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## GULAB BAGH : UDAIPUR'S OLDEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

The biggest oxygen pocket in the town that is full of a large variety of trees and flowerbeds located not very far from City Palace, Sajjan Niwas Bagh was laid out due to the initiative of Maharana Sajjansingh. Before this the place was called Gulab Bagh and Bada Bagh. The Maharana got the idea from Ramniwas Bagh, Jaipur. Earlier, near this place there were Badis of Rajrana of Delwara and Rawat of Salumbar and Asind. Some additional land was with Naulakha Bagh and Hanuman Mandir. The Maharana acquired all this land and as compensation, the owners were given land in other areas. Then started the building of the garden in about sixty seven square acre. The old boundary wall was replaced by a new one and roads were built. Drains to carry water from Pichhola lake were constructed. So also a canal from Samore Bagh to Nathulal Ki Badi. For all this, budget of about sixteen thousand was sanctioned by the Maharana.

The Maharana acquired trees and plants of fruits and flowers from places like Saharanpur, Madras and Kashmir and several countries ruled by the British. A large number of trees were useful Ayurvedic medicinal plants. A separate pool, Kamal Talai was built for lotus plants.

Attracted by the scenic wetland on the bank of Sisarma river and the availability of water from nearby Pichhola the Maharana engaged horticulture spe-



cialist, European Engineer T. H. Story from Madras to plan and execute the construction of the garden. He was appointed superintendent and was given rupees three hundred per month as salary. He continued till 1920 and then came S.S. Ameta in his place. The work was started in 1881 and later on the garden was developed by Maharana Fatehsingh and Maharana Bhupalsingh. Its official name was Sajjan Niwas Udhyan.

In 1890, Gauri Shankar Ojha was appointed curator of Victoria Hall Museum in the garden. Cricket and football grounds and tennis court were also built. In 1965

started the giving of plants to the public. The bougainvillea flower plant was planted in 1886 and in six years it rose to the height of seven feet. Vegetables were also grown in the garden and one of the Baoris was called Tarkari Ki Baori. The garden used to be famous for its Banarasi Anwela as the variety was fibreless and white in colour. In 1892 the names of all the plants were written in Hindi and English. Flower show was started in 1887-88.

The foundation of Victoria Hall was laid by Maharana Sajjansingh in 1890 and later on it was inaugurated by Lord

Lowdown. In it were collected rare edicts ranging from third century B.C. to seventeenth century BC. The library has rare and valuable paintings, manuscripts and books of historical importance. On the occasion of silver jubilee of Queen Victoria, the foundation of her statue was laid by Maharana Fatehsingh in 1887. However, later on the statue was replaced by that of Mahatma Gandhi.

One big attraction of the spectacular garden near the western wall of Moti Mahal is a small tank, Pari Ka Haud. The unique architecture of which shows the insight of the builders. There is a small

tank near the wall of the Mahal. Above it is a structure with a hollow shape like concave lens and on its upper side is the figure of a blooming lotus. Above it is the figure of an angel with wings wearing ornaments on all the parts of the body like head, neck and arms that are worn in Mewar. The speciality of this statue made with iron and cement is its raised cheeks and open eyes. It holds a fat book in its hands that is open and its pages can be seen from the front. On the left page is engraved a couplet and on the right one a Sanskrit 'shloka' in Devnagri script. Read with the help of a lens, the couplet means that only those who yearn for love can talk about love. The 'shloka' seems to be about importance of love.

Another attraction is the statue of a dog under a canopy in the small garden in the west of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. In the canopy made with stone resting on four pillars can be seen a dog hiding its face with its legs. It is looking out. In fact, the figure is of a bitch. It is said that it was a pet of the royal family and the canopy was built in memory of its qualities like loyalty. The small garden is named Gindakdi Ro Bagh as Gindakdi is the Mewari word for a bitch.

In 1973 was inaugurated a children's train. Worth a visit in the garden is Navlakha Mahal where Swami Dayanand Saraswati stayed as a state guest for some time and wrote Satyarth Prakash. There are two lions at the main gate

of the garden. The gate in the north side was built by Maharana Bhupalsingh in 1932.

Gulab Bagh used to have a big zoo with tigers, panthers, crocodiles, boars, deer, monkeys, peacocks, ducks etc. but some time back the animals were shifted to Biological Park, Sajjansingh. Now in its place a big bird park is being developed.

True to its name, Gulab Bagh that covers an area of about one acre has about three thousand five hundred rose plants of sixty five kinds of 'deshi' and 'videshi' flowers. Their colour includes red, yellow, blue and white. The sight very soothing for the eyes and the amazing fragrance attracts a large number of visitors every day including tourists. Morning walk is a pleasant exercise for a big number of Udaipurites. It is also a favourite spot for picnic. On Hariyali Amawas every year, it is thronged by huge crowds.

