







Appointments

- Tenure of re-employment of R K Gupta, CSS, Deputy Election Commissioner (JS level), Election Commission of India (ECI), has been extended on contract basis for a period upto 30.06.2024.
- Subhash Kumar (IRS IT: 2011), Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre.
- S Sundar Rajan (IRS IT: 2007), Director, Election Commission of India, was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre.
- Vinod Kumar Tripathi (IRSE, Civil: 1995) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel till his retirement on 31.12.2027 Vice Ruchika Chaudhry Govil (IRS IT: 1990).
- Sachidanand Prasad (IP&TA&FS: 1994) was appointed as Secretary, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) under the Ministry of AYUSH till his superannuation on 31.12.2027.
- Mukta Shekhar (IRAS: 1994) was prematurely repatriated to Cadre. Currently, she is Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- Pradeep Kumar (IP&TA&FS: 1995) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries till his superannuation on 31.03.2026 Vice Mukta Shekhar.
- Kamlesh Kumar Mishra (IRTS: 2003) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Sixteenth Finance Commission under the Department of Economic Affairs for a tenure of five years.
- Shersha (CSS) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs till superannuation on 31.10.2025 vice Shahnawaz Alam (IP&TA&FS: 1994).
- Ankita Singh (IRS IT: 2011) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Capacity Building Commission under Department of Personnel & Training, Delhi for a period of four years.
- Tushaba Dasharathrao Shinde (IRPS: 2008) was appointed as Director in the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Delhi for a period of five years.
- Harsh Kumar Jain (IFS: 1993) was appointed as Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Philippines.
- Rakesh Kumar Meena (IRSS: 2010) was re-designated as Director, DPIIT for a period up to 31.03.2025 (i.e. till TSU is functional). Currently he is Deputy Secretary in DPIIT.
- Vikas Agarwal (ITS: 1997) was appointed as CVO, HMT Ltd, Bengaluru under the Ministry of Heavy Industries for a period of three years.
- Suvarna Deshpande Dash (IRPS: 2002) was appointed as CVO, Indian Telephone Industries Ltd, Bengaluru under the Department of Telecommunications for a period of three years.
- Tenure of Dharmendra Kumar Madan (IOFS: 1994) as CVO, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) Delhi/NCR, was extended for 10 months upto 28.04.2025.
- Ravi Shankar (IFS: 1995) was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ukraine.
- Sushil Kumar Singh (IRSME: 1993) was appointed as Chairperson, Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for an overall tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.01.2027 vice S K Mehta (IFoS: 1990: GJ).
- Vijay Khanduja (YOA: 2004) has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cameroon.
- Manish Chauhan (IFS: 1994) has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- T Roumuan Paite (IRS IT: 1996), CMD, National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, was entrusted with additional charge of the post of Managing Director, Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India w.e.f. 13.11.2023 till 12.11.2024.
- Tenure of Kamlesh Chaturvedi (IFoS: 1988: MP), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways was extended for a period of three months beyond 21.05.2024.
- Tenure of Moloy Chandan Chakraborty (IDAS: 1993), Jute Commissioner (JS level), Kolkata, Ministry of Textiles, was extended for a period of eighteen months beyond 05.05.2024.
- Ramanjaneyulu B (IRS IT:2007), Director in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, was appointed as Director in LOKPAL on 'lateral shift' basis for a tenure up to 01.12.2026.
- Tenure of Alka Nangia Arora (IDAS:1991), Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, was extended for a period of one year beyond 12.07.2024 i.e. up to 12.07.2025.
- Ajitkumar Vasantrao Sontakke (IoFS: 2009) was appointed as CVO, Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL), Mumbai under the Department of Atomic Energy on 'lateral shift' basis for a period up to 20.05.2027 i.e. maximum admissible tenure of 7 years away from the cadre.

