrifices of the heroes of Mewar and the valor of the Indian Army to the children and youth of the con-

The Mewar Trail Expedition was flagged off from Eklinggarh Military Station, Udaipur on 8th October 2021 and trekked through the world-famous battle sites of Haldighati, Kumbhalgarh, Dewair, Chittorgarh and covered a distance of 550 kms.

Atotal of 70 soldiers from the 9 Grenadiers (Mewar) including 2 women officers from Konark Corps participated in this expedition. Its aim was to awaken the spirit of patriotism in the children and youth of the country, highlighting the history of the 'Veer Bhoomi' that is the region of Mewar.

Mr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur said that the Mewar Trail Expedition marked mark the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and to celebrate the Golden Victory Year, the 50th year of India's historic victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war.

Desert Corps, Battle X Division and the 9Grenadiers (Mewar) paid their tribute to the land of Mewar and its heroes.

Earlier the Indian Army paid homage to the statue of Maharana Pratap at the Maharana Pratap Smarak Samiti, Moti Magri. The soldiers of the Mewar Trail Team carried the tradition prevalent in Mewar by hoisting the Nishan (Mewar Flag) at Moti Magri.

Mr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur had presented a sword to the Mewar Trail expedition team during flag off ceremony. Today it was ceremoniouslyhanded over to him by the expedition team at the flag-in ceremony at Moti Magri.

Ex-Army personneland all the members of Mewar Trail expedition team were honoured with mementos. Dignitaries present today were Brigadier Shekhar, ex-Army Officials including Lieutenant General NK Singh, Captain Rishabh Suri and RNT Principal Dr. Lakhan Poswal, among others



The Expedition team-membersmet the veterans and gallant soldiers of the 1971 war at all the trail stopovers. They shared with them the various welfare schemes run by the Indian Army. To inculcate the spirit of patriotism in the youth, they met the students of schools and colleges and inspired them to work for the nation.

of Mewar Bhil Corps also joined them. Mewar Bhil Corps is composed of the native Bhil tribals of the Mewar region who had fought in the Mewar Army under the leadership of many legendarygenerals likeMaharana Pratap for centuries.

The day of 27th October holds a special significance in the history of the Indian Army as the Infantry Day as on this day the Indian Army started the mission of expelling the Pakistani soldiers and infiltrators from Kashmir.

#### World Stroke Day, A Quiz competition organized for awareness of paralysis

Udaipur: A Quiz Competition was organized by Pacific Medical College and Hospital on World Stroke Day to create awareness about Paralysis.

Medical, dental, and nursing students of Pacific Medical University along with nursing staff participated in this competition. In this guiz competition, pediatrician Dr. Ravi Bhatia asked questions related to stroke awareness to the participants. The winners were felicitated by the Executive Director of PMCH. Aman Agarwal, Dr. A.P. Gupta, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Atulabh Vajpeyee. Senior Brain and Paralysis Specialist. During this, Dr. Atulabh Vajpayee, a neurologist, gave important information on the relevance of stroke day, as well as about recognizing the symptoms of paralysis and timely treatment. Dr. Atulabh Vajpayee informed that to prevent premature paralysis and paralysis, high-level medical facilities are available day and night under the supervision of specialist doctors in the Pacific Center of Neurosciences so that in case of paralysis, he can

## Organizing Customer Redressal Meeting at Malwa's ka chauraha

Udaipur: Punjab National Bank organized "Grahakar Nivaran Sabha" for customers of local branches of Udaipur city during "Vigilance Awareness Week Year - 2021" at Branch/Office Malwa Ka Chauraha. The meeting was presided over by Udaipur Divisional Head Shri Sumant Kumar, Divisional Office Chief Manager Shri P.R. Meena and branch head Mr. Pankaj Talk in the presence of customers & local sarpanch Totaram Garasia. All the customers present informed the bank officials about their problems and gave their suggestions.

In the meeting, Udaipur Divisional Head Shri Sumant Kumar appealed to all the customers present during the Vigilance Awareness Week to be aware of the banking sector. And getting those problems resolved immediately in the presence of the branch head, the oath was administered to all the cus-

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# Meena from Dhariyawad. BN University Webinar observing the Foundation Anniversary of the UNO

Udaipur: Dr Jayshree Singh, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, FOSSH, BNU, Udaipur (Coordinator of the Webinar Program) reported that to mark the celebration of the founding day of United Nations Organisation on 24th October in the forenoon hours, the virtual forum through google meet was organised by Bhupal Nobles' University, Udaipur and the following guests attended the event. The Honourable Chief Guest - Dr Sahdev Singh, Under Secretary, Dept. of Justice, E-Courts, Ministry of Justice and Law, & MHA, Govt. of India. Hon'ble Chair and Guest of Honour - Professor Salvatore Tolone Azzariti, Civil Law, University of Oxford and Buenos Aires. Title of His Talk - Human Rights in Private Law: Structure and Methodology. Senior Advocate Aishwarya Bhati, Additional Solicitor General Hon'ble Supreme Court, India. Title of Her Talk - Potential in Diversity. Professor Sawarn Singh, Chair of the Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi. Title of His Talk - India's Changing Role at the United Nations. Dr Kamal Singh Rathore, Associate Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy, Public Relations Officer, BNU, Udaipur extended voted of thanks. Google video meet was attended by the President BNU Prof. Narbahadur Singh, Chairperson of Bhupal Nobles Sansthan Sh Pradeep Singh Singoli, Secretary Dr Mahendra Singh Agaria, Managing Director Sh Mohabbat Singh Rathore, Dean PG Studies Dr Devendra Sisodia, Dean FOS Dr Renu Rathore, Asso. Dean PG Studies Dr Asha Arora, Asso. Dean, FOSSH Dr Aparna Sharma, and Dean of the Faculty of Law Dr Ashutosh Pitiliya and his faculty members, Dr Sangeeta Rathore, Dr Sarla Sharma, Dr Bhanu Kapil and Dr Abhay Jaroli, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce





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