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Uniforms for thousand school girls

Udaipur : Twenty rural women of Matoon in Udaipur have worked day and night to stitch uniforms for 1000 anganwadi children. These uniforms were stitched by the 'Sakhees' in flat 19 days working almost 8 hours a day. Hindustan Zinc had provided professional training to about 125 rural women for stitching school uniforms. A similar project of 'Sakhi' in Debari in Udaipur is stitching uniform for thousand boys. From pattern making to cutting fabric to stitching and ultimately ironing and packaging is all being done by these rural women.

It may recalled that Hindustan Zinc signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rajasthan government under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) to adopt 3055 Anganwadi Centers in five districts of Rajasthan – Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Rajasamand and Ajmer for 5 years as part of its global 'Khushi' campaign. The project has a focus to build various product clusters that include fashion garments, home-furnishing, spices making, art & craft, mats making, candle making, soap making and other products that can be used by people at large. More than 3000 rural and tribal women are part of the project and they are being trained in different cluster formations. These clusters are located in Ajmer, Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Rajasamand and Sikar, all in Rajasthan..

70 unit blood donated at blood-donation camp

Udaipur : Blood donation camp was organized at Aravali Engineering College premises by the joint collaboration of Lions Club Udaipur and Aravali Engineering College for the last day of Lions Service Week. Club president Kiran Jain said that the Lions members and officials of TVS Motor Company donated 70 unit blood. Secretary Kishore Kothari along with other members contributed to the camp.

Give the children consecration learnings : Gujjar



Udaipur : Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur operated under total AWC completion of the refresher training was held in the auditorium of the college population. On this occasion, certificates were distributed to the trainees. Chairing the ceremony the chief Bhanwar Lal Gujjar said AWC workers more school children by former education declining number of children who try to overcome it. Kunwar Nanda informed the principal of the training function. While the function of the operating line thanks Rathore was by the river.

Mega blood donation camp by Lions Club

Udaipur : Lions Club Eklingji with North Western Railway Station organized blood donation and diabetes check-up camp on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October at ThokarChauraha. President Naresh Maheshwari informed that 63 units of blood were collected in the camp and around 130 people attended the diabetes check-up camp. Rajendra Jindal, KamleshKumawat, Bhagwatilal, SurendraMogra, Tarun Bhandari, Dinesh Sukhwai and many others were part of the blood donation camp. All the donors were honoured by the club along with all the medical staff and railway staff members by Deputy Governor Arvind Chatur and Deepak Hingad.

9 students of GITS get 3 Lac package

Udaipur : Geetanjali Institute of Technical Studies organized a campus interview in which an IT company from Jaipur Code Xinfosolutions LLP selected 4 MCA and 5 MBA students for a salary package of Rs. 3 Lac per annum. Training & Placement head of GITS Arvind Singh Pemawat informed that this is a fine showcase by the students of their talent in the beginning of the placement season. Chief Technical Officer Sumit Yadav and HR Manager Shradha Aizwal from the company gave presentation to the students and informed about the job profile. Thereafter, the students were selected post technical test, technical interview and HR interview.

Mental Health Week organized at Geetanjali Hospital

Udaipur : Geetanjali Hospital had organized a camp on 'Awareness of Psychological Problems and instructions for Children' from 5th to 10th October. On 9th October, quiz competition 35 teams of Geetanjali and RNT participated in which Dr. Swati and Dr. Vibhor won the first prize of Rs. 7500 cash. Also, on 10th October a camp was organized for the treatment of psychological problems and their awareness. Also, the students of Geetanjali School of College and Nursing organized an awareness rally in villages and staged a street play at Bhujhda and Seesarma. On the last day of the camp, a workshop was conducted by specialists who covered various topics under psychological problems and treatment in children.