IAS

- Nitin Kumar Yadav (IAS: 2000: HY) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce for a combined tenure of seven years ending 12.09.2028. He replaces M. Balaji (IAS: 2005: TN)
- Pankaj Yadav (IAS: 2001: HY) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Rural Development for an overall tenure of five years upto 31.10.2027 vice Karma Zimpa Bhutia (IFoS: 1997: JH).
- Saurabh Garg (IAS: 1991: OR) was appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (M/o SPI) upto his superannuation on 31.07.2024 and thereafter on contract basis for a period of one year ending 31.07.2025. As per the notification he will also function as Secretary to National Statistical Commission. Currently, he is Secretary Department of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- Amit Yadav (IAS: 1991: AGMUT) was appointed as Secretary of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment vice Saurabh Garg. To formalise the same the Govt partially modified its order (dated 27.05.2024) appointing Amit Yadav as OSD in the ministry to succeed Garg as Secretary w.e.f. 01 August 2024.
- Ajay Tewari (IAS: 1993: AM), Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, was repatriated to his parent cadre on the request of Government of Assam.
- Pankaj Agrawal (IAS: 1992: MP), Secretary, Ministry of Power, was entrusted with additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of Telecommunications from 28.05.2024 to 09.06.2024 during the period of absence on leave of Neeraj Mittal (IAS: 1992: TN).
- Amit Yadav (IAS: 1991: AGMUT: 1991) was appointed as Officer on Special Duty, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India. He will take over as Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment vice Saurabh Garg (IAS: 1991: OR) upon his superannuation on 31.07.2024. Presently Amit Yadav is working in the cadre as Chairman, NDMC.
- Raj Kumar Goyal (IAS: 1990: AGMUT) was laterally shifted from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and appointed to a critically important post of Secretary, Department of Justice under the Ministry of Law & Justice. It may be underlined that he was recently appointed as Secretary, Department of Border Management under MHA.
- Rajendra Kumar (IAS: 1992: TN) was appointed as Secretary, Department of Border Management under MHA vice Raj Kumar Goyal upon his appointment as Secretary, Department of Justice. Currently, he is DG, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

IPS

- Amit Garg (IPS: 1993: AP), Addl. Director, SVP NPA, will continue to hold additional charge of the post of Director, SVP NPA for a further period of three months beyond 31.05.2024 or till the appointment of a regular incumbent.
- Dr Vikas Pathak (IPS:2008: RJ) was appointed as Deputy Inspector General in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for a period of five years.
- A Y V Krishna (IPS: 1995: AM) IG, CRPF, was appointed as Additional Director for a tenure of five years up to 06.08.2028.
- Tenure of two IPS officers of SP + DIG ranks have been extended, another IRS officer serving on deputation too have been given extension while two other IPS officers have been inducted in the CBI to the rank of SP+DIG for a tenure of five years. Name and other details of these officers are as follows.
- Tenure of Dr Sonal Chandra (IPS: 2008: TN), DIG, CBI, has been extended for one-year from 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025 which is a total central deputation of six years.
- Tenure of Murali Rambha (IPS: 2011: TN), SP, CBI, has been extended for two years from 08.07.2024 to 07.07.2026 which is total central deputation of seven years.
- Vijayendra Kumar (IRS: 2007), presently working as SP in CBI, has been appointed as DIG in CBI for an overall combined tenure of (SP+DIG) upto 19.07.2024 which is a total central deputation of seven years.
- Jashandeep Randhawa (IPS: 2012: HY) has been inducted as SP in CBI for a combined tenure (SP+DIG) of five years.
- Subhash Chandra Jat (IPS: 2015: JH) has been inducted as SP in CBI for a combined tenure (SP+DIG) of five years.
- N Venu Gopal (IPS: 1995: HP), presently working as Joint Director, CBI, was appointed as Additional Director, CBI, for an overall tenure of five years up to 24.05.2027.

