

## 'The Folk Dances of Rajasthan' - A must-read for art lovers

Rajasthan has been considered from times, Immemorial, to be a region full of diversities yet possessing very rich inter-woven fabric of cultural heritage. This quality led the State to attain an international name and fame for divinity, chivalry and romance

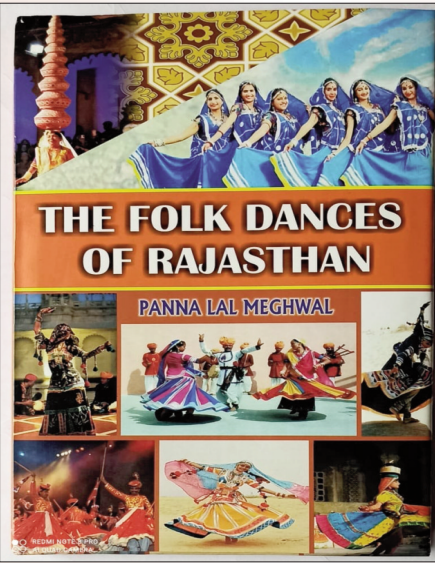
with rich customs, traditions and culture filled in the mind and hearts of its people. It has motivated them to offer an admirable bouquet of folk dances, songs and a variety of musical instruments.

Traditional dance forms developed anonymously and future generations automatically became a part of that culture by adopting these ideas, values as well as knowledge and experience gained by our ancestors. Such dances are recreational and religious besides being able to arouse National pride.

The performance of such arts in groups always creates

similarity of thought and, such unity results in humanity. Folk dances have made extraordinary contribution in human life. In Rajasthan itself, folk dances are numerous in number and style. These vary according to the local traditions and ethnic group etc. Most important of these folk dances are Ghoomar, Kalbeliya, Bhawai, Kathputli, Kachchi Ghori, Gair, Chari and Chang. Each form has its own significance to showcase its history and cultural traditions.

In these dance performances, one can witness a fine combination of features like poise, performance, balance,



rhythm, style, vibrancy, confidence, energy, colourful costumes, footwork, effective use of instruments, vigour, joy and happiness. The success of a performer or group is judged by the extent of emotions evoked among the audience in terms of gestures and facial

expressions.

The art of folk dance used to be inherited from generation to generation without any formal education and training. But, now the younger generation is becoming crazy to attain professional excellence through a formal mode of training to enhance employability within or outside our Country. This demand has opened the doors for the establishment of training and research institutions like Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy, Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal, Sangeet Nritya Academy and many others. Former Joint Director of Information and Public

Relations Department, senior author and freelance journalist Pannalal Meghwal has written the book 'The Folk Dances of Rajasthan' with great devotion. The book contains detailed educational information related to the folk arts and artists of Rajasthan.

Honorable Governor Kalraj Mishra released the book 'The Folk Dances of Rajasthan' on 7th July 2022 at Raj Bhavan. This book has been published by Sahityagar, Jaipur in 34 chapters in 176 pages. The cost of the book is Rs 300. This book is available on Sahityagar, Amazon.in and flipkart.com. I firmly believe that all enthu-

siastic thirsty minds may also get benefitted from this book. All the students appearing for various competitive examinations may also find the book serves their purpose of gaining preliminary knowledge. This book itself is a piece of art and full of cultural information. It's available in Suchana Kendra, Mumbai for art lovers of Rajasthan. We should be thankful to the author for the research on this vast subject.

**Reviewer - Ritu Sodhi, PRO, RAJASTHAN Information Centre Mumbai (Maharashtra).**

## Study of the unique behavior of beautiful bird paradise flycatcher

**Udaipur:** Many amazing things are seen in this diverse nature; one such fact has been revealed in Udaipur, where two different male birds are seen taking care of chicks in a nest of the beautiful bird paradise flycatcher. This study of the unique behavior of this bird has been done by Udaipur's ornithologist Devendra Mistry.

Devendra Mistry, an expert researching the behavior of birds, has studied many interesting behaviors of this bird known as Dudhrhaj, Sultan Bulbul, and Indian Paradise Fly Catcher. This behavior was very inspiring and unique and exhibits the art of saving lives by fighting the cooperative and mutual harmony and family bonds of birds.

Devendra studied the



behavior of many nests and children of Dudhrhaj birds and other birds around their breeding place in many districts. In which it was seen that there are dense trees around the valley, rainy stream or drain or river bank. Whether with less broad-leaved or thorny trees, these birds come there before the monsoon and take possession of their breeding sites and make nests, and at some distance, other birds of milk and other species

also make nests.

