

## Dr. Alaknanda Sharma: Accurate Astrological Forecasts

Well known for her accurate astrological forecasts and deep knowledge of Vastu, Dr. Alaknanda Sharma, HOD, Jyotish and VastuSansthan, JNR Vidyapeeth, Udaipur is a native of Jodhpur. She had her school education in Jodhpur and Chennai. Her graduation in arts in 1994 is from MLSU, PG in Archeology and Indian Culture in 1998 is from Rajasthan Vidyapeeth and Ph.D. in the Development of Astrology and Astronomy in 2010 from the same university. She is the first lady in Rajasthan to study this field. She is also a gold medalist in diploma course of Astrology.

As part of her Ph.D., she determined the period of writers of some books like Kautilya's Arthashastra and construction of temples like those at Jagat, Nagda and Devsime on the basis of astronomy. The conclusions tallied with those arrived at by historians. Several books authored by her include those on her field of her Ph.D., Dravid temple style and a workbook on preparing horoscopes. She has also participated in several seminars, conferences, workshops at state and national level and published her papers in reputed research journals.



\*A separate Jyotish and VastuSansthan was started in 2013. It runs a two-year MA course in Jyotiragyan for graduates and a three-year degree course for senior secondary passed students. Those who have passed class 12th can take one-year diploma courses in Jyotish and Vastu. Secondary passed students can offer 6th months certificate courses in Jyotish, Vastu or PoojaPadhiti and Karmakand. As also a three-month Hastarekha certificate course. Enumerating the advantages of these courses, Dr. Alaknanda says that they would enable students to prepare accurate horoscopes which in turn results in taking right decisions about education, business, construction of houses, prevention and cure of diseases and doing Karmakanda with right pronunciation.

Till now 40% of the students have got placement while the remaining ones are working on their own. As there is no age limit for students and classes are held in the afternoon, different kinds of persons like administrative officers, engineers, college students etc. are on roll. The number of women has also increased and they find the courses worthwhile. Young students are also very enthusiastic.

\*Free consultation camps are organized in which the services of experts are available and students get practical training. In a research project, the impact on Havan, Rudrapath, And Durgapath was studied and it was found to be highly positive for the participants as well as for the environment. All these efforts were highly appreciated by UGC and NAC teams.

Dr. Alaknanda's day begins with meditation and Mantra Jap followed by study. Then she spends time with her clients and suggests only simple, inexpensive and appropriate remedies. Her focus is on charity. She likes to prepare showpieces etc. from waste material. Old songs are her favorite. Her role model is her father Yugalkishor Sharma from whom she has learned to be meticulous. She is all praise for full support of husband Krishan Gopal Sharma, who is simple, highly tolerant and an excellent 'Sadhak'. She feels highly grateful to him and her family for their full support. He runs K.G. Tours and Travels with his son Hardik. She says that she has also the blessing of several reputed experts and has been fully supported by the Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. S.S. Sarangdevot and all her team. She would like to be known as a person who is calm and fully contented, Young and sincere, Dr. Alaknanda is a highly respected person in the field of Astrology and Vastu.

- Ashok Mathur

## Loan fair for the empowerment of women

**Mumbai:** Kalyan Agrad loan fair was organized for women's empowerment in Sai Marriage Hall at Malang Road, Kalyan East, by Riddhi Siddhi Welfare and Charitable Trust, Udaipur and Kalyan Welfare Trust. In order to establish self-employment, about 20 women were given loans of 15-15 thousand. Presiding over the program, chairman of the trust, Lalit Tiwari said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is empow-



ering women with various schemes, in this episode the Trust has given its contribution. The credit facility has been provided for standing. Lenin Murali, chairman of Kalyan Trust, said that during the program, ration material was provided to 250 poor families, excluding elderly people of the Ashram numbering 500 poor people were provided food. Simultaneously, a complete understanding of the schemes being run for women was told by the members of society present in the ceremony. Trustees Intrustishaan Paddy, Hemendra Singh Rawal, Mohammed Abbas Nilgir, Ayub Mirasi, Suhail Khan, Manish Chaurasia, Praveen Barua, Ram Sharma etc. were present.

