



# Vibrant Gujarat Cultural Program in Udaipur

**Udaipur:** In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" and the spirit of VasudhaivaKutumbakam, a unique fusion of cultures unfolded at the Vibrant Gujarat Cultural Program 2025 held on Sunday at the Field Club premises in Udaipur. The event showcased a remarkable confluence of Gujarati and Mewari traditions, leaving the audience deeply immersed in the celebration of unity through culture.

## Grand Inauguration with Distinguished Guests

Hosted by the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited, the program was inaugurated in the presence of Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulabchand Kataria as the chief guest. The



event also saw the presence of Gujarat Tourism Minister Mulubhai Bera, Rajya Sabha MP Chunnail Garasiya, Udaipur City MLA Tarachand Jain, Gujarat Tourism Secretary Rajendra Kumar, MD of Gujarat Tourism Prabhav Joshi, former minister Harish Rajani, and social worker Gajpal Singh

among others.

## Celebration of Attire, Dance, and Folk Arts

The venue came alive with people dressed in traditional attire – from Chaniya Cholis, Kediyus, and Chomas representing Gujarat, to Mewari Pagris and Rajputana Safas showcasing the pride of

Rajasthan. The performances reflected the spirit of "One India, Great India," with mesmerizing folk dances such as Talwar Raas, Gof Gunthan, and Maniyaro Raas from Gujarat, followed by Rajasthan's graceful Ghoomar. The highlight came when acclaimed playback singer Parthiv Gohil cap-

tivated the audience with soulful renditions of Gujarati folk songs.

## Flavors of Gujarat on Display

The cultural immersion was complemented by culinary delights as food stalls offered an array of Gujarati specialties including Khaman-Dhokla, Fafda, and other delicacies, giving visitors a true taste of Gujarat's rich culinary tradition.

## Strengthening Shared Heritage

Chief Guest Gulabchand Kataria emphasized that holding the Vibrant Gujarat Cultural Program in Udaipur – a historic city of lakes – was a matter of pride.

"The coming together of Udaipur and Gujarat, known for its vibrant culture and heritage, is truly remarkable. Such

events strengthen our shared cultural legacy and place India more firmly on the global tourism map," he said. He added that India's strength lies in its diversity, and cultural exchanges between states enrich tourism while fostering unity.

## Deep Cultural Bonds Between Rajasthan and Gujarat

Gujarat Tourism Minister Mulubhai Bera noted that the relationship between Rajasthan and Gujarat runs deep, visible in their cuisine, lifestyle, and traditions. "Today's event reflects this bond, from the flavors of Gujarati food to the rhythms of traditional Garba. This program will further deepen the unbreakable ties between the two states," he said.



# Haridas Ji ki Magri-Pichola Ring Road Link Inaugurated

**Udaipur:** The Haridas Ji ki Magri-Pichola Ring Road Link was inaugurated on Sunday, with Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulabchand Kataria presiding over the ceremony in his hometown. Governor Kataria emphasized collective efforts to further beautify Udaipur, praising administrative officers and local representatives for their contribution to the city's development. He highlighted Devash water projects, improved sanitation, and conservation initiatives like Amarkh Ji Leopard Reserve, Baghdara Nature Park, and Sajjagarh Lion Safari, noting their dual role as tourist attractions and environmental symbols.

On tourism, Kataria urged the creation of facilities encouraging longer stays and showcasing Mewar's heritage. He also mentioned precautions in Ayad river beautification and stressed sustainable growth to maximize employment opportunities. Tribal Area Development Minister Babulal Kharadi noted the road would ease traffic congestion, while MLA Tarachand Jain assured continued urban development and clearing of illegal encroachments. Rural MLA Phool Singh Meena also addressed the gathering.

