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शुभकामना संदेश

मुझे यह जानकर प्रसन्नता हुई कि उदयपुर चैप्टर द्वारा त्रैमासिक पत्र प्रारम्भ किया गया है। इसके माध्यम से उदयपुर अध्याय की गतिविधियाँ और भविष्य की योजनाओं से न केवल सदस्यों को सूचना मिलेगी बल्कि इतिहास, साहित्य, कला और धरोहर संरक्षण के क्षेत्र में कार्य करने वाले लोगों को भी इससे लाभ मिलेगा।

मुझे पूर्ण विश्वास है कि चैप्टर इस त्रैमासिक समाचार पत्र का प्रकाशन निरन्तर करता रहेगा तथा विरासत संरक्षण एवं जन जागृति के अभियान को अधिक से अधिक लोगों तक पहुँचाने के प्रयास किये जायेंगे।

उदयपुर अध्याय को इस बहुरंगी नवीन त्रैमासिक पत्र के प्रकाशन के लिए संयोजक प्रो. बी.पी. भटनागरजी एवं उदयपुर की सम्पूर्ण इण्टैक टीम को बहुत बधाई।

नववर्ष 2020 की हार्दिक मंगलकामनाओं के साथ।

(गजसिंह जोधपुर)

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Message



Please accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the first edition of the newsletter of INTACH

Udaipur Chapter, scheduled for release in January 2020.

It is indeed praiseworthy of the office-bearers, steered by the convenor Dr. B.P. Bhatnagar, to be making different stakeholders aware and informed about heritage-related programmes.

This is commendable 'work in progress'; it has to be sustained year after year relentlessly.

On our part at the Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation, we continue to share the 'living heritage' of Mewar and Rajasthan with global and Indian audiences.

We look forward to meaningful and fruitful association with like minded organisations like INTACH Udaipur Chapter.

May the New Year be more productive, prosperous and healthier for all residents of our heritage-city of Udaipur.

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संपादकीय

आज 'बसंत पंचमी' पर्व के शुभ अवसर पर भारतीय सांस्कृतिक निधि के उदयपुर

चेप्टर द्वारा प्रकाशित त्रैमासिक पत्रिका 'निधि दर्पण' आपके कर कमलों में प्रेषित करते हुए अपार हर्ष की अनुभूति हो रही है।

इस उपलब्धि के लिए मैं चेप्टर के सहसंयोजक, समस्त सदस्यों, रचनाकारों, संकलनकर्ताओं तथा संपादक मंडल का हृदय से आभारी हूँ जिनके अथक प्रयासों से ही यह संभव हुआ है।

भारतीय सांस्कृतिक निधि (INTACH) का गठन 1984 में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर विरासत संपदा को चिन्हित कर उसका सूचीकरण तथा उनकी सुरक्षा, संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन कार्य के साथ समाज जन को शिक्षित कर रूचि जागृत करने हेतु किया गया था। अपने उद्देश्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए इस स्वैच्छिक संगठन ने देश-विदेश में अब तक 206 चेप्टर्स गठित किए हैं। इसी कड़ी में उदयपुर चेप्टर का गठन 01 दिसम्बर 1985 को किया गया था।

चेप्टर के प्रथम संयोजक जाने-माने समाज सेवक श्रीमान् अजय मेहता मनोनीत हुए – जिन्होंने लगभग आठ वर्षों तक कार्य किया। तत्पश्चात् मार्च 1994 से अप्रैल 2018 तक श्रीमान् एस.के. वर्मा, IFS (Retd.) का ऐतिहासिक कार्यकाल रहा। उन्होंने विभिन्न कार्यों को अपनी विलक्षण कार्य शैली से पूर्ण कर एक अनूठा उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किया। चेप्टर इन दोनों महानुभावों के प्रति अपनी कृतज्ञता ज्ञापित करता है। श्रीमान् वर्मा साहब का सहयोगी मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त हो रहा है।