Delhi CS gets second extension in a row



Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar (IAS: 1987: AGMUT) has been given second extension that is of three months from 01.06.2024 to 31.08.2024. Earlier the matter of Delhi CS reached Supreme Court as the Delhi government opposed any extension to him but after the court's intervention, Kumar was given six month's extension. The Delhi CS was scheduled to retire on November 30, 2023.


Rahate appointed as Chairperson



Days after superannuation as Union Secretary, Department of Justice S. K. G. Rahate (Retd IAS: 1990: JH) was appointed as Chairperson, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) for a tenure of three years. Reportedly, he will take charge next week. The Government of India, in accordance with the AERA Act (2008), established Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) to regulate tariff and other charges for aeronautical services rendered at airports.

Madhusudan to take over as DCM in Tokyo

R Madhusudan (IFS: 2007) has been appointed as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. Madhusudan, who belongs to Palakkad in Kerala, was earlier Minister in India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. Madhusudhan will take charge in Tokyo on June 10.




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## Corridors of Power



### Chief Secretary Warns Seed Hoarders

To prevent hoarding, the Chief Secretary ordered the formation of special teams comprising officials from the Agriculture, Revenue, and Police Departments. Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari has instructed district Collectors to file cases under the Preventive Detention (PD) Act against traders who hoard seeds to create an artificial shortage. The directive came during a teleconference held with district Collectors to discuss seed supply for the monsoon crop season. Santhi Kumari assured that the availability of all seed varieties and fertilizers is significantly higher this year compared to last year. She urged farmers not to worry about the distribution of seeds, emphasizing that there are ample stocks of hybrid seeds for cotton, soya, and maize, as well as Jeeluga seeds.

### Neerabh Kumar Prasad New Chief Secretary Of Andhra Pradesh



Senior IAS officer Neerabh Kumar Prasad appointed as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh in place of K.S. Jawahar Reddy, who had since been transferred. Mr. Reddy, who is scheduled to retire from service this month-end on attaining the age of superannuation, had proceeded on leave, sources in the Secretariat said. A 1987 batch IAS officer, Mr. Prasad is the senior most among the officers in the State cadre. Though he is also due to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation this month-end, Chief Minister selected him for the post as he is known to be an efficient and honest officer, as per the reports his term will be extended further.



### Ravi Chandra Will Head CMO

IAS officer Muddada Ravi Chandra is appointed as Principal Secretary to new Andhra Pradesh CM Chandra Babu Naidu. He is 1996 batch IAS officer of AP cadre. He will be also the chief officer to Chief Ministers Office.

## New Innings & New Beginnings



Aditya Nath Das, former chief secretary and former irrigation special chief secretary of Andhra Pradesh, has been appointed advisor to the irrigation department of Telangana government.

It may be recalled that in undivided Andhra Pradesh, Aditya Nath Das was one of the two secretaries of the irrigation department. While he was in-charge of irrigation projects in the Telangana region, another IAS officer, SK Joshi was in-charge of projects in Andhra. Post bifurcation, Das was allotted to AP and Joshi to Telangana. Both the bureaucrats were later elevated as chief secretaries. Aditya Nath Das, after his retirement in 2021, had been appointed advisor to the AP government.



### Shandilya's term extended

Meanwhile, the tenure of IPS officer Sandeep Shandilya, Director, Telangana State Anti-Narcotics Bureau, has been extended for a period of one year with effect from June 1, 2024. Shandilya, the 1993-batch IPS officer, retired on attaining superannuation on May 31, 2024. As per the reports in the supervision of Sandeep Shandilya Anti-Narcotics Bureau is performing effectively since its inception and had added many feathers in the cap.

### Dr. Jitender gets V&E charge

Meanwhile, the state government issued orders posting Sr. IPS officer Dr. Jitender, principal secretary, Home department, as Director General of Vigilance and Enforcement department and also Principal Secretary of General Administration Department with full additional charge. Mr. Jitender is known to be one of the sincere officer in the bureaucrats fraternity. Boss congratulations !