**Cultural presentations** - In order to provide a healthy environment, dance shows presented by the artists of Maharashtra of their own culture were presented. The program was inaugurated by Lalit Tiwari and Lenin Murali by lighting the lamp.

## Awareness Campaign on Water Harvesting at MMPS

**Udaipur:** Maharana Mewar Public School, August 30, 2018. A Water Harvesting Awareness Campaign Session was organized at Maharana Mewar Public School August 30, 2018 which was attended by Interact Club Members of the School. The Guest on the occasion, Dr. P.C. Jain (MBBS), a recipient of various accolades for his work in the field of De-addiction and Water Harvesting emphasized on the need to conserve water in the wake of growing water crisis and the dearth of qualitative water. He urged the students to make judicious use of this precious resource and spread the message of water harvesting.

# HISTORICAL REGIONAL EVENT IN THE STATE: BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES ACCEPTED CHARTER OF DEMANDS SUBMITTED BY CHILDREN FOR THEIR MANIFESTO



**Udaipur:** The historical event was conducted to discuss upon the priority issues and problems faced by children which must be included in the manifesto of different political parties in the upcoming assembly elections of Rajasthan. In order to pitch the issues and problems among various political parties, and incorporate those points in their manifestos, the campaign was launched with the name "Dasham - Bacchoka Maang Patra / Children charter of demands" by BAL SURAKSHA NETWORK Udaipur in joint collaboration with UNICEF and RESOURCE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JAIPUR.

As a part of the campaign, the first divisional level workshop was organized at the Youth Hostel, Khelgaon, Udaipur from 31st August to 1st September 2018. The vision of the workshop was to organize different events at block, district and regional level on the issues of child protection and forward crucial issues to the major political parties. The workshop

was attended by more than 150 children from different blocks of the region, representatives of agencies working for children's welfare and other concerned departments who together developed and presented the children charter of demands which are needed to be prioritized in the manifesto. Children along with experts had an intensive discussion through various interactive activities and presented the charter of demands during the closure part of the regional workshop which was accepted by both major political parties. Raghuvir Singh Meena, applauded this unique initiative and promised the children to include their demands' charter not only at the state but will put his efforts to take it to the national level manifesto of their party. Dinesh Bhatt, District President of BJP expressed that BJP will surely take the children's charter from district level to the state committee. Laxmi Narayan Pandya, Ex. Up Zila Pramukh, Udaipur expressed that the issues of children should not be party-

centric but it is everyone's obligation. Sindhu Benarji, representative of UNICEF Rajasthan expressed her effort for organizing such an event for the first time in Rajasthan. Following this, Dr. Shailendra Pandya, Convener of Bal Suraksha Network briefed about activities conducted throughout the workshop. Dr. Rajkumar Bhargava, member of Child Welfare Committee admired the efforts of organizing a regional level event focusing on the welfare of children. Dr. Veena Dwivedi, Professor from Udaipur School of Social Work, Vijay Goyal and Mahesh Kumar Sharma, Rajasthan Child Rights Campaign, Dr. Shipa Mehta, Foster Care Society, B.K. Gupta, Child Welfare Committee Udaipur, Subhash Joshi, Secretary Gayatri Seva Sansthan and Marjorie from Unnati Sansthan also presented their views and appreciated this first ever historical event in the state. Dr. Shailendra Pandya, Child Protection Specialist and

Convener of Bal Suraksha Network addressed and presented the audience with demands emerged out from the two-day regional workshop and informed that the experts will send out the detailed report of the Charter of Demands to all political parties.

