

World Environment Day – A Call for Collective Responsibility

Every year, World Environment Day on June 5 serves as a powerful reminder that protecting the Earth is not just a global challenge—it is a local responsibility. As climate change, water scarcity, deforestation, and pollution continue to threaten our ecosystems, it becomes imperative for every individual, community, and nation to act decisively and sustainably.

Rajasthan, with its diverse landscape ranging from arid deserts to forested hills, is both vulnerable to environmental degradation and rich in traditional ecological wisdom. The state faces challenges like depleting groundwater, desertification, and extreme weather, making environmental conservation a critical priority. Fortunately, Rajasthan has also become a beacon of proactive environmental efforts—blending community action with corporate responsibility.

One such outstanding example is the work being done by Vedanta Zinc, whose sustainability initiatives stand out as a model of corporate environmental stewardship. From large-scale afforestation drives to innovative rainwater harvesting projects, solar energy adoption, and waste management systems, Vedanta Zinc has shown how industry can play a pivotal role in ecological restoration. Their efforts have not only improved green cover and water availability but also raised environmental awareness among local communities and employees.

This year's World Environment Day theme encourages ecosystem restoration, and Rajasthan is already walking that path—thanks to both government initiatives like Hariyalo Rajasthan and responsible corporations like Vedanta. However, true change begins at the grassroots. Planting a tree, conserving water, reducing plastic use, and spreading awareness are not minor tasks—they are vital actions that create a ripple effect.

Let us remember: our environment is not inherited from our ancestors but borrowed from our children. On this World Environment Day, may Rajasthan—and all of India—lead the way in turning awareness into action, and responsibility into results.

Miyawaki Mini Forest Developed at Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter



Chittorgarh: In a remarkable initiative towards environmental sustainability, Hindustan Zinc Limited has developed a Miyawaki Mini Forest at its Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter, aiming to restore greenery and promote biodiversity through a scientific and space-efficient method of afforestation.

The project, based on the Miyawaki technique pioneered by Japanese botanist Dr. Akira Miyawaki, involves the plantation of over 13,750 native trees and shrubs across one hectare of land. This dense planting method enables rapid forest growth in just 2 to 3 years, creating a self-sustaining ecosystem with minimal maintenance.

Despite initial challenges like dense weed cover (dhab), the company overcame them with strategic planning. The soil was first enriched with compost, cow dung, and vermicompost, following which over 45 indigenous plant species were planted. These included a mix of tall trees, shrubs, and small plants, designed to create a multi-layered forest ecosystem.

The initiative is expected to bring long-term benefits such as carbon absorption, soil and water conservation, and an increase in local biodiversity. Compared to traditional landscaping, the Miyawaki forest method is also more cost-effective, potentially reducing expenses by up to 75% over a decade.

Hindustan Zinc has committed to maintaining the forest through regular watering, weeding, and biodiversity monitoring. The company aims for the forest to become entirely self-reliant within the next two to three years.

This green effort stands as a model for sustainable industrial practices, showcasing how unused land can be transformed into a thriving ecosystem with the right vision and method.

Luxury Vehicles from Dhani Tours to Boost Event Logistics Industry

Udaipur: The event logistics industry in Udaipur is set to experience a significant boost with the launch of five luxury Toyota Fortuner vehicles by Dhani Tours. The grand unveiling



took place at Tripolia, City Palace, led by Mewar royal Shriji Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar. He stated that Udaipur has become the preferred destination for global dignitaries, royal

weddings, and major corporate events, making luxury vehicle availability a necessity. Dhani Tours Director Mayank Karanpuriya shared that inspired by the Mewar royal family's contributions to tourism, the company has been serving this sector for 13 years. With the launch of five Fortuners, Dhani Tours becomes the first travel agency in Rajasthan to offer such premium vehicles exclusively for NRIs and international tourists, reducing the need to source such cars from outside the state. The event saw participation from various dignitaries including Yashwant Anchalya, Abhishek Sancheti, Mukesh Madhwani, and representatives from Toyota and the JEETO community.

World Environment Day: Hindustan Zinc turns 3.32 times Water Positive Company

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- The company has committed to reducing its freshwater consumption by 50% by 2030

Udaipur: On World Environment Day, Hindustan Zinc Limited (BSE: 500188 & NSE: HINDZINC), India's only and the world's largest integrated zinc producer, announced that it has turned 3.32 times water positive. This leap from the previously certified index of 2.41 demonstrates the company's continued commitment to responsible water stewardship. The milestone has been independently verified by DNV Business Assurance India Pvt. Ltd., following a comprehensive on-site and data-based audit.

Operating in Rajasthan, one of the India's most water stressed regions, Hindustan Zinc reinforces its position as a water positive and zero liquid

discharge (ZLD) company. Aligning with the UN SDG 6 (Sustainability Development Goals) of clean water and sanitation, the company has maintained a zero liquid discharge approach that ensures process water & effluent is treated, recycled, and reused, significantly reducing its reliance on freshwater while eliminating liquid discharge.

