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Appointments

Padam Lal Negi (IDAS: 1992) was appointed as Joint Secretary & FA, Ministry of Civil Aviation for a tenure up to the date of his superannuation i.e. on 30/11/2026.

Sanjeev Kumar Kassi (CPES: 1995) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal for a tenure of five years.

Gangadhar Panda (IRS IT: 1993) was appointed as Additional DGFT, New Delhi, Department of Gen of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Department of Commerce up to the date of his superannuation i.e. 31/05/2025.

Preet Pal Singh (IFoS: 2000: (AGMUT) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries for a tenure of five years.

Rina Sonowal Kouli (InfoS: 1994) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education for a tenure of five years.

Lokhande Prashant Sitaram (IAS: 2001: AGMUT) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs for a tenure of five years.

Chittaranjan Dash (IRS IT:1999) was appointed as Principal Commissioner, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for a tenure of five years.

Ravi Shankar (IDES: 1998) was appointed as Principal Commissioner, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for a tenure of five years.

Deepika Kachhal (InfoS: 1994) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment for a tenure of five years.

Manish Kumar Kanojia (IRS IT: 1998) was appointed as Financial Advisor, KVIC, Mumbai, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises for a tenure of five years.

Surender Mehra (IFoS: 1999: UD) was appointed as Adviser, NITI Aayog for a combined tenure of seven years up to 04/02/2026.

Sanjiv (IRS IT: 1993) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade for a tenure of five years.

Lucas Laiconsing Kamsuan (CSS officer) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises for a tenure of five years.

Anshu Manish Khalkho (IDAS: 1994) was appointed as Director (A&F), National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for a tenure of five years.

A Dhanalakshmi (CSS officers) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Science & Technology for a tenure of five years.

Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar (IFoS: 1987: MP) was appointed as Member Secretary, Central Silk Board up to 28.02.2023.

Ajit Kumar Panda, Executive Director, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL), was appointed to the post of Director (Project & Services), Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) for a period of five years.

Sushma Rawat, Executive Director (ED), Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC), was appointed as Director (Exploration), ONGC till the date of her superannuation i.e. 30.06.2025.

A Neeraja (IFoS: 90: UP) Joint Secretary, Department of Fertilizers was appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of Fertilizers by temporarily upgrading the post.

Tenure of Sanjeev Kumar Jindal, CSS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs extended for a period of one year beyond 08.12.2022.

Dr Sanjay Dinkar Sawant, Principal & Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Sinhgad Technical Education Society, Pune was appointed as Director, Regional Institute of Paramedical & Nursing Sciences (RIPANS), Aizawl.

P Upadhyay was empaneled for promotion to the Higher Administrative Grade (Director General of Naval Armaments) in the Indian Naval Armament Service.

Ajit Kumar Saxena was appointed as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) in Manganese Ore (India) Limited (MOIL) till his superannuation i.e. 31.12.2025.

Rajeev Gupta was appointed as Director (Projects), Engineers India Limited (EIL) till the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.09.2024. He is currently serving as Executive Director, EIL.

Arun Kanti Bagchi (CGM, MECON Limited) was appointed as Director (Projects), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) till the date of his superannuation i.e. 31.08.2026.

A Madhavarao (ED, BDL) was appointed as Director (Technical) in Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) till the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.04.2026.

PESB selected Raj Kumar Dubey (ED, IOCL) for the post of Director (Human Resources), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).

Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan (IFS: 1997), presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Prabodh Saxena appointed Himachal Pradesh chief secretary



The notification on Saxena's appointment to the post was issued late Saturday night.

Saxena was additional chief secretary for the departments of finance, planning, statistics, personnel, environment and science and technology. He was also chairman of the state pollution control board. Born in 1965 in Uttar Pradesh, he is an economics and law graduate.

IPS

Udaybaskar Billa (IPS: 2008: AGMUT) was appointed as Dy. Inspector General in CRPF for a period of 05 years.

Ms Sonia Narang (IPS:2002:KN) was appointed as Special Director in the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) for a period of one year.

Sivagami Sundari Nanda (IPS: 1988: AGMUT) was appointed as Special Secretary (Internal Security), Ministry of Home Affairs up to her superannuation i.e. 31.12.2024.

Rekha Lohani (IPS: 1997: OD) was appointed as Inspector General/Director in Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) for a period of five years.

Mohurle Sandip Gopaldas (IPS: 2015: MA) was appointed as Superintendent of Police, NIA for a period of five years.

Swagat Das (IPS: 1987: CG), Special Secretary (Internal Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, was appointed to the post of Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat.

Vidhi Kumar Birdi (IPS: 2003: AGMUT), DIG, NIA was appointed to the post of IG, CRPF. The officer counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 31.01.2020.

Katarpu Sunil Emmanuel (IPS:2003: UP), DIG, NSG, was appointed to the post of IG, CISF. The officer counts his central deputation tenure from 12.02.2018.

Pradip Kumar (IPS: 2003: TN), DIG, BSF, was appointed to the post of IG, BSF. The central deputation tenure of the officer is extendable.

IAS

Mebanshailang R Synrem (IAS: 2002: AM) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, with additional charge of the post of Additional DG (Tourism) for a tenure of five years.

Preetam B Yashvant (IAS: 2003: RJ) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development for a tenure of five years.

Jitendra Srivastava (IAS: 2000: BH:) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation for a tenure of five years.

K Manicka Raj (IAS: 2005: TG) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs for a tenure of five years.

Ms Pooja Jain (IAS:2011:AGMUT) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT) for a period of four years.

The Central Deputation tenure of Sanjay Kumar (IAS:1992:NL), Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, was extended for a period of three months beyond 31.12.2022 i.e. up to 31.03.2023.

Ganji Kamala V. Rao (IAS: 90: KL), Managing Director, India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd was appointed as Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety & Standards Authority of India.

Santosh Kumar Yadav (IAS: 95: UP), Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education was appointed as Chairman, National Highways Authority of India.

Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana (IAS: 95: TN) was appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of Home, Ministry of Home Affairs

Rajneesh (IAS: 97: HP) was appointed as Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner (AS & DC), Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

Subhasish Panda (IAS: 97: HP) was appointed as Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

Durga Shanker Mishra, UP Chief Secretary gets one year extension




Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Durga Shanker Mishra (IAS) has been given another one-year extension on his current role on Friday. Mishra, whose one-year extension to serve in his current post in UP was set to expire on December 31, has been given the tenure extension till December 2023. He has been serving on the post since January 2021. Mishra is a 1984-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre. Prior to this, he was the Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary and Chairman of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. Mishra is Graduate (B Tech) in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kanpur. He also holds an MBA degree in international business from the University of Western Sydney. Mishra also holds a postgraduate diploma in public policy from the International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. In addition, Mishra holds a postgraduate diploma in human resource management.

