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Mewar Gangaur Festival

Festivals are a way of life, not were celebrations in Mewar. It has been rightly said that there are "Saat Vaar and Nau Tauhar", seven days in a week but nine festivals. Among the fairs, the biggest in Lake City is the internationally well known Mewar Gangaur festival that is celebrated to welcome the advent of spring with great enthusiasm.

The long history of Gangaur festival reveals how the Maharanas enjoyed the celebration in the company of the public even in the Samanti raj. At about three in the afternoon 'nagaras' were sounded and that served as an invitation to all those authorized to participate in the procession to reach the royal palace in traditional dress. Sitting in a palanquin the Maharana used to come near Darikhana and there he would ride an elephant. With the sounding of the second 'nagara' and twenty one canon salute from Eklinggarh, the procession started. The procession was led by Nishan Ka Hathi on which rode a man car-



rying a flag with the emblem of the Sun. Then came the army band of Sajjan Infantry and Bhupal Infantry. Reputed persons rode horses in zari clothes and decorated with attractive ornaments.

Gorgeously decorated was the Gangaur Ghat on the bank of Lake Pichhola where dancing girls performed Ghoomar dance to welcome the Maharana. Alighting from the elephant, the Maharana would

ride a boat covered with a canopy. The other barge was occupied by the seveneenth Umrao who was a Muslim and other officials. After a leisurely trip the boats were anchored at Banshi Ghat or Jag Niwas

according to the Maharana's wish. There was a lot of singing and dancing on the boats. To add to the gaiety of the festival, there was scintillating firework display on some other ghats.

Also celebrated on Vaisakh Krishna Tritia was Dhings Gangaur that was started by Maharana Rajsingh First on the insistence of his Choti Rani. So it is called Dhinga Gangaur i.e. forced Gangaur.

The festival starts the day after Holi when the worship of Gan, a symbol of Lord Shiva and Gauri, His consort begins. Unmarried girls worship Gangaur for being blessed with good husbands while married women do so for the welfare of their spouse and family.

A special fair held only in Udaipur is the Choti Gangaur fair on Seetla Saptami at Moti Chouta. During the reign of Maharana Fatehsingh there was a good painter named Sharma who suggested that a fair could be organized at Moti Chouta for buying Gangaur idols. The Maharana readily accepted the proposal. A huge number of gaily dressed women with Pooja Ki Thali come to the fair, select the idols of their choice, worship them and take them home singing and dancing. Generally, the

idols are made of Khirni wood. However, for getting special wishes fulfilled, wood of other trees is also used. The size in quarters viz one and a quarter inch etc. is preferred. The auspiciousness of an idol is also believed to depend on its colour.

The idols of Gangaur are tastefully decorated in the morning of Teej and offered a huge variety of delicious dishes. Gangaur songs are sung. As evening approaches, the idols of Gangaur and Isar are taken out of homes and temples and the streets begin to reverberate with the music of the bands. Attractively dressed women join the procession holding the idols on their head. Girls lead the procession carrying Severe, bunch of flowers, while women dance singing special Gangaur songs.

Gangaur idols and Jhankis of different Samaj of Udaipur in the procession are some other attractions. Passing through various streets on the way the idols reach the open Jagdish Chowk where there is

a lot of singing and dancing. The procession culminates at Gangaur Ghat where the idols are worshipped with elaborate rituals and deep reverence. The procession of the royal Gangaur on the special royal boat proceeds from Banshi Ghat to Gangaur Ghat. On a separate boat folk artists present fascinating cultural items. Spectacular fireworks display is an added attraction.

As part of its Mewar Festival, the Rajasthan Tourism Deptt. organizes a programme at Gangaur Ghat in which folk artists from different parts of the country present fascinating cultural items. The best entries in the Gangaur procession are given prizes. There are prizes also for competitions like the best foreign couple dressed in Rajasthani clothes and Pagri tying by foreigners as well as local people in fixed time.

The whole city including Indian and foreign tourists join in to savour the joy of this extremely enjoyable extravaganza.