- Ashok Mathur

**Dear Viewers,**  
We are happy to say that the over thirty articles on different aspects of Udaipur like lakes, palaces, temples, festivals, etc. By Ashok Kumar Mathur have been greatly appreciated by our readers.

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### HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

As Corona Virus spread widely in Udaipur, a fine morning of March 23rd, 2020 an active group of sixteen teenagers from MB College and cadets of NCC Air Wing, while sitting in the canteen came up with an idea to create awareness about it in their city and village area. Lokesh being their leader took up the responsibility to lead this awareness drive.

Next morning sharp at seven O' clock the group assembled. Their faces shine with the sense of determination.

With an enthusiastic approach the group initiates to greet each other by saying 'Namaste' as it is the part of Indian culture and it represent the safety measure of avoiding direct contact of handshaking.

Lokesh said, "We should take guidance from the doctors of RNT Medical College for preparing a plan to work upon". Onwards, the areas which are prone to the virus such as famous tourist spots like Jagdish Chowk, Fateh Sagar, Sukhadia Circle, etc and tourists' residing places like Hotels, Guest Houses, etc. were selected.

Slogan and banners were prepared by the team and posted on all public gathering place around the city by highlighting safety precautions like social distancing, washing hands with soap and sneezing with mouth covered and so on.

Online painting competition was also organized where children participated and beautifully depicted elderly people are more prone to the virus through direct contact, avoiding Non veg. food and focusing on good immunity by yoga and breathing exercise.

The group of teenagers shared appreciation letters to all children participants those who shown their sensitivity for the pandemic.

On April 1st, 2020 Lokesh phones to his friends and segregates them in four teams and request them to distribute in different parts of Udaipur for the awareness drive.

Then the group of teenagers started sharing safety precautions and spreading awareness with people in crowded place, tourist's areas, and tourists' guides and also in the villages in the outskirts of Udaipur. Moreover, a group of doctors who volunteered for the awareness drive was also there with each team and provide free health checkup. The message was conveyed positively by concerning the panic state of society.

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## Chief Minister and H.M. again praised Bhilwara model

**Instructions to adopt this model in Nimbahera of Chittorgarh**

**Bhilwara:** Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot, and Minister of Medical and Health Shri Raghu Sharma have once again described the Bhilwara model as useful in the prevention and control of corona infection. CM said this in a video conference with top officials of all the districts of the state on Monday.

District Collector Mr. Rajendra Bhatt, District Superintendent of Police Mr. Harendra Mahawar, ADM Administration Mr. Rakesh Kumar, ZP CEO Mr. Gopal Ram Birada, Bhilwara Subdivision Officer Mrs. Tina Dabi, Medical College Principal Dr. Rajan Nanda, Chief Medical Officer of Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Dr. Arun Gaur, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Mustaq Khan and other officials were present in the video conference room at the Rajiv Gandhi Bharat Nirman Kendra at the district headquarters.

The Chief Minister directed the district collectors to adopt the Bhilwara model for the prevention of sudden corona infection in Nimbahera of Chittorgarh. He told the Chittorgarh District Collector that he should study the Bhilwara model and apply it in Nimbahera so that effective prevention of disease can occur. By strictly enforcing



ing the curfew, traffic in controlled areas should be stopped at all times so that the infection does not spread to other areas. During the video conference, Minister of Medical and Health and Information

and Public Relations Shri Raghu Sharma instructed to know the health of the people by conducting door-to-door surveys in the area, along with identifying the infected persons, testing their Corona and quarantine.

Several points were discussed during the V.C., such as concessions in lockdowns, screening of workers coming from other states, and arranging quarantine, Corona, as well as ensuring treatment of other diseases in hospitals. In addition to the Chief Minister and Medical Minister from Jaipur, top officials of the Chief Secretary, ACS Home Department, ACS Medical and Health and other departments gave necessary instructions.

Chittorgarh will be investigated in Bhilwara:

Minister of Medical and Health at the video conference Dr. Raghu Sharma directed that in the coming days, corona samples of Chittorgarh district should be examined in the lab of Bhilwara Medical College. Necessary facilities should be mobilized for this. Presently, the Chittorgarh district is being investigated in Udaipur. Being closer to Chittorgarh than Bhilwara Udaipur will save time in results.

### Housing becomes preferred asset amid coronavirus crisis: Report

**New Delhi:** As the coronavirus crisis hits financial markets and other investment options hard, a survey by Anarock Property Consultants shows that more and more people now want to purchase residential properties.