Writers' Returning Awards is a Warning Bell for Democracy

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More than a dozen writers of the prominence of Nayantra Sehgal, Sara Joseph, Ashok Vajpayee and Uday Prakash have returned their awards in the last one month. Recently another Indian English novelist Shashi Deshpande resigned her position of member of the Governing Council of Sahitya Akademi. All these writers have spent their life time in the pursuit of literature. They have been people of undoubted integrity and have earned reputation by dint of their significant contribution to world of letters. An award is a sign of recognition for an artist and the decision to return an award would mean a serious thoughtful action which is compelled by a deep sense of social responsibility. They must have been disturbed by the things happening in the country and must have felt that the state has failed to ensure freedom of speech and expression. If the intelligentsia of a country feels like this it is a warning bell for democracy.

Nobel Laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore had returned his Knighthood after the Jalianwala Bagh Massacre. Novelist and columnist Khushwant Singh had returned his Padma Award after the Operation Blue Star. The cold blooded murder of three rationalist writers and thinkers namely M.M. Kalburgi, a distinguished Kannada writer and Sahitya Akademi Award winner and two rationalists, Narendra Dhabolkar and Govind Pansare, both anti-superstition activists, have been killed by assailants. Veeranna Madiwalar, T Satish Javare Gowda, Sangamesh Menasinakai, Hanumanth Haligeri, Shridevi V Aloor and Chidanand Sali were conferred the awards on November 22, 2011, at a function where Kalburgi was honoured with the prestigious Nrupatunga Prashasti.

The absolute victory of right wing Bhartiya Janta Party has let lose the fundamentalist



Hindutva forces all over the country. These organizations have been there all these years as well but did not have the courage to play so openly. Now that they have a favourable government and a Swayamsevak in the Prime Minister's chair, they are scot free. The Gujarat massacre has been wiped from public memory by the sheer propaganda of the the ruling BJP at the level of the state and the Centre. Amit Shah, one of the prime accused, has been made the president of the ruling party while local political leaders including Maya Kodnani have been released on bail. The accused of the fake encounter of Sohrabuddin have not only been released on bail but restored in the police force as if they have been acquitted by the court.

Most recently, a village blacksmith, Mohammed Akhlaq, was dragged out of his home in Bisara village outside Delhi, and brutally killed on the suspicion beef was cooked in his home. His son was also brutally attacked and is struggling for life. His other son is a soldier in Indian Air Force. The false self proclaimed nationalists and custodians of Hindutva did not respect the family of a soldier of Indian armed force. Last year several young men and women were harassed and attacked in Bangalore by the moral policing gangs of the Hindu outfits.

Famous artist Maqbool Fida Hussain's exhibi-

tions were attacked and he was so much harassed that he had to take asylum in other countries. Gazal Singer Gulam Ali's scheduled programmes in Mumbai and Pune have been cancelled by the pressure created by Shiv Sena. Earlier Salman Rushdie was denied entry to the Jaipur Literature Festival, some two years ago. Mr. J.P. Singhal who is not even a Ph.D. and has not been a University Professor even for a day has been appointed the Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan University, Jaipur simply because he was an office bearer of a teachers' organization affiliated with BJP.

All these are examples of political and cultural intolerance. They are signs of aggression and suppression of all voices of protest. In a recent lecture, India's Vice-President, Dr. Hamid Ansari, stated that India's Constitution promises all Indians "liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship." The right to dissent is an integral part of this Constitutional guarantee. He found it necessary to do so because India's culture of diversity and debate is now under vicious assault.

Rationalists who question superstition, anyone who questions any aspect of the ugly and dangerous distortion of Hinduism known as Hindutva – whether in the intellectual or artistic sphere, or whether in terms of food habits and lifestyle – are being marginalised, perse-

cuted, or murdered. In all these cases, justice drags its feet. Nayantra Sahgal, in a statement issued on October 6, 2015 said, "In memory of the Indians who have been murdered, in support of all Indians who uphold the right to dissent, and of all dissenters who now live in fear and uncertainty, I am returning my Sahitya Akademi Award."

