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Shri Nath Mandir, Nathdwara

Located about 50 km north of Udaipur is the highly revered Shrinathji Mandir, Nathdwara, the main Peeth of the Vallabh Sampradaya. Lacs of devotees throngs it from far and near throughout the year.

The Lord decided to leave his original abode in Mathura in UP due to Mughal rulers' atrocities.

As desired by the Lord, his chief devotee Gosain Damodarji, left Mathura carrying His idol in a Chariot. The party arrived at Nathdwara after traveling to and staying at several places in the country in a Chariot on 10th October 1668. The party stayed in Agra for 16 days and then left the place on 26th October. After the next halt at Krishnapura, they arrived in Kota, where the stay was for four months. They were warmly welcomed by Raja Mansingh when they reached Kishangarh near Ajmer after a two-month-long journey. However, due to the fear of Badshah Alamgeer, the Raja was not able to host them for a long time. So the party left the town and reached Chopasni, near Jodhpur; it was not safe to stay there. So Govindji, uncle of Gosain Damodarji, went to Udaipur and met Maharana Raj Singh. Highly delighted to learn that the Lord desired to make Mewar His home, the Maharana told Govindji that his one lac soldiers would always be in the service of the Lord. Hearing this message, Gosainji's joy knew no bound.

When the Lord's chariot reached Ghanerao, the Maharana received it with all his paraphernalia of Rajas, Maharajas, Sardars, etc. The Maharana was there with his army riding horses, elephants, and camels. When the chariot of the Lord came in front of the Maharana, a twenty-one cannon salute was given. He sat on the ground to pay respect and offered one thousand gold Mohurs. There was a lot of singing and dancing. The Lord rested at Ghanerao Chouraha. On his arrival at Rajsamand, the Lord was welcomed warmly. When the chariot reached a place called Singhad, its wheels got stuck in the soil and, despite all-out efforts, did not even budge. Taking it to be the Lord's wish to make this place His abode, the Maharana asked Delwara Naresh to make all the arrangements, and soon a small temple was built. All the surrounding land was given to the temple. On 20th February 1672 A.D., the idol of the Lord was installed in the temple. By order of the Maharana, there were grand celebrations throughout Mewar in which the public participated with great enthusiasm.



The building of the Shrinath Mandir is unique in the sense that it has been designed as a house. In Pushti Marg, the child form of Lord Krishna performing Baal-Leela is worshipped. The 'Leelas' were performed mainly in Brij within the home of Nandbaba as the main center, so the Mandir is like Nand Bhawan or Nandalaya. The

roof of the main Mandir is made of 'Khaprel'. Being the residence of Lord Krishna, there are Kalash Sudarshan Chakra and Sapthdhwaja in the main building. Every day Sudarshan Chakra is bathed with the choicest 'litra' scent and offered 'bhog.' Nobody can touch it, and through constant vigil, it is ensured that birds do not sit on it.

It is the only Mandir of Vallabh Sampradaya where 'dhwaja' is set up. The Mandir is surrounded by a Parkota. Entering through any of the three gates, one reaches Ratan Chowk that leads to Dol Tibari from where one can have 'darshan' of the Lord. The Lord's pose with the raised left hand is the one in which He lifted Goverdhan Parvat. With a closed fist, the left-hand touch the waist. A unique feature of Shrinathji Mandir is that here Shrinath is not worshipped as an idol but as a living being. As Shrinath is worshipped lifting Goverdhan Parvat on His little finger, He is also named Goverdhannathji.

One enters Kamal Chowk through Singh Pol. There is a marble lotus in the Chowk where devotees wait for the 'darshan.' At the time of Mangal Bhog, 'bhajans' are sung at Hathipol. Pandits do Katha here. Sanjhi is also made in this Chowk. Big festivals like Hindole are held here. In Ratan Chowk on Diwali, Navneet Priyaji sits in Hatdi.

