

# Dawoodi Bohra Community Marks Islamic New Year

**Udaipur:** The Dawoodi Bohra community commenced the Islamic New Year Hijri 1447 on Thursday, 26 June 2025. On the eve of the New Year, members of the community greeted each other with tradi-

tional wishes and celebrated with family feasts, presenting decorated food platters and enjoying communal dining in a warm and festive spirit.

According to community spokesperson Mansoor Ali

Odawala, the day also marked the Urs of Syedi Khanjipir Sahib, where special decorations were arranged at the Khanjipir Dargah, followed by a communal niyaz and majlis. From this day onward, the

community embarks on ten days of mourning to commemorate the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (A.S.), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), in the Battle of Karbala.

Various neighborhoods of the Bohra community, including Boharwadi, were adorned with lights and "Sabeels" (refreshment stalls) to honor the occasion.

From 26 June to 5 July 2025, daily majlis will be held at Wajihpura Masjid from 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM, presided over by Mulla Haji Peer Ali, where Janab Ali Asgar Khilona Wala will deliver sermons recounting the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (A.S.). In the evening majlis, Janab Mudassar Ali

Zari Wala will narrate the scenes from Karbala through emotional oratory.

Simultaneously, women's majlis will be organized daily at Rasoolpura Masjid from 5 PM to 7 PM, including Marsiya recitations and sermons.

Following this, a community niyaz (communal meal) will be served every evening from 7:30 PM at Rasoolpura Masjid and Boharwadi Jamaat Khana.

Blood Donation Camp on 2 July in Memory of Imam Hussain

A Blood Donation Camp will be held on Wednesday, 2 July 2025 (7th Muharram) by the Bohra Youth Medicare Relief Society to commemorate Imam Hussain's legacy of sacrifice. Traditional Ashura

Procession on 5 July

On 10th Muharram (Ashura), Saturday, 5 July 2025, the traditional Azadari procession will be taken out from Mohiyadpura Masjid in Boharwadi to Wajihpura Masjid.

After the procession, Janab Ali Asgar Khilona Wala will narrate the "Maqatl" (account of the martyrdom). The Sham-e-Ghariban majlis later in the evening will mark the conclusion of the 10-day mourning programs.

Women of the Dawoodi Bohra community will continue to wear black clothing for the 40 days of mourning, in remembrance of the supreme sacrifice of Imam Hussain Shaheed-e-Karbala.

## Dr. Vipin Mathur Delivers Lecture on Causes and Remedies of Abdominal Diseases

**Udaipur:** Under the joint aegis of Vigyan Samiti and Prof. Suresh Chandra Mehta Memorial Foundation, the Prof. Surendra Chandra Mehta Memorial Lecture was organized. The keynote speaker was Dr. Vipin Mathur, Principal of RNT Medical College. The Chief Guest was Dr. Ajeet Karnatak, Vice Chancellor of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, while the session was presided over by renowned endocrinologist Dr. D.C. Sharma.



Media Coordinator Prof. Vimal Sharma informed that Shri Mahesh, Shri Dinesh Mehta, and Virendra Jain welcomed the guests by presenting shawls, angavastrams, and mementos. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Maheep Bhatnagar, President of Vigyan Samiti. Dr. K.L. Kothari, Head of the Committee, shared fond memories and intellectual contributions of Prof. Suresh Mehta, both in prose and poetry. The program was conducted by Dr. K.P. Talestra, and a vote of thanks was extended by Foundation Coordinator Shri Arvind Mehta.

Delivering the keynote lecture, Dr. Vipin Mathur elaborated on the types, causes, diagnosis, and remedies of abdominal diseases. He shared valuable insights on maintaining a healthy lifestyle and spoke about the art of disciplined living. Emphasizing small yet crucial daily habits, he advised on drinking sufficient water, avoiding alcohol, reducing salt and sugar intake, consulting doctors rather than self-medicating, and including fiber-rich foods in the diet.

