

## Republic Day Celebrations...

#### Rahul Gandhi's Challenging Journey in the Run-up to Elections

As Rahul Gandhi embarked on his ambitious 'Manipur-Mumbai' yatra, the echoes of past political sparring lingered, setting the stage for a high-stakes journey before the upcoming elections. The bitterness that marked the Assam leg of Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra seems to have intensified, with personal egos taking center stage.

During his Kanyakumari -to-Kashmir yatra last year, Gandhi and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma engaged in heated exchanges, resorting to personal attacks. The recent allegations by Gandhi dubbing Sarma as the country's most corrupt Chief Minister have further escalated tensions. Gandhi's booking on charges of provoking the crowd in Guwahati adds a legal dimension to the ongoing political feud, with Sarma threatening to have him arrested after the Lok Sabha elections.

### **Editorial**

The Manipur-Mumbai yatra, touted as the Congress' last major public outreach program before the elections, aims to cover

100 Lok Sabha seats by March 20. The strategic choice of commencing the journey in Manipur, a region marked by violence, underscores the party's astuteness. However, the fallout from the Assam skirmish threatens to overshadow the intended message.

As the yatra ventures into West Bengal, Gandhi faces a different set of challenges. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's categorical declaration of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) going solo for all 42 Lok Sabha seats in the state disrupts the seat-sharing plans of the 28-party INDIA bloc. Mamata's tough stance against the Congress adds another layer of complexity to Gandhi's political journey.

Political alignments demand delicate handling, and the current scenario puts Gandhi's negotiating and conciliatory skills to the test. The imperative now is to foster unity under the banner of 'INDIA jodo.' While the Assam episode show-cased in-your-face antagonism, the journey through West Bengal requires a nuanced approach to navigate the intricate web of regional politics.

The upcoming Lok Sabha elections are not merely a test of political acumen but a gauge of Gandhi's ability to forge alliances and rise above personal animosities. As the 'Manipur-Mumbai' yatra progresses, the spotlight remains on how adeptly Gandhi can navigate the political turbulence and rally support for the broader cause of a united India.

# Udaipur's Grand Celebration of the 75th Republic Day - A Tapestry of Patriotism and Achievements: Multifaceted Celebrations Across the City

Udaipur (Dr.Munesh Arora/Shabnam bano): A city steeped in history and culture, resonated with patriotic fervor on the 75th Republic Day. Various organizations and institutions orchestrated diverse celebrations, each contributing to the vibrant tapestry of the city's collective pride. From educational institutions to cultural hubs, government offices, and malls, Udaipur showcased its unity in commemorating the landmark day.

Udaipur, a picturesque canvas set against the backdrop of the Aravalli Range, painted itself in the vibrant hues of patriotism and unity on the 26th of January. The grand celebration of Republic Day unfolded at Gandhi Ground, the heart of Udaipur's District Headquarters, where the esteemed Minister of Tribal Regional Development and Home Defense, Babulal Kharadi, orchestrated a symphony of national pride.

The proceedings commenced with Minister Kharadi, a beacon of leadership, gracefully unfurling the tricolor, symbolizing the aspirations and unity of the nation. The fluttering flag, embraced by the gentle winds of Udaipur, echoed the spirit of freedom and democracy that resonated through the ages.

As the tri-color soared high, Minister Kharadi undertook the solemn duty of inspecting the parade that unfolded beneath the watchful eyes of the gathered multitude. The rhythmic march past, a harmonious fusion of discipline and dedication, featured contingents from the police, NCC, scouts, and guide students. Minister Kharadi, an embodiment of authority and humility, took in the spectacle with a sense of pride and responsibility.

The air was charged with anticipation as the ceremony unfolded, with ADMAdministration Shailesh Surana eloquently delivering the Governor's message, infusing the gathering with a sense of purpose and collective responsibility.

A poignant and touching moment ensued

when Minister Kharadi paid tribute to the families of martyrs. In a gesture of deep respect, he honored the parents of Lieutenant Abhinav Nagauri, Major Mustafa, Archit Wardia, Ratanlal Meena, and Mohanlal Tejawat. The draped shawls and the presentation of quince fruit symbolized not just remembrance but an acknowledgment of the sacrifices made for the nation.

The cultural kaleidoscope of the event showcased a myriad of special attractions. The disciplined and captivating exercises by Digambar Jain School, Guru Nanak Public Uma Vidyalaya, and Abhilasha Special Uma Vidyalaya were a testament to the spirit of holistic development in the district. The rhythmic dance presentation from Gonka Public Higher Secondary School left the audience in awe, while the yoga and exercise display by the police department added a touch of grace and vitality to the proceedings.

