

Surprise inspection of the Garhi

Banswara: District Collector Bhagwati Prasad all of sudden visited the various Panchyats and Panchyat Samiti of Garhi area on Thursday and tried to under stand that reality bites of, rural development departmental schemes.

The Collector visited the village panchayat, Dakor Kundali, Panasi, small and fortress and reviewed the construction of housing under the Prime Ministers housing scheme along with development works there .. The Collector asked the villagers and beneficiaries about the benefits of personal benefit under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme here and seen sanctions released and the Mustrool released under the Prime Ministers Housing Scheme. He directed the villagers from completing the construction of the house as soon as possible. Collector Prasad inspected of the Youth Koshal Vikas Kendra, Garhi, run by the Rajasthan Koshal and Livelihood Development Corporation, and information was taken about all the activities. It was informed by the Canter Head that at present the training center is being trained by 114 trainees. He instructed them to start new courses and to increase the opportunities for the youth to get employment. He got information about all the schemes and training centers run by the District Manager Girish Panchal from the Corporation.

MP Joshi inspected the Chittorgarh Railway Station



Chittodgarh: MP CP Joshi examined the railway station on Thursday. MP Joshi discussed the facilities available on the spot and talked with the common passengers and discussed the necessary facilities at the station

The MP told that very soon Escalators and Lifts will be available at World Class Railway Station, Chittorgarh, which will provide relief to the elderly, women and the Divyang passengers. Simultaneously, while observing the newly constructed ramp on station platform No.1 and 5 said that it will be started soon for the use of the common man.

Discussing about the introduction of a new entrance and ticket window for citizens living in the eastern part of the city, which would benefit more than 50 percent of Chittor people. With its construction both time and money. At the same time, after the closure of the Kumbhnagar Railway Gate, there was a discussion with the authorities regarding the construction of the RUB and the Footpath on the one side of the Railway Gate where the trail and cycles passengers, pedestrians, hand wheel drivers And in the funeral, the special guests will receive special relief from residents, Police Line and Bypass. For this purpose, discuss with the city council and railway engineers to prepare the necessary projects.

During the observance of the entire railway station premises by MP Joshi, discussed with the technical engineer of Superintendent Engineer and Station Superintendent, Railway, Public.

Haritima Concluded



Udaipur: Annual Function-Haritima 2017 of Rajasthan Krishi Mahavidyalaya, organized in the main building lawn. The chief guest of the program was , Mr. Randhir Singh Bhinder MLA, Vallabh Nagar MLA while Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Uma Shankar Sharma. Dr. R. Swaminathan graced the function.

The MLA, while highlighting the glorious history of the college, wishing for the advanced future of the students, he congratulated them on the urgent support of agriculture and farmers of the state and the number of students growing in the students and their good performance.

It is notable that Mr. Randhir Singh Bhinder is also an alumnus of Rajasthan Agriculture College. Prof. Uma Shankar Sharma congratulated the awarding students and advised to participate in co curricular activities for all round development.

While highlighting the achievements of the college, Swaminathan presented his report on the good performance of the students in various examinations.

Assistant Professor welfare Dr. Arvind Verma presented the account of various activities, sports etc., during the academic year 2016-17.

At this juncture award for excellence in year 2016-17, in the field of education, sports, NCC, NSS to the selected students for outstanding performance in cultural activities. Were Prizes and Citations were given the medal for the VC, was conferred to Ms. Sonatara Kalita, ,Shri Himansuman for the highest position of 9/11 (9 :14 / 10), best NCC cadet Shri Bhavesh Kumar, Best NSS student Mr. Kan Singh, General Captain Mr. Rajendra Dhakar General Captain Woman, Ms. Bhagyashree Phogat were given.

161 Patients Benefitted

Udaipur: Nearly 161 patients benefitted from Udaipur and adjacent areas of Dungarpur, Banswara, Sirohi, Pali, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Nimach, Mandasaur etc.

they were given treatment in three days free breathing disease camp organized by Gitanjali Medical College and Hospital, Udaipur. Dr Ashutosh Dhanuka, a plomienologist and critical care specialist, provided free consultation while chest X-ray, examination of lungs by the spirometer, and maintenance of inhalers, complete information regarding asthma, etc. provided by the hospital free of cost.

