

**Prof. Rashmi Poddar, Jnanpravaha, Mumbai**

The unprecedented crisis being faced by all has prevented me from writing earlier. The book commemorating 50 yrs of MMCF arrived a week ago but it is only just now that I have had the bandwidth to go through it. My congratulations on this important publication painstakingly put together to showcase to all that what is clearly an overwhelming and gargantuan task can be undertaken fearlessly. This is precisely what Shriji has done and continues to do with indefatigable commitment. This book chronicles the vision and mission of preserving for future generations the hoary heritage of a great dynasty. My warmest wishes and prayers for the continuing work. May the MMCF become the beacon that shines for all time to come,

**Dr. Shikha Jain, DRONAH, Gurgaon**

The pioneering endeavour of transmission of the centuries' old custodianship of the Royal Family of Mewar into the 20<sup>th</sup> century institution of the Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation in 1969 is well recorded in the historic letters of Maharana Bhagwat Singhji. In last 50 years since its formation, MMCF has created its own yardsticks at every level moving forth with a will, determination and vision incomparable to any other such institution in India. While Maharana Bhagwat Singhji laid down the seeds for its growth with his foresightedness, Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar as the CEO, MMCF since 1984, has created several role models in the field of art, museum, conservation, science, education and environment with his vigorous rigour and visionary zeal. The Annual Awards started in 1981 have expanded and commemorated several individuals, students and achievers worldwide; the City Palace Museum is recognised globally for its Museum Practice in archiving, cataloguing and conservation of artefacts, new Museum Galleries are opened up in palace spaces that were unused, local arts such as Phad and others are being patronised to create contemporary masterpieces, local historic schools are conserved and upgraded, innovations in Solar vehicles are attempted, historic water management systems are researched and revived, historic records of the Maharanas are translated and published for greater access by people, international organisations such as the Getty Foundation, Smithsonian and UNESCO are collaborating on several projects, MMCF is supporting the Udaipur city through heritage partnerships such as with Strasbourg, France, guiding local government on Smart City Plan, initiating heritage walks in the city and celebrating its living heritage through the World Living Heritage Festival. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary publication of MMCF, conceptualised by Dr. Mayank Gupta chronicles this extraordinary record of achievements in the field of art, culture, environment, conservation, health, education and social upliftment of Udaipur and its people at large. It showcases the unquestionable commitment of the institution to serve the mankind in all spheres of development, while establishing international benchmarks recognised by the best in each field. The paradigms set by MMCF in its glorious golden years are indeed remarkable and worth celebrating!

**Mr. Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, Film Heritage Foundation, Mumbai**

Very well put together book very well done congratulations  
Thank you for sending it to me

**Mr. Raju Mansukhani, Mansar Communications Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon**

Hi Mayank, delighted to go through the 50 years book!  
Great compilation done!

**Mr. Kiran Khalap, chlorophyll, Mumbai**

"Honoured and privileged to have received a copy of the book celebrating 50 years of the Maharana Mewar Charitable Foundation. The House of Mewar has been unwavering in living up to its four values of self-respect, self reliance, respect for all and service to mankind. The Foundation is proof of the enormous investment the House has made in its service to mankind. The book itself is a labour of love, with both the big picture and the micro-views provided with painstaking detail, from its setting up on October 20th, 1969 to winning the prestigious WT Award in 2012 at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, and beyond. If anyone ever says, "But what can we learn from history?" make sure you hand over a copy of this book. It proves how history can help human beings live up to the highest in humanity."

**Mr. Arvind Singhal, Wolkem India Ltd., Udaipur**

Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation is doing a commendable job for the society under the able leadership and guidance of respected Shreeji. Our congratulation to you and your team and our good wishes for continued support to the society.

**Prof. Narpal Singh Rathore (retd.), Department of Geography, MLSU, Udaipur**

At the outset I would like to congratulate Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation for completing 50 years and bringing out a volume entitled 50 Years of Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation: Trust and Excellence 1969-2019 to commemorate the occasion. MMCF has been contributing significantly in different spheres of life viz. education, sports, social service etc. ever since its inception. His Excellency Maharana Arvind Singhji Shreeji has always been in forefront whenever it has come to the cause of humanity and community development in keeping with the traditions of the royal family. The entire humanity particularly the people of Mewar will always be indebted for the significant contributions made by the foundation. It is my proud privilege to be associated with such an esteemed organisation. I am extremely elated and thankful to the organisation for giving me a place in the just published volume by including my research article in it. The visionary work of interlinking of lakes and rivers of Udaipur by the various Maharanas of Udaipur 500 years ago to maintain a steady flow in these water bodies speaks volumes of their foresightedness as a result of which these water bodies have been serving the people of Mewar for the last five centuries uninterruptedly. As a geographer and academician I have only tried to acquaint the people and masses of the vision and foresightedness of the Maharanas 500 years through this research work on an issue which is being hotly debated today to conserve and regulate water. I once again express my hearty wishes and indebtedness to MMCF for bringing out the volume and including my research article in it. I wish the foundation grand success in all its future endeavours.