The tableau presentations by various departments were a visual testament to the developmental strides undertaken in the district. Among the standout displays, the tableau of the NCC, offering a glimpse into the cultural heritage of Rajasthan, and the tableau portraying the Bharat Sankalp Yatra by Panchayat Samiti Badgaon, were hailed as the epitome of creativity and thematic representation.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a warm glow over the gathering, the ceremony concluded with the resonating notes of the national anthem, a collective ode to the motherland

Beyond the pomp and pageantry, the ceremony was also a platform for recognizing and honoring exemplary contributions. Minister Kharadi bestowed honors upon 92 individuals and organizations for their remarkable services to the district. From the mothers of martyrs to dedicated public servants, educators, and professionals across various fields, each awardee represented a chapter in the district's narrative of resilience, progress, and communal har-

mony.

The cover story of this Republic Day celebration, as captured in the tapestry of Udaipur, is not just a chronicle of a day's festivities but a saga of patriotism, homage, and collective achievements. It paints a portrait of a community that cherishes its heritage, honors its heroes, and marches forward with a shared vision of progress and unity."

#### Chitragupta Sabha

Chitragupta Sabha, a prominent organization, set the tone for the day with a grand celebration at their assembly hall. Led by General Secretary Dinesh Mathur, the event featured a thoughtful flag hoisting ceremony. Renowned educator Dr. Girish Nath Mathur inaugurated the proceedings, delving into the country's journey to republichood and its deep connection with the constitution. Professor M.M. Simlot emphasized the crucial role of education in shaping the youth. The program was adorned with patriotic songs and heartfelt recognition of senior mem-

#### **Excise Deptt.**

Additional Excise Commissioner O.P. Bunkar contributed to the citywide celebration by hoisting the flag at the Excise Building. The ceremony exuded enthusiasm and patriotic spirit, with Bunkar extending warm Republic Day wishes to all officers present. The event served as a testament to the commitment of public servants to uphold the values of the Republic.

#### **WZCC**



At Bagore Ki Haveli, the Western Region Cultural Center organized a unique celebration featuring a symbolic flag hoisting by folk artist Raveena Kamad. The Manganiyar group's captivating performances, depicting

tales like "Major Ladha Shaitan Singh" and "Dharti Dhoran Ri," added a cultural touch to the festivities. The event brought together officials and staff, fostering a sense of unity through art and heritage.

#### **Urban Square Mall**



Udaipur's Urban Square Mall embraced the spirit of Republic Day with a festive makeover, proudly displaying the tricolor. The visually appealing decorations and tricolor-themed elements created a patriotic backdrop, attracting visitors eager to capture the celebratory moments. Managing Director Uddhav Poddar highlighted the mall's active participation in nationwide festivities, underscoring the significance of the occasion

#### Udaipur Rural Congress



The Udaipur Rural Congress Office celebrated Republic Day with President Kachru Lal Choudhary unfurling the national flag. Choudhary's address emphasized the historical significance of sacrifice, dedication, and struggle embedded in India's golden history. Despite acknowledging current challenges, he reassured party workers' determination to protect constitutional values and restore justice. The event aimed to reaffirm the Congress party's commitment to democracy, constitutional values, and the welfare of the people.

#### **MPUAT**



Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology celebrated Republic Day with a focus on agricultural advancements. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnataka highlighted the institution's achievements, technological innovations, and the recognition of progressive farmers. The event encapsulated the university's commitment to excellence in agriculture and sustainable practices.

Udaipur's Republic Day celebrations were a symphony of patriotism, culture, and achievements. From traditional flag hoisting ceremonies to cultural extravaganzas and parades, the city demonstrated its unity in diversity. The events not only celebrated the spirit of the Republic but also showcased the city's commitment to education, culture, and progress. Udaipur's vibrant celebrations echoed the values embedded in the Constitution and served as a reminder of the collective responsibility tCertainly! Here is the modified version of the message with the requested change:

#### HZL

The 75th Republic Day celebration at the Hindustan Zinc headquarters was marked by fervor and excitement. On this occasion, M.



Arun Mishra, the Chief Executive Officer of Hindustan Zinc, along with Mr. Vedanta, the Executive Director, unfurled the national flag, extending Republic Day greetings to employees and their families.