Ajit Kumar Saxena takes charge as CMD of MOIL

Ajit Kumar Saxena has assumed charge as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of MOIL Limited, a PSU under the Ministry of Steel. He has taken over the charge of the post with effect from December last week, the steel PSU said in a Tweet on Thursday. Prior to this, Saxena was working as Director (Operations) of the RINL-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. Saxena has taken over the charge of the post from MOIL's Director (HR) Usha Singh, who was given the additional charge as CMD of MOIL, after the retirement of MP Chaudhari on October 31.

According to an order issued from the Ministry of Steel, Saxena has been appointed for a period from the date of his assumption of charge till the date of his superannuation i.e. December 31, 2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.




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Corridors of Power



The Boss Is Back

Hardwork pays back ! As the city police commissioner Sr. IPS officer Anjani Kumar has done the tremendous work, his best performance in maintaining law & order in the city and his successful term has brought the big day for him. Earlier other officer names were also in talk for the DG post, but in the final round Anjani Kumar name was announced by the government. No doubt that from the beginning he was the front contender and he very well knows how to win the race ! Keep the fingers crossed for more happenings in his regime as a third DGP of Telangana state.



Khan Saab Ka Jawab Nahi !

After the tremendous first inning , now IPS (Retd.) AK.Khan's second inning is going to be the record on record. How ! He appointed as an Advisor to the government for Minorities Welfare in 2017 and since then his term is extended for four times including the recent one, which is for next two years. Just imagine Khan's best & outstanding performance in the last years, which is the reason behind for his term extensions. So, would like to endorse him as "Khan Saab Ka Jawaab Nahi".



This Is Called 'Super Se Upar'

The happening IPS officer Dr.Jitender transferred and posted as Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department. He is also placed in full additional charge of the post of Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services. As earlier, the officer was serving as Additional Director General of Police (L&O). Dr.Jitender has set an example with his brilliant work since the joining ,where ever he is been posted, his track record is full of clean work and commitment. That's the reason the newly join & Jr. Officers treats him as their role model. Endorsement 'super se upar'.



Bhadaai Ho Gupta ji

Ravi Gupta, Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department is transferred and posted as Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau. He will also hold the additional charge of Director General (Vigilance and Enforcement). He also worked as ADGP, Technical Services. Ravi Gupta is known to be one of the simple and sincere officer in the officers fraternity. Always believes in working silently , but effectively. Congratulations for the new posting Gupta ji !



Bhagwat Is The Secret Of Energy

Hope all heard the famous add campaign tag line ' boost is the secret of my energy' , we are not sure how much this product gives energy, but it's a sure that Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat is the secret of energy for many people. From common public to khakis and from civil aspirants to high rank officers. His work & performance is more enough to endorse and dedicate this tag line for him. News is in the recent reshuffle the officer is transferred and posted as Additional Director General of Police, CID. And another record is his 6.5 years of long term as a Rachakonda Police commissioner. First commissioner and can also say a founder commissioner !



Dharma Reddy Resumes Charge as TTD EO

AV Dharma Reddy resumed charge as TTD Executive Officer. He has taken over the charges from Sri Anil Kumar Singhal at Tirumala Temple. It may be mentioned that Sri AK Singhal has taken charges as EO (FAC) on December 23 as Sri AV Dharma Reddy was on leave for 12 days.

Meanwhile TTD joint executive officer V. Veerabrahman was given full additional charge of the post of TTD additional EO during the leave period of Dharma Reddy. On his return from leave, Dharma Reddy also took over the charge as TTD's additional executive officer from the JEO.



Click Of The Month

Salute to the women power ! President of India Smt.Droupadi Murmu visited Hyderabad for winter sojourn and attended various events. During the visit Governor of Telangana Smt.Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan hosts a banquet in honor of the President at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad. Many known personalities of the town attended the event. All amazed with the simplicity of President of India.



Handloom First

After state officers, now foreign diplomats are too supporting and encouraging handloom fashion and handloom weavers. Jennifer Larson, US consul general in Hyderabad had a good time with the volunteers, who are associated with handloom drive. "I got to see Telangana Handlooms first-hand & I learned about a project of exchange alumni, which helped weavers branch out into new products to cope with the economic challenges of the pandemic." Said CG in her post.



Delicious Treat

"I was treated to my first Aritaku Bhojanam - traditional meal served on a banana leaf which was delicious. Managed to eat this scrumptious meal with my fingers." Gareth Wynn Owen, UK Dy. High Commissioner shared above post. He had a beautiful experience of having meal during his Vijayawada trip.



Event Of The Month

Turkey CG Orhan Yalman Okan is on screen. He delivered a speech about IT, digital transformation, artificial intelligence and innovation ecosystem in Türkiye during the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Summit 2022 organized by Institute of Directors at T-Hub. Suresh Chukkappalli, Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Telangana can also be seen in the picture.

Pleasure & Honor

Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of Republic of Kazakhstan for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh is on screen. Just check one of his recent post !

"It is my pleasure and honor to welcome Dr.Asish Chouhan Apollo Hospital and Rev. Bro.Shajan Antony Principal Little Flower High School Abids Hyderabad at our residence Xanadu in Jubilee Hills Hyderabad.

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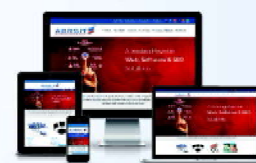
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Ye Sheher Hai Aman Ka !

Ye sheher hai aman ka...! This is the tag line of Hyderabad police chief C.V. Anand and one has to agree that since he took over its working ! Yes after comedian show the tension prevailed in the city, but instantly it was normal because ye shehar hai aman ka ! In fact this incident has shown the capability and capacity of Mr. Anand. So, annual round -up graph is satisfactory & under control in all the segments. And jab tak Anand hai, tab tak Anand hi Anand hai !! Another news is Mr. Anand is placed in full additional charge of the newly created post of Additional Director General, Telangana State Anti Narcotics Bureau.



Shikha Back In Action

Super cop Shikha Goel is back in action. Just refresh her last performance as Addl. CP (SIT & CCS) and in charge for She teams & Barosha Center at Hyderabad City Police. The initiatives, the events, the field work and last but not the least her endless efforts during pandemic time. Just fabulous ! News is the lady officer transferred and posted as Additional Director General of Police, Women Safety, SHE Teams & Bharosa, Hyderabad. So, the action begins now ...! Earlier to the posting she was serving as Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau.



