

The Election Time

The long-awaited dates of assembly elections have been announced in Rajasthan a four other states namely Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Telangana, and Chhatisgarh. And the media has got material for the next few weeks. The opinion polls and surveys, promises-verification, and political equations all will be expounded carefully. And you are expected to believe the same and take your voting decision accordingly. This has been a trend always. Nowadays media news channels have to take the responsibility to analyze on your behalf. Of course, they have experts with them besides having a highly influential platform. Amid all this, you are nowhere.

As a common man of the country who technically should be at the helm of the process is only a resource required to cast a vote in favor of a party on the given day. The imbraglio of today's situation is not contrived deliberately but has become a norm gradually. Democracy allows you to take one decision

to vote and the government takes the rest of the decisions. You do not have further say. This is the system, and it cannot be changed overnight. But, the one decision you make is your real power. Because the story starts rolling from there only. Needless to say, vote carefully.

People generally have their favorites everywhere from movie actors to singers to politicians. And when the so-called fan is required to take a neutral decision, their favoritism plays on their minds, and they end up favoring their already favorites--this gives these players an immunity. They focus more on keeping their fans happy rather than focusing on what's right to be done in their capacity.

You just need to ask yourself if the representative you have decided to vote is a good person or not. You need to look around and take note of what has been done so far. Also, notice the promises the opponent parties are there with. Do you really think they will be a viable option or their poll promises are just limited to the polling day?

Remember, your decision not only affects you or the country at the moment, but it will also put an impact on the future of your children. You need cheaper education, good health services, and good economy to do good in the future.

Take a fair decision in favor of your country and children's future. You do not need to listen to anyone as what's been done is visible, what's been said is fathomable, and what's there in the future is predictable. Do ensure you and your family cast their votes. And keep your decision limited to you. There is no need to convince someone as everyone who is eligible to vote knows the power of good governance. Discussing political scenarios at home or in groups will only add to acrimony in your friends and family. In all cases, you need your friends and family to be with you. Stay loyal to your future as acrimony leads to nowhere.

Teachers to become champions for promoting tobacco free schools

North 24 Parganas (West Bengal) : A workshop for teachers was organised jointly by District Inspector of Schools North 24 Parganas, NarayanaSuperspeciality Hospital and Sambandh Health Foundation on Thursday (October 11) for making tobacco free schools at PrafullanagarVidyaMandir in Habra, North 24 Parganas (West Bengal).

The major objective of this workshop was to create champions among school teachers by sensitizing them on the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA)-2003 and its implementation at the school level by empowering them to promote tobacco free educational institutes for preventing initiation of tobacco consumption among students and also to motivate the school staff /parents/friends to Say No to Tobacco.

It is to be mentioned that in West Bengal, 2.3 crore of all adults either smoke or use smokeless tobacco; 1.5 lakh people die every year due to tobacco related diseases in West Bengal and 438 children start consuming tobacco daily in the State, which is an alarming fact. There were more than 200 participants including headmasters/headmistresses and teachers from all secondary schools across two blocks namely Habra-I and Habra-II and two municipalities including Habra and Ashok Nagar-Kalyangarh of North 24 Parganas district.

The participants were told about the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA). This Act prohibits smoking in public places, direct/indirect advertising and promotion, sale to/by minors, sale within 100 yards of schools and sale of tobacco-products without statutory warnings. All participants took part in group exercises to generate ideas and strategies for promoting Tobacco Free Schools. The feedback of the participating teachers was overwhelmingly positive and they said it was a unique and insightful session for understanding the tobacco menace and have motivated them to play an important role in this campaign.

All participants took an anti-tobacco pledge on this occasion. This workshop will also help in gaining attention of the school education department for taking action towards making tobacco free schools across the state of West Bengal.

The workshop was held with active participation, support and coordination from ShriSuvajitChattopadhyay, District Inspector of Schools North 24 Parganas; ShriSatyajitBiswas, President award winner teacher and ShriSujoyGhosh, Sub Inspector of Schools and Nodal officer for this event.