UDA Commissioner Rahul Jain stated the road, built at ₹91.83 lakhs, includes C.C. pavement and drainage, providing safe walking spaces along the lake and restricting heavy vehicles. Travel distances have been reduced—Ceasarva Village from 3.7 km to 2.1 km, Seetamata Temple from 4 km to 2.4 km, Nandeswar-Jhadol Road from 4.4 km to 3 km, and Jalburj from 8 km to 5.8 km—saving time, fuel, and reducing city traffic.

Local land donors Ghaffur Mohammad and Roshan Teli were felicitated by Governor Kataria. The event was attended by District Collector Namit Mehta, UDA Commissioner Rahul Jain, Municipal Commissioner Abhishek Khanna, former Mayor G.S. Tank, former UIT Chairman Ravindra Shirmali, and other dignitaries, officials, and citizens.

# Dr. Vimla Bhandari Honored Internationally

Kota: On Hindi Diwas, eminent litterateur Dr. Vimla Bhandari of Salumbar, Rajasthan, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 at the "Bhutan-India Literature Festival" in Thimphu on September 14. Presented by Krantidhara Academy, the honor included a traditional angavastram, citation, and memento.

As the guest of the inaugural session, Dr. Bhandari highlighted the importance of children's literature in promoting Hindi, nurturing linguistic skills, and preserving cultural values. The session, chaired by senior literary figure Rajendra Mohan Sharma, underscored Hindi's growing global presence as a unifying force and a driver of employment and innovation.

Deputy High Commissioner of Bhutan and Moscow-based author Dr. Shweta Uma attended, along with over 100 writers from India and Bhutan. The two-day festival featured poetry recitals, short story readings, dramatic storytelling, and mythological enactments, with active participation by Bhutanese youth. Dr. Bhandari's recognition celebrates her literary contributions and reflects the international appreciation of Hindi literature, bringing pride to Rajasthan and India.

# Border District Military-Civil Seminar



**Jaipur:** The Southern Command Border District Military-Civil Fusion Seminar was conducted from 01 to 12 September 2025 at Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, and Barmer, aiming to strengthen coordination between military and civilian stakeholders for nation-building and efficient response to situations like OPSIN-DOOR.

Key discussions focused on border area development, convergence of efforts, enhancing security, and infrastructure improvement to support community well-being and military readiness. Stakeholders emphasized road connectivity as crucial for communication, development, and operational efficiency.

The seminar concluded with strengthened collaboration, ensuring that developmental initiatives in Rajasthan's border districts are aligned with national security priorities, promoting a secure, resilient, and well-coordinated border framework.

# Jaipur Polo Team Wins Chinkara Cup

**Jaipur:** The 15th Chinkara Polo Cup 2025 concluded at 61 Cavalry Polo Ground, Jaipur Military Station, on 14



September 2025. Held under the aegis of Sapta Shakti Command from 09 September, the tournament saw seven top teams, including Jaipur Polo Team, Kognivera Stallions, V Polo, and Gohilwad Polo, competing fiercely.

In a thrilling finale, Jaipur Polo Team defeated Kognivera Stallions 8-7, with Lance Watson emerging as the highest scorer. Major General Rohit Mehrotra, GOC 61 Sub Area, presented the prestigious trophy. Established in 2011, the Chinkara Polo Cup promotes sportsmanship, horsemanship, and aligns with the Indian armed forces' focus on skill development and excellence in sports.

# Eklingnath Seva Sangathan to Oppose Obscenity in Navratri Garba Events



**Udaipur:** Shri Eklingnath National Seva Sangathan has announced that it will launch an agitation during the upcoming Navratri festival to stop vulgar and indecent performances under the guise of traditional Garba and Dandiya programs. The organization stated that obscene dances, film songs, and performances

where participants dress up as deities will not be tolerated. A memorandum in this regard will be submitted to the District Collector on September 11.

Aakash Bagdi, Founder President of the organization, said that Navratri is a glorious festival of Sanatan culture where every Hindu worships the Mother Goddess. Garba and Dandiya

are traditional dances performed in honor of Goddess Durga. However, in recent years, some organizers with commercial motives have distorted these traditions by encouraging vulgar attire, western music, and performances where dancers dress as deities, thereby hurting the sentiments of millions of devotees.

