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Anil Agarwal Urges Galvanization Drive to Safeguard India's Economy and Infrastructure



New Delhi, Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal has raised an urgent call for nationwide adoption of zinc galvanization to combat the silent but severe economic threat of corrosion, especially during the monsoon season. In a social media post, he warned that rusting of steel and iron infrastructure leads to an avoidable 5% GDP loss annually for India.

Highlighting the corrosive impact of moisture, heat, and pollutants on unprotected metal, Agarwal emphasized, "Everything made of iron or steel is prone to rusting. The solution lies in galvanization, where steel is coated with zinc."

He stressed that zinc acts as a national protector—shielding vehicles, buildings, and steel structures from corrosion, especially in a country with a 7,800 km-long coastline and high humidity zones. While nations like Japan and Australia have limited corrosion-related losses to below 1.5% of GDP using zinc-coated steel, India continues to suffer heavily due to limited adoption.

Beyond corrosion resistance, Agarwal highlighted zinc's emerging role in clean energy technologies, noting its growing relevance as an alternative to lithium in battery production. Zinc, he said, is not just a corrosion guard but a future-critical mineral with implications for energy storage and India's transition to green technologies.

Through Hindustan Zinc Limited, Vedanta has led efforts in promoting zinc usage across construction, mobility, and renewable energy sectors. However, Agarwal noted a significant gap: while over 90% of vehicles in countries like China, Europe, and Japan use zinc-coated steel, India lags far behind with only 0–25% adoption.

As India targets 300 MTPA steel production and ambitious infrastructure growth, Agarwal's message is clear—galvanization is not a luxury but an economic necessity. Widespread zinc usage can reduce maintenance costs, extend asset life, and preserve national wealth, especially in the face of extreme weather conditions.

His appeal aligns with a broader national imperative: to build durable, cost-effective, and climate-resilient infrastructure that can withstand time and nature.

MP Dr. Rawat Suggests Clear Policy for Branding of Natural Farming Products

Udaipur: Udaipur MP Dr. Mannalal Rawat participated in the Advisory Committee meeting of the Ministry of

Collectors to ensure better implementation. He also recommended that the role of Primary



Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare held in Srinagar, chaired by Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Dr. Rawat presented several issues related to the tribal region and provided constructive suggestions during the discussion focused on Natural Farming and Edible Oil Self-Reliance.

Dr. Rawat emphasized that Mahua seeds (Dolma), traditionally used in Scheduled Areas for oil extraction, must be included in the national plan for edible oil self-reliance. He proposed mass plantation of Mahua trees on vacant forest land to support this initiative.

Highlighting the need to promote sustainable agricultural practices, Dr. Rawat suggested that farmers holding land under the Forest Rights Act—many of whom are still practicing traditional methods—should be encouraged to join the Natural Farming Mission. He stressed that these farmers are ideal candidates for such ecological models.

Dr. Rawat urged the formulation of a clear and comprehensive branding policy for natural farming products to ensure credibility and market reach among consumers.

Pointing to regions with poverty and migration, especially in Scheduled Areas of Rajasthan and other states, Dr. Rawat called for special preference in appointing

Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) be strengthened and that District Mineral Foundation (DMFT) be integrated for convergence, as outlined under the Prime Minister's Mineral Area Welfare Scheme 2024.

Addressing the issue of research follow-through, Dr. Rawat stated that natural farming projects initiated by universities like MPUAT Udaipur are often abandoned after 2–3 years, limiting long-term benefits for farmers. He proposed continued follow-up to ensure practical application.

He also emphasized the importance of promoting tree-based edible oils, urging collaboration between the Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Tribal Affairs. He noted that discussion on corn oil remained limited in the meeting and recommended official inclusion to benefit farmers in regions like Mewar and Vagad.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan acknowledged the valuable inputs and mentioned that the meeting had involved in-depth discussions on future strategies to boost natural farming and oilseed production. He reiterated the government's commitment under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to increase productivity, reduce costs, ensure fair prices, and uplift the prosperity of Indian farmers.

Experts at GMCH Highlight Health Risks of Excessive Screen

Udaipur (Mohsina Bano): A two-day public awareness seminar jointly organized by Geetanjali Hospital and Rotary Meera, Udaipur witnessed an insightful discussion on the increasing health challenges posed by prolonged screen time in the digital age. Expert doctors from Geetanjali Hospital shared vital information about the physical and psychological impacts of extended exposure to digital screens.

Senior CTVS Surgeon Dr. Sanjay Gandhi emphasized that "prolonged use of mobile phones and digital screens not only harms the eyes but also affects the brain, heart, and mental well-being. It is emerging as a major cause of high blood pressure, cardiovascular issues, stress, and sleep disorders."