### Lindy Cameron Greets President Of India

Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India. Formerly National Cyber Security Centre, NI Office and DFID greeted and deeply honoured to have presented her credentials to President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

## Click Of The Month



Telangana Governor CP. Radhakrishnan & Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer can be seen together. Can say it as coincident, a good coincidence meeting at Bengaluru. Now the news is will CP. Radhakrishnan will continue as Telangana Governor or a new Governor will be appointed by the President of India. Fingers crossed !



### US Independence Day Celebrated

US Independence Day Celebrated in the presence of Chief Guest Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, Chief Minister of Telangana and U.S. Rear Admiral Michael L. Baker, U.S. Defense Attaché in India. Jennifer Larson, CG of US in Hyderabad welcomed the guests. She told Celebrating Independence, freedom, and democracy together tonight, I am reminded how the deepening US-India relationship is truly the defining bilateral partnership of this century.



### Healthy Life Style 'On Priority'

"Fantastic morning celebrating 'World Bicycle Day' Great way to promote sustainable transport and a healthy lifestyle." Stated Gareth Wynn Owen, UK Dy. High Commissioner. Occasion World Bicycle Day at Hyderabad Cycling Track, a beginning of a fantastic journey, dream and vision of touching all of city population with active mobility.



### Pharma Lytica Expo Organized

"I am glad to attend the inauguration of the 'Pharma Lytica Expo 2024' as Guest of Honor. I delivered a speech introducing the Turkish pharma sector as well as the trade and co-operation opportunities between the Turkish and Indian pharma sectors." Said Turkey Consul General in Hyderabad, Orhan Yalman Okam at Hitex Convention Centre.






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### The Festival Of Democracy

Lok Sabha Elections : The festival of Democracy ! So, the top brass is on the screen.The officers, who were quite hectic in the arrangement of elections, anyhow spared some time to casts the vote.This shows their commitment, this act also motivated the staff and other employees.Presenting the pictures of the officers after casting the vote.

The right to vote is not just a privilege, but a basic human right.It is protected by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966) . In many countries, the right to vote is also protected by national constitutions.



CV.Anand with family



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Public Sector

NMDC's Steely Performance in FY24



India's largest iron ore mining company, NMDC declared its FY24 results on Monday. Delivering unprecedented volumes, the company produced 45.02 million tonnes and sold 44.48 million tonnes of iron ore in FY24. Realizing a 10% growth in production and 16% growth in sales compared to FY23 volumes, NMDC is now the first mining company in India to cross the 45 MnT milestone in iron ore production.

The company's FY24 financial performance is in tune with its historic physical performance. NMDC reported a turnover of Rs. 21,294 crores against Rs. 17,667 crores in CPLY, a 21% move upwards. Headlining the numbers was NMDC's Profit Before Tax (PBT) before exceptional item at Rs.8,294 crores in FY24, 30% growth over FY23's Rs.6,399 crores. However, during the current year there was an exceptional expenditure of Rs 282 cr whereas in CPLY there was an exceptional income of Rs 1,237 cr (amount received from Monitoring Committee & sale of Investment of NINL) resulting in increase in PBT after exceptional item by only 5%. Company's Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at Rs.5,632 crores in FY24, 2% more than Rs.5,529 crores in FY23. The Navratna public sector company also declared 2nd & final dividend of Rs. 1.50 per share to its shareholders in FY24, subject to the approval of shareholders in the ensuing AGM.

The Audited Financial Results for the year 2023-2024 were approved by the Board of Directors of the company under the Chairmanship of Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) NMDC in its meeting held on May 27, 2024. Congratulating NMDC on this stellar performance, Shri Amitava Mukherjee said, "Our achievement of crossing the 45 MT milestone is a historic moment for the Indian mining industry."