Bagdi urged the administration and police officers to strictly regulate such events. He demanded that non-Hindu should not be allowed entry into Garba and Dandiya events, vulgar costumes and obscene dances should be prohibited, and performances impersonating deities such as Radha and Krishna should be banned. He also emphasized that disco, rap, ballet, breakdance, and other non-traditional forms must not

be permitted. Separate arrangements for male and female dance groups were suggested to prevent incidents of harassment and crime.

Nirmal Pandit, National General Secretary, added that the organization also demands that such events conclude by 11 PM to ensure the safety of women returning home. Organizers must submit their full biodata to the administration so that accountability can be fixed in case of violations. Registration of all participants, with copies of Aadhaar cards, should be made compulsory. Furthermore, details of dance trainees, training camps, and organizers should be maintained, and it should be ensured that trainers belong to the Sanatan Hindu community.

Deepak Menaria, National

Secretary, stated that the organization's primary goal is to prevent the distortion of Indian culture. He asserted that no attempt to compromise the sanctity, purity, and rich tradition of Indian festivals would be tolerated. The administration and police were urged to take serious action on the matter. During the press conference, District President Manju Khinchi and Chanchal/Audition shared details of the organization's sewing and beauty parlor training programs, mentioning that two batches had already been completed and the third will begin soon. Training camps are also being conducted in Jodhpur and Gogunda. Women activists Kiran Jain and Riya Jain also provided insights into the ongoing service activities of the organization.



# Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti Udaipur

**Udaipur:** Udaipur will celebrate the 5149th birth anniversary of Shri Shri 1008 Maharaja Shri Agrasen Ji with devotion and grandeur. Festivities start on 17th September with cow service at Mahakal Gaushala, followed by fruit distribution at MB Hospital and a tree plantation drive at Gulab Bagh. A grand vehicle rally will be held on 21st September under Shri Vaishnav Agarwal Samaj. The main celebration on 22nd September includes havan, puja, flag hoisting, and a colorful procession from Nimark College through the city. Evening events feature a cultural program, prize distribution, and a community feast, with active participation from Agarwal Samaj leaders.

# Reliance Launches Ten-Point Relief Plan for Flood-Hit Punjab



**Chandigarh:** In response to devastating floods in Punjab, Reliance has rolled out a comprehensive ten-point humanitarian initiative, reaching over 10,000 families in the worst-hit areas of Amritsar and Sultanpur Lodhi. The effort involves the entire Reliance family, including Reliance Foundation, Vantara, Reliance Retail, and Jio, working alongside state authorities and local Panchayats.

Key interventions include dry ration kits and ₹5,000 vouchers for vulnerable households, community kitchen support, and portable water filters to ensure safe drinking water. Emergency shelter kits, health awareness drives, sanitation kits, and disinfection of water sources are addressing public health risks. Livestock camps, veterinary care, silage distribution, and animal rescue operations by Vantara's expert team are helping animals in distress while preventing disease outbreaks.

Reliance Retail, in coordination with volunteers, is dispatching curated ration and hygiene kits, while Jio ensures reliable network connectivity for affected areas. The ten-point plan underscores Reliance's commitment to holistic relief, care, and long-term recovery for Punjab.

# Blood Donation Amrit Mahotsav 2.0

**Udaipur:** On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday, Blood Donation Amrit Mahotsav 2.0 will be held on 17 September, organized by the All India Terapanth Yuvak Parishad

(ABTYP) with Government of India support. Part of a global campaign spanning 7,500 camps across 75 countries, the event coincides with ABTYP's 61st Foundation Day and is dedicated as a "Humanity-Yajna" through mass blood donation.



Udaipur will host 16 camps, with a special target of 101 women donors, supported by women-led teams. QR code registration is available, with on-spot registration also open. Donors will receive appreciation certificates issued by the Government of India.