**Ms. Manjula Bordia, Swami Vivekananda Sewa Nyas, Udaipur**

Thank you for sharing the annual report magazine. You have done a marvelous work in the last Fifty years which we came to know through your report. We are inspired by your efforts at prioritizing public welfare and wanted to express our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support for Swami Vivekananda Sewa Nyas. It is wonderful to be a part of the caring community that you have helped create in Udaipur. We would also like to thank you for showcasing our small community service efforts in your annual magazine. We also congratulate Dr. Mayank Gupta for his sincere efforts in drafting and making concepts in form of documentation and compelling a magazine. We are grateful for the honor. Please keep us in mind when you recognize a need for community service.

**Mr. Ajay Mehta, Seva Mandir, Udaipur**

Respected Shriji,  
Khama gani.

I wanted to thank you for sending a copy of the of 50 years of "Maharana Mewar Charitable Foundation". The vision and contribution of this foundation are truly significant and so far sighted. Under you leadership this institution has flourished. You have with courage and fore sight communicated the best values of Mewar to a local, regional, National and International audience. The choice of your awardees reflects your broad mindedness and plural outlook. The international awards have gone to such outstanding people, among them the Rudolphs who did so much for Rajasthan by way of scholarship. This years choice of Professor Norbert Peabody is thoughtful. It is characteristic of you to help whole heartedly the project of the Asiatic society to bring out the original edition of Tod's annals. I hope you are keeping good health, and that your guidance will endure for long towards the good works by the foundation and in many other domains under your watch.

**Dr. Pushpendra Singh Ranawat, Retd. Prof. of Geology, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur.**

Dear Dr. Mayank Gupta,

This is to acknowledge with many thanks to the receipt of your letter of March 19, 2020, along with the info-loaded, well-illustrated Golden Jubilee compendium of MMCF with a nice cover of glass mosaic peacock, the fowl that was destined to the national bird of the Republic of India (1963). The "evolutionary" images and text of the Award Function and venue changes bring forth its developmental history. The award function, which is now a highly coveted event, has spawned several such events in the neighboring former kingdoms (I avoid the Brit imposed term, Princely States). The Museum has also "evolved" beautifully, and I liked the title "The Industrial Revolution Started Here" (p.19).

**Ms. Saloni Ghuwalewala, Art Conservator, Mumbai**

What a fabulous publication! Will educate me so much more about MMCF.  
Congratulations!

**Mr. Rajendra Nath Purohit, Historian, Udaipur**

Thanks and congratulations on publication and authorship. A preservable publication of MMCF. Congratulations to Honourable Shriji Huzur too.

**Mr. Prashant Mallick, Dhrupad Vocalist, Allahabad**

A great heritage of our Country. Proud of our Eternal Mewar.

**Captain (IN) Uday Kumar Sondhi SC, Panna Dhari Awardee 2013, Bangalore**

Dear Dr Mayank. Sorry brother took sometime for me to read all the pages. Too good research , tremendous effort and mid night oil burnt can be seen in this each golden page made by you and your team. Complete history of the Mewar has been digitalised and this exquisite and amazing work will be the best master piece in the archives of the Palace library and all the educational, social hospitality and businesses of Shriji and Lakshyaraj. You have done true justice to the personal responsibility entrusted upon you by Shriji. So proud of you Mayank. God Bless and Good Show. Wrgds.

**Mr. Bhalchandra Sinh RaoRane, UCP India, Mumbai**

Dear Dr. Mayank,

Our "Heartiest Congratulations" to Hukam Sahib & the entire MMCF team led by you on the very exclusive "Golden Jubilee" publication. My heartfelt thanks to you for sharing this "Treasure" of Mewar!! The divine legacy if service to society upheld so lovingly & brilliantly by the MMCF team for the last half Century!!! My thanks once again... Best Regards,

**Mr. Ram Prakash Savita (retd.), Director – Conservator, National Museum, New Delhi**

CONGRATULATIONS to MMCF, to the team and to everyone working in these projects. Please keep it up. You have a very nice management to deal with all this. Best wishes to your future endeavours.

**Mr. Shyam Sunder Bhatt, Academician, Udaipur**

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**Dr. Prakash Amte, Social Worker, Hemalkasa, Maharashtra**

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