उद्देश्य पूर्ण हेतु लगभग 20 विद्यालयों के साथ स्थानीय विश्वविद्यालयों एवं अन्य प्रमुख संस्थाओं का भी सहयोग प्राप्त हो रहा है। चेप्टर के संरक्षक माननीय श्रीजी अरविन्द सिंह 'मेवाड़' राजस्थान राज्य के संयोजक माननीय महाराजा गजसिंह, चेप्टर्स निदेशक गुप केप्टिन (सेवानिवृत्त) श्री अरविंद शुक्ला, सदस्य सचिव डॉ. सी. टी. मिश्रा IAS (Retd.), इंटरैक्ट अध्यक्ष माननीय मेजर जनरल (सेवानिवृत्त) श्रीमान् एल.के. गुप्ता एवं विभिन्न स्तरों पर कार्यरत पदाधिकारियों का आशीर्वाद एवं पूर्ण सहयोग प्राप्त हो रहा है – उनका हृदय से आभार।

चेप्टर संबंधित विद्यालयों एवं अन्य संस्थाओं के माध्यम से अनेकानेक कार्यक्रमों का प्रभावी आयोजन कर जन जागृति उत्पन्न करने के प्रयासों में सफलता प्राप्त कर रहा है। आगामी कार्यक्रमों में उदयपुर के विकास, हेरिटेज गतिविधियों में कौशल विकास, परम्परागत खेल-कूद, भोज्य पदार्थ, आदि का आयोजन करना है।

आपके मार्गदर्शन एवं प्रभावी सहयोग से लक्ष्य प्राप्ति में सफलता की कामना के साथ—


डॉ. बी.पी. भटनागर
प्रधान सम्पादक



Down the Memory Lane

Initiation of Volunteerism : SK Verma , IFS (Retd)

Superannuated at 58 years on 28.2.1993 , I decided to shift my residence to my home town Udaipur with a desire to do voluntary work for social and ecological development. It was at the initiation of the Chairman, INTACH that I assumed the charge of the Convener, INTACH Udaipur Chapter, on 1.3.1994. Then I sought consent of Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar, Chairman, MMCF, to be the Patron of the Chapter. Padam Bhushan Jagat S Mehta was approved to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, INTACH Udaipur..



Visits of dignitaries at INTACH Udaipur Chapter with special reference to Natural and cultural Heritage of Mewar : Chairman INTACH Maj. Gen. L.K. Gupta AVSM.(Retd.), Member Secretary INTACH , State Convener : Maharaja Gaj Singh , Councillor Cultural Affairs, US Embassy, New Delhi: visited to promote personal, professional, and institutional ties between private citizens and selected Non Governmental Organizations of India and in the United States and abroad. Ms. Minja Young Former Head of UNESCO and Mayor Chinon (France), Ms. Moi Cheiba Program Specialist Culture (UNESCO), Mr. Ed Kashi an acclaimed photo journalist (National Geographic USA.): conducted training of photography of nature select groups viz. INTACH and 'Sanjhi' voluntary Organisations at a tribal village near Kotra and at Udaipur, Mr. Ed Kashi is also a dedicated educator and mentor to photographers around the world and lectures frequently on visual storytelling, human rights and the world of media. He has led to creative social media and printed projects for a range of clients including National Geographic, Open Society Foundations, NGOs 'Sanjhi' and INTACH Udaipur organised one week's Photography Camp near Jhadol in tribal area.

Activities :

- Listing and documentation of Sacred Groves, Heritage Trees and Nature Precincts of Banswara and Udaipur District • Projects, Seminar, HECS Awareness Programs at AIR and HECS Projects, Talks and Participatory Discussions in schools • Survey and documentation of City Heritage Buildings, Heritage Mapping of Udaipur City and supervision of repairs of City wall gates, etc. • National Conference : Conveners of Rajasthan with State Convener, Member Secretary and Chapter Conveners at Anand Bhawan • Regular Meetings of Executive Committee and General Body . • Promotional Activities on Heritage Education and Communication Service: • Teacher's Training Programmes at Alok School, Established 17 Heritage Clubs in reputed educational Institutions, Conducted all activities allotted by HECS, Study Tours to Heritage Sites and Museums, Heritage Walks, Nature Interpretation Tours with Nature and Wildlife Experts Talks on Conservation of Nature and Mewar's Architectural Heritage, Awareness workshops with renowned artists of classical and folk music and dance forms and 'Learn a craft, Workshop on Sculpture.'

