

# OMG : Pension of Over 48 Thousand Beneficiaries to be Halted as Pension Verification Deadline Looms

**Dungarpur:** The Social Justice and Empowerment Department is facing challenges in the physical verification process due to the thumb impressions of elderly individuals in rural areas not being obtained.

Despite repeated appeals and awareness campaigns by the department, the beneficiaries of various pension schemes in Dungarpur district, totalling more than 48 thousand, have not undergone annual verification even after the extended deadline.

Concerned about the pend-

ing verifications of a significant number of beneficiaries, the government has instructed the department to expedite the process of biometric verification promptly.

If beneficiaries fail to complete the verification by the extended deadline, there is a possibility of pension disbursement issues for thousands in February. Additionally, those with halted pensions may have to go through a new application process.

Dungarpur district has 210,485 individuals receiving pensions under the Social



Security Pension Scheme for the elderly, widows, and specially-abled. So far, 76.92% of pensioners have undergone annual verification, accounting for 161,896 individuals. However, 48,589 beneficiaries have yet to complete the annual verification process.

The slow pace of verification has prompted the government to extend the deadline to January 31.

The district is urged to expedite the biometric verification process to avoid potential disruptions in pension disbursement.

## Renaming of Maharana Pratap Garden in Rajasamand Remains on Paper

**Rajasamand:** The well-known J.K. Tyre Public Park in Rajasamand city was officially renamed as Maharana Pratap Garden about three months ago, but the impact of this change is currently confined to official documents only. Despite the change in name, the signage in and around the park still bears the old name, causing confusion among residents and visitors.

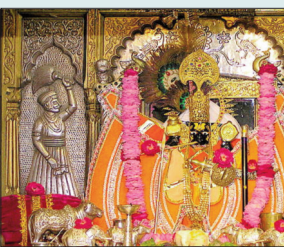
The responsibility for the maintenance of the garden near the Collectorate, where a statue of Maharana Pratap has been installed, was handed over to J.K. Tyre Company by the Municipal Council several years ago. However, neglect in its upkeep led the Municipal Council to terminate the contract with J.K. Tyre in September. The proposal to rename the park to Maharana Pratap Garden was discussed in a board meeting and officially implemented, but the physical signs and boards in the vicinity have not been updated to reflect the change.

It is noteworthy that the park, previously named J.K. Tyre Public Park about 20 years ago, has gone through various transitions in its management. The delay in updating the signs and boards with the new name has raised concerns among local authorities.

The installation of an equestrian statue in Maharana Pratap Garden is also eagerly awaited, with an estimated cost of around 30 lakh rupees. The unveiling of the statue was delayed due to the state assembly elections, and the locals are now anticipating its inauguration.

Furthermore, the Selfie Point near the Collectorate has been damaged and neglected, with the decorative elements like bells missing. The security measures for the Selfie Point are also inadequate, leading to instances of vandalism. The authorities are urged to install CCTV cameras for enhanced security and quick identification of those causing damage.

## Shree Sanwaliya Seth's Treasury Unveils Treasure Trove, Millions in Cash Discovered



**Rajasamand:** In a remarkable revelation, the revered Krishna Dham, Shree Sanwaliya Seth's treasury, yielded a substantial sum of Rs 10,67,14,476 in cash after the final count on Monday. Additionally, a separate contribution of Rs 2,03,00,000 was received in the form of

online donations over the past month. In comparison to the previous year, there has been a significant increase of 40% in the amount collected during this month. The counting process involved three phases, with the first phase totaling Rs 6,21,70,000, the second phase amounting to Rs 2,75,05,000, and the third and final phase resulting in Rs 1,67,17,476. The cumulative amount from all phases of counting reached Rs 10,67,14,476.

Furthermore, an additional contribution of Rs 2,03,00,000 was received through online and donation counters. In total, the treasury amassed an impressive sum of Rs 12,70,14,476.

