

MPUAT : Grand Welcome for Femina Miss India World 2023, Nandita Gupta

Udaipur: Femina Miss India World 2023, Nandita Gupta, urged young individuals to embrace challenges that come their way on the path to success. She emphasized that facing challenges head-on is the key to success, whether one succeeds immediately or not. In fact, failures often provide valuable learning opportunities that eventually lead to achieving one's goals.

Nandita, adorned with the "Crown of Beauty," was addressing the inaugural session of a five-day Skill Development Program held at the Dairy and Food College Auditorium on Wednesday. The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises,



Government of India, has approved Rs 50 lakhs for five entrepreneurial skill development programs. The program inaugurated at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, focuses on "Custard Apple

Production and Processing."

The auditorium was filled with participants from across the region, along with students, professors, and trainers in the field of dairy science. Nandita urged young participants to ensure that the ben-

efits of their endeavors reach the underprivileged sections of society, emphasizing that our minds should be as beautiful as our appearances.

She also emphasized the importance of self-confidence for young people and suggested that they should believe in themselves first. She encouraged them to engage in activities such as meditation, dance, and study to maintain their well-being.

Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnatak, the Vice-Chancellor of MPUAT, highlighted the significance of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as the backbone of the Indian economy. He mentioned that these enterprises are crucial in pro-

viding employment opportunities to 90% of the population in rural and economically disadvantaged areas. They contribute 6.1% to the country's GDP, 24.2% in the service sector, and 40% in exports.

Dr. Karnatak also mentioned the abundance of custard apples in the region, which has been used traditionally by the indigenous communities. Custard apple has multiple applications, such as renewable energy, clean milk products, bakery products, and more. Research is ongoing to extend the shelf life of custard apples.

Dr. Lokesh Gupta, the College Principal, explained that the college offers training

in various units. Several skill development programs have been organized in the past, involving not only students but also entrepreneurs.

These programs provide hands-on training to enhance technical skills.

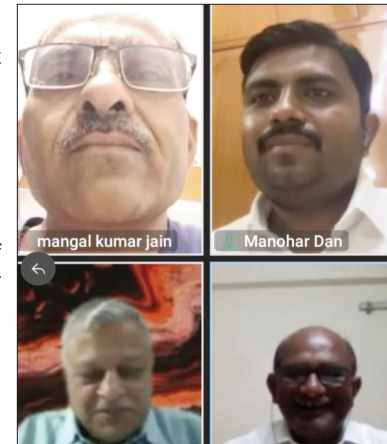
Dr. Nikita Vadhvani, the Coordinator of the Skill Development Program, expressed her hope that Miss Femina India 2023, Nandita Gupta, would inspire the youth to participate in the program with enthusiasm, fostering innovation and determination.

The program at MPUAT aims to focus on the production and processing of custard apples and its potential for entrepreneurial ventures.

Time is Our Deity, So Why Should Hawkins be Our Foundation?

Former Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Commission, Prof. Ishwar Sharan Vishwakarma, questioned Indian historians during a webinar organized by the History Collection Committee on making 'Manvantaras' the foundation of Indian history. He stated that "Time is our deity," referring to the importance of time in Indian culture. He further argued that if time, or "Mahakal," is revered in India, then why should Stephen Hawking be considered as our foundation in the realm of history.

Speaking as the keynote speaker at the webinar on the topic "Writing History: Perspectives and Techniques," Prof. Vishwakarma asked Indian historians where the history of Manvantaras is in their writings. He pointed out that the Vedas, Puranas, Upanishads, the Mahabharata, and other ancient Indian



texts are integral to Indian history but have not been made the foundation of Indian history writing. While ancient Indian scriptures contain the essence of Indian history, they have not been recognized by the Western scholars. He emphasized that Indian historians need to explore these texts to understand the glorious history of India.

Prof. Vishwakarma emphasized the need for a clear perspective in history writing. He mentioned that the field of history is vast and should not be seen in a limited context. To truly understand history, one needs to view it from a global perspective, emphasizing the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family). He also highlighted the importance of analyzing and interpreting history during the writing process.

He lauded the work of historians like R.C. Majumdar and stressed the importance of their work in bringing India's ancient history to light. He also cited the example of the Chinese traveler Hsüan-tsang, who traveled thousands of kilometers to study at Nalanda University, as evidence of the grandeur of ancient India. This example demonstrates the portrayal of India on the world stage during that era.