A wonderful example of beauty and cooperation

The scientific name of Dudhrhaj is Turfiphon paradise. Bird expert Devendra Mistry said that the male doodhrhaj has a gorgeous head, black ridged feathers, eye-rings, a blue-white belly, and the rest of the body. The golden copper color of the neck below the neck has two very long feathers, about one foot. After nearly four years, the male becomes bright like milk; that is why it is named Doodhrhaj. The color of the female doodhrhaj remains the same.

A unique study was done in the forest of Pichola and Banki. Devendra said that here in the thorny trees of Hanuman, Pichola, and Banki forests of

Udaipur, it was seen that when the children in the nest start screaming with hunger or chirping, then other males feed moths to the nestling children, that is, from the same nest. Two male birds, one white colored and another coppery brown colored male, were feeding the chicks to the chicks. Similarly to one female, the other two males were given food items so the children who had left the nest could be given food at a safe time. In food competition, other birds attack, snatch food material, and drive away the chicks or the juveniles who have left the nest, in which they come into the sight of other predatory birds and nest-rover birds. Therefore, the second male Doodhrhaj bird stays around the nest to protect.

This kind of cooperation and interaction with protection and warning behavior and such habitats leads to the collaborative development of organisms and maintains biodiversity and the food chain. Devendra Mistry studied these Dudhrhaj in some places like Sitamata Sanctuary, forest of river drains of Pratapgarh, river stream forest of Udaipur and Chittor and found that they live here year round but before the monsoon in large numbers for breeding in India and South India. They came here from other places and spread to other parts of Rajasthan.

According to Devendra Mistry, the natural habitat of these birds and thus forests like Dev Van and Banki should be protected.

## Kanishka scored 98.8% in class 12 commerce

**Udaipur:** Kanishka Nyati, a Udaipur Bhatt ji's Bari resident, has brought laurels to the name of Mewar division by securing 98.8% in class 12 commerce. Kanishka is currently studying at Amity International School in Gurgaon. His father, Siddharth Nyati, works in a company there, and the rest of the family lives in Bhatt ji's Bari.

## Saint gregorios excelled in class 12 exam result

**Udaipur:** The students of saint gregorios School 12 exam, conducted by the CBSE, has achieved excellence in results declared. In Class 12 Science, Krish Bandwal secured 94.8 percent, Vidushi Bhandari 94.4 percent, and Prachi Pujari got 91.2 percent marks and secured the first three positions, respectively.

In class 12 commerce, Ghazal Bordia and Manan Devpura secured 96.6 percent, Aditi Palwal and Mirend Garhwal secured 95.2 percent, and Kumari Rasulji secured the first three positions with 93.4 percent marks, respectively.

While in class 12th arts, Deepti secured Jain secured 96.6 percent., Shreya Agarwal 94.4 percent and Laksh Parikh 92.6 percent marks, respectively, and secured the first three positions.

The school's examination result was almost 100 percent. A total of 168 students appeared in the examination. Of these four students in Science, nine in commerce and 5 in Arts scored more than 90 percentile. At the same time, the number of students securing more than 75 percent marks was 98, and the number of students who passed in the first division was 162.

## MMPS Exciting Exam Result of 10th Board

**Udaipur:** In the examination results declared by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi, the development of the class X board of the school was very encouraging.

05 students made the school proud by getting 100 marks out of 100 in Mathematics, Science, and Social Science subjects. Forty-one students got above 90% marks. Isha Jain got the first position in the school by scoring 97.6 percent marks, Kriti Vyas got the second position by securing 97.4 percent, and Honey Shrimal got the third position by securing 97 percent. School Principal Sanjay Dara sent congratulations and best wishes to all the students, parents, and teachers on the school's excellent results.

## Sahil Singh and Aksha Jain Stood First in the 12th arts stream in CBSE

**Udaipur:** The Central Board of Secondary Education declared the results of class 12th science, commerce and arts and class 10th examinations on 22nd July, in which the students of Delhi Public School had excellent results.

Gandharva Chhipa stood second in the entire Udaipur by scoring 98.6 percent marks in the science faculty. Somya Jain got 98.4 percent marks, and Sachin Gokhru got the best position by securing 96.4 percent marks. Monisha Bapna stood first in the commerce faculty by scoring 97 percent marks. Priyal Sarupriya got the second position with 96.6 percent marks, and Pranav Lakshkar got the third by securing 94.2 percent marks. In the Faculty of Arts, Sahil Singh and Aksha Jain stood first in the entire Udaipur by scoring 98 percent marks. Kinjal Sharma got the second position with 96.8 percent marks, and

Gaurinya Joshi got the third by securing 96.6 percent marks.

Thus, in class 12th, 27 students in Science Faculty, ten in commerce Faculty, and 15 in Arts Faculty scored 90 percent and above. In the board examination of session 2021-22, 210 students got first division in all the three faculties of class XII, and 129 students got a special ability. Fifteen students scored more than 95 percent marks, and 197 made the school proud by getting first-class marks.

