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Udaipur Excited to Host G-20 Sherpa Meeting

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Udaipur: Udaipur, known as the land of valor and self-respect, the Venice of the East in the country, and the city of lakes, is excited to host the G-20 Sherpa meeting. Nestled in the lap of the world's oldest Aravalli mountain range, not only the administrative staff of our Udaipur, but every common man here is thrilled to welcome the foreign delegates coming to this land.

Lake City decked up like a bride.

The government administration associated with this

Now every lane, road, footpath, and divider of the city is clean and well-decorated. All the town's public walls are beautified with colorful words and pictures to welcome these guests.

Udaipur has been witness to many international events

This is not the first event at the international level in our Udaipur. Still, this Udaipur has also hosted many events of international level in the past while showing a glimpse of its natural beauty and craft-art-culture. It has given spiritual hospitality to foreign guests.

worldwide for a destination wedding, which is why many national and international stars have organized their important auspicious events on this land. Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon's wedding in April 2004 and Isha Ambani's daughter of industrialist Mukesh Ambani in December 2018 had pre-wedding celebrations in Udaipur. Many marriages between industry and the Bollywood world have happened in Udaipur. Similarly, looking at significant events, political personalities from all over the country reached here in May 2022 for a three-day



medicine and Education, while many Bollywood movies have also been shot in Udaipur.

Sahaja Yoga was also practiced here.

Kamleshbhai Patel Daaji, the International Head of the Heartfulness Foundation, and Sadhguru, the Head of the Isha Foundation, talk with Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar at Darbar Hall, attracted national and international attention. This is the same Udaipur where the International Music Conference is held annually. Recently Udaipur also hosted the Tales International Storytelling Festival.

Durbar Hall has been wit-

ness to many important moments.

According to former royal family member Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar, the focal point of the G-20 Sherpa meeting, the Durbar Hall located at Fateh Prakash of the City Palace has been witness to many national and international activities and meaningful moments. In the year 1909, on the invitation of Maharana Sir Fateh Singh Bahadur, the then Viceroy and Governor General of India, Lord Minto arrived in Udaipur. On November 3, 1909, Lord Minto laid the foundation stone of the Durbar Hall on the eastern

Mewar state were held in the Durbar Hall. Performances were given by famous artists of classical music in the Durbar Hall, while receptions were born in this hall for people belonging to the royal family and famous personalities. Similarly, several conferences were organized by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam in Durbar Hall in connection with nuclear development. In 1962, Jacqueline Kennedy, wife of the then US President John F. Kennedy, arrived in Durbar Hall.

Fateh Prakash is also

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, 's visit to Udaipur in 1948. On April 18, 1948, Udaipur and Mewar states merged into United Rajasthan, and Mewar state signed the letter of accession to the Union of India. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru administered the oath of the Maharaja Pramukh of Rajputana to Maharaja Bhupal Singh.

According to historical references, on January 14, 1949, Fateh Prakash Palace witnessed the arrival of the then Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Sardar



event had started preparations a month in advance to make this event a success.

Favorite for royal weddings
Our Udaipur is also known

Chintan Shriv. Our Udaipur has witnessed many international and national conferences in



bank of Lake Pichola. For half a century after that historic day in 1909, Durbar sessions of the

critical. The Fateh Prakash Convention Center witnessed the first Prime Minister of India,

Vallabhbhai Patel. It was here that United Rajasthan was reconstituted.

G-20 Cultural Presentation

Brilliant branding at Udaipur airport by the Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan

Famous folk artists of Rajasthan give a presentation

Rajasthan on domestic and foreign guests coming to the first Sherpa meeting of the G-20 Summit

Folk artists left a mark on culture.

Bikaner's rabale and folk artists welcomed the guests of the G-20 Summit at Udaipur airport in traditional costumes of Marwar.

The Rajasthan government's tourism department has a glorious presentation to receive the Sherpas, ambassadors, and senior representatives of different countries who arrived at the first Sherpa meeting of the G-20 summit. The tourism department organized various cultural programs from December 4 to 7, starting from welcoming the guests at the airport to the Sherpa meeting. Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, Mrs. Gayatri Rathore. Shared that Rabale and women folk artists welcomed guests at Maharana Pratap Airport

Rathore said that the Tourism Department welcomed the guests at Udaipur's Maharana Pratap Airport to introduce them to the culture of Rajasthan and women folk artists of Bikaner in traditional costumes. Apart from receiving the guests at Udaipur airport, branding related to various tourist places of the state has also been done, which will leave an indelible impression of Rajasthan's tourist places and culture in the minds of the guests.

Cultural presentations of Rajasthan to be held in the evening of December 4 to 7

she said that on the evening of December 4 to 7, various cultural programs would be organized by the tourism department. On the first day of the meeting, on the evening of December 4, world-famous Langa Manganiyar folk artist Ghazi Khan gave a colorful performance at the Sheeshmahal of Hotel Leela. On the second day, on the evening of December 5, various folk artists of the state enthralled the foreign guests in the cultural program 'Colors of Rajasthan' organized at Jagmandir Palace. The next day, on the evening of December 6, there was a presentation based on different art styles of India at Manak Chowk, Udaipur City Palace. Similarly, on words on the fourth day, on the evening of December 7, a cultural presentation will be held in Ranakpur.

