

CM Puts Forth State's Case Effectively, Demands Additional Resources in view of Geographical Conditions

Jaipur: Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has asked for the additional financial support and funds from the 15th Central Finance Commission in view of the state's extreme geographical and social conditions, availability of limited resources and future needs of Rajasthan. He demanded for additional funds for the drinking and irrigation water, education and health facilities, development of roads, energy, IT and tourism sectors.

He said that Rajasthan government had done effective financial management of its financial resources and managed to comply with the FRBMA Act despite huge debt pressure on the state exchequer due to various social security schemes, 7th Pay Commission, UDAY Scheme and waiver of farm loans to the farmers.

Shri Gehlot was addressing a meeting with the 15th Financial Commission at the State Secretariat on Monday. He advanced effective arguments supporting the interests of the State and hoped that the Commission would assess special circumstances of Rajasthan and accordingly recommend for an appropriate hike in the funds to be transferred by the Union Government to the State.

Share of States in Central Taxes Should be 50%

The Chief Minister demanded for

increasing the share of states in the central taxes from present 42% to 50%. He said that it was urgently needed to increase the share of the states in the central taxes in view of the states' spending on the subjects constitutionally allocated and other welfare services offered by them.

States should get apt share in the funds collected in the name of cess and surcharge as well, he said. Presently, entire funds collected as cess and surcharge are being utilized by the central government. He requested the Commission to recommend that the states be given share in the non-tax revenues of the central government such as off-shore royalty, disinvestment of public undertakings, auction of spectrums etc.

Change in Funding Pattern Affected States Negatively

Shri Gehlot said that due to vast geographical expanse, in comparison to other states, in Rajasthan, per unit cost for delivery of public services was high. The Commission should take this fact into account while recommending for devolution of the funds, he said. He further added that due to recent changes in the funding pattern of the centrally-sponsored schemes, the states' expenditure on these schemes has increased. Most of the schemes which were fully-funded by the centre or were in the centre-state

funding ratio of 90:10, or 75:25; have now changed to the 60:40 or 50:50 funding ratio. This affected the states' interests negatively, he added.

Pay Compensation for Shortage in Revenue Realization on Account of GST upto 2025

The CM demanded that the Commission should recommend to the centre to extend the period of compensatory payment to off-set the shortage of revenue through GST collection upto year 2024-25.

He added that the Rajasthan had to undergo an additional fiscal burden of Rs. 62,000 crore on the state exchequer due to UDAY scheme. He asked for the special financial support for the State Discoms. He suggested that the State government had to give subsidy to the farmers as they were using more electricity to extract underground water.

Grants for Local Bodies be Hiked by 2.5 Times

Shri Gehlot said that the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) were facing financial crisis in almost all states. In this context, he asked the Commission to recommend for at least 2.5 times increase in the grant for the PRIs and ULBs, as was recommended by the 14th Finance Commission as well. He further asked for the addi-



tional funds for ULBs for lining up more resources for the flagship schemes like the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Sans Planning Commission, Finance Commissions is States' Hope

The Chief Minister said that after disbanding of the Planning Commission, in the context of the finances, the Central Finance Commission was the only hope for the states. Thus, the Commission should have a sympathetic approach towards the states. He said that these days, the country's economy was facing slowdown and the GST collections were falling. In this scenario, the states were also suffering. This year, Rajasthan received Rs. 1,800 crore less from the centre. Shri Gehlot said that the automobile, transport, textile and many other sectors were facing crisis, but the Rajasthan

government was making its best efforts to promote these sectors. Chief Secretary has already held a series of meetings with the entrepreneurs of these sectors, he added.

Central Assistance is States' Constitutional Right: Commission

During the discussions, Chairperson of the Commission Shri NK Singh said that the financial support from the Centre was the constitutional right of the states. The Commission would be balanced and sympathetic in its approach and assess and calculate all the needs and situations of the state while finalizing its recommendations to the Centre. In the beginning Chief Secretary Shri DB Gupta wel-

comed the Commission Chairperson and its members. Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Shri Niranjana Arya gave a presentation before the Commission and requested to give recommendation for increasing the borrowing limit of the State. Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of various departments gave the presentations of their respective departments and requested for allocation of funds accordingly. Member of the Commission Shri Ajay Narain Jha, Dr. Anoop Singh, Dr. Ashok Lahiri, Dr. Ramesh Chand, Secretary Shri Arvind Mehta, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sachin Pilot, Members of the Council of Ministers, Economic Advisor to the CM Shri Arvind Mayaram, Advisor to the CM Shri Govind Sharma and other officials were present in the meeting.

Baisa Raj Kunwar gets the title of Baisa of Miss Monsoon



Udaipur: The Royal Monsoon program was organized by the women of Rajput society at Chatar Bagh in Sardarpura with the pleasure of having all the lakes of Lake City Udaipur booming and also to preserve the tradition and culture of Mewar. During the event, women participated extensively in competitions such as dancing, singing and ramp walks. During this time, well-dressed women in Rajput attire gave more than one appearance and captured the titles of Best Chuda, Best Bindi, Best Mother, and Daughter.

