

Ahmedabad's International Kite Festival full of thrills and surprises

Among the many tourist festivals of the country, the week-long International Kite Festival held every year on Makar Sankranti in Ahmedabad, Gujarat state, has become a worldwide festival after completing its journey of 36 years. The International Kite Festival begins seven days before Makar Sankranti and ends on Makar Sankranti.

The sight of Suryanamaskar by thousands of school children and Aditya Stuti by 200 Rishikumars is heart-touching. The festival begins with a colorful parade of international and national kite fliers. Exhibitions of kites and traditional crafts are held. Yoga and Zumba exercises are performed in the morning, and cultural programs are organized in the evening. Tourists also



enjoy the delicious cuisine of Gujarat.

During kite competitions, excitement and thrill are created on sight. With so much fun, the biggest attraction is the kites of different sizes, and designs, touching the heights of the sky. The whole atmosphere gets colored with millions of colorful kites. The old, the young, and the children are all seen drenched in the colors and fun of kites.



The whole world waits for this famous festival of Gujarat throughout the year. Along with the different states of India - Australia, Canada, France, Russia, Germany, Greece, Israel, Egypt, Colombia, Denmark, New Zealand, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, Belgium, Bahrain, Iraq, and Malaysia, etc. are close to the world Kite fliers from 68 countries participate with full enthusiasm in kite flying competitions by showcasing their kite skills here. The number of kite fliers has increased to more than 660 at present.

The main event is held at the Sabarmati Riverfront. However, kite flying is rampant all over Gujarat. In 2023, along with Ahmedabad, the kite festival was also celebrated in Dakor, Gandhidham, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara, Dwarka, Amreli, Palanpur, Pavagadh, Valsad, and Saputara.

Such is the craze for this festival that the kite industry in Gujarat has grown from Rs 8-10 crore in the last two decades to Rs 625 crore. Every year this festival has a unique theme. In 2023, its article was based on "One Earth, One Family, One Future." This year, Gujarat Tourism Corporation has set a target of setting a Guinness World Record for the

maximum number of kite lovers from different countries flying kites at the same time. During the International Kite Festival, all the participants performed a parade wearing T-shirts and caps bearing the G20 logo. The skies of Gujarat were decorated with special kites in the shape of India's G20 Presidency logo.

This festival started from the year 1989 on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. Except for two years of Corona, it is being celebrated continuously. The International Kite Festival has many names. It is also known as Uttarayan or Makar Sankranti in Gujarat. There are different types of kites in the attraction of the International Kite Festival.

People come from far and wide to see them. People watch moths from the roofs of their houses. The International

Kite Festival is considered one of Gujarat's biggest festivals. This festival of kites is a typical Gujarati event when the sky is filled with kites from morning till evening in most of the state's cities. The Kite festival is organized during the second week of January.

On this day, almost all the usual work stops in the state, and everyone flies kites on the rooftops and streets and competes with the people around them. Tourists come from different corners of the world and enjoy this beautiful festival.

Gujarat Tourism Corporation Limited organizes the festival.

More than 50 thousand foreign tourists must come to Gujarat in January on the pre-text of the kite festival; this has boosted Gujarat tourism.

- Dr. Prabhat Kumar Singhal

Evergreen songs and ghazals cheer up senior citizens



Udaipur: On Saturday, the hearts of the senior citizens in the Ashok Nagar-based vigyan Samati started beating young when more than one duet song and ghazals of their era were presented in music. The whole

pandal echoed with thunderous applause and the sound of wah. Forgetting all their sorrows, pains, and loneliness, listening to the duet songs of their generation, all the elders gathered for a moment and danced alive, reviving the fun and godliness of the days of youth.

The occasion was the meeting of the Senior Citizens Council in the Vigyan Samiti from Ashoknagar, where a cultural program and a discussion of affection accompanied the conference. Mrs. Panna and Mrs. Renu Bathia have composed more than one old song, in which Tora Man Darpan is... Dil ke Armaanun me..... Dil to hai dil ke itbaar ki kijiye.... like the heart of songs There were touching presentations.

Chairman RK Nebhanani concluded the musical performances by reciting Kishore Kumar's popular song Chalte Chalte Mere Ye Geet Yaad Rakhna... At the end of the program, all the guests were honored by giving them mementos.

