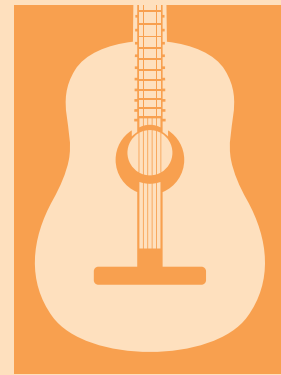




**DELPHIC
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DELPHIC GAMES OF RAJASTHAN



The Journey is the Reward...



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It was a bright and beautiful February forenoon in the Pink City. On the lawns of Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK), some 25 young artists were making their imagination come alive on their canvases. In another lawn next to it, music lovers were engrossed in a lecture-demonstration on the Dhruvpad music tradition of Jaipur, while talented singers from different parts of Rajasthan were preparing for the final competition coming up in the evening.

Art-lovers of the city were admiring stunning pictures displayed in the Photo Exhibition and satiating their curiosity at live demonstrations of traditional crafts of the State.

THE ART AND CULTURE EPICENTRE

JKK, the art and culture epicentre, has been host to countless cultural events over last few decades, but few could match the variety and vibrancy of this 4-day event: the Delphic Games of Rajasthan.

Delphic Games of Rajasthan were organised from 9 to 12 February 2023 by the Delphic Council of Rajasthan (DCR) under the aegis of the India Delphic Council and the International Delphic Council. It was a common floor for residents of Rajasthan between the ages 18 and 35 years, to showcase their artistic talents; with the opportunity to participate in the upcoming National Delphic Games and further in the International Delphic Games.

DCR was proud to present the first ever Regional Delphic Games.

DELPHIC GAMES OF RAJASTHAN

The Games were held in two stages for the following categories:

Classical Music • Popular Music • Indian Film Music
Classical Dance • Folk Dance • Contemporary Dance • Photography

The preliminary stage of the games was held virtually, where participants submitted entries through a specially created online portal. The shortlisted contestants then qualified for the Second Stage which was held live at JKK, Jaipur.

The Games also featured a variety of all-day activities including an Art Camp, a Photo Exhibition, engaging Craft Demonstrations, and thought provoking Symposium series offering attendees a diverse and immersive experience throughout the day.

Day 1 - Thu, 9 Feb

The first day of the Delphic Games of Rajasthan commenced with the inauguration of the Art Camp, Craft Demonstrations, and the Photo Exhibition by Mr N N Pandey, IAS (Retd), President, Indian Delphic Council, Mr Ramesh Prasanna, Secretary General, International Delphic Council, Mr Ashok Singh, Secretary General, Indian Delphic Council, Mr Uma Shankar Gupta Treasurer, Indian Delphic Council, Mr Ajay Mishra, IAS (Retd), President, Delphic Council of Telengana; Mr Suresh Thomas, President, Delphic Council of Maharashtra; Mr Yuddhveer Singh, Delphic Council of Gujarat; Ms Jahanabi Phookan, Coordinator, North East Zonal Council; Ms Sreya Guha, IAS, President, Delphic Council of Rajasthan, and Mr Jitendra Soni, IAS, Secretary General, Delphic Council of Rajasthan. Eminent guests present on the occasion included Mr Sandeep Verma, IAS; Ms Sushma Arora, IAS; Ms Urmila Rajoria, IAS; Mr Mahendra Parakh, IAS; Ms. Manisha Arora, IAS; Ms. Tulika Gupta, Director, IICD; Mr. Prabhat Mishra, GM, SBI, and renowned artist Mr Sumit Sen.



Inauguration of Art Camp

L to R - Mr Mahendra Parakh, Ms Manisha Arora, Ms Sreya Guha, Mr Ashok Singh, Mr N.N.Pandey,
Mr Ramesh Prasanna, Mr Prabhat Mishra, Ms Toolika Gupta



Live Demonstrations were inaugurated by lighting the lamp
L to R - Mr Sandeep Verma and Mr N.N Pandey



Inauguration of Photography Exhibition at Surekh Art Gallery of JKK.

L to R - Mr N.N Pandey, Dr Jitendra Kumar Soni, Ms Sreya Guha, Ms Dharmendra Kanwar

PHOTO EXHIBITION

The Photo Exhibition showcased shortlisted entries of competition

in two categories: "Joys of Childhood" and "Rural Rajasthan".

The entries were received from different districts of Rajasthan.

The event was co-ordinated by Mr Rahul Sood, Member, DCR.