Shri Dhiman Roy, MLA from Ashoknagar said, "I express my heartfelt gratitude to Sambandh Health Foundation for taking up this excellent initiative for creating tobacco free schools, I also appeal to all teachers to come forward and take pledge for educating the students to stay away from tobacco and themselves become role models for this cause". Dr. ApurvaGarg, Oncologist of NarayanaSuperspeciality Hospital explained the sufferings of tobacco victims and their families. He also focused on warning signals of cancer & tobacco use. He said, "My patients, who undergo major oral cancer surgeries, undergo huge trauma, financial ruin & loss for the family and almost 50% do not survive more than a year. They all repent why they consumed tobacco."

Eminent filmmaker ShriShiboprosad Mukherjee said, "We, me and Nandita Roy, as responsible human beings have always felt that our work should always have a message that actually affects human lives for the better.

Food Delivery App Uber Eats launched

Udaipur: After successful launches in Jaipur and Jodhpur, Uber Eats - the world's largest food delivery network, launched operations in Udaipur its third city in Rajasthan on October 1. Connecting people to the food they love, Uber Eats will offer consumers in the city a variety of cuisines to choose from which will be delivered to their doorstep. Consumers in Jodhpur will be able to order their favourite food at the tap of a button by downloading the Uber Eats app on their mobile phones. In the launch phase in Udaipur, Uber Eats has partnered with over 100 of the most loved restaurants of the city such as 1559 AD, Jagdish Mishtan Bhandar, Khamma Ghani, Z27 by Cafe Lakecity, Le Cakery, RaajBagh and many more.

The service will be available in key neighbourhoods such as Ambamata, Sardarpura, Old City, Pichola, Roop Nagar and Fatehpura.

Commenting on the launch, Gaurav Malik, Associate General Manager - Uber Eats said, "There is a huge opportunity for Uber Eats in the city of Udaipur, a city filled with rich culture, heritage and food. We aim to provide consumers the ease of ordering in without the hassle of stepping out. At Uber Eats, our focus is on enabling cities to consume the food they love by leveraging our robust delivery network using the Uber Eats app. Over the next few weeks, our focus will be on bringing more restaurants onto our platform and expand our reach to more neighbourhoods in the city." Uber Eats has its own network of delivery partners which helps local restaurants reach new consumers and deliver their food quickly, efficiently and reliably. Offering a reliable delivery option, Uber Eats helps restaurants to expand their capacity and reach, to be able to service a whole new network

of potential consumers. "We are extremely excited to be a part of the Uber Eats network. We are confident that Uber's efficient and action driven team ensures seamless onboarding and we look forward to a great journey. Our combined effort to deliver the best quality food is what makes this partnership successful." - ArjunShaktawat, 1559 AD Uber Eats offers its delivery partners a flexible and reliable income opportunity on a schedule that works for them. Delivery partners work when they want, and deliver food on a bike. Uber Eats will be charging INR 10/- as delivery fee in Udaipur. As a launch offer, Uber Eats is giving consumers Rs. 75 off their 1st 2 Uber Eats orders. Consumers need to use the promo code 30TREAT to get 30% off 2 orders. Maximum discount value of INR 75. Getting started with Uber Eats is easy:



1. Download the Uber Eats app
2. Pick delivery location - Input your address where you would like your meal delivered
3. Find the perfect meal - Browse local restaurants or search by cuisine type, and sort according to price, dietary

4. Place your order - Pick the items you want right away or schedule your order to arrive at your convenience
5. Pay through PayTM or Cash

6. Track the progress of your delivery - Get updates as your order is prepared and track real-time as the order gets delivered to your destination.

Super Champ P V Sindhu launches Vodafone Sakhi

Vodafone Idea Limited, India's leading telecom service provider, today launched Vodafone Sakhi, a first-of-its kind mobile based safety service, designed exclusively for women. A bouquet of features including Emergency Alerts, Emergency Balance, and Private Number Recharge, provide safety measures through the mobile connection, to women customers using Vodafone pre-paid services across the country. It works across smartphones and feature-phones, even without any balance or mobile internet, thus ensuring that the service extends to millions of women in India.

