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EDITORIAL



The sacred city of Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh is preparing to host one of the world’s largest public gatherings in January 2025 the Maha Kumbh Mela. Known as the festival of the sacred pitcher, the Kumbh Mela is not just a religious event; it is a grand celebration of faith, culture, and unity that transcends boundaries.

It is an awe-inspiring spectacle where millions of devotees come together, united by their shared belief and devotion. Rooted in Hindu mythology, the Maha Kumbh Mela finds its origin in the age-old story of the Samudra Manthan, or the churning of the ocean, in search of the nectar of immortality. According to the legend, a few drops of this sacred nectar fell at four places Prayagraj, Haridwar, Ujjain, and Nashik, making these locations sanctified grounds for the Kumbh Mela. Held every 12 years, the Maha Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj is considered the most significant of all. What makes the Kumbh Mela truly remarkable is its sheer scale. It is the world’s largest congregation of humanity, where millions of people from across the globe come together. Pilgrims from different walks of life Ascetics, Saints, Sadhus, Sadhvis, Kalpvasis, and ordinary devotees gather at the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati rivers. They arrive to take a holy dip in the sacred waters, which is believed to cleanse their sins and bring spiritual enlightenment. The sight of countless saffron-clad Sadhus, chanting prayers, and meditating along the riverbanks is mesmerizing. The energy of the Mela is palpable, as the air is filled with the sound of devotional hymns, the aroma of incense, and the hum of spiritual discussions. The Kumbh Mela is not merely a gathering; it

is an expression of collective faith, where people from diverse backgrounds come together in harmony. The scale and organization of the event are as incredible as its spiritual significance. Temporary cities are set up to accommodate millions of pilgrims, with well-planned arrangements for sanitation, medical facilities, security, and transportation. Despite the challenges posed by such a massive gathering, the Kumbh Mela showcases India’s ability to manage and celebrate diversity on an unparalleled scale. For the pilgrims, the Kumbh Mela is more than just a religious ritual. It is an opportunity for introspection, spiritual growth, and a chance to connect with their cultural roots. For the world, it is a testament to the power of faith and the resilience of humanity. As we approach the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, the anticipation and excitement are palpable. Prayagraj is readying itself to welcome millions of visitors with open arms, offering them a chance to witness and be a part of this divine gathering. The Kumbh Mela is not just an event; it is a living tradition, a celebration of devotion, and a shining example of unity amidst diversity.

Purushottam Diwaker
Editor



Tribe And Technique

Women showcasing resilience and tradition as they carry bundles in their colorful attire.

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**A farmer in Dungarpur using
a traditional method to ex-
tract fresh sugarcane juice.**

Photo By: Shruti Jain

When we think of the word “tribe,” we often picture communities living deep in forests, disconnected from the modern world, with little access to education and dependent on odd jobs for survival.

However, the tribes of Dungarpur in southern Rajasthan break this stereotype in every possible way.

Dungarpur, a beautiful district known for its hilly, forested terrain, is drained by the serene Mahi River. This picturesque region is home to various tribal communities, including the Meena tribe, Bhil tribe, and Sarpota tribe, among others. While agriculture

remains the principal occupation here, these tribes have evolved with time, adapting to modernisation without losing their deep-rooted traditions.

The tribes of Dungarpur are known for their resilience and hard work. They are determined to provide a better life for their families and a brighter future for their children. One of the most remarkable changes observed in recent years is their growing emphasis on education. Children from these tribal areas are attending schools and colleges, taking advantage

of the opportunities available to them. They have come to understand the transformative power of education, and this awareness is slowly changing the face of their villages. While capturing the essence of tribal life in Dungarpur, one thing stands out: the balance these communities maintain between embracing modernisation and preserving their her culture but also their pride in their identity.



Photo By: Shruti Jain

Modernisation has also brought greater awareness among these communities about their rights, health, and livelihood opportunities. Technology has played a significant role in bridging the gap between their traditional way of life and the modern world. Smartphones and other gadgets have become part of their daily lives, connecting them to the world beyond their villages. Yet, even as they adopt these changes, their cultural festivals, traditional practices, and community spirit remain as strong as ever.

Dungarpur's natural beauty, combined with the evolving life of its tribal communities, paints a picture of hope and progress. The hilly landscapes, lush forests, and the Mahi River provide the perfect backdrop for these stories of transformation. The tribes of Dungarpur are an inspiration, showing us how tradition and modernity can coexist harmoniously.

Their journey from rural villages to a more aware and empowered existence is a testament to the power of education and hard work. It reminds us that progress does not mean forgetting our roots; instead, it is about carrying them forward into a brighter future.

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From the classroom to the streets: Tribal children joyfully sprinting out of their private school.



