

# HONORING SERVICE OF PERMANENT VALUE RENDERED TO SOCIETY

**Udaipur:** Maharana Mewar Foundation 37th Annual Award Distribution Ceremony – 2019, an integral part of MMCF, held on Sunday the 10th March 2019 at The Manek Chowk, The City Palace, Udaipur. The distribution ceremony starts with the presentation of certificates to students from schools and universities in Udaipur and across the State of Rajasthan. This is followed by the main Ceremony when the international and national awardees gather on the dais to receive their awards from Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chief Guest and Shri Arvind Singh Mewar of Udaipur, Chairman and Managing Trustee of Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation, Udaipur.

Convener of the Ceremony Dr. Mayank Gupta said that the international award instituted in 1996 and named after Col. James Tod is to honour a foreign national who has made a lasting contribution through his work of permanent value and understanding of the spirit and values of Udaipur and India is given to Dr. Paul T. Craddock who has had a life-long interest in early technology and science.

The National annual award, Haldighati Award, is given to an individual for work of permanent value that initiates an awakening in society through the medium of journalism. This year the Award is being awarded to Ms. Swati Chaturvedi, freelance reporter for print and broadcast media. She was awarded Press Freedom Award for Courage by Reporters without Borders in 2018; established in 1992. Reporters without Borders (RSF) held its annual Press Freedom Awards in London on 8th November 2018 when the international award for Courage was honoured to Ms. Swati Chaturvedi, the only journalist from India.

Hakim Khan Sur Award is conferred to Mr. Suresh Wadkar in recognition of his distinguished service of permanent value to society by spreading the message of integration and introducing Hindustani Classical Music to thousands of students. He has sung in more than 500 films in 17 languages.

Maharana Uda Singh Award has been felicitated to Ms. Geeta Seshamani, a senior wildlife conservationist and an animal rights activist. She is the Co-Founder, Secretary of Wildlife SOS, established in 1995. She has been involved in animal

welfare and wildlife conservation for over 40 years. Another Maharana Uda Singh Award goes to Mr. Kartick Satyanarayan, an active senior wildlife conservationist and Co-Founder and Chairman of Wildlife SOS. He has been involved in wildlife conservation, welfare & the protection of the natural environment for over 23 years. With their shared commitment, Geeta and Kartick have dedicated themselves to mission 'Elephant Conservation and Care Center' created in 2010 at Mathura to rehabilitate severely abused captive elephants in distress. The Centre, India's first specialised hospital, currently houses 20 elephants with 12 females and 8 male elephants.

Another National Award is Panna Dhai Award instituted to honour an individual who has rendered selfless service, rising beyond the call of duty and setting an example to society of permanent value through sacrifice, in the face of immense hostility. This is awarded to Mr. Swapan Debbarma and his 9 year old daughter Ms. Suma Debbarma, inhabitants of Dhanchara, Ambassa, Dhalai, Tripura. They are being awarded for their commendable work in the bravery and courage they showed to save thousands of innocent lives. On the 15th June 2018, on a rainy day when they had no food at home, the duo headed out in search of some fish. As they walked along the railway tracks they saw that almost a kilometer of railway track had been derailed due to a huge landslide following heavy rains. Realizing that the damaged track would have led to a serious accident, possibly with the loss of thousands of innocent lives they waited to warn the train driver. After nearly two hours at around 3.30 pm the passenger train Siliguri to Agartala coming from Ambassa approached. Standing at the side of the track, Swapan pulled off his shirt and his young daughter her skirt and they waved frantically to try and stop the train. They then realized the only way of attracting the driver's attention was to risk their lives and stand in the middle of the tracks and it was then that the driver Mr. Sonu Kumar Mandal saw them and was alerted to the danger and stopped the train.

Maharishi Harit Rashi Award is being awarded to Dr. Narottam Pujari, who is an authority on Astrologer and Vastu. His pioneering work over the last 21 years

includes Karma Kand and Jyotish Vidhya. Another Maharishi Harit Rashi Awardee is Dr. Hemant Krishna Mishra, a well-known name in Sanskrit language and literature. His work has been recognised by the Rajasthan Government and awarded by the 'Rajasthan Vidwat Award'.

Maharana Mewar Award has been instituted to honour work of permanent value rendered to society, in the field of social service, nation building and character building activities, contributed through educational methods. This year's award is given to Ms. Malini Awasthi, Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh for her distinguished service of permanent value to serve society by promoting folk art and living heritage through education and literature. A Padma Shri awardee in 2016; founder of a non-profit organization, 'Sonchiraiya' she works to spread awareness of folk art as the intangible heritage from Awadh, Brij, Bundelkhand and Bhojpur districts.

Maharana Kumbha Award is awarded to Prof. Girish Nath Mathur, Udaipur distinguished for his literary work specifically his work on Mewar that is widely recognised among historians. He is an inspirational mentor for large number of researchers in history. Another Maharana Kumbha Award is awarded to Dr. Jitendra Kumar Singh, a philosophical author. His wide spectrum of work covers different areas of Literature, History, Linguistics and the study of poetic structure.

