



Special Gram Sabhas Held in Rajasthan to Promote Child Rights and End Child Marriage

On October 2nd, special Gram Sabhas (village assemblies) were organized in various Gram Panchayats of the tribal region, focusing on the issues related to children. This initiative, aimed at ensuring child protection and raising awareness about child rights, has been widely appreciated in the state. Dr. Shailendra Pandya, a former member of the Rajasthan Children's Commission and a child rights specialist, commended the efforts to include discussions on children's issues in the Gram Sabhas. He emphasized



sized that nearly half of the state's population consists of children under the age of 18, and without safeguarding their rights, the task of nation-building becomes impossible.

Speaking at the Gram Sabha held in Khakhad, Jhadol Panchayat Samiti in Udaipur district, Dr. Pandya paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on their

birth anniversaries. He invoked Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Gram Swaraj (village self-rule) and called for the establishment of a child violence-free society under this vision. Aashita Jain, the coordinator of Gayatri Seva Sansthan, explained that the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department of the Rajasthan government had issued an order on September 22, 2023, directing all district officials to organize Gram Sabhas on October 2nd, aligning with the aspirations of Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi to make the society

child marriage-free. Nitin Paliwal, the regional coordinator, shared that a total of 28 Gram Panchayats in the entire region conducted special Gram Sabhas where more than 3,000 people pledged to work towards making their Panchayats child marriage-free. Children actively participated in these assemblies and shared their experiences, addressing issues related to education, safety, and sports facilities in their localities.

These Gram Sabhas were attended by Sarpanches (village heads), Deputy

Sarpanches, Ward Panchayat members, villagers, and representatives from Gayatri Seva Sansthan. At the conclusion of these assemblies, the Sarpanch and representatives of the Gram Panchayat were thanked and acknowledged by Gayatri Seva Sansthan for their commitment to this noble cause. The initiative to raise awareness about child rights and combat child marriage through Gram Sabhas is a significant step towards ensuring a safer and more prosperous future for the children of Rajasthan.

Dr. Rajshree Gandhi had a dignified conversation with Governor Kalraj Mishra



Udaipur: Dr. Gandhi, a prominent figure in Udaipur and Wagad, engaged in discussions with Governor Mishra on several significant matters related to higher and technical education, women's safety, women's literacy, women's empowerment, social initiatives, the Bharat Vikas Parishad, Sahakar Bharati, Jan Chetna Manch, Indian

Red Cross Society, consumer awareness activities, and various consumer welfare issues. During the meeting, Dr. Gandhi apprised Governor Mishra of her involvement in various social activities, service projects, and the positive changes brought about in the social sectors through her initiatives. Governor Mishra commended Dr. Gandhi's service projects on this occasion. It is noteworthy that Dr. Rajshree Gandhi is a resident of Udaipur city and a retired bank manager. She has been actively involved in the consumer movement for many years. Additionally, Dr. Gandhi has received recognition through several national and international awards for her social services and continues to provide her services in the social sector.

Approval for Udaipur to Be Designated as a Wetland City



Udaipur: A meeting of the District Environmental Committee was held on Monday at the Collectorate Auditorium under the guidance of Committee Chairman and District Collector Arvind Poswal. During the meeting, approval was granted for the proposal to designate Udaipur city as India's first Wetland City.

The proposals will now be forwarded to the State Wetland Authority and the Department of Environment, Conservation, and Climate Change for submission

to the Ramsar Secretariat of the Government of India. The designation of Udaipur as a Wetland City will accelerate efforts in the conservation of the environment and water resources in the Udaipur district. Additionally, it will promote eco-tourism, given Udaipur's rich natural heritage. During the meeting, Deputy Forest Conservator Ajay Chittauda provided information about the proposal to designate Udaipur as an international-level Wetland City. Currently, there are only 18 Wetland Cities worldwide, with no Indian city included in the list. A proposal to designate Bhopal as a Wetland City has already been submitted. Udaipur has eight water bodies listed as wetlands, and with this designation, it will contribute to the con-

servation of these water bodies. Activities such as catchment management, watershed management, eco-tourism, and agro-tourism will receive a significant boost.