The webinar's chief guest, Chaganlal Bohra, Regional Secretary of the History Collection Committee, Rajasthan, stated that the British were more interested in the pre-invasion history of India, as acknowledging it would have highlighted India's greatness. He urged historians to explore various aspects of Indian history, including education, healthcare, economy, and politics, as presented in ancient Indian scriptures.

The program was presided over by Prof. Paramendra Dashora, Vice-Chancellor of Mangalayatan University. He emphasized that history acts as a bridge between the past and the future. He stressed that history should not only be studied but also understood to contribute to the betterment of humanity. He highlighted the significance of perspective in history writing, stating that as one perceives, so is the creation.

Dr. Manish Shirmali, Secretary of the organizing committee, explained the program's agenda initially. Dr. Mohanlal Sahu, the Regional Director of the History Collection Committee, welcomed the guests. Dr. Vivek Bhatnagar, Dr. Jagdish Khateek, Chain Shankar Dashora, Mangal Jain, and Om Prakash Sharma were present at the event. The program was efficiently conducted with technical support from Kausal Mundra. The Youth Historians' Council played a crucial role in managing the event.

Vande Bharat Train : BJP State President C.P. Joshi Expresses Gratitude

Chittorgarh: The Vande Bharat Superfast train made its arrival at Chittorgarh Railway Station on Sunday afternoon. BJP State President and Member of Parliament from Chittorgarh, C.P. Joshi, along with Union Minister Kailash Chaudhary, were on board the train as it arrived in Chittorgarh. BJP officials and workers warmly welcomed the train's crew upon arrival, after which it departed for its onward journey.

Notably, the Vande Bharat train was initially scheduled to run from Udaipur to Jaipur via Chanderiya. However, C.P. Joshi, in his efforts to serve his constituents, successfully arranged for the train to make a stop at Chittorgarh Railway Station, bringing joy to the people of Chittorgarh.



Expressing his gratitude, BJP State President C.P. Joshi acknowledged the Prime Minister and the Union Railway Minister for this special gift. He remarked that such trains with advanced technology, automatic doors, revolving chairs, and modern amenities were once only seen abroad. This transformation in the railway sector has been possible under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The railway network has witnessed significant improvements, whether it's the introduction of new rail lines, electrification, or the renovation of railway stations.

Joshi further added that the upcoming historic rally of the Prime Minister in Jaipur would see massive support from the people. They have faith in Prime Minister Modi's words and actions, as he has fulfilled promises and brought dreams into reality.

This new train service will provide added convenience for the residents of Chittorgarh, connecting them to Jaipur. The event organized at Chittorgarh Railway Station witnessed the participation of prominent BJP leaders, including former UDH Minister Shrichand Kriplani, MLA Arjunlal Jinger, District Collector Bhupendrasingh Badoli, and others, along with numerous BJP party officials and workers.

"Apahiz: The Unheard Voices in Society"

In this world bestowed by the divine, humanity thrives as a social species, weaving its existence within the intricate fabric of society. Society, a multifaceted tapestry, partitions itself into various strata, with distinct communities and social groups. Often, one can hear people proudly proclaiming that their community stands tall, that their society is at the zenith of progress. This rhetoric, sung by the custodians of society, raises a critical question: How much compassion truly exists within our societies?

The answer is rather straightforward; society, in the name of compassion, often perpetuates discrimination against the physically disadvantaged. Labels such as "disabled," "crippled," or "handicapped" are indiscriminately attached to those who are differently-abled physically.

Such individuals are considered the most vulnerable in society. They are often labeled as incapable and, in some cases, it is even implied that their existence is a burden. The thought of their demise is often regarded as a solution. When a child is born with physical limitations, parents undertake the arduous responsibility of providing care and support. However, society's role in this context remains questionable.

Society frequently tells these children that they are weak and that they will continue to be a source of trouble throughout their lives. It insinuates that they lack the capability to lead a life of dignity. These children yearn for societal acceptance, to be recognized as an integral part of society rather than a burden. Yet, society's response is not one of empathy but rather a relentless rejection.

Should society not be the nurturing force that helps these physically challenged children realize their potential? Instead, society often acts as a formidable barrier, continually reinforcing their vulnerabilities.

The physically challenged, whether children or adults, have the same desire as any other person. They want society to view them as equals, devoid of prejudice. They do not wish to beg for charity; they yearn for the opportunity to earn their rightful place in society. In doing so, society can assist them in achieving self-reliance and dignity.