Before this, the program also started with a musical prayer. First of all, during the welcome address, the previous meetings of the Council of Senior Citizens were presented.

Chairman Nebhanani said that the new members who became new members in May were welcomed and felicitated by wearing garlands and uppers. On this occasion, 80-year-old Anil Joglekar and Shaganpat Bapna were honored. In the next episode of the program, new members were introduced and honored. In other words, the vote of thanks was given by Chairman RK Nebhanani. At the end of the program, thanks and gratitude were expressed to all the guests and members by Patron BS Kothari.

The Chief Minister interacted with the students



Udaipur: Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot, while interacting with the talented tribal students at Pt. Deendayal Auditorium of Municipal Corporation said that the state government is sensitive and committed to expansion in the field of education. He said that in the last 70 years, 250 colleges were opened in Rajasthan, while the state government has provided opportunities for higher education to

the youth by opening 305 colleges in the last five years.

He said that the number of beneficiaries has been increased from 15 thousand to 30 thousand under Anuprati Yojana so that more and more people can get help making their careers.

After interacting with the students, Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot said from the stage that it was great to see the confidence with which the

children spoke. Under the Chief Minister's Anuprati Coaching Scheme, the students are being coached here, there has been a lot of improvement in their personalities, and they have got the opportunity to do something in their life.

The Chief Minister told the forum that at present, 200 girl students are being provided free NEET coaching through Allen in T.R.I.T.R.I. through T.A.D.T.A.D., which will be increased even if the budget has to be spent twice.

The Chief Minister also recalled the night stay at Kotra on his birthday 10 years ago from the dais and said that he likes to visit different places and meet people. In the end, he wished all the students.

The Chief Minister interacted with these girl students:

During the program, the Chief Minister interacted with the girls getting training through Allen Coaching Institute and the girls training in sports hostel under the Anuprati scheme through T.A.D.T.A.D. in the district.

The girl students expressed their gratitude for the help given to them by the state government and said that it was because of the Chief Minister that they could fulfill their dreams.

During this, Preeti Ninama of Ghatol of Banswara, Shilpa Damor of Punawada of Seemalwada, Dalot, Kripa Kumari Meena of Pratapgarh, Indu Meena of Sports School, Kiran, Tamanna Katara,

Niharika, Sara, Rajkumari, Doli, Bhumika Meena, Priyanka Varhal and many others. The girl students openly expressed their views to the Chief Minister. During this, on the demand of girl students, it was announced to upgrade the school of Punawada in the Dungarpur district to Senior Secondary. Similarly, the girl students demanded to open Maths and Science faculty in Singatwara School of Javarmanis and to shift Madhuban Hostel to Sports Hostel near the ground, on which they assured necessary action.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Gehlot celebrated his birthday simply by eating Shrinathji's prasad. The girl students pr the program also

wished the Chief Minister his birthday by singing a song. At the end of the function, Dr. Divyani Katara, a member of the Social Welfare Board, welcomed the Chief Minister by presenting tribal area products, Tribal Commission member Pannalal Meena with Shrinathji's image, and District Sports Officer Shakeel Hussain with a torch.

On this occasion, former MP Raghuvir Singh Meena, Jagdish Raj Shrimali, M.L.A.M.L.A. Nagraj Meena, Vivek Katara, Divisional Commissioner Rajendra Bhatt, District Collector Tarachand Meena, Additional Commissioner Anjali Rajoria and a large number of city dwellers and intellectuals were present.

50 Shrivak Shravikas offered their greetings with a group song

Udaipur: Kalyanak Mahotsav year of Acharya Mahashraman, the eleventh discipline of Terapanth Dharmasangh, was inaugurated with a ceremonial gathering at Terapanth Bhawan under the banner of Terapanth Sabha, Udaipur, in the presence of Shri Muni Sureshkumar. Muni



Sureshkumar said that the journey from Muni Sumermal 'Ladnun' to Dixit Muni Mudit to Acharya Mahashraman at eleven is unique. He is the pinnacle of virtue. It is a great fortune for Jainism and Terapanth religions that they got the leadership of Acharya Shree Mahashraman. Munishree sang a melodious song and wished Acharyashree a long life.

