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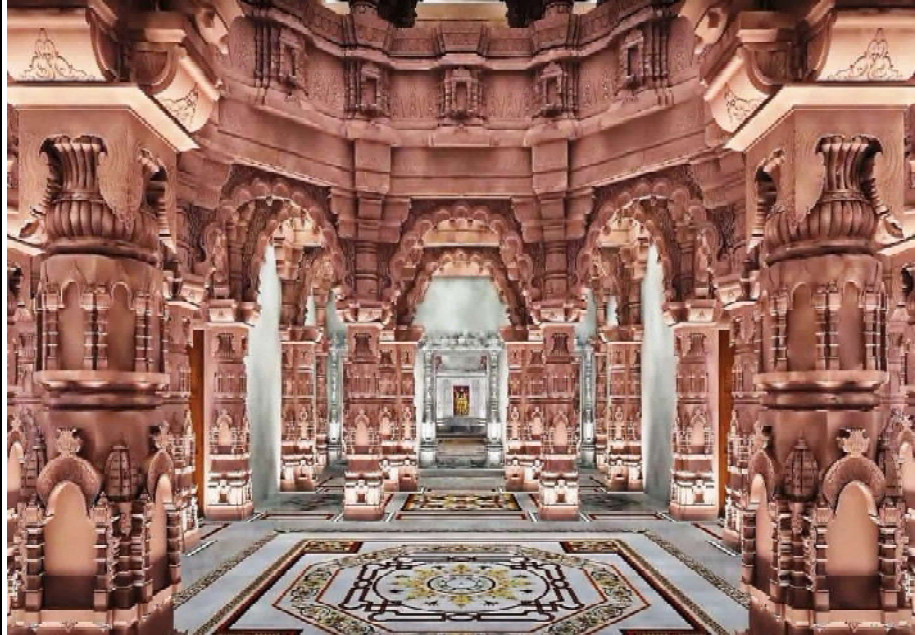
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The Ram Janm Bhumi Ayodhya is going to get lit with lights of happiness this year because the most awaited Ram Mandir Ayodhya is going to be completed soon. As we all know, Ayodhya is the Birth Place of Lord Rama and he is one of the principal deities of Hinduism. You should know Ram Mandir was being awaited for hundreds of years but it was not possible due to the clash with Babri Mosque. However, the Supreme Court of India passed the Judgement in 2019 in which Land was allocated to the Ram Mandir Trust and authority was passed to Government of India for forming the Trust. After that, the Government of India allocated the Budget for Ram Mandir and Construction was started at the Site. As per information coming to us, Ram Mandir Construction is almost complete and it may take 2-4 Months more for the completion. Moreover, you should know that the **Ayodhya Ram Mandir Opening Date 2024** is announced as per which inauguration will be done by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Sh Narendra Modi in the presence of other delegates.

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Appointments

Rahul Pachori (IRSSE: 2010), Deputy Secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy, was redesignated as Director, in the same department for a period up to 14.01.2026 i.e total tenure of five years. He counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 15.01.2021.

Pankaj Upadhyay (IDAS: 2010), Deputy Secretary in the Department of Biotechnology, was redesignated as Director for a period up to 22.02.2028 i.e total tenure of five years. He counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 23.02.2023.

Amit Guvnant Bhole (ICAS: 2010), presently Deputy Secretary in the Department of Revenue, was re-designated as Director, as a measure personal to him (w.e.f. 01.01.2024) for a period up to 06.06.2024 (i.e. a maximum admissible period of seven years away from cadre).

Anand Kumar Jha (IRS C&CE: 2010), Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, was redesignated as Director in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for a period up to 16.08.2025 i.e total tenure of five years. He counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 17.08.2020.

Vikram Kesharee Pradhan (IFoS: 2010: RJ), Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, was re-designated as Director in the same Ministry for a period up to 11.09.2027 i.e total tenure of five years. Pradhan counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 12.09.2022.

Priyank Chaturvedi (IRS C&CE: 2010), Deputy Secretary in the Department of Higher Education, was re-designated as Director in Department of Higher Education for a period up to 04.07.2026 i.e total tenure of five years. Chaturvedi counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 05.07.2021.

Shakti Kant Singh (IFoS: 2010: TR), Deputy Secretary in the Department of Rural Development, was re-designated as Director in the Department of Rural Development for a period up to 12.06.2027 i.e total tenure of five years. Singh counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 13.06.2022.

Juhi Verma (IDAS: 2010), Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, was re-designated as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs for a period up to 27.09.2025 i.e total tenure of five years. Verma counts her central deputation tenure w.e.f. 28.09.2020.

Harpreet Singh (IPoS: 1992), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre to avail the benefit of promotion in the cadre.

Shefali Swaroop (IRS IT: 1993), CVO, Department of Telecommunications, was prematurely repatriated to her parent cadre to avail the benefit of promotion in her cadre.

Ganesh S Bhatt (IFoS: 2003: UP), CVO, Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL), Mangaluru, has been entrusted with additional charge of the post of CVO, Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL), Chennai, for a period of six month w.e.f. 27.12.2023.

The additional charge of the post of CMD, AI Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL) was entrusted to Satyendra Kumar Mishra (IRS IT:1990) for a period from 01.03.2023 to 31.12.2023 or till the appointment of a regular CMD. Currently, Satyendra Kumar Mishra works as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The tenure of additional charge of the post of MD, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) assigned to Ritesh Chauhan (IAS: 2005: HP) was extended for a period from 01.08.2023 to 22.09.2024. Currently, Chauhan is JS, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

The additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of Bio-Technology was assigned to Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology from 22.12.2023 to 02.01.2024 during the priod of absence on leave of Dr Rajesh S Gokhale.

The deputation tenure of Saurabh Kumar Tiwari (IP&TA&FS: 1993), currently Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, was extended for a period of two years w.e.f. 11.12.2023.

PESB selected Hari Mohan Gupta (Director Infra, DFCCIL) for the post of CMD, IRCON International.

PESB selected Manoj Kumar Jain (Sr GM, EIL) for the post of CMD post in Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL).

The Central Deputation tenure of Prasanna V Salian (IES: 2008), currently Director in the Department of Economic Affairs, was extended for a period of two years beyond 30.04.2023 and upto 30.04.2026.

Ramana Babu C V was appointed to the post of Director (Marketing), ITI Ltd. on immediate absorbtion basis till 31.07.2028 i.e. the date of his superannuation. Currently, he is Principal General Manager (PGM), BSNL.

Pramod Sharma (IRSE: 1989) was appointed to the post of Director (Works), National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) till the date of attaining the age of 60 years. Currently, he is working as Principal Executive Director (Contract), NHSRCL.

IAS

Dr Subodh Kumar (IAS: 2010: TN), Private Secretary to the Minister for Food Processing Industries Pashupati Kumar Paras, was re-designated from Deputy Secretary level to Director level for a period up to 08.10.2024 or on co-terminus basis. He counts his Central Deputation tenure w.e.f. 09.10.2019.

Preeti Meena (IAS: 2010: TG), Deputy Secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy, was re-designated as Director, Department of School Education & Literacy for a period up to 15.02.2028 i.e total tenure of five years. She counts her central deputation tenure w.e.f. 16.02.2023.

Vijoy Kumar Singh (IAS: 1990: PB), Secretary, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence, has been repatriated to his parent cadre.

Adwait Kumar Singh (IAS: 2013: TG), deputy Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has been prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre.

