

District Collector Reviews Progress of Public Welfare Schemes

Udaipur: A high-level district review meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Collector Namit Mehta on Wednesday through video conferencing. The meeting focused on the progress and implementation of various public welfare schemes, with strict instructions to officers to expedite pending matters and pursue developmental tasks in mission mode.

Food Security and Poverty Eradication: Collector Mehta directed officials to resolve all pending applications under the Food Security Scheme within 15 days. District Supply Officer reported that out of

17,306 applications under NFSA Phase II, 9,472 have been approved and 45 rejected. Under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Poverty-Free Village Scheme, 122 villages and 832 BPL families were identified. SDMs were asked to personally verify these lists. Campaigns and Conservation Efforts: Special focus was laid on implementing the 'Karmabhoomi to Matribhoomi' campaign and initiating water conservation steps. SDMs were instructed to prepare action plans for water recharge, develop pits near handpumps, and conduct awareness programs with

stakeholders.

Public Grievance Redressal: Emphasis was laid on timely disposal of complaints on the Sampark Portal, especially those pending beyond 30 days. SDMs were also asked to strengthen grievance redressal systems at village and block levels and submit fresh land allocation proposals if any.

Preparations for International Yoga Day: Preparations for June 21 Yoga Day with the theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health" were discussed. The District Panchayat CEO will serve as the nodal officer, and practice



sessions are to be completed by June 20.

'Hariyalo Rajasthan' and Monsoon Preparedness: A target of planting 38 lakh trees

was announced. SDMs were instructed to finalize sites and ensure nursery stock. For the monsoon, tehsil-level control rooms will be set up by June

15, with flood mock drills, equipment inspections, and disease control plans in place, especially in sensitive zones like Jhadol, Kotda, and Girwa.

Aravalli Revival and Biodiversity Workshop Held

Udaipur: A national-level workshop was held at Hotel Radisson Blu to address the revival of the Aravalli landscapes and biodiversity conservation. Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav, inaugurated the event and emphasized the collaborative role of the central government and the four states—Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, and Delhi—in ensuring a sustainable future for the Aravalli range.



In attendance were Rajasthan's Environment Minister Sanjay Sharma, MLAs Tarachand Jain and Phool Singh Meena, Ministry Secretary Tanmay Kumar, Director General of Forests Sushil Kumar Awasthi, and top forest officials from all four states.

Minister Yadav highlighted Aravalli's expanse across 29 districts, noting its historical, spiritual, and ecological value—from Haldighati to Ambaji. Despite facing pressures from population growth, illegal mining, and encroachments, he called for community participation and inter-departmental coordination. He planted a sapling in support of the "One Tree in Mother's Name" campaign initiated by PM Narendra Modi.

Rajasthan Minister Sanjay Sharma shared that under the "Hariyalo Rajasthan" campaign, the state surpassed its 70 million sapling target last year and has now set a goal of planting 100 million trees, with a three-tier audit system involving government and private agencies to ensure survival.

The workshop also launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project, creating a 5-km ecological buffer on both sides of the range to promote moisture retention, biodiversity, and climate resilience. Panel discussions featured presentations by forest officials from all four states, with suggestions such as easing tree farming norms and encouraging bamboo cultivation to boost afforestation and livelihoods.

A Soulful Call for 'Amrita' Echoes Through Rangshala – A Theatrical Journey of Expression, Identity, and Empowerment



On the evening of May 11, the Darpan Auditorium at Shilpgram, Udaipur, became the stage for a deeply moving theatrical experience. Under the monthly theatre series Rangshala, organized by the West Zone Cultural Centre, the play "Mujhe Amrita Chahiye", presented by the Patiala-based group Natak Kala Kriti, was performed to an emotionally engaged audience. Written by Yogesh Tripathi, the play is not just a narrative of a woman's struggle but a powerful commentary on the transformative potential of theatre. It underscores how the stage can become a space of self-discovery and liberation—especially for those whose voices are often silenced in everyday life. The protagonist, Vijaya, is an ordinary young woman trapped in the confines of her own home, unacknowledged and overlooked. Ironically named Vijaya (which means "victory"), she is someone who has been losing at every step of life—until one day, she is unexpectedly offered a role in a play.

What unfolds next is not merely the story of a rehearsal, but of rebirth. Through interactions with fellow theatre artists and the process of embodying a character very different from herself, Vijaya begins to confront her own fears. The character she plays holds up a mirror to her inner self, awakening long-suppressed confidence and clarity. Her dull, routine life begins to bloom with purpose and presence.

Mansha Pasrija delivered a stellar dual performance as both Vijaya and Amrita, bringing nuance and emotional depth to each transformation. Ravi Bhushan stood out as the sensitive, emotionally torn father, while Dil Dilawar, playing the irreverent and irresponsible brother, added a touch of well-timed humor.

Visionary Leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sunita Mishra in Promoting Jain Studies and Prakrit Language



Udaipur: At the grand inauguration of the Global Institute of Jainology and Prakrit Bhavan, the dignified presence and leadership of Prof. Sunita Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of Mohanlal Sukhadia University, added immense value to the occasion. Presiding over the ceremony, she emphasized the academic importance of Jain studies and assured full institutional support to integrate Prakrit language into mainstream academia.