Photo By: Purushottam Diwakar

Rising Rajasthan 2024: **A Journey Towards Growth and Prosperity**



Photo By: Purushottam Diwakar

Rising Rajasthan 2024 has set a benchmark for the state's mission to engage the private sector for inclusive and sustainable economic and social development. Held on December 9th, 10th, and 11th at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC), this grand event brought together business leaders, investors, and policymakers to chart a brighter future for Rajasthan and its people.

The event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who lauded Rajasthan's journey of success and extended his congratulations to the state government for organizing such a remarkable initiative. In his address, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of collaboration between the private sector and the state for unprecedented development.



Photo By: Purushottam Diwakar



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The summit featured the Rajasthan Global Business Expo, showcasing the state's investment potential, innovation, and rich opportunities across industries. With a focus on economic growth, employment generation, and welfare, Rising Rajasthan 2024 is a testament to the state's vision of becoming a hub of global business and progress.

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POLLUTION POINT

Kalindi Kunj, Noida-Delhi border engulfed with thick layer of smog during Chath celebration.



Photo By: Vidushi Mehrotra

Delhi, once known for its vibrant festivals and cultural heritage, has become increasingly synonymous.

with a different kind of spectacle – a choking haze of pollution that casts a pall over celebrations. This toxic blanket, a result of a confluence of factors, including vehicular emissions, industrial activities, and the burning of agricultural waste, has transformed festivals from joyous occasions into health hazards. This environmental degradation not only tarnishes the city's aesthetic appeal but also threatens its cultural identity. The situation is further exacerbated by the fact that many festivals in Delhi coincide with the winter months when pollution levels are naturally high. The combination of festive activities, including bonfires and fireworks, with pre-existing pollution creates a perfect storm, leaving residents gasping for breath and grappling with a range of health problems.



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The government has taken some steps to address this issue, such as implementing stricter emission norms for vehicles and promoting the use of public transport. However, these measures have not been enough to stem the tide of pollution. There is a need for a comprehensive and multi-pronged approach that involves stricter enforcement of pollution control laws, promoting cleaner fuels, and encouraging sustainable practices. Delhi's pollution crisis has cast a long shadow over its festivals, transforming them from joyous occasions into health hazards. The city's leaders must take decisive action to address this issue and ensure that future generations can enjoy the city's festivals without compromising their health.

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People preparing for the final arghya during Chath in zero visibility due to pollution.

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Dungarpur: The Cleanest City in Rajasthan.

Photo By: Shruti Jain

A local vendor stands as a symbol of Dungarpur's vibrant community and clean surroundings.



Photo By: Shruti Jain

Nestled in the southern part of Rajasthan, Dungarpur is a hidden gem that captivates anyone who visits it. Known as the cleanest city in Rajasthan, Dungarpur shines not only for its cleanliness but also for its rich heritage, culture, and warm-hearted people. With its lush green surroundings, serene lakes, and stunning architecture, Dungarpur offers a glimpse of Rajasthan that is both refreshing and unique.

Geographically, Dungarpur lies amidst the rolling hills of the Aravalli range, surrounded by forests and watered by the gentle flow of the Mahi River. This picturesque city is dotted with historical landmarks, including majestic palaces, ancient temples, and beautifully carved structures that reflect the glorious past of the region. The natural beauty of Dungarpur adds to its charm, making it a peaceful retreat for visitors.

The people of Dungarpur are known for their simplicity and hospitality. The majority of the population belongs to tribal communities, including the Bhils and Meenas, who have preserved their traditions and culture over the years. While embracing modernity, the people of Dungarpur remain deeply rooted in their heritage, celebrating festivals and wearing traditional attire that adds color and vibrancy to their lives. What sets Dungarpur apart is its commitment to cleanliness. The city has taken remarkable steps to maintain its environment, with well-organized waste management systems, clean streets, and active participation from its residents. The people here take pride in keeping their

city clean and green, understanding the importance of hygiene and environmental conservation. It is this collective effort that has earned Dungarpur the title of the cleanest city in Rajasthan. Beyond its cleanliness, Dungarpur offers a harmonious blend of history and modernity. The city has a growing emphasis on education and development, with schools, colleges, and modern facilities gradually transforming the lives of its residents. At the same time, the timeless charm of its culture and traditions remains intact, making it a place where the past and present coexist beautifully.

Dungarpur is not just a city; it is an experience of serenity, pride, and progress. As you walk through its clean streets, explore its historical treasures, and meet its kind-hearted people, you cannot help but admire the spirit of this remarkable

city. Dungarpur truly stands as an example of how a community can come together to create a city that is not only beautiful but also inspiring.

