

## "Aashadh Ka Ek Din": A Timeless Tale of Love and Sacrifice

**Udaipur:** The Natyaansh Society of Dramatic and Performing Arts recently staged the iconic Hindi play "Aashadh Ka Ek Din," directed by Amit Shrimali and written by Mohan Rakesh.

This play, written nearly six decades ago, remains as relevant and impactful today. While it appears to be a love story between the Sanskrit poet Kalidas and his beloved Mallika, it also critiques power-drunk capitalists and highlights issues in the education system and bureaucracy.

**Synopsis:** In a Himalayan village under Ujjaini state, Kalidas and Mallika share a deep, selfless love rooted in their childhood friendship and love for literature. Despite Kalidas's reluctance to leave the village, he is persuaded by



Mallika to accept an invitation from the king of Ujjaini to become a court poet. Kalidas's friend Vilom and Mallika's mother, Ambika, encourage them to marry, but Mallika insists their love needs no formal bond.

Years later, Kalidas, now married to a princess and governing Kashmir, returns to the village but does not seek out Mallika.

Despite her unwavering love, she refuses to leave her home or marry anyone else. When Kalidas finally visits Mallika, they realize it is too late for a fresh start as she is married to Vilom. Kalidas leaves, and Mallika is left alone, surrounded by his books.

**Performance:** The lead roles of Kalidas and Mallika were portrayed by Agastya Hardik Nagda and Harshita

Sharma, respectively, who captivated the audience with their performances. The supporting cast included Umang Soni as the uncle, Arshad Qureshi as Vilom, Urvashi Kanwarani as Ambika, Riya Nagdev as Princess Priyangu Manjari, and Yash Jain as Nikshap. Other notable performances were delivered by Neha Shrimali, Khushi Negi, Divyansh Dabi, and Parth Singh Chundawat.

The backstage team contributed significantly to the success of the performance, with Yash Shaktweepi handling music coordination, Rekha Sisodia directing music, Ashfaq Noor Khan Pathan managing lighting design and operation, and Yogita Sisodia overseeing makeup and costumes.

Stage construction was

managed by Mohammed Rizwan Mansoori, with additional support from Dharmesh Pratap Singh, Harsh Dubey, Chakshu Singh, Kushagra Bhatia, Aanchal Gandhi (painting), and Faseeh Khan (photography).

**Poster Unveiling:** After the play, the artists unveiled the poster for their upcoming production "Oxygen," written and directed by Ashfaq Noor Khan Pathan, the founder of Theaterwood Company.

**Program Coordinator:** Ashfaq Noor Khan Pathan Natyaansh Society of Dramatic and Performing Arts.

This performance of "Aashadh Ka Ek Din" has proven to be a captivating and profound experience, reflecting the timeless essence of love and sacrifice.

## Rotary Club Mewar to Donate Cancer Machine

**Udaipur:** At the installation ceremony for the 2024-25 term, Rotary Club Mewar Patron Hansraj Chaudhary announced two major projects: donating a ₹6 crore machine to MB Hospital for cervical cancer treatment and opening a clinic at Bird Park for injured birds. The event, held at Spectra Resort and Spa, celebrated 23 years of the club's service.



Chief guest Dr. Bharat Pandya, former Rotary International Director, administered the oath to President Dr. Sneheep Bhanawat and Secretary Sunit Oradia. He emphasized securing a global grant from the Rotary Foundation for the projects and offered his support.

Dr. Sneheep Bhanawat outlined additional initiatives in girls' education, health, environment, and vocational services. Past District Governor Nirmal Singhvi swore in new executive members, including Hansraj Chaudhary, Mahendra Pal Singh Chhabra, Yogesh Pagariya, and others.

Special guest Rajesh Agarwal inducted 11 new couple members, advising them to focus on genuine service. The event included the oath-taking for the newly formed Interact Club Universal. The program, conducted by Yogesh Pagariya and Manika, concluded with a vote of thanks by Secretary Sunit Oradia.

## Training on Nutritional and Medicinal Importance of Mushrooms



**Udaipur:** A one-day mushroom training program was held under the All India Coordinated Mushroom Research Project at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, in Gram Panchayat Som. Farmers and women from 22 villages participated. Project In-Charge Dr. N.L. Meena highlighted the nutritional and medicinal benefits of oyster and milky mushrooms. Assistant Agriculture Officer Mr. Shiv Dayal Meena emphasized mushroom cultivation as an additional income source and shared welfare schemes for scheduled tribe farmers. Practical knowledge was imparted by Dr. Suresh Kumar, Mr. Avinash Kumar Nagda, and Kishan Singh Rajput, and essential materials were distributed to 30 trainees.

