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sandhya aarti commenced, drawing crowds of devotees who bowed with folded hands in devotion and reverence.

The Faces Behind the Festival

The event was a collective

Jaipur: For the first time in its history, the modern residential complex of Urbana Jewels, Jaipur, resonated with the divine presence of Lord Ganesha. On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, residents came together to host a five-day celebration from August 27 to August 31, creating an atmosphere of devotion, cultural harmony, and unforgettable memories. Organized under the joint efforts of the Ganesh Mandal and Riddhi-Siddhi Group, the festival attracted hundreds of devotees every day, uniting people not only from within the society but also from across Jaipur.

A Historic Beginning

On the morning of August 27, the entry of Ganpati Bappa into Urbana Jewels was marked with grandeur. The beats of dhols and nagadas, the sacred sound of the shankh, and the chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya" filled the air as the procession made its way into the society. Women and children, dressed in vibrant traditional attire, added charm and color to the celebration. The arrival was more than symbolic—it was the beginning of a tradition that will echo for years to come.

With the installation of the idol, the spiritual rhythm of the society changed. Daily rituals such as mangala aarti, bhog aarti, and

endeavor. Organizers and contributors including Nishant Shrivastava, Anuradha Shrivastava, Kumar Rajnish, Hemlata Verma, Sanjay Soni, Manish Bhargava, Manish Sharma, Omveer Singh, Pradeep Kumar, Manish Sahni, Savita, Deepak Inani, Sandeep Chaturvedi, Deepak Goyal, Himanshu Khandelwal, and Nishant Gupta worked tirelessly to ensure smooth coordination and grandeur in every aspect.

Equally significant was the blessing and support of senior members of the community such as Shri Prakash Khandelwal, Kalavati Ji, Narendra and Nidhi Gupta, and Gupta Ji, whose guidance stood as the spiritual strength behind the event.

Special Events Across Five Days

Each of the five days carried a unique essence, blending religious rituals with cultural celebrations.

• **Day One – Bhajan Sandhya:** The opening evening featured a devotional concert where women and devotees sang soulful bhajans. The ambiance was filled with music, devotion, and emotional surrender to Bappa.

• **Day Two – Satyanarayan Katha:** A grand recital of the Satyanarayan Katha brought

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together devotees to absorb the values of faith, discipline, and gratitude. The storytelling infused spiritual energy and reaffirmed the role of dharma in daily life.

• **Day Three – Haldi-Kumkum Ceremony:** Women of the society participated in this traditional ritual, exchanging kumkum and blessings, thereby reinforcing cultural bonds and the values of unity, sisterhood, and respect.

• **Day Four – Dev Vesh Bhusha Competition:** A delightful cultural event where children dressed as divine figures—Lord Ganesha, Lord Ram, Sita, Radha, Krishna, and others—enchanted everyone present. Adding to the day's significance, former Member of Parliament Shri Ram Charan Bohra and Sanganeer Mandal President Shri Sushil Sharma joined the aarti and received prasad, extending their blessings and appreciation to the society.

• **Day Five – Farewell and Havan:** The concluding day was filled with mixed emotions. After the final prayers and a sacred havan, a grand procession carried Ganpati Bappa for immersion. With gulas in the air, dhols and nagadas echo-

ing, and devotees dancing with unmatched zeal, the farewell turned into an emotional celebration of togetherness and devotion.

Participation and Spirit
Every day, the event drew 500 to 700 devotees, all of whom partook in darshan and prasad. Prasad distribution took place twice daily, ensuring that no devotee returned empty-handed. From enthusiastic children dancing in the procession to elderly devotees chanting with closed eyes, the event reflected inclusivity.

The collective involvement of residents highlighted the essence of community life. This was not just a festival hosted within an apartment society but a demonstration of how faith and cultural practices can unite diverse individuals into a single family of devotion.

Social and Cultural Significance

The first-ever Ganpati Mahotsav at Urbana Jewels set an example of how tradition can flourish within modern living spaces. It blended the sanctity of religious devotion with the vibrancy of cultural celebration. More importantly, it reflected the values of collective partici-

the idol was carried for immersion. The chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Ya" (Come back soon next year, Lord) reverberated in every corner. Though the farewell was emotional, it carried the promise of renewal and the anticipation of celebrating Bappa's return next year with even greater grandeur.