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The ongoing cleanliness efforts in Dungarpur, showcasing the city's commitment to maintaining its charm and cultural heritage while embracing modernization.

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Jaipur Photojournalism Seminar 2024: A Celebration of Visual Storytelling

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On November 19, 2024, Jaipur witnessed a remarkable gathering of passionate minds at the Rajasthan International Centre for the 10th edition of the Jaipur Photojournalism Seminar. Organized by the Imagine Photojournalist Society, this seminar brought together distinguished personalities and aspiring photojournalists from across the nation to explore the essence of photojournalism in today's world. The seminar was graced by Professor Ina Shastri, Vice Chancellor of Banasthali Vidyapith, as the Chief Guest. She addressed the gathering with inspiring words, motivating students to embrace photojour-

nalism's power to bring stories to life. Esteemed speakers included Ravi Dubey, a multi-talented actor, poet, and producer; Rohit Parihar, Deputy Editor at India Today; Neeru Yadav, known as the Hockey Sarpanch; Ayodhya Prasad Gaur, General Manager Corporate Communication, Cairn & Gas; Sanjay Awasthi, Head of Office at IOM - UN Migration; Anshuman Shastri, Director, Centre of Artificial Intelligence, Banasthali Vidyapith; and Hemjit Maloo, Director of Veena Music and Purushottam Diwakar International photojournalist and Documentary photographer.



This year's theme, The Lens Pilot, highlighted the guiding role of photojournalists in visual storytelling. It emphasized their responsibility to navigate real-world stories through the lens, capturing moments that resonate with truth and impact.

The seminar featured three engaging panel discussions, each addressing critical aspects of photojournalism. The first, Importance of Pictures in News, saw Rohit Parihar and Purushottam Diwakar delve into the power of images in storytelling. They discussed how a single photograph can capture emotions, reveal truths, and amplify the impact of news stories.

In the second discussion, Importance of Photojournalism in NGOs, Neeru Yadav and Sanjay Awasthi shared their insights on how photojournalism has played a pivotal role in showcasing development projects in villages. They highlighted inspiring success stories where photographs brought attention to grassroots efforts, motivating others to replicate these successes globally.

The third panel discussion, Responsibility of Photojournalists and Media Houses, saw Ayodhya Prasad Gaur and Hemjit Maloo address the ethical dimensions of the profession. They emphasized the importance of integrity, sensitivity, and accuracy in capturing images that inform and influence society without sensationalism.





They stressed how media houses must uphold the dignity of subjects while presenting impactful visual narratives. Adding a personal touch, veteran International photojournalist Purushottam Diwakar showcased an awe-inspiring collection of photographs. Through his presentation, he distinguished real, hardcore photojournalism from other forms of photography, emphasizing the mindset and preparation required to excel in challenging on-field environments. The Jaipur Photojournalism Seminar 2024 successfully bridged generations of photojournalists, creating a platform for learning, collaboration, and inspiration. It highlighted the unmatched power of photojournalism to tell stories, evoke emotions, and drive change in society. The event concluded on a hopeful note, encouraging budding photojournalists to embrace their craft with passion, ethics, and a commitment to truth.



FOOD, FIRE & FOG



Photo By: Diksha Banga

As winter approaches Jaipur, the city embraces the chilly mornings and mist-covered landscapes with a charm unique to the season. The streets come alive with small seasonal businesses that thrive during this time. The aroma of freshly roasted moongfali fills the air, while stalls selling gajak and rewri attract people looking to savour these winter delights. These seasonal ventures bring life and warmth to Jaipur's winter markets. The city's woollen markets also bustle with activity as people shop for cozy sweaters, shawls, and blankets to keep the cold at bay. Street corners often have groups of people sitting around small fires, sharing stories and laughter as they warm themselves. Foggy mornings add a magical touch to Jaipur, with a light mist enveloping the city's pink architecture. Winter in Jaipur is not just about the cold; it is a season of togetherness, tradition, and thriving local businesses.

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ठंडा रेगिस्तान लद्दाखः एक अनोखी दुनिया

लद्दाख, जिसे शंटडा रेगिस्तान श कहा जाता है, भारत के उत्तरी भाग में स्थित एक अद्भुत और अद्वितीय क्षेत्र है। हिमालय की गोद में बसा यह क्षेत्र अपनी प्राकृतिक सुंदरता, बर्फ से ढके पहाड़ों और शांत वातावरण के लिए जाना जाता है। लेकिन यह खूबसूरती अपने साथ कई चुनौतियां भी लाती है।

