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Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Adopts Digital Initiatives for Enhanced Democracy

Udaipur: The Rajasthan Legislative Assembly is set to embark on a digital transformation journey aimed at fostering increased public engagement and transparency. The Speaker of the Assembly, Vasudev Devnani, announced plans to launch a digital channel dedicated to the proceedings of the Assembly, providing comprehensive coverage of legislative activities and promoting democratic values.

In a press conference held at the Udaipur Circuit House, Devnani highlighted the Assembly's commitment to

becoming a pioneer in digital governance. The digital channel will not only broadcast legislative proceedings but also cover topics related to democratic processes and civic education.

Additionally, the Assembly plans to broadcast an hour-long session weekly in schools across the state, ensuring that the younger generation gains insights into democratic institutions and their functioning.

Emphasizing the unique role of the Assembly Speaker, Devnani stressed the importance of maintaining impartiality and transparency in the leg-

islative process. He proposed a constructive dialogue between the ruling and opposition parties to ensure unbiased and efficient Assembly proceedings. Drawing inspiration from successful practices in the Gujarat Legislative Assembly, Devnani outlined plans to introduce screens at each table in the Assembly, making the process more paperless and efficient. To further enhance public participation, the Assembly is considering the establishment of a digital helpline for new legislators, and a WhatsApp channel will be introduced for faster

communication of information. Moreover, a dedicated media house has been established within the Assembly premises, facilitating increased media coverage and providing journalists with more access.

Devnani expressed his commitment to addressing challenges faced by legislators, such as inadequate time for speeches, by exploring ways to extend the duration of Assembly sessions while maintaining meaningful debates. He also advocated for a lottery system to enable more legislators to pose questions during zero-hour sessions. In a bid

to improve the efficiency of legislative work, Devnani highlighted the need for timely responses to questions raised by legislators. The Assembly is set to implement a system where answers to queries will be made available to legislators before the next session, promoting better preparation and informed debates. As Rajasthan takes steps towards a digital future for its legislative processes, the Speaker encouraged active public participation and accountability. He urged citizens to engage with their elected representatives, emphasizing that democracy



flourishes when both positive and negative news are given equal attention. The

Assembly's pursuit of digital initiatives signifies a commitment to strengthening demo-

cratic values and fostering a more transparent and responsive governance system.

Cultural Extravaganza at Urban Square Mall



Udaipur: Udaipur witnessed a spectacular cultural event presented by the renowned Gaurav Musical Group at Urban Square Mall. The program, dedicated to promoting local art and culture, enchanted the audience with traditional Rajasthani folk music and dance. The Gaurav Musical Group, known for their expertise, showcased captivating performances, including Ghoomar, Mayur, Kalbelia, and Taratali dances. Managing Director Uddhav Poddar expressed satisfaction, emphasizing the event's success in showcasing Rajasthan's rich cultural heritage. Poddar pledged the group's continued commitment to hosting such cultural extravaganzas, contributing to the preservation and promotion of cultural traditions.

Spiritual Leader Blesses Udaipur

Udaipur: Acharya Shri Shri 1008 Shri Om Prakash Das Ji Maharaj, the spiritual leader of the Dadu Tradition, graced Udaipur, meeting followers at Saurabh Enclave. Emphasizing the enduring teachings of Dadu Dayal Ji Maharaj, he urged the adherence to principles of humanity and brotherhood. During his visit, Maharaj Shri met with Governor Gulabchand Ji Kataria, inviting him to the grand fair at Narayana Dadu Dham. The event, attended by Sant Govardhan Das Ji and others, left devotees spiritually enriched, inspired by the timeless wisdom of Dadu Dayal Ji Maharaj.

Inclusive Basant Panchami Celebration

Udaipur: Narayan Seva Sansthan in Udaipur experienced a vibrant celebration of Basant Panchami, radiating joy and enthusiasm. Led by Vandana Agrawal, the director, children from Narayan Children Academy and Gurukul participated in worshipping Goddess Saraswati, embracing the festival of knowledge and wisdom. The inclusive event, graced by differently-abled children and mentors, featured devotional songs and dances, showcasing the diverse talents of the participants. Parents and guardians joined in the festivities, highlighting the institution's commitment to holistic development. The celebration not only marked a day of worship but also emphasized unity, joy, and cultural richness among Divyang and Gurukul children.