TSRTC on big screen

Yes ! Amazing that TSRTC sees increase of Rs.2,568 Cr. gross revenue, loss down by Rs.1,329 Cr. What a improvement with large number ! The credit goes to timely execution, employees welfare and also to the multiple initiatives. Kudos to the happening officer VC. Sajjanar, VC & MD of TSRTC, whose regular observation & motivation brought the big day for corporation. What next ! Induction of electric buses is on cards. Thumbs up !!



Big One For Sanjay Jain

Sanjay Kumar Jain, Addl. Director General of Police (P&L) is transferred and posted as Addl. Director General of Police (L&O), Telangana, Hyderabad. Jain served in P&L for a long time and now moved to plum posting. Known to be one of the sincere & dedicated officer. Works silently and effectively. Known to be one of the best officer in officers fraternity. Best wishes !



Nagi Reddy DG For FIRE SERVICES

Happening IPS officer Y. Nagi Reddy, Additional Director General of Police, North Zone is transferred and posted as Director General, Telangana State Disaster Response & Fire Services. After completing a tenure of 6 years 7 months as IGP North Zone (Warangal Zone) and later he continued as Addl DGP in the same post. Mr. Reddy is a golf player and loves travelling. Very hardcore & committed officer. Best wishes.



New Chief Of Rachakonda

Devendra Singh Chauhan, Additional Commissioner of Police (L&O), Hyderabad City is transferred and posted as Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda. For the past five years, he served as the Hyderabad city's additional commissioner (law and order) and in the beginning Mr. Chauhan has dealt with Naxalites and served as SP in Nalgonda, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Khammam and Medak districts. His previous performance is enough to face the routine and new challenges of Rachakonda. Can say perfect & the right choice ! Best wishes.

IPS Transfers, Telangana State

Rajiv Ratan, Additional Director General of Police (Organization), is transferred and posted as Managing Director, Telangana State Police Housing Corporation.

Sandeep Shandilya, Additional Director General of Police, Railways & Road Safety is transferred and posted as Director, Telangana State Police Academy, Hyderabad.

Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy, Addl. Director General of Police (Operations), Greyhounds & OCTOPUS is transferred and posted as Additional Director General of Police, Organization & Legal.

B. Shivdhar Reddy, Additional Director General of Police (Personnel) is transferred and posted as Additional Director General of Police, Railways & Road Safety.

Abhilasha Bisht, Additional Director General of Police, TSSP Battalions, Hyderabad is transferred and posted as Additional Director General of Police, Welfare and Sports. The Member of Service is also placed in full additional charge of the post of Additional Director General of Police, Home Guards, until further orders.

Veerisetty Venkata Srinivasa Rao, Chairman, TSLPRB is placed in full additional charge of the post of Additional Director General of Police, Police Computer Services, until further orders.

Swati Lakra, Additional Director General of Police, Women Safety, SHE Teams & Bharosa, Hyderabad is transferred and posted as Additional Director General of Police, TSSP Battalions.

G. Sudheer Babu, Additional Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda is transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Hyderabad City.

Shahnawaz Qasim, Director, Minorities Welfare, Telangana is transferred and posted as Inspector General of Police, Multizone-II.



VK Posted To Greyhounds & OCTOPUS

Vijay Kumar, IPS who is waiting for the posting, is posted as Addl. Director General of Police (Operations), Greyhounds & OCTOPUS, Telangana, Hyderabad. Earlier to the posting he served at Central Intelligence Bureau. VK is known for tough and ideal policing. Right choice !



Singh Returns

IPS officer Vikram Singh Mann, who is waiting for posting, is posted as Additional Commissioner of Police, L&O, Hyderabad City. Earlier the officer was on central deputation and was serving as IG, CISF, Ministry of Home Affairs. Singh sir, welcome to Hyderabad city police.

Crime Reduction At Cyberabad

Cyberabad Commissionerate stated that there has been a 12% reduction in crime in 2022. Stephen Ravindra, Cyberabad Police Commissioner said that in 2021, 30954 cases were reported while 2022 witnessed 27322 cases of crime thus reducing the number of cases to 3632. Cyberabad officials are investigating 15% lesser cases than they did in 2021 meaning that more cases were processed in 2022 as compared to 2021. Further, Cyberabad police noted that the property offenses reported in 2022 reduced by 28% as opposed to 2021.



Second Inning continues

Retired IPS officer, Busireddy Malla Reddy who is serving as Joint Managing Director (Vigilance & Security) of AP-Transco got extension for next two years. Congratulations Malla sir. He was awarded Indian Police medal in January 2012 for meritorious services, UN Peace Medal in May 2003 and AP Police Seva Pathakam in 1998.



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Public Sector

GAIL wins best 'Energy Transition – Midstream Company' award



GAIL (India) Limited has won the 'Energy Transition – Midstream Company' award at the prestigious Platts Global Energy Award 2022, emerging victorious among several international energy companies who were vying for the recognition.

The award was received by M. V. Iyer, Director (Business Development & Marketing) and R. K. Jain, Director (Finance) at the awards ceremony held in New York City yesterday.

The Platts Global Energy Awards recognizes companies that have faced difficult challenges and realized unique opportunities. The awards ceremony is a premier international event drawing wide participation from global energy companies.

GAIL, a Maharatna company under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, is India's Natural Gas leader which owns and operates over 14,500 km of Natural Gas pipelines. With the aim of shaping a Net Zero future for coming generations, GAIL is moving towards Energy Transition and has forayed into Renewable and Alternative energy sources such as Wind, Solar, Compressed Biogas and Green Hydrogen. With this 'Synergy for Green Energy', GAIL is ushering in the winds of change towards a better world.

NLCIL CMD Laid Foundation Stones For New Csf Barrack & Hostel Building



At a function held at Block-22 of Neyveli Township, Rakesh Kumar, CMD, NLC India Ltd., has laid foundation stones for construction of Hostel Building for Graduate Executive Trainees and Construction of New CISF Barracks. The Township Administration Department of NLC India Ltd., is constructing one Hostel Building with all modern facilities for Graduate Executive Trainees. The Hostel building to be constructed in Block-22 of Neyveli Township can accommodate 300 persons. Another facility for which foundation stone laid was 'New CISF Barracks' at Block-22 area of Neyveli Township, which can accommodate hundreds of soldiers.

Rakesh Kumar, CMD, NLCIL has laid the foundation stone for both the new facilities at a function held near the CISF Canteen, Block-22 Neyveli on 22-12-2022.