Royal Monsoon organizer Nisha Rathore said that the title of Baisa of Miss Monsoon was given to Baisa Raj Kunwar in the competition. Prabhat Spa Salon director Ashok Paliwal, dress house manager Nutan Kanwar and teacher Jyotsna Jhala played the role of the judges. More than 70 participants participated in the event. Municipal Corporation Mayor Chandrasingh Kothari, social worker Kamendra Singh Panwar, Ward 13 Councillor Rekha Kunwar were present as guests on the program.

Hindi Day Celebration in C.P.S.



Udaipur: Hindi Divas was organized with great enthusiasm at Central Public school located in New Bhupalpura. Interdisciplinary poetry competition, on the campus was giving the impression of Kavi Samleem. The judges were Lata Kapil and Kiran Khatri. The first place in the poetry competition was achieved by Parikshit Sharma (Green House), while at second & third place were judges as Diya Upadhyay (Green House) and Ladhvi Goyal (Saferain House), Manushree Prajapat (Blue House) and Bhagyarathi Kanwar (Safran House respectively). Medals, gift packets and saplings were given to the winners. The winners were awarded medals by Chairpersons - Mrs. Alka Sharma, Principal - Mrs. Poonam Rathore. The program was conducted by Leena Paliwal.

" ZIDD HAI AB YEHI"

Honsle bhi ziddi hai mere,
Manzil ko paane ki zidd bhi meri,
Na haari thi, na haari hu,
Jeet jaane ki hi toh zidd bhi hai Meri
Chahae jaise bhi ho haalat, mujhe toh hai har waqt ko apnana,
Zidd bas yahi hai ab Meri, ki bas chalte hi hai jana..
Koi bhi mushkil aaye, mujhe toh hai har haal mein bas muskurana..
Girna, gir Kar sambhal Jana,
E Zindagi, tu har tarah se chahae sikhana,
Na ruku kisi modd par ek pal bhi main kahin,
Na hoga kabhi mere honslo ka kahi bhi ab dagmagana..
Zidd bas yahi hai ab meri, ki bas chalte hi hai jana
Koi bhi mushkil aaye, mujhe toh har haal mein bas muskurana

- Neetu Sidana

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Delhi witnessed a scintillating performance by acclaimed 183 artists on victorious journey of Saint Meera Bai



New Delhi: A Record 183 artists with a crew of 300 Art of Living volunteers showcased Alive Lesser Known Compositions of Meera Bai here this evening at Siri fort auditorium.

A showcase of victorious journey of Saint Meera Bai through contemporary classical dance forms witnessed an impressive gath-

touches upon poignant moments of her victorious journey, with colourful dynamic sequences enriching the experience

Adding to its charm were different classical dance forms which were presented when Meera's story took different turns. From Bharatnatyam to Odissi, and Ghoomar to Gair,

ering. The evening captured facets of Meera Bai's life along with her spiritual journey. The performance was an impressive amalgamation of thought-provoking narrations, stunning visuals and costumes followed by magnificent choreography.

A contemporary take on the revolutionary saint, Meera Bai, directed by Sri Vidya Varchaswi, the musical was a perfect blend of drama, emotions and entertainment. 90-minute musical

popular Indian folk dance performances delighted the audience.

Right from the acting, costumes and effects to the stage setting, everything was perfect and on point. Viewers were mesmerised by the songs especially which had the correct folk flavour.

Audiences were seen enjoying the experience and clapping every time Meera Bai performed.

Apart from the music and dance, acting was another big takeaway here. The actors left no stone unturned, effortlessly striking a chord with the audience.

The musical is directed by Srividya Varchaswi, famed choreographer and artist based out of Bangalore. One of her most acknowledged compositions has been Cosmic Rhythm, a dance drama which presented 30 dance forms performed by 4600 dancers from 45 countries. The event, which was support-

ed by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Art of Living Foundation, was a fundraiser that aimed to raise funds for the free education of underprivileged children, and improve their future.

The Event which was graced by Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, Member of Parliament, Shri Sonal Mansingh, Indian classical dance, Smt Prathibha Prahlad, Bharatnatyam Dancer, Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner, Chile, Sir Geoffrey Adams, High Commissioner, Egypt, Thomas Reilly, High Commissioner, John Feakes, High Commissioner, Fiji & Jane Caroline Owen, High Commissioner, Switzerland.

The proceeds from the production will go towards supporting the education of over 70,000 students studying in 700+ free schools run by the Art of Living in tribal and rural areas of India under the Gift a Smile project, where 90% of the children are first generation learners.

Celebrated the entry of new students of MBBS session 2019-20 in PIMS



Udaipur: The Entrance Festival of new students of MBBS session 2019-20 was celebrated at Pacific Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Umra. The chief guest of the event was PIMS Chairman Ashish Agarwal and Executive Director Sheetal Agarwal.

Ashish Agarwal said that this institute is full of advanced studies and necessary facilities in the medical education of students. All the facilities related to up gradation and development of students are available here. All possible learning will be available to the students from teachers after three to four decades of teaching. Best faculty, modern equipment, and quality education will be available here. Sheetal Agarwal congratulated the new students and wished them a bright future.

