

Rani Road Boating Station: Policy Violated, Ecosystem at Risk

Udaipur's lakes, vital for ecology and drinking water, are under threat due to the recent start of tourist boating operations at the Rani Road end of Fatehsagar Lake. This move directly violates the district administration's 2023 boating policy and judicial directives designed to protect flora, fauna, and migratory birds. During a "Lake Dialogue" on Sunday, conservationists expressed deep concern over this blatant disregard for policy and public trust.

The February 2023 boating policy, prepared following the Rajasthan government's July 2022 orders and pending court petitions, explicitly reserved sensitive areas, including Rani Road and parts of Lake Pichola, for vegetation and wildlife. A twenty-meter "No Activity Zone" along the lakeshore was also designated to safeguard bird habitats. Enforcement responsibility was assigned to the Forest and Fisheries Departments.

Editorial

Shockingly, agencies involved in establishing the new boating station concealed critical information from MPs, MLAs, local representatives, and even the District Collector. The Forest Department's silence, despite Supreme Court and NGT mandates for regulating commercial activities in the Sajjanganh Eco-Sensitive Zone and Fatehsagar Wetland, is particularly concerning.

Environmentalists warn that commercial activity near drinking water lakes harms water quality and ecosystems, yet tourism interests are repeatedly prioritized over ecology. The National Lake Conservation Plan, which sanctioned ₹125 crores for lake protection, also mandates strict preservation of biodiversity zones, now being ignored.

Unless immediate corrective action is taken—removing the boating station, enforcing "No Activity Zones," and holding departments accountable—Udaipur risks irreversible ecological damage. Lakes cannot be treated as commercial assets; conservation without enforcement is mere rhetoric, and transparency in governance is essential to protect the city's natural heritage.



Geetanjali Hospital Staff Add Enthusiasm to DFD Dandiya 2025, A Historic Record

Udaipur: DFD Dandiya 2025 became a proud moment for the Geetanjali Hospital family. More than 2,000 participants waved saffron flags together, earning a place in the Golden Book of World Records. This marked the fourth world record created by DFD, with Geetanjali Hospital's active participation bringing fresh energy and vibrancy to the event.

The hospital staff took part with great enthusiasm, adding a festive charm to the entire atmosphere. Citizens of Udaipur also celebrated the occasion, calling it a matter of pride for the city and the Mewar region.

The grand idol of Sanwariya Seth Ji was the main attraction of the program, while the daily tableaux and special performances offered audiences a unique cultural experience.

According to the management of Geetanjali Hospital, the institution always stands shoulder to shoulder with society in events that celebrate and promote culture and tradition.

Paras Marathon Promotes Heart Health



Udaipur: On World Heart Day 2025, Paras Health Udaipur hosted the "Don't Miss a Beat" marathon on September 28 to raise awareness about heart wellness. Starting and ending at the Fatehsagar Fish Aquarium, the event included categories for students, professionals, senior citizens, and healthcare workers. Alongside the run, participants enjoyed a Zumba session, a Health Talk by cardiologists, and a free Heart Health Check-up Camp. Highlighting the rising burden of cardiovascular diseases, the initiative emphasized regular exercise, balanced diets, timely screenings, and advanced diagnostics like CT Coronary Angiography to empower the community towards healthier lifestyles.

Mahindra Unveils CEV-V Range



Udaipur witnessed the launch of Mahindra's new CEV-V construction equipment range, including the EarthMaster Backhoe Loader and RoadMaster Motor Grader. MLA Phoolchand Meena inaugurated the event, attended by industry leaders Mangilal Lunawat and S.N. Sharma. The ceremony featured a Rajasthani cultural performance before the vehicle inauguration. The new range complies with CEV-V emission norms, offers enhanced engine performance (102 HP for RoadMaster G100, 74 HP for EarthMaster SX), and ensures operator comfort with spacious cabins. Equipped with IMAXX Telematics, the machines boost fuel efficiency. Mahindra also guarantees 48-hour uptime service, reflecting its focus on eco-friendly, high-performance solutions.

