

# Mandir, Masjid, Gurudwara join hands to clean river in Uttar Pradesh

**Sitapur:** In the small Maholi town in Sitapur district, Uttar Pradesh, people of different faith have come together for a common cause—to clean the polluted Kathina river. Maholi, a small town in UP is setting an extraordinary example where a temple, a mosque and a gurdwara, have joined hands to clean a polluted river while bringing their communities together.

With inter-community violence reported from many parts of India in a society increasingly polarised on religious and caste lines, a small town in Uttar Pradesh is setting an extraordinary example where a temple, a mosque and a gurdwara have joined hands to clean a polluted river, while bringing their communities



together. About 100 km from the state capital Lucknow is Maholi town

in district Sitapur. Here lies an old Shiva and a Radha-Krishna temple along with Pragya

Satsang Ashram and a mosque, all at a stone's throw of each other.

Along the periphery of this amalgamated religious campus, passes a polluted river

called Kathina, that merges into the highly polluted Gomti River, a tributary of the mighty but polluted Ganga.

Often used as dumping site by dozens of villages and devotees, the stink from Kathina was increasing daily. The solution—Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb (a term used for a fusion of Hindu and Muslim elements)—of Awadh.

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Due to lack of awareness, people had been dumping solid and bio waste here, and also doing open defecation. The situation was worsening. Only solution was to start cleaning it ourselves," said Swami Vignand Saraswati, head of the Pragya Satsang Ashram, as he inspects the river stretch along with Muhammad Haneef, head of the mosque's managing committee.

Swami said that once the ashram and temple administration began rallying volunteers for the cleaning drive, the mosque also came around to

help. Even Maholi's Sikh gurdwara committee came forward and brought along many volunteers from the Sikh community.

"Once the communities came together, number of volunteers multiplied. The initiative has now become a kind of an environment-movement which is being driven by religious fervor and bonding. Watching our efforts, the local administration also offered help, and other unions like traders and Sikh gurdwara committee also joined hand for cleaning the river," Swami told IANS, pointing out the potential of possibilities when different communities join hands for good.

## Congress protest against rising prices of petrol, water and electricity

**Udaipur:** In protest against an unprecedented increase in petrochemicals, water and electricity hikes Udaipur congress staged a Dharna, raised slogans against Government under the leadership of Udaipur City and District Congress Committee.

Dio presidents Gopal Krishna Sharma and Lalsingh Jhalal led the protest. During protest the effigy was burnt and the memorandum was handed over to the District Collector.

Speaking on the occasion, former MP Raghuvir Singh Meena said that since the BJP government has been formed, the government has worked on the policy of increasing inflation.

The government did not reduce the prices of petrol and diesel even when petrol prices were reduced in international rates. Increasing the prices of petrol and diesel by the BJP government has made transport costlier, which has resulted in an increase in the prices of food items.

The BJP state government has increased the rates of electricity by 37 percent and also had an unanticipated hike of 17 percent in the water year last

year, and also implemented a provision of 10 percent increase annually, thereby increasing the rates of water and The economic burden on all consumers increased.

Congress spokesman Feroz Ahmad Shaikh said that in the memorandum demanded relief to the common man after taking back the increased rates of public interest.

On this occasion, former MP Raghuvir Singh Meena, former MLA Sajjan Katara, Trilok Purabia, Mangilal Garasia, Gajendra Singh Shaktavat, Secretary of State Congress Committee Pankaj Kumar Sharma, PCC member Suresh Suthar, Suresh Shrimali, Dinesh Shrimali, Babulal Jain, Gopal Nagar, Chanda Suhalka, Kamini Gujar, Abhimanyu Singh Jhalla, Arjun Rajora etc. addressed the gathering.

Hundreds of activists and office bearers including Block President Puran Manaria, Mujib Siddiqui, Chandra Singh Kothari, Jaiprakash Nimavat, Dinesh Dave were present on the occasion.

The meeting was conducted by Ganesh Rajora and thanks given Harish Sharma.

## A Second Line of Leadership Readied By Rahul

**New Delhi:** New Congress president Rahul Gandhi is giving more responsibility to young people while not compromising on the experience of the seniors.

The word 'change' is the most talked-about word among Congress party members these days. The first question any party worker and leader will ask after meeting you is "what is happening", "Whose name is being considered and who will be dropped".