SAIL declares financial results for Q4 and Annual FY'24



Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has declared its financial results today for the quarter and year ending 31st March, 2024. During FY 2023-24, the Company has achieved its best ever performance in production and sales. The crude steel production and sales volume have registered a growth of 5.2% and 5.1% respectively during FY'24 over CPLY.

The Revenue from Operations for the Company has been the highest ever during FY'24. This was the third consecutive year when the Revenue from Operation crossed the coveted level of Rs. 1,00,000 crore. The Company has recommended a final dividend of Rs. 1 per equity share i.e. 10% of face value for the Financial Year 2023-24, subject to the approval of the shareholders at the AGM. The Company had earlier paid an interim dividend of Rs. 1 per equity share during the year. Commenting on the results, Chairman, SAIL

said, "The Indian Steel Markets have remained quite robust showcasing continual growth in demand. SAIL has been taking various initiatives towards increasing volumes, adding value added products to its product basket and improving efficiency levels which is reflected in the improved physical performance year on year. The Company will continue to work on improving its performance further to tap into the buoyancy in the growing Indian Steel Market".

HUDCO & IIFCL sign MoU



Sanjay Kulshrestha, Chairman & Managing Director, HUDCO executed a Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with Dr. Padmanabhan Raja Jaishankar, Managing Director, IIFCL with the aim of reinforcing cooperation and collaboration to leverage respective strengths for extending Infrastructure Co-Financing, Refinancing, Project Management Consultancy Services and Capacity Building activities, subject to compliance with their respective mandates and policies.

HUDCO shall co-fund the infrastructure projects being funded by IIFCL, as the case may be, at mutually agreed terms. HUDCO shall also avail refinancing from IIFCL, at mutually agreed terms. Further, HUDCO shall extend its Project Management Consultancy Services for projects being implemented /funded by IIFCL and capacity building support, wherever required, at mutually decided terms. Separate project specific agreements shall be signed for different projects/ activities after deciding the scope of work and other terms & conditions, as mutually agreed upon. This MoU is executed to put on record the intent of Parties to undertake the activities as stated above and shall not be treated as a legally binding Contract.

This signing of MoUs exemplifies the shared commitment of both organizations towards sustainable development of Habitat sector. The Senior Officials of both the CPSEs including M. Nagaraj, Director (Corporate Planning) of HUDCO and Pawan K. Kumar, Deputy Managing Director of IIFCL were present during the event.

BHEL bags Rs 3,500 crore order from Adani Power for Raipur TPP project



The Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) said on Wednesday that it has secured a Rs 3,500 crore order from Adani Power Limited for setting up a 1,600 MW thermal power plant (TPP) at Raipur, Chhattisgarh. "Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has received an order from Adani Power Ltd (APL) for setting up the 2x800 MW TPP at Raipur, Chhattisgarh," the public sector giant said in a regulatory filing.

"The nature of the order is supply of equipment – boiler, turbine generator and associated auxiliaries along with control and instrumentation and supervision of erection and commissioning," BHEL said. Boiler and turbine generator are to be manufactured at BHEL's Trichy and Haridwar plants, respectively, the company added.

ONGC to set up 10 Compressed Bio-Gas Plants in collaboration with EverEnviro



Energy Maharatna, ONGC and EverEnviro Resource Management Pvt. Ltd., a leading developer of compressed biogas (RNG) in India have formed a joint venture (JV) to set up 10 Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants across India. The two firms have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the same. These plants, being set up in the first phase, are expected to reduce India's reliance on imported gas and boost domestic renewable energy production.

The 50:50 JV between ONGC and EverEnviro aligns with the Government of India's initiatives, including the Global Bio-Fuels Alliance and the ambitious goal of achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2070. By harnessing diverse feedstocks such as agri waste, agro-industrial waste, energy crops, and municipal solid waste (MSW), the partnership aims to mitigate approximately 7.5 lakh tons of CO2 equivalent annually.