## Arif Khan Selected for International Competition



Arif Khan, trained by Coach Sikander Naqvi, will compete in the International Powerlifting Competition 2024 in Nepal. After excelling in trials in Jaipur, he is intensifying preparations. Indian Strength Sports Federation leaders, including Grandmaster Sajid Ali Naqvi, extended their heartfelt wishes, urging him to excel.

## Dr. Shamim Khan Treats Severe Pancreatitis Successfully



**Kota:** Dr. Mohammad Shamim Khan, MD (Unani Medicine) at the Government Unani Dispensary, Kota, treated a 44-year-old male patient with acute necrotizing pancreatitis. The patient presented with severe symptoms and uncontrolled infection. Despite prior allopathic treatments, his condition worsened. Dr. Khan advised a combination of Unani and allopathic treatments, including herbal regimens with immun-enhancing and antibacterial properties. Within weeks, the patient's symptoms improved, pus drainage reduced, and he regained strength. By June 30, the drainage tube was removed, and by mid-July, his health had significantly improved. Dr. Khan highlighted the benefits of combined therapy for complex conditions.

## Narayan Seva Sansthan and Mewar B.Sc. Nursing College Celebrate Guru Purnima

**Udaipur:** Narayan Seva Sansthan joyously celebrated Guru Purnima at the Seva Mahathir campus in Lyon Ka Guda. Founder Acharya Mahamandaleswar Shri Kailash 'Manav' was honored as the Guru. The event saw participation from collaborators across various states, branch heads, co-founder Smt. Kamal Devi, President Prashant Agarwal, trustees Jagdish Arya, Devendra Choubisa, Anil Acharya, and senior devotees, who performed the Guru's feet-washing ceremony. Children chanted mantras in unison during the ceremony.



President Prashant Agarwal recounted Kailash Ji 'Manav's' journey in the 1980s of collecting a handful of flour from every household, emphasizing how his efforts have enabled millions of differently-abled individuals to become self-reliant. He highlighted the Guru's role as a beacon of light, dispelling doubts and illuminating a meaningful path.

On this occasion, Narayan Seva Sansthan also organized the Narayan Limb Camp in Ludhiana, attended by over 700 differently-abled individuals who were measured for prosthetics. Director Vandana Agarwal, along with chief guests Gurpreet Gogi, MLA of Ludhiana West, and Kulwant Singh Sidhu, MLA of Atam Nagar, visited the camp and were briefed on the institution's services.

Mewar B.Sc. Nursing College: Guru Purnima was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Students and staff expressed their gratitude to their teachers and appreciated their contributions. The program began with the lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. Students gave various cultural performances, including dances, songs, and plays, honoring their teachers and highlighting the significance of the Guru-Shishya tradition.

Principal Sunil Kumar Dadhich congratulated all the teachers and students, emphasizing the opportunity Guru Purnima provides to express gratitude to teachers who guide students in the right direction in life.

Students presented flowers and mementos to their teachers, who in turn inspired the students with their experiences and guidance, wishing them a bright future.

The event was attended by Dr. Sandeep Garg, Ramesh Joshi, Mehboob Ahmed Sheikh, Vipul Jain, Nikita Menaria, Umesh Meena, and Nilesh Kharadi, along with the college staff and employees. This celebration strengthened the bonds between students and teachers and underscored the importance of education and the significance of teachers.

## Udaipur's Historic Musical Tribute to Mukesh Ji

**Udaipur:** On the 101st anniversary of legendary Bollywood singer Shri Mukesh Ji, Udaipur's 'Suron Ki Mandal' will host 'Swarnjali - 2024' at the Ashoka Palace Auditorium, Shobhagpura. The event will feature performances by 26 local artists, aged 7 to 70, aiming to set a World Record of Excellence in the International Books of Records by performing 101 back-to-back songs.



The participating artists include Narayan Salvi, Ishwar Jain "Kautubh," Dilip Khatri, Dr. Sushil Sahu, Chandra Prakash Gandharv, Mahesh Sharma, Surya Suhalka, Vinu Vaishnav, Manisha Dave, Sukhjeet Singh, KK Khandelwal, Nikhil Maheshwari, Kuber Sahlot, Khushboo Jain, Mahavir Prasad Jain, Anita Singhii, Lalit Jain, Ruzain Hasan, Brajesh Mishra, Bhagwat Singh Hada, Santosh Srivastava, Himmat Singh, and Satish Mathur. Mukesh Madhwani, founder, and Brajesh Mishra, event coordinator, highlighted the unique and grand nature of this musical tribute, marking a significant milestone in Udaipur's music history.

