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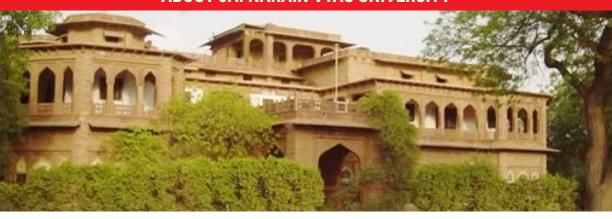
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# **JAI NARAIN VYAS UNIVERSITY**

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# **ABOUT JAI NARAIN VYAS UNIVERSITY**



Jai Narain Vyas University, formerly known as the University of Jodhpur, was established in 1962. Initially four government colleges of Jodhpur became part of the university, viz., I. Jaswant College (established in 1892), II. MBM Engineering College (established in 1951), III. S.M.K. College (bifurcated from Jaswant College in 1954), and IV. K.N. College for Women (1956). The then President of India, Prof. S. Radhakrishnan, inaugurated the University of Jodhpur on August 24, 1962, and defined the goals and objectives: "That the young people, who will be educated in this university, will go forward not as prisoners of the past but as pilgrims of the future; will develop in them a spirit of dedication, a spirit of renunciation, a spirit of whole-hearted, single-minded concentration on the advancement of knowledge, whether in science or the humanities".

The University stands as an oasis in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan, quenching the thirst for knowledge for thousands of students every year. The university holds prestigious accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a notable B++ grade. This esteemed institution is a diverse and multi-disciplinary academic hub, proudly catering to a vast student population exceeding twenty-six thousand regular students and over ninty thousand private students through its impressive network of 393 affiliated colleges. The university's steadfast commitment to academic excellence and research is reflected in its visionary mission and objectives that guide its operational ethos. With a comprehensive array of twenty-six departments and more than two hundred and twentysix programmes, JNVU has significantly contributed to social mobility by providing higher educational opportunities in five districts of Rajasthan. The university's distinguished alumni, including luminaries such as Honourable Justice Dalveer Bhandari of the International Court of Justice and notable public figures such as Honourable Ex-Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Ashok Gehlot and Cabinet Minister Shri Gajender Singh Shekhawat, showcase the institution's rich legacy of excellence. The conferment of an honorary D. Litt. degree upon esteem individuals like such as Ms. Lata Mangeshkar and Justice Dr. Dalveer Bhandari, as well as a D.Sc. degree upon esteem Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, underscores the university's commitment to honouring exceptional achievements in diverse fields. Moreover, marked by significant events such as the Online Convocation in 2020-21, featuring keynote speaker Shri Kailash Satyarthi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, JNVU continues to inspire faculty and students towards academic and societal excellence. The recent accomplishment of the university to secure a 100 crore grant from the PM USHA grant scheme further underscores its dedication to fostering cutting-edge research and impactful extension activities. Jai Narain Vyas University's vibrant and inclusive campus environment, coupled with its robust academic programmes and research initiatives, exemplifies its unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders equipped to navigate and address contemporary challenges with wisdom and integrity in society.

# **ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY (CAS)**

# 75<sup>™</sup>YEAR OF EXCELLENCE Platinum Jubilee Celebration (1948 to 2023)

The Department of Botany at the erstwhile Jaswant College was established in 1948 and was taken over by the then Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur in 1962. Department of Botany has a strong foundation laid by stalwarts such as Prof. U.N. Chatterjee (Plant Physiologist), Prof. K.S. Bilgrami (Mycologist), Prof. H.C. Arya (Plant Pathologist), Prof. M.M. Bhandari (Plant Taxonomist), Prof. Narendra Sankhla (Plant Physiologist), Prof. David N. Sen (Desert Ecologist),