The onus lies on society to transform itself, to embrace a new mindset that respects the physically challenged as capable contributors rather than mere recipients of sympathy. It is a society's duty to become a partner in their journey toward self-sufficiency, to treat them with dignity rather than disdain. However, the sad truth is that the custodians of society, who deliver grand speeches from the podium, are often blind to these capable individuals.

My belief is that those who label the physically challenged as 'incapable' are the ones who are truly disabled. They may be physically able, but their incapacity lies in their inability to perceive the potential and resilience that exists within those they marginalize. Society needs a change of heart, a transformation in its thinking, so that the physically challenged can become an indispensable part of its progress and development.



-Dr. Prerana Gaur 'Shree'

Appeal for Udaipur's Comprehensive Development

New Delhi: Ke Ke Gupta, a member of the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin and the former President of the Dungarpur Nagar Parishad, who also serves as a key social worker in Udaipur, has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, along with several other central ministers, including Nitin Gadkari (Minister of Road Transport and Highways), Ashwini Vaishnav (Railway Minister), Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Minister of Jal Shakti), Pralhad Joshi (Minister of Coal and Mines), and Jyotiraditya Scindia (Minister of Civil Aviation), as well as Arjun Ram Meghwal (Minister of Law and Justice).



In the letter, Ke Ke Gupta has urged the leaders to expedite a development plan for comprehensive growth in Udaipur. He highlighted that with the upcoming Rajasthan state assembly elections, the people of the region are keen to witness the completion of development projects initiated by both the state and central governments. These projects hold the potential to positively impact the public and play a significant role

in the outcome of 25 Lok Sabha seats in Rajasthan. Gupta also stressed the need for a grand statue of Maharana Pratap, similar to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's "Statue of Unity" in Gujarat, to be built in Udaipur. Such an iconic statue would serve as an inspiration for the world.

Furthermore, Ke Ke Gupta emphasized the necessity of upgrading the Udaipur Passport Seva Kendra to a Regional Passport Office. He explained that Udaipur serves as a passport application hub for a wide region, and upgrading it to a regional office would benefit the residents of the southern Rajasthan districts, reducing the need for them to travel long distances to Jaipur for passport-related matters. Currently, the Udaipur Passport Seva Kendra processes around 250 applications daily, with approximately 50,000 passport applications being processed annually. In addition to this, Gupta advocated for the swift completion of the Debari-Highway Bypass project near Udaipur to alleviate traffic congestion and enhance transportation in the region.

He also called for the establishment of regular train services between Udaipur and Mumbai via Dungarpur and Ahmedabad, which would not only support religious tourism but also benefit the medical, business, and education sectors. Ke Ke Gupta highlighted that Udaipur holds a prominent place on the global tourism map and recently hosted the successful first summit of the G-20 Sherpas. This has led to a surge in tourist arrivals, many of whom come from southern Rajasthan and neighboring regions in search of employment opportunities abroad. Consequently, he urged the conversion of Maharana Pratap Airport in Udaipur into an international airport, allowing direct international flights from here. Finally, Gupta addressed the need to establish a bench of the Rajasthan High Court in Udaipur.

He stressed that this would not only ease the burden on Udaipur's legal professionals but also provide local residents with easier access to justice. Moreover, it would enable those affected by crimes to seek justice directly from the Rajasthan High Court justices in Udaipur, thus reducing the need to travel to Jodhpur or Jaipur. In conclusion, Ke Ke Gupta underscored the significance of these initiatives for the well-being and development of the Udaipur region, benefiting both the local population and the growing tourism sector.

Urban Sketchers' Exhibition Commences at Information Center

Youthful talented urban sketchers from the city showcased their unique artistic talents in an extraordinary exhibition, which commenced on Friday at the Kaladriga of Mohanlal Sukhadia University, with the presence of Professor Hemant Dwivedi from the Fine Arts Department and senior artist Savita Dwivedi.

Savita Dwivedi, a renowned artist, emphasized the importance of organizing exhibitions like these to pass on the art of sketching to the younger generation as a heritage. Professor Hemant Dwivedi described sketching as an art and a form of meditation and personal development. He praised the progress of the youth sketchers, who gather regularly every Sunday to sketch, and highlighted its significance for budding artists.

The event began with guests creating sketches and admiring the artistic talents of young urban sketchers. Visitors and dignitaries were captivated by the sketches portraying the city's heritage and natural beauty created by these young talents. The exhibition will remain open for Udaipur residents until September 25th, from 10 AM to 5 PM every day.

