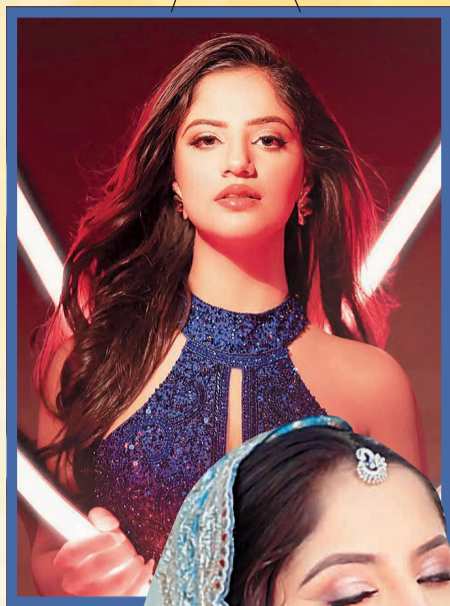




AN EVENING TO REMEMBER!
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Glam to Glory!

City First highlights Parineeta Bakshi's inspiring journey from an introverted girl to being crowned Miss Teen Icon International India 2023, showcasing her transformation, resilience and the support that helped her shine on the international stage.



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Parineeta Bakshi's journey to being crowned Miss Teen Icon International India 2023 is a tale of transformation, perseverance and grace. Held under the auspices of the Glamanand Group, this pageant has seen countless talented young women, but Parineeta's rise to the top was marked by her ability to overcome personal hurdles and shine brightly on the international stage.

Reflecting on her journey, Parineeta shared, "My journey has been a roller coaster ride from being an introvert girl who was afraid to speak up in public to an extrovert who has been now advocating for girl child education worldwide. I have learned to face my fears and rise into the best version of myself." This transformation wasn't just about winning a title but also about growing as an individual. "Throughout the journey, I have learned and grown into the best version of myself," she added.

Her mantra, "I am in charge of informing my destiny. My hard work will pay off," was a constant reminder of her determination and drive. "When I put my mind to something, I get it done. Let my will for the day match the universe's plans for me," she said, encapsulating her mindset that helped her navigate the ups and downs of the pageant world.

A pivotal moment for Parineeta was during the introduction round. "Waking up every day with the same enthusiasm and nailing my introduction round helped me boost my confidence and kept me going on and on," she recalled. Acknowledging her support system, she said, "Of course, my parents and



MUKESH KIRADDOO

Parineeta Bakshi's path to pageant stardom

National Director of Miss Universe India. "My mentor, Nikhil Anand, has played a huge role and I can't be more grateful," she expressed.

Her journey was also shaped by her surroundings. "Because of the pristine beaches and places of worship, the climate and the natural scenic beauty, I have always been a beach person. These elements teach me to admire every pinch of beauty around me," she shared, highlighting how the environment has influenced her outlook on life and modelling. Parineeta Bakshi's story is an inspiration to many, showcasing that with the right mindset, determination and support, one can transform their fears into their strengths and shine on any stage they choose.

my fairy godmother, Ritika Ramtri, who guided me throughout my journey, have played a crucial role in my success. Who I am today is because of them and I'll always be grateful."

Parineeta also spoke highly of her mentor, Nikhil Anand, the owner of the Glamanand Group and





Pawan Arora welcomes Gajendra Singh Shekhawat



Mahamandaleshwar Swami Gyaneswar Puri engaging in Gau Seva by feeding a calf



Pawan Arora with Rajkumar Singh Bhandari, Javri Lal Salecha, Bhagwan Rathi, Himmatram Maharaj, Chhagan Lal Baheti, Ashok Bagrecha, Durg Singh, Kamlesh Purohit, Sohan Singh Badli, Hastimal Saraswat, Mahesh Bhutada, Shaitan Singh Sankhla, Praveen Medh, Deepak Joshi, Monika Prajapat, Dr Swati Sharma, Dr Swati Vyas, Shastri Mohit Bhai Dadhich, Sunil Talwar, Champalal Soni, Hodal Singh, Shaila Ram Saran, Sanyam Dosi, Sukhram Vishnoi, Praveen Panwar, Darshan Jajda, LC Batai, Kamal Vishnoi, Deepak Jakhar, Tarnija Mohan Singh Rathore, Rajendra Singh Rakhi, Dr Gulam Ali Kamdar, Bhagirath Rajpurohit, Gopal Singh, Mahendra Singh Anwana, Ram Chandra Singh Rajpurohit, Chinni Lal Tak, Sumer Singh Rajpurohit, Anju Bhati, Damyanti Jangid, Rashmi Jangid, Khushal Sankhla and other Gau Sevaks and social workers committed to cow protection and service



Addressing the audience, Pawan Arora stood in front of a striking standee of Dr Jagdeesh Chandra



At the entrance, a prominent standee of Pawan Arora greets visitors, complemented by standees of dignitaries



Captivated audience during the cultural event

REVIVING Traditions!