Both the events were witnessed by Directors of NLCIL, Shaji John, Mohan Reddy and CVO Dr L. Chandrasekar, IFS. N. Sadish Babu, Rajasekara Reddy, Kannan, Balakrishnan, Selvi Karthigai, and C. Thiagarajan, Executive Directors. A. Kuppasami, Chief General Manager/Township Administration, Digvijay Kumar Singh, DIG, CISF were the other dignitaries who participated in the event. The event was also attended by the representatives of recognized Trade Unions, Engineers and Officers Association, Welfare Associations, etc.,

PFC Bags SAFA Gold Award



Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC), a Maharatna CPSE and the country's leading NBFC in the power sector, has won the prestigious "South Asian Federation of Accountants" (SAFA) **Gold Award** in the 'Best Presented Accounts / Annual Report Awards' (BPA) for the Financial Year 2020-21 in 'Public Sector Entities' category. PFC was bestowed with this coveted award for its highest level of transparency in accounting practices and for achieving excellence in the presentation and disclosure of high-quality, relevant, reliable and objective financial statements in accordance with the international framework. The SAFA BPA Award is considered the most prestigious accolade for financial reporting in the entire South Asian region. This is the first time since the inception of these awards in 1997 that any Indian Company has won a 'Gold' in the category of "Public Sector Entities".

It is worth mentioning here that PFC had earlier won the ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) award for excellence in financial reporting in the 'Public Sector Entities' category for the Financial Year 2020-21. Based upon the quality of financial reporting, ICAI every year selects a few entries out of the awardees of excellence in financial reporting for sending to SAFA, which this year included PFC. The financials of PFC competed against entries from entire South Asian Companies and was ultimately declared the winner by the jury.

NHPC wins Gold Award



The South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) has awarded the "Gold Award" to NHPC Limited for the best-presented Annual Report for FY 2020-21 in the category "Infrastructure & Construction Sector". This award is given by the SAFA Committee for Improvement in Transparency, Accountability & Governance from the published annual reports of entities of South Asian countries. The Hon'ble Auditor General of Nepal presented the award to R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC Ltd. in the programme organized on 18th December 2022 at Kathmandu, Nepal.

IRFC celebrates 36th Annual Day



Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) celebrated its 36th Annual Day at its office premises in New Delhi. Addressing the employees on the occasion, Shelly Verma, Chairman and Managing Director (Addl. Charge) and Director (Finance), said that IRFC, which initially began as a rolling stock investment vehicle of the Indian Railways, has evolved over time and is now also funding core railway infrastructure projects. She further said that the company has posted a stellar performance in the last few years and its credit goes to all the hardworking employees of the organization who have pushed their limits to take the company to newer heights.

She said that IRFC has also been supporting the Indian Railways in achieving its plan of 100% electrification by 2024 and net zero carbon emission network by 2030.

Arun Kumar Singh appointed ONGC Chairman



Government of India had set up a Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) in February, 2022 for filling up the post of CMD, ONGC. The SCSC was chaired by Chairperson, PESB with Secretary, Petroleum and Natural Gas and B Ashok, ex-Chairman, IOCL as members. The SCSC subsequently submitted its recommendations. After consideration of the recommendations of the SCSC Government has decided as under: Appointment of Arun Kumar Singh, ex-CMD, BPCL as the Chairman of ONGC for a three year tenure with effect from the date of assumption of charge. The revamped Board of Directors is expected to play a pivotal role in these tasks and work towards realizing synergies and ensuring enhanced collaboration within the organisation and also with relevant external stakeholders.

R. K. Vishnoi takes over as CMD, NHPC

Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi has taken over the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC Limited, India's premier hydropower company. Vishnoi joined NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad. Vishnoi is currently holding the post of CMD, THDCIL with additional charge of Director (Technical) & Director (Personnel), THDCIL and also the additional charge of CMD, NEEPCO. R.K. Vishnoi has more than 35 years of vast and rich experience in the Design, Engineering and construction of hydro project structures. He joined THDCIL in the year 1989 at the level of Engineer and worked in different capacities and rose to the level of General Manager in the year 2013 and thereafter elevated as Executive Director in the year 2016. Apart from heading the Design Department, he also held the additional charge of Executive Director, Vishnugad-Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project (VPHEP) 444 MW. He has various prestigious achievements to his credit while working with the Tehri, Koteshwar and Vishnugad-Pipalkoti hydro projects. He further became Director (Technical), THDCIL in Sep' 2019 and took over as CMD, THDCIL in Aug' 2021. Vishnoi is an Hons. Graduate in Civil Engineering from BITS Pilani and he has also attained the qualification of MBA and has undergone Professional Up-gradation Programme in Design and Construction of Hydraulic Structures and Hydropower Constructions from State University of Moscow, Russia.

rites, KOEL sign MoU to explore business avenues

rites Ltd., the leading Transport Infrastructure Consultancy and Engineering company, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd. (KOEL) to jointly explore business opportunities for supplies/services in the areas of Export of Railway Rolling Stock, Infrastructure and Urban Transport for domestic and overseas markets. As part of the MoU, RITES will provide expertise in design, marketing, operation & maintenance, and any other support required for tapping business opportunities, while KOEL will be responsible for the development and manufacturing of customized products. Mr. Manobendra Ghoshal, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO), RITES, said, "The collaboration with KOEL will not only create a platform to explore business avenues around the globe but also facilitate knowledge sharing to strengthen each other's operations in promoting smart and sustainable infrastructure."

Mr. Vinod Menon, Vice President, KOEL, said, "The strategic partnership between RITES and KOEL leverages the strengths of both organisations. While we, at KOEL, are focused on developing world-class products and services, RITES has outstanding design, technical expertise, and marketing capabilities. We look forward to a long and fruitful association."



Adding peanuts, spices to diet may improve gut health in 4–6 weeks



Researchers recently investigated the effects of peanuts, herbs, and spices—including cinnamon, ginger, cumin, and turmeric—on the gut microbiome in two separate studies.

They found that peanuts, as well as herbs and spices, increased levels of certain gut bacteria after just 4 to 6 weeks of adding them to a typical American diet.

They noted that further research is needed to understand their findings’ implications and the possible health benefits of having more gut bacteria.

Diet influences the kinds of bacteria that live in the gut. These bacteria are linked to multiple health measures, including glycemic control, which is important for regulating blood sugar levels, immune response and cardiovascular risk factors.

Source how that gut bacteria feed off foods that are high in fiber. Research also shows that herbs and spices high in polyphenols—chemicals with antioxidant properties—may influence gut bacteria or gut microbiome composition.

Meanwhile, a systematic review of nut consumption found that almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts, and pistachios increase gut bacteria diversity. Until now, however, no studies have examined the effects of peanuts on the microbiome.

Further study of the effects of dietary agents such as herbs, spices, and peanuts on gut bacteria could help inform preventive healthcare strategies and therapeutics.

Recently, researchers conducted two studies investigating how the consumption of peanuts, herbs, and spices affects the gut microbiome. They found that all three ingredients increased gut bacteria diversity after just 4-6 weeks of consumption.

