



India Unveils World's Highest Rail Bridge

Chenab Bridge Marks New Era in Kashmir Connectivity

Katra: India achieved a monumental engineering milestone as Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Chenab Bridge—the world's highest railway arch bridge—to the nation. Towering at 359 meters, 35 meters taller than

the Eiffel Tower, this bridge spans the Chenab River in the rugged Reasi district of Jammu & Kashmir. Part of the ambitious Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, the 1,315-meter-long steel arch marvel is built to withstand earthquakes and 260 km/h winds, making it a global symbol of resilience and precision.

PM Modi, draped in the national flag, walked across the bridge and hailed it as a tes-

tament to India's engineering prowess and unity. In a grand inauguration ceremony, he also launched the Anji Bridge—India's first cable-stayed railway bridge—and flagged off the Vande Bharat Express between Katra and Srinagar, reducing travel time to just 3 hours. He interacted with engineers and workers who contributed to this national achievement and emphasized that the USBRL project is not merely infrastructure, but the new identity of a united and pro-

gressive India.

Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Jitendra Singh, J&K LG Manoj Sinha, and former CM Omar Abdullah were present. Both Sinha and Abdullah praised the bridge's impact on development and connectivity. Modi also visited a specially curated railway museum and received a technical briefing on the project.

Expected to boost tourism, trade, and economic growth, the Chenab Bridge now stands not only as an engineering mar-



vel but as a powerful symbol of hope, progress, and national integration. The rail link from Kashmir to Kanyakumari has

now become a proud reality, fulfilling the decades-old dream of connecting India's crown with the rest of the country.

District Collector Namit Mehta Shows Responsiveness

Udaipur: District Collector Namit Mehta once again demonstrated his commitment and sensitivity toward public concerns during his visit to Bhindar on Thursday. While passing through Kanod town, he noticed a group of citizens gathered along the roadside. Promptly, he instructed his vehicle to stop and listened to the grievances of the people right there on the street.

After conducting a scheduled public hearing at the Bhindar police station, the Collector was en route to another location when he encountered a sizable crowd in Kanod. Displaying admirable responsiveness, he got out of his vehicle and addressed the concerns of the locals on the spot. Citizens raised issues such as water scarcity, non-functional streetlights, hospital mismanagement, and damaged roads. Women in the group also openly voiced their concerns regarding the lack of clean drinking water.

Acting swiftly, the Collector contacted relevant officials and instructed them to resolve the problems without delay. His proactive and empathetic approach earned widespread appreciation from the residents, who expressed their gratitude with chants of Bharat Mata Ki Jai. Later, Collector Mehta visited the Kanod Municipality

Office, where he continued to engage with citizens. One of the primary complaints was the damaged road stretch between Jawahar Vidyapeeth Hanuman Mandir and Court Chauraha, which had become a health hazard due to accumulating dust and frequent stone projections caused by vehicle tires. The damage was reportedly worsened after the installation of a drinking water pipeline, and the contractor had left the work incomplete after constructing only a partial 70-meter concrete road.

Taking the matter seriously, Collector Mehta directed the Executive Officer of the Kanod Municipality and the Sub-Divisional Officer to investigate the entire situation and submit a detailed report. He emphasized that this issue should be handled on a priority basis to prevent further inconvenience and accidents.



Udaipur's Manan Sahu Shines in JEE Advanced 2025

Udaipur: Bringing pride to the City of Lakes, Manan Sahu has secured an impressive All India Rank 9878 (OBC category) in the highly competitive JEE Advanced 2025 exam. His success has ignited joy across Udaipur.

To honor his achievement, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, General Secretary of Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee and State Convenor of the Mahatma Gandhi Jeevan Darshan Committee, visited the family's Charbhuj Chaat Center and felicitated Manan with a Mewari turban, tricolor garland and dupatta, and a memento.

Manan's parents, Kundan and Bhavana Sahu, were also honored, while the gathering included Congress leaders Sudhir Joshi, Firoz Sheikh, and many well-wishers. Pankaj Sharma lauded Manan as a symbol of India's bright future and urged all students to draw inspiration from his disciplined path to success.