Satyan Kumar, Executive Director, Chief Corporate Strategy, ONGC, said, "Alternative fuels like biogas play a pivotal role in meeting our country's energy demands while promoting circular economy principles and effective waste management. ONGC has set sights on being Net Zero by 2038 and hence we recognize the urgency of transition to clean energy by utilizing agro-industrial waste and municipal solid waste. Our partnership with EverEnviro in establishing CBG plants will significantly contribute to mitigating carbon emissions."

HPCL Makes History with India's First Highly Efficient 'Solid Oxide Electrolyser'



Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. has successfully commissioned India's first Solid Oxide based Electrolyser (SOE) at its HP Green R&D Centre, Bengaluru for Green Hydrogen (GH2) generation. This highly efficient pilot-scale electrolyzer can generate Green Hydrogen with 99.99% purity and marks a significant step in evaluating this technology for generation of green hydrogen and its derivatives.

The first of its kind SOE system produces Green Hydrogen from the electricity generated by a captive Solar+Wind plant using a 20 kW Solid Oxide Electrolyser stack. One of the unique features of the SOEC commissioned is that, it does not use rare earth materials for electrodes/electrolytes. Further the energy consumption is about 20-30% lower than the other electrolyzer technologies. Going forward, this has the potential to enable Green Hydrogen Mission economically sustainable. During the commissioning, Shri S. Bharathan, Director – Refineries HPCL, briefed the progress made by HP Green R&D to support HPCL's energy transition through innovation, research, indigenization, cost optimisation and revenue generation.

On the backbone of this SOE system, HP Green R&D Centre will carry out research in the areas of utilization of low quality steam/waste heat from refineries for hydrogen generation, carbon capture through co-electrolysis route producing syn-gas and e-fuels and the high temperature hydrogen for further downstream applications. With this, HP Green R&D Center has the unique distinction of commissioning all three leading technologies of electrolyzers. This will enable, simultaneous use of different types of electrolyzers to optimize the cost. This will also facilitate the study of the impact of intermittent nature of renewable energy from different sources and address various issues associated with it.

NTPC Talcher Thermal Awarded Prestigious International Safety Award



Talcher Thermal, 31st May 2024 – In a significant achievement, NTPC Talcher Thermal Power Project has been awarded the prestigious International British Safety Council Award 2024. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, AGM Safety at NTPC TTPP, received this esteemed award from Mike Robinson, Chief Executive, British Safety Council.

This honor highlights the unwavering commitment of the entire Talcher Thermal team to workplace safety for 200 employees and more than 1,500 workers at NTPC TTPP, a considerable challenge. NTPC TTPP won the award in the Merit Category, reflecting the plant's adherence to stringent safety, health, and environmental standards. The rigorous evaluation process involved over 1,200 industries worldwide, making this award a remarkable testament to the plant's superior safety practices.

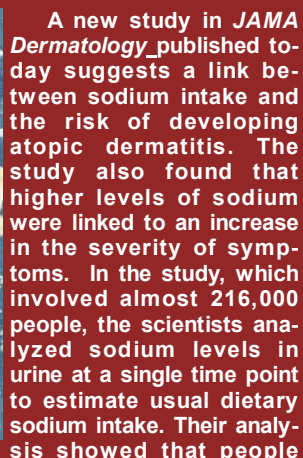
Goutam Deb, Executive Director and Head of Project at NTPC TTPP, attributed this success to the continuous efforts of all departments in promoting educated teams and implementing necessary safety precautions. He remarked, "This achievement is a result of our collective dedication towards creating a safe working environment."

J.P. Roy, GM (Projects) congratulated the entire Talcher Thermal team for their remarkable efforts and emphasized the need to continually strive to enhance safety performance. "The dedication and hard work of our teams have been instrumental in this success," he said. This special category award to NTPC TTPP is expected to further motivate the entire team of Talcher Thermal, strengthening their belief that with sustained efforts and strong leadership, the "Zero Incident" target can be achieved.