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Dr. Madhubala Chauhan pointed out that "excessive screen time among women is leading to hormonal imbalances, irregular menstrual cycles, and



fertility-related issues. For today's working women, maintaining digital balance has become essential."

Adding to this, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Dr. Divya Chaudhary highlighted that "spending too much time on screens is contributing to rising cases of depression, anxiety, insomnia, and stress among women, particularly during pregnancy. This can significantly impact mental health." She recommended digital detox, daily routines, yoga, and healthy communication with family as effective ways to maintain emotional stability.

Through this initiative, Geetanjali Hospital reaffirms its commitment to promoting better health awareness in society, marking this seminar as a significant step towards a healthier future.

Social Media Influencers Visit Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha

Speaker Devnani Urges Responsible Content Creation and Highlights Innovation Initiatives

Jaipur: (Gopendra Nath Bhatt) Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani has called upon social media influencers to be mindful of the content they share, emphasizing its profound impact on youth, families, society, and the nation. Addressing a delegation of influencers from across the state during their visit to the Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha and its Political Narrative Museum, Devnani stressed the need to promote positive, nation-building content on social media.

He urged influencers to focus on themes that inspire national pride, respect for women, and youth motivation. "This is a new era of

influence. Let us ensure positivity dominates social media," he said.

Content Should Reflect National Values- Devnani reminded the influencers of their responsibility as thought leaders in the digital space. He encouraged them to think carefully before sharing content related to national discipline, environmental issues, public health, and social evils. "Put the nation first. Study, analyze, and spread awareness through your platforms," he added, also suggesting promotion of Indian scriptures like Ramcharitmanas and the Gita.

Innovation Is His Nature - Speaker Devnani highlighted the innovative steps taken under his leadership in the Vidhan Sabha, saying innovation is his innate quality. These include the launch of the Vidhan Sabha Diary starting from Vikram Samvat, the inclusion of portraits of national icons in official publications, estab-

lishment of a Constitution Gallery, and the introduction of the "Pink House" concept inspired by Jaipur's identity. He also emphasized the implementation of a paperless legislative house.

During the visit, influencers toured the historic Vidhan Sabha premises, observing Rajasthan's democratic traditions, constitution-making processes, and rare archival documents and photographs.

Felicitation by Shri Ramchandra Mission - Earlier in the day, Speaker Devnani was felicitated by a delegation of Shri Ramchandra Mission at the Vidhan Sabha. The team, led by State Coordinator Vikas Moge, Ajmer Zone Coordinator Colonel Amar Singh, and other zonal representatives, honored him with a shawl



and bouquet. The delegation also presented him with literature and an invitation from Padma Bhushan Shri Kamlesh D. Patel to visit the mission headquarters. Dignitaries present included Principal Secretary Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Avinash Joshi, Hirendra Kaushik, and Ajay Vijayvargiya among others.

Shri Govardhan Kripa Chaturmas Festival to Begin at Godham Mahatirth Pathmeda



Udaipur (Dr Munesh Arora): The Shri Govardhan Kripa Chaturmas Aradhana Mahotsav will be held from July 10 to September 6 at Abhinav Braj Mandal, Shri Manorama Golokteerth, Nandgaon under the divine guidance of Shri Charananandji Maharaj of Sotyachi, Udaipur. The event is being organized by Shri Godham Mahatirth Pathmeda Lok Pushparth Nyas.

Addressing a press conference in Udaipur, CEO of Godham Mahatirth Pathmeda, Alok Singhal, stated that a unique spiritual initiative is about to begin on the sacred land of Arbudanchal. He emphasized that religion must be practiced to preserve it, and it is through this practice that human welfare is achieved. He highlighted that values like truth, non-violence, compassion, and charity originate from Gomata (mother cow). He added that religion is the son of the cow, and Sanatan Dharma, humanity, and Hinduism all align with the universal religion of mankind.

Singhal explained that the months of Shravan and Bhadrapad are especially auspicious—Shravan symbolizes truth, Bhadrapad non-violence, Ashwin compassion, and Kartik charity. During this sacred period, saints and sages stay in one place and guide society with their teachings.

On this occasion, the Surdhenu Dharma Odni Yatra was also announced. Committees will be formed in villages to collect one fistful of grain and one rupee from each household to support communal meals (Mahabhandara) and offerings for cows (Gopal Bhog). The campaign will also include Gopuja (cow worship) in villages and religious processions. Arrangements for both walking and vehicle pilgrims will be made, and the initiative will be widely promoted on social media.

Alok Singhal called upon the entire Hindu community to rise above caste and social divisions and participate in large numbers in this sacred initiative. Prominent devotees including Badi Singh Rajpurohit, Sampat Lal Maheshwari, Giridhari Lal Barhat, and Chandraprakash Jain were also present during the press meet.

