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their early years. Kindergarten is the cornerstone period where young brains begin their journey of learning, exploration, and social development. Kindergarten, which is frequently viewed as the first step into formal education, is more than just a classroom; it is a place where the seeds of knowledge, curiosity, and confidence are planted.

THE IMPORTANCE OF **KINDERGARTEN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Studies have revealed that early childhood education has a long-term impact on a child's cognitive, emotional, and social development. Kin-

dergarten provides an atmosphere in which children can acquire important skills including communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Young learners get a basic understanding of language, mathematics, and creativity via interactive play, structured activities, and guided instruction.

A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Kindergarten provides a safe and supportive environment for children to express themselves. Trained educators assist pupils in developing selfesteem and independence while instilling a love of learning. The classroom environment encourages children to interact with their peers, teaching them valuable social skills like cooperation, sharing, and empathy. Furthermore, kindergartens strive to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment in which every child feels appreciated and encouraged. Teachers utilize positive reinforcement to encourage good behaviour and let students feel comfortable expressing their thoughts and emotions. Structured routines provide young learners with



kindergarten schools, believes that offering a package to parents snould not be used to attract students towards the school. Instead, the primary goal should be to provide a welcoming, safe environment that encourages children to explore freely. He emphasizes that a child's happiness and achievement are considerably more important than simply memorizing the ABCs or 123s.

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN HOME AND

Kindergarten is often a child's first extended stay away from their parents. It serves as a transition period that prepares kids for primary

more pleasurable for both children and parents. Teachers collaborate closely with families to understand each child's specific requirements, making the transition as smooth as possible. Regular contact between parents and educators builds a strong support structure, allowing caregivers to take an active role in their child's early education. Parent-teacher meetings, progress reports, and classroom activities promote teamwork, which reinforces learning at home. Kindergartens also frequently establish familiar routines, such as storytime and snack breaks, which reflect some parts of home life and help youngsters feel at ease. Kindergartens develop young learners' confidence and independence by gradually introducing regulated schedules and responsibilities, ensuring that they are well-prepared for the next stage of their education-

INVESTING IN THE

al journey.

Quality kindergarten education lays the groundwork for lifelong learning. Governments and educational institutions around the world acknowledge the value of early education and continue to invest in initiatives that improve children's overall development. Parents, too, play an important role by actively participating in their child's learning path, ensuring that their children have the necessary assistance to develop.

In conclusion, kindergarten is much more than just an introduction to school; it is

Play is an essential component of early childhood education. Whether it's storytelling, building blocks, drawing, or group games, these activities foster creativity and imagination. Play-based learning allows youngsters to grasp topics in an entertaining way while simultaneously improving motor skills and coordination. More importantly, while learning the alphabet and numbers is beneficial, a child's happiness, confidence, and emotional wellbeing come first. A happy and encouraging setting ensures that children acquire a love

> the foundation of a child's academic and social development. By encouraging curiosity, inventiveness, and confidence, it builds the framework for future success. Investing in outstanding kindergarten education today means laying the groundwork for a brighter future. A solid and pleasant start in kindergarten helps

children become lifelong learners, compassionate people, and confident leaders. After all, the purpose is to provide children with the tools they need to negotiate life with joy and resilience, rather than just teaching them letters and numbers. A happy child today is a successful individual tomorrow.



of learning rather than seeing it as a burden.





Pitch Perfect Finale

In a thrilling finale, EMR Super Kings, led by Gaurav Gaur, clinched the championship of the Kigo Match Creators Cricket League (CCL), recently held at Infinity Club, Jaipur. They triumphed over ASAP Warriors, captained by Kuldeep Rathore and Rohan Bhardwaj, marking a historic win in Jaipur's first-ever creator-led cricket league. Conceptualized by Rara Sports & Entertainment with Altanture Sports, the event featured 100+ creators, influencers and team owners. Semi-finalists included Imperial Sunrisers and Rockland Royals. Powered by Kigo Match and Aavas Buildcom, the event also saw special guests like Rishi Soni, Shubham Chaudhary and Deepanshu Rara in attendance





EVENTS!



Ojaswini Saraswat, began her season on a high by securing her sixth national title recently at Ahmedabad's Kensville Golf Course. A member of Rambagh Golf Club, she maintained her lead from day one to finish with a comfortable margin. Last year, she bagged five national titles and stood second at the US Kids Golf World Championship 2024. She also won the Asian Junior Master 2024 in Thailand. Ojaswini credited her coach and family for their support.

Jaipur's golf prodigy,



A press conference was organised on Saturday to announce the partnership Detween Bima Garage and Bima Junction (a subsidiary of Jaipur Health & Wellness) aimed at simplifying the insurance claim process for hospitals in Rajasthan. The collaboration will reduce administrative tasks, allowing hospitals to focus on patient care. Himmat Singh, CEO of Jaipur Health & Wellness, highlighted the significance of this initiative. Bima Garage, serving over 2,000 hospitals across India, is expanding into smaller cities in Rajasthan. The event was attended by Bima Garage Co-Founders Sandesh Mishra, Devang Parmar, Sandeep Kumar, Dr Manu, and officials from 30 hospitals in Jaipur.