Prof. B.D. Sharma (Palaeobotanist), Prof. N.S. Shekhawat (Plant Biotechnologist) and Prof. H.S. Gehlot (Plant Microbes Interactions). Their legacy was carried forward by their disciples. The botany department has made remarkable progress in research and teaching activities over the last 75 years. At present, 21 faculty members (6 Professors, 1 Associate Professor and 15 Assistant Professors) are working in the department. Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Ph.D, and D.Sc. Degree courses are run by the department. Different plant science laboratories are actively engaged in different areas of plant research. The department has well-equipped smart classrooms for teaching. The research and development activities have gained attention at the national and international levels. Research and development projects in the department are funded by national and international agencies. These include: the European Economic Community, FAO, UNDP/UNIDO, US-PL-480, CSIR, UGC, DST, DBT, DRDO, DOEn, World Bank, MAB, ICAR, ICFRE, CSB, Ministry of Health, State DST, etc. Since 1980, this department has been receiving grants under the Special Assistance Program (SAP) of the University Grants Commission of India. The UGC-sponsored SAP-DSA Phase III program has been successfully completed, and after review by the UGC team in 2014, the department has been upgraded to the Centre of Advanced Study (CAS). The department of botany has been selected for implementation of the COSIST program by the UGC since April 1999 to raise the standard of postgraduate education and research to the international level. This department was selected by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, for support under FIST (Funds for Improvement of Science and Technology Infrastructure). FIST programs I and II have been successfully completed. DST has evaluated the Department Progress as "Very Good" for both phases and accordingly awarded FIST-III with a financial outlay for the next five years, 2017–2022. Every year, the department publishes more than 50 research papers, review articles, and book chapters in scientific index journals. Various academic, research, botanical excursion, and other co-curriculum activities (sports and cultural events) are being organized by the Botanical Society of the Department. Under the COSIST programme, the Department of Botany offers a two years integrated program leading to a Master's (M.Sc.) degree in Botany. From the academic year 2015-2016, the Department is offering to students Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) under the semester system of the examination pattern. Students are admitted on an all-India merit basis. The basic specializations offered are in the areas of Stress Physiology and Biochemistry, Physiology of Plant Growth, Ecology and Environmental Biology, Plant Microbe-Interactions, Mycology & Plant Pathology, Microbiology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Resources Utilization, Systematics and Biodiversity Conservation, Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.

Department has implemented NEP-2020 and offers certificate, diploma, degree and post graduate degree programme. The department also offers research facilities for advanced research in major areas of plant biology leading to Ph.D. and D.Sc. Degree. Interested candidates get admission for the Ph.D. programme through the All India level entrance exam of MPET.

# MYCOLOGY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY LABORATORY

Mycology and Plant Pathology Laboratory has the distinction of being one of the good laboratories in the Department of Botany, JNV University, Jodhpur. The Laboratory was established within the administrative control of Department of Botany by Professor (Late) K. S. Bilgrami in 1963 with the aim of exploration of fungal flora from Rajasthan including two different geographical regions viz., Indian Thar Desert and Aravalli Mountain Range. In year 2007, laboratory was renovated with the advanced facilities to extend work with molecular techniques and bioinformatics. Several renowned researchers and teachers such as Dr. Karan



Singh Panwar, Dr. H.P. Srivastava, Prof. D. K. Purohit, Prof. C. S. Gehlot, Dr. H. D. Lahari, Dr. Saroj Sobhag, Prof. A. Bohra, Prof. S. Kaur, Prof. Anil Vyas have been associated with the laboratory.

Currently, Prof. Praveen Gehlot and Dr. Kamna Sharma are working in this laboratory.

#### The main objectives of the laboratory are:

- To promote and accelerate quality education standards in the field of mycology and plant pathology.
- To explore fungal flora from wide-ranging habitats with their identification, systematic and diversity assessments.
- To investigate local plant disease associated with agriculture crops and forest trees with their proper diagnosis, identification of pathogens, life cycles and their management.
- To isolates and characterize thermophilic and halophilic actinomycetes for their secondary metabolites production.