M Maheshwar Rao (IAS: 1995: KN), Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Department of Space, has been repatriated to his parent cadre.

The additional charge of the post of Secretary, Ministry of Tourism was assigned to T. K. Ramachandran (IAS: 1991: TN), Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways till 31.12.2023 during the period of absence on leave of V Vidyavathi (IAS: 1991: KN)

The ACC cleared the appointment of Rashmi Singh (CGM, SAIL) as Director (Commercial) in MOIL Limited till the date of her superannuation i.e. 31.05.2027.

Dr S Tejaswi Naik (IAS: 2009: MP) was appointed as Private Secretary to Arjun Munda, Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare (M/o A&FW) & Tribal Affairs in M/o A&FW for a period ending 14.12.2027 i.e. for the balance period of five years tenure as PS.

Harsh Gupta (IAS: 1997:KN) was prematurely repatriated to parent cadre with the condition of extended cooling off. Currently, he is working as Project Director (JS level), National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP), National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Raghav Langer (IAS: 2009: UD) was appointed to the post of Director in D/o Water Resources, RD & GR for a tenure upto 03.10.2025 (i.e. maximum admissible period of 7 years away from cadre).

*The Central deputation tenure of Pushpendra Rajput (IAS: 1999: HP), Additional Secretary (JS level), UPSC, was extended for a period of three months beyond 29.11.2023 i.e. till February 2024.

Union Home Secretary A K Bhalla (IAS: 1984: AM) gets additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of Border Management (MHA) after the repatriation of Atal Dulloo (IAS: 1989: UT) to J&K as Chief Secretary.

Rupanjali Karthik (IAS: 2008: PB) was appointed as Director in the Department of Commerce for a period of five years.

Lalit Jain (IAS: 2011: HP) was appointed as DCO/DCR, Haryana for a period up to 31.12.2025.

IPS

Deepak Kumar (IPS: 1993: AGMUT) has been promoted to the grade of DGP (Level 16 in the Pay Matrix) w.e.f. 01.01.2024.

Nina Singh (IPS: 1989: RJ) was appointed as full-fledged Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

Anish Dayal Singh (IPS: 1988: MN) was appointed as full-fledged Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Vivek Srivastava (IPS: 1989: GJ) was appointed as Director General, Fire Service, Civil Defence & Home Guards in Level-16 of the Pay Matrix up to 30.06.2025 i.e. date of his superannuation.

*Datla Sreenivasa Varma (IPS: 1997: MP) was appointed as Joint Director, CBI for a period of five years

Anand Pratap Singh (IPS: 1997: HP) was appointed as Inspector General in Border Security Force (BSF) against existing vacancy on deputation basis for a period of five years.

Jitendra Singh Meena (IPS: 2007: CG) was appointed as DIG for a period of five years.

Vinayak Verma (IPS: 2013: MP) appointed as SP in CBI for a period of five years.

Achal Tyagi (IPS: 2015: GJ) appointed as SP in CBI for a period of five years.

Praveen Kumar (IPS: 2016: GJ) appointed as SP in CBI for a period of five years.

Rashmi Shukla appointed Maharashtra DGP

Rashmi Shukla (IPS: 1998: MH) has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of Maharashtra. She was serving as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal and had also served as the Additional Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Before being sent on a central deputation, Shukla had held several key posts in Maharashtra, including serving as the Pune police commissioner and director of the state intelligence wing.




Nina Singh : CISF gets first ever woman Chief



With the appointment and regularisation of Nina Singh as DG, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Rajasthan cadre, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has got the first woman chief. While working as Special DG she held the additional charge of DG CISF w.e.f. 01.09.2023 following the superannuation of Sheel Vardhan Singh (IPS:1986:BH) on 31.08.2023.

Singh will command a 1.76 lakh-strong force (till her superannuation) which guards key establishments across India that includes civil airports, industrial installations, sensitive aerospace and nuclear installations, metro rails, dams and union government's buildings and premises. She holds a masters degree in public administration from Harvard University in the US. She is married to her batchmate Rohit Kumar Singh (IAS: 1989: RJ) who currently serves as Union Secretary for Consumer Affairs. She was awarded the Ati Utkrisht Seva Medal for professional excellence in 2020, the report stated.



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Best Wishes To The Chief Secretary

The chief secretary Shanti Kumari has two reasons to celebrate. The new year celebration and another one is , the officer has completed one year of service as chief secretary. Yes the officer has taken the charge on 11th Jan 2023. In the last year she has done the tremendous work and had supervised various important events. Best wishes to the lady officer, who is also the first lady to be the chief secretary of Telangana state.



Incident Free Year

Addressing an annual press conference , the Director General of Police Ravi Gupta said 2023 would be an incident-free year compared to the previous one, though it was quite hectic for the police due to the legislative assembly polls held recently.

Talking about policing with regard to the drug trade, the DGP said the police is following a “zero tolerance” policy on this issue and will be extremely tough on those dealing with narcotics. Anyone engaged with drugs, be it selling, purchasing, facilitating or possessing, would be dealt with stringently as per applicable laws of the land, he added.



We will make the city a better place to live

The Hyderabad City police recorded an overall 2% increase in crimes in 2023. Its break up shows that all bodily crimes increased by 16%, all grave bodily crimes by 39%. Crimes against women also increased by 12%, said Hyderabad City Police Commissioner Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy addressing a press conference on ‘Hyderabad City Police Annual Round-up 2023’ in the city.

He said that the conviction rate during the year has increased by 20% and expressed satisfaction. “We have young, brave, well-reputed officers in the Hyderabad City police team now. We will make the city a better place for people to live here,” the Commissioner said.



Perfect Policing On Priority

Rachakonda Police Commissionerate witnessed a 6.86% increase in crime in 2023 compared to last year. A 25% increase in cyber crimes was recorded with 2,562 cases reported in 2023 compared to 2,049 cases last year. Crimes against women witnessed a 6.25% drop this year with 3,122 cases in 2023 compared to 3,330 in 2022.

The data was released by Rachakonda Police Commissioner G. Sudheer Babu at the annual press meet-2023 held in Nagole. He said that the road accidents dropped by 5.76% with 3321 cases reported in 2023 as against 3524 cases in 2022. 2024 will be year of new initiatives and best perfect policing.



Committed Policing ‘On Screen’

Cyberabad police commissionerate recorded a sharp spike in the money lost in cyber crime cases in the ongoing year which is set to end. While ₹ 66.66 crore was lost in the 4850 cyber crime cases in 2022, ₹ 232.34 crore was lost in 5342 cases in 2023. This is a 248% jump in monetary terms. In 2022, ₹ 7.57 crore was frozen, ₹ 46 crore was frozen this year. This year, 339 accused were arrested in the cyber crime cases and 168 cases were detected.

The data was released in the annual press meet by Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mohanty. The new CP has already gave the instructions to the police personals to perform their duties with commitment and zeal. Now after a gap tough policing can be seen at Cyberabad !



Warm Welcome

HE Governor of Telangana Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan extended Warm Welcome to Hon’ble Vice President of India Shri. Jagdeep Dhankhar at Begumpet Airport Hyderabad. The VP participated & Addressed in the Late Justice Konda Madhava Reddy garu 100th Birth Anniversary Celebration & Postal cover Release programme.

Another news is, some media has reported that new Governor will be appointed for Telangana, but finally Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan stated the news is not true , no new appointment as she is going to continue as a Governor. No change for the moment !!