Ambassy Millennium Senior Secondary School, Ramnagar Sodala, Jaipur, hosted the cultural festival "Navras 2025" on Thursday at Birla Auditorium. The grand event honoured the grandparents of the students, inviting them as special guests to promote familial bonds and strengthen intergenerational relationships. Students performed emotional and entertaining acts, sharing the stage with their grandparents. They sang songs like "Dadi Amma Dadi Amma Maan Jao" and "Nani Teri Morni Ko Mor Le Gaye." Bollywood singer Samarth Swaroop was awarded the prestigious "Rooh-e-Mausiqi" for his contribution to music. The event successfully blended tradition, family values and cultural celebration, leaving a lasting impression on all participants. It was a memorable gathering that showcased the importance of family connections.

Rare Gem Revel



Sunita Shekhawat cut the ceremonial ribbon. Also seen are Abhishek Sand, Alok Sonkhiya, Neeraj Lunawat with association members

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he 27th edition of the Rough and Cut Gem-Show (JAGS), organised by the Rajastnan

international buyers from the USA, Turkey, Gulf countries and various Indian metros like Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Hyderabad. Over 500 rare and exquisite gemstones were showcased under one roof, one-day exhibition attracted jewellery designer Sunita

Shekhawat. This year's edition marked the launch of three new gemstones Kunzite, Ametrine and Aquamarine priced between ₹100 and several lakhs depending on the cut. Rare stones such as yellow sapphire, moon-Association with a 23-carat fine-cut stone ruby, dark ruby, and global relevance. With 117 Jaipur, concluded grandly at emerald worth ₹1.2 crore ammolite also drew attenexhibitors and 147 booths, International emerging as the showstop- tion. Jewellers Association the event, coordinated by emphasised the show's



Center, Jhalana. Known as per. The exhibition was in- President Alok Sonkhia and Abhishek Sand, reinforced "India's Tucson Show," this augurated by renowned Secretary Neeraj Lunawat Jaipur's status as a global gemstone hub.

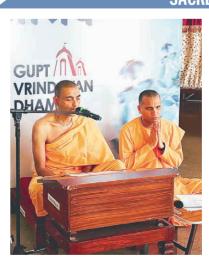


MELODIC DEVOTION!



As part of the Net-Theat series, singer Naval Dangi captivated audiences with the soulful Rajasthani folk song "Baje chhe naubat baaja mhara Diggipuri ka raja", dedicated to folk deity Diggi Kalyan. The rendition, originally composed by devotee Jamuna Dasi, evoked deep cultural pride. Musicians Neeraj Chauhan (tabla), Hardik Tharuka (harmonium), Ankesh Khatana (guitar) and Girdhari Lal (cymbals) added vibrant energy. Rajendra Sharma Raju coordinated the event, with music by Jitendra Sharma and visuals by Manoj Swami.

SACRED PATH





In a spiritual Ashray ceremony at Gupt Vrindavan Dham on Sunday, 460 devotees dedicated their lives to Krishna Bhakti under the shelter of Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada. Of these, 335 qualified through interviews and questionnaires for Ashraya levels—Shraddhavan to Charana Ashray—marked by chanting commitments. Devotees pledged to follow the four regulative principles and read Srila Prabhupada's books. President Amitasana Das emphasized the transformative power of chanting Krishna's name, guiding devotees toward knowledge, devotion and the ultimate goal—Bhagavad Dham.

FROM FEAR TO FRIENDSHIP WITH DOGS



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ith a sharp rise in dog bite incidents, public sentiment is currently torn between dog lovers and critics. But instead of conflict, what we need is compassion, understanding and awareness. Dogs

have been loyal companions to humans since ancient times—from Yudhishthira's Mahabharata companion to guardians of our homes today. Experts like advocates Manjari Sharma, Satyendra owner responsibilities, Singh, US attorney Rahul Dwivedi, and Banipark Vistar Yojna Vikas Samiti president Shankar Lal

Agarwal, along with dog feeder Tanuja Inani, emphasize the need for a balanced approach.

Key steps include educating children about street dogs, promoting pet supporting sterilization and vaccination drives and recognizing canine behaviour. NGOs, municipal bodies and citizen can also be addressed committees must work together to create shelters, store bite data, ensure rabies vaccinations and uphold dogs' legal rights. Understanding dogs' pain, hunger and health needs, along with driving responsibly and treating them kindly, can reduce aggression. Fear of dogs

through dog lovers and feeders who help bridge trust between animals and humans.

The message is clear love dogs, respect them and build a world where both dogs and humans can coexist peacefully. Small actions can lead to powerful, lasting harmony.