On World Environment Day, Hindustan Zinc also announced its ambitious 2030 Sustainability Goals. The goals cover ambitious targets spanning various thematic areas such as climate action, water stewardship, biodiversity conservation, safety & wellbeing at workplace, responsible sourcing, circular economy, workforce diversity and social performance. The company has committed to reducing its freshwater consumption by 50% by 2030 across its operations from the 2020 baseline, thereby contributing to increased freshwater availability for communities within



the shared watershed. Additionally, the company has also committed to secure 100% low-quality water for its smelting operations.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Agarwal Hebbbar, Chairperson - Hindustan Zinc Limited, said, "As the world's most sustainable metals & mining company, we believe that water is not just a resource - it is a shared legacy and a critical enabler of sustainable development. Today, as a 3.32 times water-positive company, we are proud to go above & beyond - actively replenishing

water sources, restoring ecosystems, and building long-term resilience for the communities around us. By integrating responsible water management across every facet of our operations, we are not only safeguarding this vital resource but also setting a benchmark for sustainable metal production. With our Sustainability Goals 2030, we are reinforcing our pledge to create long-term value through sustainable business practices that shape a resilient future for all."

Earlier this year, the com-

panies such as environment quizzes, sapling distribution and competitions like waste to wealth, resources revival challenge, ecofriendly cricket tournaments, aimed to foster environmental awareness and climate action among its stakeholders.

Notably, Hindustan Zinc was the first Indian company in the metals & mining sector to secure validated Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTI) targets, aligning with the ambitious 1.5°C global warming threshold. Further establishing its strong commitment to sustainability, the company's extensive product portfolio is Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) verified thus providing comparable data on the product's environmental footprint. The company has also received the prestigious Leadership Band (A-) designation from the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) for its exemplary efforts in water security and climate change in FY23.

Punjabi Rap Song 'Mid Air Freeverse' Released



Bollywood actor Sunny Kaushal has stepped into the world of music with the release of his first Punjabi rap song 'Mid Air Freeverse' in collaboration with music label Mass Appeal. The track strongly reflects Sunny's Punjabi roots and showcases his raw and powerful voice.

What makes the song truly special is that Sunny has written the lyrics himself and also performed the vocals. The music has been produced by the dynamic duo UpsideDown and ICONYK, giving the song a unique and modern sound.

In the music video, Sunny is seen in a black suit, with a beard and stylish sunglasses, complementing the vibe of the song perfectly. His look and swagger match the energy and attitude of a true rapper.

Having impressed audiences with his performances in films like 'Shiddat', 'Mili', and 'Haseen Dillrub', Sunny has now revealed a completely new artistic side of himself through this track.

'Mid Air Freeverse' marks Sunny Kaushal's bold leap into music, proving that his creativity knows no bounds and hinting at an exciting musical journey ahead for his fans.

Musical Night at Aamir Khan's Home: A Starry Prelude to 'Sitare Zameen Par'



A warm and enchanting musical night was recently hosted at Aamir Khan's residence, celebrating the upcoming film 'Sitare Zameen Par', the spiritual sequel to the much-loved 2007 classic Taare Zameen Par. The gathering turned into a magical evening of music, laughter, and emotional connections, highlighting the soul of the film before its theatrical release on June 20.

The evening saw the ten debutant child actors of the film arrive with their families, enjoying stardom's first taste. Ranbir Kapoor posed for photos with the children, making it a moment of dreams fulfilled. The presence of esteemed guests like Raj Thackeray, Sachin Tendulkar, and Anjali Tendulkar added further sparkle and grace to the occasion.

Aamir Khan, ever the gracious host, was deeply engaged with the young cast, offering encouragement and affection. Director R.S. Prasanna brought his characteristic vibrancy to the gathering, actively interacting with the guests. Musical brilliance filled the air with Kapil Sharma's comic charm and a captivating live performance by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy.

Produced by Aamir Khan Productions in collaboration with Aparna Purohit and Ravi Bhagchandka, the film stars Aamir Khan and Genelia Deshmukh, along with child actors Arush Dutta, Gopi Krishna Verma, Samvit Desai, Vedant Sharma, Ayush Bhansali, Ashish Pendse, Rishi Shahani, Rishabh Jain, Naman Mishra, and Simran Mangeshkar.

With lyrics by Amitabh Bhattacharya, a heart-touching soundtrack by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy, and a screenplay by Divya Nidhi Sharma, the film promises to touch hearts and inspire minds. As 'Sitare Zameen Par' gears up for its June 20 release, it carries with it a message of hope, empathy, and the limitless potential of every child.

PNB Donates Water Cooler at Temple



Udaipur: Punjab National Bank (PNB) Zonal Head, Mr. Rajesh Bhaumik, visited Udaipur Division from June 5-6, 2025, accompanied by Division Head Mr. Ritesh Kumar Patel. As part of its CSR initiative, PNB donated a 150-litre water cooler at the Sanwaliya Seth Temple, Mandfiya, benefiting thousands of pilgrims. A sapling was also planted on World Environment Day.

Mr. Bhaumik inspected PNB's Mid Corporate Center and Loan Point in Udaipur, where he identified potential business of ₹130 crore and shared service innovations with clients. At the Division Office, he addressed staff on strategic goals and modern work practices.

