

Abhishek Srivastava Conferred with Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya National Journalism Gem Award



Udaipur: Senior journalist and Editor of Rajasthan Patrika, Abhishek Srivastava, was conferred with the prestigious Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya National Journalism Gem Award at a grand ceremony organized by Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University.

The event took place at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat auditorium in Pratapnagar. The ceremony began with floral tribute to Maa Saraswati and ceremonial lamp lighting by chief guest Prof. Sunita Mishra, Vice Chancellor of Sukhadia University; Chancellor Bhanwar Lal Gurjar; Vidyapeeth Vice Chancellor Prof. Shiv Singh Sarangdevot; Registrar Dr. Tarun Shrimali; and the award recipient himself. Abhishek Srivastava was honored for his exceptional contribution to journalism, particularly for raising awareness on lake conservation and mountain preservation in Udaipur through his powerful writings. He was felicitated with a turban, shawl, citation, and memento. In his address, Prof. Sarangdevot praised the courage of journalists, calling the pen both a strength and a responsibility in a democracy. Prof. Sunita Mishra emphasized aligning educational curricula with the New Education Policy, noting that journalism also plays a crucial role in building public awareness.

Accepting the award, Srivastava remarked, "Receiving an award is easy, but protecting its dignity is a greater responsibility." He highlighted the role of print media in upholding truth, sharing how Rajasthan Patrika's campaign on Aravalli conservation led to judicial intervention and policy changes. Chancellor Gurjar commended Srivastava's impactful work, stating that his fearless journalism has made a historical mark. The event was attended by deans, directors, and faculty members of the university. Dr. Harish Chaubisa conducted the proceedings, and a vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Tarun Shrimali.

Maharana Pratap Statue at Navneet Campus

Azamgarh: In a momentous step toward celebrating India's rich cultural heritage, a grand equestrian statue of Veer Shriromani Maharana Pratap is set to be installed at the Navneet Group of Institutions in Badhawar, Azamgarh. The 12-foot-tall statue, weighing 3100 kilograms, will serve as a lasting tribute to the legendary Rajput warrior known for his valor, sacrifice, and indomitable spirit.



The initiative has been made possible through the generous support of Prof. Amarika Singh, Chairman of the Navneet Group, who has wholeheartedly offered land within the campus for the statue's installation. Prof. Singh, formerly Vice-Chancellor of Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur—Maharana Pratap's homeland—remarked, "It is a matter of immense pride and honor to contribute to such a noble cause. This statue will not only honor a historic hero but also inspire future generations."

The proposal for the statue was put forth by the Maharana Pratap Memorial Campaign Committee. Its President, Chandraver Singh Namana, shared that the initiative is being driven by the Royal Institute of Rural Development with strong public support. He noted that the official no-objection certificate (NOC) from Navneet Group marks a significant milestone toward bringing the project to life.

Namana emphasized, "Maharana Pratap is not just a figure from history; he represents the ideals of bravery and patriotism that resonate with every Indian. His life is a guiding force for unity and cultural pride." He expressed confidence that the statue will become a symbol of inspiration, fostering a spirit of nationalism and integrity among students and the wider community.

Prof. Singh welcomed the initiative, highlighting the Navneet Group's commitment to promoting historical consciousness and cultural awareness through educational and community-driven endeavors.

The local community has responded with enthusiasm, voicing strong support for the project and acknowledging its potential to unite and uplift the region's cultural landscape.

Further details regarding the unveiling ceremony and associated cultural events will be released shortly via local media, promising a grand occasion to commemorate the legacy of Maharana Pratap.

Indira Jaising Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Udaipur: Renowned Supreme Court advocate and social activist Indira Jaising was honoured with the 5th Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer Lifetime Achievement Award in a grand ceremony at Maharana Kumbha Sangeet Sabhagar on April 19. The event was jointly organized by the Central Board of Dawoodi Bohra Community, Bohra Youth Sansthan, Institute of Islamic Studies, and the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism.



Commander Mansoor Ali Bohra emphasized that the award celebrates contributions to social justice, human rights, and communal harmony. Previous recipients include Justice Hosbet Suresh, author K.P. Ramanunni, scholar Abdus Sattar Dalvi, and activist Dr. Flavia Agnes.

Born in Mumbai in 1940, Jaising began her legal career after completing her LLM in 1962. She became the first woman designated as a Senior Advocate by the Bombay High Court in 1986 and was awarded the Padma Shri in 2005. Her notable contributions include drafting the Domestic Violence Act (2006) and representing India at the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

During her address, Jaising called for judicial accountability, criticizing political interference in judicial appointments. She stressed that freedom of speech and transparency are fundamental to democracy, asserting that it is the duty of advocates to defend the Constitution. She also condemned derogatory remarks by constitutional office holders and praised Justice Sanjiv Khanna's stance on the Waqf Amendment Bill.