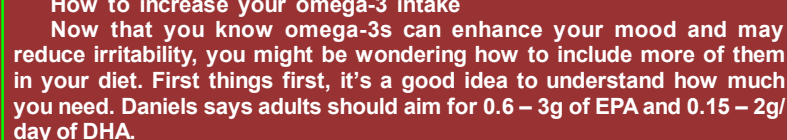




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### Amit Garg To Continue As Director, SVP NPA

Amit Garg IPS (Andhra Pradesh 1993), currently Additional Director of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) in Hyderabad, has been granted extension of his additional charge as Director of SVPNPA for another three more months, until August 31, 2024. So, the officer will continue as Director, SVP NPA, can say one of the very hardcore IPS officer, known for punctuality & commitment. Best wishes.



### Kumar Vishwajeet is new Intelligence DG

The Election Commission of India appointed Kumar Vishwajeet, a 1994 batch IPS officer, as the new Director General (Intelligence), Andhra Pradesh in place of P.S.R. Anjaneyulu. Kumar Vishwajeet earlier served as ACB DG in 2022 and also served on other reputed posts. Known to be one of the sincere officer in the officers fraternity. Best wishes Kumar sir !



### Retd. IPS Enters Parliament

Former DGP enters Parliament ! TDP's winning candidate from the Bapatla constituency, Tenneti Krishna Prasad is former IPS officer and Telangana Director General of Police (DGP). He defeated Nandigam Suresh Babu of the YSRCP with a margin of 2.08 lakh votes. Prasad previously served as the chairperson of the Telangana Road Safety Authority and the Additional Director General of Railways and Road Safety. He runs an NGO called the Krishna Prasad Foundation. It worked to mobilise medical equipment at the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, working with the American India Foundation to procure and donate critical medical equipment to hospitals.



### Nalin Prabhat Chief of NSG

It's late, but it's an important update that Senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat has been appointed as the Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG), the country's counter-terrorism force, according to a Personnel Ministry order. Prabhat, a 1992 batch IPS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre and earlier to the posting he was working as Additional Director General in CRPF. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment as the Director General, NSG for a period up to August 31, 2028 i.e. the date of his superannuation," the order said. Sashasra Seema Bal (SSB) chief Daljit Singh Chawdhary was holding the additional charge of the NSG.



### Harish Kumar Gupta New Boss Of AP Police

The Election Commission of India appointed Harish Kumar Gupta as the new Director General of Police (DGP-Head of Police Force) for Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Gupta assumed charge at the AP Police Headquarters at Mangalagiri. Can say best and committed officer is holding the big chair, good choice !

A 1992 batch IPS officer, Mr. Gupta served in various capacities before assuming the current role. He received the guard of honour at the Police Headquarters. Senior police officers of different wings met the new DGP at his office, with whom he reviewed the situation in the State. Best wishes to the officer.



### Applauds for IRS Officer Ashok Babu

Mahamandaswar Swami Krishnanand Ji met Senior IRS Officer Ashok Babu Nelapatla, Director of National River Conservation Directorate. It was a casual meet of Swami ji to appreciate the efforts made by the officer for the rivers. As known that the happening IRS officer is doing a fabulous job for the conservation and protection of the rivers. Well done sir !



### Malla Reddy : The Versatile Officer

Successfully completed Four Decades Of Service "It's a momentous and memorable day in my life as I complete 40 years of continuous Government service, a rare happening that was bestowed upon me by the grace of God. Exactly on this day, 40 years ago on 21.5.1984, began my career by joining as Agricultural officer in Syndicate Bank, a Nationalised bank and later joining police department as Deputy Superintendent of police in September 1987 and there on." With all humility, I thank all my friends, well wishers, relatives, elders, colleagues, junior and senior officers for their affability, affection and blessings all through my 40 years of career. On this occasion, I also profoundly thank the Former Chief minister of AP Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy for his magnanimity for giving me an opportunity to serve in AP government after my superannuation in Telangana in June 2020. Presently B. Malla Reddy, IPS Retd. is the Joint Managing Director of Vigilance, AP Transco, Vijayawada. AP.