A Tradition is Born

The festival at Urbana Jewels will be remembered as a historic beginning—the first Ganpati installation in the society that not only deepened the spiritual atmosphere but also strengthened social bonds among residents.

The organizers expressed hope that in the coming years, the celebration will continue to grow and inspire other societies in Jaipur to create similar platforms of devotion, cultural expression, and unity.

The Ganpati Mahotsav at Urbana Jewels was more than just a religious ritual; it was a five-day journey of faith, culture, joy, and collective participation. From bhajans and traditional rituals to competitions and farewell processions, every moment reflected devotion and inclusivity.

Above all, it established an important truth: when communities come together to celebrate with shared values and unity, they not only honor their traditions but also create living examples of social harmony in modern society.

This first Ganpati festival at Urbana Jewels will remain a milestone, remembered for its grandeur, devotion, and ability to transform a modern residential society into a vibrant family bound by faith and cultural pride.

- Nishant & Anuradha Shrivastava

Healthy Mind in a Healthy Soul

In the grand voyage of life, we sail through tides of joy and storms of struggle. Amidst this journey, though we understand the value of health, we often forget to nurture it. To truly flourish, we must adopt a mindful approach—one that embraces not only the body but also the soul.

Let us pause and reflect: One soul must always care for health.

Oh dear, as truth reveals—health is wealth.

A healthy person can achieve anything.

Indeed, he is richer than a king. It is rightly said: "A sound mind resides in a sound body."

When the mind is at peace, the body moves with purpose. When the body is cared for, the spirit soars with joy. Health is not merely a blessing—it is the foundation of a fulfilling life. It surpasses material riches, for true happiness lies not in gold, but in well-being.

To live well is to live consciously. It begins with awareness—a gentle reminder that life is not a race for possessions but a celebration of vitality. When we care for our health, we give ourselves permission to enjoy every heartbeat, every breath, every moment.

Balance is the key. A balanced diet, regular movement, and nourishing choices awaken energy not only in the body but in the soul. Let your steps be mindful, your meals meaningful, and your rest sacred. Walk, stretch, breathe—let your routine become a rhythm of wellness.

Ayurveda, the ancient science of life, echoes this wisdom: the mind is the master—the charioteer guiding both body and soul. When the mind is in harmony, health blossoms. Pleasure and pain, strength and sorrow, all find their roots in the balance between the physical and the mental.

A life well-lived is one where health is honored. Through conscious wellness practices, we don't just heal—we rise. We don't just survive—we thrive.

In essence: Health is the ultimate treasure, And wellness is the soulful journey toward it.

Let us walk this path—not with haste, but with heart.

For in the harmony of body, mind, and soul,

Lies the truest joy of being alive.

National Sports Day Celebrated with Splendor in Udaipur



Udaipur: National Sports Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Maharana Pratap Khelgaon, Udaipur, to mark the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. The program was jointly organized under the aegis of the District Sports Council and Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU), and featured spirited participation from city and rural teams. A special hockey exhibition match was played between Dhyan

Chand XI and Captain Roop Singh XI, which ended 1-1 in regulation time before Dhyan Chand XI triumphed 3-1 in the penalty shootout. Floral tributes were also offered in memory of the "Wizard of Hockey."

The celebration was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Udayprakash R. Singh, Registrar, SPSU, who welcomed the guests and emphasized that sports play a vital role in shaping character, discipline, and holistic development among youth. He also announced SPSU's proposal to install a hockey astroturf on its campus and assured full cooperation for the upcoming Khelo India University Games 2025, in which Udaipur will host hockey events. Adding to this vision, Lt. (Dr.) D.S. Chouhan, Deputy Dean (Sports), SPSU, praised the medal-winning students, highlighting that the university consistently provides opportunities and exposure to professional tournaments. He noted that events like National Sports Day not only honor icons like Major Dhyan Chand but also inspire the younger generation to adopt teamwork, discipline, and resilience.