Shashi Deshpande, author of several novels, short stories and essay collections and books for children, won the Sahitya Akademi award for her novel That Long Silence in 1990. She was awarded the Padma Shri in 2009. While resigning her membership of the Governing Council of the Sahitya Akademi, she expressed her disgust over the continued failure of the Sahitya Akademi to denounce or criticize the impious killing of writers and citizens.

The level of the political campaigning in Bihar election is also an indicator of the level to which Indian politics has fallen. Use of sixteen helicopters by the ruling party and the abusive tirade over the leaders of opposition even by the Prime Minister suggests that the ruling saffron brigade perhaps doesn't want to leave any space for the voices of dissent. If this is allowed to happen, the nation would be facing another emergency, this time unannounced but enforced by the self appointed custodians of moral and national values. Now is the need to rise up and unite to fight for the intellectual, artistic and creative freedom. Writers, poets, journalists and teachers have the biggest responsibility of preserving the secular, multicultural and plural fabric of Indian society and also to preserve the real freedom of media which matters. It is sad that the mainstream media has failed to take the cognizance of the writers' returning their awards and resigning from prestigious positions due to callous indifference of the state and its agencies.

All set to rock!

Udaipur : being a neighbor of Ahmadabad Gujrat is more involved and indulged into Garba festival. Girls ready with traditional dresses have good permission from parents for nine days but until 11 only. They must be back on time. And even for boys, parents have imposed similar time limits. This is so to ensure youngsters feel the pressure of being disciplined besides have fully fledged fun with friends.

Girls are being escorted either by parents or they move out in groups and return same way. "This is good that parents are giving us freedom to have fun but it also is necessary to keep a check," says Nirupama Sharma, a teenager.

Each place that organizes dandia in Udaipur is monitored by cops. This gives a sense of relief to parents who have to send their kids to distance places to meet their demands of Garba. The fun mantra for everyone is to make most of these nine days. Unlike earlier, now the action begins right from the word go. "The



Platinum Dandiya 4

This time it going to be Bigger, Brighter and Better with glittering Indian Idol celebrities and other singers like Neha Chauhan, Kapil Thapa, Aishwarya Bhandari, from 13th October to 22nd October, 2015 at Shubh Kesar, 100 ft. Road, Shobhagpura, Udaipur. The organizing committee of Platinum Dandiya 4 is supporting the campaign SUHANI SARDI- Ek Andolan through DONOR CARD entry, for the welfare of under-privileged children. For each DONOR CARD, a sweater will be given away to the children and to maintain its transparency, details of distribution will be shown on its website to general public. So, be a Giver by buying Platinum Dandiya 2015 Donor Card to make Suhani Sardi (Pleasant Winter) for someone and your Dandiya Nights super-enjoyable. So, don't wait folks! The time has come and don't let it slip out without making most of it. Go...Rock On!

fun used to go on peak only after 4th or 5th day and by the time we realized how majestic the time could be, the time

would be over. This year we have decided to start the fun from first day only," says Satyam and his group.

Suhani Sardi-Ek Aandolan

Udaipur : Suhani Sardi is not just a Project but a revolution to help 10,000 under-privileged children studying in Government Primary School by providing them with Fresh Sweaters so that they don't have to miss their schools in extreme winters. Suhani Sardi is an initiative to make winters as much joyful and healthier for these children, as it is for us! We, the founders of Suhani Sardi Campaign, always wanted to do something to reconnect to the society. During our frequent visit to Government primary schools, we found that many students were not attending their schools; the reason being they did not have sweaters to safeguard them from the stinging cold. Not only the students, but their parents and teachers also, informed us the same thing. It shook our nerves and we could not wait further to take the step and start this Aandolan- 'Suhani Sardi' to help these kids. We believe that these little kids are future of tomorrow and their education or health should not suffer because of their un-affordability to buy woollens.