How diet can change the gut microbiome

To understand how peanuts and herbs might increase gut microbiome diversity, *MNT* spoke with Henrik Munch Roager, associate professor at the Department of Nutrition, Exercise and Sports at the University of Copenhagen, who was not involved in the study.

“The minor increase in gut microbiome diversity could be due to herbs and spices acting as additional substrates for the gut microbes since herbs and spices are rich in polyphenolic compounds, which gut microbes can utilize for growth. This would allow more different microbes to thrive in the gastrointestinal system,” he explained.

How peanuts and herbs might increase gut microbiome diversity is not yet quite clear.

“In addition to being a source of protein and healthy fats, peanuts are also a source of fiber. Bacteria in the gut feed on fiber. With more fiber in the diet, more bacteria and greater variety of bacteria can thrive in the gut,” Dr. Sandon said.

“As for herbs and spices, the theory is that the polyphenolic compounds, chemical substances found in herbs and spices and also foods like dark cocoa, wine, grapes, berries, and cherries, provide a source of food or help to create an environment in the gut that supports the growth of a greater variety of bacteria,” she added.

Indian Army organises ‘Gram Seva-Desh Seva’ programme



The Indian Army conducted medical camps as part of which generic medicines were provided free of cost to the needy, apart from organising lectures and sports activities.

As part of the Army Day 2023 and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations and to strengthen the bond of the Indian Army with country’s villagers, the Indian Army conducted a ‘Gram Seva -Desh Seva’ programme in Thimmaipalli village, Hyderabad.

The Indian Army conducted medical camps as part of which generic medicines were provided free of cost to the needy, apart from organising lectures and sports activities. The village youth was also enlightened about the Agniveer scheme and were motivated to join the Armed Forces as a career.

A friendly cricket match was conducted between the villagers and Army Jawans to establish a bonhomie among them and certificates of participation were rendered to boost the morale of participating villagers. The jawans and villagers also shared meal together.

Telangana govt declares creation of 3897 posts in 9 medical colleges, govt hospitals



Telangana health minister T Harish Rao declared that the state government has accorded sanction for creation of 3897 posts in nine medical colleges, government hospitals across the state.

“433 posts have been created per college in 9 new Medical Colleges and attached Government General Hospitals at Rajanna Sircilla, Kamareddy, Vikarabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Komarambeem Asifabad, Janagoan and Nirmal,” he further said.

5 healthy foods to keep you warm this winter



In winter, people often succumb to several medical issues, including arthritis and skin diseases. Consuming foods like eggs, peanut butter, millets and nuts can help keep you warm during the cold months.

One has to pay close attention to one’s body, especially when winter sets in. Besides adding layers of clothing to protect the body from the cold weather, one has to consume certain foods to keep it warm. Indulging in protein-rich and fatty foods is crucial to maintain clear skin and a healthy digestive system is vital to keep seasonal infections at bay.

“Winter’s arrival can make several medical issues worse, including arthritis and skin diseases like dryness, eczema, and psoriasis,” Rohit Shelatkar, VP at Vitabiotics, Fitness & Nutrition Expert told India Today and listed five foods that can keep the body warm and keep it healthy in the cold months.

EGGS- Eggs help repair body tissues and are rich in healthy fats. “Adults can usually eat up to two eggs per day. Eggs are also a diet food, rich in protein as it helps to keep you feeling full between meals and cuts down on excess calories,” said Rohit Shelatkar.

PEANUT OR NUT BUTTER- Peanuts or other nut but-

ters are a great source of instant energy as they are rich in healthy fats. “Our bodies take longer to digest these types of healthy fats. Peanuts or nut butters are rich in a variety of nutrients but are also high in calories and fat. The healthy fats in peanut butter are nutritious but should be consumed in moderation. For health benefits, look for all-natural products with no added ingredients and a sugar-free version,” added Rohit Shelatkar.

SWEET POTATOES- He further shared that sweet potatoes, or shakarkandi, should also be a part of your diet in winter. “It is readily available across the nation, especially in the winter, and is high in fibre, vitamin A, potassium, and other nutrients as well as healthy carbs. Regular ingestion can strengthen immunity, ease inflammation, and help with constipation. It helps the body get the vitamin C it needs and is beneficial for building a robust immune system,” he said.

MILLETS- Millets are loaded with a variety of nutrients, vitamins, and minerals and have a low glycemic index and high fibre content. “Basically, you should eat all of the millets that are available during the winter. Ragi, the best winter dish, for example, provides enough warmth to get through the chilly winters. Its amino acid content helps to curb appetite. You can also include it in your diet to help with weight loss. Ragi aids in better digestion because it is packed with nutritional fibre. In addition, sleeplessness, anxiety, and depression are known to be improved by it,” said Rohit Shelatkar. Bajra, which is high in fibre and vitamin B, also aids in keeping you warm in the cold.

NUTS- In winter, regular consumption of nuts, especially with their warm and hot nature, keeps the nervous system active and helps keep the mind and spirit healthy. Experts say that almonds and walnuts lower

bad cholesterol, blood sugar and reduce inflammation. Almonds are rich in vitamin E, antioxidants and magnesium, while walnuts are rich in omega-3s. Known for their medicinal properties, dates are an excellent source of vitamins, minerals, iron and fibre. It also works as a natural sweetener. Adding nuts to your morning and evening snacks will boost your stamina in the cold winter. ‘Want to inspire’: First transgender doctors to join govt service in Telangana open up

The superintendent at the hospital praised the state government’s initiative and said, “there was a proposal to set up a transgender clinic at Osmania Hospital. There were vacancies for 3 medical officers, 36 doctors had applied for these posts.” In a first, two transgender doctors have joined government service in Telangana creating history, in what shall prove to be of immense significance for the progress of the LGBTQ+ community in the state and beyond. Prachi Rathod and Ruth John Paul are the first transgender doctors to join the state-run Osmania General Hospital (OGH) as medical officers recently, “My journey is similar to every transgender with ups and downs in life. I faced a lot of discrimination since childhood, in my college, during my MBBS, and while working as an emergency physician. The journey was like hell. I am in front of you all and serving the community now because of my self-confidence. I was not inspired by anyone but I wanted someone to be inspired by me. I will definitely be there for the community for all the support they need,” Dr Prachi Rathod said.

Dr Paul also spoke about childhood struggles. “I struggled so much since my childhood because of my gender. The dream of becoming a doctor motivated me to work harder.

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Anchor Nadia Sets Record ! At FIFA Qatar 2022

Nadia Hakani the only anchor known for hosting FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 for nonstop 30 days has put her on a pedestal that most emcees desire to be on. And this is not the only record in her kitty, Nadia is also the only anchor from India to host 50 consecutive shows in less than 2 months at Global Village Dubai. She has also recently hosted many super successful Boomwackers events, infusing the crowd with her trademark energy and josh all around.