Mr Arijit Bannerjee, IFS, tagging the prize winning photographs



Mr NN Pandey, Mr Ashok Singh, Mr Uma Shankar Gupta admiring the pictorial expressions



Mr Ramesh Prasanna, Mr N.N Pandey, and Mr Suresh Thomas felicitating
Mr Dharmendra Singh Naruka, AU Bank

ART CAMP

The Art Camp drew young talent from Jaipur's leading institutions and many cities of Rajasthan. Many eminent artists also gave live demonstrations. An 80-foot art wall painted by students of Indian Institute of Craft and Design as part of the Delphic Art Wall initiative was a major attraction at the Camp. The event was co-ordinated by Mr Shuvankar Biswas, Member, DCR.



A beautiful painting demo given by Mr Sumit Sen



Dr Jitendra Kumar welcoming Mr. N.N Pandey



Guests admiring the beautiful painting at the Art Camp

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

A big attraction at the Games was the live demonstration of traditional crafts of the State – lac bangles, handloom weaving, hand-block printing and Charkha spinning by skilled artisans.

The event was co-ordinated by Ms Shipra Sharma, Treasurer, DCR.



Dr Jitendra Kumar Soni admiring Lak Bangle making



Ms Manisha Arora explaining the Live Demonstrations sponsored by the Industries Department, Government of Rajasthan



L to R - Ms Manisha Arora, Dr Jitendra Kumar Soni, Mr Mahendra Parakh, Mr N.N Pandey,
Ms Sreya Guha, Mr Ajay Mishra, Mr Ashok Singh, Ms Urmila Rajoria

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The grand Opening Ceremony held in the evening of the first day marked the formal kick off to the Delphic Games of Rajasthan with lighting of the lamp by the esteemed guests.

Ms Veenu Gupta, ACS Industries & Commerce, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest at the Opening Ceremony. Ms Gupta noted that Government should work with private organisations for conservation of our rich culture and that Delphic is an emerging force in this field.

Mr NN Pandey and Mr Ramesh Prasanna graced the evening as Guests of Honour.

Ms Sreya Guha, President DCR welcomed the guests and informed the audience that Rajasthan was the first regional council in the world to be registered and also the first to organise the Delphic Games.



Lamp lighting at the Opening Ceremony of Delphic Games of Rajasthan. (L to R) Dr Jitendra Kumar Soni, Mr Ajay Mishra, Mr N. N Pandey, Mr Ramesh Prasanna, Ms Veenu Gupta, Ms Sreya Guha, Ms Jahanabi Phookan



Full House at the Opening Ceremony of Delphic Games of Rajasthan

The evening's highlight was the captivating performance titled "**Nrityadhara**" by the renowned Odissi Dancer, Padmashree Ranjana Gauhar and her troupe. The performance was an interesting fusion of Kathak, Odissi and Chhau dances and martial arts sponsored by North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Prayagraj



Day 2 - Fri, 10 Feb

The second day commenced with the inauguration of the Taneira Heritage Dialogues (Symposium Series), focusing on the art form of Dhruvpad and its traditions. Dr. Madhu Bhatt Tailang, an eminent Dhruvpad singer, shared interesting facets related to history and practice of this rich musical tradition. Accompanied by musicians, she delighted the audience with her devotional Dhruvpad renditions.

Ms Priyanka Mathur and Mr Siddharth Anand from Taneira were special guests at this session and spoke about the relevance of our art & craft heritage. The event was co-ordinated by Mr Naveen Tripathi, Member, DCR.



Dr Madhu Bhatt Tailang, an eminent Dhruvpad singer, accompanied by musicians

MUSIC COMPETITION

In the afternoon, Rangayan theatre at JKK came alive with a series of musical presentations as the young finalists of the music competitions battled out for in front of a packed house. Contestants from different parts of the state performed in three different categories: pop, classical and Indian film music and Anil Hashwani, Hullas Purohit and Aleena Bharti were the winners in these categories respectively. Eminent jury members Mr Ravindra Upadhyay, Ms Madhu Bhatt Tailang, and Dr Gaurav Jain not only judged but also mentored the participants, holding the audience spell bound.

Ms Jahnabi Phookan, the coordinator of North East Delphic Council presented mementos to the special guests.

The comperes Mr Shekhar and Ms Sapna entertained the audience by conducting a quiz on the culture and heritage of Rajasthan.

The event was co-ordinated by Mr Rahul Sood.



