

# Balika Vadhu is free from the shackles of child marriages, now 'Maina' will fly in exploitation free sky

**Family members were terrorized in pressure of community leaders, and now with the help of Saarthi Trust, Maina's child marriage is annulled which took place at the age of 10 months**

**Jodhpur:** On the occasion of India's Independence Day Maina has got freedom from the 17 year long vice of child

marriage which she was forced into when she was only ten months old. After her child marriage, this teenage bride (BalikaVadhu) has contacted the rehabilitation psychologist & managing trustee of Saarthi Trust, Dr. KritiBharti and got the courage to fight against the injustice and to file a petition in the family court to annul her marriage. Judge Pradeep Kumar Jain of the family court-1 of Jodhpur issued an order to annul the child marriage.

Eighteen years old Maina, daughter of a daily labourer of DhandhaniyaBhaya village was tied in child marriage in 26 December 2001 with the boy of Udaysar village. At the time of child marriage maina was only ten months old. Maina decided to come out of the child marriage bond and when her in-laws knew about it they approached community panchs and pressurized family members of Maina so that

she withdrew her decision. With the aid and support of Dr. KritiBharti, Maina refused to accept the child marriage, this year.

Community Leaders was in opposition. Caste panchs also threatened the family of penalty and social boycott if the child marriage was annulled. Parents of Maina were so depressed because of the pressure of community but with the support of Dr. KritiBhartiMaina knocked the doors of court to come out from this malpractice.

Knocked the doors of court. Meanwhile, Maina with the help of Dr. KritiBharti, managing trustee of Saarthi trust and rehabilitation psychologist, filed a petition in February this year in the Family Court- 1 of Jodhpur to annul her child marriage. Dr. Kriti also helped and took steps for security of Maina and helps her to fight

for her right. Dr. Kriti appeared and argued on behalf of Maina and presented documents relating to her age and forceful child marriage.

Counseling helped in mutual consent between both parties

Meanwhile, Dr. KritiBharti counseled said to be husband of Maina and his family members. After that they also had given their consent to annul the child marriage.

Order to annul the child marriage

After which judge Pradeep Kumar Jain of family court- 1 of Jodhpur while giving a stern message to the society about evil of child marriage passed orders to annul Maina's child marriage.

Tears of happiness. As the verdict was pronounced tears rolled down the cheeks of Maina and she hugged Dr. KritiBharti.

Pressure of Community

Leaders remains

Even after getting the annulment orders from court, the pressure of community leaders remains. They are still pressuring Maina's family and threatening them to file penalty or ostracized them by the community. For this, Dr. Kriti is taking judicial action against it.

Leading in child marriage annulment

It is important to mention that Dr.Kriti Bharti of Saarthi Trust is associated with unique movement and had made the first annulment of child marriage in India and then after in 2015 she made annulment of two child marriages in 3 days of court proceedings and created a history. For that she found a place in the World Records of India, Unique World Records, India Book of Records and also in Limca Book of world Records and she also made many records in her



social working field. These works are also included in CBSE curriculum. Trust has annulled 40 child marriages in India and also prevented thousands of child marriages and made different records. For such bravery act Dr. KritiBharti, has been honored with Marwar Ratan, Mewar Ratan and other national and international honors for saving the children from exploitation.

They said -This child marriage had ruined me totally but KritiDidi has given me a new life by the annulment of my child marriage. Now I will study and wanted to stand on my own feet so not to depend on others. - Maina, Survivor of child marriage. -This is a real freedom which we have given to Maina on the occasion of

Independence Day. Best efforts are being made for better rehabilitation after annulment of her child marriage. She is linked with the education and her skills are also being honed. Some Community leaders are still pressurizing her family. If needed, judicial action will be taken. -Dr. KritiBharti, Managing Trustee and Rehabilitation Psychologist, Saarthi Trust Jodhpur.

## DM Smt. Anandi awarded at State Level



**Udaipur:** District Collector Mrs. Anandi was awarded as the best Collector for effective implementation of government schemes in Udaipur / district, empowerment of girl child through innovations and successful schemes for upliftment of poor sections through NREGA and PM Awas Yojana in Rajasthan On the occasion of Independence Day, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot honored Collector Mrs. Anandi at a state-level function held in the state capital Jaipur.