Grand Udaipur Premiere of Dr. Murdia's Film Tu Meri Poori Kahani



Udaipur: The city sparked with cinematic glamour on Monday evening as the premiere of Tu Meri Poori Kahani was hosted at PVR, Celebration Mall. Produced by Dr. Ajay Murdia and presented in association with Vikram Bhatt, the film is writ-

ten by Suhrita Das under the mentorship of Mahesh Bhatt. The screenplay has been co-crafted with Shweta Bothra, ensuring a heartfelt narrative filled with emotions.

Star Presence and Glamour

The premiere became all

the more special with the presence of leading stars Tigmanshu Dhulia, Garima Agarwal, and Hiranya Ojha, who play pivotal roles in the story. Their on-screen chemistry and powerful performances drew appreciation from both critics and audi-

ences alike. The event also saw a packed gathering of media personnel, film enthusiasts, and distinguished guests.

Mahesh Bhatt and Anu Malik in Spotlight

Veteran filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt and renowned composer Anu Malik added grace to the occasion. The reunion of the Bhatt-Malik duo after years evoked nostalgia, as audiences applauded the soulful songs that reflect love, longing, and separation.

Words from the Makers

Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Bhatt said, "Cinema is alive when it springs from hunger and passion. When producers like Dr. Murdia bring a social vision to the screen, cinema becomes a sacred

force."

Anu Malik added, "My journey with Bhatt sahab began with Phir Teri Kahani Yaad Aayi. Working with him again after so long feels like a celebration."

Producer Dr. Ajay Murdia remarked, "Films are not just entertainment; they can guide society toward positive values. After my journey in IVF and healthcare, I believe cinema is the next powerful medium to inspire."

Press Conference by Manoj Gandherv

Ahead of the premiere, a press conference convened by Manoj Gandherv highlighted the creative journey of the film. The cast, writers, and makers shared their experiences, receiving enthusiastic responses from the media fraternity.

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The Story and Reception

The film tells the story of a girl aspiring to become an actress despite her family's resistance. Along the way, she meets a singer, and love blossoms.

Ultimately, she must choose between her dreams and her love. The gripping narrative, written by Suhrita Das and supported by Shweta Bothra, has already been praised for its depth and sensitivity.

The premiere concluded with thunderous applause, as critics and audiences hailed Tu Meri Poori Kahani as a touching portrayal of ambition, love, and choices.

The film will hit cinemas on 26th September 2025.

Hindustan Zinc's 2nd Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon unites 7000 runners; a blockbuster hit



- Touted as the India's most beautiful marathon, this event places Udaipur on the global running map
- Unique zinc medals for every finisher, symbolizing resilience & achievement
- Championing inclusivity, the marathon welcomed runners from 27 states across the country and international participation to #RunForZeroHunger

Udaipur: Hindustan Zinc Limited (NSE: HINDZINC), the world's largest integrated zinc producer and one of the top 5 silver producers globally, successfully hosted the 2nd edition of the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon today in Udaipur. The event saw an overwhelming response with 7,000 runners from 27 states across the country & globe, participating in the #RunForZeroHunger initiative, blending fitness with purpose.

The races were flagged off by Shri Manna Lal Rawat – MP Udaipur, Shri Tarachand Jain – MLA Udaipur City, Shri Phool Singh Meena – MLA Udaipur Rural, Shri Namit Mehta – Udaipur District Collector, Shri Abhishek Khanna – Municipal Commissioner, Shri Sunil Chedri – Chief Conservator of Forests & Mr. Arun Misra –

CEO, Hindustan Zinc with the presence of eminent dignitaries, city officials, Hindustan Zinc's senior leadership and Anybody Can Run (ABCR) team.