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The Marwar Gau Seva Samman Ceremony, hosted by First India News at Amargarh Resorts on Saturday, was a significant event celebrating the dedication of Gau Sevaks and social workers committed to cow protection and service. This groundbreaking initiative, led by Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, was aimed at recognising the efforts of those working tirelessly for the welfare of cows and preserving cultural traditions.

The event, graced by Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat as the Chief Guest, saw the participation of several prominent figures, including Rajasthan Ministers Gajendra Singh Khimsar, Joram Kumawat, Jogaram Patel and KK Vishnoi. Other notable attendees included Jodhpur MLA Atul Bhansali, Mahamandaleshwar Swami Dnyaneshwar, Kapil Agrawal, Jodhpur Divisional Commissioner Pratibha Singh, District Collector Gaurav Agarwal and industrialist Kamal Mehta.

During his address, Pawan Arora emphasised the cultural and spiritual significance of cows in Indian society, referencing sacred texts such as the Atharvaveda and Bhagavad Gita. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat highlighted the need to return to traditional practices and natural farming methods, criticizing the influence of Western culture on indigenous traditions.

The ceremony honoured 47 Gau Sevaks and social workers, including Rajkumar Singh Bhandari, Javri Lal Salecha and Dr Swati Sharma, for their selfless service to cow welfare. The event concluded with heartfelt appreciation for their contributions, underlining the importance of collective efforts in preserving India's rich cultural heritage. City First brings to you more glimpses of the memorable event held in Jodhpur.



Sant Ram Prasad addressing the audience



Gajendra Singh Khimsar addressing the audience



Pawan Arora and MLA Atul Bhansali exchange greetings



Pawan Arora welcomes Gopal Krishna Vyas



Shweta Mishra Awasthi addressing the audience



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Pawan Arora caught in a candid moment



Rajeev Gaur addressing the audience



Vishal Mathur greets Sant Ram Prasad



Swami Gyaneswar addressing the audience



Rajeev Gaur welcomes Pratibha Singh and Gaurav Agrawal



Kamal Purohit welcomes Mahamandaleshwar Swami Gyaneswar Puri



Kapil Agrawal addressing the audience



KK Vishnoi addressing the audience



Joram Kumawat addressing the audience



Shiv Prakash Purohit welcomes Kapil Agrawal



Kamal Mehta greets Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, as Pawan Arora looks upon smilingly

Spiritual Grandeur



Kamla Poddar with Kewal Miglani, Urmila, Sudhir Kashiwal, Shreya Guha, Vijay & Sushmita



Kamla Poddar, Roma & Abhishek Poddar with Nirmala Sewani, Rinku & Meena

GREETINGS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Dimple Sharma of the First India Family, as she reached the former's residence to seek blessings on the occasion of completing 3 years in the organisation. Dr Chandra further wished her all the best.

RALLY SPECIAL!



Malviya Nagar MLA Kalicharan Saraf inaugurated the Jagdish Maharaj Goner 'Padayatras' from ward 135 Mansinghpura Hari Marg Tonk Road by worshipping the flag. Saraf also paid homage to Jagdish Maharaj. Yatra convenors Raju Saini, Satyanarayan Saini and Kailash Tambi Mohan Saini announced that the yatra is welcomed at various locations and is expected to reach Goner Jagdish Temple by 5:00 pm. The event saw attendance from councillors Mahesh Saini Bachchu, Rajesh Kumawat, Amravati Sharma, and other prominent figures.

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In a vibrant expression of devotion, the Poddar family organised a grand Sahastraghat and Rudrabhishek ceremony at the Chamatkareshwar Mahadev Temple on Sunday. The event, marked by its spiritual depth, drew together family members and friends, including Abhishek Poddar and Roma Poddar, who actively participated in the rituals and prayers. The Sahastraghat, a traditional Hindu ceremony involving the offering of a thousand oblations, and Rudrabhishek, a sacred ritual dedicated to Lord Shiva, were conducted with immense



A captivating tableau of Lord Shiva's temple, showcasing intricate details and divine artistry



Kamla Poddar & Rishhee Miglani

reverence and grandeur. The rituals, performed in the ancient temple, are believed to bring peace, prosperity, and divine blessings to the participants and the community. Family and their close associates, including various dignitaries and who's who of the city engaged deeply in the spiritual practices, contributing to the ceremony's solemnity and significance. The event provided an opportunity for reflection and connection with the divine, reinforcing the values of faith and tradition within the family and their circle of friends. This ceremony not only highlighted the Poddar family's commitment to their spiritual journey but also emphasized the importance of such rituals in nurturing a deeper connection with the divine.

Cultural Extravaganza



Fakira Khan performing with his troupe

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The Sahitya Utsav Jashne-Adab Cultural Karvaan 'n Virasat, a prestigious event celebrating Indian art, culture, and literature, was hosted in Jaipur for the first time on August 31 and September 1, 2024. This cultural showcase was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Jawahar Kala Kendra. The event showcased an array of performances by eminent artists from across India, captivating attendees with its vibrant displays on Sunday. The second day they featured Yusuf Khan's Bhang performance, a



Ranjeet Chauhan in conversation with Anjum Sharma & Faisal Malik

play on Indian cultural heritage, and a panel discussion on regional poetic traditions led by Anjum Sharma, Manu Rishi Chadha and Faizal Malik. Later, a Kavi Sammelan Mushaira was hosted by Professor Wasim Bareilvi & Padma Shri Surendra Sharma. The evening concluded

with a mesmerizing Kathak performance by Vidha Lal. Poet and founder Kunwar Ranjit Chauhan expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming response and support, celebrating the event's success in connecting the youth with Indian art, culture, and literature.