Environmental Consultant Shardul Kothari from the Department of Environment and Climate Change explained that after technical assessments and necessary follow-up actions, the proposals will be forwarded to the Ramsar Secretariat of the Government of India.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Forest Conservator Wildlife Anoop Kumar, Regional Officer of the State Pollution Control Board Sharad Saxena, as well as officials from the Municipal Corporation, Agriculture Department, and other departments.

CM Committed to Comprehensive Development of the State - Preeti Shaktawat

Bhinder On Sunday, during the inauguration ceremony of the Late Gajendra Singh Shaktawat Government Girls' College in Bhinder, the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Preeti Gajendra Singh Shaktawat stated that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is fully committed to the holistic development of the state. He emphasized that no sector has been overlooked in Rajasthan's development efforts.

The MLA expressed her gratitude to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, highlighting that the newly constructed building, costing Rs. 4.50 crore, was completed in just 14 months. She praised the efforts to bring about all-around development in the Vallabhnagar constituency.

During the event, MLA Preeti Gajendra Singh Shaktawat, along with other dignitaries, laid the foundation stone of the Kanore ITI College building, which is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 10.45 crore. She assured the people that all the announced projects would be completed in due course.

The Late Gajendra Singh Shaktawat Government Girls' College was inaugurated by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in August 2022, and within a span of just 14 months, the college building was constructed and ready for use. This new college building will soon house the operations of the Bhairav Government School, which is currently running in Vallabhnagar.

The event was attended by several prominent individuals, including former MLA Pushkar Lal Daghi and social worker Bhim Singh Chundawat. Additionally, the Mansuri community welcomed the MLA with a 151-kilogram flower garland.

During the ceremony, Preeti Gajendra Singh Shaktawat also honored the police personnel from Vallabhnagar Police Station who recently saved the lives of two innocent children who had fallen into a pond during the immersion of a Ganpati idol. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ravindra Pratap Singh, was also present, and he, too, was recognized for his contribution."



St. Gregorius School Shines Again in District-Level Sports

Udaipur: St. Gregorius C.S. School once again demonstrated their prowess in the 67th district-level sports competition, particularly in the discipline of Judo, by clinching medals and championships in both the boys' and girls' categories, aged 17 and 19.

Principal Shubha Jos revealed that the school's talented athletes, under the guidance of the Talent Academy, excelled in this competition. In the 17-year-old boys and girls category, the school's players secured gold, silver, and bronze medals.



lighted that the consistent placements and achievements in the field of computer science engineering reflect the quality of education and the skill development programs offered by the university.

Professor Manas Ranjan, the Pro-President, and Professor Rajiv Mehta, the Registrar, praised the faculty of the Computer Science Department for their dedication and commitment to nurturing talented individuals like Pradyumn. Professor Mehta also mentioned that this year, another student from the Computer Science department, Naman Vyas, had received a project worth 15 lakh rupees from the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, showcasing the faculty's expertise and experience.

President Professor Karunesh Saxena extended his best wishes to Pradyumn for his placement in Abu Dhabi and expressed his hope for a bright future. Pradyumn's parents, Mr. Raghunandan Tiwari and Mrs. Sunita Tiwari conveyed their gratitude to Sangam University and the Computer Science Engineering Department for their support in making this placement possible.

Peace, Comfort, and Prayers Extend to the Needy and Distressed

Udaipur: The Maharana Bhupal Medical College organized a free meal distribution program today at the main garden of the hospital, providing much-needed sustenance and relief to the needy and ailing individuals. The event was graced by the presence of Shri Yog Vedanta Seva Samiti Udaipur's President Shankarlal Tejwani, and distinguished guest Purushottam Kasara.

The institution's members, Bharat Soni and Ayush Kumar Pokhara, felicitated the guests and presented the committee's token of appreciation. Speaking on the occasion, Tejwani emphasized the importance of helping the sick and distressed, considering it an act of divine service. He commended the institution's team, stating that serving free meals to needy people is a noble and virtuous endeavor.

The institution's President, Saurabh Jain, Jayesh Jain, Nikhil Jain, and caretaker Mahavir Nagda, informed that 750 individuals were provided with free meals during the meal distribution program.