Remarkable Services

“Congratulations to the entire team at Fernandez on completing 75 years of remarkable service and for the launch of the new Outpatient facility at Necklace Road”. Jennifer Larson, the Consul General of US in Hyderabad as a guest inaugurated above facility and also posted on official account. Yes Fernandez hospitals is known for remarkable services.



Wonderful Interaction

Gareth Wynn Owen UK Dy. High Commissioner had a good time interacting with Teach For India childrens

“It was wonderful 90 mins interacting with the children and very impressed with their enthusiasm, knowledge and questions. I left the classroom full of energy and look forward to speaking with other childrens too.” Stated Mr. Owen. Childrens are always wonderful !



Meeting Of The Month

“I am glad to host my dear friends Mr. Shekar Reddy and Mr. Shaikh Samiuddin, respectively the Chairman and the Director of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in Telangana, along with my Commercial Attaché Ms. Tuðçe Gül.” Posted Turkey consul general Orhan Yalman Okan, the diplomat who is known for this hard work and hospitality.



Amazing Hospitality

It was pleasure joining the Holiday Dinner party at the residence of British Deputy High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen and Madam Molly in the last week of December in Hyderabad.

Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan Honorary Consul of Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh India and US consul general Jennifer Larson can also be seen in the picture. Amazing hospitality !



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Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy with IAS officers during New Year Celebrations organized by IAS Officers Association.



Chief Minister YS.Jagan Mohan Reddy cutting new year cake with his CMO officers.CS Jawahar Reddy can also be seen in the picture.

New Year Celebrations

Welcome 2024 ! The new year celebrations is on screen. Good to see diplomats and bureaucrats celebrating new year with fellow officers. In both the states the officers has gathered on the occasion and the Hon'ble CMs of both the Telugu states has also participated in the event. The IAS officers association and IPS associations has called a get-together and made wonderful arrangements. 'Mid-night Reporter', the magazine which is exclusively for bureaucrats wishes all the officers a very happy and a prosperous new year. Wishes for more happiness and good health.



Minister Konda Surekha with Governor Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan.



Home Secretary Jitender,IPS conveying New Year wishes to CS Shanti Kumari.



DGP Ravi Gupta with Sr.IPS officers Anjani Kumar, Jitender and Govind Singh during new year celebrations. Other IPS officer can also be seen in the picture.




DGP Ravi Gupta with lady IPS officers during new year celebrations. IPS Shikha Goel, Abhilasha Bisht,Soumya Mishra and others lady officers can be seen in the picture.



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PFC Bags SAFA Gold Award for Best Presented Accounts / Annual Report



The 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 Best Presented Accounts / Annual Report Awards (BPA) in 'Public Sector Entities' category for the Financial Year 2021-22 .

PFC was bestowed with this coveted Award for its highest level of transparency in accounting practices and for achieving excellence in presenting and disclosing high-quality, relevant, reliable and objective financial statements following the international framework. SAFA was formed in 1984 to serve the accountancy profession in the South Asian Region and uphold its eminence in the world of accountancy. It represents the Eleven Professional Accountancy bodies in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Maldives. The SAFABPA Award is considered South Asia's most prestigious financial reporting accolade.

PFC last year won the SAFA Gold for the financial year 2020-21, and this is the first time since the inception of these awards in the year 1997 that any Indian Company has won a 'Gold' in the category of "Public Sector Entities" for two consecutive years. It is worth mentioning that PFC had earlier won the ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) Gold Award for excellence in financial reporting in the 'Public Sector Entities' category for the Financial Year 2021-22.

Parminder Chopra, CMD and Addl. Charge Director (Finance), Sandeep Kumar, ED (Finance), R K Malhotra, ED (Finance) and . Mohd. Salim, SGM (Finance), received this coveted Award at an award distribution ceremony held at Ghaziabad.

NLC India mines awarded as top performing mines in the country



Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, CMD, NLC India Limited (NLCIL) along with Director (Mines), Executive Directors (Mines) and the Mining team, received 13 prestigious Star Rating Awards from Pralhad Joshi, Minister of Coal & Mines for exceptional performance of Coal and Lignite mines of the Navratna CPSU in the presence of Amrit Lal Meena, Secretary, Ministry of Coal and M Nagaraju, AS & NA, Ministry of Coal.

The Ministry of Coal awarded prestigious Star Rating Awards at a ceremony here to recognize the exceptional performance of Coal and Lignite mines. With a steadfast commitment to elevating industry standards, the Ministry has implemented a well-defined mechanism to enhance performance across key criteria, promoting responsible coal mining practices for sustained growth and development. For the year 2018-19, NLC India Ltd's Mine I and Mine II received the Star Rating Awards. In 2019-20, NLCIL's Mine I, Mine II and Mine IA were felicitated for their performance. In 2020-21, NLCIL's Mine II, Mine I, Talabira II & III Coal OCP and Barsingsar Lignite Mine received the Star Rating Awards. In 2021-22, NLCIL's Mine I, Mine-II, Barsingsar Lignite Mine and Talabira II & III coal OCP were awarded for their performances.

Mine-I and IA are adjudged as No.1 Mines in the country for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21. On this occasion, Prasanna Kumar said, "these 13 awards received year-on-year basis by all the Mines of NLC India Limited is a recognition of the efforts of NLCIL to promote best and sustainable mining practices and to elevate industry standards." "We are thankful to the Ministry of Coal for focusing on excellence in coal and lignite mining. These awards will encourage us to continue our devotion to operational efficiency, safety, and environmental sustainability," CMD, NLCIL added.

Coal India emerges top PSU in e-market procurement

The Ministry of Coal, along with its Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), has reached a record procurement of Rs 34,524 crore through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) exceeding the target of Rs 21,325 crore with a 162 per cent achievement rate so far in the current financial year (2023-24).

GeM authorities have informed that Coal India Ltd and its subsidiaries are leading among all Central public sector enterprises of the country in GeM procurement.

Also, the Ministry of Coal is presently at second position in overall procurement through GeM among all Central Ministries/Departments, the coal ministry said on Thursday.

It is expected that by end of this financial year, Ministry of Coal will be overall at first position, the statement added.

This accomplishment reflects the Ministry's dedication to streamlining procurement processes, embracing digital solutions and contributing to the nation's economic growth.

The Ministry of Coal continues to set benchmarks in efficient governance, establishing itself as a leader in procurement practices within the government sector, the statement added.

BHEL wins Governance Now PSU IT Awards 2023



For dedicated innovation and excellence in the field of information technology, BHEL has been adjudged the winner of three Governance Now PSU IT Awards for the year 2023. The Governance Now PSU IT Awards are given to honour the efforts and excellence of PSUs in IT. The company was unanimously selected for the awards in the categories of Cybersecurity and Data Protection, IT Innovation and Excellence in Software Development, by an independent jury. The awards were received by J.P. Srivastava, Director (E, R&D) and Director (Finance) – Addl. Charge along with other senior officials of the company from Dr. Vikram Singh, Former DGP, Uttar Pradesh, at a function held in New Delhi.

PNB Recognises Hockey Players for Outstanding Contributions

Punjab National Bank (PNB), the nation's leading public sector bank, felicitated its Hockey Team players who are part of the Indian National Team – Shamsher Singh (Tokyo Olympic 2020 Bronze Medalist & Commonwealth Games 2022 Silver Medalist), Abhishek (Commonwealth Games 2022 Silver Medalist) and Sukhjeet Singh- for their notable contributions during the recently held Asian Games 2022 in China during September-October 2023.