Since the inception of the Laboratory, 57 students have been awarded Ph.D. degree, 4 students completed their post-doctoral fellowship (PDF) and several post-graduate (PG) students have successfully completed short term training and dissertation works from the laboratory. Research Scholars, PDF and PG students associated with laboratory have gained excellent academic carrier and research records and served or serving at distinguished positions at International and National level. National and International collaborative projects funded by various funding agency viz., UGC, DST, DBT, CSIR, and European Economic Commission etc. have been successfully completed in the laboratory. More than 400 publications including research papers, review articles, book chapters and popular articles have been published from the laboratory in various Journals of International and National repute. Besides this, more than 25 books have also been published from the laboratory by reputed publication houses including Springer and Elsevier. About 250 gene sequences of different microbes have been submitted to NCBI, USA database to address the microbial diversity in the region. Laboratory has explored 2 new genus, more than 35 new species and 50 new records of fungi from India. The laboratory has also organized various seminars, symposia, conferences, webinars and workshops for sharing the latest knowledge in the field.

# **ABOUT MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (MSI)**

## Successful Completion of 50 Years Golden Jubilee Celebration (1973-2023)

Mycological Society of India (MSI) is a scientific body constituted for the advancement of Mycology in India. The study of fungi includes mushrooms, molds, truffles, yeasts, lichens, plant pathogens and medicinally important fungi. The society was founded in January 1973 by a team of mycologists led by Prof. C.V. Subramanian, Former Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany, University of Madras, Chennai, India and former President, International Mycological Association, with a view to bring together the mycologists of the country and with the broad objectives of promoting development of mycology for the prospects and in the widest perspectives. The MSI and its office bearers, both past and present, life members and annual members have contributed significantly in the development and



improvement of Mycology since its inception at Chennai in 1973. A good number of Indian mycologist have also been active in presenting papers, creating collaborations, and even actively participating in the affairs of several international associations. One of the objectives of the MSI is to establish, maintain and strengthen partnerships and linkages with institutions and organizations within India and abroad for the welfare and benefit of mycologists. At present, there are more than 630 Life Members in the society. Journal "KAVAKA" the official Transactions of the Mycological Society of India (the word 'Kavaka' represents the Sanskrit word for fungus) publishes original articles and reviews on all aspects of mycology including conventional and molecular taxonomy, phylogeny, diversity, ecology, physiology, biochemistry, molecular biology and biotechnology. Till now 59 volumes of Kavaka have been published. MSI publishes 4 issues of Kavaka from 2022. The Mycological Society of India each year seeks applications from prospective candidates to be elected as fellows of the Mycological Society of India (FMSI) through a review process. Every year the Mycological Society of India organizes Annual Meeting along with conference organized by Universities and/or Scientific Organizations in various parts of India. Till now 50 Annual Meetings have been conducted throughout the country spreading scientific knowledge. The happy occasion of 50th Annual Meeting - Golden jubilee Celebration was celebrated at Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany, University of Madras, Chennai during March 6-8, 2024. The Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, is honoured to host this landmark 51st Annual Meeting. As Prof.C.V. Subramanian's birth centenary is on 11th August 2024, this Annual Meeting is celebrated as Prof. C.V. Subramanian Birth Centenary Celebration. For more details and membership form visit MSI website: www.fungiindia.co.in & www.kavaka.fungiindia.co.in

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# **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

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#### **Theme of Conference**