Devanani Visits Tahla Village, Offers Condolences to Lakhawat

Jaipur: Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani visited Tahla village in Nagaur district on Tuesday to express his condolences to former MP and Chairman of Rajasthan Heritage Preservation and Promotion Authority, Omkar Singh Lakhawat, following the demise of his wife, Ratan Kanwar.

During the visit, Speaker Devnani paid floral tribute to the portrait of the late Ratan Kanwar and offered heartfelt homage. He described her as a soft-spoken woman of simple and noble character who carried out her family responsibilities with utmost devotion and sincerity.

Devnani prayed to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss

She Circle India Launches Udaipur Talent Hunt

Udaipur's Got Talent, organized by She Circle India, began with its first phase of auditions at Shruti School of Music, Bhupalpura. Founder Tarika Bhanupratap shared that the event showcases the city's talent in dance, music, comedy, poetry, and more.

The grand finale is set for late June after the second audition round. The event is supported by leading names like D Plus Shandar, Cosmodent Clinic, and STU India. Judges included Sunil Tak, Marisha Dixit, and others, with Rajesh Sharma as host. Strong backing came from She Circle's Sushila Bhattmewara and Harshita Prajapat. The second audition phase starts soon.

Step Towards a Plastic-Free Future with 'Run for Environment'



Udaipur: On the occasion of World Environment Day, residents of Udaipur took a step toward a plastic-free future by participating in the Run for Environment marathon held on Thursday morning under the Vande Ganga Water Conservation Mass Campaign. Around 2,500 people joined this awareness initiative organized under the aegis of the District Administration and Rajasthan Pollution Control Board, showcasing their commitment to environmental protection.

The marathon commenced from Hotel Grand Whagam on Shilpgram Road. The event was flagged off by Kuldeep Sharma (Secretary, Legal Services Authority & ADJ), Deependra Singh Rathore (Additional District Collector, Administration), IAS trainee Srishti Dabas, and Regional Officer of the Pollution Control Board, Sharad Saxena. The marathon route covered Rani Road and circled back to the starting point. Participants spread awareness along the way with environmental slogans and messages. Guests urged citizens to dedicate themselves to protecting the environment.

Participants discussed this year's theme "Beat Plastic Pollution", pledging to adopt eco-friendly habits and avoid the use of single-use plastic in daily life.

MLA Meena Launches Recycling App - During the post-marathon stage event, Udaipur Rural MLA Phool Singh Meena participated as a guest. He emphasized the importance of plastic-free initiatives and launched the Plastic Bottle Vending Machine App, which facilitates recycling of plastic bottles.

Eco-Friendly Product Exhibition - Various NGOs showcased eco-friendly products during the event. These included daily-use items as well as decorative materials. Guests and participants visited the exhibition and appreciated these sustainable efforts, calling them effective in promoting environmental conservation.

Distribution of Cloth Bags, Seed Balls, and Plants - Payal Pancholi, Superintendent Scientific Officer of the Pollution Control Board, shared that all participants were given cloth bags, seed balls, and tulsi (holy basil) plants. She appealed to everyone to actively participate in environmental conservation efforts.

Disaster Management Training Conducted by Civil Defence Team at Aishwarya College, Udaipur

Udaipur: A one-day disaster management training program was organized at Aishwarya College, Udaipur, in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Office. The training was conducted by Civil Defence trainer Ravi Sharma and his team, who provided valuable insights to the students on disaster preparedness and response techniques.

During the session, students were educated on both theoretical and practical aspects of disaster management. Under the guidance of the Civil Defence team, they learned essential life-saving skills such as administering first aid during emergencies, fire safety measures, safely evacuating injured persons, and other rescue techniques.

The team also explained how to stay safe and assist others during natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, and fire outbreaks. Students were taught the importance of teamwork, coordination, and quick decision-making in crisis situations.