Those holding some crucial posts for long, appear to be a worried lot. It is very clear that the Congress is passing through a phase of change with Sonia Gandhi giving way to Rahul Gandhi. New Congress president Rahul minces no word in saying that "change is now". In his concluding address at the party's 84th plenary session held recently in Delhi, Rahul not only conveyed this but also spelled out what he meant by change. "We need to change the organisation and let me tell you how we will change the organisation. Our workers who are sitting at the back, they have the energy and the strength to change the nation but we have a wall between these workers and our leaders. My first job is to break down this wall. We have to break this wall, not with anger but with love and with respect for our seniors" are the words of Rahul Gandhi.

After the plenary, a few changes have already taken place and every appointment gives out the message that Rahul Gandhi has a clear picture in his mind of what kind of Congress party he is looking for in future. The Congress president is giving more responsibility to young people while not compromising on the experience of seniors.

Those who have been given the charge of states are a relatively younger lot and have won several elections. These leaders enjoy good connect with grassroot level party workers. Though the base for any appointment appears to be their hard work, aggression is another feature that is also being kept in mind. Says a Congressman, in all these states the party needs aggression and these leaders are very aggressive.

"If you see the new appointments, then you will find that these people are in the age group of around 50 and they have won several elections. So, it appears that Rahul Gandhi wants to hand over control of the party to new people but not to the extremely new ones. He wants change without compromising on experience," says a senior party functionary.

Recently Shaktisinh Gohil, who was at the forefront of the Congress campaign in the Gujarat assembly elections, has been given charge of the

crucial state of Bihar. Earlier, former Union Minister Dr CP Joshi, who is much older than Gohil, was in-charge of the state. Similarly, former Union Minister Jitender Singh, a young and energetic leader, was given charge of Odisha and he took over from veteran BK Hariprasad. MP Rajeev Satav has been given charge of Gujarat, taking over from Ashok Gehlot. Ambika Soni, another senior member, was replaced by Anugrah Narayan Singh as Uttarakhnd in-charge. On these appointments, one of the state leaders said, "Those who have been given the charge of states are a relatively younger lot and have won several elections." He went on to say that "these leaders enjoy a good connect with grassroot level party workers". Though the base for any appointment appears to be the person's hard work, aggression is also being kept in mind while assigning the responsibility.

Another Congressman says, "In all these states like Bihar, Gujarat and Odisha, the party needs aggression and the new leaders appointed are very aggressive".

Rahul has given out a very clear message that no person with any baggage will be accommodated and people

with clean track records will be entrusted with more responsibility. Rahul wants his team to be technology savvy and comfortable in handling social media operations by themselves. However the Congress president is moving ahead very cautiously as he doesn't want

to oversee the crucial state of Karnataka with KC Venugopal. Mahender Joshi was replaced by Lalji Desai as the Chief Organiser of the Congress Seva Dal. All these appointments say that a second line of leadership is being readied.

To use the experience of

Rajasthan.

"In all meetings of political organisations, you will not find an empty stage (pointing towards stage) like this. Come all youths of India who are in the Congress and outside, I have this stage empty for you. I will fill this stage with youths



to antagonise the seniors, lest he be deprived of their vast experience. Another Congressman says that it is not that Rahul has gone for a complete overhaul; he is just preparing a second line of leadership but not at the cost of the seniors. Chandan Yadav was given charge of Chhattisgarh which was earlier being looked after by Kamleshwar Patel, and Yashomati Thakur was asked

the senior leaders, Ashok Gehlot has been given the responsibility of organisation and training which was earlier held by veteran Janardan Dwivedi. While giving this crucial responsibility to Ashok Gehlot, Rahul kept in mind the former's vast working experience in the party as he had been in-charge of crucial states like Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, apart from governing

like you. I will drag you from there to this stage," said Rahul in his last speech at the plenary. The message of change was very loud and clear as the show was conducted by the young brigade. The appointments also show that steering of the various units of the organisation is being handed over to new ones. The change is visible.

Courtesy National Herald

## A SAFE WORKPLACE EVERY WOMEN'S RIGHT

Gender equality is well stated in the Indian Constitution and the Fundamental Rights, amongst others. It makes certain equal opportunity and equal protection, ruling out discrimination on the grounds of sex, and thus facilitating equality of opportunity to all citizens in areas relating to employment.

The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 has been initiated to support the Constitutional mandate and to guard women from sexual harassment at workplace. The legislation is chiefly based on the guiding principle laid down by the Supreme Court of India in a milestone judgment in 1997. It enforces several duties on employers to offer a safe working environment for women and set structure for conformity and revelation.

Employers Should Have A Complaints Committee In Place

All employers with a workplace of ten or more employees must form an Internal Complaints Committee by an order in writing. In case when the offices or administrative units are situated at 'different places' a committee must be

formed at each unit or office. However, the legislation does not clarify whether 'different places' means different cities, or different states, or different areas in the same city. So employers may look at constituting at least one committee in each geographic location but area offices in the same city could have a common committee.