## Fungi: A Treasure Trove for Sustainable Solution

In the face of climate change, mycologists are unlocking the immense potential of fungi to achieve sustainable development goals across various sectors. They are actively exploring fungal diversity, delving into their life cycles, genomes, and protein profiles. This knowledge is driving the discovery of novel biomolecules for human well-being. Fungal research has yielded a bounty of new products: delicious and nutritious mushrooms, life-saving drugs for emerging diseases, and immune-boosting metabolites. Additionally, bioengineering fungal pathways are leading to the production of improved enzymes for food processing (baking, brewing) and more efficient waste conversion into valuable food and feed ingredients. The fight against antibiotic resistance is being bolstered by new fungal antibiotics. Furthermore, fungi are a rich source of health-promoting compounds such as hepatoprotective, anti-diabetic, and anti-inflammatory molecules. The industrial sector is also benefiting from fungi. Bioengineering allows for the production of sustainable fuels, nanoparticles with various applications, and a range of industrial compounds like organic acids, edible oils, natural dyes and mico-diesel. In agriculture, new fungal communities are being identified that enhance crop resilience to biotic stress and climate change. Additionally, fungi play a critical role in environmental clean-up, decomposing hazardous chemicals and aiding in the breakdown of synthetic dyes and plastics. Their potential extends to the bioaccumulation of heavy metals and the development of ecofriendly pesticides. This conference, title "Fungal Frontiers: Biodiversity, Biomolecules, and Bioengineering Applications for Sustainable Perspective" aptly reflects the exciting new discoveries and future directions in fungal research. Mycologists will share their latest findings and engage in discussions to harness this vast potential for a more sustainable future.

#### THEME AREAS OF THE CONFERENCE

- 1. Fungal Diversity, Systematics and Phylogeny
  - a) Exploration of fungal biodiversity
  - b) Novel fungal identification techniques (DNA barcoding, metagenomics)
  - c) Conservation strategies for threatened fungal species
  - d) Fungal symbioses with plants and other organisms
- 2. Fungal Biomolecules (Nutraceuticals, Pharmaceuticals and industrial bioactive compounds)
  - a) Identification and characterization of novel fungal secondary metabolites
  - b) Understanding the biosynthetic pathways of fungal natural products
  - c) Exploring the potential applications of fungal metabolites in medicine, agriculture, and industry
  - d) Fungal enzymes for industrial applications

# **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

#### 3. Fungal Bioengineering and Synthetic Biology

- a) Development of genetically modified fungi for enhanced production of biomolecules
- b) Engineering fungal strains for bioremediation or environmental applications
- c) Fungal chassis development for heterologous protein expression
- d) Ethical considerations in fungal bioengineering

#### 4. Sustainable Applications of Fungi

- a) Mycoremediation using fungi to clean up polluted environments
- b) Fungal biodegradation of plastics and other waste materials
- c) Edible and medicinal mushrooms cultivation and applications
- d) Mycopesticides and biocontrol agents for sustainable agriculture
- e) Fungal biomass as a source of biofuels and biomaterials

#### 5. Fungal Challenges and Future Directions

- a) Fungal diseases in plants and animals diagnostics and control strategies
- b) Impact of climate change on fungal communities
- c) Fungal genomics and population genetics
- d) Integrating fungal research with other disciplines for a holistic approach

#### **AWARDS AND MEMORIAL LECTURES**

Mycological Society of India has constituted the following Awards. The MSI members are invited to share their research work in the form of Award / Memorial Lectures during the Annual Meeting of the Society.

### For Senior Scientists (Above 50 years - already selected by MSI)

Life Time Achievement Award

Prof. K. R. Aneja Award for Life Time Achievement Awardee

Prof. C.V. Subramanian Memorial Award

Dr. V. Agnihothrudu Memorial Award

Prof. K. Natarajan Memorial Award

Dr. S.K. Shome Memorial Award

Prof. P.C. Jain Memorial Award

Prof. Geeta Sumbali Award for Women Scientists

Prof. P. Ramachar Memorial Award for Senior Mycologists

#### For Mid-Aged Scientists (36 - 50 years) - Competition by Oral Presentation

Prof. K.G. Mukerji Memorial Award for Mid-Aged Scientists

Prof. B.P.R. Vittal Memorial Award for Mid-Aged Scientists

Prof. J. Muthumary Memorial Award for Mid-Aged Women Scientists

### For Young Researchers (up to 35 years) – Competition by Oral Presentation

Dr. M.J. Thirumalachar Memorial Merit Award for Young Mycologists

Dr. Mrs. Sushma Aneja Memorial Award for Young Researchers

Prof. T.N. Lakhanpal Award to Young Researchers for Fundamental Mycological Research