## Sarpanch Sanjida Rafiq Pathan Honored with Yashaswi Award

**Kota:** In Jaipur, Sanjida Rafiq Pathan, Sarpanch of Luhavad village, was honored with the Yashaswi Sarpanch Award by Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma. The award recognized her exemplary work, placing her first in a state-level competition. Chief spokesperson Rafique Pathan noted the award was based on a survey evaluating sarpanches' work. Sanjida was the only honoree from the Hadoti division. The ceremony saw hundreds of attendees, including 20 honored sarpanches. Notable figures like Moinuddin Guddu, Ghanashyam Yadav, and others praised her achievement, extending their congratulations.



## Leopards Spotted on Granite Hills During Eco-Destination Tour



**Udaipur:** On the first tour of the Eco-Destination Tour organized by the Forest Department, residents of Udaipur were taken to Ranakpur and Jawai Leopard Conservation Reserve. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mr. Devendra Kumar Tiwari, informed that 32 Udaipur residents participated in this year's first Eco-Destination Tour for the year 2024-2025. At 7:30 AM, Chief Conservator of Forests, Mr. S.R. Venkateshwar Murthy, flagged off the tour, sending off the Udaipur residents.

The participants traveled from Udaipur to Ranakpur and then to Jawai Dam in Pali district. After admiring the natural beauty of Jawai Dam, the group embarked on a leopard safari at the Jawai Leopard Conservation Reserve, where they spotted a female leopard and her cub. The safari vehicle navigated the high granite hills as if driving on a highway. The thrilling moments of observing the leopards' playful antics and the breathtaking views of Jawai Dam were cherished by the group as they returned to Udaipur.

Mr. Tiwari announced that the next Eco-Destination Tour is scheduled for 28-7-2024 to Fulwari Ki Nal Sanctuary. For booking, interested individuals can contact the designated number 7568348678.

## Dr. Dhruv Sojatia Appointed Chairman,

## Arpit Lodha as Secretary



**Udaipur:** The annual executive meeting of Udaipur Round Table 253 for the year 2024-25 was held today at the Taj Aravali Hotel. During the meeting, Dr. Dhruv Sojatia was unanimously appointed as Chairman and Arpit Lodha as Secretary.

Additionally, the executive committee includes Kunal Bagrecha as Vice Chairman, Sambhav Banthia as Treasurer, and outgoing Chairman Anish Chaudhary.

## Sunil Tank Teaches Acting in Uttarakhand's Valleys

Udaipur's theater director, Sunil Tank, conducted a unique acting workshop in Uttarakhand, incorporating nature walk theater. Over 15 days, 33 participants explored the hills, forests, and rivers of Uttarakhand, learning acting intricacies at locations such as Kausani, Gwaldam, and Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary. Sessions ran from 6 AM to 6 PM, followed by campfires and presentations. Tank covered classical and modern theater principles, including voice,



movement, and improvisation. Inspired by nature, he prohibited mobile phones to ensure focus. Participants praised the innovative approach, with local coordinators Manoj Bisht and Anshu Wadhwa contributing significantly to the event's success.

## 87 People Benefited from Health Camp

**Udaipur:** A health check-up camp was organized on Thursday at the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary in Nayagaon Birothi. Dispensary in-charge Dr. Priyanka Kanwat reported that 87 individuals benefited from the camp.



While raising awareness about health among the villagers, Dr. Kanwat emphasized that maintaining good health depends on various factors. She advised following Ayurvedic principles, considering diet, lifestyle, and environment. Dr. Kanwat highlighted that mental health refers to a person's psychological and emotional well-being, which can be maintained by staying positive and practicing meditation. On this occasion, as part of the "A Tree in Mother's Name" campaign, tree plantation was carried out to promote environmental con-

## Chandipura Virus Alert in Gujarat and Rajasthan



**Chandipura Virus:** RNA virus spread by phlebotomine flies, mosquitoes, ticks, and sandflies.

**Current Situation:** 8 children and 6 adults dead in Gujarat, 27 suspected cases in 12 districts after screening 8500 houses. Symptoms found in two villages in Khedwada block, Udaipur. Medical department alerted.

**Symptoms:** Fever, body ache, flu-like symptoms, diarrhea, vomiting, brain swelling, brain fever, severe headache, coma, death.

**Prevention:** No vaccine available. Maintain cleanliness, use phenyl for cleaning, sanitize hands, use tissues when coughing/sneezing, avoid close contact with flu patients.

**Expert Advice:** Dr. Liyaqat Ali Mansuri, Unani Physician and Hijama Therapy Specialist at SMS Hospital, Jaipur, emphasizes immediate consultation with a doctor if symptoms appear. Stay safe and vigilant! #HealthAlert #ChandipuraVirus