- Ashok Mathur

Over 1.10 lakh dairy farmers associated with Milk Producing Companies write to Hon'ble CM of Rajasthan

Request extending 'Mukhyamantri Dugdha Sambal Yojna' incentive to all dairy farmers

Udaipur: Expressing grave displeasure with the recently announced incentive under the Mukhyamantri Dugdha Sambal Yojna (MMDSY), over 1.10 lakh milk producers associated with milk producing companies from 22 districts of the state of Rajasthan have written to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and State Government of Rajasthan to extend the benefits of the scheme to all milk producers of the state.

The aggrieved farmers

have also requested time from the Hon'ble Chief Minister so that they can meet and apprise him of the situation on ground.

Recently, the Rajasthan Government introduced the first ever separate budget for agriculture and animal husbandry. Under its MMDSY scheme, the Government increased the subsidy from Rs 2 to Rs 5 per litre to those who supply milk to co-operatives associated with state dairy federation.

The enhanced subsidy is intended to benefit around 5 lakh dairy farmers with an increased outlay of Rs 550

crore, while around 95% of the total dairy farmers of the state are being left out of the scheme's benefits. Hence, they demand that the benefits must be extended to all dairy farmers for creating a level playing field and to boost the agriculture and animal husbandry sector.

"The majority of dairy farmers are distressed by the subsidy being provided to only select dairy farming community affiliated to the state's dairy federation. While we welcome and appreciate the Government's move to increase the benefit to the tune

of Rs 5 per litre, the scheme should treat all dairy farmers within the state at par," said Sanju, a dairy farmer from Sihot Choti Tehsil, Dhod Sikar, Rajasthan.

"Rajasthan has over 1 crore people engaged in dairy farming and the Rs 5 per litre subsidy is benefiting only around 5 lakh farmers who are associated with the state cooperative, disadvantaging around 95% of dairy farmers," said Neha Chipa, a Dairy Farmer from Jhadol Tehsil, Nasirabad, Ajmer, Rajasthan.

Another dairy farmer expressed, "I am a dairy farmer

and I am associated with Paayas Milk Producer Company, a farmer owned institution in Rajasthan, working on the principles similar to the co-operative structure. Our institution has always worked in compliance of the policies of the Rajasthan Government. Together, we are around 1 lakh milk producers from 14 districts of the state. Our network comprising of over 3400 villages produce over 7.50 lakh kg milk per day. We appeal to your fair consciousness to extend the benefit of Rs 5 per litre subsidy under the Mukhyamantri Dugdha Sambal Yojna to all of

us."

Rajasthan is the 2nd largest milk producing state in the country with varied structures related to dairy farming. Apart from the state cooperative, milk producers in the state are also affiliated with similar structures known as Milk Producing Companies (MPCs). Paayas, Ujalaa, Sakhi and Asha are 4 major MPCs wherein farmers from over 22 districts pour milk.

These farmers have written to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and State Government seeking a fair ground for all left out milk producers.

Glimpse of Mini Rajasthan will be seen in Rajasthan Utsav

New Delhi: Before the Rajasthan Foundation Day (30 March), Rajasthan Utsav has been started and inaugurated on Thursday at Bikaner House in New Delhi. The function inaugurates by Smt. Shubhra Singh, Principal Resident Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan in New Delhi. Shri Dhiraj Srivastava, Commissioner, Rajasthan Foundation and Smt. Mamta Singhania, Member of the Executive Council of Bikaner House Management Society with the lighting the lamp and cutting the ribbon. This Utsav will be open to the General Public 11:00 am to 9:00 pm daily from 24 March to 31 March 2022 at Bikaner House Complex, New Delhi. Rajasthan Tourism, Rajasthan Foundation, Bikaner House Management Society and RUDA together have released the complete activity calendar of this Rajasthan Utsav. In this fair, more than 50 stalls of Rajasthanian artisans have been set up by Rural Nonfarm Development Agency (RUDA), where art and handicraft goods of Rajasthanian artisans will be available for purchase to the visitors. Speaking on the occasion of the inaugural function, Principal Resident Commissioner Smt. Shubhra Singh said that it is a matter of joyous for The Non-resident Rajasthanian settled in Delhi and the residents of the capital that Rajasthanian art, culture and handicraft items are available in the same premises in this fest. Here you can enjoy Rajasthanian cultural activities; Rajasthanian cuisine includes exhibitions, performances, crafts, fairs, book fest and showcasing the best of the culture of Rajasthan and beyond. She said that through such activities, the Government of Rajasthan wants to make Bikaner House as a 'Gateway of Rajasthan', and Cultural Centre of Rajasthanian Art and Culture. Shri Dhiraj Srivastava, Commissioner, Rajasthan Foundation said that March 30 is a day of great historical importance in the history of Rajasthan. This program organized in Delhi to promote Rajasthanian Art and Culture on the occasion of Rajasthan Day. He said that according to the wishes of Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot, we want to make Bikaner House a "World Class Cultural Centre" through such Rajasthanian Cultural Programs.