Neerja Modi School Students Enjoy Educational Tour to Manali

Udaipur: Students of Neerja Modi School embarked on an enriching educational tour to Kullu-Manali, filled with adventure, learning, and cultural experiences. Around 35 students participated in the trip, beginning their journey from Udaipur via Khajuraho Express to Jaipur, and then proceeded to Chandigarh aboard the Vande Bharat Express.

From Chandigarh, students traveled by air-conditioned bus to Manali. After a night's rest, they began their explorations with enthusiasm. The next day was packed with thrilling activities including zip-lining, trekking, and a DJ party. The group also visited iconic places such as the Hadimba Temple, waterfalls, Mall Road, Rohtang Pass, and the Atal Tunnel, leaving the students mesmerized by the beauty of nature. Smiles on the children's faces reflected the joy and inspiration drawn from the serene landscapes. Visits to spiritual sites like the Kullu Mata Temple and Hadimba Temple further added a cultural dimension to the journey. This educational tour proved to be a memorable learning experience, helping students understand India's natural beauty and heritage firsthand. The group safely returned to Udaipur via Chandigarh and Ajmer.

School Chairman Dr. Mahendra Sojatia extended his best wishes to all students, emphasizing that such trips offer valuable exposure that supports both academic and personal development. He noted that these tours enhance students' knowledge of Indian culture, history, and geography.

Director Sakshi Sojatia also congratulated the team upon their return. Addressing the students, she highlighted that school trips give children the chance to try new things, boosting their confidence. She added that group travel fosters discipline and social skills through shared experiences with peers and teachers.

Safeguarding Lakes' Ecosystems and Public Health During Monsoon

Udaipur: Amid the ongoing monsoon season, the ecological safety of lakes and the well-being of public health were key points of concern at the Lake Dialogue event held on Sunday. Speaking at the gathering, renowned water expert Dr. Anil Mehta emphasized the challenges monsoon runoff poses to aquatic ecosystems.

He noted that rainwater runoff brings along pollutants, sewage, organic waste, and debris from roads, populated zones, and catchment areas, severely reducing the dissolved oxygen in lake water. With dense cloud cover and limited sunlight, photosynthesis in aquatic environments is further impeded, increasing the risk of mass fish deaths due to oxygen depletion.

Dr. Mehta stressed the urgent need to safeguard the quality of drinking water sourced from lakes. He urged the Water Supply Department to conduct regular tests for residual chlorine in the water distribution system to ensure bacterial safety. These tests, he said, should be carried out with public involvement and transparent sharing of results.

Former Lake Development Authority member Tej Shankar Paliwal appealed to the Fisheries Department to maintain continuous monitoring of lake water quality and enforce the seasonal fishing ban rigorously to prevent further ecological damage.

Sociologist Nand Kishore Sharma advocated for the round-the-clock operation of floating fountains, particularly at night when oxygen levels naturally decline, to help maintain aquatic oxygen balance.

Thackeray Brothers Unite After 20 Years- For Marathi

In a historic political moment, #UddhavThackeray (Shiv Sena UBT) and #RajThackeray (MNS) will share the stage for the first time in two decades — all in defense of the #MarathiLanguage and regional identity.

□ **Rally for Marathi Pride** - The united front comes in response to opposition over the Hindi imposition in Maharashtra, following the withdrawal of government resolutions (GRs) linked to the three-language policy.



To mark this symbolic win, both parties will hold a joint victory rally at #NSCIDome, Worli, on the home turf of #AadityaThackeray.

□ **A Political Reawakening?** - The rally isn't just a show of cultural solidarity — it arrives ahead of the BMC elections, raising speculation about future collaborations or strategic alignments between the two once-divided camps. The Thackeray brothers last stood together in 2005 during the Malvan bypolls, before the political split. Their return to a common cause — Marathi language and identity — could reshape the narrative in Mumbai's civic and state politics.

□ **Call to Action** - Supporters of #MarathiAsmitai (Marathi pride) are expected to turn out in large numbers. The rally signals not only linguistic and cultural assertion but a reminder of the power of unity in regional politics.

Dr. Mathur Honoured with 'Upbhokta Rashtriya Gaurav Samman'

Udaipur: Dr. Vipin Mathur, Principal of R.N.T. Medical College, was awarded the Upbhokta Rashtriya Gaurav Samman by Upbhokta Suraksha Sangathan, New Delhi, for his exceptional service in medicine, education, and public health. He introduced India's first barcode-based patient registration system and spearheaded medical outreach in rural areas.



His efforts in promoting body and organ donation have inspired many. Other medical professionals were also honoured. The event was led by Dr. Rajshree Gandhi, with coordination by Suresh Paliwal. Dr. Mathur's recognition brings pride to Udaipur's medical community and highlights the importance of compassionate, innovative healthcare leadership.