



Spurring Literary Enlightenment : The Impact of the Hadoti Literature Festival 2024

The inaugural Hadoti Literature Festival, held by the Rajasthan Public Library in Kota city from February 12th to 16th, 2024, emerged as a pivotal platform fostering a renewed passion for literature and literary creation. With its diverse array of events, discussions, and exhibitions, the festival catalyzed a profound interest in books and literary endeavors among participants.

Literary Exhibition:

The festival's literary exhibition showcased a rich tapestry of Indian literature alongside regional literary works, attracting over seven thousand students and featuring the

participation of 225 literary artists and numerous publishers. Noteworthy displays included postage stamps featuring eminent literary figures and demonstrations of Vedic mathematics, enriching the cultural experience.

Literary-Cultural Discussions:

A series of discussions on various literary genres and topics engaged regional poets, storytellers, novelists, and folk artists. These sessions, spanning five days, delved into subjects such as book culture, folk songs, contemporary poetry, and children's literature, fostering dialogue and intellectu-



book exchange. Community Impact

and Reflections: Eminent personalities and

literary luminaries hailed the festival's role in igniting literary fervor and creative exploration. Dr. Kailash Sodhani, President of Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, lauded the event for inspiring future literary endeavors. Bhagwati Prasad Gautam, founding member of Rajasthan Bal Sahitya Academy, praised its contribution to literary research, predicting a burgeoning literary environment in Hadoti.

Future Prospects and Legacy:

Participants expressed optimism about the festival's enduring legacy, anticipating

a resurgence of interest in reading, writing, and literary discourse. The event's success underscores the importance of fostering literary awareness and appreciation in society, laying the foundation for continued literary enrichment in Hadoti and beyond. The Hadoti Literature Festival 2024 stands as a historic milestone in promoting literary consciousness and nurturing a culture of literary excellence. Its profound impact on the literary landscape reverberates with the promise of a brighter future for literature and creative expression.



Eco Trail Event Promotes Conservation

Udaipur (Shabnam Bano): In a collaborative effort spearheaded by WWF-India, the Forest Department, and Green Peepal Society Udaipur, an event was organized on March 17, 2024, at Eco Tone Park in Udaipur to raise awareness about eco-trails, photography, environmental conservation, and wildlife protection. Participants aged between 7 and 70 from various cities actively engaged in the Eco Trail, underscoring the significance of environmental stewardship.

Udaipur's Wildlife Conservationist, Devendra Tiwari, facilitated discussions on the insights gained from the Eco Trail and elaborated on the importance of sustainable resource management. Emphasizing the necessity of community participation, he advocated for the conservation of the Aravalli mountain range, utilization of solar energy, and responsible use of water resources. Additionally, the community was urged to contribute to the Earth Hour campaign by switching off non-essential lights from 8:30 to 9:30 PM on March 23, 2024.

Environmentalists Dr. Satish Sharma elucidated the significance of Eco Tone Park, highlighting its role in biodiversity conservation, particularly in preserving the critically endangered Mahseer fish species and maintaining the ecological balance of the region. Suhel Mazboor and Pratap Singh Chundawat, Founding Members of Green Peepal Society Udaipur, along with bird enthusiasts Hitesh Shrima and Rohit Dwivedi, provided guidance to attendees.

The event facilitated the dissemination of information about over 50 bird species and approximately 20 plant species, enriching participants' knowledge of biodiversity. Rana, Head of the College of Technology and Engineering NSS, led a group of 45 students in the program. Young birder Bhavani Pratap Singh compiled a list of bird species observed during the event.

The unveiling of an environmental conservation poster at Alok Institute by Director Dr. Pradeep Kumawat and other dignitaries marked a significant moment in the campaign. This initiative underscores the growing momentum towards environmental consciousness and collective action for sustainable development.

Presentation of Udaipur Artists at Bihar's Cultural Festival



Udaipur: The ongoing celebration of performing arts in Begusarai, Bihar, by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, features artists honored with the 2021 National Awards from the Sangeet Natak Akademi. On Friday,

Udaipur's Martand Foundation artists, under the direction of Vilas Janve, delivered a splendid performance. The performance included six mime acts from Rabinchandra Tagore's Nobel Prize-winning work *Geetanjali*.