With three race categories – 21km, 10km, and 5km, the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon truly catered to runners of all fitness levels and age groups. The highlight of the event was the inclusive participation from every corner of society: senior citizens from the Maharana Pratap Senior Citizen Group, differentlyabled athletes, children, women-led fitness collectives like She Circle India, Women Business Circle and professionals from organizations such as Secure Meters, Arcgate and BCI. Their presence not only added vibrance but reflected the broader spirit of inclusivity and purpose. Many participants embraced the event as part of the national Fit India Movement – a call given by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to encourage citizens to integrate fitness into daily life with the simple message: "Fitness ki dose, aadha ghanta roz."

The people of Udaipur poured out on the streets in the early hours of the morning to cheer the runners on.

Participants enjoyed a scenic route around the serene Fateh Sagar Lake and the majestic Aravalli Ranges, taking in the beauty of Maharana Pratap Smarak, Neemach Mata Mandir, and lush green gardens. The marathon celebrated Udaipur's rich zinc legacy, a metal intertwined with the city's history for nearly 3000 years, predating its fame as the City of Lakes.

Hindustan Zinc CEO, Mr. Arun Misra, an avid marathoner and finisher of 21K category at the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon, shared "I am absolutely thrilled to see the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon putting Udaipur on the global running map. The overwhelming participation in this second edition shows how Udaipur is embracing fitness as a way of life. What really started as a local initiative has now evolved into an international celebration of health, purpose, and people power. As a proud 21K finisher myself, I can say that at Hindustan Zinc, we are committed not just to building a sustainable business, but to nurturing healthier, stronger communities, and this marathon is a true embodiment of that vision."

The marathon witnessed remarkable performances across all race categories, with participants showcasing exceptional determination, endurance, and sportsmanship. The fiercely contested 21 km and 10 km challenges saw outstanding finishes in both male and female categories, reflecting the high level of competition and preparation among runners. The winners also expressed their gratitude and

pride upon completing the race with remarkable timings. Deva Ram (Winner – 21 km Male Category), Madina Paul (Winner – 21 km Female Category), Rohit Bansiwal (Winner – 10 Km Male Category), Suraj (Winner – 10 Km Female Category) shared that running the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon was a truly memorable and inspiring experience. From seasoned athletes to first-time participants, every finisher crossed the line with pride, making this edition a true celebration of grit and glory.

Each finisher received a unique medal crafted from Hindustan Zinc's pure zinc, symbolizing the city's connection with this critical metal. Running and fitness groups from Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Nagpur, Mumbai, Delhi, Gurgaon, Indore etc also joined hands to make the marathon a truly collective effort. Supporting the #RunForZeroHunger initiative by Nandghar, backed by the Anil Agarwal Foundation, the marathon helped nourish thousands of children with Poshan Packs – reinforcing the vision of a healthier, hunger-free society. Certified by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) and listed on the global marathon calendar, the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon has cemented its place as a marquee sporting event. With enthusiastic participation, strong community involvement, and a blend of fitness and purpose, the second edition marked yet another milestone in Hindustan Zinc's efforts to build a healthier and more sustainable future.

Protest Against Vulgar Garba Practices



Udaipur: Udaipur witnessed a protest by the Eklingnath Rashtriya Seva Sangathan, led by Akash Bagdi, demanding a ban on vulgar songs and obscene dances in Garba programs, along with Aadhaar verification of attendees. The demonstration outside the District Collectorate featured slogans emphasizing the protection of cultural values. Bagdi highlighted repeated attempts to urge organizers to maintain traditional decorum, often met with misbehavior and threats.

Advocate Nirmal Pandit stressed that Navratri honors Maa Durga, and commercialized, inappropriate performances hurt devotees' sentiments. District Collector Namit Mehta assured strict action, and ASP Umesh Ojha confirmed enhanced police monitoring. The Sangathan appreciated the administration's commitment to preserving Navratri's

cultural essence.

Dr. Mewar Wins UDCA Hat-Trick

Udaipur: District Cricket Association (UDCA) elections concluded with Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar unanimously re-elected as President for a third consecutive term, marking a historic "hat-trick" victory. The Annual General Meeting at Rajputana Resort included presentations of outgoing accounts, followed by voting and result declaration by Election Officer Mohd. Yasin Pathan. Key results include Manoj Bhatnagar elected Deputy President (22-16), Mahendra Sharma as Treasurer (22-16), and Rajneesh Sharma as PRO (20-18). Executive members and



nine Vice Presidents were elected, many unopposed.