The unique moment of the G20

Sherpa meeting
29 countries sherpas of the world tied in Rajasthan's Saha
Various global issues were discussed in the marathon G-20 meeting in Durbar Hall

The G-20 Sherpa meeting went from Monday morning to evening in the Durbar Hall of Taj Fateh Prakash Palace. Inaugurating the conference at 8.30 am, India's Sherpa Amitabh Kant expressed his views on India's G-20 chairmanship. After this, Ajay Seth, Secretary of the Economic Department,



Ministry of Finance, presented an overview of the Finance Track. The technological transformation was discussed from 9 am, in which digital economy, health, and Education were discussed. This was followed by a Green Development and Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) session in which Sherpas from different countries expressed their views. After lunch, from 1.30 pm to 3 pm, the round of discussion started again. Finally, there was a discussion on the topic 'Global and Regional Economic Prospects and Challenges' in which Louise Brewer and Christine Costel from the IMF presented.

Sherpa was overwhelmed by wearing Rajasthani Saha

After the meeting, 'Experience Rajasthan at Manak Chowk' was organized in Manak Chowk, where Sherpas and HODs from different countries were made to sit and tie the safa. After connecting the turban, the Sherpas looked very excited and took selfies. By linking colorful safa on their heads, the excited foreign guests felt proud to wear this unique crown of Rajasthan. Happiness and pride were expressed on their cheerful faces. During this, many Sherpas also interacted with the media and shared their experiences of India. Indian Sherpa Amitabh Kant said that efforts will be made to solve global problems through G-20.

Kant again thanked the Chief Minister.

Addressing media persons, Amitabh

Kant said that informal dialogues like tea and banquet are also being discussed apart from formal ones. Kant said that this conference in Udaipur has created a new atmosphere, and G-20 will benefit from it in the future. He said that today everyone here is seen painted in Rajasthani colors. Kant again thanked Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Chief Secretary Usha Sharma, Divisional Commissioner Rajendra Bhatt, and Collector Tara Chand Meena for the excellent arrangements.

Day 2 G20 Presidency

The first day of the meeting saw a dialogue on 'Sustainable Development Goals along with various activities, including an informal media interaction with G20 India Sherpas. Performances went on throughout the day. These development goals were at the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda for Transforming Lives. Essential discussions on five key focus areas of India's G20 Presidency began today, December 5, at the majestic Durbar Hall of the Taj Fateh Prakash Hotel. Apart from the first two sessions on 'Technological Change' and 'Green Growth and Lifestyle for the Environment, a dialogue on 'Global and Regional Economy: Prospects and Challenges' and an informal 'Tea Discussion' among G20 member states were held. The talks of the first Sherpa meeting were initiated by India's G20 Sherpa, Shri Amitabh Kant, who presented India's G20 priorities across the 13 working groups. Sherpa highlighted India's duty as the authentic voice of the Global South, using its role as G20 Chair to create win-win cooperation between developed and developing countries. Shri Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, outlined the world's critical economic challenges today that require the collective capacity of the G20 countries to respond in unison. This was followed by the first session on Technological Transformation with the participation

of Working Groups on Digital Economy, Health, and Education, in which delegates discussed current challenges to accelerate digitization in different sectors in their countries.

In addition, representatives from G20 countries invited guests, and heads of international organizations shared critical interventions to better leverage technology's power in several ways. Among other topics, the importance of cyber security, inclusiveness in expanding access to technical services and infrastructure, and digital skilling were discussed.

The second session on Green Growth and Lifestyle for the Environment focused on effective strategies to collectively tackle climate change. Development, Energy Transition, Climate Stability Working Group, and Disaster Risk Resilience and Mitigation Working Group participated in this session. India's G20 Sherpa underlined the need to facilitate green and energy transition while stressing the need to promote collective action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The participating countries appreciated India's initiative and expressed their support and commitment to bringing its agenda to fruition. Mr. Louis Breuer, IMF Resident Representative in India, and Ms. Christina Kostial, Deputy Director of the IMF's Strategy and Policy Department, engaged in a thought-provoking discussion and draw attention to today's most pressing global economic challenges. This was followed by a dialogue on 'The Global and Regional Economy: Prospects and Challenges.' The dialogue offered essential ideas for the world to address critical concerns and become more resilient to economic volatility. In addition, 'Chai Pe Charcha' was held over evening tea to promote deeper interpersonal relations and strengthen ties among G20 member countries. During a visit to the historic Manak Chowk in Udaipur, the G20 Sherpas were presented with traditional Indian wear jackets, safas/turbans, etc., to further enrich the authentic cultural experience of Rajasthan. The second day ended with an interaction over dinner at the magnificent Jag Mandir in Udaipur. India continues to extend its best hospitality to the G20 Sherpas and delegations. Of India aims to give a unique experience and a glimpse into our rich history and traditions through various cultural activities, historical sites, and sightseeing tours showcasing Rajasthani arts and crafts.