Congratulating the Hockey players on their success, **Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO, PNB**, expressed, "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our superheroes for their contribution in securing the Gold Medal for the nation in the Asian Games 2022. The way you all have showed your strength, determination, and positive attitude to overcome all obstacles, are your greatest contribution to this country, and an inspiration to the PNB Parivaar and above all to the nation."

The felicitation event took place at the Bank's Corporate Office in Delhi and was graced by the presence of Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO of PNB, along with Executive Directors Kalyan Kumar, Binod Kumar and Chief Vigilance Officer Raghendra Kumar. The event was also graced by special guests Romesh Pathania (Dronacharya awardee and former coach of PNB Senior Hockey Team) and Ashok Kumar Sharma (first Nodal Officer, PNB Hockey Academy).

MRPL Celebrates Kannada Rajyotsava



The valedictory event of MRPL Kannada Rajyotsava's 2023 celebration was held at MERC Hall MRPL. Senior Kannada Poet B.R. Lakshman Rao and the first female Yakshgana Bhagavatha Smt. Leelavathi Bypadithaya were the chief guests. On the occasion, 10 retired Kannada teachers from the neighbouring schools were felicitated.

The procession of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari was undertaken in MRPL township as part of the celebration. Homage was given to Marty Captain M V Pranjalduring the procession, with a tableau of his sacrifice leading the procession. Famous folk artists such as Veeragaase, Pili Vessa, Chande, and Kaldka Bombe performed during the procession. A Cultural extravaganza presented by the Alvas College Team enthralled the entire audience.

ONGC launches Shared Finance Services in collaboration with IBM

Energy Maharatna ONGC launched a significant business process initiative today with the inauguration of the ONGC Shared Finance Services in collaboration with IBM Consulting. This will centralize and standardise all vendor payments of ONGC, accelerating the processes for an enhanced 360-degree vendor experience. ONGC Chairman and CEO Arun Kumar Singh, inaugurated the Centre at Noida in the presence of ONGC Director (Finance) Pomila Jaspal, and IBM Consulting India/South Asia Country Managing Partner Kamal Singhani on 14 December 2023.

The event also witnessed participation of MD OVL Rajarshi Gupta, ONGC Director (Exploration) Sushma Rawat, Director (Human Resources) Manish Patil, CVO ONGC Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Director (Finance) OVL Anupam Aggarwal, MRPL Director (Finance) Vivek Tongaonkar and senior leadership team of IBM.



Is Natural Wine Healthier Than Regular Wine? Experts Weigh In



- The natural wine movement has many proponents touting various health claims of the low-sulfite alternative to regular wine.

- Natural winemaking benefits small producers and the surrounding environment, but experts say most health benefits lack sufficient evidence.

- Some research shows that people with sulfite sensitivity react to certain wines, but more studies are needed.

- Whether you choose natural or regular wine, moderation is recommended for overall health. From orange to glou-glou, piquette to pét nat, organic, biodynamic, unfiltered, and zero-zero, natural wines are much more than a low-sulfite alternative to conventional wine.

Natural wine is not a new trend or buzzword despite its recent rise in popularity. Humans have been fermenting grapes without additives for millennia.

Like regular wine, natural wine is grown wherever conditions are ripe: in the heart of the Mediterranean and around the world in similar hospitable microclimates.

The funk, flavor, and juiciness factor of natural wine is unique to the terroir (soil) in which its grapevines were grown and harvested.

The crisp whites of Slovenia's Vipava Valley take on the minerality of surrounding limestone mountains. Just south of Barcelona in Priorat, Spain, there are bold, intense reds that are infused with slate absorbed by roots that grow through layers of rock in this arid, mountainous region. Juicy reds from France's famously picturesque Loire Valley or the rolling hills of Tuscany, meanwhile, might be more fruit-forward and hit the nose with herbs and spice. Natural wine is grown using little to no additives, such as sulfites, and without pesticides, herbicides, or other chemicals. This low-intervention approach is usually rooted in traditional winemaking styles.

Is natural wine actually healthier for you? It depends on who you ask.

Many natural wine enthusiasts believe this to be true, but experts say most purported health claims are unsubstantiated by research.

“The alcohol industry has been implicated in the propagation of deceptive narratives asserting the health benefits of alcohol consumption,” said Kesley Costa, a registered dietitian nutritionist and nutrition consultant for the National Coalition on Healthcare.

"The natural wine movement has gained popularity in recent years as a perceived healthier and more wholesome alternative to conventional wines. However, this perception is not supported by scientific evidence," she told Healthline.

Whether you're a skeptic, proponent, or natural wine curious, here's what you should know. Natural wine vs. regular wine: What's the difference?

Compared to large-scale conventional wine manufacturing, natural wine is produced on smaller-scale, sustainable vineyards to protect local grapes.

Natural wine can be organic or biodynamic and many small wine producers are natural wine producers by default. During the natural winemaking process, nothing is added or removed. Conventional wines, on the other hand, use dozens of additives to make them more appealing to the broader population.

Winemaker Georges Kalligeros of the natural wine importer D-I Wine said natural wine offers a healthier alternative to conventional wine because it uses organically and sustainably farmed grapes. Kalligeros noted the benefits to winemakers and the surrounding environment, specifically. "While common principles of organic viticulture forbid synthetic phytosanitary products, conventional viticulture allows hundreds of plant production products (PPPs), including pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides," he told Healthline.

"The PPPs used in conventional viticulture are harmful to winemakers, viticulture workers, and populations living in the vicinity of vineyards," he added.

Kalligeros notes that heavy pesticide use in viticulture is linked to higher rates of health conditions among vineyard workers, including:

Experts say many health claims about natural wine are anecdotal and lack sufficient evidence. Still, some people may benefit from choosing natural over conventional, such as those sensitive to additives like sulfites. “Natural winemaking is not only about avoiding pesticides in the farming of the vines but also about eschewing additives during the winemaking process itself,” Kalligeros said. “Conventional wine can contain up to 49 additives, as permitted by the [European Union], and 70 or more in the USA. Organic wines in the EU (which do not use pesticides in farming) also allow the use of 35 additives during vinification. This is what ultimately distinguishes natural wine: no additives are allowed, with the exception, in some cases, of a minimal dose of sulfur dioxide (SO₂).” he noted.

The Year's Top Medical Breakthroughs in Weight Loss



One of the most prevalent chronic health issues in the United States is obesity and it's linked to higher risks of other serious chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

Recent figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 41.9% of Americans are living with obesity, and medical costs associated with the condition totaled nearly \$173 billion in 2019.

It's an issue that is only continuing to grow in national impact. Population data from 2022 reveals an adult obesity prevalence of 35% in 22 states — a number that has shot up from 19 states just the year before.

However, new innovations and breakthroughs in 2023 have resulted in new tools that can help effectively treat obesity.

Here's an overview of how those breakthroughs have changed obesity treatment this year and a look ahead at what's to come in 2024 and beyond.

In 2014, liraglutide, a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist drug for diabetes was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for weight management in people living with obesity who don't have diabetes.

It was the first drug of its kind to be approved for this purpose, according to the NEJM Journal Watch.

That was followed by semaglutide (sold under the brand names Ozempic and Wegovy) in 2021, reports Harvard Health Publishing.

This paradigm shift in how these drugs were being used came to a head this year, when it seemed like every major health news headline revolved around GLP-1 medications and their implications for tackling the nation's obesity epidemic.

In November, the FDA approved the Eli Lilly and Co. diabetes medication Zepbound (tirzepatide) — which was originally approved and marketed as Mounjaro to help treat diabetes — for chronic weight management in people with obesity who don't have diabetes.