Chief Guest Dr. Ajeet Karnatak underlined the significance of coarse grains in a healthy diet, while Chairman Dr. D.C. Sharma shared effective measures to control diabetes.

The event was graced by members of the city's industrial and business community, along with members of Vigyan Samiti and the Memorial Foundation

## Societal Change Must Reflect in News Content: MP Mannalal Rawat

**Udaipur:** "Every sector of society is undergoing transformation, and this shift must be visible in the news," stated BJP MP Mannalal Rawat during the inaugural session of the All India Federation of PTI Employees Unions' Annual General Meeting on Saturday.

Rawat emphasized that a free and fair press is vital for democracy and must mirror ongoing social changes. He pledged his support for the legitimate concerns of journalists and non-journalists alike, assuring them he would raise their issues both in and outside Parliament. He also stressed the need for improved media performance alongside adherence to journalistic responsibility. Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a New India, he called for clarity on journalists' roles in national transformation. Vallabh Nagar MLA Uday Lai Dangli echoed similar sentiments, reaffirming his commitment to champion media workers' issues in the Legislative Assembly. A retired Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) also advocated for central government intervention through labour tribunals. Federation General Secretary M.S. Yadav highlighted the challenges facing media today and asserted that the industry's future rests on the welfare of its workforce.



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## Mobile Addiction in Children is a Serious Drug: Dr. P.C. Jain



**Udaipur:** On the International Day Against Drug Abuse, a powerful awareness program was held at Abhinav School by New Vision Seva Sansthan (De-addiction Rehabilitation Centre), with a strong focus on rising mobile addiction among children. Chief

guest Dr. P.C. Jain, a well-known de-addiction campaigner, warned that mobile phones have become a dangerous modern addiction, especially for children. He highlighted the serious consequences, including poor brain development, weak eyesight, and hearing problems due to early exposure to screens. Dr. Jain stressed that mobile addiction is now on par with substance abuse and held parents accountable for handing over gadgets too early. He urged children to stay alert and help even their family members struggling with addiction, as their intervention can be highly effective.

More than 100 students participated in drawing and slogan competitions focused on addiction awareness. Arushi Jain, Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, shared how avoiding mobile use during her studies helped her succeed. Social activists Nirmal Pandit and Akash Bagdi encouraged children to be addiction-free ambassadors at home.

Principal Kushal Rawal emphasized creative education to fight addiction. New Vision's Harshit Chouradiya and Krishna Vaishnav led an oath against all forms of addiction. Winners were honored, and the event concluded with community-wide participation.

## Maa Meldi Mata Flag Yatra Festival Concludes with Grandeur

**Udaipur:** The grand annual Flag Yatra of Maa Bhagwati Meldi Mata Temple was successfully organized this year under the auspicious guidance of Mahant Veerammath Maharaj and Mahant Sadhvi Raju Ba. Continuing tradition, the Meldi Mata Parivar carried a 108-foot-long ceremonial flag in the yatra.

Kamalendra Singh Panwar, Mewar Chief of Bajrang Sena, informed that the yatra was flagged off by City MLA Tarachand Jain, Dr. Pradeep Kumawat (National Secretary, Nav Varsh Samaroh Samiti), and Shiv Singh Solanki.

The procession was led by members of the Sarv Devi Pujak Seva Samiti, including Kailash Delwaria, Babu Bhai Panaria, Bhola Bhai, Narendra Delwaria, Rajesh, Anil Delwaria, Vinod, Dharam Delwaria, Mahesh Maknejiya, Ajay, Vijay, and Bhola Bhai Takodi.

## Animal Welfare Committees to Be Formed in Higher Education Institutions

**Udaipur:** Under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, animal welfare committees will be established in higher education institutions to promote ethical, humanistic, and constitutional values among students. Acting on the directive of the central government, UGC Secretary Prof. Manish Joshi issued a letter on June 13 to university vice-chancellors, college principals, and institutional heads, mandating action in this direction.

