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**MAHARAJA SAWAI PADMANABH SINGH’S 18THBIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED WITH TRADITIONAL RITUALS**

Jaipur, 11 July: Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh’s 18th birthday will be celebrated with traditional rituals and ceremonies at the City Palace in Jaipur on Tuesday, 12 July. These celebrations will continue throughout the day. This celebrations are happening after many decades at the City Palace. A similar celebration had taken place when Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II had attained the age of 18.

A day full of ceremonies – Jaipur’s Maharaja will arrive at the verandah of the Chandra Mahal where he will be received by his personal staff. He will then perform ‘Prayashitta Dan’, ‘Chhaya Dan’ and ‘Gau Dan’.  Accompanied by his personal staff he will proceed to Sita Ram Dwara and perform the Hawan followed by ‘Bhet’ to Gurus. Later, he will visit the temples of Shri Sita Ramji Bada, Shri Sita Ramji Chhota, Shri Sita Ballabhji, Shri Govind Deoji, Madho Niwas Mataji and Shri Raj Rajeshwar ji for offering Bhet and accepting ‘Dupatta Prasad’ from Sants, Mahants and Gurus. Later, he will perform Varsh Poojan at Madho Niwas.

During the day at noon, Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh will leave Madho Niwas with the members of the personal staff/ADCs and go to the Darbar Hall (Sabha Niwas) – where he will be presented ‘Nazar’ by former Tazimi Sardars, Jagirdars, Thikanedars and Seths of Jaipur. Needless to say that Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh and the nobels will be in their traditional attire.

Later, the Maharaja will leave for Pritam Niwas. And at Riddhi Siddhi Pol the aarti will be performed by his sister Rajkumari Gauravi Kumari and His Highness will be welcomed by the Zenana Sardars. He will also receive salute by the Jairgarh Guard. The Maharaja will also receive the greetings of the people from the different walks of the life of the Pink City.

Later in the evening, Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh will go to seek blessings of the Kuldevi of the Kachhawas, Jamwai Mata temple at Ramgarh.

The Maharaja studied at Mayo College and is now completing his higher studies in England.