The medication essentially turns on the hormones GLP-1 and GIP (glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide).

These hormones work in concert to essentially cut down on one's appetite and food consumption.

The drug spurs insulin production, which is effective for people with type 2 diabetes.

However, it's that key element of cutting down on food intake that makes it particularly effective for people who are attempting to lose weight.

Dr. Angela Fitch, FACP, FOMA, chief medical officer at knownwell, president of the Obesity Medicine Association, and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard University, told Healthline that the approval of these newer, more effective weight loss medications like Zepbound are “the biggest breakthrough we’ve had in the past five years.”

Others agree. This year, Science named these drugs the single biggest scientific breakthrough of 2023.

"We've had semaglutide on the market for a significant period of time — that was a huge advancement scientifically in the treatment of weight — and most recently, you had tirzepatide advancing, which is also a significant," Fitch said. "We are just getting better and better scientifically in figuring out the chemistry behind metabolism, which is what we are ultimately talking about."

Dr. Steven Nissen, a cardiologist at Cleveland Clinic, pointed out that tirzepatide has been revealed to result in a 20% reduction in body weight for people who are living with overweight or obesity.

Nissen, who has been leading an ongoing 15,000 patient study on tirzepatide, calls the drug “a turning point in the battle against obesity.”





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Double Bash
It's too good to celebrate two birthday parties at one evening. The two besties Geet Gupta & Kavita Kedia planned a remarkable birthday party for dear friends. Good gathering of beautiful feminine's in the party, full of music, masti ,dine and coco cakes. After the event the social media was full with the party pictures and selfies. That's amazing !

It's Sushila Style
Sushila Bokadia, feminine who is known for her own style in the town.And just imagine in what way and in what range she has thrown a party on her birthday day.It was a big gathering including who who's of the town.The birthday theme and the black & golden color atmosphere was the attraction.Many reasons to say event of the month. Wishes to Bokadia family.

Man of the match
After every match, especially in finals the cricket lovers eagerly watch and predicts too that who will grab the 'man of the match'. Hope all agree ! When cricketer Amit Gupta,the versatile chap posted his picture , the same old days remembered. And finally Amit endorsed it many appreciations for his performance. Crazy cricket !!

JCI 28th Installation Nite
JCI Hyderabad Deccan, the well-known platform for social cause has planned its 28th Installation Nite 'wings of glory' in the town recently. Many cultural activities were on the screen and the announcement of new members was the attraction of the event.

The Timeless Saree
Kancharla Lakshmikathyayini, the happening interior designer is looking fabulous in traditional attire saree. Take, for instance, the timeless saree. A long piece of fabric is available in countless hues and styles reserved for diverse occasions. While it has roots tracing back to ancient civilizations, its appeal remains undiminished today.

Dr.Sreekanth releases Midnight Reporter's Dec edition
Midnight Reporter's "Dhoom December" edition is out with a bang released by Guinness World Record holder for health awareness and Sr.Consultant Surgical Oncologist , Yashoda Hospitals , Somajiguda Dr.K.Sreekanth. One of the best, highly experienced and soft spoken doctor. Click the link for epaper : <https://midnightreporter.com/December-2023.pdf>

Merry Christmas
Jingle bells..! jingle bells..! Christmas celebrations by Montessori Shots With Aditi is on screen. She is AMI certified Montessori Directress who is expert and coordinator for many activities , phonics,maths,writing skills and lot more. Unique profession !



A Year in Design: The Most-Read Stories of 2023

What design concepts sparked readers’ interest in 2023? From the tranquil allure of nature-inspired homes to the modern transformation of a Sedona spa and a must-see roster of industry luminaries, this year’s design landscape beckoned readers into a realm of creativity, functionality, and aesthetic innovation. Offering a balance between self-care and adventure, our curated selection of top design reads showcases spaces fueled by boundary-pushing firms, a keen awareness of the natural world, and an eye toward the future. Take a look!

Explore This Year’s Top Design Reads

Nestled among the trees, this home enticed a young, creative couple to move from New York City to North Vancouver, British Columbia, where they decided to put down roots and raise their two children. The family liked the original proportions of the property and decided to expand the footprint minimally. The mid-century home design, however, didn’t fit their vision so they called on Olson Kundig to reinvent it while Erica Colpitts Interior Design took care of the interiors.

Young couple Lauren and Will—in their mid-30s—have been living in New York City for almost a decade. A few months ago, following the birth of their first child, they decided to move from their apartment in search of more space. It took them eight months to find this 1901 brownstone in South Slope, Brooklyn. They immediately fell in love with the original features, including the stained-glass windows, but they also needed to make some design changes. They decided to start a renovation with the help of Appel Architecture, who recommended Crystal Sinclair Designs for the interiors.

The Arizona desert town of Sedona is sometimes referred to as the New Age Capital. It’s a longtime mecca for yogis and spiritual seekers, thanks in part to its otherworldly landscape of striated red-rock formations. That’s why Enchantment Group, the Scottsdale-based resort-management company, decided to open Mii amo—now an *Interior Design* Best of Year Award winner—there in 2001, and why Gluckman Tang Architects decided to put its concept for the project entirely in the service of one goal: highlighting Sedona’s beauty.

Ever since the pandemic devastated the hospitality industry, we’ve been waiting for the comeback—and 2022 might be it. *Interior Design*’s Hospitality Giants brought in \$576 million total fees, up 36 percent from the previous year. It’s a welcome surge: When 2020 went viral, so to speak, fees dropped by more than half, to \$423 million in 2021, after having enjoyed a decade-long ascent from \$600 million to a record \$1.1 billion in 2019.

In an atmospheric deep-blue lounge surveyed by a glowing light-art installation resembling the setting sun, a prep counter hand-troweled with metallic plaster becomes a stage where chefs prepare inventive Michelin-starred fare under the watchful gaze of diners ensconced in Patricia Urquiola’s cossetting Ruff armchairs.



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1 जनवरी 2024 से दुनिया की आबादी 8 अरब को पार कर जाएगी। अमेरिका के सेंसस ब्यूरो ने गुरुवार (28 दिसंबर) को अपनी रिपोर्ट में ये दावा किया है। इसके मुताबिक, पिछले 1 साल में दुनिया की जनसंख्या में करीब 7.5 करोड़ का इजाफा हुआ है। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, दुनिया में हर सेकेंड 4.3 लोग जन्म लेते हैं, जबकि 1 सेकेंड में 2 लोगों की मौत होती है।

अमेरिका के सेंसस ब्यूरो के मुताबिक, 1 जनवरी 2024 को दुनिया की कुल आबादी 8.02 अरब हो जाएगी। 1 जनवरी 2023 के आंकड़ा 7.94 अरब था। नवंबर 2022 में UN ने अनुमान लगाया था कि दुनिया की आबादी 8 अरब पहुंच गई थी। जनसंख्या में 1 अरब की बढ़ोतरी में करीब 11 साल का समय लगा।