College Principal Dr. Ritu Paliwal appreciated the initiative and stated that such programs instill a sense of social responsibility in youth and equip them to handle emergencies effectively.

Students actively participated in the training and gained valuable hands-on experience.

Rana Pratap Station Well Revived by Rainwater Efforts

Udaipur: Rana Pratap Nagar Railway Station well has witnessed a significant revival, thanks to the rooftop rainwater harvesting system installed by Bharat Vikas Parishad Subhash Branch in 2012. The water level has risen from 110 feet to 45 feet, and TDS levels have dropped from 1100 mg/l to 533 mg/l, indicating improved water quality.

On World Water Day, the Parishad performs a ritual at the well, and a recent cleanliness drive during Environment Fortnight involved 20 members. Talks by Monika Rathore and Yashika Salvi highlighted conservation themes, while Dr. P.C. Jain recited inspiring poems. A white coating was applied to



the rooftop system to enhance its efficiency. Another clean-up on World Environment Day collected a trolley of waste. Led by Environment Coordinator Shri Karan Mal Jaroli, the drive included senior Parishad members and Groundwater Department staff. Railway authorities have been urged to support the well's full restoration for future utility.

Dr. S.K. Verma Receives Lifetime Honour

Udaipur: Renowned medical researcher Dr. S.K. Verma was conferred the "Lifetime Achievement Award – Medical Research" by TIME2LEAP National Awards (4th Edition, 2025) during the MSME Start-Up Innovation Summit held on 22nd May in Bhubaneswar. Presented by Odisha Deputy CM Pravatipara and MP Pratap Sarangi, the award honors Dr. Verma's four-decade contribution to medical research. Currently President of SMRIM and Professor Emeritus at Pacific Medical College, he has authored 142 research papers with 3,500+ citations. His pioneering studies on spices, medicinal plants, and microvita in integrative medicine have gained global recognition, inspiring new generations of scientists.

Udaipur Promotes Water and Environmental Awareness

Udaipur: As part of the Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan Jan Abhiyan, Udaipur district witnessed enthusiastic participation in water and environmental conservation activities. Under the Animal Husbandry Department, cleanliness drives, cow shelter services, and plantation preparations were held across 12 gaushalas. Locals arranged fodder, water, and bird feeders

to support animals in the summer heat. Veterinary hospitals also joined in with awareness seminars. Meanwhile, the Education Department organized essay, poster, and slogan competitions in schools, with students attending even during vacations. Clean-up activities and bird feeder installations reflected the youth's growing commitment to protecting natural resources and wildlife.

Program on "Unity in Diversity" Theme Organized by Sakhi Club

Udaipur: A vibrant cultural program based on the theme "Unity in Diversity" was organized today by Sakhi Club Mitwa Society at Shikarabadi.

Club patron Manju Singhwadia shared that Sakhi Club regularly conducts events to promote Indian culture and values, reflecting the richness of the country's heritage. Guests were warmly welcomed by co-patrons Sunita Modi and Nidhi Kumawat.

The event featured a variety of cultural performances and games celebrating the spirit of unity amidst diversity. Winners of the competitions were felicitated with prizes.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Club President Monika Nahar and Secretary Madhu Bhandari. The success of the event was made possible with the support of members Tanu Shukla, Neetu Sarupria, Shilpi Gupta, Ranjana Chaudhary, Reema Mandawat, Usha

Sisodia, and Madhuri Talesara. Ph- boxing

5th District Kickboxing Championship Concludes, Udaipur Martial Arts Team Crowned Champions

Udaipur: The 5th District Kickboxing Championship was successfully organized today by the Udaipur Kickboxing Association at Lashkari Agarwal Samaj Bhawan, Sector 5, Hiran Magri. The Udaipur Martial Arts Team emerged as the overall champions.

Association President Dr. Hirendra Kataria and General Secretary Pankaj Chaudhary stated that the objective of the championship was to promote kickboxing and nurture young talent in the region.