Few Significant Workshops and Conferences:

1. Celebrated Silver Jubilee of INTACH, organized a Regional Conference on 'Rajasthan's Heritage-Status and Prospects' with all Conveners of Rajasthan State and conveners of adjoining chapters of neighbouring state at Udaipur on 2nd -3rd November, 2009. Chief Guest: Maharaja Gaj Singh, State Convener, Special Guest Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar, Patron and Shri Y. Narain as Guest.



Our First Convener

I had the privilege of being the first Convener of INTACH some time starting in 1985. At that, time Martand Singh was the Secretary of INTACH. Under his leadership the movement for heritage conservation spread rapidly all over the country.

Udaipur chapter commissioned the first Conservation Plan, for any city in the country, under the guidance of late Nimish Patel a well known Architect. Udaipur Chapter played a key role in advising Narendra Singh ji Bhati, then Tourism Minister of Rajasthan, to locate the office of the West Zone Cultural Centre in Bagor Ki Haveli. Udaipur owes him a big debt for his bold decision.

There were many other initiatives taken by the Udaipur Chapter. One of them was to protect the lakes of Udaipur from having hotels built on their edges. These efforts were not successful.

I gave up being Convener in 1993 and was succeeded by Shri Verma. Under his leadership, the chapter became more active and effective.

It is indeed wonderful to know that there has been another leadership change.

Under Dr Bhatnagar's watch, I have no doubt INTACH Udaipur will flourish.

My very best wishes.

Ajay Singh Mehta
President, Vidhya Bhawan Society

Dec. 1985 to Feb. 1993

2. Other activities were Workshop on Living Heritage with artisans, local experts and Director Projects AH Ms. Bindu Manchanda INTACH New Delhi during 30.3 to 1.4.2012, Meeting of National Advisory Committee on Natural Heritage with Chairman, members of the Committee on 25.8.2012, Workshop with Team of Strasbourg France, Udaipur Municipal Corporation and Udaipur Chapter. 13.11.2012, International Conference on Living Heritage by UNESCO Team led by Ms. Marilyn Claire Truscott, President International Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage and ICOMOS-Australia, MMCF, INTACH Chairman and INTACH Udaipur Chapter. INTACH Udaipur presented the case studies of Terracotta of Molela and Fabric Block Printing of Akola Villages. Workshop of local artisans for upgrading their skills, craftsmen on use of traditional building materials for Built Heritage. Also conducted a two days Seminar and field visit on Geoheritage. Publications : Six books / reports / folders / etc.

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Blessings

Chairman

Maj. Gen (Retd.) L.K.Gupta, AVSM



My dear Prof. Bhatnagar:

I am pleased to know that the INTACH Udaipur Chapter is going to inaugurate a Web Site as well as publish a Quarterly News letter in January 2020.

Both the Quarterly News Letter and Web Site are excellent communication tools as well as convey various activities of INTACH Udaipur Chapter.

Sincere wishes and congratulations on your efforts, that soon after taking charge in April 2018, several multi-focussed activities were initiated to further strengthen and functioning of the chapter.

Thank you for all your efforts, and those of your members of the chapter.

Sincerely

Maj. Gen (Retd.) L.K. Gupta, AVSM
Chairman-INTACH

Member Secretary

Dr. C.T. Misra, IAS (Retd.)



I am happy to know that the Udaipur Chapter is releasing its first edition of the quarterly Newsletter on the heritage of 'Mewar' and the various activities which the chapter is taking-up for the conservation of its heritage. This initiative will go a long way in creating awareness among the Chapter members and the larger community about the precious heritage of the Mewar Region and about INTACH.

I warmly look forward to reading the Newsletter and wish the Chapter members, its Convener and Co-Convener the very best in their endeavors

Dr. (Mrs.) Chuden Tshering Misra
Member-Secretary, INTACH

Director Chapters

Gr. Capt. (Retd.) Arvind Shukhla



INTACH is a mission to promote, preserve and conserve the tangible, intangible and natural heritage of the country. INTACH Udaipur Chapter of Rajasthan State, one of the oldest chapters was established on December 1, 1985. The chapter has been flourishing and conducts the entire spectrum of heritage activities, throughout the year with an enterprising team of members.