यूएन ने कहा था- नवंबर 2022 में ही आबादी 8 अरब हो जाएगी- यूएन सेक्रेटरी जनरल एंटोनियो गुटेरेस ने जनसंख्या में बढ़ोतरी का श्रेय वैज्ञानिक उपलब्धियों, न्यूट्रिशन, हेल्थ और सैनिटेशन फैसिलिटी में सुधार को दिया था। हालांकि, US सेंसस ब्यूरो के मुताबिक 26 सितंबर, 2023 को दुनिया की आबादी 8 अरब पहुंची। अमेरिका ब्यूरो ने कहा था कि उनके आंकड़े यूएन से अलग हैं, क्योंकि कुछ देशों में बर्थ और डेथ रेट काउंट करने के लिए सही सिस्टम नहीं है। सेंसस ब्यूरो ने आशंका जताई है कि अब जनसंख्या को 9 अरब पहुंचने में करीब 14 साल का समय लगेगा। वहीं आबादी 10 अरब होने में 16.4 साल और लग सकते हैं। सेंसस ब्यूरो के मुताबिक, आबादी बढ़ने की दर में कमी की एत वजह फर्टिलिटी रेट कम होना है।

कोरोना के बाद जनसंख्या बढ़ने की दर घटी- वहीं दुनिया में यूथ की आबादी फिलहाल कम है, जिसका सीधा असर आबादी पर पड़ता है। इसके अलावा कोरोना महामारी का भी पोपुलेशन बढ़ने पर नकारात्मक असर पड़ा है। महामारी की वजह से 2021 में ग्लोबल लाइफ एक्सपेक्टेंसी यानी लोगों की एवरेज एज कम होकर 71 साल हो गई। फोर्ब्स के मुताबिक, सेंसस ब्यूरो ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में बताया कि 1 जनवरी 2024 को अमेरिका की आबादी करीब 33.59 करोड़ पहुंच जाएगी। 1 साल के अंदर इसमें करीब 17.59 लाख की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की गई। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, जनवरी में अमेरिका में हर 9 सेकेंड में 1 बच्चा जन्म लेगा। वहीं हर 9.5 सेकेंड में एक व्यक्ति की मृत्यु होगी।

जन्म दर के घटने के बाद भी क्यों तेजी से बढ़ी आबादी? आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, 1951 में एक महिला औसतन 5 बच्चों को जन्म देती थी। अब साल 2021 में यह आंकड़ा 2.5 पर आ गया है। पिछले 70 सालों में जन्म दर आधी हो गई है। तो अब सवाल यह उठता है कि जन्म दर आधी हो जाने के बावजूद विश्व की आबादी इतनी तेजी से कैसे बढ़ी? दरअसल जन्म दर से आबादी की आधी कहानी ही पता चलती है। जब हम मृत्यु दर पर नजर डालते हैं तो पाते हैं कि अब हर साल 1000 लोगों में 7.60 लोगों की मौत होती है, जबकि 1000 लोगों पर हर साल करीब 18 लोगों का जन्म होता है। यानी जन्म दर का आंकड़ा मृत्यु दर से 2 गुना से ज्यादा है। आबादी में बढ़ोतरी का एक अहम कारण यह है।

गाजा नर्क जैसा, वहां कोई बेकसूर नहीं : हमस कैद से छूटी बंधक बोली



गाजा में मुझे नर्क जैसा महसूस हुआ। वहां सब आतंकवादी हैं। वहां रहने वाला कोई भी शख्स बेकसूर नहीं है।

ये कहना है 21 साल की इजराइली नागरिक मिया शेम का, जो 30 नवंबर को हमस की कैद से रिहा होकर घर लौटी। शुक्रवार को इजराइल के चैनल 12 और 13 को दिए अपने इंटरव्यू में मिया ने बंधक के तौर पर अपना अनुभव साझा किया। 7 अक्टूबर को इजराइल में हमस ने हमला किया था। इस दौरान उन्होंने नोवा म्यूजिक

फेस्टिवल से मिया को भी अगवा कर लिया था। इस दौरान मिया के हाथ में गोली लगी थी। शुक्रवार को इंटरव्यू के दौरान मिया ने कहा- हमले के वक्त मैं अपनी दोस्त के साथ कार में छिप गई थी। मैंने वहां से भागने की कोशिश की थी, लेकिन हमस लड़ाकों ने फायरिंग करके टायर पंचर कर दिए थे। इसके बाद उन्होंने मेरे हाथ पर गोली चलाई। मैं जमीन पर गिर गई। मैंने अपना हाथ खो दिया। मेरी कार खून से सन गई थी।

मिया ने आगे कहा- हमस आतंकी मेरी आंखों के सामने मेरी दोस्त एलिया को उठा ले गए। उसके हाथ बांधे दिए थे। इजराइली सेना को इसी महीने गाजा में उसका शव मिला। हमस आतंकी उस वक्त किसी भी घायल व्यक्ति पर गोली चला रहे थे। मैंने इससे बचने के लिए मेरे होने का नाटक किया, लेकिन तभी मैंने जलती हुई कारों के बीच एक आदमी को देखा। मुझे लगा वो इजराइली है तो मैं मदद के लिए चिल्लाने लगी, लेकिन वो हमस का लड़ाका था।

मिया ने आगे बताया- उसने मुझे उठने के लिए कहा। फिर वो मुझे गलत ढंग से छूने लगा। इसके बाद किसी ने मुझे बालों से पकड़कर एक कार में डाल दिया। मुझे गाजा ले जाया गया। यहां मुझे एक अस्पताल के कमरे में रखा गया। मेरे हाथ पर प्लास्टिक का एक टुकड़ा बांधा गया था। मुझे लगा था कि वो मेरा हाथ काट देंगे।

मिया ने कहा- बिना बेहोश किए सर्जरी की मिया ने बताया- 3 दिन बाद उन्होंने मुझे हिजाब पहनने को कहा। फिर वो मुझे सर्जरी रूम में ले गए। मुझे बिना बेहोश किए, हाथ की सर्जरी की गई। जिस व्यक्ति ने मेरी सर्जरी की थी उसने कहा था कि मैं जिंदा घर नहीं लौट पाऊंगी। इसके बाद मुझे हमस के लिए एक वीडियो रिकॉर्ड करने को कहा गया। मुझे बताया गया कि वीडियो में मुझे हमस की तारीफ करनी है। कहना है कि गाजा में मेरा ख्याल रखा जा रहा है।

2024 का चुनाव नहीं लड़ पाएंगे इमरान खान



पाकिस्तान के इलेक्शन कमीशन (ECP) ने इमरान खान का नॉमिनेशन खारिज कर दिया है। अब इमरान 8 फरवरी को होने वाले आम चुनाव नहीं लड़ पाएंगे। खान पर करप्शन के आरोप हैं। वो तोशाखाना मामले में अगस्त 2023 से जेल में बंद हैं।

इमरान खान ने लाहौर और मियावली से नामांकन भरा था। यहां से कई कैंडिडेट्स के नाम खारिज हुए, इनमें से एक नाम खान का था। इलेक्शन

कमिशन ने कहा- इमरान पर कई केस चल रहे हैं। वो लाहौर निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के पंजीकृत मतदाता भी नहीं हैं इसलिए उनका नामांकन खारिज किया जा रहा है।

तोशाखाना केस में इमरान को 3 साल की जेल-

5 अगस्त 2023 को इस्लामाबाद की ट्रायल कोर्ट ने तोशाखाना मामले में खान को 3 साल की सजा सुनाई थी। कोर्ट ने पूर्व पाकिस्तानी PM पर एक लाख पाकिस्तानी रुपए का जुर्माना भी लगाया। इसके बाद लाहौर पुलिस ने PTI चेयरमैन को उनके जमाना पार्क स्थित घर से अरेस्ट किया था। बाद में उन्हें इस्लामाबाद लाया गया था।