Vintage car rally will be the centre of attraction in Rajasthan Utsav- Shri Dhiraj says, in this week-long Rajasthan Utsav, A Vintage Car Rally will be organized in Association with Heritage Motoring Club of India and Rajasthan Foundation on March 27. The Car of the then Bikaner Maharaj will be at the fore in Vintage Car Rally, which will later be displayed for the visitors at the Bikaner House premises during the festival. Giving information about the products and stalls of Rajasthanian Artisans, Mr. Om Prakash of RUDA said that we have provided space here for selected artisans of Rajasthan in this Utsav. These Handicraft products include Blue Pottery, Stone Work, Rajasthanian Woolen Shawl, Rajasthanian Jewellery, Marble, Brass Metal Work, Clay Face, Rajasthanian Jooties, Barmeri Embroidery, Sanganeri Print, Bagru Hand Block Print, Rajasthanian Sarees Various types of Rajasthanian Handicraft Items including Suits, Terracotta, Wooden Craft, Gota Patti, Tarkashi Work, Leather Bag, Rajasthanian Painting, Kota Doria, Ajrak Print, Pokaran Pottery, Patwa Work, Kavadi Cast Art, Rajasthanian Bangles will be available for sale to visitors. On this inaugural function of Rajasthan Utsav Additional Resident Commissioner Shri Vimal Sharma, Assistant Resident Commissioner Rinku Meena and Manoj Kumar Singh, Assistant Director of Rajasthan Tourist Centre, Chhatrapal Singh and Manoj Kumar, PRO Shivram Meena and officers and employees of all the offices of Rajasthan Government were present.

Udaipur City - Chittaurgarh Rail Service (Daily) launched at Udaipur station

Udaipur City - Chittaurgarh Passenger Train No. 09601 was flagged off at Udaipur City station. Chief Guest Shri Gulabchand Katara, Leader of Opposition, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, in the dignified presence of Shri Kankamal Katara, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha Banswara, and Divisional Railway Manager Ajmer Shri Naveen Kumar Parasuramka Additional Divisional Railway Manager Mr. Sanjeev Kumar and Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Mr. Vivek Rawat along with other branch officers, employees, and the general public were present on this occasion. On the first day of the journey, many passengers traveled on this Udaipur-Chittaurgarh train and looked excited.

In place of the daily running train number 59605/59606 between Udaipur-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur in the past, train number 09601/09602 Udaipur-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur train has been started. Train No. 09601 Udaipur - Chittaurgarh train service will leave Udaipur at 19:30 hrs and reach Chittaurgarh station at 22:15 hrs and en route Rana Pratap Nagar, Debari, Khemli, Bhimal, Mavli Junction, Fatehnagar, Bhupalsagar, Kapasan, Pandoli, Netwal, Will stop at Ghosunda station.

By the way:

Eye for an eye makes the whole world blind

Abusing females has become a custom now. From Mahabharata to the modern era, women are being manipulated by men. Tearing their clothes or raping/assaulting them is the best way to punish their families. Who has told them that a female's respect lies in a particular organ?

Every second a woman is raped in the world. So-called progressive countries are not left behind.

I came across the story of Junko Furuta from Japan a few days back. She was gang-raped by 100 young boys for 43 days. She was intelligent and this was her biggest fault. She rejected a boy from her class and that boy kidnapped her with the help of his friends. She was being tortured most horrifically. I could not sleep after watching her story.