In the month of Jeshtha, a wall is built, and water is filled here to make a pool for Navautsava. From here, one can have 'darshan' of Sudarshan Chakra and Dhwajaji Standing in Dol Tibari; people have 'darshan' of the Lord. Some 'Utsav' is also held here. In Khasa Bhandar, the material for cooking is cleaned. Navneet Priyaji's 'Prasad' is stored in Shri Krishna Bhandar. In several places are kept different items as indicated by their names- Shakghar, Paaanghar, Phoolghar, Doodhghar, Mishrighar, Pedaghar, and Patalghar. From Rasoighar is distributed 'prasad.' So also pattals that have roti daal bhatth, kheer, and different vegetables. Each low-cost 'pattal' is enough to feed four persons. In Keertaniya Gali, Keertaniyas sing 'Bhajans' in classical ragas in keeping with the time of the day and season. In Manikotha are sung Padas composed by A sthchap Bhakti poets in different Ragini's with the accompaniment of musical instruments. Such is the ambience suffused with the religious fervor of not only the temple but of the whole town that the massive number of pilgrims who throng the sacred region find themselves deeply immersed in Krishna Bhakti. (Content courtesy Dr. S.K. Jugnu and Narayanlal Sharma)

- Ashok Mathur

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US President-elect Joe Biden on Monday announced his national security team that includes three women and an envoy for climate that for the first time would sit on the National Security Council.

Biden intends to nominate Anthony Blinken as his Secretary of State; Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security; Linda Thomas-Greenfield as US Ambassador to the United Nations, and Avril Haines, as Director of National Intelligence, who would be the first woman to be named for this top intelligence position.

The President-elect also announced the nomination of former Secretary of State John Kerry as Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, the first such official to sit on the national security council.

Jake Sullivan has been appointed National Security Advisor and will be one of the youngest people to serve in that role in decades.

This is the crux of that team. These individuals are equally as experienced and crisis-tested as they are innovative and imaginative, Biden said adding that he needs a team ready on Day One to help him reclaim America's seat at the head of the table, rally the world to meet the biggest challenges the US faces, and advance its security, prosperity, and values.

Their accomplishments in diplomacy are unmatched, but they also reflect the idea that we cannot meet the profound challenges of this new moment with old thinking and unchanged habits -- or without diversity of background and perspective. It's why I've selected them, he said.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris said that these crisis-tested national security and foreign policy leaders have the knowledge and expertise to keep the country safe and restore and advance America's leadership around the world.

They represent the best of America. They come from different places and reflect different life experiences. But they all share an unwavering belief in America's ideals and an unshakable commitment to democracy and the rule of law. And they are the leaders America needs to help meet the challenges of this moment -- and those that lie ahead, Harris said.

Blinken has held senior foreign policy positions in two administrations over three decades, and has advised President-elect Biden on foreign policy since 2002. A graduate of Harvard College and Columbia Law School, from 2015 to 2017, Blinken served as Deputy Secretary of State under the Obama-Biden administration.

In that role, Blinken helped to lead diplomacy in the fight against ISIS, the rebalance to Asia, and the global refugee crisis, while building bridges to the innovation community.



Alejandro Mayorkas is the first Latino and immigrant nominated to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security. He led a distinguished 30-year career as a law enforcement official and a nationally-recognized lawyer in the private sector.

When I was very young, the United States provided my family and me a place of refuge. Now, I have been nominated to be the DHS Secretary and oversee the protection of all Americans and those who flee persecution in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones, Mayorkas said.

During his tenure at DHS, he led the implementation of DACA, negotiated cybersecurity and homeland security agreements with foreign governments, led the Department's response to Ebola and Zika.

Avril Haines has worked with President-elect Biden in various roles for more than a decade, and will become the first woman to serve as Director of National Intelligence.

During the Obama administration, Haines served as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor from 2015-2017, during which time she led the National Security Council's (NSC) Deputies Committee.

From 2013-2015, Haines was the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; she was the first woman to hold both of these positions. Avril began her service in the Obama administration in 2010 as the NSC Legal Advisor.

Retired Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat, is returning to public service after retiring from a 35-year career with the US Foreign Service in 2017.

My mother taught me to lead with the power of kindness and compassion to make the world a better place. I've carried that lesson with me throughout my career in Foreign Service and, if confirmed, will do the same as Ambassador to the United Nations, she said.

Sullivan is currently a senior policy advisor to President-elect Biden and formerly served as Deputy Assistant to the President and National Security Advisor to then-Vice President Joe Biden in the Obama-Biden administration.

He previously served as Director of the Policy Planning Staff at the US Department of State and as Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Kerry served as America's 68th Secretary of State, the first sitting Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman to serve as Secretary in over a century.

A Yale University graduate, Kerry elevated environmental challenges as diplomatic priorities, from oceans to hydrofluorocarbons.

He was a key architect of the Paris Climate Accord, and signed the historic agreement to reduce carbon emissions with his granddaughter on his lap.