अब तोशाखाना केस को तपसील से समझिए-

चुनाव आयोग के सामने सत्ताधारी पाकिस्तानी डेमोक्रेटिक मूवमेंट ने तोशाखाना गिफ्ट मामले उठाया था। कहा था कि इमरान ने अपने कार्यकाल के दौरान विभिन्न देशों से मिले गिफ्ट को बेच दिया था।

करीब दो साल पहले अबरार खालिद नाम के एक पाकिस्तानी शख्स ने इन्फॉर्मेशन कमीशन में एक अर्जी दायर की थी। कहा- इमरान को दूसरे देशों से मिले गिफ्ट्स की जानकारी दी जाए। जवाब मिला- गिफ्ट्स की जानकारी नहीं दी जा सकती। खालिद भी जिद्दी निकले। उन्होंने इस्लामाबाद हाईकोर्ट में याचिका दायर कर दी।

इस्लामाबाद हाईकोर्ट ने इमरान से पूछा था- आप तोहफों की जानकारी क्यों नहीं देते? इस पर खान के वकील का जवाब था- इससे मुक्त की सलामती यानी सुरक्षा को खतरा है। दूसरे देशों से रिश्ते खराब हो सकते हैं। इसलिए अवाम को दूसरे देशों से मिले तोहफों की जानकारी नहीं दे सकते। तस्वीर जनवरी 2019 की है। फोटो में गवर्नर तबुक प्रिंस फहद बिन सुल्तान बिन अब्दुल अजीज अल सऊद ने तत्कालीन चड इमरान खान को 'गोल्ड कलाशिनकोव' का तोहफा और गोलियां भेंट की थीं।

तोशाखाना का नियम क्या है-

पाकिस्तान की पत्रकार आलिया शाह के मुताबिक पाकिस्तान में प्रधानमंत्री, राष्ट्रपति या दूसरे पद पर रहने वालों को मिले तोहफों की जानकारी नेशनल आर्काइव को देनी होती है। इन्हें तोशाखाना में जमा कराना होता है। अगर तोहफा 10 हजार पाकिस्तानी रुपए की कीमत वाला होता है तो बिना कोई पैसा चुकाए इसे संबंधित व्यक्ति रख सकता है।

तोहफे की अनुमानित कीमत अगर 10 हजार से ज्यादा है तो 20 प्रतिशत कीमत देकर गिफ्ट अपने पास रखा जा सकता है। अगर 4 लाख से ज्यादा का गिफ्ट है तो इसे सिर्फ वजीर-ए-आजम (प्रधानमंत्री) या सदर-ए-रियासत (राष्ट्रपति) ही खरीद सकता है। अगर कोई नहीं खरीदता तो नीलामी होती है।

इमरान ने यहां भी खेल कर दिया। 2 करोड़ का तोहफा कहीं 5 लाख तो कहीं 7 लाख का बता दिया। इसी कीमत पर इन्हें खरीदा और फिर ओरिजिनल कीमत से भी कई गुना ज्यादा पर बेच दिया। यह काम जुल्फी बुखारी और बुशरा बीबी की दोस्त फराह खान उर्फ फराह गोमी ने किया था।

माइने राज्य में भी प्राइमरी इलेक्शन नहीं लड़ सकेंगे ट्रम्प



अमेरिका के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प को सियासी तौर पर एक और झटका लगा है। माइने राज्य के चीफ इलेक्शन ऑफिसर ने ट्रम्प का नाम प्राइमरी इलेक्शन बैलट पेपर से हटा दिया है। आसान भाषा में समझें तो कोलोराडो के बाद अब माइने में भी ट्रम्प अपनी रिपब्लिकन पार्टी की तरफ से प्रेसिडेंशियल कैंडिडेट बनने की दावेदारी पेश नहीं कर सकेंगे।

मोटे तौर पर देखें तो अब ट्रम्प 2024 में प्रेसिडेंशियल कैंडिडेट बन सकेंगे या नहीं, इसका फैसला अमेरिकी सुप्रीम कोर्ट करेगा। लोकप्रियता के मामले में ट्रम्प इस वक्त प्रेसिडेंट जो बाइडेन और वाइस प्रेसिडेंट कमला हैरिस से आगे हैं। दूसरे राज्य में झटका-ट्रम्प का नाम बैलट पेपर से हटाने का फैसला माइने के चीफ इलेक्शन ऑफिसर ने किया है। इस अफसर को सेक्रेटरी ऑफ स्टेट भी कहा जाता है। इसके पहले 6 जनवरी 2021 को कैपिटॉल (संसद भवन) दंगों के मामले में कोलोराडो में उनके चुनाव लड़ने पर रोक लगा दी गई थी। यह फैसला शेना बेलोस ने किया है। उन्हें डेमोक्रेट पार्टी और बाइडेन का करीबी समझा जाता है। बेलोस के मुताबिक- कैपिटॉल हिल दंगों के लिए ट्रम्प जिम्मेदार हैं। उन्हें समर्थकों को रोकने के बजाए भड़काया। मैंने यह फैसला बहुत सोचने के बाद किया। बेलोस ने 34 पेज का ऑर्डर जारी किया है।

बेलोस ने आगे कहा- मैं जानती हूँ कि इसके पहले किसी प्रेसिडेंशियल कैंडिडेट के बारे में हमारे राज्य में इस तरह का फैसला नहीं किया गया। मैंने अमेरिकी संविधान के 14वें संशोधन की धारा 3 का इस्तेमाल किया है। लेकिन, ये भी सच है कि पहले इस तरह की हरकत भी नहीं हुई थी।

अब क्या कर सकते हैं ट्रम्प-

दो रास्ते हैं। पहला- अमेरिका के करीब-करीब हर राज्य में अपना सुप्रीम कोर्ट या अपीलीय अदालत होती है। माइने में भी ऐसा ही है। लिहाजा, ट्रम्प इस आदेश को चैलेंज कर सकते हैं। दूसरा- ट्रम्प और रिपब्लिकन पार्टी चाहे तो फेडरल सुप्रीम कोर्ट (अमेरिकी सुप्रीम कोर्ट) के पास पिटीशन दायर कर सकते हैं। इसमें वो कहेंगे कि उनके खिलाफ सभी केसेज को एक साथ सुना जाए और नवंबर 2024 के पहले इस पर फैसला दिया जाए।

Tourism



Ayodhya emerges as a premier religious tourism destination in India

The upcoming inauguration of the Ayodhya Ram Temple in Indian most sacred ancient city Ayodhya, located in Uttar Pradesh, coupled with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to this ancient temple town, Ayodhya unveil development projects, holds significant implications for the tourism and travel industry in Ayodhya and the broader Uttar Pradesh region.

The opening of new projects worth Rs 15,700 crore, including infrastructure like an international airport, a greenfield township, and a redeveloped railway station, is poised to transform Ayodhya into a major tourist destination.

Ayodhya get better airline connectivity- The inauguration of the Maharishi Valmiki International Airport is a pivotal development for Ayodhya's connectivity. The presence of a modern airport will facilitate easier access for domestic and international tourists, boosting the travel and tourism industry of the region and the state as well.

Air India's new Ayodhya route

Air India Express is set to commence flights from Ayodhya to Bengaluru and Kolkata starting January 17, 2024. As anticipation builds for the official opening of Ayodhya Ram Mandir on January 22, the airline aims to enhance connectivity to and from Ayodhya. The inaugural

flight on the Bengaluru-Ayodhya route will depart at 08:05 and return at 15:40. The Kolkata route will also be operational, catering to both tourists and devotees. Ayodhya's Maharishi Valmiki International Airport is poised to become a crucial hub with increased accessibility.