Activists battle bidi lobby on social media urging PM to include it in demerit category of GST

New Delhi: India is on the edge of the historical tax reform. While the country trusts that the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Finance Minister will take right decisions for healthier India, it is important to note that no matter how hard bidi lobby is trying for lower rates in GST, countrymen are sure that bidi will not be exempted and will be taxed as other tobacco products.

Out of 12 lac deaths in India every year from tobacco, bidi alone is taking away 6 lac lives. It accounts for nearly 80 - 90 % of total smoked products in India. Number of bidis sold is 8 times the number of cigarettes.

"The Government should make all tobacco products prohibitively expensive in the GST era. There is no justification for giving any subsidy to any product that kills every second user prematurely," Dinesh Trivedi, Member of Parliament, former Union Railway Minister said. A recent letter from 108 cancer centers led by Dr RA Badwe, Director Tata Memorial Center, to PM Modi stated that "GST is a golden opportunity

to correct the historical aberrations in tobacco taxation in India.

In the interest of citizens of India, especially future generations, we sincerely urge you to put all tobacco products including bidis in the category of demerit goods."

"We are sure that the Hon'ble PM and FM will tax all tobacco products including bidi at the highest category in GST. Bidis are consumed by 9.2% of adult population & cigarettes by 5.7% as per the Global Adult Tobacco Survey. It is known that bidis account for a very high percentage of tobacco-related deaths and a product leading to 6 lacs deaths cannot be taxed at lower rates," said Dr Harit Chaturvedi, Chairman, Oncology, Max Hospital.

In PM Modi's dream of #SwasthaBharat, social media is the fastest way of reaching masses. A recent campaign by @VoTVIndia on twitter have messages for PM Modi demanding bidi to be in demerit category. These messages are urging PM Modi and FM Arun Jaitley to tax bidi in the



highest category. Some very graphic memes have been shared bringing out the reality of bidis. Nearly 87,164 people on Facebook engaged in conversations on this policy ask, comprising #OneTobaccoTax, reached out to approximately 1.3 million people. Till now, 1474 tweets have been sent out to PM Modi and FM Arun Jaitley, which have been viewed 283,757 times, asking for inclusion of Bidi under the highest GST rate

along with other tobacco products. Additionally, 747 #OneTobaccoTax supporters on an online flash mob generated tweets and posts to PM Modi, that were simultaneously viewed by 7,12,239 people on Twitter and Facebook. Ashwini Kumar Chaube, BJP MP from Buxar, Bihar, said: "As a former Health Minister of Bihar, I had banned gutka and raised taxes on tobacco products including bidi. I am sure the GST council will put all tobacco

products in the highest tax category. It will save millions of lives." As per one estimate, nearly 2.5 lac children are engaged in bidi rolling. Women constitute upto 95% of total employment in bidi manufacturing and all of them are in very poor condition. Infact, the U.S. Customs Service banned the import of bidis produced by Ganesh Bidi Works in Mangalore, India, after receiving evidence that the company uses child labor. The most

effective way to reduce tobacco use is to raise the tax on bidi. Higher prices reduces consumption and encourages users to quit. Studies of price elasticity in India find that a 10% increase in prices is estimated to reduce bidi consumption by 9.1%. Several Indian studies show that bidi smoking causes lung diseases, heart diseases, cancer, vascular diseases etc. Bidi smokers die almost a decade earlier than non users. A study conducted by the MOHFW and WHO show that the total economic cost attributable to tobacco use from all disease in India in the year 2011 amounted to staggering 1,04,500 crores. This loss is 1.16 percent of GDP and 12 percent more than combined state and central Government expenditure on health care in 2011. The total central excise revenue from all tobacco products in the year 2011 -12 amounted to only 17 percent of the estimated economic cost of Tobacco. Therefore, even in economic terms, loss from Tobacco is significantly more than revenue from Tobacco, a demerit good.

Chinese OBOR discussed in the European Parliament

New Delhi: A conference titled 'European Union and OBOR', hosted by the Brussels-based South Asia Democracy Forum (SADF), was held in the European Parliament (EP) on May 5, 2017. The objective of the conference was to discuss and understand the China-initiated 'One Belt One Road' (OBOR) project, Beijing's economic, geo-political and strategic motivations behind launching this initiative, and best responses by countries in the EU, to it. Moderated by Paulo Casaca, Executive Director of the SADF, among those who participated in the event were Ryszard Czarnecki, MEP and Vice-President of the EP, Fulvio Martusciello, MEP, Siegfried Wolf, Senior Researcher on OBOR at the SADF, and Mehran Marri, Baloch representative to the EU. In his opening remarks, Casaca spoke of the need for greater clarity on OBOR, in view of its still ambiguous nature, and the rapid pace at which it was being used by China to make economic and strategic inroads into Europe.