Maharana Sajjan Singh Award is awarded to Mr. Jamnalal Kumhar, Molela, Khamnor, Rajasmand who has been a traditional Terracotta Art and Craft artist for the last 42 years.

Dagar Gharana Award is awarded to Ustad Mohi Baha'ud-din Dagar an exponent of the Rudra Veena. He is listed among the finest instrumentalists the Indian Classical Music who has played for diverse and varied audiences in India and across the world.

Rana Punja Award is awarded to Mr. Jhalam Chand Angari, resident of Shyampura Kala, Jhadol, Udaipur. His significant contribution to the people of Jhadol has been through Van Uthman Sangh, formed in 1997 and formally registered in 2000. Van Uthman Sansthan is a network of Village Forest Protection Committees (VFPCs), working in conjunction with the Joint Forest Management



Policy of the Government. His leadership qualities in bringing people together to improve their quality of living has been widely recognised whilst pursuing village development work in Jhadol.

Aravali Award is awarded for the outstanding achievements in sports and games from Rajasthan. This year's awardee is Paralympic Mr. Sandeep Singh Maan, a National and International Level Sprinter and Long Jump Paralympics Athlete. He has won 4 Medals at State level tournaments, 26 Medals at National level tournaments and 27 medals at International events. He is one of the few Paralympics Athletes to have won three Asian Para Games in 2010, 2014 and 2018. He was awarded by the Arjuna Award in 2016 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

This year Best Police Station of Rajasthan Award was given to Police Station Makbara, District Kota, Rajasthan.

This year Bhamashah Student Award was given to 18 students, Maharana Raj Singh Student Award to 8 students and Maharana Fateh Singh Student Award to 80 students.

Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur, Trustee, Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation, Udaipur.



## Geetanjali Hospital Conducts its First Successful Kidney Transplant



**Udaipur:** Geetanjali Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Udaipur conducts its first kidney transplant on a 33 years old man. His mother Basanti Bai donated one of her kidney to his son. The operating team comprised of Nephrologist & Transplant Physician Dr. Gulshan Kumar Mukhiya and Urologist & Transplant Surgeon Dr. Pankaj Trivedi. They were adequately supported by Nephrologist Dr. Chetan Mahajan, Urologist Dr. Vishwas Baheti, Anesthetist Dr. S.S. Jaithawat, Dr. Uday Pratap & Dr. Anil, Cardiologist Dr. Ramesh Patel, Neuro Vascular Interventional Radiologist Dr. Sitaram Barath, Radiologist Dr. Ravindra Kundu and Infection Controller Dr. Upasna Bhumbhla. It is claimed as the first successful kidney transplant of South Rajasthan.

CEO Geetanjali Hospital Mr. Prateem Tamboli presented the history of the journey of Kidney Transplant Unit being installed in GMCH. Geetanjali Group's Executive Director Mr. Ankit Agarwal said that, "South Rajasthan's first successful kidney transplant here at Geetanjali Hospital is a matter of pride for all Mewar region

## Kiran Agarwal appointed as Additional Director and Chairman of Hindustan Zinc

**Udaipur:** Kiran Agarwal has been appointed as Additional Director and Chairman of Hindustan Zinc Limited, with effect from 2nd March 2019. In this role, she will provide leadership direction to the company in achieving its vision and goals.

Hindustan Zinc is one of the most progressive mining companies across the World, has contributed immensely to the nation's economy with its steady growth trajectory. As we embark on the journey towards the next phase of our ambitious growth, we also strongly believe in inclusiveness and uplifting communities around us. Agarwal, with her strong association with social issues, will bring in significant value in further strengthening our resolve for the betterment of society. She has been actively involved in her family business and sharing her acumen on various business developments in the family and in setting up of NandGhar Project, an institution for the underprivileged children

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and value-based education. As a trustee of Vedanta Foundation, a philanthropic arm of Vedanta Limited, she pursues her passion for social causes, concerns related to children and women especially close to her heart.

Agarwal, with a stint at London School of Journalism, is an avid reader, prolific writer and a woman of many facets. Her love for reading inspired her to write a series of books catering to Indian ethos.

She is also on the Board of Agarwal Galvanising Private Limited.

## Vinod Tiwari to direct a movie titled 'Prayagraj'

**Udaipur:** After his maiden venture 'Teri Bhabhi Hai Pagle' as a director in Bollywood, Vinod Tiwari is all set for his second outing. The filmmaker will be helming the project titled 'Prayagraj', based on the most celebrated Kumbh. Bollywood has seen several projects where Kumbh is mentioned and talked about but none shows the festival of faith as the central subject.