Since its inception, chapter has registered a remarkable growth and conducted exceptional activities like Listing and Documentation, Seminars to create awareness on heritage, revival of Gunni Parampara and promotion of traditional games, involving school children.

Chapter is also planning to launch its own website, seminar on heritage food and skill development to enhance employment opportunities through heritage related activities. All these activities reflect the immense involvement of the members of the chapter in the true spirit of INTACH.

I feel overwhelmed and delighted as the chapter is publishing its first edition of News Letter on Heritage efforts. I extend my heartiest congratulations to the INTACH Udaipur Chapter and its Convener, Dr B P Bhatnagar for compiling this issue on the heritage and historic sketch of the chapter, including all its magnificent activities and for their efforts towards the INTACH's mission of heritage awareness in such an enthusiastic way.

Gp Capt Arvind Shukla (Retd)
Director Chapters

State Co-Convener



* ***** In the year 1984 a group of eminent, concerned and awakened citizens of India established INTACH as a voluntary organisation which soon became a countrywide movement. All Indian citizens,

governments, army, businessmen, industrialists, teachers, students, artists, historians, poets, scholars, media all together share this common platform of INTACH in order to protect, preserve, conserve and do research on our rich, glorious cultural heritage, ancient traditions and environment.

In Rajasthan there are now 22 active INTACH chapters with Udaipur as the most well organised and active chapter. We all congratulate Udaipur chapter for bringing out this quarterly newsletter which will set an example to be followed by other Intach chapters. *****
Best wishes

HARI SINGH PALKIYA



Udaipur has been one of the most active chapters in Rajasthan and they have been doing commendable work in many areas be it natural heritage, built heritage or intangible heritage. I am very happy to know that the Udaipur Chapter is bringing out its own newsletter and would like to convey my good wishes to the Chapter and all its members for this stellar effort. I am sure the newsletter will serve as a handy record of the various activities that the Chapter undertakes on a regular basis and it will also encourage a lot of people to lend their support to INTACH and perhaps even join the fast-growing membership base.

Keep up the good work and my good wishes again.

DHARMENDAR KANWAR

Principal Advisor, NH

SK Verma, IFS (Retd)

After handing over charge of INTACH Udaipur on 11th April 2018, several multi-focused activities were initiated such as to invite reputed persons like educationists, social activists and artists to join INTACH Udaipur



Chapter as Life Member and Institutional Members from several organisations for further strengthening and functioning of the organizational works. Besides a large number of creative activities are regularly conducted by our Heritage Clubs of all schools. Your suggestion to organize a Seminar on 'Heritage Food of Mewar in February 2020 and a two days seminar on 'Skill Development for 'Enhancing Employment Opportunities Through Heritage Related Activities' will be useful.

I am happy to know that the INTACH Udaipur Chapter is going to inaugurate a Web Site as well as to publish a Quarterly News Letter in January 2020. I convey my best wishes for your both activities. Please go ahead as a learned Convener of the INTACH Udaipur Chapter (a volunteer Organisation). I wish you excellent success for such multifarious well-planned events to protect and preserve living, built, and natural heritage. • Your efforts to establish linkages with several universities, Udaipur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Anthropological Survey of India, etc. are valuable. These efforts on your part will lead to increased volunteer retention and set goals focused on clear objectives, which are attainable, time-bound, relevant and measurable.

Finally heartiest thanks to you and all members of the INTACH Udaipur Chapter, for such efforts.

" North and West of Udaipur, the Arravalis have several bare tracts and ravines. The Chapter can undertake plantation program in the Arravalis with corporate support from tourism industry or Hindustan Zinc Ltd. This would be in keeping with the Sustainable Development Goals." **Manu Bhatnagar, Principal Director, Natural Heritage Division**

Activities Round- Up



PAANI - KI - KAHANI
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



03 New Institutional Members
15 New life Members
15 Friends of INTACH
Linkages with eminent Institutions
Projects :
Development Plan of Rampole
Inventory of Sootradhars



"Be a part of this Voluntary organization for the cause of Our Precious Heritage "

Activities Round-Up



Principal Director, HECS

Ms Purnima Datt



I extend my heartiest congratulations to the INTACH Udaipur Chapter for compiling this issue on the heritage and historic sketch of the Chapter, including, all its magnificent activities, school heritage club initiatives, together with an account of its lesser-known heritage. Udaipur is blessed with unique natural, cultural and living heritage. We commend the chapter for its efforts undertaken to promote heritage and putting together this valuable resource.