Kiran Janve and Vilas Janve brought classic mime acts based on *Mere Bachche* and *Kripaan* to life with their exceptional performances. Additionally, the audience was entertained and enlightened with thought-provoking mime acts such as *Musibat Bhara Madhuchandra* and *Kursi Banam Kursi*. The performances Paani Paani and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan not only entertained but also conveyed empowering messages to the audience. Vilas Janve, the playwright and director of the mime acts, along with the musical direction by Samarth Janve, contributed to the success of the mime performances.

Rana Sujit Singh Foresees Bihar Election Upset

Bhojpuri film producer and Congress leader Rana Sujit Singh predicts a significant shift in Bihar's political landscape before the Lok Sabha elections. Asserting that the NDA has fractured, Singh claims Congress is in talks with RJD and other parties to form India's Grand Alliance. He criticizes BJP's leadership void in Bihar and anticipates a Congress-led government. Singh hints at alliances with Chirag Paswan and Pappu Yadav, aiming for a pre-election triumph.

Udaipur ADC Role

Udaipur: Deependra Singh Rathore, an officer of the 2011 Rajasthan Administrative Service batch, assumed office as Additional District Collector (Administration) in Udaipur. After a courtesy visit to outgoing District Collector Arvind Kumar Poswal, Rathore inspected the office and reviewed departmental work. He prioritized preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, issuing directives for adherence to Election Commission guidelines.

Dr. Varsha Singh: Bhilwara Medical College's First Female Principal

Bhilwara: Dr. Varsha Singh is appointed as the first female principal of Rajmata Vijayaraje Sindhiya College in Bhilwara by the Rajasthan government. Welcomed with flowers and drum beats, Dr. Singh expressed gratitude and wished students a bright future. Her appointment marks a significant milestone for the college.

The vibrant festival of Holi celebrated

The vibrant festival of Holi was celebrated with fervor at Alaknandeshwar Mahadev Temple in Kota, combining music and traditional art. Dr. Kuldeep Singh Rana inaugurated the event, followed by soulful performances by renowned singers, promoting cultural harmony. Dr. Shilpi Saxena, director of Sur Shringar, facilitated guest artists, emphasizing their aim to promote new talents and preserve traditional music.



Traditional Holi Celebration Bridges Hearts in Rural India

Udaipur: In a heartwarming display of communal harmony, the Neem Foundation organized a Holi celebration in the village of Pai, near Udaipur. Founder Roshni Barot, witnessing the festival as a symbol of mutual love and brotherhood, arranged for a feast at the Bhairuji Temple for the villagers.

The feast, prepared by the villagers themselves, consisted of traditional dishes like dal-baati, choorma, and kadhi rice. Everyone partook in the meal together, exchanging greetings and blessings. Roshni highlighted the stark difference between urban and rural Holi celebrations, emphasizing that while cities may have proximity in distance, rural communities are closer at heart. Despite the physical distance between houses in rural areas, the sense of closeness and warmth during festivities remains unparalleled.

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Minister Leads Tribal Development Progress

Udaipur: Tribal Development Minister Babulal Kharadi chaired a meeting with officials, focusing on holistic tribal development. He urged efficient implementation of schemes like ashram schools and maternal care centers for tribal welfare. Emphasizing water management in tribal areas, he highlighted special attention to nomadic communities during summer. Kharadi advocated for rural awareness on agriculture and employment. He directed timely completion of projects, ensuring quality and transparency, with ongoing monitoring by senior officials.

Indian Army Flags off Aravali Trail Campaign



Udaipur: After completing their challenging cycling and trekking campaign, the team of the Battle Axe Division was greeted with the hoisting of the green flag at the Eklingar Military Station in Udaipur. This ceremony marked the successful culmination of a remarkable journey spanning 658 kilometers from the rugged terrain of the Aravalli hills in the Mewar region. The trek included 500 kilometers of cycling and over 150 kilometers of trekking over a period of 12 days. The flagging-in ceremony was a moment of pride and achievement for the team that participated in this arduous campaign. It was a testament to their unwavering determination, physical endurance, and team spirit.