Rohit Nandan, Vinod Pathak & Sudhir Mathur

The 23rd edition of Mahi Sandesh 'Kavya-Kalam' was held at Malaarpan on Sardar Patel Marg on Sunday. The event, dedicated to songs, ghazals, and poetry, featured senior litterateur Neeraj Goswami, Dr Nalin Joshi, Rajasthan Cooperative Service officer and musician Rajiv Thanvi, and senior journalist Vinod Pathak. Notable poets, including Avinash Joshi and Anjana Manoj Garg, delivered exceptional performances. The program, conducted by poet Surya Prakash Upadhyay, concluded with the "Mahi Sandesh Vindhya Kokil Bhaiya Lal Vyas 'Kavya-Kalam' Samman" awarded to participating poets. Additionally, Bindu Choudhary and Rakesh Garg received the award for "Mahi Sandesh- Prema Mathur-Prerana Award" for their social contributions. Patron Sudhir Mathur highlighted that this monthly event celebrates literary and artistic talents.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Mandir Mandal Nathdwara was honoured with the "Bhamashah Vibhushan Samman" by Rajasthan's Education Department for exceptional contributions to education and social welfare. The Mandal invested ₹ 6.97 crore in constructing a girls' school and donated land for the Government Girls College in Nathdwara. During the 28th State Level, Bhamashah Samman Ceremony held on Sunday in Udaipur, Sudhakar Upadhyay received the award on behalf of Mandir Mandal President Rakesh Maharaj. The ceremony was attended by prominent figures including Tilakayat Shree's Secretary, Liladhar Purohit and media in-charge Girish Vyas.



In the final matches of the 18th Anirudh Mayaram Memorial Basketball Competition at St Xavier's School, Jaipur, & St Edmunds School, Malviya Nagar, emerged victorious in both the boys' and girls' categories on Saturday. The boys' team defeated St Xavier's 43-24, with Gypsy scoring 18 points and Prem Pratap Singh adding 14. The girls' team won 25-8, led by Gungun with 13 points. Gypsy and Tanvi were named best players, while Govind was the top scorer. Rising Player Awards went to Hemang and Gungun. Father Rector Nelson D'Silva presented the prizes.



The Hindu Spiritual and Service Foundation (HSSF) announced the fourth Hindu Spiritual and Service Fair, set for September 26-30 at Dussehra Ground, Adarsh Nagar, Jaipur. In anticipation, a Sant Samagam Intellectual Symposium was held on Sunday, featuring Mahamandaleshwars, religious leaders, and intellectuals. Discussions focused on Hindutva's relevance, emphasizing its deep connection with service and spirituality. Somkant Sharma of HSSF emphasized the importance of service in Hindutva and spirituality's role in Hindu life and education. Speakers stressed the importance of instilling spiritual values in children to uphold Sanatan Dharma. Approximately 35 saints and various dignitaries attended, pledging support for the upcoming fair and underscoring the unity and cultural heritage of Hindu society.



Jaipur National University (JNU) organised a philanthropic outreach event at Government Senior Secondary School, Ghati Karolan, and Mahatma Gandhi School, Kho Nagoriyan on Saturday. The initiative provided these schools with furniture, books, and stationery to improve their learning environment. Akansha Bakshi, Joint Director of JNU, delivered an inspiring address on the importance of time management and perseverance for success. Dr HN Verma, Pro-Chancellor, emphasized the role of infrastructure in education, while Dr RL Raina, Vice Chancellor, highlighted the university's commitment to community development. The students were excited and grateful for the new resources.

EVENTS!

The Miss Eternal India beauty pageant held auditions at Hotel Mauj Mahal in Sikar, following Jaipur. The event attracted participants from various cities, showcasing diverse talents. Notable attendees included Bollywood actors Jassi Kapoor and Ajay Trivedi, fashion designer Anuradha, and Deebok Group Co-founder Mohanendra Singh. Founder Naveen Kumawat emphasized the platform's goal of providing opportunities to aspiring women, while Director Deepika Naruka highlighted the chance for participants to advance. The grand finale is scheduled for September, where 30 finalists will be selected.



Naveen Kumawat with Deepika Naruka, Mumal, Mahi, Swati, Khushboo & Durga

Vedant Garg, CEO & Advisor of Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women's University, Jaipur, was showered with heartfelt wishes throughout the day on Saturday. The celebration was marked by an outpouring of congratulatory messages, floral bouquets, and cakes that added to the festive spirit. Friends, colleagues, and well-wishers came together to honour his special day, making it truly memorable. The day was a testament to the respect and admiration he has earned from those around him.



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