The Heritage Education and Communication Service (HECS) was set up in 1998 and has completed 20 years. It runs a network of over 4,000 heritage clubs, trains teachers and works on campaigns and activities with schools, as well as, colleges across the country. It has engaged in heritage awareness among the youth and runs heritage clubs with the support of its over 200 chapters. A variety of resource material and publications for schools and colleges have been brought out by the division. HECS's initiative of spreading INTACH's vision is further disseminated through the Young INTACH Newsletters on quarterly basis for its heritage clubs

We are delighted to share that the **INTACH Udaipur Chapter** has been a very active and strong member of our heritage club network. The vibrancy of the chapter and its painstaking efforts at undertaking heritage initiatives for school and college students is indeed commendable.

We are also pleased to share that the INTACH Udaipur heritage clubs students have been regularly contributing to the newsletter and kept us abreast with their colourful heritage reports. In addition to, the hosting of HECS national programmes in which they have participated with much enthusiasm.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Dr B.P. Bhatnagar, Convenor INTACH Udaipur and his team for carrying forward INTACH's mission of heritage awareness with much enthusiasm and dedication. We also thank Mr. S.K. Verma, former Convenor INTACH Udaipur for his guidance in all the educational endeavours of the chapter.

I wish the chapter all the best for their efforts at promoting heritage education.

OTHER PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Alok School.
- Delhi Public School.
- Heritage Girls School.
- Rockwoods School
- Witty International
- Bhopal Nobles Public School.
- Girls School, RVU.
- Rayan International School
- Vidya Bhawan SS School
- Vidya Bhawan Public School



Lesser Known Heritage

A Marvel of Early Medieval Mewar

Professor Lalit Pandey



After the downfall of the empire of Pushyabhuti dynasty a number of provincial powers emerged in North India in which Guhilas were also an important royal family in erstwhile state of Mewar. The rulers of Mewar were one of the most prominent kings who fought against the foreign invaders and they saved the honour of India.

Besides their chivalry they were also the great builders of monuments and temples, during the period of Aparajita, who was an earlier ruler of this dynasty, a number of monuments were built. An inscription of Kundgram, which is located at a distance of about twenty kilometers from Udaipur, testifies it. The inscription is of 2nd November, 661ACE. Presently it is located at Udaipur museum. According to Mahamahopadhyaya G.H .Ojha, he found the inscription in the premises of the temple. According to his observation, the temple belongs the era of Aparajita. It is a temple of Lord Shiva. The temple is made in Panchayatan Style.



The architecture of the major temple is Nagar, the temple has all the basic features of Nagar style though the features are not prominent. Unfortunately the plasters of outer and inner walls and floors have been renovated with modern mortar and marble without disturbing the basic structure. A very magnificent shivaling is located in the sanctum of temple. The Sapindi- a circular structure in the middle of which Linga is installed is very prominent and extraordinary. A broad headed serpent is also present there which is an integral part of the Shiva idols. In addition of this temple, the inscription has also the description of a Vishnu temple which was made by Yashomati- the wife of the Army Chief. The inscription is in Sanskrit and it's script is Kutil. The inscription has been composed in literary Sanskrit which is also an important feature.

The ecology of the site of the temple is very congenial and pristine. The surroundings are lush green and a paved ghat is also there. A fresh natural water body attracts the attention of the visitors and the water is crystal clear, it's amazing

Contributions on lesser known heritage sites, festivals, fairs, etc. of Mewar, are invited - 250 word only and one photo soft copy in font Times New Roman & Kruti Dev 010 bpbhatnagar1@gmail.com singhvigaurav13@gmail.com | 94143 43181

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डॉ. सतीश शर्मा (IFS Retd.)