Chief Guest, Udaipur MP Dr. Mannalal Rawat, interacted with players, encouraged them, and underlined sports as a powerful medium for youth development. Special Guest, social worker Gajpal Singh Rathore,

assured his support for promoting hockey in the region. On the occasion, several sports personalities, including former District Sports Officer Giridhari Singh Chauhan, Ajit Jain, Shakeel Hussain, Pushpraj Singh Ranawat, Nahar Singh Jhala, Digvijay Singh Ranawat, Mahipal Singh Jhala, Kuldeep Sharma, Siddharth Singh Rathore, Krishnakant Yadav, and Lalit Prajapat, were honored for their contributions to sports.

Dr. Mahesh Paliwal, District Sports Officer, expressed gratitude to dignitaries, organizers, and players, while also informing that floral tributes were paid at the Khelgaon swimming pool earlier in the day. He shared details of the extended celebration schedule, including a morning yoga session and evening competitions across venues.

A special highlight of the event was the release of the poster for the forthcoming Sansad Khel Mahotsav (21–25 December) by MP Dr. Rawat, who appealed for mass participation, emphasizing that sports enhance decision-making even under pressure and are essential for youth empowerment. The day's celebrations reflected reverence for Major Dhyan Chand's legacy while reaffirming Udaipur's growing reputation as a hub for sporting excellence.

SPSU Strengthens Presence in Udaipur with City Office and New Programs

Udaipur: Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU), Bhatewar, took a historic step by inaugurating its permanent city office at JK Bhavan, Ashok Nagar, Udaipur. This development is set to bridge the gap between the university and the community by offering direct access for parents, students, media representatives, and citizens who previously had to travel to the main campus for urgent requirements.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Prithvi Yadav described the new office as a "bridge that brings the university closer to the people of Udaipur." Operating from 10 AM to 6 PM daily, the office will provide admissions guidance, academic support, and information on industry collaborations. Prof. Yadav extended gratitude to JK Cement for its support in making this vision a reality.

Launch of Integrated BBA-LLB Program

A major academic announcement was the launch of the five-year integrated BBA-LLB program, approved by the Bar Council of India (BCI). With 60 seats available, this program is the first of its kind in southern and western Rajasthan. Prof. Yadav noted that the initiative comes at a crucial time, as the BCI has placed a three-year moratorium on approving new law

courses across the country.

"In today's corporate world, professionals must combine legal knowledge with managerial skills," he explained. "Through this program, SPSU is preparing students for internships with leading corporate law firms and companies, ensuring they graduate industry-ready."

Introduction of BBA in Sports Management

Reinforcing its commitment to innovation, SPSU also launched a three-year BBA in Sports Management. Highlighting the rising need for professionals in sports administration, sponsorship, and athlete management, Prof. Yadav said, "Sports today is an industry. With this program, our students will be trained for careers in sports event organization and management." The course has strong industry linkages, with collaborations involving JK Cement sports teams and organizations such as Decathlon.

A Drug-Free, Student-Centric Campus

The Vice Chancellor emphasized SPSU's proud distinction as a drug-free campus. Through the Student Council, learners actively participate in managing academic and administrative activities, fostering leadership and accountability. This partici-



ipatory model has helped create a healthier and more engaged student community.

Sports and Khelo India 2025

Sports continue to play a defining role in SPSU's identity, especially hockey. With Khelo India 2025 being hosted in Rajasthan for the first time, Udaipur has been selected for three major games, including hockey. Prof. Yadav shared that SPSU is working to take responsibility for organizing the hockey tour-

nament. "With the support of officials and our Member of Parliament, we are confident Udaipur will shine on the national sports map," he remarked.

Industry-Ready Education and Placements

SPSU is aligning all programs with industry requirements and the New Education Policy (NEP). Specialized offerings in B.Tech (AI, Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, Civil and Mechanical Engineering), along with MBA and undergraduate management courses, reflect this approach.

Industry partnerships with L&T Edutech, TCS, Microsoft, Xebia and Red Hat are further strengthening AI, computer science and management education.

Closing Vision

Summing up SPSU's vision, Prof. Yadav stated:

"SPSU stands for innovation, accessibility, and excellence. With the city office and our new programs, we are shaping a future-ready university for Rajasthan and beyond."

The city office inauguration and launch of new programs signal SPSU's deepening roots in Udaipur's academic, cultural, and sporting life—marking it as a university committed to excellence, industry readiness, and social responsibility.