America will soon have a government that treats the climate crisis as the urgent national security threat it is. I'm proud to partner with the President-elect, our allies, and the young leaders of the climate movement to take on this crisis as the President's Climate Envoy, Kerry said in a tweet.

With 37,975 new COVID-19 infections, India's total cases rise to 91.77 lakh

India saw 37,975 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day taking the country's COVID-19 caseload to 91.77 lakh, while the recoveries crossed 86 lakh, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday.

The total coronavirus cases mounted to 91,77,840, while the death toll climbed to 1,34,218 with 480 new fatalities, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The number of active cases remained below 5 lakh for the fourteenth consecutive day. There are 4,38,667 active cases of coronavirus infection in the country as on date which comprises 4.78 per cent of the total caseload, the data stated.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 86,04,955 pushing the national recovery rate to 93.76 per cent, while the COVID-19 case fatality rate stands at 1.46 per cent.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23 and 40 lakh on September 5. It went past 50 lakh on September 16, 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, and surpassed 90 lakh on November 20.

According to the ICMR, over 13.36 crore samples have been tested up to November 23 with 10,99,545 samples being tested on Monday.



Udaipur-Corona update Corona's century again 8 Corona Warriors, 38 close contacts, 54 new cases found Corona positive

Total Positive Number 8428

In Udaipur After the explosion of Corona in Udaipur on Sunday, Corona has scored a century on Monday. Monday's report found 100 positive. 1603 have been infected in the month of November.

While 6825 had been received by the month of October. Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Dinesh Kharadi said that reports of 786 persons were received on Sunday, out of which 686 were found to be negative and 100 corona positive.

Out of 100 coronae infected found in today's report, 76 corona positives have been found from an urban area. Four corona warriors, 28 close contacts, and 44 new cases have been found infected. In contrast, 24 corona positives have been found from a rural area, out of which four corona warriors have been found.

Ten close contacts and ten new cases have been found infected. In this way, out of the total Corona positive, eight corona warriors, 38 close contacts, and 54 new cases have been found infected.

Thus the total number of positive cases has increased to 8428. At the same time, 7760 people have recovered and gone home. Four hundred forty-five patients are currently in home isolation. At the same time, the active case is 584.

400 plus weddings to happen in Coming months

Five auspicious dates for weddings until December 2020.

Udaipur: Udaipur city is to witness 400 plus weddings in the coming days until the end of 2020. There are five muhurs left this year, and all small and budget gardens and hotels have been booked. No bookings have yet been received for the bigger vaticas.

It may be noted that the pandemic era has brought about a lot of restrictions about the gathering numbers. Weddings can have only 100 people, and this has led to the bookings of smaller vaticas in the city. It has been reported that 80 couples are not from Udaipur, and the beauty of this city has pulled them to Udaipur for their destination wedding dreams to be fulfilled.

People from metro cities and celebrities will be getting married in Udaipur. Telugu



actress Niharika will be getting married on 9th December. Out of the five muhurs on 25th November, 30th November, 7th December, 9th

December, and 11th December, maximum weddings, will take place.

Those dealing in tent bookings, taxi services, and hotels are now happy that their businesses will be getting back on track. It may be noted that a lot of businesses have suffered a great deal because of the pandemic. The city has 140 tent shops, and all of them have received bookings for these five auspicious occasions. Since weddings are going to be on small scales, the bigger vaticas have not been booked. Hotel and taxi bookings are still going on.

Maximum weddings are taking place on 25th November. All those in the music and band-Baja business are gearing up to provide adequate services. There are around ten weddings in a day, and the music and band dealers are quite pleased that they will be back in action.

Pacific Chairman gets a life threat

Udaipur: The Chairman of Pacific Institute of Medical Sciences, Umarda, received a life threat from former employees. As per the Chairman's report, he was asked for a considerable amount over a phone call, failing which he would be killed.

Allegedly one of the former employees, who was kicked out of the institute, is behind this threat. As reported by Chairman Agarwal, his former employee Prem Singh was asked to leave the institute for some reason.

Prem Singh was an old employee of the institute. He visited the institute a few days back and stole the Chairman's mobile phone from his office. After some time, he rang up the Chairman asking for 50 lakh rupees and threatened that he would kill the Chairman if the amount is not given to him.

Surprisingly the call was made from the same mobile number, which was stolen from the office. Police are now investigating the case from every possible angle.