For effective implementation of various public welfare schemes in the district, innovation for health and hygiene of adolescent, break the silence and talk openly and for the establishment of the state's first goat milk dairy, quick solution to common man's problems, etc.

The Collector was honored by the Chief Minister by giving him a citation.

For the first time in district, to increase the livelihood of rural families, the Sars Dairy RSET and the Department of Animal Husbandry has jointly started project in Baghpura with the active support of the Rajivka family sisters started the Nari Shakti goat milk collection center at Baghpura CLF April 08 2019 from it is the first goat milk dairy in the state.

Best performance in NREGA and PM Awas Yojana: Under the direction of District Collector Mrs. Anandi, in the month of February 2019 in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, the maximum number of workers 1 lakh 62 thousand 929 were employed in the last 9 years.

Under the direction of the Collector, the district has performed well under the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme. In the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Rural, a

total of 68,364 houses were approved in the year 2016-17 to 2018-19 which till date, 66,339 (97.04 percent) have been completed. Against the target of 36821 houses for the year 2019-20, till date, 16978 approvals have been issued.

On the unique initiative of the Collector, an ambitious program on menstrual hygiene for the girls in the district "Break the silence, talk openly" has been started. Under this, in the first phase, a total of 12497 girls from class 6 to 12 of 162 schools in Jhadol, Falasia, Kotda and Saira blocks have been benefited in the district. Under the program, the menstrual problems of girls are redressed through medical teams, mothers of girls, Aaganbadi workers, ASHA collaborators, and companions. Information is given through film and publicity material and social taboos are resolved by removing misleading facts.

## A True Democrat : Pdt. Janardan Rai Nagar

- Dr. H.S.Chandalia

Pdt. Janardan Rai Nagar was a true democrat and believed in the principles of democracy, equality, secularism and justice. 16th August is his death anniversary. Born on 16th June 1911, he led an eventful life. His fore-fathers had come from Gujarat and settled in Udaipur in the erstwhile state of Mewar. The erstwhile Maharana of Mewar Bhopal Singh gave him scholarship to study at Banaras Hindu University. There he came in contact with some of the best intellectuals of his time including Munshi Premchand and Jaiendra Kumar, two luminaries of Hindi literature. He tried his hand at creative writing and got some of his stories published in the reputed magazine Hans edited by none other than Prem Chand.

Pdt. Nagar, popularly known as JanuBhai led a life according to the principles of secularism, democracy and socialism. He was a true democrat in his personal life and also in his professional life. Though he was a congress leader himself and was elected a member of legislative assembly from Mavli constituency as a member of Congress party, he had

very good relationship with Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. Mohan Lal Sukhadia, Chaudhary Narendra Pal Singh, Chaudhary Rajendra Singh, Niranjani Nath Acharya and a score of political leaders and trade union leaders across party line were his close friends and associates.

Pdt. Nagar framed the constitution of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, an institution he founded, on the principles of democratic decentralization. It had a Parliament called "Kul Sansad" which consisted of elected representatives of the workers of Vidyapeeth. He used the word "Karyakarta" for all cadres of the Vidyapeeth irrespective of their position in the hierarchy. Each unit had a "Sangam" consisting of all the workers of the unit led by their elected representative called "Sangam Sanyojak". The budget of that unit was proposed in the sangam and was debated upon. The budget of the whole of Vidyapeeth was presented in the meeting of "Kul Sansad" and was debated upon. Even the personal expenses of Nagar family were subject to scrutiny. This practice continued year after

year. He invited people from different political backgrounds to Vidyapeeth and made them a part of it. Sh. Kanyan Mal Jaisani, Dr. Devi Lal Paliwal and Shri Udailal Chandalia were from Communist background. Sh. K.K. Vashisht, Sh. Bhai Bhagwan, Sh. Jammal Lal Dashora were from Socialist background and Sh. Murlidhar Verma, Sh. Dev Kothari and Gulab Chand Kataria were from the background of Jansangh. But most of them never used their political inclination in Vidyapeeth. They held the institution above all.