This campaign provided an exemplary opportunity for the team to connect with stalwarts and brave women residing in the remote villages of Rajasthan, revitalizing friendship and camaraderie. The team also interacted with the youth, inspiring them to join the Indian Army and serve the nation.

This initiative reaffirmed the Indian Army's steadfast commitment to the welfare of our community. Additionally, it echoed the ethos of Young India - Fit India, emphasizing the importance of a healthy lifestyle and adventurous spirit.

Creating Awareness about Plastic Waste Management

Udaipur: A special campaign is underway in the city of Udaipur regarding plastic waste management under the Finilup project initiated by the Municipal Corporation and the Trust of People Organization. As part of this initiative, various awareness activities are being conducted in the city's CM Circle, VIP Colony, and major public places to educate the people about dry waste, wet waste, plastic waste management, and making Udaipur plastic-free.

Yogesh Trivedi, representative of the team, stated that under this campaign, the Finilup team is visiting households to raise awareness and organizing community meetings to continuously educate people about the use of dustbins, the adverse effects of plastic, and the importance of avoiding its usage.

Prime Minister Modi Engages in Dialogue Program with Marginalized Groups, Launches Social Welfare Portal

Udaipur: Under the initiative of outreach programs for marginalized communities, a virtual dialogue program was organized on Wednesday at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Sabha Ghar by the municipal corporation. Approximately three lakh people from nearly 470 districts across the country participated virtually in the program. During the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi engaged in dialogue with beneficiaries of various schemes and also inaugurated the Prime Minister's Social Upliftment and Employment-based Jan Kalyan (PM Sooraj) portal.

Addressing the beneficiaries, Prime Minister Modi



remarked that today, the nation is witnessing another significant opportunity towards the welfare of Dalits, backward classes, and marginalized societies. <

He highlighted the importance of prioritizing marginalized communities and emphasized how the essence of inclusivity is evident in the event.

Prime Minister Modi announced that financial assistance amounting to 720 crore rupees has been directly transferred to the bank accounts of 1 lakh beneficiaries belonging to marginalized groups. He underscored the government's responsiveness, stating that today, with just a press of a button, funds are being trans-

ferred to beneficiaries' accounts due to the government's sensitivity. Prime Minister Modi further emphasized the government's commitment to providing essential services to marginalized communities. He noted initiatives such as providing free ration to 80 crore needy individuals, guaranteeing free healthcare up to 5 lakh rupees, and successfully combating the inhumane practice of manual scavenging. The event, held as part of the outreach program for marginalized groups, witnessed the presence of City Councillor Tarachand Jain, municipal officials, and a large number of beneficiaries of various schemes.

Water sources and promote their conservation

Udaipur (Shabnam Bano): In a bid to foster respect for water sources and promote their conservation, the women members of Bharat Vikas Parishad, led by Subhash, a female member, conducted a ceremonial worship of the Gangoo Kund in Ayodhya as part of the World Water Day pre-celebration week. They took an oath to utilize water judiciously and ensure the safety of water sources, aiming to prevent future generations from facing water crises.

During the event, the



women members also celebrated the festival of Holi, engaging in traditional activities such as applying tilak, dancing, singing, and playing games. Among the prominent attendees were Rekha

Dhakad, Dr. Manju Jain, Seema Khamesra, Manju Jain, Sarla Bathiya, Advocate Anjana Nagda, Kiran, Prabha, Nutan, Vandana, and several male members including N.K. Raka, Dr. Suhash Agrawal,

water advocate Dr. P.C. Jain, Rajendra Khokhawati, Girish Sharma, Prof. N.M. Mehta, Bhajan Lal, Nirbhay Babel, among others.

Rajesh Nandawat, head of the Lake City branch, provided an overview of the program. The ceremony aimed not only to highlight the significance of water but also to underscore the collective responsibility towards its preservation and sustainable use, emphasizing the vital role communities play in safeguarding this precious resource.