Rushil Azaria and Neev Pohani stood first at the school level, scoring 97.6 percent. Niharika Komerwar, Granth Kothari, and Jai Bohra stood second with 97.4 percent marks, and Divyansh Taylor and Angel Singhvi stood third with 97.2 percent marks. A total of 63 students scored more than 90 percentile in this exam. A total of 231 students passed in the first division, and 158 students got a special qualification.

## The result of Hind Zinc School was excellent in the board examination

**Udaipur:** The result of Hind Zinc School was outstanding in the results declared by the Central Board of Secondary Education for classes XII and X.

Out of 27 students in Science Faculty, all students passed the examination in the first division. Anushka Sahu secured the top position with 96 percent. Ayush Nandwana with 94.2 and Mridul Verma with 92 percent stood second and third, respectively. Out of 24 students in the commerce faculty, 23 students passed the examination in the first division. Divyanshi Daga secured the first position in the school with 95%. Madhav Somani and Raghav Daga finished second with 94.8 percent. Sakshi Ranawat secured the third position with 93.6 percent marks. The result of Hind Zinc School was excellent.

In class X, out of 70 students, 68 passed the first division examination. According to the main subjects, Bushra Khan secured the top position with 96.2 percent. Anmol Somani with 95.4 percent and Aman Singh Banafar with 94.4 percent stood second and third, respectively.

Bushra Khan, Aman Singh Banafar, and Rajat Surana scored 100 out of 100 in Mathematics. According to additional subjects, Khushi Bhandari stood first with 96.4, and Bushra Khan stood second with 96.2 percent. Anmol Somani, Arnab Malu, and Mauli Maheshwari stood jointly with 95.4 percent. School Principal Mrs. Bindu Nair and Vice Principal M. R. V Jha congratulated students and parents with a joyful spirit.

## Badminton tournament @ Geetanjali University

**Udaipur:** Geetanjali University organized a Badminton tournament from 15-07-2022 to 21-07-2022. Over 100 players from different streams of Geetanjali University participated in this tournament.

## Remove the obstacles First, in achieving the goal Prof. Karunesh Saxena

**Bhilwara (Pawan Garg) :** A motivational talk was organized for the cadets in S Tech Vidyalaya at Pansal on the fifth day of NCC ATC Camp organized by local Panch Raj Swatantra Company, Bhilwara. The program's keynote speaker, Vice Chancellor of Sangam University, Prof. Karunesh Saxena, shared his views and vision to 450 cadets on the tricks of goal achievement and success through small examples!

Prof. Saxena said each cadet has their own SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threats) that should be analyzed! Social worker Vivek Dhakad also expressed his views on the

program and told the importance of disciplined life! In the end, NCC Commanding Officer Lt Col Tejendra Sharma proposed a vote of thanks. On this occasion, Director of S Tech Vidyalaya Raghav Totla, Prof. KC Totla, Lt. Rajkumar Jain, Lt. Sanjay Godhara, Lt. Tabish, Narayan Singh, Girish Sharma, Om Prakash, Gagan Patriya Subedar Jaspal Singh, Avtar Singh, etc. were present in the camp. About 500 cadets also trekked in the hills of S Tech and raised NCC and Bharat Mata slogans in the hills!

## Expansion of zinc plants with highest technology will provide new opportunities



**Udaipur:** A public hearing for factory expansion in Chanderia Lead Zinc Smelter of Hindustan Zinc was held at Kheda Government Higher Secondary School in Ajolia. T

he State Pollution Control Board organized the public meeting. On behalf of the administration, District Collector Arvind Kumar Poswal, Regional Officer OP Gupta, and Sub Divisional Officer Gangrar Ramsukh Gurjar recorded and penned the villagers' views on the expansion of the zinc plant.

Chief Executive Officer of Hindustan Zinc Smelters C Chandur informed that about Rs 786 crore would be employed to expand Chanderia Lead Zinc Smelter. He said the proposed expansion project would help meet the increasing demand for lead and zinc in the market, allowing the country's economic development. The company will develop in the surrounding areas by creating direct and indirect employment opportunities, including supporting development and infrastructure.

Chandru said that the development of social facilities would include medical facilities, education for the underprivileged, and the formation of self-help groups. With this expansion, the state will get revenue through taxes, and direct and indirect employment will be created for the local people. Business opportunities will be available to the local community. He said no new land or water would be required to expand the plant.