Camps will take place at Mahapragya Vihar, Bhuwana; Udaipur Marble Bhawan; Rajasthan Vidyaapeeth, Dabok; Vidya Niketan, Sector-4; MLSU Guest House; Anuvrat Chowk, Naiyon ki Talai; and multiple other venues across the city and nation, promoting community participation and humanitarian service.

# Rising Bharat Summit Awards 2025



**Jaipur:** The Rising Bharat Summit & Awards 2025 will be held on September 21 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur, to honor individuals contributing significantly to society and nation-building. The event will feature motivational talks, panel discussions, felicitation ceremonies, and networking sessions, bringing together entrepreneurs, social workers, and renowned personalities from across India.

Praveen Suthar, Chairman of FORTI Rajasthan and Founder of Lotus Hitech Industries, will attend as Guest of Honour, acknowledging the role of traders in strengthening India's trade relations. Bollywood actor and social worker Sonu Sood will grace the event as Celebrity Guest.

Organizers Sikander Khan and Mukesh Sagar, along with FORTI Udaipur President Manish Bhanawat, emphasized the summit's importance as a platform to inspire leadership, foster social development, and promote positive change. Eminent guests will include Jaipur Mayor Dr. Soumya Gurjar, Sheikh Dr. Kabir KB, Khaled Nawab Dad Khoda Al Balushi, and Ms. Jenny Granados.

# Pedal to Jungle Adventure Begins

**Udaipur:** The 9th edition of "Pedal to Jungle", a four-day cycling adventure, will be held from December 18 to 21, 2025, across the lush valleys, forests, and scenic landscapes of

Vagad-Mewar in South Rajasthan. Organized jointly by the Forest Department, Green People Society, Department of Tourism, and Bela Basera Resort, the event aims to promote eco-tourism, environmental awareness, and community participation.

Deputy Chief Minister and Tourism Minister Diya Kumari unveiled the event poster, praising the initiative for highlighting the region's biodiversity, cultural richness, and tourism potential. Green People Society President Rahul Bhatnagar presented his book "Aranyam" to her, documenting Mewar's forests and wildlife.



The expedition will take participants through forest trails, hills, and riversides, offering firsthand experiences of South Rajasthan's natural and tribal landscapes. Beyond adventure, the event seeks to inspire youth, support local tourism, and strengthen conservation efforts, positioning the region as a sustainable eco-tourism hub.

# GST Reforms Boost India 2047

**Udaipur:** The BJP Udaipur City District held a press conference at Patel Circle to discuss the Next-Gen GST Reforms, addressed by City District President Gajpal Singh Rathore, MP Dr. Mannal Rawat, MLA Phool Singh Meena, and District General Secretary Paras Singhvi. Rathore described Prime Minister Modi's GST relief as a "new Diwali gift," calling it a milestone toward Viksit Bharat 2047. He also highlighted the "Seva Pakhwada" from September 17 to October 2, including blood donation camps, cleanliness drives, tree plantations, Fit India Modi Marathon, and Khadi promotion. MLA Meena updated on rural development, including overbridge and underpass approval at Paras Chauraha, road widening, and repair budgets. MP Rawat emphasized GST as India's largest tax reform, noting simplification from four slabs to two (5% and 18%), with essentials, medicines, agricultural tools, and insurance now under 0-5% tax, while luxury items are taxed at 40%. He praised relief to citizens and automobile tax reduction from 28% to 18%. Paras Singhvi noted the increase of GST payers from 65 lakh in 2017 to 1.5 crore today, with collections doubling to ₹22.08 lakh crore. The event also announced the upcoming MP Sports Festival. Coordinated by Singhvi, co-conveners included Dharendra Sachan and CA Ashish Kothari. Media In-Charge Dr. Seema Champawat thanked the PM for inclusive reforms. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Pankaj Borana, Bhawarsingh Devda, Vijay Prajapat, and senior party leaders.