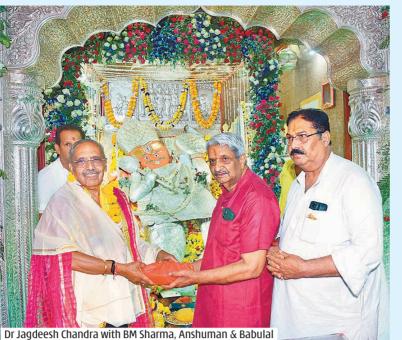




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DIVINE DARSHAN







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he sacred occasion of Hanuman Janmotsav was

Khole ke Hanumanji Temple

Jaipur, as thousands of devotees gathered to celebrate the birth of Lord Hanuman. A divine atmosphere prevailed at the renowned Khole Ke Hawith numan Ji and Shri Kale Hanu- a soulful visit to both temples.

grandeur and devotion in man Ji temples, where special rituals, Maha Abhishek and vibrant floral adornments were offered to the deity throughout the day.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra paid

was warmly received by BM Sharma, General Secretary of the temple trust, along with Anshuman and Babulal, who honoured him with a traditional dupatta and prasad. Moti Dungri Ganesh Temple, man Ji for the continued suc-

At Khole Ke Hanuman Ji, he Later, at Shri Kale Hanuman featuring grand tableaux and Ji Temple, he was respectfully welcomed by Maharaj Gopal Das and Yogesh Sharma. The temple witnessed a majestic Shobha Yatra originating from

traditional music, drawing devotees in large numbers.

Dr Chandra performed the aarti and sought blessings from Sankat Mochan Hanucess of Bharat24, First India News Channel, First India English Newspaper and Sach Bedhadak Hindi Daily. His visit reflected deep devotion and reverence, adding spiritual grace to the occasion.

ETAKES STAG



Vishu Rathore Surana, Kaushalya, Dipti Chinaria, Archana Das, Pukhraj Prajapati, Dr Shobha Tomar, JD Maheshwari & Raghunandan Rawat 🧾

that the event is dedicated welcomed the distinto women's empowerment, offering a platform for women and girls to showcase their talents on a national stage.

The grand finale featured stunning Indo-Western collections, combining style and versatility on Sunday. Celebrity guest Vaishnavi Macdonald, a renowned Indian film and television actress, graced the event, while Pukhraj Prajapati, the Chief Guest,

guished attendees. Other notable guests included Vishu Rathore Surana, Kaushalya, Dipti Chinaria, Dr Shobha Tomar, JD Maheshwari, Raghunandan Rawat, Rohit Kumar (R Virat Group), Dr Suresh Prajapati (RPM), and influencer Jitesh Prajapati.

Jury members with contestants

The event was a true celebration of fashion, family values, and empowerment. For more details, visit www.khanakchitra.com.



Cultural Mosaic

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aipur witnessed a vibrant cultural evening on Saturday at the Humanities Chair Auditorium, organised jointly by Bharat Bharti Jaipur and Rajasthan University, to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Celebrated under the theme "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat," the event brought together residents from over 20 states who showcased their folk traditions, dance, music, costumes, and customs creating a vivid tableau of "Miniature India."

The event was graced by Governor Haribhau Bagde as Chief Guest and Bharat Bharti National President, Vinay Bhai Patrale as Special Guest. The program



was presided over by Prof KB Sharma. Performances included Padhaaro Mhare Desh by Sanskar Bharti, regional dances from UP-Bihar, South India, Bengal, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and a special play on Sardar Patel's legacy. Sanatan Foundation promoted sustainability at the feast, advocating against food and water wastage—making the celebration meaningful and memorable.



SACRED FESTIVITIES!





On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, a grand free community feast and Balaji Jagran were organised by Shri Salasar Balaji Seva Samiti in Bhiwadi at Ashok Vatika, Housing Board. The event began with social workers Mrs Veena Mishra and Ved Prakash Mishra inaugurating the celebrations by lighting the Akhand Jyoti, following traditional rituals. Committee President Shiv Kumar Agarwal and Treasurer Arun Bhargava welcomed the chief guests. The Balaji Jagran continued with vibrant enthusiasm until late at night, featuring melodious bhajans by artists from Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan, which were met with applause. The event also included a special offering of Chhappan Bhog prasad to Balaji (Lord Hanuman ji) and an Aarti performed with grand decorations. Former President NK Agarwal and Bobby Agarwal managed the arrangements, supported by committee members and volunteers such as Anand Agarwal, Anil Mishra and Dr PAS Gupta. The program concluded with Vishram Aarti late at night.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



As part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's foundation day week, workers of Shastri Nagar Mandal, under the leadership of MLA Balmukund Acharya Maharaj, organised a bird feeder installation and cleanliness drive at Bhomiya Ji Temple, Ward 5 recently. Emphasizing the initiative amidst soaring temperatures, the MLA urged maximum bird feeder installations across the constituency. The event saw enthusiastic participation from Mandal President Jugal Kishore Sahu, Tapendra Singh Shekhawat and several local leaders, volunteers, and BJP workers from the Hawamahal Assembly.



Swayamsevi Shikshan Sansthan Sanrakshan Samiti organised a one-day meeting under the initiative "Sarthak Sangat" on Sunday at Hotel Royal Lalit, Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur. The event witnessed the participation of directors from hundreds of non-government schools across Rajasthan. Chief Guest Gurudev Kumar Ganesh graced the occasion. The event honoured the school directors and served as a motivational platform to uplift and energise the education community across the state.