Issues to be included in the charter of demands

1. 43% of the population in Rajasthan is under 18 years of age, which is approximately half of the total population. But the total budget allocated for the children is 18%; this should be increased.
2. According to the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), formulation of Child Protection Committees is essential at the block and the district level but very less work has been done in this direction. The government shall ensure that these Child Protection Committees will be created at all levels.
3. If tribal children of Southern Rajasthan are empowered towards sports activities then definitely many players can reach and perform at International level. Therefore, government shall establish Sports Academy in Udaipur district.
4. Majority of the tribelive in forest areas. Many times, Forest department displaces them without keeping in mind the appropriate living conditions for the children which affects all the children of the family. The government shall ensure safety and protection of the children prior to any such displacement processes or actions.

5. It shall be ensured that Child help line is established in both urban and rural areas of every district.

6. At all divisional and district level, it shall be ensured that necessary homes (children's home, shelter homes, girls' home) are established for children with care and protection needs.

7. On the basis of excellent and ideal schools, Bal Mitra Village

Counseling centers shall be established for Adolescents at the district level.

13. In every school and hostel where girls are studying, it shall be compulsory to have female teacher and female warden.

14. All talented students shall be provided with scholarships, sports and other paid benefits regardless of their caste. In the closure, Bhojraj Singh



Panchayat shall be formulated under Panchayati Raj Institutions.

8. To ensure provisions given under Right to Education Act (RTE) are followed, especially Teacher-Pupil ratio, separate toilets for boys and girls, quality nutrition and effective implementation of Bal Sansad.

9. Rajasthan Government shall be determined towards the aim of creating Rajasthan a Child labor and Child Beggar-free state.

10. Education system shall also add and focus on vocational studies and life skills (Physical changes/Health).

11. There shall be an appointment of Pediatrician and Gynecologist in government hospitals at the block level.

12. De-Addiction and

Padmapura, the Coordinator of Bal Suraksha Network, expressed his gratitude and thanked UNICEF, Save the Children, Plan International, World Vision, Gayatri Seva Sansthan, Shree Aasra Vikas Sansthan, Seva Mandir, Foster Care Society, Mahan Seva Sansthan, Airt Sansthan, Child Welfare Committee and students and teachers from various government and private schools including Balika Griha Chittorgarh, Nirashrit Bal Griha Udaipur, Upper Primary Residential Government School, and Ashraya Griha of Shree Aasra Vikas Sansthan for giving their valuable time and suggestions, and active participation in the workshop which turned it into a vibrant event.

# Demonstration against the unlawful arrest of Human Right Activists, Writers, poets and Lawyers

**Dr. Hemendra Chandalia**

**Udaipur:** A public protest was staged on Thursday, 30th August in front of the Collector's Office, Udaipur to oppose the unlawful arrest of Human Right Activists, Writers, poets and Lawyers in different parts of the country by Maharashtra Police in connection with Bhima-Koregaon violence in the month of January. The left parties including Communist Party of India, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Communist Party of India (ML) Liberation, Janta Dal (S) and Loktantrik Adhikarevam Sadbhavana Manch along with writers, poets, journalists and university professors participated in the protest demonstration. A memorandum addressed to the President of India was submitted to the district administration demanding immediate release of those arrested and withdrawal of all cases registered against them.

Addressing the gathering at the demonstration Rajesh Singhvi, city secretary of CPIM said that the government has not arrested the real accused mentioned in the FIR related to Bhima-Koregaon incident but has arrested those who



were not even remotely connected with the violence there. He said that this step is taken just to frighten people who are supporting the poor, tribals and dalits in the country. State Committee member of CPI (ML) Shanker Lal Chaudhary said that it is an attempt to intimidate those who are standing in support of the tribal population against the plunder of natural resources by the corporate. Almost all the human rights activists have been forced to move out of

Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. He said that the present regime is a fascist regime which needs to be thrown out of power. Journalist Himmat Seth said that it is a bid to silence the dissenting voices. There is a need to support them because it is not an attack on one, two or five individuals, but it is an attack on democracy. Poet, journalist and professor of English Dr. Hemendra Chandalia said that the arrest of poets, professors and activists is an attack on the

constitution of India. Those who want to change the constitution and make India a Hindu state are playing this conspiratorial game. He said that the idea of connecting the names of people like Sudha Bhargava and Varvara Rao with an attempt to kill the Prime Minister is ridiculous. It is a lame excuse to create an atmosphere of horror and suppress the voice of reason. Former secretary of People's Union of Civil Liberties Advocate Arun Vyas said that the step taken by the government is worse than Emergency. It is a state of undeclared emergency. Secretary of CPI Mahesh Sharma, Founder of Bharshtachar Mukta Bharat Harish Suhalka, District secretary of CPIM Pratap Singh Deora, secretary of CITU Shamsheer Singh Nandwani, dalit activist P.R. Salvi, Premalata Chaudhary, secretary AIPWA, Piyush Joshi, Diploma Engineers Union, B.L. Chawal of Kisan Sabha, Ram Chandra Salvi of JD (S), Guman Singh Rao, Prof. L.R. Patel, Advocate Ramesh Nandwana, President PUCL and many other activists and people from democratic rights organizations participated in the demonstration.

## LIC Celebrates 62nd foundation day



**Udaipur:** The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) celebrated its 62nd Foundation Day on Saturday amid much fanfare. Luckily Udaipur division is also completing its 25th birthday also.

Senior Divisional Manager, Sanjay Bhargava dwelt on the achievements of the corporation on the occasion. Bhargava said the LIC, which symbolizes the faith and trust of millions of countrymen, was synonymous with life insurance as it is the market leader having 78% share of Indian insurance market in terms of the number of policies. With 29 crore individual policies, besides covering more than 9 crore people under group insurance and superannuation schemes and over 3 crore families under social security schemes, the LIC is the largest insurance company in the world in terms of the number of customers,

Bhargava said. The corporation has also extended its services at several offshore destinations, including UK, Fiji, Mauritius, Bahrain, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Singapore, he said, adding LIC posted a robust performance in terms of corporate governance benchmark. On corporate social responsibility (CSR) front, it has collaborated with several state governments providing social security schemes to BPL families for their financial inclusion.

On this auspicious occasion, a grand "Insurance Week" is being held from 1st September to 7th September. Udaipur Mandal is also celebrating the 25th year of its establishment in the form of Silver Jayanti Year. Under this, each employee and agent is determined to do their best. The week-long ceremony has begun with press meet in which officials told about the achievements of LIC as well as more about cancer policy.

## SAP India and FORTI Udaipur Emphasize 'Growth Matters' to Emerging Businesses in Udaipur

**Udaipur:** SAP SE (NYSE: SAP) announced the next leg of 'Growth Matters' initiative for emerging businesses in Udaipur through 'Dare to Dream' awards, in association with Federation



of Rajasthan Trade & Industry (FORTI) Udaipur Division. The exclusive platform aims to recognize & celebrate organizations and leaders from Udaipur who have demonstrated exemplary success in their industries. The Growth Matters Network is a vibrant community for small and midmarket business topics and is aimed at businesses to engage on ideas and network with industry leaders, to inspire them to think and dream big in the digital era through sharing of success stories.

Dinesh Gothwal says "The 'Dare to Dream Awards' will help businesses in Udaipur demonstrate the amazing work that they have been doing, while offering others a chance to learn from their experiences and adopt best practices. We aim to effectively contribute to the cause of Small and Medium Scale Industries, both economically & socially and our partnership with SAP will act as a catalyst to the industries in Udaipur and fuel their growth, prosperity and competitive edge in the digital age".

As part of the methodical process, nominations were received from organizations in Udaipur's industry cluster. Based on the application and criteria, FORTI & Jury identified the top 15 who were felicitated at the 'Dare to Dream' awards.

"To truly succeed in this rapidly evolving economy, it is critical for SMEs to go digital now," said Pradip Sharma, Head - Commercial Sales Business, SAP India. "As an initiative, 'Growth Matters' is our effort to enable companies to take their business to the next level by intelligently connecting people, things and business. SAP will continue to be the partner of choice of Udaipur's organizations who are determined to grow and transform their businesses".