Demonstrations of Various Art Forms During the Exhibition

To guide and inspire young artists, demonstrations by Anurag Mehta on watercolor painting, Kamlesh Dangi on portrait sketching, Naval Singh on character sketching, Architect Tulika Depura on architectural discussions, and Rahul Mali on line art will be a part of this art exhibition.



The exhibition showcases the talents of various artists, including Sunil Laddha, Anurag Mehta, Kamlesh Dangi, Rahul Mali, Deep Singh, Mayank Vaishnav, Tulika Depura, Suryabhan Singh, Harshita Palival, Rohit Vyas, Afnaan Shabbir, Vandana Mehta, Rangkarni Deepak Dixit, Shivangi Devra, Vineet Khatri, Anitah Makheja, Simran Birla, Varsha Saini, Samridhi Sharma, Lalita

Mehta, Rohit Kanthaliya, Bhavesh Suthar, Avneesh Ashok, and Nirmal Yadav, who are showcasing their art in sketches.

In colorful and black-and-white sketches, this exhibition highlights various aspects of the city's heritage, including Jagdish Temple, Mahakaleswar Temple, Pichola Lake, City Palace, Fateh Sagar, and other cultural landmarks.

Heartfulness Foundation Course to Be Offered at Rajasthan Vidyapeeth

Udaipur: Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Udaipur, is set to introduce the "Heartfulness Foundation Course" starting from the academic session 2023-24. As per the recent order issued by the university in its meeting points No. 20 dated June 28, 2023, the university has approved the commencement of the "Heartfulness Foundation Course" from the academic year 2023-24. This course will be conducted by the university's constituent departments, including the Department of Sanskrit, Social Sciences, and Humanities, Udaipur.

Dr. Rakesh Dashora, Coordinator of Shri Ramchandra Mission Heartfulness Institute, Udaipur, explained that the Heartfulness Enabled Leadership Mastery (HELM) program is a 40-hour certification course that exposes participants to theoretical sessions on various aspects of self-development, along with practical, guided meditation. The objective of the HELM program is to inspire students to experience and practice alternative contemplative perspectives for learning and self-development, fostering positive results for their overall lifestyle.

Inauguration of the 20th International Conference of the Rajasthan Association for Studies in English

Udaipur: The brochure for the 20th International Conference of the Rajasthan Association for Studies in English was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Sunita Mishra, the Vice-Chancellor of Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, in her office. On this occasion, she emphasized the significance of such conferences for the university. Dr. Meenakshi Jain, the Head of the English Department and Conference

Director, stated that the conference, focusing on the theme "Understanding Geocentrism, Naturalism, and Collectivism through Indigenous Literatures," will be held in November.

Coordinator Dr. Kushpal Garg explained that the conference will not only involve experts in the field but also provide an opportunity for participants to interact with authors, artists, and poets from this community. Conference Secretary Saurabh Meena announced that during the conference, all participants will be taken to experience the indigenous culture in a tribal region for a day.

Prof. Hemendra Chandaliya, the President of the Association, mentioned that the association was founded in 2003 at Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth and has organized 19 conferences across various locations in the state over the past 19 years. He also highlighted that the association boasts nearly three hundred lifelong members from across the country. The association publishes an annual journal and maintains a website where all conference information and registration forms are available.

35th Foundation Day of Akash Bayus Coaching celebrated

Udaipur: 35th Foundation Day of Akash Bayus Coaching was celebrated with a massive blood donation camp in Sector 5, Udaipur. The Udaipur branch organized this event on Friday, where staff, students, and citizens of the city came together to donate blood. The event began at 10 in the morning and continued until the evening, with more than 100 people participating in this noble cause. Academic Head Somen Sharma and Saurabh Jain of the Udaipur branch highlighted that blood donation drives were organized in all branches on the occasion of Akash Bayus Coaching's 35th Foundation Day. Udaipur witnessed enthusiastic participation from staff, students, and the general public.

The event aimed to celebrate the coaching institute's foundation day and emphasize the importance of social responsibility. Saral Blood Bank staff was present throughout the day to facilitate the blood donation process. Akash Bayus Coaching takes pride in fulfilling its social responsibilities alongside its coaching activities. The institute regularly organizes various events and programs throughout the year. This time, they chose to promote the significance of blood donation, which the participants well received.