Launching Vodafone Sakhi, P V Sindhu, renowned Badminton Star, Olympic medalist, Padma Shri & Arjuna Award Winner, said, "Mobiles have truly transformed the way people engage and interact. I believe that by extending the benefits of the mobile connection to more women, several safety and security concerns related to their stepping out of familiar geography can be addressed." P V Sindhu also flagged the "AbRukeinKyun", a movement to empower women, encouraging them to confidently step out and achieve their dreams.

"I encourage all women to become Bold, Brilliant and Brave, explore their areas of interest, travel fearlessly and not succumb to unreasonable societal or familial pressures. Live without inhibition #AbRukeinKyun", Sindhu added

Speaking on the occasion, AvneeshKhosla, Associate Director - Consumer Business, Vodafone Idea Limited, said, "India has over a billion mobile connections and almost half of our population is women. Yet, less than 18% of mobile subscribers are women. Further, most women have access to only feature-phones and basic mobile phones. This large gap in mobile access and usage also conveys a lost opportunity to connect and empower more women. With Vodafone Sakhi, we are taking forward our long-term commitment of driving inclusion and addressing real societal problems. This unique, free of cost service will make it convenient for women to step out fearlessly and fulfil their aspirations."

Also felicitated on this occasion was Supreet K Singh -

Director & COO - Safety / Board Director, Red Dot Foundation Group for her inspirational and pioneering work towards empowering women in rural India across the hinterland and exemplifying the spirit of 'AbRukeinKyun'.

A360° National marketing campaign was unveiled which will drive awareness across the country. The service is being launched through a thematic film, celebrating the overcoming of inhibitions by a young girl with the clarion call - "AbRukeinKyun?" The film has been created by an all-women crew. Another highlight of the marketing campaign is a special signature song for 'AbRukeinKyun' sung



by the very talented and multi award winner NehaKakkar. Speaking about the campaign, Siddharth Banerjee, EVP - Marketing, Vodafone Idea Limited said, "Women safety is a burning issue in our country. We have all seen cases of women holding back in their daily life on opportunities because of safety concerns. Addressing this critical issue, Vodafone Sakhi is a small step to give women the confidence to step out fearlessly and live their dreams with a trusted solution at hand. Our marketing campaign Ab RukeinKyu? aims to connect deeply with our women consumers and urge each one of them to participate in this movement of change."

53 Villages to get Free Primary Health Facilities through Mobile Vans by Hindustan Zinc

Udaipur: Hindustan Zinc under its Community Service Initiatives has launched 2 Mobile Health Vans in the districts of Udaipur (Zavar Mines area) and Chittorgarh covering more than 53 villages around its business locations. These mobile health vans will target rural & tribal areas that are currently devoid of adequate primary healthcare facilities. These Vans will provide free treatment to the villagers and are equipped to provide more than 10 types of Health-related tests. Every mobile medical van is equipped with a doctor, driver and a coordinator along with the necessary medicines and diagnostic kits.

These Vans are being launched under the Smile on Wheels Campaign, in association with Smile Foundation.

Through this initiative, in Chittorgarh district, more than 20000 rural people of 25 villages will be benefitted and in Udaipur, more than 15000 rural & tribal people of 28 villages will be benefitted. Hindustan Zinc's through its various health initiatives is committed to supporting measures for ensuring health and well-being of people living around its operational areas, as well as the public at large, has been acknowledging for long. Apart from specialized care, thousands of families benefit from regular health, awareness, Ayurveda & other specialized camps that are organized in communities around the company's operations.



Massy Ferguson's Conference organized

Udaipur: Rajasthan's Machinery Mart Pvt. Ltd., the oldest tractor dealership in the district. And Massey Fridayay to Ferguson maker TAFE Ltd jointly organized mega customers meet in which more than one thousand farmers participated.

From every tehsil of the district, farmers have shown interest in buying the Massey Ferguson tractor. Farmers have also booked tractors. Delivery of three tractors was also given on this occasion. Prior to this, Rajasthan Machinery Mart Pvt. Ltd Director VarunMurdia the company briefed about the brand, diesel savings, most 50 per cent of market forces after the resale value and the best sales.