IndiGo new flight from Mumbai to Ayodhya

IndiGo has announced the launch of direct flights between Mumbai and Ayodhya starting January 15, 2024. This expansion follows the earlier announcement of operations from the soon-to-be-inaugurated Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram International Airport in Ayodhya, with flights from Delhi and Ahmedabad. The new routes underscore IndiGo's commitment to enhancing connectivity, promoting tourism, and facilitating economic growth in the region. Ayodhya, with its historical and cultural significance, is attracting attention as a key destination, especially with the imminent inauguration of the Ram Mandir.

In a historic moment, an IndiGo pilot warmly welcomed passengers on the airline's first flight to Ayodhya from Delhi. The inaugural journey marks a significant milestone, highlighting Ayodhya's growing prominence as a key destination. The event reflects IndiGo's commitment to expanding connectivity to culturally and historically significant locations in India.

Kerala all set to start Heli Tourism project



Kerala is all set to introduce a new initiative in the travel industry with the Tourism Minister, P.A. Mohamed Riyas launching heli-tourism on Saturday using Kochi as its hub.

The service will be connecting eleven destinations such as Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Jadayu Para, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Alappuzha, Idukki, Munnar, Kumarakom, Kozhikode and Kasaragod. According to the Minister, the initiatives will enable tourists to save time loss during their visits to destinations. Kerala Tourism has also plans to introduce an informative microsite on heli-tourism. There are also plans to launch new helipads in prime places and the authorities have started discussions with private players in the run up to the project, he said.

The heli-tourism services will be of three types. One is 'City Rides', which facilitates short trips within the city or to nearby tourist spots. The second 'Destination-to-Destination Connect' links tourist destinations within the state, facilitating their easy exploration. The third is 'Tourism Packages' which comprises curated trips interconnecting three to four destinations.

The role of Kerala Tourism in heli tourism project will be as a facilitator, while private agencies provide the services after meeting all the security specifications. They have to get necessary approvals from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security to start the service. The seating capacity will be between six and 12 passengers in the choppers. Expressions of interest will be called shortly, after which the aspiring operators need to furnish detailed plans, the Minister said.

Gulmarg gears up for New Year extravaganza



As the snow-covered landscape Gulmarg in north Kashmir sparkled under the winter sun, the quaint town buzzed with excitement, gearing up for its grand New Year gala.

Local artisans adorned the streets with vibrant decorations, creating a festive atmosphere. Amid the bustling winter tourist season, the Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA) and other stakeholders in the tourism sector have made arrangements to ensure a successful and massive influx of visitors. The Tourism department has roped in Kashmiri celebrated singer Aabha Hanjura to perform live at Gulmarg Golf Course to enthrall tourists on New Year's Eve. "The Department of Tourism has invited me to the beautiful valley of Kashmir. I will be performing with my band on December 31 to celebrate New Year with all of you," said Hanjura in a promotional video. The department would also hold laser sound and light shows apart from the musical night at Gulmarg on December 31. The hoteliers also have made special arrangements for gala dinners and musical nights for the tourists.

Assistant Director Tourism, Gulmarg, Javeed-ur-Rehman said the destination decked up for the New Year and winter season boom. "The hospitality sector, including hotels and guesthouses, is operating at full capacity, showcasing its ability to seamlessly host a large influx of tourists," he said. The iconic Gulmarg Gondola, Asia's highest cable car, surrounded by a blanket of pristine snow, has already become the centerpiece of the celebration. Families and friends have started to gather at Gulmarg, 52 km from Srinagar, to share stories and relish traditional Kashmiri delicacies.

Gujarat To Unveil India's First Submarine Tourism In Dwarka

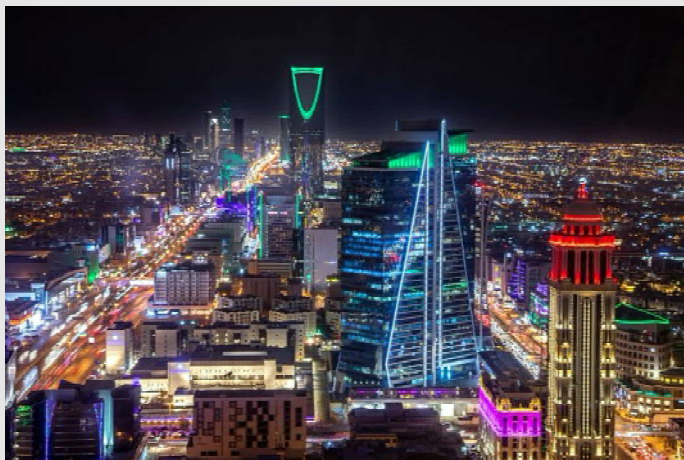


The Gujarat government, in collaboration with Mazgaon Dock Limited (MDL), is set to make waves in the tourism industry by introducing India's first submarine tourism venture. This ambitious project aims to explore the mesmerizing marine life surrounding Bet Dwarka, a sacred island off the coast of Dwarka city, steeped in mythological significance within Hinduism.

According to ancient mythological texts, Bet Dwarka is believed to house a submerged city created by Lord Krishna himself. This mystical aspect adds an extra layer of intrigue to the submarine tourism project, as it promises to unveil the secrets hidden beneath the waves. Taking inspiration from the Titanic submersible expedition, the Gujarat submarine tourism project is designed to offer a unique underwater experience. Tourists will have the opportunity to dive 100 meters below the sea surface in a specially designed submarine, providing an up-close encounter with the rich marine life surrounding the island.

The tourism facility is expected to be operationalized before Diwali in 2024, marking a festive occasion for both locals and tourists. This groundbreaking initiative aims to redefine tourism in Gujarat by offering an unprecedented adventure that combines mythology, history, and marine exploration. Anticipation is building as an official project announcement is scheduled to take place at the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit from January 10 to 12, 2024. This summit will serve as a platform to unveil the details and significance of the submarine tourism project, further solidifying Gujarat's commitment to innovation in the tourism sector.

Saudi Arabia's tourism sector set for golden decade thanks to game-changing 2023



In the transformative landscape of 2023, Saudi Arabia's travel sector has not only met but exceeded expectations, prompting a substantial recalibration of its Vision 2030 ambitions. This year saw the Kingdom scaling up its initial target of securing 100 million visits by the end of the decade, with the Kingdom's Tourism Minister Ahmed Al-Khateeb saying in October that this ambition has been revised to 150 million.

This came after Saudi airports recorded over 93.5 million tourists in 2022, with around 77 million domestic visitors, and 16.5 million arriving from international destinations.

The expansion of the tourism industry has been bolstered by regulatory adjustments, including the new "Visiting Investor" visa approved by Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Investment and the Foreign Affairs department.

Now, international investors no longer have to visit a Saudi embassy to get a permit to travel to the Kingdom after the process for applying was moved online in the second phase of the e-visa service scheme, expanding its coverage from nearly 60 nations to include all countries worldwide.

With a goal to make tourism its second-largest revenue source by 2030 as part of Saudi Arabia's economic diversification initiative, the Kingdom is taking bold steps to showcase its history, landscapes, and cultural diversity.

In the tourism and leisure sectors, Vision 2030 is creating attractions that are of the highest international standards, improving visa issuance procedures for visitors, and preparing and developing Saudi Arabia's historical and heritage sites.