Revitalizing Lakes: A Paradigm Shift

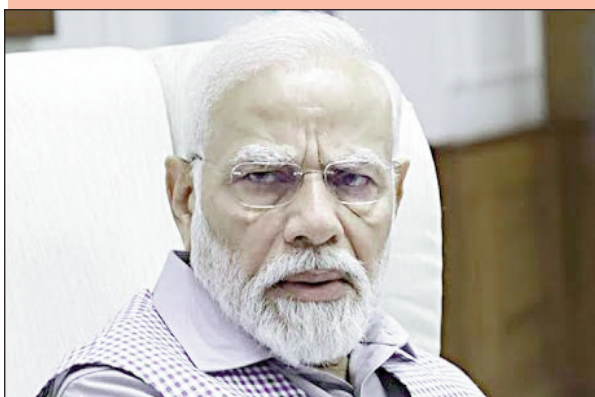
Experts and lake enthusiasts gathered in Udaipur for a crucial dialogue titled "Lakes: From Being Beneficiaries to Benefactors," urging a shift in perspective. Dr. Anil Mehta stressed the need to move away from exploiting lakes for economic gains, advocating for a benefactor approach to ensure their sustainability. Tej Shankar Paliwal raised concerns about tourism's negative impact, emphasizing responsibility and gratitude. Nand Kishor Sharma highlighted the detrimental effects of altering lake environments for tourism and called for a return to traditional reverence. The dialogue concluded with a community effort to clean the lakes, symbolizing a collective commitment to making them beneficiaries of responsible practices.

Vrashank Chouhan: Chess Prodigy from Rajasthan

Vrashank Chouhan, a budding chess talent from Rajasthan, is set to represent India in the Commonwealth Chess Championship under 20 boys category in Malaysia. The Chief Patron of Chess in Lakecity, Tushar Mehta, announced Chouhan's official participation in the prestigious event featuring players from 11 countries. Coached by Ayush Jain, Vrashank earned this opportunity by winning the National Junior Championship in 2022. Despite facing financial challenges, the 16-year-old chess prodigy aspires to become a Grandmaster within two years, drawing inspiration from his idol Vishwanathan Anand. He currently holds the second-highest FIDE rating in Rajasthan.



PM Modi ignites Spirit at BJP National Convention, Sets Ambitious Targets



New Delhi: The two-day national convention of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) concluded in New Delhi on Sunday, with the current National President, J.P. Nadda, seeing an extension of his term until June 24. A proposal was also passed during the convention, suggesting that there will be no need for elections for the post of national president, and the term can be extended based on the proposal of the National Working Committee.

During the concluding session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the gathering and, once again, rallied support for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) with the iconic slogan of '400 seats.' Additionally, he set a remarkable target of achieving a majority exceeding 370 seats for the BJP in the upcoming elections.

Modi emphasized that the country had attained freedom from Article 370 after seven decades, referring to the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the party workers to channelize their energy towards achieving the goal of 400 seats, asserting that this mile-

stone is necessary to surpass the achievements of the past and create history.

The Prime Minister, while appreciating the efforts of party workers, called for a renewed focus and energy in the coming 100 days leading up to the elections. He highlighted the need to reach out to every voter and every section of society, transcending geographical and social boundaries. Modi affirmed that the BJP is not just a political party but a movement for national welfare.

In his address, Modi paid tribute to Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj, whose last rites took place on Sunday. He stated that the BJP is not just about politics but is committed to the welfare of the nation. The Prime Minister outlined several achievements of the BJP government, including the construction of the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the abrogation of Article 370, the implementation of the 'One Rank, One Pension' scheme, and the formulation of the new National Education Policy.

He reiterated the government's commitment to the development of women and the marginalized sections of society. Modi spoke about various initiatives, including the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ujjwala Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, and financial empowerment programs for women.

In conclusion, Prime Minister Modi asserted that the BJP, under his leadership, is geared up for the upcoming elections. He expressed confidence that the party will create history by achieving more than 370 seats and encouraged party workers to work tirelessly for the next five years to bring about transformative changes in the country.

The Prime Minister's speech has rejuvenated the spirit within the BJP, and it remains to be seen whether the party can achieve the historic victory he envisions in the upcoming elections.

Rajasthan Press Club Mumbai honored on promotion

Mumbai! On the auspicious occasion of Vasant Panchami, the officials of Rajasthan Press Club, Mumbai reached Rajasthan Information Center and congratulated Ritu Sodhi, Public Relations Officer working at Rajasthan Information Centre, Mumbai, on her promotion to the post of Assistant Director.

On February 12, the Commissioner, Information and Public Relations Department of the Rajasthan Government, Jaipur issued a promotion order for Ritu Sodhi to work in the Rajasthan Information Centre Mumbai. Where on her promotion from Public Relations Officer to Assistant Director, Rajasthan Press Club's Executive President Kumar Mahadev Vyas, Founder Jagdish Purohit, Press Club Secretary Vyaskumar Rawal, Joint Secretary Harish Rajawat and Executive Member Jitendra Singh reached Sookhana Bhawan on Vasant Panchami. They honoured Ritu Sodhi with Maa Saraswati Saman greeted her with a shawl and congratulated her. On this occasion, CPRA Women's Club, Cuffe Parade members Shruti Poddar, Mamta Khanna and Rakhi Gupta were also present. All of them are originally residents of Rajasthan and also actively participate in social work in Cuffe Parade, Colaba.

It is noteworthy here that Ritu Sodhi has been working as Public Relations Officer in Rajasthan Information Center, Mumbai since December 2021.