लद्दाख का मौसम इसे एक ठंडी मरुस्थली बनाता है। यहां सर्दियों का काफी लंबी और कठोर होती है, जहां तापमान -30 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक गिर सकता है। गर्मियों में भी मौसम ठंडा और सुखद रहता है। बारिश बेहद कम होती है, इसलिए यह क्षेत्र शुष्क रहता है। बर्फबारी और तेज हवाएं यहां के लोगों की जिंदगी को और मुश्किल बनाती हैं।

लद्दाख में रहने वाले लोग बेहद

साधारण और मेहनती होते हैं। यहां मुख्य रूप से लद्दाखी, तिब्बती और अन्य जनजातीय समुदाय रहते हैं। ये लोग अपनी पारंपरिक वेशभूषा, रीति-रिवाज और त्योहारों को आज भी सहेजकर रखते हैं। लद्दाख के लोग मुख्य रूप से खेती, पशुपालन और छोटे व्यापार पर निर्भर रहते हैं। कुछ क्षेत्रों में अब पर्यटन भी आय का मुख्य साधन बन गया है। यहां के लोग ठंडी जलवायु और सीमित संसाधनों के बीच कई चुनौतियों का सामना करते हैं। ठंड के कारण खेती का समय बहुत छोटा होता है, और जल स्रोत अक्सर जमे रहते हैं।

बर्फबारी के कारण कई बार गांवों का संपर्क बाहरी दुनिया से कट जाता है। चिकित्सा सुविधाएं और अन्य आवश्यक सेवाएं भी सीमित हैं।

फिर भी, लद्दाख के लोगों की हिम्मत और धैर्य काबिले तारीफ है। वे अपने पारंपरिक ज्ञान और पर्यावरण के साथ संतुलन बनाकर जीवन जीते हैं। उनकी सरलता और समुदाय की भावना हर किसी को प्रेरित करती है।

लद्दाख एक ऐसा स्थान है, जहां प्रकृति का अद्भुत रूप और जीवन की कठिनाइयां साथ-साथ चलती हैं। यहां का जीवन हमें सिखाता है कि कैसे कठोर परिस्थितियों में भी खुश और संतुष्ट रहा जा सकता है। यह ठंडा रेगिस्तान अपने शांत सौंदर्य और सादगी से हर किसी के दिल में बस जाती है।

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An antique railway guard light and wartime ammunition, crafted by Jodhpur Railway Workshop, stand as silent witnesses to India's rail and military legacy from World Wars I & II, to Indo-China and Indo-Pak conflicts.

Photo By: Purushottam Diwakar



Vande Bharat bullet train sleeper seat prototype, redefining comfort and speed in Indian rail travel, set to revolutionize journeys in 2025.

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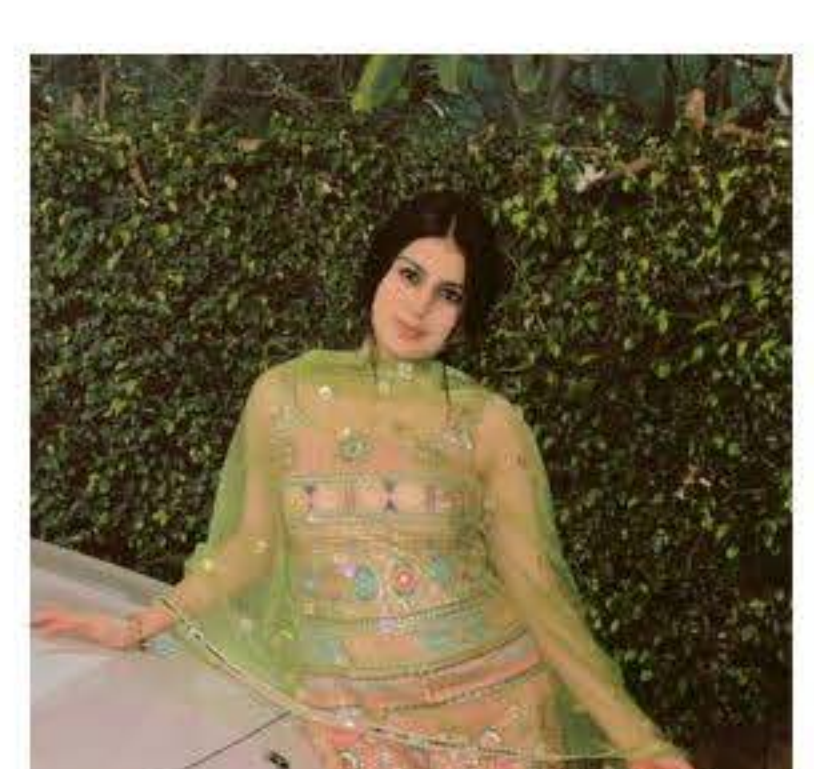
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