Dear Friends 'Happy New Year'

Beautiful feminine Dara Filipof is again on screen. From Marrakech she conveyed New Year greetings to all dear friends & well-wishers. Dara is quite known in the social circles & groups of Hyderabad. Lot many good friends & lot many connections. Very sweet, sincere & simple !



Midnight Reporter's Dec edition is released by AK.Khan

Midnight Reporter 's Dashing December edition is out with a bang , released by the happening IPS (Retd.) officer Mr.AK.Khan , Advisor to Government of Telangana. Click the link for epaper :

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Kamal Patra Award To Prasad & Hitesh

Award time ! KAMALPATRA Award is a very PRESTIGIOUS Award , which is presented to BUSINESS TYCOON'S who Stand as a living example for their PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE in the field of BUSINESS. News is, Kamal Patra Awarded is presented to Senator Prasad Ojha and Jc Hitesh Jashnani. Presented by President Jc Sandeep Sarda. Jci Hyderabad Deccan on the Charter Night. Lots of wishes to the both awardees.

Festive greetings...!

Food Writer & Wine Enthusiast Jyotiee Balani celebrated Christmas festival at Fairfield (By Marriott), Mumbai International Airport. With her post she conveyed the festive greetings to all dear friends. Balani is well-known writer and quite popular for her writings & presentations.



Quote Of The Month

Kabeer Khan, the well-known socialite of the town is again on screen. On the eve of New Year he posted a quote which is very inspiring. "No one can go back in past to make any changes, What has happened is happened ! So better to work & plan for present to make the future wonderful & successful". Like it !



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स्कॉटलैंड में बनेगा भारतीय सैनिकों के लिए मेमोरियल



स्कॉटलैंड के ग्लासगो शहर में पहले और दूसरे विश्व युद्ध में लड़ने वाले भारतीय सैनिकों के लिए मेमोरियल बनेगा। इसमें दोनों विश्व युद्धों में ब्रिटेन की तरफ से लड़े 40 लाख से ज्यादा भारतीय सैनिकों के योगदान को दर्शाया जाएगा।

ग्लासगो की लोकल काउंसिल ने मेमोरियल बनाने के प्लान को मंजूरी दे दी है। ग्लासो सिटी काउंसिल अब मेमोरियल का डिजाइन फाइनल करने की तैयारियां कर रहा है। यह वॉर मेमोरियल केलविनग्रोव नाम की एक आर्ट गैलरी और म्यूजियम के पास बनेगा।

सभी धर्म के सैनिकों को जगह मिलेगी-

मेमोरियल को बनाने वाली संस्था कलरफूल हेरिटेज ने कहा है कि हम चाहते हैं कि इस मेमोरियल के जरिए भारत की विविधता को भी दर्शाया जा सके। इसलिए इसमें हिंदू, मुस्लिम, सिख और ईसाई धर्मों के सभी सैनिकों के योगदान की जानकारी दी जाएगी।

डकिर्क की लड़ाई से स्कॉटलैंड पहुंचे थे सिख और मुस्लिम सैनिक-

मेमोरियल में उन सिख और मुस्लिम सैनिकों का योगदान खासतौर पर दिखाया जाएगा जो दूसरे विश्वयुद्ध में कई K6 फोर्स के हिस्सा थे। ये डकिर्क की खतरनाक लड़ाई से वापस स्कॉटलैंड आए थे। दरअसल, दूसरे विश्वयुद्ध में डकिर्क में फंसे लाखों सैनिकों में भारतीय सैनिक भी शामिल थे।

डकिर्क में लड़ाई के लिए खास बनाई गई थी K6 फोर्स

1939 फ्रांस पहुंचने पर ब्रिटिश सेना को अहसास हुआ कि उसे डकिर्क जैसी जगह पर ट्रांसपोर्टेशन के लिए जानवरों की जरूरत पड़ेगी। इसके चलते भारत से सैनिकों की चार कंपनियां भेजी गईं जिनके साथ 2500 खच्चर थे। दिसंबर 1939 में रॉयल इंडियन आर्मी कॉर्प्स के ये सैनिक मुंबई से फ्रांस पहुंचे। इन्हें फोर्स K6 नाम दिया गया था।

UAE में सरकारी कर्मचारियों को एक साल छुट्टी



यूनाइटेड अरब अमीरात यानी यूएई सरकार ने देश में ट्रेड को बढ़ावा देने के लिहाज से एक बड़ा फैसला किया है। इसके मुताबिक, ऐसे सरकारी कर्मचारी जो खुद का बिजनेस शुरू करना चाहते हैं, वो एक साल की छुट्टी ले सकेंगे। उन्हें आधी सैलरी मिलती रहेगी।

यह कॉन्सेप्ट सबसे पहले यूएई के वाइस प्रेसिडेंट शेख मोहम्मद बिन राशिद अल मखतूम ने जुलाई में पेश किया था। इसका मकसद यह है कि यूएई के निवासी बजाए सरकारी नौकरी करने के बिजनेस में हाथ आजमाएं ताकि मुल्क में दूसरे लोगों

को जॉब मिल सकें और इसका फायदा इकोनॉमी को हो।

दुनिया में इस तरह की पहली पहल-

'खलीज टाइम्स' और यूएई की सरकारी न्यूज एजेंसी ने कहा- दुनिया में इस तरह की कोई पहल शायद पहले किसी देश ने नहीं की। शेख मोहम्मद चाहते हैं कि यूएई की यंग जेनरेशन सरकार की कॉमर्शियल बेनिफिट स्कीम्स का फायदा उठाएं।

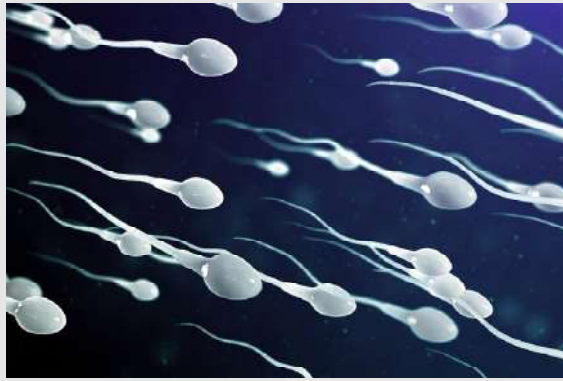
सरकार ने साफ किया है कि जो कर्मचारी बिजनेस शुरू करने के लिए एक साल की छुट्टी लेंगे, उन्हें इस दौरान आधी सैलरी मिलती रहेगी। लीव देने या न देने का फैसला उस डिपार्टमेंट का चीफ करेगा। इसके लिए कुछ शर्तें भी तय की गई हैं। लीव अप्लाई करने के लिए एक वेबसाइट पर लॉगिन करना होगा। फिलहाल सिर्फ सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट के एम्प्लॉईज ही अप्लाई कर सकेंगे।