When I was 10 years old, a boy from my class mentally harassed me. He was also 10 years old. He showed me the worst picture of a male when I was very young. I lost my confidence completely. I could not talk to men normally for many years. It's not my story only. It happens with every girl who grows up in our neighbourhood where males have all rights to molest her. The best part is when these men become fathers and teach their daughters not to talk to other males. They know the brutal truth of their gender.

I am not saying that every male is a rapist. I am talking about those who are hiding behind masks. We can not teach them to behave properly with other females. We abuse females and use the worst phrases to break their souls. Female body parts are chosen to tear our respect. The funniest part is that young girls are also using these terms to show their frustration. I don't understand why these phrases are based on female body parts. A rapist may belong to any community. His religion is inhumanity and he lives in our neighbourhood. I have seen men who touch females and proudly tell their friends and colleagues too. We do a candle march when a crime occurs but we can not stop our sons, husbands and fathers not to behaving like animals. Eye for an eye makes the whole world blind. Take a vow to not disrespect any female otherwise, someday your Karma will return to you most unexpectedly.

- Hritu Sodhi

A seminar on "Strategic Decision Making through Analytics organized

Udaipur: One day seminar on "Strategic Decision Making through Analytics in Pharmaceutical Industry" organized by Faculty of Pharmacy, Bhupal Nobles' University, Udaipur in which Chief Guest and Speaker on the occasion was Dr. Ambrish Joshi Vice President, Genpact, Operation Life Science and Health Care Analytics. Special guest was Dr. Rajesh Yadav, Deputy Registrar, Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur. On this occasion, Dr. Joshi explained the various aspects of Analytics and its scope to the students. A case let was also conducted for the students to understand the process of forecasting.

The program was anchored by Dr. Kamal Singh Rathod. BN Institute of Pharmacy Principal Dr. Mahendra Singh Ranawat welcomed and Dean Dr. Yuvraj Singh Sarangdevot gave vote of thanks. About 250 students and staff participated in the occasion. Among them were Dr. Siddhraj Singh Sisodia, Dr. Chetan Singh Chauhan, Dr. Anju Goyal, Dr. Komal Sharma, Dr. Bhupendra Vyas, Hitesh Kothari, Dr. Rahul Garg, Dr. Ravindra Kamble, Dr. Amul Mishra, Alok Bhargava, Dr. Meenakshi Bharkatiya, Dr. Amit Bhargava etc. were present.



Indira IVF becomes the first speciality chain to attain 1 lakh successful IVF stories in a decade

Udaipur: Indira IVF, India's leading chain of infertility treatment hospitals, has achieved 1,00,000 successful IVF stories. It is the first IVF single-specialty chain in the country to notch this milestone in a span of 10 years, stressing on the importance of sexual and reproductive health for all. The organisation has observed that among all female patients who visit its centres, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) and blocked fallopian tubes are the two leading causes of infertility whereas low sperm count contributed to the most number of male infertility cases.

As a purpose-driven organisation, Indira IVF has stressed on the accessibility of quality treatment to the remotest parts of the country. The organisation has conducted 742 physical camps educating 60,000 couples across the country. Even during the COVID-19 period, the efforts continued with digital integration and personalised counselling. With 107 centres, over 50% of its centres are located in tier 2 and tier 3 locations, empowering the diaspora with awareness on medical treatments of infertility and providing easy access to technologically-backed treatment. The group plans to open 20-30 number of more such centres every year with an international exposure by establishing centres in Bangladesh and Nepal.

Reflecting on the journey, Dr. Ajay Murdia - Founder & Chairman of Indira IVF Group said, "Our first success story was born when a young child, Navya, came into this world in 2011. From one life back then to 1 Lakh a decade hence, it brings me immense joy to see how far we have come in our vision to help couples who face challenges with growing their family. We are determined to break people free from the shackles of infertility and provide medical solutions for their treatment."

Speaking on the achievement of the milestone, Dr. Kshitiz Murdia - CEO & Co-Founder of Indira IVF said, "All these success stories are a collective reminder of our focus on successful clinical outcomes. We have made sure that our world-class technology becomes a catalyst in achieving our goals. Besides, including latest healthcare technology we have also, in a short span of time, transformed our organisational expertise, accelerate our progress and ambition. We have focused on having experts from various domains lead our functions at Indira IVF."