JanuBhai's brother Sh. Ramesh Chandra Rai Nagar left his home to live with Harijan families and lived with them till his death. He was called "Harijan Bandhu". JanuBhai's daughter Nidhi married Dr. K.L. Bhatia out of his caste. So did one of his sons. They were all welcome. JanuBhai created a mini India in his family with the diverse colours of India culture. In this he was guided by his mother VijayaMaa who was a true evolutionary and nationalist in the widest possible meaning of the term. He never allowed his family members to be a part

of Vidyapeeth. His son Sh. Prafull Rai Nagar worked with the government of Rajasthan and daughter in law Dr. Divya Prabha Nagar served Vidyapeeth throughout his life. They came to Vidyapeeth only in the last phase of their lives and contributed to its growth selflessly.

Pdt. Nagar was a great writer of Hindi, a great scholar of Sanskrit and Philosophy but was a voracious reader of English Literature. He read a lot of fiction and was a wonderful scholar of English as well. But due to his nationalist feelings always promoted Hindi in Rajasthan Vidyapeeth.

Today when we look at Vidyapeeth, we are filled with a sense of loss. All the great democratic principles and traditions are thwarted and a group of casteist sycophants have usurped position of power. The university is run in a dictatorial manner where even the heads of the institutions are but puppets. One can only pray that some day with the blessings of the divine soul of JanuBhai, old Vidyapeeth would revive and it will regain its past glory.

## Needy Materials provided in the deaf school

**Udaipur:** The children of 'MaaLaxmi Mook Badhir Vidyalaya' located at Thoor were provided needy material by the Namokar Seva Sansthan Trust. The trust's chief convenor Mukesh Mundalia said that school bags, stationery, sweets, were distributed to needy children. Hemant Khaludia, Bhagwan, Sanjay Shukla, and all the youth trustees were present on the occasion.

## Senior citizens are given immense happiness in old age home

**Udaipur:** Round Table India and Ladies Circle India made their families feel after spending a day with senior citizens at an old age home run by Tara Sansthan.



Ananjay Jain of Round Table India and Neha Kothari of Ladies Circle India said that at this age, senior citizens are sad to be separated from their loved ones, but they go and eat with them and try to give them a family environment. Some seniors cut a cake on the occasion of their birthday and reminded them of the past. They were very happy to

see that now the young generation is coming forward and doing such social utility work. We felt proud after spending time with the younger generation.

## Distribution of Automatic Milk Collection Units

**Udaipur:** Automatic milk collection unit was distributed at the Udaipur Milk Union Headquarters for quality testing of milk being compiled on the milk committees working in the milk federation. In the program, under the National Dairy Development Program, Udaipur Milk Union distributed 9 automatic milk collection units received in the project to the representatives from milk societies. On this occasion, milk committees of Ladies Union, Ladani, Fatehpura, Batumbi, Kheroda, Habla's Bhagal, Bori, Dholikheda, Wana and Phila's committee secretaries and representatives were attended.

In the program, Dr. Gita Patel, President of Dairy Association, informed about the importance of the machine-made available for testing of milk and the various schemes of Dairy Federation and said that this machine will bring transparency in checking quality. Milk producers will get the benefit of milk producers by getting information about milk quantity, fat, SNF, rate per liter and total price of milk at the time of milk collection. Managing Director of Dairy Federation, Umesh Garg, asked to take advantage of the state government's useful scheme by setting up solar plants on milk committees. In the program, Dr. Giriraj Sharma, J.C. in-charge of milk association (P&I) Nooyian, Deputy Manager and field staff were present.

## A glimpse of the nation's love seen in the tricolor rally

**Udaipur:** The tricolor rally was organized on occasion of Independence Day by Preetmullar Sansthan Mavli, the training center of Udaipur Skill and Livelihood Development Corporation. District Skills Coordinators Iram Khan, Prashant Joshi, Mukesh Dadhich, etc. were present in the rally.