Digvijay Singh, senior area manager of the Tafe Company, gave the information about the company. Regional Manager Gurpreetsingh, RohitNrnwal, Area Manager PankjasinhShekhawat etc. were also present, on this occasion.

District Mineral Foundation Trust - organized a seminar on 'An opportunity and challenges'

Udaipur: Jitendra Upadhyay, director of the Department of Mines and Geology, said that under the district mineral foundation trust, 12 thousand works have been issued in the state. People of Gram Panchayat, Samiti and Zila Parishad need proper training for review and proper implementation of the work done under this foundation so that the fund can provide adequate relief to mining and affected people.

He was presenting the foundation as a keynote speaker in a one-day seminar organized by the Foundation today at Hotel Aamantran. On this occasion, he challenged the mining engineers and geologists and student engineers to help them in the search and innovation of new min-

erals so that they could get more revenue for the development of Rajasthan and the country. He said that mines Ministry is regularly paying various cesses to the government in the form of royalty, cess, DMF, MNET and clean energy in addition to expenditure under social concerns. An amount of royalties received from mineral deposits is deposited in the District Mineral Foundation Trust. Program Science and Training Center, New Delhi's Program Manager, Shreshtha Banerjee, through the PowerPoint Presentation, analysed the situation till date with the emergence of the District Mineral Foundation Trust.

She told that in the year 2006 the district mineral foundation had emerged under the recommendations of the Voda Committee, but in 2015 it came in tangible form. It is a non-profit organization and it works as a public trust. She said that 72 per cent of the district mineral foundation meets the quarries of Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and the state and currently 21 thousand crore rupees are collected in this foundation. Out of which only 4 thousand crores rupees can be used in development works. Which is 20 per cent of the available amount?

Another Chief Engineer, Mining Engineer, Akis Ansari, told that in Rajasthan, a fund of Rs. 2000 crores have been collected in this trust and it is being used in development work.

The State has collected Rupees one thousand crores in this Trust from the counterparty state.

Prof. Uma Shankar Sharma, VC MPUAT said that considering the regional priority, this fund should be utilized keeping in mind the needs of the mining areas and the welfare of the people.

National President of MEA Arun Kothari said that in future the deposited capital would be more utilized in this Foundation Trust. Initially, Dr. S. S. Rathore welcomed the guests. The program was conducted by RC Kumavat, chairman of the Technical and Seminar Committee. Thank you vote delivered by Mr. MadhusudanPaliwal, Additional Director, Department of Earth Sciences and Department of Geology.

Rapidly falling lake level is a matter of concern

Udaipur: (Anil Mehta) | Water levels are declining rapidly in lakes. The rainy season is towards the end. This will have an impact on drinking water and tourism, & impact of pollution will be even greater.

This concern was expressed in the lake dialogue held on last Sunday. The dialogue was organized by ZheelMitraSansthan, Lake Conservation Committee and Gandhi manav kalian samiti. Dr. Anil Mehta said that Udaipur is only tapping superficial water, is taking injustice to nature by dragging groundwater too wildly. Mehta said that according to the available water the rules for water supply will be made. Tej Shankar Paliwal said that the weeds are rotting on the shores, hereditary is being burnt. It is fatal to the environment. He said that it is surprising that the water level is getting decreased and the weed growth is increasing.

Nand Kishore Sharma said that citizens have to save water and stop the wastage. Tourists must also inspire minimum water expenditure to prevent blind harassment from tube wells in Lake Corner hotels. P. Dutta, Drupada Singh, KaushalRawal, Ramesh Rajput said that citizens of Udaipur are facing the consequences of cutting forests and mountains. On this occasion, on the PicholaGhat, there was a prayer for enough rain.

Education graduates pledge to vote

Udaipur: Under the voter awareness campaign of Sweep Cell, the students of the ManikyalaVermaShramajivi college have their online oath on class dating. Sweep Cell Coordinator Lateefuddin Pathan and Hemant Jignar, under the leadership of Assistant Nodal Officer of the Sweep Cell, Punit Sharma, told about Citizenship & Voting Awareness.

Head of the Department of the College, Dr. BL Shrimali, Dr. Bina Nagda, and Sanjay Bhartwag said the role of youth in a democracy is important.