Shraman Dr. Pushpendra welcomed this historic move, stating that the primary goal of forming such committees is to inculcate values such as empathy, compassion, cooperation, and responsibility among students. It also aims to raise awareness among youth regarding Article 51A(g) of the Indian Constitution, which emphasizes compassion toward all living creatures.

Committees to Conduct Awareness and Educational Programs These committees will organize lectures, workshops, and film screenings on animal protection laws, environmental ethics, disease management, and best practices in animal care. Campus initiatives will include the creation of safe feeding zones, first aid teams for animals in distress, and partnerships with local veterinary hospitals and shelters.

Awareness campaigns will focus on animal protection laws, environment, and cruelty prevention. The committees will promote plastic-free and animal-friendly campuses and undertake studies on the implementation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and other relevant laws. Legal aid camps and public interest research activities will also be carried out.

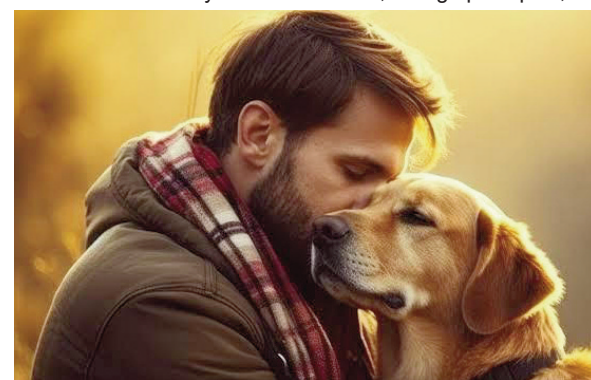
Students will be encouraged to intern with District SPCAs, veterinary hospitals, forest departments, or rescue and disaster management organizations working for animal welfare.

UGC Promotes Community Engagement and Research

The UGC has advised universities to encourage the formation of these committees and promote outreach activities, internships, and research fellowships in this domain. Animal welfare is considered an integral part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being).

Engaging youth in animal welfare initiatives is expected to support their personal and academic growth.

It is worth noting that earlier, on February 25, 2025, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had also directed all states and union territories to prominently display the slogan "Be Kind to Animals" on all buses and public vehicles.



## Conservation Demands Raised at Nandeswar Dam Lake Dialogue

**Udaipur:** During the "Lake Dialogue" held at Nandeswar Dam on Sunday, several concerns were raised regarding the cleanliness of the lake and the associated channels, with a special appeal made for regular desilting of the reservoir.

Lake enthusiast Dr. Anil Mehta emphasized that the Nandeswar Dam serves as a flood retention pond located upstream of Lake Pichola. He cautioned that any increase in pollution here would directly impact Pichola. He further suggested that under the Amrit Sarovar Scheme, ecological and environmental protection of the reservoir must be ensured.

Tej Shankar Paliwal stated that the amount of silt reaching Lake Pichola has significantly increased in recent years. To control this, he stressed the necessity of regular and scientific desilting of the Nandeswar Dam to not only increase its storage capacity but also to trap silt before it flows into Pichola.

Nandkishore Sharma highlighted the growing pollution around the Nandeswar channel and stressed the need to curb it, warning that an increase in waste in the channel and river could adversely affect the quality of drinking water. Kushal Rawal advocated for a construction ban in the hills surrounding the Nandeswar pond and called for intensive afforestation efforts in the area. Drupad Singh proposed that Nandeswar pond be declared an "Amrit Pokhar" and measures be taken to protect it from pollution. Prior to the dialogue, volunteers participated in a cleanliness drive, removing plastic and polythene waste from the area.



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## Healing with Honor and Integrity



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After retiring from Satellite Hospital, Rampura, he continues to serve patients daily at his Station Road clinic. He treats not just illnesses but the whole person—with empathy, affordable medicines, and honest advice. Dr. Sharma avoids unnecessary tests and believes healing begins with listening.