-Dr. Munesh Arora

NSS is now in Guinness World Record

Udaipur (Jay prakesh / Shabnam): The third edition of the National Wheelchair Cricket Championship concluded in lakes Udaipur with a world record being created on Saturday. Organized under the joint aegis of Narayan Seva Sansthan, DCCI, WCI, and Rajasthan Royals, Uttar Pradesh captured the championship trophy by easily defeating Haryana in this seven-day tournament.

Haryana was the runner-up: Defending champions Punjab were eliminated this time in the league match itself. Narayan Seva Sansthan President Prashant Agarwal said that the world's largest wheelchair cricket tournament was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records for the first time. In this regard, Guinness Book representative Swapnil presented the world record certificate to Narayan Seva Sansthan. A cash prize of Rs 2.50 lakh was given to the Uttar Pradesh team that won the championship in this tournament of determination, passion, and passion. The runner-up Haryana team got Rs 1.50 lakh. Olympian and Arjuna Awardee Dhulchand Damor, District Collector Tarachand Meena, Tikamchand Bohra, CEO of Rajasthan State Heritage Conservation and Promotion Authority, WCI President Squadron Leader Abhay Pratap Singh, DCCI Secretary presented the trophy to the winning UP team at the closing ceremony of the championship on World Disability Day. Ravi Chauhan, Abhijeet Singh of Rajasthan Royals, Rajasthan Tribal Commission member Pannalal Meena, Rajasthan Heritage Conservation Authority Director Manohar Lal Gupta, District Swimming Association President Chandragut Singh Chauhan, District Sports Officer Shakeel Hussain and international umpire of cricket Mohd. The trophy was awarded to the winning team in the presence of Rafiq. During this, the enthusiasm of the winning team and their supporters was visible. Initially, while welcoming the guests, Padmashree Kailash Manav, the institute's founder, gave information about the 38-year service journey of education, treatment, and rehabilitation of the disabled. The grand finale was played between Haryana and UP at RCA ground in the presence of hundreds of cricket lovers. UP won the toss and invited Haryana to bat first.

Three important batsmen of the Haryana team returned to the pavilion in the first over. The team lost the first wicket on the first ball, the second on the fourth, and the last ball of the third over. Due to this, the team came under pressure; due to the quick fall of wickets, the Uttar Pradesh team was all out of Haryana in 14 overs. Haryana could score only 85 runs. Taking the spirit of victory, the UP team, led by captain Somjit Singh, captured the championship trophy in 6.2 overs without losing a wicket. All-rounder Shailesh Yadav from Uttar Pradesh took three wickets for seven runs in 2 overs. And scored a brilliant 36 off 20 balls. Opener Anmol Vashisht also contributed with 45 runs. Who was awarded the title of Man of the Match? In the tournament, the best batsman of UP, Monu Master of Haryana, was selected as the best



bowler; Gaurav Yadav, the best fielder from UP, and Shailesh Yadav, the man of the series from UP, and the award for the most disciplined team went to Karnataka. Notably, on Friday, the first semi-final was played between Delhi and Haryana and the second between Uttarakhanda and UP. Institute President Prashant Agarwal expressed happiness over making the world record for the third National Wheelchair Championship and said that the institute would continuously promote National Para Games through its Sports Academy

Exit polls predict BJP win in Gujarat and Himachal: Congress likely to suffer further erosion with one of the exit polls predicting its tally to go down from 77 to 36 seats in PM's home state. AAP also unlikely to make much headway. he Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is likely to retain power in Gujarat with its best-ever tally in the assembly and also romp home in Himachal Pradesh, exit polls predicted Monday evening. In Himachal, one of the poll surveys by Aaj Tak-Axis My India has predicted higher seats, 30-40, for Congress as against BJP's 24-34. The ruling party may, however, suffer a setback in the national capital, losing the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). While MCD results will be out on 7 December, votes in Gujarat and Himachal will be counted the next day. Arvind Kejriwal's AAP is likely to get 8 seats in Gujarat while it may fail to open its account in Himachal, exit polls suggested. The NDTV's prediction, which is based on the aggregation of nine exit polls, suggested that the BJP is likely to win 132 of the total 182 seats in Gujarat, its best-ever performance since 2002 when it won 127 seats. In Gujarat, Congress is likely to suffer further erosion with NDTV poll of exit polls predicting 36 seats, down from 77 in 2017. The exit polls also suggested that the BJP might buck the three-decade-old trend of a government change every five years in Himachal, albeit with a reduced majority. In Himachal, the BJP, which has been battling infighting, is likely to win 35 out of the total 68 seats while the Congress closely trails behind with 30 seats. The prediction is based on the aggregation of nine exit polls. The MCD poll predictions of the BJP losing power after 15 years may, however, serve as a dampener for the party's top brass. The BJP had roped in several central ministers and chief ministers for poll campaigning in Delhi. The AAP is predicted to win 154 of the total 250 wards as compared to the BJP's 84, as per the aggregation of exit polls.