The counting process was supervised by various officials, including Bhairulal Gurjar, the president of the temple committee, Sanjay Kumar Mandovara, Bhairulal Soni, Administrative Officer Nandkishor Tailor, Property Manager Kalulal Teli, Harlal Gurjar, bank employees, and temple committee staff.

The inventory revealed 1,190 kg of gold and 16,770 kg of silver from the treasury, while the donation counters received 0.1386 kg of gold and 39.549 kg of silver.

This revelation has not only showcased the financial strength of Shree Sanwaliya Seth's temple but also emphasizes the continuous support and devotion of its devotees.

## Janta Sena Presents a List of Demands to BJP State President in Vallabh Nagar

**Bhinder:** The Janta Sena Rajasthan presented a letter to BJP State President C.P. Joshi on Thursday, outlining various demands for the Vallabh Nagar constituency. The letter was handed over by the Janta Sena protector and former legislator Randhir Singh Bhinder, and the contents were made known to Bhinder Panchayat Samiti Chief Harisingh Sonigara through a documented letter.



The Janta Sena Rajasthan conveyed in the letter that during the previous government's tenure, various demands were submitted to the then-ruling authorities, but none received attention. With the present BJP government securing a majority and forming the government under the leadership of Bhairon Lal Sharma, the Janta Sena Rajasthan has renewed its requests.

The key demands presented to C.P. Joshi include declaring Bhinder as a district, announcing the national highway status for the Dhariyawad-Satlam road, constructing the road from Kheroda to Rundeda, building bypasses in Bhinder and Kanor, establishing a government college in Bhaderwah, rectifying mistakes made by the Settlement Department in Pemayish with discretion, constructing the tehsil building in Kanor, and establishing a sub-district office in Bhinder.

Other demands involve connecting villages and panchayats deprived of the Jal Jeevan Mission for drinking water, incorporating villages excluded from the TSP (Tribal Sub-Plan) due to the TSP declaration, and providing all resources to the sports village built in Amarapura Khalsa to train athletes in the region.

The Janta Sena Rajasthan aims to address various issues in the Vallabh Nagar constituency and looks forward to prompt action from the BJP State President to fulfill the outlined demands.

## Udaipur Story Festival Culminates with Spectacular Art Exhibition

**Udaipur:** The grand finale of the 5th edition of the three-day International Udaipur Story Festival, organized annually by Udaipur Tells, unfolded on Sunday night at the Exotica Resort on Shilpgram Road. The festival, a mesmerizing showcase of stories that captivate the soul, left art enthusiasts and literary aficionados enchanted.

Sushmita Singha, co-founder of Udaipur Tells, shared that the festival brought together diverse traditions of storytelling and artistry from national and international storytellers, artists, and musicians. The event featured presentations by storytellers from around the world, presenting their craft on a single stage. The festival successfully blended Indian and international storytellers on a common platform, captivating the audience with enchanting narratives. As part of the festivities, a coffee table book based on stories from various storytellers was also unveiled.

## Youth Organization "Samata Yuva Sangh" Celebrates Jivdaya Week

**Udaipur:** Udaipur's part of the ongoing Golden Diksha Mahotsav of Jain Acharya Shri Ramesh, observed under the theme "Maha Mahotsav - Mera Mahotsav," the Samata Yuva Sangh in Udaipur marked the Jivdaya (compassion for living beings) Week from January 7 to January 14. The nationwide event involved various service activities for the welfare of hundreds of animals.

On January 7, members of Samata Yuva Sangh rendered service at Shri Krishna Mahavir Gaushala in Mavli, Udaipur. Approximately 100 cows were provided with green fodder as part of the Jivdaya initiative.

On January 12, various



activities were carried out, including feeding cows and birds at different locations across the city. This involved distributing food items such as grains, biscuits, and rice at designated spots, benefiting stray animals and birds.