Providing a perspective, Siegfried Wolf described

OBOR as the most ambitious foreign policy initiative undertaken by China since 1949, and highlighted the fact that through this mega-project, China aimed to build a multi-polar world conducive to its national interests, using its economic prosperity over the previous decades to create more political and strategic space for itself, internationally. Discussing the various components of OBOR, he stated that while China describes it in relatively altruistic terms, namely as being based on the principles of mutual benefit and win-win, many of the participating countries and partners like the EU, remain sceptical. Identifying the drawbacks of OBOR, he stated that it had no formal institutional structure, China preferred to negotiate through bilateral arrangements with individual states rather than multilaterally, there was a lack of transparency in decision-making, leading to corruption, and China preferred negotiating with the national elite in the countries concerned, to the exclusion of local actors, leading to resistance from within. He also highlighted the fact

that OBOR had long-term geopolitical and strategic implications for Europe, creating political and economic dependencies, accompanied by the real threat of poorer EU states succumbing to the political leverage exercised by China, through massive infrastructure investments.

In his address, Ryszard Czarnecki, MEP, cautioned European countries not to take at face value, Chinese claims that OBOR would result in a win-win situation for all partners. He drew specific attention to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship OBOR project being implemented on the ground, which had run into deep opposition from locals, who saw it as a means of further exploiting their resources, in keeping with the Chinese track record in Africa.

In his remarks, Fulvio Martusciello, MEP, referred to the currently stalled Belgrade-Budapest railway project, and stated that the unscrupulous methods adopted by China only further confirmed suspicions about the long-term objectives of OBOR. He opined

that through OBOR, China would not only acquire companies in Europe, it would also try and impose Chinese regulations, standards and gradually increase its influence over countries in the region, making their economic growth dependent on China.

In his remarks, Mehran Marri referred to the first-hand experience of local Pakistani communities and the Baloch people, through whose lands the CPEC was passing, and highlighted their suffering and repression at the hands of the Pak army.

Holding up the mirror to countries in Europe hoping to benefit from OBOR, he stated that as the CPEC experience clearly showed, China was not driven by any altruistic motives, and was not promoting OBOR to improve the lives of the local people. On this occasion, a short film on opposition to the CPEC in Pakistan, was also screened.

The event, held days ahead of the Belt and Road Summit in Beijing, witnessed a lively discussion, and was attended by MEPs, diplomats, academics, opinion-makers and journalists.

Flood relief services in California by Bapuji Ashram



Udaipur: Flood relief services and support from volunteers of Sant Asharamji Bapuji Ashram, a non profit volunteer organization has received wide appreciation from the flood victims, community and non profit organizations.

The San Jose flooding resulted from Coyote Creek overflow due to winter storms and caused severe disruptions and evacuation of more than 14000 people from their homes, several of them by boats.

Ashram volunteers provided services including transportation assistance, snacks/meals distribution clothing and yoga and meditation workshops on many occasions starting from February to April. Many devotees of Sant Shri Asharamji Bapuji even celebrated Avtaran Divas or Divine Birth Day of Puja Bapuji by serving the flood victims.

Gloria Teerman from the community center, Ernesto Machua from HomeFirst expressed their gratitude on behalf of the city of San Jose to Bapuji for His Blessings and compassion.

Army recruitment rally in Udaipur

Udaipur: Army recruitment rally will be held in Udaipur from 20th to 30th May. The candidates of Jodhpur, Pali, Pratapgarh, Banswara, Dungarpur, Udaipur, Barmer, Jaisalmer, Sirohi and Jalore will participate in the rally.

During the army recruitment rally, recruitment will be done on the posts of Soldier General, Military Clerk, SKT, Soldier Nursing Assistant, Sainik Technical and Soldier Trademen posts. A detailed program of Army Recruitment Rally will be available on the website from April 7.