Vinod Tiwari is ready to embark on a journey which will showcase Kumbh as the main plot. The filmmaker took the divine bath in the holy Sangam river this year on February 24 during Kumbh festival in Prayagraj. And that's when he decided to make a movie on it. Tiwari's last movie 'Teri Bhabhi Hai Pagle' starred Krushna Abhishek, Rajneesh Duggal, Nazia Hussain and Mukul Dev in lead roles. Coming back to his new movie, the film will be shot completely in and around Prayagraj. The filmmaker expressed his happiness about starting the project. He said, "I feel great happiness and immense pleasure in announcing my new project which is based on Kumbh. The religious festival helps in promoting and preserving our Hindu traditions and culture across the globe."

In other news, buzz was also strong about Tiwari directing a biopic on ace comedian Kapil Sharma. It was reported that in the biopic, lead character will be played by Krushna Abhishek.

## Veteran Educationist And Social Activist Uda Lal Chandalia Passes Away

**Udaipur:** Uda Lal Chandalia, retired director of the Community Centers Department, Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth passed away on 6th March, 2019 after a brief illness. He was ninety years. He was hospitalized in



December 2018 and had been discharged after almost a fortnight. After he came back to his home he did not recover and left for his heavenly abode on 6th of March. He was an active member of All India Students Federation during his college days and was elected in the executive body of the Students Union of M.B. College then affiliated to erstwhile Rajputana University. He participated in the freedom struggle and remained in Jail with veteran Communist leaders Hukam Raj Mehta and Bhagwat Singh Bhandari. He joined Indian Railways and was an active trade union activist. He lost his job due to his affiliation with Communist Party of India. There after he joined Rajasthan Vidyapeeth in 1953 and served it for nearly 43 years till 1996 in various capacities including Vice Principal, Janta College, Director, Lok Shiksha Pratishthan, Community Centers Department and Samvaidhanik Karyamantri. A close associate of founder of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth Manishi Pdt. Janardan Rai Nagar, he contributed a lot in building up of the institution. On his death several institutions and individuals paid rich tributes to him.

## FOUR AND HALF A HUNDRED WOMEN SCREENED POSITIVE FOR HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS, A CAUSATIVE AGENT FOR CERVICAL CANCER

**Udaipur:** World Health Organization has associated responsibility of the screening of cervical cancer in the state to the GBH Memorial Cancer Hospital. In the project cervical cancer in women will be detected early and it will curb the development of cancer and associated mortality. In its pilot project, GBH American Hospital has screened eight thousand women, out of which four hundred and a half women found to have positive for Human Papilloma Virus, a causative agent for CERVICAL CANCER. All these women are further assessed for precancerous changes for cervical cancer and treated free of cost.

This information was given by Dr. Manoj U Mahajan, Director of Medical Oncology and Project Director of GBH Memorial Cancer Hospital, in the press conference.

Dr. Mahajan said that every year about 1.25 lakh women are getting cervical cancer in the country from 30 to 60 years of age. There is no cure in the third and fourth stage of this cancer. Every year nearly 70000 women die prematurely due to this dreadful cancer which is 100% preventable if we start screening at the appropriate age.

The biggest reason pointed out in the survey is the lack of awareness among women. Following the responsibilities given by WHO, GBH Memorial Cancer Hospital has trained ten community health workers on its own level. They had been trained to explain participants themselves to take samples for testing human papillomaviruses inside their home premises. They are now working for awareness of common cancers by outreaching women and men in rural and tribal areas of Udaipur District. With the ease of use of this kit, women with negative reports do not have the risk of developing cervical cancer for the next five to ten years.

Among women with positive reports, OPD based treatment is possible with colposcopic guided treatment. Ten women selected in the Pilot project have saved the lives of these women by preventing/ early detection of this cancer. Greater deaths than the maternal mortality

rate of cervix cancer

WHO's Dr. Parth Basu said that the WHO had given the pilot project to complete it in two years in different countries of Europe and Asia. GBH Memorial Cancer Hospital is the first institute amongst all who completed the project in just eight months.

Mortality in women is higher in cervix cancer than maternal mortality. We need to proactively implement with government authorities existing screening programmes. For prevention of cervical cancer, all girls between 09 to 26 years must receive HPV vaccines and all women between 30 to 60 years of age should undergo HPV screening test and colposcopy

if required.

**Cancer Specialist in GBH -**  
Dr. Anand Jha, the group director of GBH, told that GBH group chairman Dr. Kirti Jain, a cancer specialist in the USA has established GBH Memorial Cancer Hospital for complete cancer treatment of all types of cancer under one roof for people of Mewar. Dr. Manoj U Mahajan is a Medical Oncologist in GBH Memorial Cancer Hospital, is also leading this project. For the treatment of different cancers, surgical oncologist Dr. Quresh Bambora, radiation oncologist Dr. Mamta Lodha, interventional radiologist Dr. Bharat Gupta, Neuro oncosurgeon Dr. Ajit Singh, onco Pathologist Dr. Pawan Nikhara, Dr. Kavita Nikhara are involved for comprehensive care for cancer patients. Group Director Medical Services Dr. Dinesh Sharma was also present in the press conference.