The Mahendra Sharma-led team retained consistent dominance, promising continued influence in the Rajasthan Cricket Association and advancing Udaipur's long-awaited cricket stadium

and opportunities for local players in IPL and national selections.

Mewar Manch Campaigns Against Dark Stores

Udaipur's Mewar Bachao Manch, founded by Abhishek Pandey, has launched the "Keep Udaipur's Money in Udaipur" campaign to protect local businesses from the growing threat of dark stores.

Highlighting that nearly 30% of local jobs are impacted, Pandey warned that unchecked growth of instant delivery companies could destabilize Udaipur's economy, affect rental markets, and increase unemployment. The campaign will roll out in three phases—raising awareness among traders, citizens, and advocating permanent solutions. Beyond trade, the Manch aims to promote senior citizen safety, education, women's employment, digital awareness, sanitation, and heart health. This Diwali, the message is clear: support local, sustain Udaipur.



Grand Celebration of World Pharmacist Day at Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy

Udaipur: Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy, Geetanjali University, celebrated World Pharmacist Day on 25th September with great zeal and enthusiasm. The day's celebrations began with an awareness rally, where students actively participated to promote the importance of pharmacists in healthcare. The rally concluded with a powerful street play, highlighting the safe use of medicines and the crucial role pharmacists play in society.

The program was graced by Dr. Rakesh Vyas, Vice-Chancellor of Geetanjali University, Mr. Anil K. Vyas, Managing Director of MedNext Pharma Pvt. Ltd., and Dr. M.S. Rathore, Principal of Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy. They appreciated and encouraged students for their active participation and efforts in promoting pharmacy awareness.



During the event, Dr. Rathore gave an insightful session on the significance of Pharmacovigilance and Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR), emphasizing the responsibility of pharmacists in ensuring patient safety and effective healthcare.

The event was successfully coordinated by Dr. Chetan Malviya, Dr. Aradhya Upadhyay, and Dr. Aftab Alam, while student coordinators Aashay, Sandeep, Uday, Charvi, Sanjana, Mumoksh, and Hemendra played a key role in organizing and managing the program.

The students participated with great enthusiasm throughout the day, making the World Pharmacist Day celebration truly memorable. Furthermore, the Executive Director and Vice President of Geetanjali Group extended congratulatory messages to all pharmacists associated with the college and hospital, recognizing their invaluable contribution to healthcare services.

Rotary Club Drishti Hosts Mewar Garba Festival

Udaipur: Rotary Club of Udaipur Drishti organized the Mewar Garba Festival at Shubhkesar Garden with great enthusiasm. The chief guest of the evening was Pushpendra from Arunoday Arts, while the special guest was Santosh Kalra.

During the celebration, women and club members performed garba on devotional songs, creating a festive atmosphere. Dressed in colorful traditional attire, the women participants showcased the cultural charm of garba dance.



The event was coordinated by Bharat Verma. Patron Dr. Sweetie Chhabra, Sergeant-at-Arms Vaishali Motwani, Vice President Sunita Singhvi, Executive Member Rashmi Bohra, along with several other members, marked their presence at the event.

Implications of Digital world

In today's interconnected world, social media is not just a tool but a force that shapes how we think, feel and live. It has become a mirror of society—reflecting our voices, choices and even our dreams.

In the end social media is like a flower—useful when controlled, destructive when unchecked. It can be bridge or a barrier, a light or a shadow. The true implication of social media depends not on the platform itself but on the way, we choose to use it.

When over used, social media becomes a silent thief—stealing our mind, peace of mind and even connections. The lives are trapped in the cycle of endless scrolling. Social media makes us forget the real value of smiles and conversations. In its extreme, it is not a window to the world, but a wall between us and reality.

- POOJA BHANDARI