Rajasthan will be a world-beater in startups : C M

New Delhi : The Chief Minister of Rajasthan Smt. Vasundhara Raje unveiled the 'Rajasthan Startup Policy-2015' while inaugurating the first edition of the 'Rajasthan Startup Fest', a national level startup event designed to boost entrepreneurship in the state at the JECC in Sitapura Industrial Area in Jaipur on Friday. The 'Rajasthan Startup Fest' has been organised by the Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation (RICO); Startup Oasis, a Jaipur-based incubation centre set up by RICO and CII; and the Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE) of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Startup Fest, Smt. Raje said: "If Bangalore is where it all began in startups, I can assure you Rajasthan is where it will be. Rajasthan is

a world-beater and will remain so in the times to come."

The Rajasthan Startup Policy is designed to galvanize the start-up ecosystem and give the required sustenance to the entrepreneurial talent native to the people of the state.

The Chief Minister added: "I am sure that the young and budding entrepreneurs and start-ups that are on the threshold of taking off shall take advantage of the Rajasthan Startup Policy-2015 and the dynamic environment being provided by the start-up fest to take their careers, companies and the country to greater heights." The Industries Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh, Khimsar said on the occasion that Jaipur has been ranked number 8 as far as startup funding is concerned. However, with the release of the Policy and organization of the Startup Fest the city will improve its ranking for sure.



these things." "We don't say we can change the bad traffic or build new infrastructure. All we are saying is look at what's good in this city," he adds. And good is what Mr Ellis says he encounters at every turn in the city.

"I've been living in Delhi for the past eight years. Here, you encounter humanity on every corner. This is one place where you can meet people from different social classes on the same day." Over the past 18 months, the festival organisers say they have met more than 600 residents of Delhi, including students, activists, artists, poets, his-

torians and government ministers and officials to solicit support, and over a period of 30 months, 120 events will be held as part of the celebrations. At the end of it, 12 short films will be stitched together into a feature to be part of the Cities of Love series that has already featured Paris, New York and Rio. The celebrations kicked off in early September with #MyDilliStory - an online Twitter competition inviting people to share their stories, poems and anecdotes about the city.

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Udaipur's Prashant on BBC

News Delhi : Delhi I Love You is a 30-month-long festival to let people show their love for the Indian capital, but can it make people love the country's most reviled city, asks the BBC's Geeta Pandey

The Indian capital is a city of extreme contradictions - if the summer heat doesn't burn you alive, the winter chill can freeze your soul.

The city of 25 million people, with more trees per square kilometre than any other in India, also has the dubious distinction of being the world's most polluted. The World Health Organisation says the air here is so toxic that it kills more than 30,000 people annually.

Delhi has sprawling wide roads, but the traffic is a nightmare. Streets are choked at peak hours, and boorish drivers who have little regard for road rules or laws only add to the

misery. But this overcrowded city with limited resources still remains a magnet, that every day draws thousands from across India, in search of new dreams.

Steeped in tradition and history, Delhi has inspired poets, artists and writers over the centuries. But in recent years, it has been in the news for all sorts of wrong reasons. After a series of high-profile crimes against women, it has been dubbed the rape capital of India. The city's infrastructure has been criticised for being massively inadequate - there are long spells of power cuts and water shortages.

And despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to clean up India, in many Delhi neighbourhoods the walls and sidewalks are stained with spit, the air is filled with the stench of urine, and litter and dog poop line streets and walkways in community

parks. The organisers of Delhi I Love You - or simply called DILY, the way the city's name is pronounced in Hindi - say it is this negative image that they want to change. The brainchild of Frenchmen Thomas Ellis and Alexis de Ducla, who have made Delhi their adopted home, along with some of their Indian friends, the DILY festival aims to "celebrate the city and its people". And they are not trying to gloss over the problems.

"Delhi has unfortunately built a bad image in the last few years, from the rising crime towards women to it being the most polluted city in the world. We are conscious of these issues, but the picture is not all that gloomy," says Mr de Ducla. "When you have so many millions living together, there are bound to be problems. But then you see Delhi's taking to the streets to protest against