#### For Young Researchers (up to 35 years) – Competition by Poster Presentation

Prof. K. R. Aneja & Dr. Mrs. Sushma Aneja Award for Young Researchers for Poster Presentation

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Category	Early bird Registration up to 15-10-2024	After (15-10-2024)	On-Spot Registration
MSI Members	₹ 3000.00	₹ 3500.00	₹ 4000.00
Delegates (Faculty and Scientists)	₹ 3500.00	₹ 4000.00	₹ 4500.00
Foreign Delegates	US\$ 100.00	US\$ 125.00	US\$ 150.00
Research Scholars (MSI Members)	₹ 2000.00	₹ 2500.00	₹ 3000.00
Research Scholars (Non-MSI Members)	₹ 2500.00	₹ 3000.00	₹ 3500.00
PG Students	₹ 1500.00	₹ 1750.00	₹ 2000.00
Industry Participants	₹ 5000.00	₹ 6000.00	₹ 7000.00
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- \* Registration kit will not be provided to the PG Students and accompanying Person (except conference ID card).
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- The conference is open to all involved in R&D, teaching, consultancy, planning etc., in the areas
  of conference themes.
- Interested participants are requested to contribute their papers for oral or poster presentations.
- Abstracts should be typed in MS Word on A4 size paper with 3 cm margins on all sides. The
  abstract should not exceed 300 words.
- The theme of the conference, title of the paper, name(s) of presenting author and co-author(s), and their address (es), e-mail IDs, and contact number should be typed in capital letters. The abstract should be properly edited and typed with 1.5 line spacing. (Times New Roman, 12 font).
- The last date for submission of the abstract is on or before 30 September 2024.
- Those who are invited to delivering Award Lectures/Lead Lectures should submit a 1-2-page comprehensive Abstract at the website (www.jnvumsi2024.com) on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- The name of the presenting author should be underlined.
- · The abstracts should accompany the Registration Fee.
- No participant is expected to be a presenting author of more than two abstracts.
- Those who are competing for Awards for Mid-Aged Scientists (36 to 50 years) and Young Researchers (up to 35 years) should mention their age proof in the registration form.
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- English will be the official language of the conference.
- No remuneration shall be paid for any oral/poster presentation.



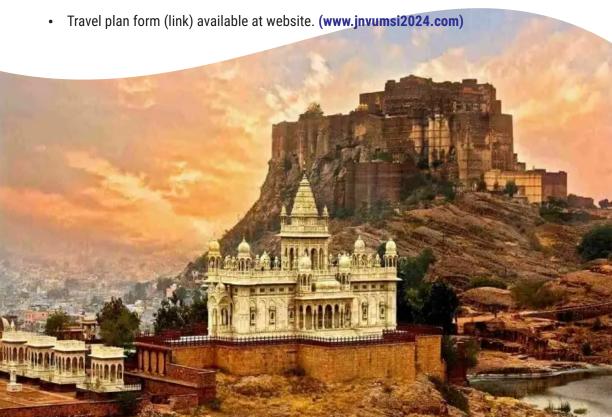
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#### Accommodation

- The hotels listed in the Table are within 1 5 kms from the premises of Venue. The
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  Additional Charges applicable for Extra Cost with Bed, Extra Bed and Extra Person.
  Non-AC single/double rooms and AC single/double rooms are available in the Hotels.
- Delegates may avail discounted rates when reservations in above hotels are made via makemytrip or cleartrip or TripAdviser or Booking.com or EasyMyTrip or Goibibo or Holidify or Expedia etc.
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- Please see the website for accommodation booking (www.jnvumsi2024.com)

#### **Travel Plan Form**

 All participants are requested to submit travel plan with their arrival date-time, departure date-time, and the name of hotel/service apartment/guest house where accommodation is booked on or before 10.11.2024