Rajkumar Sachdev, the Secretary of the institution, highlighted the dedicated efforts of the institution's hardworking members in providing this service. The team included Sangram Singh Chawat, Sharda Verma, Sumita Jain, Bhagwat Mehta, Pintu Choudhary, Ritesh Jain, Satyanarayan Soni, Rajesh Talsara, Kedarnath Dadhich, Rajkumar Sanghavi, Omkar Lal, Hitesh, Gaurav, Sunil Sen, Sunita Jain, Santosh Soni, Laxmikant Soni, Yashoda Trilok, Harish Painter, Dinesh Arora, Sant Joshi, Hemant Kasara, Lokesh, Ashik Ali, Anil Bhatnagar, Ashok Paliwal, Yogendra Kumawat, Dinesh Parakh, and others.

Four Students from Suraksha Marshal Art Academy Shine

Udaipur: In the recently concluded 67th State-Level Karate Competition held from October 3 to October 8 at the Government Higher Secondary School in Ramganjmandi, four students from Udaipur's Suraksha Marshal Art Academy exhibited exceptional talent by securing 2 gold and 2 silver medals.

Sanju Singh, the Director of Suraksha Marshal Art Academy, proudly announced the achievements of the academy's students in the competition. Arista Singh from Heritage Girls School and Aditya Singh from Guru Nanak School Shastri Circle clinched the gold medals, while Nimisha Kumawat from St. Gregorius School and Parth Vat from Mount View School proudly earned silver medals.

These young karateka have brought honor to their academy and city with their impressive performance in the state-

level karate competition."

Rotary Zone Four Membership Conclave Concludes in Agra with Over 300 Participants

Udaipur: The three-day Rotary International Zone Four Membership Conclave Growth Program concluded at the J.P. Palace Convention Center in Agra. The conclave saw active participation from 300 members.

Femina Miss India World 2023, Nandini Gupta, graced the conclave as the chief guest. She is a member of the Rotary Interact Club Kota and was inspired by her father, a member of Rotary Kota, to engage in community service. The event was directed under the guidance of former Rotary International President K.R. Ravichandran, Rotary International Director Raju Subramanyam, and Aniruddh Bhattacharya.

The conclave was coordinated by former District Governor Rajesh Agrawal, Harish God, Gurjeet Singh, and Vijay Arora. During the event, discussions on how to strengthen Rotary membership and plans for future programs were held.

Preeti Sogani, former president of Rotary Meera, mentioned that Rotary Zone Four comprises twelve districts. Approximately three hundred members from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi participated in the program. Rotary District 3053 hosted the conclave. Prominent Rotary leaders from Udaipur, including Rotary Meera's former president Monica Singhvi, Brijraj Rathore, Kusum Mehta, Dr. Urmila Jain, and Rotary Vasudha members, along with Manu Paliwal from Rotary Kota, Kapil Tuteja, Ahmedabad District Governor-Elect Nigam Chaudhary, Sundar Lal Vidhani, Dr. Mukesh from Jaipur, Ahmedabad's Mehul Rathore, Secretary Rakesh Mehta, Dr. Shashikant Rathore, and Jhalore's appointed District Governor Mohan Parashar, and several past presidents and district governors, participated in the event.

Aishwarya College Hosts Freshers' Party and Cultural Programs

Udaipur: Aishwarya College organized cultural programs and a freshers' party to welcome the new students. The event featured various competitions and activities, including talent hunts and a fashion show, with participation from more than 50 contestants. These programs, which ran for a week, concluded today, and the winners were honored with certificates and awards. The event was hosted by students Mehul and Nishika. The titles of Mr. and Miss Aishwarya were decided by the esteemed guests, Dr. Sweety Chhabda and RJ Ankit Mathur. Students presented themselves with introductions, talents, and