राजस्थान का दक्षिणी क्षेत्र मोटे तौर पर मेवाड़ नाम से जाना जाता है। वर्तमान उदयपुर, चित्तौड़गढ़, भीलवाड़ा एवं राजसमन्द जिले आजादी पूर्व मेवाड़ राज्य हुआ करते थे। यह क्षेत्र अरावली पर्वतमाला की पर्वत श्रृंखलाओं, हरे-भरे वनों, नदी-नालों, जलाशयों एवं झीलों से भरा है। यहाँ के पर्वताच्छादित एवं वन आच्छादित भूप्रदेश में भील, मीणा, गरसिया, कथौड़ी आदि जनजातियों की सांस्कृतिक विरासत देखने लायक है। ऐतिहासिक दृष्टि से भी यह क्षेत्र समृद्ध है। यहाँ के किले, महल, मंदिर, युद्ध स्थल, स्मारक, बावडियाँ, केवडियाँ (बावडियों से सट कर बनाये कुरे) आदि देखने लायक हैं। वीर शिरोमणी महाराणा प्रताप की जन्म एवं कर्मस्थली यह भूमि संस्कृति व इतिहास के अनेक अध्यायों की साक्षी है।

प्राकृतिक दृष्टि से मेवाड़ राजस्थान का स्वर्ग कहा जाता है। माउन्ट आबू के बाद राजस्थान का दूसरा सबसे ऊँचा पर्वत 'जरगा' मेवाड़ के उदयपुर जिले की गोगुन्दा तहसील में सायरा गाँव के पास स्थित है जिसकी ऊँचाई समुद्र तल से 1431 मीटर है। यहाँ नया जरगा व जूना जरगा नामक प्रसिद्ध प्राचीन धार्मिक स्थान भी विद्यमान हैं। मेवाड़ क्षेत्र में सज्जनगढ़, फूलवारी की नाल, जयसमन्द, सीतामाता, बस्सी, भैंसरोडगढ़, कुम्भलगढ़ तथा टाँडगढ़-रावली कुल 8 वन्यजीव अभयारण्य विद्यमान हैं जो जैव विविधता से समृद्ध हैं।

अरावली पर्वतमाला में सूदूर पश्चिम दिशा में स्थित सहारा रेगिस्तान से आने वाली वनस्पति व प्राणी जातियाँ अरावली तक पहुँची हैं। पूर्व दिशा से भी म्यानमार, इन्डो-चाइना मूल की वनस्पति एवं प्राणी जातियाँ भी चलती हुई यहाँ पहुँची हैं। इस तरह मेवाड़ एवं आस-पास के भू-भाग में दो विपरीत दिशाओं की जैविक धाराओं के जीव अरावली पर आकर मिले हैं। वैज्ञानिक ओ. ड्यूड ने इस अदभुत जैविक घटना को सबसे पहले समझा। उन्होंने बताया की दो दिशाओं के जीव अरावली पर आकर मिले हैं। उनके सम्मान में उस जैविकीय मिलन रेखा को 'ड्यूड लाइन' कहते हैं। यह लाइन मेवाड़ से गुजरती है। अतः मेवाड़ में दोनों दिशाओं से आये सजीव समूह मिलते हैं। यही नहीं यहाँ पश्चिमी घाट एवं दक्षिण भारत से आई जातियाँ भी पहुँची हैं जो मुख्यतः 25° छ तक सफलता पूर्वक स्थापित हुई हैं। जंगली केला, सागवान, महुआ, ग्रीन स्नेक, बीकड ब्लाइन्ड स्नेक, रस्ती-स्पॉटिड कैट जंगली मुर्गा (जंगल ग्रे फाउल) आदि ऐसी ही जातियों के उदाहरण हैं। हिमायलन से भी मार्कन्शिया जैसी प्रजातियाँ मेवाड़ तक पहुँची हैं जो कुम्भलगढ़ - जरगा क्षेत्र में देखी जा सकती हैं।

मेवाड़ में भारत का 'महान जलग्रहण विभाजक' क्षेत्र भी स्थित है। यहाँ अरावली में एक ऐसी काल्पनिक रेखा अरावली के समान्तर मान सकते हैं जहाँ पश्चिम दिशा का वर्षा जल बह कर अरब सागर पहुँचने वाली नदियों में बहता है एवं पूर्व दिशा में बहकर बनास नदी में होकर, अतंतः चंबल, यमुना, गंगा एवं फिर ब्रह्मपुत्र के रास्ते बंगाल की खाड़ी पहुँचता है। ऐसी जल विभाजक रेखा गुजरात से आगे बढ़ती हुई उदयपुर के