42-Member Rajasthan Team Departs In Kudo National Competition

Udaipur: A 42-member Rajasthan team left for Khandala to participate in the Kudo Mix Marshal Art National Championship to be held from 6th to 11th May.

North India's Koodo director and Rajasthan Kudo Chairman Renshi Rajkumar Menaria said that a training camp was organized before departure. Out of 126 players from Rajasthan, only 42 Kudo boys and girls were selected..

Bollywood star and Koodoo National Chairman Akshay Kumar will inaugurate this championship. Over 300 medals and national championship titles will be rewarded during competition. Menaria said that more than 1500 players from 22 states will participate in this competition of junior class boys and girls.

Golf@Heritage Girls' School

Udaipur: Heritage Girls' School is the first school in Rajasthan, where golf is played as a sport. A 7-day sports workshop was organized to train the girls for the game. International Referee Mrs. Manju Jhakhar gave training to girls.

On this occasion, Principal Tulsi Bhatia informed that the camp courses allow children to learn sports in a very helpful environment.

It follows a unique progress development pathway that focuses on promoting life and character skills as well as in the manner of game. These camps will help in ensuring the future of our game.

Adi Guru Shankaracharya 1229th Jaynti celebrated

Udaipur: Dsnam Goswami samaj celebrated 122 9th Jaynti of Adi Guru Shankaracharya Guru Maharaj temple with great pomp in the presence of all the Goswami family of Udaipur city at Hathi pole

The program started with the great Mangal kalash, Saubhayatra, before the Saubhayatra, in the presence of all the socialists on the Gangaur Ghat, the worship of the mangal kalash was performed, on the glorious chariot, the image of Shri Shankaracharya etc. was placed with the Puja Archana later saint sitted in the feet of Shankaracharya.

On two horses in front of the chariot, the youth of the society Jitendra Puri and Ramanpuri were running; Udaipur Rural MLA phool singh Meena and senior leader of Bharatiya Janata Party Pramod Samar welcomed Saubhayatra as arrived at reaching Jagdish Chowk president Gajendra Puri Goswami Secretary Harish Puri Goswami welcomed garlanded the Jnpratidhiyon welcome Subayatra the places The people of the society welcomed the flowers by showering flowers.

After reaching the Maldas Street of Saubhayatra, the flower was received on the photo of Shankaracharya ji Maharaj by Mahant Suresh Giri Ji Maharaj and received a grand welcome, Sant Salomani Suresh ji Maharaj's Deputy Secretary Tarun Puri, Vice President of society Trilok Puri, Rajesh Bharti welcomed the wreaths. During the Saubhayatra, the women of the society were singing songs by heading Mangal kalash and the youths



of the society and the entire society were holding the saffron wings in the hands of the entire society, while keeping the saffron wings in the throat and walking around cheering the Guru Shankaracharya.

Sabbhayatra concludes with gala reception and flower showers on the Guru Maharaj temple located in Hathipol. Finally etc. Maha Aarti Guru Shankaracharya Ji went to perform in the presence of all the saints. In the end, the Sneh Bhoja was organized by the social organization. Mrs. Vagat Devi, Mrs. Narayani Devi, Geeta Goswami vidushi Goswami, Priyanka Goswami, Shreya Goswami, Gargi Goswami, LAXITA Bharti, Neha Bharti, Uma Goswami, fragrance Goswami, Pallavi Goswami were felicitated.

Mahilao ko mila Samman, Yahi hai Ujjwala ki Pehchan

Minister of State (I/C) for Petroleum and Natural gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the media on the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas here today.

Shri Pradhan said that the PMUY has surpassed the targets for the financial year 2016-17 in terms of installing new connections. Over 2.20 Crore connections have been given in the first year of its launch scheme to BPL families as per the SECC 2011 data. This has surpassed the target of 1.5 Cr connections for the financial year. PMUY was launched on 1st May, 2016 at Ballia, Uttar Pradesh by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. In the financial year 2016-17, Oil Marketing Companies have given 3.25 Cr new connections across the country. This is the highest ever LPG connections released in any given year. Today the total number of active LPG consumer has crossed 20 Crore. This has been a quantum jump from 14 Cr in the year 2014 he said. Shri Pradhan said that the LPG demand in the country has registered a growth rate of more than 10%. More than 4,600 new distributors have been added in the last 3 years which have come up primarily in rural areas.