सेल्फ इम्प्लॉईमेंट पर फोकस

यूएई सरकार में गवर्नमेंट एंड ह्यूमन रिसोर्स की एक्टिंग डायरेक्टर लेला ओबैद अल सुवैदी ने कहा- यह हमारी सरकार का प्युचर विजन है। हम चाहते हैं कि इन छुट्टियों का इस्तेमाल सरकारी कर्मचारी सेल्फ इम्प्लॉईमेंट के लिए करें। हमारी लीडरशिप चाहती है कि यूएई के नौजवान भी वर्ल्ड एन्टरप्रेन्योरशिप के लिए तैयार हो सकें।

यूएई सरकार ने इस पहल में फाइनेंस, ह्यूमन रिसोर्स और दूसरे डिपार्टमेंट को शामिल किया है और इसके लिए एक कॉमन प्लेटफॉर्म बनाया है।

रूस में सैनिकों के स्पर्म स्टोर किए जाएंगे



यूक्रेन के खिलाफ जंग में भेजे जाने वाले सैनिकों के स्पर्म को रूस अपने क्रायोबैंक्स में स्टोर करेगा। क्रायोबैंक वो जगह होती है जहां स्पर्म, सीमन को सुरक्षित रखा जाता है। रूस की न्यूज एजेंसी जी ने इसकी जानकारी दी है।

रूसी वकील यूनियन के अध्यक्ष इगोर टूनोव ने इसकी मांग की थी। जिसे सरकार ने मान लिया है। अब वहां का स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय सैनिकों को ये सुविधा मुफ्त में देने की तैयारी कर रहा है।

सरकारी बजट में अलग से दिया जाएगा पैसा-

हेल्थ मिनिस्ट्री का कहना है कि वो सरकारी बजट में सैनिकों के स्पर्म यानी वीर्य को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए अलग से पैसा देंगे। ये सुविधा केवल उन सैनिकों के लिए होगी जो 2022 से 2024 के स्पेशल मिलिट्री ऑपरेशन में हिस्सा लेंगे।

आर्थिक लामबंदी की घोषणा के बाद से ट्रेंड बढ़ा-

बीबीसी की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक रूस में अक्टूबर के बाद से स्पर्म स्टोर कराने का ट्रेंड बढ़ा है। रूस ने सितंबर में आर्थिक लामबंदी की घोषणा की थी। यानी सैनिकों को जंग के लिए इकट्ठा किया जाने लगा था। इसके लिए 3 लाख से ज्यादा लोगों की रिजर्व फोर्स बनाई है। रिजर्व फोर्स में वो नागरिक शामिल होते हैं, जो पहले भी सेना में काम कर चुके हैं और जिनके पास सेना की ट्रेनिंग का अनुभव है।

पहले केवल बीमार स्पर्म स्टोर करवाते थे-

रूस में युद्ध के लिए जाने वाले लोगों को डर रहता है कि इस दौरान उन्हें कुछ हुआ तो उनका वंश आगे नहीं बढ़ पाएगा। इसलिए लोग पहले ही अपना स्पर्म क्रायोबैंक्स में स्टोर करवा रहे हैं। रूसी अखबार रोजनर्बा में कहा गया है कि पहले केवल बीमार लोग अपना स्पर्म स्टोर कराते थे। ताकि उनके मरने के बाद भी वंश बढ़ता रहे। लेकिन, जंग शुरू होने के बाद एकदम स्वस्थ लोग भी ऐसा कर रहे हैं।

बुजुर्गों के लिए जापान कॉम्पैक्ट सिटी बना रहा, ट्रांसपोर्ट के इस्तेमाल में सहूलियत होगी



जापान में बुजुर्गों की आबादी लगभग 3 करोड़ 61 लाख के आसपास है, जो देश की कुल आबादी का 28.7 प्रतिशत है। ऐसे में जापान अपने शहरों को बढ़ती हुई बुजुर्ग आबादी के हिसाब से तैयार कर रहा है। इस कड़ी में जापान की राजधानी टोक्यो से करीब 250 किमी दूर स्थित तोयामा शहर को रोल मॉडल के रूप में चुना गया है।

शहर उम्रदराज आबादी, गिरते राजस्व से जूझ रहा-

इस शहर के विकास के लिए समानांतर 'कॉम्पैक्ट सिटी' नीति को अपनाया गया है। इससे पब्लिक ट्रांसपोर्ट का उपयोग बुजुर्ग आसानी से कर सकें। दूसरे विश्व युद्ध के दौरान इस शहर का 99 प्रतिशत हिस्सा बर्बाद हो गया था। बाद में शहर का तेजी से पुनर्निर्माण हुआ, लेकिन 1990 के दशक से 4 लाख 14 हजार की जनसंख्या वाला यह शहर उम्रदराज होती आबादी, बिलों की बढ़ती संख्या, गिरते राजस्व और पुरानी शहरी योजना से जूझ रहा है।

कॉम्पैक्ट शहर के तौर पर विकास हो रहा-

तोयामा का संघर्ष और विकास एक मिसाल के तौर पर उभर रहा है। जापान की पहली लाइट रेलवे लाइन शहर के बीच से गुजरती है, जो मध्यकालीन किले को पार करते हुए, उत्तर में एक पुराने पोर्ट तक जाती है। यहां एक पुराने स्कूल को हॉट स्ट्रिंग एक्सप्रेसराइज पूल के साथ एक सेंटर के तौर पर तैयार किया गया है।

विश्व बैंक के मुताबिक, नई लाइट रेलवे के लिए पुरानी रेल पटरियों को फिर से तैयार किया गया था, जिससे लागत में 75 प्रतिशत की कमी आई। विश्व बैंक कॉम्पैक्ट शहरों के लिए तोयामा को 'एक वैश्विक रोल मॉडल' मानता है।

स्टेशन में बुजुर्ग लड़खड़ाएं न इसलिए कैरिज लगाए-

एक 'डॉलिंग एंड स्क्वूअर' संरचना का अनुसरण किया है, जिसमें सघन केंद्र को पब्लिक ट्रांसपोर्ट से जोड़ा है। नई लाइट रेल में ऐसे कैरिज हैं जो सीधा स्टेशन प्लेटफॉर्म से जुड़े हैं। इससे बुजुर्ग सवारियों को ट्रेन से उतरने के दौरान लड़खड़ाने का खतरा नहीं होता है।