The ceremony included a tribute to Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer, presented by Irfan Engineer, who hailed him as a reformist and global scholar. Professor Zainab Banu shared a detailed biography of Jaising, while Nasir Javed anchored the event, and Mansoor Ali Bohra delivered the vote of thanks. The evening saw participation from legal experts, activists, scholars, and young voices like Mohsina, symbolizing the continuing legacy of reform and progress.

Governor Reviews Rajasthan Universities' Key Progress



Jaipur: Rajasthan Governor Shri Haribhau Bagde chaired a special review meeting with the state's universities, urging institutions to embrace innovation in technical education, promote new technological inventions, increase patent approvals, and foster intellectual growth through curricular enhancements. Addressing the gathering at Raj Bhavan, Governor Bagde assessed the progress in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) and attaining NAAC accreditation.

He emphasized prioritizing quality education across all universities in the state. During the meeting, Vice Chancellors Dr. Ajeet Kumar Karnatak of JNVU Jodhpur and MPUAT Udaipur highlighted significant achievements, including MPUAT's 44 patents within two years and an impressive rise in its Scopus H-Index from 37 to 78. They also briefed the Governor on the universities' focus on solar energy and crop residue management.

Governor Bagde assured that all necessary legal reforms will be pursued to improve higher education. He stressed integrating Indian knowledge systems, cultural values, and mother tongue education in alignment with NEP goals.

Dr. Atul Luhadia Highlights Asthma Awareness at Alwar Chest Conference



Udaipur: Dr. Atul Luhadia, renowned pulmonologist from Pacific Medical College & Hospital (PMCH), Udaipur, delivered a significant lecture on asthma diagnosis and treatment during the "Respiratory Update" conference held in Alwar. He was invited as a distinguished speaker at the event.

Dr. Luhadia explained that asthma is a chronic respiratory condition characterized by inflammation and narrowing of the airways, leading to symptoms like breathlessness, chest tightness, coughing, and wheezing. He noted that triggers include allergies, pollution, dust, smoke, weather changes, and physical exertion.

He emphasized that asthma can be diagnosed through patient history, clinical symptoms, and specific tests like spirometry, peak flow meter, allergy tests, and X-rays.

While there is no permanent cure for asthma, Dr. Luhadia stated that it can be effectively managed. He recommended inhaler therapy as the most effective, safe, and targeted treatment.

"Inhalers deliver medicine directly to the lungs, providing quick relief with fewer side effects. Regular use enables patients to lead a normal life and significantly reduces the chances of asthma attacks," he said.

Dr. Luhadia also debunked myths about inhalers, clarifying that they are not addictive but are medically approved devices that are safe for all age groups.

His insightful presentation was highly appreciated by the attending medical professionals.

District Administration on Alert to Prevent Child Marriages



Udaipur: The district administration is on high alert to prevent child marriages. Teams from the administration, District Legal Services Authority, and Child Rights Department are closely monitoring any child marriage activities. In this regard, on Saturday, a team arrived in the Kheroda police station area after receiving information about a child marriage scheduled for April 26, and immediately intervened to prevent it.

Assistant Director of the Child Rights Department, K. K. Chandravanshi, stated that on April 19, a call was received on the Child Helpline number 1098 reporting a child marriage in the Kheroda police station area on April 26. Following this, Child Helpline District Coordinator Navneet Audichya was directed to form a team. The team, led by Assistant Sub-Inspector Lakshman Lal from Kheroda Police Station, arrived at the minor's home in Amarapura Khalsa.

During the inquiry, the minor's family denied any such marriage, but based on the family's circumstances and conversation, the team suspected a child marriage was planned. The family was then cautioned and instructed not to proceed with the marriage until the girl reached adulthood.

Chandravanshi further informed that the district is maintaining continuous surveillance to prevent child marriages. Any person or the affected minor can file a complaint via Child Helpline number 1098, with the assurance that the complainant's identity will remain confidential.

Celebrating World Heritage Day with Children

Udaipur: On the occasion of World Heritage Day, a special session on cultural heritage was organized by the

Maharana Mewar Charitable Foundation, Udaipur, at the Hansraj Children Home in Dewali.

The session began with Dr. Manish Shrimali sharing a brief insight into the life and legacy of Maharana Pratap. He narrated inspiring stories of Maharana Pratap to the young girls residing at the Children Home. Deeply engaged by the tales of Mewar's valour, the girls eagerly asked questions, which Dr. Shrimali answered with detailed explanations.

As part of the session, the Foundation also conducted a heritage activity titled "India Cultural Jigsaw." The children were given a map of India along with pictures representing the cultural heritage and ancient monuments of various states. With great attention, the girls matched and pasted the images to their respective states on the map.



Dr. Mayank Gupta, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation, shared that the purpose of such heritage-based activities is to introduce children to India's rich cultural legacy.

The City Palace Museum, maintained by the Maharana Mewar Charitable Foundation, preserves a wide array of Mewar's heritage. With its ever-evolving galleries and exhibitions, the museum continues to attract visitors from across the country and abroad. Beyond its display, the City Palace Museum stands as a "Temple of Inspiration" for students, researchers, and admirers alike. The Foundation consistently organizes diverse activities to keep the living heritage alive while maintaining the museum.