Muni Sambodhkumar 'Medhansh' said that ghatanaen ghat jaatee hain, rah jaatee hain parachhaiyaan. hajaaron saal nargis apanee benooree par rotee hai tab kahee chaman par aacharya mahaashraman jaise deedaavaar paida hote hain. Acharya Mahashraman, like Deedawar, is born. Acharya Shree Mahashraman is a supreme spiritual leader with his spontaneity and compassion commitment. Chief Guest A.D.J., Secretary District Legal Authority Kuldeep Sharma, said the social system could see a positive change if Acharya Mahashraman inspires forgiveness and public welfare. Mahashraman has played a significant role in the development of the country.

Namaskar Mahamantrocharan and Smt. Dhirendra Mehta, the zonal in-charge of the organization Shiromani Terapanthi Mahasabha, said that no one could stop the person created from the lotuses of two Acharyas from climbing the Himalayan peak. Teyup President Akshay Badala and Mahila Mandal President Seema Porwal appealed to Acharya with soulful thoughts in the program. In Rekha Jain's melodious Abhinandan song, 25 couples paid historical tribute to the history man in the ceremony by singing the Abhinandan Group of Antahkaran. Terapanth co-president Arjun Khokhawar and Gratitude Assembly Minister Vinod Kachhara gave a memorandum. On this occasion, the winners of the group singing, essay, elocution, and painting competitions organized for eight days were felicitated. The operation was done by the chief convener Subodh Duggad.

Virat Prekshadhyan - Yoga Festival banner inaugurated: Under the year Acharya Mahashraman Diksha Kalyan Mahotsav, the banner of the five-day Virat Prekshadhyan Yoga Festival to be held at Mahapragya Vihar from June 17-21 was unveiled. Convener Chandraprakash Porwal said that this camp would be held every day from 5.30 am to 8 am under the guid-

ance of Gujarat's famous yoga trainers Anand and Indrajit and meditation seeker Muni Sureshkumar and under the direction of Muni Sambodhkumar 'Medash.'

Rescue from Sudan brought Udaylal home safely

Udaipur: Amid the ongoing civil war in Sudan, the Government of India continues to bring Indians home safely through 'Operation Kaveri.' In this episode, Udaylal Vyas, a resident of Navania village of Vallabh Nagar in Udaipur district state government instructions per the state government's instructions, Udaylal was welcomed by the district administration at Dabok airport and was taken home.



Udaylal said that he has been working in Sudan since 2005, and just a few months ago, after staying in his village, he went to Sudan again in October for work. He was worried about the civil war there for the last few days, but through Operation Kaveri, the Government of India safely rescued him and his other comrades from Sudan and brought them to their country. After coming to Delhi, excellent arrangements were made for his stay and food and drink. After this, Udaylal reached Udaipur's Dubok airport at 9.25 am on Wednesday. Here, Bargain sub-registrar R.T.S.R.T.S. Ishwar Khatik welcomed him by garlanding him, seated him in a state vehicle, and dropped him at his village Navania. When they reached the residence, Udaylal's wife and son welcomed them by garlanding them, and everyone became proud.

Mother's eyes shed on the safe return of the only son. It was a moment of joy for the worried and distraught old mother for her son Udaylal, who was stranded amid the ongoing civil war in Sudan when Udaylal reached home in a district administration vehicle. On getting to Udaylal's house, his family members expressed gratitude to the Government of India, the Indian Army, and Rajasthan. On the safe return of the only son, the mother's eyes were filled with tears, and the mother expressed her gratitude to the district administration along with the sub-registrar Khatik who came to drop her son home with tears in her throat.

Seminar and consultation on World Asthma Day in Railway Hospital

Kota: The seminar was organized under the guidance of



Dr. Indrajit Uradia. The chief speaker said that asthma is not a contagious disease, so there is no need to panic among asthma patients. Dr. Uradia noted that when a person's breathing tubes are defective, or the tubes of his lungs become thin, and breathing is difficult, this disease is called asthma or asthma.

More than 33 crores in the world More people are suffering from this disease, and every year, about 2.5 lakh deaths are due to this disease. Dr. Uradia said that the leading causes of asthma are smoke, allergies, and infection in the respiratory tract.