The survey also indicated that home-ownership is now a compelling priority for the millennials facing uncertain times.

"A majority of participants (48 per cent) in an ANAROCK survey to gauge housing market sentiment in COVID-19 times chose real estate as their preferred investment asset class. Of these, 59 per cent of intending buyers are end-users," it said.

Out of the total voters favouring real estate, 55 per cent are aged between 25-35, and 68 per cent are end-users. In the H2 2019 edition of this survey, only 42 per cent were in this age bracket.

Anuj Puri, Chairman, Anarock Property Consultants, said: "The security of owning a physical asset during a coronavirus-like crisis now combines with a rising aversion to high-risk investments. As a result, the demand for residential real estate has increased."

He noted that millennials are key demand-drivers, their preferences are now dictated by the prevailing uncertainties, stock market volatility and recent-past financial sector incidents.

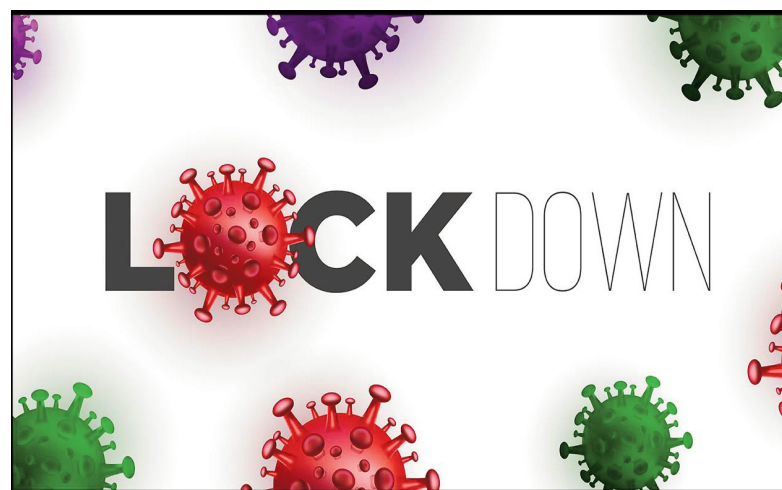
Many of them now prefer buying homes over renting, Puri said, adding that the general homebuying sentiment is also guided by cheaper home loan interest rates, which currently average between 7.15-7.8 per cent.

While ready-to-move-in homes have been the preferred choice of end-users in the recent past, at least 34 per cent of respondents in the current survey who prefer ready homes are investors, a massive rise from 12 per cent in the previous survey, according to the Anarock report. Investors' growing aversion to taking risks in the wake of limited construction activity could be a major factor for the change, it noted. Further, by buying ready properties, they can soon begin to earn a steady rental income. Bengaluru, Mumbai and Hyderabad were the most preferred cities for at least 82 per cent of the respondent buyers who had already booked properties either just before the coronavirus-induced lockdown or during it.

"The preference for reputed, organised developers with the least project execution risk has also risen," Puri said.

Demand for affordable housing has remained more or less stable at 36 per cent despite COVID-19, the survey revealed.

## Lockdown 3.0? Centre issues state-wise division of red, green zones



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According to a letter written by Health Secretary Preeti Sudan to the Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs, all the states have to delineate the containment areas and buffer zones in the identified red and orange zone districts and notify the same.

The letter said, the national capital has at least 11 red zones, Uttar Pradesh 19 red zones, 36 orange zones and 20 green zones while, the state of Haryana has 2 red zones, 18 orange zones and 2 green zones.

The Gautam Buddha Nagar in Uttar Pradesh has been identified as a red zone district while, Ghaziabad has been designated as an orange zone. The national capital has no orange and green zone; there are only red zones according to the letter. In Maharashtra, Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Nashik come in the red zone.

In West Bengal, Kolkata, Howrah, 24 Parganas -- both North and South have been identified as red zones while Hooghly, Nadia, Murshidabad etc have been marked as orange zones. In the southern part of India, Kerala has 2 red zones and 10 orange zones, while Tamil Nadu has 12 red zones and 24 orange zones.

The Health Secretary said that the list will be revised on a weekly basis or earlier and communicated to states for further follow-up action in consonance with the directions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 based on field feedback and additional analysis at state level, states may designate additional red or orange zones as appropriate.

However, states may not relax the zonal classification of districts classified as red or orange as communicated by the Ministry. This classification is multi-factorial and takes into consideration incidence of cases, doubling rate, extent of testing and surveillance feedback to classify the districts.

A district will be considered under green zone, if there are no confirmed cases so far or there is no reported case since the last 21 days in the district.