a fashion show. The event had the presence of Shamil Sheikh, Vipul Dev Beniwal, and Dr. Neha Sen. The vote of thanks was given by the Secretary of the Appreciation Cell, Harshvardhan Singh, and Raghu Deval. The competition was primarily divided into three categories: educational, cultural, and sports. The sports activities included sack race, spoon race, sack race, snake and ladder, kho-kho, table tennis, and carrom. In cultural programs, there were dance, singing, instrumental performances, and poetry competitions. The winners' names are as follows: Feaba, Ankit, Pawan, Gunjan, Kusum, Mansi, Sohanlal, Darahil, Upasana, Avishka, Lekhani, Mahima, Satyapal, Ravi, Rahul, Garvita, Khushi, Mehul, Krishna, Chirag, Kaushik, Kanishk, Reena, Divya, Rajal, Pankaj, Bhavini, Isha, Sachin, Raghav, Dineha, Gaurav, Seema, Molshri, Konte, Kritika, Disha, Ranu, Jayantilal, Kuldeep, Laxayaraj, Divyanshi, Kamlesh, Jinal, Garvit, Nilesh, Sunny, Mahesh, Tanmay, Khushvant, Saloni, Komal, Deepti, Ritu, Manay, Subhadra, Hemant, Mamta, Yogita, Ramesh.

Manay Varma was awarded the title of Mr. Aishwarya, and Jyoti Choudhary received the title of Miss Aishwarya. The runners-up titles went to Divyashit Taylor and Feaba Jacob.

Doctors Archana and Hemant Joshi Awarded for Addressing Health Issues in Rajasthan

Udaipur: In a conference organized by the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, West Zone, held at Indar Residency in Udaipur, Dr. Archana and Dr. Hemant Joshi were honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. They emphasized that our modern lifestyle in India is contributing to the rise of various health problems. We seem to have forgotten our age-old traditions of living, eating, and cooking, leading to the prevalence of serious illnesses. During a press conference on Saturday, the Joshi couple highlighted the growing concern of obesity in the country. They suggested simple solutions like eating until one is moderately hungry, incorporating raw salads and regular exercise into one's routine, and increasing the consumption of leafy greens and yogurt. They also stressed the importance of traditional cooking methods, like using iron cookware, which helps maintain adequate iron levels in the body and supports healthy blood development. Dr. Archana and Dr. Hemant Joshi further raised concerns about the rising consumption of junk food, tea, coffee, and biscuits among children, leading to an increase in obesity rates. Obesity has become a significant health issue in India, and they urged swift action to combat it.

They noted a concerning trend where children appear thin due to malnutrition despite consuming water at school, leading to stunted growth and cognitive development. In India, 9 out of 10 children born here experience stunted growth in their second year of life, indicating a serious nutritional problem.

Investiture Program Organized, Club Secretary and Vice Secretary Take Oath

Bhilwara: A special investiture oath-taking ceremony was organized at Sangam University to appoint secretaries and vice secretaries for various clubs and societies. Professor Vinesh Agrawal, Director of Student Affairs at Sangam University, shared that the university has established different societies and clubs for various activities such as dance,



drama, music club, technical society, professional society, entrepreneurship, photography, training placement club, literary society, publication, debate, quiz club, social and green

society, fine arts, and craft society. Approximately 50 secretaries and vice secretaries were appointed after inspecting various aspects of the appointed students.

The investiture ceremony commenced with Professor Vinesh Agrawal providing information about the clubs and their activities. Professor Rajiv Mehta extended a warm welcome to the chief guest, and he also wished the clubs success in their future endeavors. Lieutenant Dr. Rajkumar Jain administered the oath of responsibility to all the appointed student secretaries and vice secretaries and awarded them badges. The program's chief guest, Additional SP (Anti-Corruption) Brajraj Singh Charan, and the distinguished guest, Mukesh Jarotia, District Jailor, congratulated all the students and inspired them with motivational speeches.

Sangam University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Karunesh Saxena, encouraged students to run the clubs and choose the best club at the national level in each semester. Professor Manas Ranjan, Pro-President, highlighted the success of various clubs in taking their activities to the national level. The program concluded with the Secretary of the Sangam University Club Society, Dr. Shweta Bohra, expressing gratitude to everyone. All the clubs will be overseen by faculty advisors.

Editor's Note: This news article reports on an investiture ceremony held at Sangam University in Bhilwara, where student secretaries and vice secretaries were appointed for various clubs and societies. The ceremony involved oaths of responsibility, inspirational speeches from guests, and a commitment to take the clubs to new heights. Faculty advisors will supervise the clubs' activities.