# **ABOUT JODHPUR**

#### **Jodhpur: The Gateway of Indian Thar Desert**

- Jodhpur is the home of Rathore rulers, a awesome princely state of Rajasthan. Marwar of Maroodesh, the land of the sand was conquered by them after the fall of Delhi and Kanauj.
- In 1459 AD, Rao Jodha, Chief of the Rathore clan of Rajputs, who claimed desert from Rama, the epic hero of the Ramayana laid the foundations of Jodhpur. A high stone wall protects the well-fortified city. The wall is nearly 10 km in length and has eight gates facing various directions. Within, stands an imposing fort on a low range of sandstone hills, about 125 m above the surrounding plains invincible and dauntless in its league with time.
- The city lies at the foot of the hills. The clear distinction between the old and new city is visible from the ramparts of the fort.
- On the other side of the city, facing the fort is the Umaid Bhawan Palace. One of the most spacious, sprawling and well-planned palaces in India. As you look out at the fort, a tantalising view rises before eyes at sunset. The peculiar slant of the sunlight lends the desert landscape an awe-inspiring glow and the people, a chivalry undaunted.



# **GENERAL INFORMATION AND CLIMATIC FEATURES**

Area: 35 km<sup>2</sup>

Altitude: 236.53 meters

Temperatures Winter (November): 23°C to 28°C

Clothes: Woollen

• Local transport: Car taxi, three-wheeler taxi and city bus

# **HOW TO REACH JODHPUR**

 Jodhpur is well connected by air, rail and road and that is why attracts a lot of tourists year-round.

### By Air

- Jodhpur Domestic Airport is mere 5 km away from the venue. Regular flight services connect Jodhpur with other major cities of India. Jodhpur being a prime tourist spot is connected by all national air carriers. Popular flights to Jodhpur are from the following locations; Jaipur, Udaipur, Ajmer, Indore, New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Kolkata.
- The nearest international airport to Jodhpur is Jaipur airport and Indira Gandhi International airport, New Delhi. See the link for flight schedule:
- https://www.aai.aero/en/airports/flights-schedule/jodhpur

# By Train

- Jodhpur is well connected by rail. Trains almost connected with the all metros and major cities of India including Delhi, Agra, Kanpur, Allahabad, Lucknow, Varanasi, Kolkata, Patiala, Chandigarh, Haridwar, Jammu, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Kanniyakumari Jaipur, Indore, etc. Popular trains that run from the Jodhpur Railway Station are Rajasthan Sampark Kranti Express, Howrah Jodhpur SF Express, Jaisalmer Delhi Express, Suryanagari Express, Bangalore Jodhpur Express, Chennai Jodhpur Express, Vande Bharat Express etc. Not to forget the much famed 'Palace on Wheels'.
- · https://indiarailinfo.com/departures/jodhpur-ju/126#google\_vignette

# **By Road**

Jodhpur is well connected to major cities of India by road. The highway has good connectivity from Jaipur (330km), Delhi (585 km), Jaisalmer (307 km), Bikaner (250 km) and Agra (563 km). Jodhpur can be reached by Rajasthan State Transport buses and luxury buses. They operate from all important towns and cities in Rajasthan, along with Ahmedabad and Delhi.

# PLACES TO VISIT IN JODHPUR AND AROUND JODHPUR

- The Mehrangarh Fort
- Jaswant Thada
- **Umaid Bhawan Palace**
- Mandore Garden
- Sardar Government Museum
- Girdikot
- Clock Tower and Sardar Market
- Kailana Lake and Machia Biological Park
- Gudha Vishnoiyan Conservation Reserve
- Osian Temple and Sand dunes.



















## **SOUVENIR OF JODHPUR**

- Handicrafts
- Badla
- Bandhni or Tie & Dye fabric
- Bandhej Saree
- Mojari (Jutties)
- Jewellery
- Miniature Paintings
- White Metal
- Stone and Wood Carving
- Tailoring (Jodhpuri Coat)
- **Turbans**

























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