Prof. Mishra stated that Prakrit is a timeless linguistic treasure and preserving it is a collective responsibility. She applauded the contributions of the Global Mahasabha and philanthropic donors, recognizing this moment as a proud milestone for the university. Under her guidance, the institute is set to evolve into a global center for the study of Jain philosophy, literature, and language.

Adani SAKSHAM is empowering India's youth for a tech-driven future

Shaniya Devi and Diksha Sharma, two determined teenagers from Bilaspur district in Himachal Pradesh, are challenging stereotypes and redefining success through their association with Adani Skill Development Centre, popularly known as Adani SAKSHAM. This initiative, launched by the Adani Foundation on May 16, 2016, aligns with the government's 'Skill India' mission and is bringing cutting-edge, AI-enabled training to small towns like Gagaj, HP — now home to the state's first Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO).



Adani SAKSHAM's curriculum includes drone operations, 3D printing, simulation-based learning, and artificial intelligence. It emphasizes a hybrid approach with both virtual and hands-on learning. This unique model enabled Shaniya and Diksha to overcome their rural limitations and gain industry-relevant skills.

Shaniya, from Ghumarwin, faced early personal loss and financial struggle. Her mother, a health worker, ensured Shaniya's education against all odds. Though AI initially seemed alien to her, Shaniya enrolled in SAKSHAM and excelled. She landed a customer support job at ATS Mohali and later joined Neurica Technology with a 35% salary hike.

Similarly, Diksha, from Chhakoh village, emerged from a humble farming family with a firm belief in education. Her journey through the AI course at SAKSHAM taught her more than machines — it gave her a vision for a better future. Today, she works as a Visa Filing Officer at Aerial Telecom Solutions Pvt. Ltd. in Punjab.

Their achievements highlight a larger national shift. On National Technology Day, Prime Minister Modi emphasized technology's role in India's self-reliance. Shaniya and Diksha embody this spirit, showcasing how tech access can bridge regional and gender gaps. Since inception, Adani SAKSHAM has trained over 1.85 lakh youth across 40 cities in 15 states, contributing over ₹479 crore annually, proving its impact as a true force multiplier.

Modi University's Research Courses Propel India's Development

Udaipur: Modi University, located in Lakshmanagarh, is advancing its mission to build a developed India by offering research-oriented and skill-based programs. With approximately 3,250 female students enrolled—750 of them at the school level—the university is exclusively dedicated to women's education and empowerment.

The upcoming academic session will feature new courses designed to bridge academia and industry. In line with modern technological needs, the university offers programs in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Robotics, Biomedical Science, and Nuclear Science & Technology. Its engineering curriculum emphasizes project-based learning, ensuring alignment with industry expectations.

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers distinctive courses in Forensic Science, Food & Nutrition, Journalism, Physiotherapy, and Biotechnology. Meanwhile, the School of Law prepares students for the Rajasthan Legal Services, with six successful candidates this year. Business programs include BBA, MBA, Digital Marketing, and Integrated degrees. Pharmacy programs like D Pharma and B Pharma address the growing healthcare sector demand.

To support broader access, Modi University provides significant scholarships, including 100% fee waivers for national exam toppers and additional benefits for marginalized groups and children of martyrs, defense, and police personnel. A day school from classes 1 to 12 is also being launched.

The Career Development Cell facilitates internships and placements, with the highest package at ₹33 lakhs and an average of ₹11 lakhs. Internship stipends reach up to ₹2 lakhs. Training in corporate etiquette and English further prepares students for success. Residents Nimisha and Nitin Vyas from Udaipur commend the university's efforts in nurturing confident, career-ready young women.

Meeting of Manav Seva Samiti Concludes Successfully



Udaipur: The Executive Committee, Co-opted Members, and Special Invitees of Manav Seva Samiti convened for a significant meeting at its office in Sahariya Dharamshala, Maharana Bhupal Government Hospital. The session commenced with a welcome address by Secretary Shiv Ratan Tiwari, followed by formal proceedings chaired by Chairman Prakash Vardia.

A renewed appeal was made to strengthen support for the committee's ongoing initiative of providing free meals to patients' attendants. In response, Banna Ram Chaudhary and Basant Kabra pledged ₹1 lakh each annually, while Dr. Anurag Talesara committed ₹50,000 and was specially honored for

his continued generosity.

Chairman Vardia announced the committee's CSR registration, enabling partnerships with corporate institutions. CA Dilip Kothari presented the unaudited income and expenditure report for the 2024–25 financial year.

The committee expressed gratitude to the Sarla Singhvi Charitable Trust for maintaining medical equipment and fully managing the ambulance service. Service responsibilities were assigned to Kundan Bhatwara and Ravi Sharma.

Media In-Charge Prof. Vimal Sharma noted that due to consistent support, the Samiti has sustained its meal service uninterrupted for 30 years, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting concluded with floral tributes to Vaidya Bhagirath Ji Joshi and a moment of silence. A self-service meal followed.