The expansion of the plant is necessary to increase production. On this, everyone agreed to the development of the plant, prioritizing employment for the permanent villagers and providing jobs to the educated youth of the area by connecting them with more and more zinc skill development centers. Alia's Kheda Sarpanch Jagdish Jat, Putholi Sarpanch Mahipal Singh, Deputy Sarpanch Chandrabhan Singh, Nagari Sarpanch Devkishan Regar, Up Sarpanch Happy Singh, Dhanetkalan Sarpanch Ranjit Singh Bhati, Suwaniya Sarpanch Gopal Gadri, Aonwal Heda Sarpanch, Devkishan Kudwat, former representative, Devkishan Regar, Deputy Sarpanch Sarpanch Chagavadi Ravindra Singh, Radheshyam Vaishnav from Putholi, Rajendra Sukhwal, Parmeshwar Jat from Kheda of Ajolia, Devkishan Jat, Satyanarayan Jat, Vishnu Menaria from Suvania, Jagdish Menaria, Kanhaiya Lal Gadri of Biliya, Devi Lal, President of Sakhi Federation Anju Salvi, Jai Rajendra Keer, President of Chittod Farmer Producer, other guests, villagers of the surrounding area, young women, CSR projects of Hindustan Zinc, Sakhi, Samadhan, Khushi, education-related, skill development, health care beneficiaries were present. People's representatives and villagers talked about getting maximum benefit by connecting them with CSR programs of Hindustan Zinc. Villagers said that there should be more development in the rural area so that their standard of living can be improved further.

## Vidya Bhavan's Vrishank won Gold in International Chess Competition

**Udaipur:** Vrishank Chauhan, a class 10 student of Vidya Bhawan Public School, has brought laurels to the school by winning a gold medal in Junior National Open Chess (U-19) at the International Level Chess Competition held in Pune. In this competition, he won the medal by defeating many International Master and FIDE Masters.

Along with winning the gold medal, Vrishank Chauhan will represent India in the World Championships and Asian Championships, a matter of pride for Vidya Bhavan. Even before this, Vrishank has received medals in many national-level chess competitions.

An honor ceremony was organized in the school in which the President of Vidya Bhawan Society, Mr. Ajay S. Mehta, honored Vrishank with a trophy, and the Chief Director of the organization, Mr. Anurag Priyadarshi, honored coach Ayush Jain by garlanding him. The Principal of the school Mrs. Neerja Jain talked about the achievements to be achieved by the school in Chess. The Principal thanked all the guests and students who attended the program.

## Ashmin and Umeh got their way with the encouragement of the collector

**Udaipur:** Due to the motivation of District Collector Tarachand Meena, three sisters of a Muslim family in the city have achieved a remarkable achievement by getting more than 90 percent marks and have set an example.

District Sports Officer Shakeel Hussain said that with Collector Meena's financial help and encouragement, Ashmin Raza, the daughter of Mohammad Salam of the city, got 92 percent marks in the 12th board commerce, and Umeh Raza got 91 percent marks in the tenth board. In contrast, Filja Zainab got the seventh class good. It was passed with marks.

Immediately after the CBSE results on Friday, both these girl students of St Mary's Senior Secondary School in the city directly approached Collector Meena and told about their achievements and thanked him for his help.

Collector Meena said that girls are not less than boys at any level; if they are determined, they can pass every big exam with good marks. During this, Collector Meena described the achievements of the girls as inspirational for other children of the district and wished them the best for doing similar hard work in the future.

## Arun Kataria of Sant Anthony School won bronze medal

**Udaipur:** In the National Junior Chess Competition held in Pune from July 12 to 20, the vicious men of Rajasthan have done wonders. Media in-charge Vikas Sahu told that Arun Kataria of class 10 of Sant Anthony School, Udaipur won the bronze medal by scoring eight and a half marks.

He received a prize of sixty thousand rupees. Arun Kataria will represent India in the Asian and World Chess Championships. On this occasion, the student was congratulated by the Principal of the school, William D'Souza. Arun Kataria achieved this feat by winning six wins and drawing three matches.

## National Medal winner Ritu honored

**Udaipur:** Ritu Kumari, a Faculty of Management, Pacific University student, performed brilliantly in the All India Weight Lifting Championship held at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, in 76 kg. 84 kg in snatch in the weight category. 95 kg in clean jerk. Total weight of 179 kg, she won the first bronze medal for the University of the Pacific. Also, based on the above performance, All India University selected Ritu from Khela India University, Bangalore. Dean of the Faculty of Management of Pacific University, Prof. Mahima Birla, congratulated Ritu for winning the bronze medal and the university team coach and sports officer Chandresh Soni for excellent dedicated coaching. On the said occasion, the President of the University, Prof. KK Dave, and Sports Board Chairman Dr. Hemant Kothari sent congratulations.



## 96.4 percent made by Hilori Jain

**Udaipur:** Hitori Jain, a science student of St. Anthony's Senior Secondary School, class 12, has brought laurels to her family and the school by securing 96.4 percent in the CBSE examination results.