संयुक्त राष्ट्र करा सकता है रूस यूक्रेन के बीच मध्यस्थता

यूक्रेन के विदेश मंत्री दिमित्रो कुलेबा ने कहा कि सरकार फरवरी के अंत तक संयुक्त राष्ट्र में शांति शिखर सम्मेलन आयोजित कर सकती है। उन्होंने कहा कि इसमें संयुक्त राष्ट्र के महासचिव एंटोनियो गुतेर्रेस मध्यस्थता कर सकते हैं। साथ ही कुलेबा ने कहा कि यूक्रेन 2023 में युद्ध जीतने के लिए जो भी कर सकता है, वह करेगा। युद्ध में कूटनीति हमेशा एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती है। विदेश मंत्री कुलेबा ने कहा कि बीते हफ्ते राष्ट्रपति जेलेंस्की की अमेरिका यात्रा सफल रही। अमेरिकी सरकार ने पैट्रियट मिसाइल बैटरी तैयार करने की विशेष योजना बनाई है। छह महीने से भी कम समय में यूक्रेन इसका इस्तेमाल कर सकेगा।

दुर्घटना में तीन रूसी अधिकारियों की मौत-

गौरतलब है कि रूस-यूक्रेन के बीच युद्ध जारी है। हाल ही में ड्रोन एंगेल्स एयर बेस पर यूक्रेन का ड्रोन दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया, इसमें तीन रूसी अधिकारियों की मौत हो गई। यूक्रेन का दावा है कि इसके बाद एंगेल्स एयर बेस पर से रूस ने युद्धक विमानों का स्थान बदल दिया।

रूस की यूक्रेन को धमकी, प्रस्ताव मानें वरना युद्ध होगा

हाल ही में रूस के राष्ट्रपति व्लादिमीर पुतिन ने यूक्रेन को बातचीत का ऑफर दिया था। लेकिन अब रूस के विदेश मंत्री सर्गेई लावरोव ने यूक्रेन को अल्टीमेटम देते हुए कहा यूक्रेन की सेना हमारे कब्जे वाले क्षेत्रों से हट जाए, सैनिकों के प्रस्ताव को मान ले। उन्हें अपनी भलाई के लिए प्रस्तावों को मान लेना चाहिए, नहीं तो रूसी सेना इस पर फैसला करने में सक्षम है।

Tourism



Thailand welcomes 2023 with high hope for tourism recovery

A day after fireworks lighted up the sky of Bangkok as Thailand celebrated the arrival of the New Year 2023 with high hope for tourism recovery.

Countdown events held in downtown Bangkok, gathering local and foreign tourists before a dazzling fireworks display over the Chao Phraya river which flows through the Thai capital.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand said it was hosting and supporting such events to conclude the year 2022, which saw the return of foreign tourists together with domestic tourism recovery after the relaxation of pandemic preventive measures, Xinhua news agency reported.

The agency also hosted a countdown event in Songkhla province to promote tourism in the country's southern region.

Tourism, a major engine of growth for the economy of Thailand before Covid-19, has been hit hard by the pandemic.

The Thai government significantly loosened the restrictions for foreign visitors in the middle of 2022 before further dropping requirements for international travellers to show proof of vaccination or test results upon arrival starting October, marking the complete reopening to international tourism.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand expects total arrivals of foreign visitors for 2022 to reach 11.5 million.

Thai Finance Minister Arkhom Termpittayapaisith said recently that tourism would be the main driver for the country to achieve a 3.8 per cent growth in 2023 after an expansion of 3.1 to 3.2 per cent in 2022.

Meghalaya aims to boost tourism to attract visitors from around the world



Meghalaya is known for its stunning landscapes and diverse tourist attractions. The state government anticipates an increase in the number of domestic and international tourists who will visit the state in the near future.

In an aim to boost the tourism industry, Meghalaya aims to establish it as a regulated sector. The Meghalaya Tourism Department is working to create conditions that will attract visitors from around the world who will experience the unique culture of the region.

The state's tourist industry is expected to see an increase in visitors, with an estimated 15 lakh tourists expected by 2024, up from 12.7 lakh in 2019.

The government is working to improve facilities and infrastructure in a sustainable manner, including initiatives such as ecotourism and promoting locally-made products. A study of the tourism industry has identified that lack of accommodation is one of the main issues in the slow growth of the tourism industry.

Kerala tourism bounce back faces staff crunch challenge



After two COVID-19-struck years, the good news for Kerala tourism is a vigorous bounce back in visitors and revenues, but it comes with a hurdle: a staff shortage that is emerging as a new impediment amid the fresh positivity in the sector.

The brightest indicator for Kerala's tourism sector is the total revenue generated by tourism – direct and indirect – going up from Rs 113 billion in 2020 to Rs 123 billion in 2021. Industry observers expect the figures for 2022 to be significantly better, even though it is not expected to reach the Rs 450 billion level that prevailed before COVID-19.

Where the industry lags is in getting foreign tourists back. Foreign exchange earnings from tourism fell from Rs 103 billion in 2019 to Rs 28 billion in 2020 and further to Rs 5 billion in 2021. And the other key challenge is in getting people to work in the hospitality sector, as Kerala's youth are migrating abroad in large numbers for education and jobs.

Assam government launches new tourism policy

The Assam government has launched a new tourism policy to invite more entrepreneurs and investors to make the state their investment destination.

The policy, launched by Jayanta Malla Baruah, state minister of public health engineering, skill development Employment & entrepreneurship and tourism in New Delhi this week, was prepared after consultations with the World Bank, stakeholders and industry experts.

Keeping in mind the objective of employing the local youth, the department of tourism said it will facilitate on-the-job training to be provided by employers for local employees in hotels and resorts.

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Tourist spots in Jharkhand gear up to welcome revellers



All arrangements are in place to welcome visitors to popular picnic spots and places of religious significance in Jharkhand as people gear up for New Year celebrations, officials said on Saturday.

The administration, however, has urged revellers to adhere to Covid protocols in the wake of rising cases in some countries.

Sites of natural beauty like waterfalls, lakes, hills and sanctuaries have already seen increased

footfalls in the last few days, a tourism department official said.

People have been frequenting the six major waterfalls in and around Ranchi, including Dasam, Hundru and Jonha, and the dams at Kanke, Dhurwa, Rukka and Patratu, he said.

The tourism department has also deputed 'Prayatka Mitras' (tourist helpers) at various places in the state.

Besides, the government has ensured adequate deployment of security personnel, drone surveillance and availability of divers at the tourist spots, the official said.

"No specific guideline for COVID – 19 has been issued, but we urge people to take precautionary measures like wearing masks at crowded places and hand sanitisation," State Tourism Secretary Manoj Kumar told.

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