MP Arjun Meena : Modi's Vision for Developed India

Udaipur: MP Arjun Meena praises Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a developed India, citing significant strides in various sectors under his leadership. Speaking at a virtual inauguration of railway projects in Udaipur, attended by PM Modi, Meena highlights the modernization of Indian Railways and inauguration of stalls under the One Station One Product scheme. Attendees, including social workers and railway officials, pledge to protect national assets in a concluding oath ceremony.

Holi Special Trains for Festive Travelers

Indian Railways announces special train services on multiple routes to accommodate increased passenger traffic during the Holi festival. With trips scheduled on various dates, these services aim to provide comfort and convenience to travelers celebrating the festival with their loved ones. Passengers are urged to utilize these special trains for safe and hassle-free travel, ensuring a joyous Holi celebration with family and friends.

Sakhi Utsav: Hindustan Zinc Empowers Women

Hindustan Zinc organized Sakhi Utsav across its operational units, with over 9000 women participating in traditional games, cultural performances, and discussions on gender equality. Under the theme #InspireInclusion, the event featured activities like Tug of War and Jalebi race, along with discussions addressing gender inequality. This initiative reflects Hindustan Zinc's commitment to promoting gender equality and empowering rural and tribal women through the Sakhi project, transforming lives and fostering inclusivity.

Maharana Bhupal Hospital's Destitute Assistance

Udaipur: Formed in 2024, the Hospital Companion Team aids destitute individuals, ensuring shelter and transport. Led by Dr. R.L. Suman, the team has relocated three patients home and housed two in a senior citizens' ashram. Dr. Suman urges against familial abandonment, emphasizing societal welfare. The team's commitment to "Service to Humanity is Service to God" keeps hospital premises destitute-free, promoting compassion and support for the needy.

Mewar Talk Fest 2.0 Launches

Udaipur: Regional Commissioner Rajendra Bhatt and Educator Madan Mohan Tank unveiled posters for Mewar Talk Fest 2.0, set to begin March 30 at Mohanlal Sukhadia University's Golden Jubilee Guest House. Bhatt lauded the fest's value for students, expressing best wishes for its success. Coordinator Ruchi Shrimali detailed the lineup, featuring speakers Rashmi Samant and Lakshmi Narayan Bhalla on March 30, and a film screening and discussions on March 31.

Rotary's Highest Honor for Ramesh Choudhary

Udaipur: Former Udaipur District Governor Ramesh Choudhary received Rotary International's esteemed Service Above Self award, endorsed by District Governor Dr. Nirmal Kunawat of Rotary District 3056. Dr. Kunawat emphasized the award's recognition of exemplary Rotary contributions, reflecting the organization's ethos of selfless service. Rotarians, known

for their altruism, prioritize community welfare globally. Choudhary's recognition underscores Rotary's core values, garnering pride across the district for his exceptional service.

Semal Tree Conservation Discussed in Udaipur

Udaipur: The Society for Microflora Research and Integrated Medicine (SMRIM), Udaipur, convened to discuss Semal tree conservation. Dr. S.K. Verma, the society's President, noted 15 years of efforts and urged administration support. Despite introducing alternatives like Loh-Holi trees, Semal faces persistent threats. Dr. Verma stressed Semal's ecological and cultural significance. Members applauded Chaman Singh's conservation efforts and proposed planting ten trees for every Semal tree cut during Holika Dahan to prevent its disappearance from Udaipur.

Urgent Dues Deposit to Avert Consequences

Udaipur: Mr. Bhagwati Prasad Kalal, Director of Mines, urges mining stakeholders to promptly clear outstanding dues to the state treasury, aiming to prevent adverse actions due to delays. He directs officials to ensure swift collections, stressing zero tolerance for defaults. A video conference with field officers emphasized timely deposit of fines, royalties, and fees. Mr. Kalal advocates for 100% recovery, pushing for resolution of pending cases and efficient e-filing implementation.

Deependra Singh Assumes