In his address, Mr. Arun Mishra emphasized the importance of maintaining competitiveness for the nation's progress, highlighting the significant role played by Hindustan Zinc. He underscored the essential role of employee skill and productivity in the country's development. Mr Mishra expressed the need for directional changes, utilizing innovation and technology to propel forward. The government's efforts in encouraging advancements in consumption, production, and manufacturing were also acknowledged. The CEO and Executive Director actively participated in a tree plantation drive symbolizing the commitment to environmental sustainability. The event witnessed the presence of employees, officers, and their families, collectively contributing to the celebra-

Mr. Arun Mishra concluded his address by urging citizens, industrialists, employees, and business owners to play their roles in the nation's development. The chant for a developed nation is not just a slogan but a call to transform from a developing country to a developed one, he emphasized. The Republic Day celebration at Hindustan Zinc reflected the company's commitment to progress, innovation, and sustainable development.

#### Geetanjali University Celebrates 75th Republic Day with Grand Event

Geetanjali University in Udaipur marked the 75th Republic Day with a spectacular celebration held on its expansive campus. The distinguished chief guest for the occasion was Mr. J.P. Agrawal, the Chairman of the Geetanjali Group. The event also featured notable figures, including Vice Chairman Kapil Agrawal, Executive Director Ankit Agrawal, and Vice Chancellor Dr. F.S. Mehta. The celebration drew the participation of heads of all departments, faculty, staff, and students.



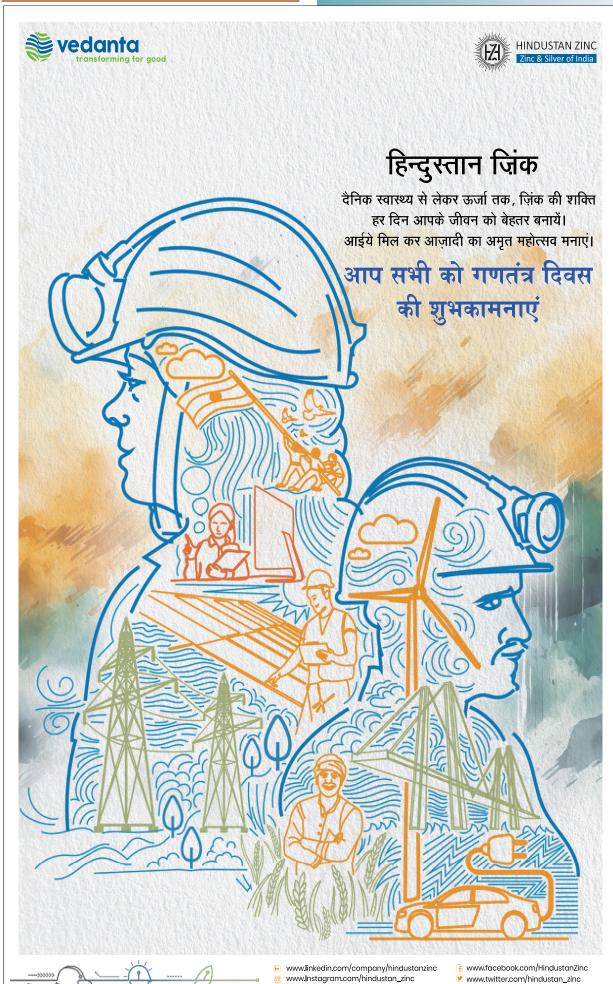
The program was orchestrated under the adept guidance of Chancellor Dr. Rajeev Pandya. Mr. J.P. Agrawal commenced the event by hoisting the flag, echoing the national anthem throughout the Geetanjali University and Medical College campus. A splendid parade showcasing the spirit of the occasion was presented by Geetanjali University and Medical College. The university students added vibrancy to the event with captivating cultural performances. Geetaniali University took the opportunity to honor individuals with the Facilitation Award, recognizing the contributions of doctors, faculty members, and employees who have dedicated a decade of service. Chancellor Awards were also conferred, acknowledging special achievements and showcasing the university's commitment to excellence in employee-centric initiatives. The program concluded with an exuberant gala presentation, featuring nearly 200 students who graced the stage with colorful dance performances, leaving the audience brimming with joy and enthusiasm. The Republic Day celebration at Geetanjali University was a resound-

#### NSS



The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at all the campuses of Narayan Seva Sansthan, marked by flag hoisting ceremonies. The founder of the institution, Padma Shri-decorated Kailash Manav, hoisted the flag at the Human Temple, Kamla Devi Agrawal at the Sevadham, Prashant Agrawal at the Ankur campus, and the Director of Sevamahatirtha Badi, Devendra Chaubisa.

On this occasion, differently-abled, orphaned, and visually-impaired children presented patriotic songs. The event saw the presence of Director Vandana Agrawal, Rakesh Sharma, Anil Acharya, Principal Archana Govalkar, Jasbir Singh, Narendra Singh, and Bansilal.



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