JISO Health Care Seva Launched in Mumbai

JISO—Jain International Seva Organization, which is working with the resolve to unite the four major Jain sects—Shvetambara, Digambar, Shthanakvasi and Terapanth—on a global digital platform. It is the first such organization in the world that provides free digital membership to every member of every Jain family without any discrimination.

It is a matter of great joy and pride that the grand launch of 'JISO Health Care Seva' has taken place in Mumbai metropolis, under the holy guidance of Param Pujya Acharya Bhagwant Nayapadmsurishvarji M.S. In this event, Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha Cabinet Minister, Shri Dattatreya Bharane (Mama) —

Grand Mass Wedding by Eklingnath Seva Sangathan Leaves All Spellbound

Udaipur: Emotions ran high and hearts overflowed with joy at the first-ever mass wedding ceremony organized by Shri Eklingnath Rashtriya Seva Sangathan on Saturday. The grand procession, featuring 15 horses, 5 royal carriages, 2 traditional bands, and a DJ sound system, stretched over half a kilometer, leaving everyone—from the grooms and brides to the guests—completely overwhelmed.



The procession began at Bohra Ganeshji Temple at 5:30 PM and passed through Sant Teresa School Road, University Road, Bekni Pulia, and Ayad, finally reaching Satyam Garden, where guests were greeted with a warm welcome and heartfelt hospitality. Along the way, multiple social groups honored the Eklingnath Sangathan volunteers and the wedding guests. The Torana ceremony, varmala, and pheras were conducted traditionally, followed by a cultural evening and bhajan program with captivating performances by Rajasthani artists.

The wedding was completely dowry-free and free from extravagance, with all arrangements made by the organization. Brides and grooms expressed their gratitude, saying they never dreamed of such a grand celebration. One bride said, "Even if we spent lakhs, we couldn't have managed such perfect arrangements."

Akash Bagdi, the Founder President of the Sangathan, received special honors at two points during the procession. The event was also graced by Patron Vinod Pandey, Nirmal Kumar Pandit, State President Deepak Menaria, and Women's Wing State President Sonika Jain, who began the day with a prayer at Bohra Ganeshji, offering the first invitation to the deity. A unique highlight of this event was the 30-year agreement signed by the couples. As per the terms, in case of disputes, couples must first consult the organization instead of going to the police or court. The organization will conduct two rounds of counseling, and if the issue remains unresolved, the groom's side must pay ₹1,00,000 to the bride's family before taking further steps. This historic initiative showcased the unity of all communities, empowered social harmony, and redefined marriage by promoting simplicity, responsibility, and mutual respect.

- Mohsina Bano

Shri Eklingnath Seva Sangathan Adopts Another Girl, Launches Sewing Training Camp for Women



Jodhpur: Continuing its commitment to the welfare of the girl child, Shri Eklingnath Rashtriya Seva Sangathan adopted another girl during the inauguration of a women's sewing training camp in Gujarat, Jodhpur. Founding President Akash Bagdi reaffirmed the Sangathan's core mission of "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao" (Save the Daughter, Educate the Daughter), stating that volunteers will always be available wherever girls need protection or support. During the event, a young girl named Pari, who currently resides with her elderly grandmother, was formally adopted. The Sangathan will provide full financial and educational support for her upbringing. Bagdi expressed joy over the growing spirit of service in Jodhpur and applauded the initiative of women coming forward to empower other women toward self-reliance.

Bagdi also highlighted the Sangathan's successful organization of a free mass wedding ceremony on May 17, which was well-received across various communities. State President Deepak Menaria elaborated on the group's ongoing service initiatives. Inspired by the Sangathan's work in Udaipur, women in Jodhpur have now established a local branch. On Wednesday, the organization inaugurated a sewing training camp under its banner, marking a significant step in skill development. In its second phase, the camp will train around 250 women in sewing, beauty parlour services, and henna application.

District President Santosh Rathore announced that additional courses would soon be introduced to further promote women's self-employment. The event saw active participation and enthusiasm, with Constables Sunita and Indira, and Sarpanch Dhanaram present as special guests.

Cabinet Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Shri Lalit Gandhi Minister of State, Shri Manekshah—Chairman of MAS-COT International,

Shri C.C. Dangli, Shri Nitin Vora, Shri Ramesh Oswal were present as Chief Guests.

Param Pujya Acharya Bhagwant "Nayapadmsurishvarji M.S." said that the work that JISO's digital platform is doing has not been done by anyone in the Jain community till date."



Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha said that "It would be beneficial for JISO to do medical and any other service today with the inspiration of Guru Maharaj." Shri Dattatreya Bharane said "Today JISO Health Care has been launched in the presence of all, in which all Jain communities participated and JISO is helping all the needy Jains in Mumbai.

Shri Lalit Gandhi said "Jain community is the highest donor and tax paying community in India. Many social works are done in Jain community through donations, similarly JISO's new thinking has also come forward for service in Jain community."