The committee is in charge for carrying out an investigation into complaints of sexual harassment as per the legislation and prescribed rules. The employer's primary duty is to conduct workshops and awareness programmes to sensitize employees, and jointly the employer and committee should take combined course of action to raise awareness. The legislation gives a wide definition of sexual harassment, which entails any unwelcome act or behaviour, whether direct or implied, and which amongst others cover sexually charged remarks, and verbal or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature. Additionally, the legislation lays out certain situations which make wider the scope of sexual harassment, such as intrusion with work and building a threatening or unfriendly work environment.

### Akhtar Khan is now new IFWJ President

**Udaipur:** Akhtar Khan, a senior journalist of LackCity, was appointed the District President of IFWJ (Indian Federation of Working Journalist) Udaipur unit.

State President of the Indian Federation of Working Journalists, Upendra Singh Rathod has entrusted the responsibility of working for the interests of working journalists working in Udaipur While giving appointment letters to senior journalist Akhtar Khan.

Newly appointed Akhtar Khan will soon announce the functioning of Udaipur district and sub-division.

It is notable that the Indian Federation of Working Journalists (IFWJ) is the only organization of journalists in the country. Who has always been a struggling journalist for interests and welfare of others. On the appointment of Khan, all the journalists of the district have expressed their happiness.

### 3 students of GITS Selected as



### Assistant Systems Engineer

**Udaipur:** Two students of B.Tech Electronics Engineering and 1 student of Computer Engg., were selected in TCS On the annual package of 3.36 lakhs for the post of assistant system engineer in the company.

Training and Placement Head of the Institute Arvind Singh Pamawat told that TCS India's multinational company, which has been providing its services in 46 countries in the field of

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Information Technology since 1968. Institute director Dr. Vikas Mishra and Finance Controller Babu Lal Jangir wished for the bright future of selected students.

### Lake City Models Khushi Ostwal in video song Juda Juda

**Udaipur:** Beautiful model Khushi Ostwal will soon be seen in the upcoming video talk of SMP Production. Khushi Ostwal has done many videos in the past.

Khushi Ostwal will be seen with Tony Thakur in the video song Juda Juda. It is a romantic love song. Tony Thakur, who is appearing with Khushi, is also a model. This video song, produced under SMP production, has been directed by Hitendra Sharma.

### Maheep Bhatnagar is new president

**Udaipur:** Professor Maheep Bhatnagar and Vishal Gupta will assume the office of president and secretary of Rotary Club Uday's year 2018-19.

Club President Rajesh Chugh said that the newly formed executive committee of the session will start functioning from 1 July will also be announced.

In the newly formed executive, the outgoing president Rajesh Chugh, vice president Mohit Rameja, joint secretary Deepesh Hemanani, treasurer Bhopendra Rajwaniya, club trainer Ritu Vaishnav, advisor Shalini Bhatnagar, fundraising director KC Diwakar, membership director Purushottam Dubey, community service director Rakesh Gupta, Literacy Director Bharti Sharma, wins Director Ashok Lijra, Foundations Director Sunil Khatri, Sergeant at Arms Sakshi Dodja and publicity and club image director Dinesh Gotwal have been nominated.

### Poster of the Sarvadharm mass marriages released

**Udaipur:** Home Minister Gulabchand Kataria, while addressing issues related to the ward in Nohara of Boerwadi, released the poster of Sarva Dharm marriage ceremony organized by the Life Progressive Society on 13th May at the Bhandari Darshak Mandap. Society Sadar Dr. Khalil Agawani said that on this occasion, collector Bishnu Charan Malik, UIT Chairman Ravindra Shrimali, former Mayor Smt. Rajni Dangi, additional district collector SP Sharma, Haji Mohammed Baksh, Salim Khan, Salim Hussein and several Athinagin were present.

### Cancer Talks @ GBH



**Udaipur:** Health Talks were held at GBH Memorial Cancer Hospital, Bedwas on World Health Day. Members of various voluntary organizations of the city were present in this event.

Dr. Anand Jha, Group Director, oceanologists Dr. Manoj U. Mahajan gave information on cancer symptoms, causes, & prevention through a presentation. He said that cancer can be detected by early symptoms, for that awareness is necessary. Dr. Nilesh Patra from the Department of Medicine, gave information about diabetes and blood pressure. The program was conducted by the privileged officer Ashish Sharma. Project coordinator Vivek Agrawal and Yashoda Pandya were also present at this juncture.