## The clothes distributed to needy people



**Udaipur:** The team of the campaign Being Human being run in the city under the banner of M Square Foundation distributed clothes to the needy people in Fatehpura and other rural areas of the city.

Mukesh Madhwani, CEO of M Square Foundation, said that the team of Being Manav, in collaboration with the common man, collects the unused items available in the house and makes them accessible to the needy people. Convenor of the campaign Kanishka Shirmali said that this time there was a lot of support from the

donors from all over the city and about five thousand clothes have been distributed to the needy people.

In the coming days, similarly, with the help of the common man, the unused items will be collected and made available for reuse under a process to the needy people. For this, many big institutions are also coming forward to cooperation. He informed that this campaign is organized on the 23rd of every month.

Priya Sachdev, who is associated with the campaign, tells that the purpose of all the families of Udaipur should be that if there is any useless item or clothes in the house, then it should be brought to the needy. During the campaign, Arpit Mangal, Priya Sachdev from the Institute of Women, Om Tanks, etc. were present.

## Asha Kunawat conferred

**Udaipur:** Divisional Commissioner Vikas S. Bhale felicitated Asha Kunawat for her remarkable contribution in social service, women empowerment, health promotion, and public interest work in a grand ceremony organized on 1 Day celebration held at Bhandari Darshak Mandap Udaipur. Asha Kunawat, remained chairman of Innerwheel Club.

## Video album of patriotic songs released

**Udaipur:** M Square Production and Event Kathak Ashram Udaipur and Kamal Studio, on August 15, released patriotic dance video through youtube medium.

Mukesh Madhwani, CEO of M Square Production and Event, said that with the tireless efforts of 1 month, this work has been completed. State Chief

Minister Ashok Gehlot was also greeted. He said that the songs of patriotism are well known in developing a sense of national unity, integrity, social harmony and tolerance in the country. Am Square's effort is commendable with this view. Kathak dance Varunigayed, Lavisha Sahu, Priyanshi Joshi, Chahat Bapna, Paridhi Jain, Rudranashi Pujari Chiavi Chaplot have composed the dance under the chant of Chandrakala Chaudhary.

The video is shot by Rakesh Sen Kamal Studios. Madhwani said that there are many beautiful places in the whole of India, which are visited by tourists from outside. Tourist spots have been shown through this patriotic song. Kannishka Shirmali, the convenor of this song, told that the shooting of this song lasted for 5 days.

Chandrakala Chaudhary of Kathak Ashram told that the song was performed at Ashoka Palace on 15 August. Rakesh Sen of Kamal Studio told that the song was appreciated by all the people present in the song. Chief Guest of function launching Deepak Rampal

(Vir Chakra) and Ashok Paliwal.

## 150 dancers show patriotism in Vande Udaipur

**Udaipur:** Vande Udaipur - 2019 organized in the name of the nation by the Rajasthan Dance Association, Udaipur and Forum Celebration Mall on the evening of August 15 to energize the celebration of independence.

In this ceremony organized by Forum Celebration Mall, the students of the famous Dance Institute of the city gave their powerful presentations on "Theme India", filled with patriotism.

Indian Army officer NCC wing Colonel V.K. Bagora and Colonel Praveen were present as the chief guests.

Association President Jitendra Verma said that in the coming time, all the choreographers of the association will jointly train young talents and children of Udaipur to perform all dance forms and allow them to go to TV reality shows.

In this ceremony, more than 150 children from more than 30 dance academies from nearby cities including Udaipur performed their dance on patriotic songs in the glory of the tricolor that every person present in the Celebration Mall thundered applause to encourage them.

Seemed to hum it. A tribute was also paid to the late Amit Goswami, former president of the association at the ceremony.

A ceremony was organized to honor the emerging artists and choreographers of the division.

Former and current officials of Rajasthan Dance Association and choreographers from across the division including vice-president Vishnu Jingar, Satyam Sharma, general secretary Menaria, co-secretary Jitendra Salvi, treasurer Vaibhav Purohit and organization head and convenor Sumit Lekhari, along with former vice-president Rajesh Sharma, former general secretary Yarthath Verma, Former co-secretary Kalicharan Menaria was also present.