Principal Dr. B. L. Kumar said that to be a good doctor it is necessary to be a good person. Only a good person can understand the suffering of the patients and one who understood the suffering of the patients will become a good doctor. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Indrajit Singhvi said that nothing can be learned without doing the practice. On this occasion, Medical Superintendent Dr. Chanda Mathu & Medical Director Dr. S. K. Gautam said that new students will not only earn prestige in their family, society but also the name of the university.

Directives issued to repair roads within 15 days

Udaipur: Road condition of Udaipur is not up to the mark due to heavy rains, senior journalist Bhupendra Choubisa has written a various satire on the road condition of the city in his popular mockery "Khullam Khulla", the impact of Khullam Khulla and other stories published in media and social media forced administration and mayor of Udaipur Shri Chandra Singh Kothari, administration as decided to repair the roads as and when weather is clear in this regards State level transport management committee had a meeting with District Collector. The issues of increasing pot holes at the worn out roads was raised. It may be noted that the pot holes have become a nuisance and have been the reason behind many accidents recently.

District Collector Anandi issued directives to fill up the pot holes as early as possible during the monsoons.

Rajasthan Did Exemplary Work for Tribal Area Development: ST Commission

Jaipur: Chairperson of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes Dr. Nand Kumar Sai praised the schemes run by the State Government for development of its tribal regions. He said that the efforts made by Rajasthan Government were exemplary and major changes were visible on-ground in the tribal-sub plan area due to effective implementation and monitoring of the welfare schemes, he said.

After visiting different parts of the state, Dr. Sai was sharing his experiences with the Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot at the latter's office on Monday. He said that the scooty scheme in the name of Veerabala Kalibai, announced by the present government, was very encouraging for the tribal girls of TSP areas of the State. He also praised the state government decision to increase the mess allowance from Rs. 2,000 per student to Rs. 2,500 for the residents in TSP region hostels.

The Chief Minister told the ST Commission Chairperson that number of employments under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS had increased in the state. In past eight months, since the new government assumed office, the number of NREGS workers had increased from 9 lakh to 32 lakh. This rise in employment had been maximum in the TSP region, Shri Gehlot added.

The CM said that the state government started a campaign to review about 36,000 claims of forest rights under the Forest Rights Act, which were rejected during the previous regime. Also, career counseling and employment fairs were being organized in the tribal areas to make more employment opportunities available for the tribal youth. Shri Gehlot further asked the Commission to give further suggestions for development of TSP regions and its dwellers as his government was committed for the welfare of the tribal people. On this, Dr. Sai suggested the state government to focus on community pattas in the tribal village and effective policing and crime investigation in the TSP areas. The Commission and its members visited Abu Road, Sirohi, Udaipur, Dungarpur areas during past days and organized public hearings, inspections and meetings with the local organizations and government bodies. Minister of State for Tribal Development Shri Surendra Bamania, Members of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes Shri Harikrishan Damor, Shri Harsadabhai Chunilal Vasava, Smt. Maya Chintaman Inate, Chief Secretary Shri DB Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Shri Rajeeva Swarup, DGP Dr. Bhupendra Singh, Secretary of the Commission Shri AK Singh and other officials were present.

DPS UDAIPUR WELCOMES ITS PROUD DIPSITE: GAURVI SINGHVI



Udaipur: Teaching the value of good sportsmanship goes a long way in shaping one's characters. Gaurvi Singhvi..... An icon, the world knows, recognizes and appreciates.... was given a GRAND welcome in the premises of DPS Udaipur which nobody can forget. Felicitated by DPS management followed by press conference to share the journey of Gaurvi to reach this height at such an early age was a mesmerizing moment for the young DIP-SITES who witnessed it. "I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Gaurvi Singhvi, a true DIP-SITE who has brought laurels not only for Udaipur but also for the entire nation.

Delhi Public School, Udaipur has not left any stone unturned to hone the innate skills of its students and this will continue to reflect in our future endeavours as well." Shri Govind Agarwal Pro vice chairman Delhi Public School, Udaipur

CPS Became under-14 and under-19 cricket district level champions

Udaipur: In the 8th district level cricket competition, C.P.S. Bhupalpura has won all the three titles of the cricket district-level championship and became the district level champion. Cps was declared champion in the district level cricket tournament winning all three categories. In Under-14, the CPS defeated Ryan International by 6 wickets in the final match and became the champion. Mohammad Zafar was the Man of the Series. Under 14 - C.P.S. Defeated Gurunak School team by 4 wickets to become the champion. Gurunak School, batting first in 10 overs, scored 40 runs, which was given by C.P.S. The team completed in 4 overs. Under-19 - CPS defeated the team of St. Meris Titardi by 6 wickets. Saint Marys Titardi batted first in 12 overs and scored 60 runs. C.P.S team completed the required runs in just in 4 overs. Anirudh Singh was awarded the Man of the Series award. As soon as the winning team reached the school, the Chairpersons - Mrs. Alka Sharma, Administrative Director - Mr. Anil Sharma, Director - Mr. Deepak Sharma and Principal - Mrs. Poonam Rathore congratulated and wished the bright future of the players.