पावा, उभेश्वर, जरगा, कुम्भलगढ़ होकर आगे अजमेर जिले की तरफ बढ जाती है।

मेवाड़ क्षेत्र में राजस्थान राज्य का सबसे बड़ा बरगद वृक्ष झाडोल तहसील के मादडी गाँव में स्थित है। पास ही राज्य की सबसे विशाल काष्ठ लता बॉहीनिया वेहलाई 'जोगन बेल दर्रा' नामक स्थान

में पारगिया पाडा गाँव के पास देखी जा सकती है। संभवतः पश्चिमी भारत का सबसे बड़ा जंगली केलों (म्देमजम नचमतइनउ) का जमावड़ा झाडोल व कोटडा नामक तहसीलों में रामकुण्डा - लादन संरक्षित वन क्षेत्रों में देखा जा सकता है। यहाँ अनगिनत जंगली केले अरावली पर्वत के ढालों पर उगते हैं।

राजस्थान के सर्वाधिक बहुशाखित खजूर भी मेवाड़ धरा पर देखे जा सकते हैं। शुष्क जलवायु वाले राजस्थान में मेवाड़ संभाग ही ऐसी जगह है जहाँ 18 प्रजातियों के ऑर्किड भी वनों में उगे पाये जाते हैं। यहाँ के वनों एवं पहाड़ी ढालों के घास क्षेत्र जुलाई से अक्टूबर तक देखने लायक होते हैं। मेवाड़ क्षेत्र के वन - प्रान्तर का आनन्द वर्षा ऋतु एवं उसके बाद अक्टूबर - नवम्बर तक लिया जा सकता है।



Lesser Known Heritage

Animals in socio-cultural practices in Mewar



Prof. Maheep Bhatnagar

Animals are placed at high position in culture and religion of traditional societies in and around Mewar, south east region of Rajasthan. "Save nature: save species" has been practiced traditionally in this region through socio-cultural acceptance. Many of the animals are given sacred status because of their



important role in culture and religion. In traditionally cow is worshiped but its excreta and urine are smeared on the floor areas or walls of the houses with a sacred belief that it sanctify the place. Traditionally a festival has been celebrated in Mewar during month of July or August when every women worship mother cow and her male bull calf or "Bachda" in hindi from which the name of the festival "Bachbaras" is derived, with belief that mother cow and the deity will keep safe the male children's in the family. All male children's of the family on this day given tilak, sweets and money with blessings by all women in the family. Interestingly family only eats those food items which is not cut with knives. Very interestingly there are several social taboos related to animals are also practiced. In Bheel community, killing of squirrel or common cat is prohibited and it is believed that someone who kills these animals will go to hell. Killing of Saras crane is a big taboo among Bheels, and Meena's, believing that the handicapped child will be born in the family. Such taboos related to killing of animals may help in conserving the animals. From the ancient time, such activities of tribal people in this region have formed an integrated resource conservation method.

Indigenous, local tribal people in Mewar region have the belief that diseases originate due to supernatural forces and thus treatment is possible through magico-religious practices only, on the direction of Bhopas, the tribals offer prayers and sacrifices to appease the supernatural power, which may be responsible for the disease. These commonly used practices are being transferred from one generation to another. But the increase in awareness among tribes and also due to legal consequences, they are now conscious towards conserving the nature rather than destroying it.

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Bappa, the founder of the royal dynasty of Mewar i.e. Guhila, acquired regal fortune of Mewar by the favour of sage Harita Rashi of Lakulisha-Pashupata sect at Nagrhada. Harita Rashi, who after performing the penance granted regal fortune to Bappa, in turn of his devotion, in 734 A.D. Therefore, the Rulers - Maharanas of Mewar declared them the nijsevak of Eklingji - the personal servant of Eklingaji. It is a very rare example of devotion and surrendering himself to supreme universal power where the Eklingaji is the de-jure ruler of Mewar and the Maharanas as Dewan. Thus, the temple of Eklingaji came into existence and the Maharana Raimal installed a four faced idol of Eklingaji which actually has five faces - the fifth exists in central part of idol. All these five faces represent the classical elements and cardinal directions and five divine aspects of Shiva.

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