Artist Performing in Indian Classical Music Category



Artist Performing in the Pop Music Category



Artist Performing in Indian Film Music Category



Shortlisted contestants enrolling at the Registration Counter of Delphic Games under watchful eye of Mr Rahul Sood



Welcome of Judges for Music Competition
L to R - Mr Gaurav Jain, Dr Madhu Bhatt Tailang and Mr Ravindra Upadhyay



Guests enjoying the Performances of Music Competition. L to R - Mr Ajay Mishra, Mr Ashok Singh, Mr Suresh Thomas, Ms Sreya Guha and Ms Jahanabi Phookan



Quiz on Music was conducted in between the Competition and winners from the audience were given prizes sponsored by Rajasthan Cooperative Department
In this picture - **L to R** - Winner of Music Quiz, Mr Meghraj Singh Ratnoo, IAS and Ms Sreya Guha



Ms. Sreya Guha presenting mementoes to the Guests and Judges of the Music Competition in presence of Mr Furqan Khan, Member DCR who curated the Games so beautifully and Ms Shipra Sharma, Treasurer DCR who managed all logistics so efficiently.

Day 3 - Sat, 11 Feb

On the third day of the Games, a session titled "Media & Communication for Heritage Conservation" was organised as a part of the Taneira Heritage Dialogues. Dr Rakesh Batabyal from the Centre for Media Studies, JNU was in conversation with Prof. Narayan Bareth, a former BBC Correspondent from Rajasthan. He reflected on the core values of Indian society – democracy, equality, justice, restraint and savings – and the need to guard them as we moved ahead. Dr. Batabyal pointed out that one of the impacts of new media was dilution of our most important strength, diversity and plurality.

Mr Ajay Mishra, President, Delphic Council of Telangana and Mr Ashok Singh, President, Delphic Council of Jammu & Kashmir felicitated the speakers.



L to R - Dr Madhu Bhatt Tailang, Mr Yuddhavir Sigh Jadeja, Mr Ajay Mishra, Prof Narayan Bareth, Ms Sreya Guha, Mr Ashok Singh, Dr Rakesh Batabyal, Ms Shipra Sharma

DANCE COMPETITION

In the evening, finalist in folk, classical and contemporary dance categories enthralled the audience as they vied for the top slots. The Rangayan theatre witnessed a captivating mix of grace, elegance and energy. Sonu Nayak, Radhika Arora and Vaishali Suroliya made the winning performances in contemporary, classical and folk categories respectively.

Eminent jury members Ms Anita Pradhan, Ms Sangeeta Singhal and Mr Brijesh Saxena not only judged but also mentored the participants.

Eminent Kathak exponent, Ms Anita Ordia was the Chief Guest.

The event was co-ordinated by Ms Manisha Gulyani, Member DCR.



Artist Performing in Folk Dance Category



Artist Performing in Classical Dance Category



Artist Performing in Contemporary Dance Category

All the Guests, Judges, DCR team, Participants, Winners and Runners up of all the three Categories of Dance Competition.





Day 4 - Sun, 12 Feb

The final day of the event commenced with a compelling session titled "The Fabric of Folk Traditions," featuring a session by Ruma Devi, the renowned social activist and fashion designer. She took the audience through moving and inspiring stories of her journey, struggles and achievements.



Ms Ruma Devi, Social Worker giving certificate to the participants of Art Camp

L to R - Mr Shuvankar Biswas, Ms Sreya Guha, Ms Ruma Devi, Participant, Mr N.N Pandey, Mr Ashok Singh, Mr Ajay Mishra and Mr Furqan Khan

THE CLOSING CEREMONY

The event drew to a close with a grand Closing Ceremony and Prize Distribution. Ms Ruma Devi, Social Activist & Fashion Designer, Mr NN Pandey, IAS (Retd.), President, Indian Delphic Council and Mr Virendra Chandrawat, JSW Energy Ltd., Barmer gave away the awards.

The Audience got an opportunity to see musical and dance performances by winning contestants in all categories and a captivating performance by the eminent Kathak exponent, Chetan Kumar Javda and group.



Ms Sreya Guha greeting
Ms Ruma Devi at the Closing Ceremony



Ms Sreya Guha welcoming
Mr Veerendra Chandrawat Representative JSW Barmer



Ms Sreya Guha Introducing the Members of Delphic Council of Rajasthan
L to R - Mr Furqan Khan, Mr Rahul Sood, Ms Manisha Guliani, Ms Shipra Sharma,
Mr Naveen Tripathi and Mr Shuvankar Biswas



Full House at the Closing Ceremony of Delphic Games of Rajasthan



Winner of Each Category
Performed in the Closing Ceremony



A Spectacular Kathak Performance was given by
Jawda Brothers Chetan Jawda & Bhavdeep Jawda,
Sponsored by the North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala



A Candid Picture of the two Emcees' - Mr Shekhar and Ms Shilpa Shah,
who hosted the Games so wonderfully



Mr Furqan Khan, Member DCR and Director NZCC was felicitated for curating the first ever Regional Delphic Games