On January 13, as part of the national Jivdaya program,

a significant service event took place at Kain House Cooperative Gaushala in Teetardi. Around 1500+ kilograms of green fodder were distributed to approximately 600-700 cows and bulls residing there.

The culmination of the Jivdaya Week on January 14

included diverse service activities. In the morning, the Samata Yuva Sangh conducted a service event at Parakhet, Kaladwas, Udaipur, in collaboration with Shree Shivshakti Gaushala, where about 100 cows and bulls received medical check-ups and treatments. A quintal of green fodder was also provided for their sustenance.

Moreover, in collaboration with veterinary experts, medical inspections were carried out for animals, and necessary medications, injections, and treatments were administered. All medicines were generously provided by the Samata Yuva Sangh.

## Hindustan Zinc Bags Prestigious NCQC Awards Across Four Business Units

**Udaipur:** In a remarkable feat of excellence, Hindustan Zinc, a Vedanta Group entity and a leading player in the mining and smelting industry, emerged victorious at the 37th National Convention on Quality Concepts (NCQC) held at Nagpur from January 4th to 7th, 2024. The event, hosted by the Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) Nagpur Chapter in collaboration with Shri Ramdeo Baba College of Engineering and Management, was graced by the presence of Shri Nitin Gadkari ji, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India.

At the distinguished event that witnessed participation of



over 2200 Quality Concept teams and 12000+ delegates, Hindustan Zinc's four business units secured top honours in diverse categories. From the unit at the Rajpura Dariba Complex, the Sindesar Khurd Mine team Garnered the Distinguished Award, complemented by the "Meritorious

Award" earned by team Pallene. The Rajpura Dariba Mine Achievers were recognized with the "Excellence Award", while Shastras received the Meritorious Award. Meanwhile, the Dariba Smelting Complex witnessed

both Metal Crushers and FF Challengers clinching the prestigious "Excellence Award". In the Zawar Group of Mines, Vidyut, and Nortech were acknowledged with the "Excellence Award" for their exceptional contributions. At Rampura Agucha, both RAM Geek and Agucha Visionaries

received the esteemed "Excellence Award", and at Zinc Smelter Debari, MCTP Mavericks secured the "Par Excellence Award", with ZE Innovators attaining the "Excellence Award".

Teams recognized with both Excellence and Par Excellence Awards are now eligible to represent the company at the upcoming International Convention on Quality Concepts (ICQC). With a commitment to nurturing a culture of innovation, excellence and sustainable growth, this recognition not only reflects the company's commitment to quality but also positions Hindustan Zinc as a leader in the industry.

## Narendra Prasad Mathur Takes Pledge for Body Donation on Makar Sankranti

**Udaipur:** Narendra Prasad Mathur, a retired civil engineer, former Vice President of Shri Chitragupta Sabha, and a dedicated social worker from Udaipur, took a solemn vow for body donation on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti after his demise. The registration for body donation was done at the Anatomy Department of RNT Medical College, Udaipur, in the presence of social worker Hitendra Shobhavat, ritual priest and Dr. Bhupendra Sharma. Mathur undertook this pledge with the inspiration to serve humanity.

## Traders and Youth Contribute to Blood Donation Drive

**Udaipur:** In an initiative organized by "Yuvaaz" at the vegetable market in Savina on Sunday, traders and youth actively participated in a blood donation and free health check-up camp. The event, dedicated to the memory of the late social worker Shri Prakash Mata, was hosted by the Vegetable Fruit Merchants Association and S.M.Y. During the camp, traders and youth enthusiastically donated blood, contributing to the noble cause. The blood donation drive received distinguished guests, including the Honorable Governor of Assam, Gulabchand Kataria, MLA of Udaipur City, Tarachand Jain, and District Collector Arvind Poswal. Governor Kataria and Collector Poswal hailed the act of blood donation as a significant contribution, boosting the morale of the donors. The event was warmly welcomed by Mukesh Khilwani, the president of the association, and other members who efficiently managed the affairs of the camp.