The event was graced by Hiran Magri Police Station CI Bharat Yogi, AICC member Deepak Mewara, Dinesh Gonthal, and Dean of the College of Physiotherapy Dr. Deepak Sharma as special guests. Also present were Yuvraj Paliwal, Dipen Chaudhary, Observer Mangilal Salvi, and Vice President Ashish Sharma.

Chaudhary informed that the tournament witnessed the participation of 180 players from 16 academies across the district.

World Environment Day Celebrated at Vidya Bhawan

Udaipur: On the occasion of World Environment Day, a seminar was organized at Vidya Bhawan's Prakriti Sadhana Kendra, located in Bhiloka Bedla, where serious deliberations were held on the issue of plastic pollution.

Under the guidance of Dr. Jitendra Tayalia, President of Vidya Bhawan, and Rajendra Bhatt, Chief Director, the event emphasized the need to stop the use of single-use plastic at personal, family, and institutional levels. Speakers warned that unchecked use of polythene and plastic could lead to severe health hazards for humanity.

The seminar was attended by trainees of the Shiksha Sambal program (organized in collaboration with Hindustan Zinc Limited), staff and students of various Vidya Bhawan institutions, teachers and students from Vivekanand Vidyalaya, Rishabhdev, and environmentally conscious citizens from nearby villages and Udaipur city.

Dr. R.L. Shrimal, the program coordinator, informed that the event was chaired by Prof. Arun Chaturvedi, with Gopal Bamb, Pushpa Sharma, and other distinguished guests including snake expert Chaman Singh, sociologist Revati Raman Shrimali, Vijay Maru, Shailendra Singh Barhath, Pushpraj Singh, Dilesh Thomas, Prafulla Bhatnagar, Subhash Sharma, and Dr. Anil Mehta sharing their thoughts on environmental conservation.

The event concluded with a jungle walk and plantation drive, promoting awareness and direct action for nature conservation.

Tree Plantation at Udaipur Central Cooperative Bank Premises

Udaipur: On the occasion of World Environment Day, a tree plantation drive was organized under the "One Tree in Mother's Name" campaign at the head office of The Udaipur Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. The program was inaugurated by Mrs. Gunjan Chaubey, Additional Registrar, Cooperative



Department – Udaipur Division, who planted the first sapling. In her address, she emphasized the importance of trees in environmental conservation and the need for tree diversity. She highlighted that planting a tree is only the beginning—its ongoing care and nurturing are equally important responsibilities.

The Bank's Managing Director, Dr. Mehjabeen Bano, shared that over the past month, more than 100 saplings have been planted within the bank premises. In view of International Year of Cooperatives 2025, the bank aims to plant more than 225 trees this year. On this occasion, Ashutosh Bhat, Regional Audit Officer, Cooperative Department Udaipur; Neeraj Yadav, District Development Officer, NABARD Udaipur; Deputy Registrar Lokesh Joshi; and Pramod Kumar, General Manager, Cooperative Consumer Wholesale Store, also planted saplings in honor of their mothers.

RCM Seva Mission extended its support to the plantation drive. National-level volunteer Dinesh Chaudhary, environmentalist Indra Singh, and Udaipur RCM Mission members J.K. Paliwal, K.K. Paliwal, along with 30 other members, planted and adopted more than 35 trees within the premises.

At the conclusion of the event, Manager (Administration) Prince Gehlot administered an oath of environmental protection to all guests, bank officials, and staff members.

Living for Others is Life's Greatest Duty: Prashant Agarwal

Udaipur: "True success comes to those who face fear and sin with courage, and who dedicate themselves to public welfare," said Narayan Seva Sansthan President Prashant Agarwal during the "Apno Se Apni Baat" interaction program for the differently-abled. He emphasized that selfless service is the highest form of religion, and those committed to societal welfare are favored by the divine.

Highlighting the strength of joint family values, he cited Lord Rama's sacrifice and Lord Krishna's guidance on maintaining family harmony with love and respect. He urged all to stay rooted in faith, saying, "Life is a school where every moment is a lesson." His inspiring words reflected Narayan Seva Sansthan's core mission of compassion and service.