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New Developments

India's first hotel with a private airstrip



Air Traffic Control Tower

The Shikarbagi Hotel located approximately 4 kms from the City Palace has added another facility, an Airstrip, which was inaugurated on 14th Dec. 2000 At present this is a small airport with an air traffic control tower, a lounge, full-fledged hangar, fuel tank, pump as well as fire brigade. The length of the airstrip is 2000 ft., which is suitable for the micro light aircraft that is presently operating from this airport. Very soon, the Shikarbagi Airport will have more aircraft and to meet this demand, the length of the airstrip will also be increased.



Micro-light Aircraft VT-USA

The other out-door activities the hotel provides are: a private wildlife sanctuary, a deer park, horse and jeep safaris, swimming pool and a cricket ground.



Aircraft Well-equipped Hangar



Getting Together

Holika Dahan Ceremony at Manak Chowk

Holi, the festival of colours coincides with the advent of spring in India. This year, the festival was celebrated on March 9, at the Manak Chowk, City Palace, Udaipur with great pomp and show. A magnificent palace procession was organized that started from the ancient royal residence and culminated at the City Palace where the royal parade took place with elegantly bedecked horses and the palace band. A short religious ceremony was followed by the lighting of the traditional sacred fire and the local tribes performing the Gair dance around it.



To mark the Holi Celebrations, the Gair Dance performance at Manak Chowk, City Palace, Udaipur



'2nd Jewel of India' Classic Car Rally being flagged-off by Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar at Shambhu Niwas Palace, Udaipur

The 2nd Jewel of India Classic Car Rally

Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar flagged off the 2nd Jewel of India Classic Car Rally on 17th of March from his residence, Shambhu Niwas Palace. This rally travelled to places as diverse as Bhopal, Kathmandu, Amritsar, Jaisalmer, Gajner and Kumbhalgarh returning to Udaipur on April 8th. Some of the interesting entries were a Bentley (1924), Mercedes-Benz (1953), Lagonda (1936) and Jaguar (1954). This rally was a conglomeration of driving skill, stamina, enjoyment, sightseeing and a determination aimed at making it an unforgettable trip.

Birthday Celebrations of Lady Conyngham at Jagmandir

Lady Conyngham, a family friend of Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar has visited Udaipur many a times and has stayed at the Shiv Niwas Palace. This year she decided to invite all her friends from many parts of the world including Australia, Hong Kong, USA, Canada, France, Monaco, Portugal, Italy, England, the Isle of Man and of course India for her birthday party celebrations at the Jagmandir Island Palace on March 16th 2001.



Proceeding to The Promenade from Shiv Niwas Palace



Her guests stayed at the Shiv Niwas Palace and Fateh Prakash Palace from March 15th to March 19th 2001. For the celebration on the big day, the Palace band lead a royal procession from Fateh Prakash Palace, elephants were organized to take Lady Conyngham to the jetty from where everyone proceeded to Jagmandir Island Palace. The other festivities that took place in the three days were formal dinners at Zanana Mahal and Durbar Hall. Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar also invited all the guests for cocktails to his private residence, Shambhu Niwas Palace. Some of the prominent personalities who were on Lady Conyngham's invitation list are Mr. James Howlett, Mr. Anthony Baton and Mr. L. M. Thapar.