## Rudra Archana, Lalita Ambika Worship, and Yajna Conducted at Pitambara Ashram

**Banswara:** Rudra Archana, Lalita Ambika worship, and a

yajna were organized at the Pitambara Ashram, along with daily Gayatri and Hanuman yajnas, focusing on the principles of the Gayatri Mandala. The events concluded on Monday night.

During this period, various rituals and ceremonies, including Rudra Archana, Lalita Ambika worship, and yajna, were conducted under the guidance of the eminent Mandal Vice-Chairman, Brahmarshi Pt. Divyabharat Pandya. The ceremonies involved the consecration of idols such as Vinayak, Bhairav, Gayatri, Hanuman, Shri Vidya, and the worship of the Parad Shilving. Additionally, various yantras were worshipped, and mantras were recited during the yajna. Key participants in these rituals and yajna, serving as the main practitioners, included Mandal's custodians Pt. Narharikant R. Bhatt, Dr. Dinesh Bhatt, Pt. Jayprakash Pandya, Pt. Manohar Joshi, Mandal's Vice-Chairman Animesh Purohit, Secretary Vinod Shukla, Joint Secretary Subhash Bhatt, Co-Coordinator Pt. Manoj Narhari Bhatt, Pt. Jay Rana, Rajesh Chaubisa, Executive Member Pt. Trimbakeshwar Thakor, and Ashok Pathak (Mumbai). The ceremonies concluded with the Aarti of Tripura Sundari and chanting of Shri Mannarayana Kirtan.

## 'Lal Bahadur Shastri Remembered on Death Anniversary'

**Udaipur:** The All India Kayastha Mahasabha District Branch in Udaipur commemorated the death anniversary of the second Prime Minister of India, Kayastharatna Lal Bahadur Shastri, with a seminar titled "Contribution of Lal Bahadur Shastri to the Country." Dr. Manoj Bhatnagar, the District President of Mahasabha, presided over the seminar, highlighting Shastri's leadership during the India-Pakistan war and his seven years in British jail for India's independence. The seminar acknowledged Shastri's role in promoting the Green Revolution and increasing food grain production. Dr. Rajkumar Kulshrestha, the patron, emphasized Shastri's unifying role with the slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan." Women's Cell President Archana Kulshrestha urged everyone to embody Shastri's life ideals. The event saw tributes from various dignitaries, including Secretary Anuradha Mathur, Acharaj Kulshrestha, General Secretary Manish Bhatnagar, and Shweta Giri of RK Puram Society.

## '5th National Women's Open Tournament: Udaipur Gears Up for Sporting Extravaganza'

Udaipur is set for a sporting spectacle as the Rajasthan Women's College Student Council announces the 5th National-level Women's Open Table Tennis, Badminton, and Carrom Tournament, scheduled from February 5th to 9th. Breaking stereotypes, this unique competition encourages women, especially homemakers, to showcase their sporting prowess. The event aims to emphasize that women's abilities extend beyond household chores and culinary delights. Divided into age categories, the tournament promises intense competition, boosting physical health, and self-confidence. With participants from various regions, exciting prizes, and a focus on empowerment, the tournament is a unique initiative promoting holistic development through sports.

## Dialogue with Beneficiaries Inspection of Godawan Breeding Center, Pokhran

**Jaisalmer:** Journalist teams from Kerala and Andhra Pradesh visited the Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp developed in Khuhdi, Jaisalmer district, exploring the camp and engaging with rural residents to provide information about 17 different schemes of the central government. The headman of Khuhdi, Tanesingh Sodha, and Block Development Officer Amit Chaudhary welcomed the journalist team. Sodha informed that during this camp, people were not only provided information about various schemes of the central government over the last 10 years but also facilitated free health check-ups. He mentioned that 300 people in the village have benefited from the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, and a large number of registrations are being carried out for the Ujjwala Yojana. Excitement among the people is evident regarding various schemes such as Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, and various schemes for the welfare of farmers.