Prof. S.S. Sarangdevot Honored for Outstanding Contribution

The Vidya Pracharini Sabha, Nobles, Udaipur, honored Prof. S.S. Sarangdevot, the Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, on Thursday. He has been appointed as a subject specialist for the assessment and review of ongoing projects and the formulation of new project schemes under the DST (Department of Science and Technology) by the Government of India. Managing Director Mohabbat Singh Rathore, while praising Prof. Sarangdevot's exceptional capabilities, stated that his commitment to advancing technical applications has been remarkable. He expressed confidence that Prof. Sarangdevot, through his extraordinary dedication, will further enhance the fields of science and technology. On this occasion, PG Dean Dr. Prem Singh Raval, members Dr. Yuvraj Singh Rathore, Dr. Paras Jain, Dr. Shailendra Mehta, private secretary Krishna Kant Nahar, and Sunil Shrivastava, along with other officials, honored Prof. Sarangdevot for his significant contributions.

'Maru Mahotsav-2024: Four Days of Cultural Extravaganza in Jaisalmer'

Jaisalmer is set to host the globally renowned Maru Mahotsav-2024 from February 21 to 24, promising four days of cultural celebrations. The event will kick off in Pokaran on February 21, featuring cultural programs and competitions, followed by grand festivities in Jaisalmer. The lineup includes cultural events, competitions, spiritual music, honor ceremonies, and performances by renowned artists. Maru Mahotsav-2024, organized by the district administration and tourism department, aims to showcase the cultural richness of the region and attract locals and tourists to experience the vibrant festivities.

Prof. Hemendra Chandalia invited as the keynote speaker

It's wonderful news that Professor Hemendra Chandalia has been invited as the keynote speaker for the upcoming international conference in Kathmandu, Nepal. The theme of the conference, 'Rethinking ELT in Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Innovation,' highlights the global concern for creating a more inclusive, innovative, and equitable approach to English language teaching. Professor Chandalia's lecture on 'Policy Imperatives for Asserting Inclusivity and Equity in ELT' promises to provide valuable insights into this critical aspect of English language education. The presence of distinguished international experts, including Professor Stephen Creshon, Professor Maria Vilalabos, and Sarah Robinson, along with local perspective from Professor Jib Lal Sapkota, adds significant depth to the discussions. The three-day conference aims to bring together scholars and experts from around the world, fostering discussions on forward-looking methodologies for English language teaching. The global perspectives shared during the event are expected to contribute to shaping the future of English language education. The conference is not only an opportunity for intellectual exchange but also a platform for robust discussions on how to enhance the inclusivity, innovation, and equity in English language education. Professor Chandalia's participation further underscores the significance of the event, and his departure to Nepal on February 16 marks the beginning of what promises to be a fruitful and insightful conference.

'Hindustan Zinc & Education Ministry's Skill Collaboration'



Hindustan Zinc Limited collaborated with the Ministry of Education, Government of India, hosting a Mega Industry Meet National Training Program Workshop. Over 40 industry representatives, government officials, and Hindustan Zinc executives attended. Manas Khawas from BEC NAR outlined the National Training Program's objectives, focusing on skill development and employment opportunities. Munish Vasudeva, Chief HR Officer of Hindustan Zinc, stressed the importance of youth competency in the evolving industrial landscape. The workshop aimed to foster collaboration among industries for future workforce self-reliance and partnership ventures, showcasing Hindustan Zinc's commitment to CSR activities in various sectors.

"Chittorgarh Literature Festival" Unveils Poster

District Collector Alok Ranjan inaugurated the second poster of the upcoming "Chittorgarh Literature Festival" in the presence of Youth Movement founder Shashwat Saxena. Scheduled from February 26 to February 28, the festival, initiated under the Youth Movement and guided by literary figure Anil Saxena, will encompass sessions on various languages, cultures, and environmental subjects. The event will include book discussions, interviews, live folk music performances, and book stalls. Free registration is open from February 16 to February 25, and participants can register by calling 8741990815. The festival aims to promote literature and cultural awareness in the region.



'EPCH Delegation Addresses MSME Payment Rule Concerns'

A delegation led by Mr. Syed Zafar Islam, National Spokesperson BJP, met with Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman to discuss the challenges faced by MSMEs, particularly handicrafts exporters, regarding the 45-day payment rule. Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Chairman IEM & Chief Mentor-EPCH, highlighted that the timeframes are not feasible for the handicrafts industry due to extended credit periods. Mr. Dileep Baid, Chairman, EPCH, emphasized the impact on tax liabilities. Additionally, Mr. Avadesh Aggarwal raised concerns about GST portal amendments and other issues affecting the handicrafts sector.

"Bh Se Bhagat" Book Unveiled

Kishan Pranay, a young author from Kota, introduced his latest book, "Bh Se Bhagat," at the World Book Fair 2024 in Delhi. The unveiling ceremony witnessed the presence of eminent literary figures, including Dr. Nand Kishore Acharya, Dr. Sangeeta Gundeja, and Dr. Shrinivas Varkhed. Published by Surya Prakashan Mandir, Bikaner, the book revolves around the ideology of Bhagat Singh, aiming to enlighten the youth about the true philosophy behind India's freedom struggle. This marks Pranay's twelfth literary work, reflecting his deep-rooted inspiration from a spiritual upbringing and emphasizing the cultural awareness in the region.