Three Acclaimed Books by Surendra Shrivastava Garner Praise

Udaipur: Renowned film producer Surendra Shrivastava, known for successful films like Jurmana, Sooraj, Kahani Kismat Ki, and Aaj Ka Ravan, is currently making headlines for his literary contributions. His three books—"Sangam Se Sagar Tak", "Sound

Camera Action", and "Outdoor Shooting: Khatte Meethe Anubhav"—received an overwhelming response at the World Book Fair 2025, held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

In Sangam Se Sagar Tak, Shrivastava narrates his emotional and inspiring life journey from Prayagraj (Allahabad) to Mumbai, emphasizing that service, dedication, and goodwill are the keys to success. Through heartfelt storytelling, he conveys that when one's passion is rooted in honesty, success naturally follows.

Sound Camera Action serves as a comprehensive guide for film enthusiasts. Drawing from his experience as a film publicist and production manager, Shrivastava simplifies complex aspects of filmmaking for aspiring professionals, making it a valuable resource for those looking to understand every department of the film industry.

His third book, Outdoor Shooting: Khatte Meethe Anubhav, offers readers a rare glimpse into the bitter truths of Bollywood, subtly unveiling the challenges faced during outdoor shoots and the darker sides of the industry.

These three books are proving to be invaluable for those involved in or interested in filmmaking. Notably, Surendra Shrivastava served as President of the Association of Cine and TV/Ad Production Executives for nine years and continues to contribute to its administrative affairs.

Colorful Farewell Ceremony at Pacific for Business Studies Students

Udaipur: A vibrant farewell was organized at Pacific Institute of Business Studies, Pacific University for the final year students of BBA, BBA Global Business Management, and B.Com. Juniors welcomed their seniors with heartfelt titles and souvenirs. The event featured captivating solo and group dances, singing, poetry, and an energetic ramp walk that showcased students' confidence and charm. Students shared cherished memories of their college journey and expressed gratitude towards the college and university administration.

A Beautiful Tribute to Motherhood



Udaipur: In a heartfelt celebration dedicated to the spirit of motherhood, Geetanjali Medical College & Hospital hosted a grand poster launch ceremony ahead of its upcoming Mother's Day event scheduled for May 10, 2025.

The ceremony took place on Saturday at 11:30 AM in the Conference Hall, First Floor, Admin Block, and witnessed the gracious presence of notable dignitaries. Chief guests included Shri Himanshu Singh Rajawat (Circle Inspector, currently serving in CID-CB Crime Branch, Udaipur), Shri Kuldeep Singh Rao (Former Indian Team Captain, three-time Gold Medalist & District Icon), and Shri Deepak Sharma (National Pistol Shooter & Bike Racing Champion).

Adding further elegance to the occasion were Mrs. Deepmala Mewara (Director, Preksha Entertainments), Dr. Anjana Verma (Professor & Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Geetanjali Hospital), along with her dedicated team, and Dr. Pooja Gandhi from the IVF department.

The event was thoughtfully hosted by Mr. Kalpesh Chand Rajbar (Head, Marketing) and Ms. Harleen Gambhir (Head, PR). This inspiring initiative not only marks the beginning of Mother's Day celebrations but also highlights the invaluable role of women and mothers in our society.

The ceremony reflected a powerful message — honoring motherhood is not just a tradition, but a celebration of life itself.

Onco Surgery Department Achieves Milestone of 1500 Surgeries

Udaipur: The Onco Surgery Department of Pacific Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) has achieved a significant milestone by successfully performing over 1500 cancer surgeries in the past five years. To celebrate this achievement, the team cut a cake with great enthusiasm.

The event was attended by PMCH's Executive Director Aman Agarwal, President of Pacific Medical University Dr. M.M. Mangal, PMCH Principal Dr. Umed Singh Parihar, Head of the Surgery Department Dr. H.P. Gupta, and Oncosurgeon Dr. Saurabh Sharma.

Aman Agarwal shared that in the past five years, PMCH has successfully conducted complex surgeries for various types of cancers such as breast cancer, oral cancer, thyroid cancer, gynecological cancers, and more.

Oncosurgeon Dr. Saurabh Sharma credited the entire team's relentless efforts and commitment to patient care for this achievement. He emphasized that timely and proper treatment of cancer can give patients a new lease of life. He also assured that the team will continue to work with advanced technology and a spirit of humanitarian service.

The event was also attended by Surgery Department Professor Dr. R.K. Paliwal, Gastro-surgeon Dr. Vikesh Joshi, Pediatric and Neonatal Surgeon Dr. Praveen Jhanwar, Anesthesia team, nursing staff, and other healthcare workers, all of whom congratulated the team on this remarkable achievement and wished them continued success.

Be yourself"

Do you know who you are?
Look well within
Your 'progression of thought'
Believe in yourself and
in your dreams.
Though impossible things may seem,
be strong
till your divine power is within.
Give yourself the chance for a better future.
Have faith and
be the best version of yourself.