Born in 1957 into a humble family, he completed his MBBS and MD from RNT Medical College, Udaipur. His first post was in Shahabad's tribal region, where he served with distinction and still returns to host free medical camps.

His wife, Dr. Meenu Korpai, a noted gynecologist, joins him in this lifelong mission. Even post-retirement, Dr. Sharma remains active in charitable hospitals and health awareness campaigns.

With over 45 years of service, Dr. Sharma exemplifies what medicine should be—selfless, sincere, and service-driven. His journey continues to inspire both young doctors and the society he so deeply cares for.

## Mukhtar Qureshi Elected President of Anjuman Taleemul Islam

**Udaipur (MOHSINA BANO):** The cabinet elections of Anjuman Taleemul Islam were held successfully on Sunday at Raza Garden, Alipura, witnessing strong participation from community members. Of the 302 registered voters, 300 cast



their votes between 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM. The election was conducted in a fair and transparent manner under the supervision of Election Convenor Advocate Amjad Khan and a dedicated team of volunteers.



Mukhtar Ahmed Qureshi was elected President (Sadar) with 141 votes, defeating Mehmood Khan, Mohammad Khalil Khan, and Tabrez Khan. Advocate Mustafa Sheikh won the post of Secretary with 115 votes, followed by Umar Farooq, Tausif Hussain, and Mohammad Farooq. Farooq Qureshi was elected Vice President (Naib Sadar) with 111 votes, while Izhar Hussain secured the Joint Secretary post with 106 votes. The elected members include Advocate Adil Sheikh, Mohammad Shehzad, Siraj Khan Pathan, Fakhruddin Sheikh, Advocate Tauqeer Mohammad, Dr. Syed Irshad Ali, Firoz Bashir Khan, Tanveer Chisht, Mohammad Anees Abbasi, Mohammad Anees Raza, and Irshad Ahmed.

The election reflected a strong democratic spirit, with the new cabinet expected to carry forward the vision of Anjuman Taleemul Islam with commitment and progress.

## Collection of Unique Artworks @ CP Chittora



**Udaipur:** Renowned miniature artist Dr. Chandra Prakash Chittora from Udaipur has created a special collection of artworks to mark the occasion of Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra.

The artist has crafted intricate representations of the divine chariot using matchsticks, grains of rice, and other unique mediums. Alongside these creations, he has compiled miniature booklets that include the history of the Rath Yatra, devotional aartis, bhajans, and hymns dedicated to Lord Jagannath. Through this artistic endeavor, Dr. Chittora has extended his heartfelt wishes for the happiness and prosperity of all.

## ISCKON's First Jagannath Rath Yatra Held in Banswara with Grand Devotion



**Banswara:** Banswara witnessed its first-ever grand celebration of the Jagannath Rath Yatra on Saturday, led by ISCKON Acharyas Abhay Gaurang Das Prabhu, Achintya Dashrathi Prabhu, and Abhinandan Nimai Prabhu. The chariot procession, filled with devotional chants and musical instruments, began at Azad Chowk, passing through key locations like Mahalakshmi Chowk and Gandhi Moorti, before concluding at Siddhanath Mahadev near Jawahar Bridge, where Lord Jagannath was offered rest and Maha Prasad.

Students from Prahlad School captivated the audience with a devotional dance, while a divine abhishek and aarti were performed in the presence of ISCKON leaders. Golden brooms and floral rangolis adorned 21 locations, with devotees receiving blessings of chandan tilak.

Clad in Gopi attire, women devotees joyfully pulled the chariot. Devotional kirtans and dances echoed throughout the streets, with 101 oil lamps and 251 plates of Maha Bhog offered as part of the community worship.

ISCKON Banswara extends heartfelt thanks to the community for their support in making the event a historic success.