On June 6, Mr. Bhaumik appeared on Akashvani Udaipur and 101.9 Lake City FM, discussing digital banking's growth and challenges with anchor Vinod Sharma. Mr. Patel assured continued progress under Mr. Bhaumik's leadership. Senior officials, including MCC Head Mr. Durgesh Kumar and Deputy Division Head Mr. Ved Prakash, participated in the visit.

Empowering Women Through Spiritual Business

The Soulful Business Retreat 2025, hosted by Abhishek K. Madan and Harpreet Kaur in Mumbai, empowered over 100 women entrepreneurs through a powerful blend of spirituality and business strategy. Padma Shri Hema Malini graced the event as Chief Guest, praising the transformative work of the duo. A major highlight was the launch of Fearless and Feminine, co-authored by Abhishek, Harpreet, and 27 women from The Occult Academy, with a foreword by Hema Malini.

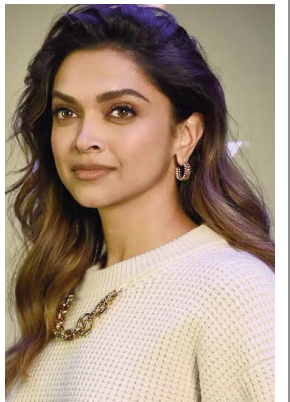
The retreat offered emotional mastery, clarity, and tools for spiritual business growth. Achievers were honored with Lakhpati Club and Blue Diamond Awards. Abhishek, a top numerology and vastu expert, and Harpreet, India's leading tarot coach, have guided The Occult Academy to impact over 50,000 students globally. Their mission: to help women embrace empowerment and success through inner transformation. The event marked a milestone in India's spiritual entrepreneurship landscape.

Deepika Joins Epic Pan-India Project

Mumbai: Indian cinema witnessed a monumental moment as Deepika Padukone officially joined forces with National Award winner Allu Arjun, blockbuster director Atlee, and powerhouse production house Sun Pictures for the grand epic The Queen Marches to Conquer. Announced through a visually captivating video, Deepika appears in a warrior queen avatar—symbolizing power and elegance—setting the tone for a film that promises to redefine Indian cinematic scale.

Temporarily titled Project AA22 x A6, the film is expected to blend visual grandeur, emotional depth, and cultural richness. Atlee, who previously directed Deepika in Jawan, expressed excitement over reuniting with her and collaborating with Allu Arjun, calling it a "dream project." Sun Pictures stated Deepika's inclusion elevates the film's stature globally.

With production starting later this year, this collaboration marks a powerful convergence of talent, making The Queen Marches to Conquer one of the most eagerly awaited films across India and beyond.



Toyota Kirloskar Motor Launches Fortuner and Legender Neo Drive 48V Variants



Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the introduction of the Fortuner and Legender in a new Neo Drive avatar/grade. Equipped with an advanced 48 Volt system, the new Neo Drive Variants offer improved fuel efficiency, enhanced driving performance, and greater comfort—delivering a more refined experience in urban settings and off-road conditions. Since its debut in 2009, the Toyota Fortuner has set the benchmark in the premium SUV segment, celebrated for its bold design, formidable performance, and unmatched all-terrain capability. Over the years, the SUV has built a strong and loyal following, from urban adventurers to hardcore off-road enthusiasts. Together with its stylish and feature-enhanced counterpart, the Legender, the Fortuner embodies Toyota's core values of Quality, Durability, Reliability, and a relentless focus on customer-centric innovation.

Speaking on the introduction of the Fortuner & Legender Neo Drive 48V variants, Mr. Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, said, "As the SUV market in India grows steadily, customers are seeking advanced features and differentiated styling, both the Fortuner and Legender rise to meet these expectations with their bold design, powerful performance and comprehensive features, catering seamlessly to the needs of diverse users."

HDFC Bank Launches Plastic Awareness Drive under 'Parivartan'



Udaipur: Ahead of World Environment Day, HDFC Bank has launched a plastic awareness campaign as part of its CSR initiative 'Parivartan', reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability. The campaign aims to sensitize customers,

employees, and the public about the harmful impacts of plastic use and the importance of responsible waste management.

Deputy Managing Director Mr. Kaizad Bharucha emphasized community collaboration, stating, "Meaningful change is co-created with communities. Through Parivartan, we aim to build lasting impact and social resilience." The campaign encourages citizens to deposit plastic e-waste at select bank branches, adopt alternatives to plastic, and participate in awareness sessions, clean-up drives, and collection campaigns led by bank staff.

A dedicated webpage has also been launched, allowing users to take an online pledge and learn simple, impactful ways to reduce plastic use. Simultaneously, HDFC Bank is strengthening its waste management efforts nationwide—targeting 1,000 villages and 15 urban local bodies with solid waste systems and material recovery facilities by 2025.

In Kangra (Himachal Pradesh), a 26-foot mural made from upcycled plastic caps was created in partnership with Waste Warriors. In Bir and Dharamshala, over 200 metric tonnes of dry waste were diverted from landfills in FY 2024-25 through innovative behaviour change campaigns.