If we want to get rid of asthma disease, along with medicine, lifestyle improvement, getting rid of drugs, avoiding dust and soil, being careful in changing weather,

and if there is any allergy, then get it treated with a nutritious diet and time. But care has to be taken to get complete sleep. Dr. Uradia said that many people have many misconceptions about inhaler, but the medicine from inhaler directly affects the lungs, so inhaler is more beneficial than other medicine. Along with this, under the guidance of the Chief Medical Superintendent, a mock drill was conducted to extinguish the fire with the help of fire extinguishers in the Divisional Railway Hospital, Kota.

During this, employees working in different Divisional Railway Hospital, Kota departments, were informed about different types of fires and were made aware of other methods of extinguishing them.

Muskaan Club organizes song, music, bhajan ghazals program

Udaipur: A musical evening was organized for the senior citizens at the Oriental Palace by the Senior Citizens Muskaan Club. Which Bhagwat Singh Hada and the party entertained everyone a lot by giving a presentation.



President Shyam Sundar Rajora said that Neeraj Gattani, Vice President Surajmal Porwal, & Sixty members of the Muskaan Club, including General Secretary Dr. Nareish Sharma, were present. In the program, Om Prakash Tank looted everyone's praise by presenting songs and ghazals.

People's mandate against corruption and hooliganism in Congress rule

Nimbahera: The by-elections of Ward No. 16 of Nimbahera Municipality were held on Sunday, the counting of which was completed on Monday morning under the direction of Returning Officer and SDM Ramesh Sirvi Punadia.

BJP candidate Smt. Sumitra Soni won Vijayashree by five votes while getting 443 votes for this ward.



BJP municipal spokesperson Kamlesh Banwar said that as soon as BJP candidate Soni was declared victorious, BJP supporters expressed joy and congratulated each other outside the counting venue and shouted slogans in support of BJP and former minister Kriplani.

When BJP candidate Sumitra Soni was declared victorious, former Minister for Self-Government Shrichand Kriplani termed it a people's mandate against four-and-a-half years of misrule, corruption, and hooliganism of the Congress.

Kriplani said that for the last four years, the public has been suffering from the corruption in the Congress rule and increasing hooliganism in the area; the people have shown their mandate by defeating the Congress in the by-elections held just before the assembly elections.

Reacting to BJP's Sumitra Soni's victory, Municipal President Nitin Chaturvedi called it a defeat of corruption prevailing in the Congress-ruled board in the municipality. He said that the residents of the ward, intoxicated by power, have licked the dust of the Congress candidate, denying the corruption-filled works of the Congress-ruled municipal board. At the same time, he said that the results have been favorable only because of the efforts made by each worker with team spirit.

Spokesperson Kamlesh Banwar said that after the BJP candidate Mrs. Sumitra Soni was declared victorious, a procession was taken out under former minister Shrichand Kriplani to thank the ward residents with band instruments. During this, former MLA Ashok Navlakha, BJP city president Nitin Chaturvedi, ward election in-charge Paramsal Parakh, former municipal president Prahlad Soni, former municipal vice-president Shyamsundar Agarwal, Suresh Kherodia, Lalit Prakash Sharda, etc. senior leaders including a large number of BJP office bearers, workers and ward residents be present.

New species of fungus found in Udaipur, Rajasthan

Udaipur: Coral Fungi fungus species have been detected in the Ubheshwar forest area of the Udaipur district, scientifically identified as Phaeoclavulina spell. The credit for discovering this species for the first time in Rajasthan goes to retired forest officer Dr. Satish Sharma and field biologist Dr. Anil Sasavan of the Foundation for Ecological Security, Anand, Gujarat.



According to Dr. Sharma, beautiful fungus of brown and blue color grows on the underground parts of green bamboo. This fungus has been observed in six different bamboo sticks. It is brown and blue in bloom during the monsoon but later dries to black. This fungus multiplies by repeated bifurcation. The branches of the fungus are roughly the thickness of the pan's refill. It is brown at the bottom and blue at the top. Each branch divides into two sub-branches and grows. This type of division has been observed in up to six chakras.

Dr. Sharma said this fungus has been seen near Ubheshwar Mahadev, a high hill area of Udaipur. So far, it has been seen in Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra.

Rajasthan is the second state where this species is found. Apart from India, this fungus has been observed in Sri Lanka, Java, Malaysia, Borneo, New Guinea, and North Caledonia. The details of discovering this new fungus have been published in issue 27 (1) of the Indian Journal of Environmental Science.