Mr Otaram, PRO was felicitated for his contribution in Media Management for the Delphic Games



Mr Abdul Lateef of JKK was felicitated for providing support as venue partner for the Delphic Games

PROGRAMME at a Glance

Thu, 9 Feb

1 pm	Inauguration of Art Camp	Lawn 1
1:30 pm	Inauguration of Craft Demonstrations	Gallery Area
5 pm	Inauguration of Photo Exhibition	Surekh Art Gallery
6 pm onwards	Opening Ceremony "NRITYADHARA" - a presentation by renowned Odissi Dancer Padmashree Ranjana Gauhar	Rangayan

Fri, 10 Feb

11:30 am	Inauguration of Taneira Heritage Dialogues (Symposium Series)	Lawn 2
11:40 am	Symposium: Dhruvpad - Tradition and New Dimensions – A Lecture-Demonstration by Dr Madhu Bhatt Tailang, Eminent Dhruvpad Singer	Lawn 2
5 pm onwards	Inauguration of Photo Exhibition	Rangayan

Sat, 11 Feb

11:30 am	Symposium: Media & Communication for Heritage Conservation Dr Rakesh Batabyal, Centre for Media Studies, JNU in conversation with Prof Narayan Bareth, Former BBC Correspondent, Rajasthan	Lawn 2
3 pm onwards	Dance Competition	Rangayan

Sun, 12 Feb

3 pm	Symposium: The Fabric of Folk Traditions - Session by Ruma Devi, Social Activist & Fashion Designer	Lawn 2
6 pm onwards	Closing Ceremony & Prize Distribution Performance by Eminent KATHAK exponent Chetan Kumar Javda & Group	Rangayan

All Day Activities on 10-11-12 Feb

Art Camp	Photo Exhibition	Craft Demonstrations
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THE HALL OF FAME

Category-wise Winners

PHOTOGRAPHY

Joy of Childhood:

1st: Rajesh Kumar Soni

2nd: Uday Dangayach

Rural Rajasthan:

1st: Sikandar Khan

2nd: Avinash Mehta

MUSIC

Pop:

1st: Anil Hashwani

2nd: Gouwardhad

Classical:

1st: Hullas Purohit

2nd: Aishvary Arya

2nd: Mohd Shoaib

Indian Film Music:

1st: Aleena Bharti

2nd: Harsh Kumar Gola

DANCE

Contemporary:

1st: Sonu Nayak

2nd: Himani Sharma

Classical:

1st: Radhika Arora

2nd: Sangeeta Sain

Folk:

1st: Vaishali Suroliya

2nd: Runjhun Ghosh

Winners in each category were honored with Medals, Certificates and Cash Prizes.



Winner of Photo Competition (Joy of childhood):
Rajesh Kumar Soni (1st)



Winner of Photo Competition (Joy of childhood):
Uday Dangayach (2nd)



Winner of Photo Competition (Rural Rajasthan):
Sikandar Khan (1st)



Winner of Photo Competition (Rural Rajasthan):
Avinash Mehta (2nd)



Winner in Pop Music Category:
Anil Hashwani (1st)



Winner in Pop Music Category:
Gouwardhan (2nd)



Winner in Classical Music Category:
Hullas Purohit (1st)



Winner in Classical Music Category: Aishvary Arya (2nd),
Mohd Shoaib (2nd), both 2nd runners up are in this pic



Winner in Indian Film Music Category:
Aleena Bharti (1st)



Winner in Indian Film Music Category:
Harsh Kumar Gola (2nd)



Winner in Contemporary Dance Category:
Sonu Nayak (1st)



Winer in Contemporary Dance Category:
Himani Sharma (2nd)



Winner in Classical Dance category:
Radhika Arora (1st)



Winner in Classical Dance category:
Sangeeta Sain (2nd)



Winner in Folk Dance Category:
Vaishali Suroliya (1st)



Winner in Folk Dance Category:
Runjhun Ghosh (2nd)

THANK YOU !

DCR gratefully acknowledges the time, effort and expertise of the jury members for various competitions hosted during the Games.

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MUSIC

Dr Madhu Bhatt Tailang

Eminent Dhruvpad Singer

Dr Gaurav Jain

Asst. Professor, Music, Vocal at Rajasthan Sangeet Sansthan, Jaipur

Shri Ravindra Upadhyay

Eminent Playback Singer

DANCE

Ms Anita Pradhan

International Fame Indian Dancer, Choreographer & Actor

Ms Sangeeta Singhal

Kathak Guru, Choreographer & Dancer

Shri Brijesh Saxena

Director, Buskers Institute of Art & Dance

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