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# Genius Interior Design Secrets From the Experts

Every interior design lover can benefit from having a pro in their corner, cheering them on. Even people who have an expert eye for decoration look to their Pinterest boards for confirmation before committing to a change in their home, right? It takes a special expertise and years of experience to develop interior design sources and knowledge about things like lighting and floor planning. A professional's input is helpful whether you're a DIY genius or a crafting novice.

Knowing your favorite designers' interior decorating secrets would cure the analysis paralysis you feel every time you need to buy a sofa or choose a paint color at The Home Depot. Imagine the peace of mind you'd feel if you had an authoritative source to answer all of your burning questions, like: "How do I make the exterior of my home feel more welcoming?" or "Will I regret putting up wainscoting?" We all need a guru who can help us tell fleeting interior design trends from timeless ideas that are cycling back into style. That kind of knowledge is invaluable when you're making permanent decisions about your home.

Because not all of us have an interior design expert on speed dial, we've looked to 70 of our favorite pros to share the decorating secrets they usually reserve for clients. Below, you'll find clever tips and tricks that can solve every pain point in your home, whether it's a studio apartment or a farmhouse.

**Bring in Textures and Layering**

"When things are really tonal, texture and layering are a must," designer Michael Ellison says of this Nantucket home. He used plenty of natural stone, distressed leather, rattan accents, jute rugs, and faux-vellum walls to create this intimate gathering space for his clients, relying on the different textures to provide depth and interest to the entire home.

**Combine Traditional and Modern**

In this Los Angeles home, designer Jeremiah Brent explains, "The goal was to find the balance between the pedigree of traditional design and the playfulness of modern design." By doing so, he created a spacious and beautiful retreat that encourages conversation and connection for a family that loves to entertain.

**Don't Knock a Fixer Upper**

This once-dilapidated floating house didn't look like it had much going for it when Donna and Eric Colson purchased it. "It was red-tagged, completely dilapidated," Colleen Dowd Saglimbeni, founder of CDS Interiors, says. However, Dowd Saglimbeni was able to completely transform the structure thanks to its good bones and small but open layout, using the panoramic views of the bay as her jumping off point in designing the ultimate entertainment space.

**Use the Ceilings for Balance**

In this small maximalist's home, designer Nick Olsen needed to capture his client's more-is-more aesthetic without making the space feel too crowded, so he decided to paint the ceilings white. "With all this boldness, you need relief," Olsen says. He also added in a range of earthy elements, like jute and bamboo, to further encourage the balance.

**Bring in Local Elements**

"We intentionally avoided competing with the picturesque marsh views and wove their tones into various spaces instead," Cortney Bishop says of this Charleston, South Carolina, home. To do so, she looked to the outside elements, like taking inspiration from the live oaks along the water for the white oak flooring and cabinetry in the kitchen. She wanted to provide harmony in the entire property, creating "an immersive depth that seamlessly blends with the surrounding environment and the old trees," as she puts it.

**Lighten Up a Room With Woven Cane**

In this elegant mudroom designed by Ashley Montgomery, the caned cabinet fronts serve practical and decorative purposes. They "provide airflow" to cabinets that hold farm clothes, boots, hats, and gloves, and their natural color breaks up the green woodwork. Such high-traffic areas can feel cluttered, but thoughtful details like caning can help calm the chaos.



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# कंगना के थप्पड़ कांड को लेकर बॉलीवुड बंटा



कंगना रनोट के थप्पड़ वाले मामले को लेकर बॉलीवुड दो खेमों में बंट गया है। सिंगर विशाल डडलानी ने जहां थप्पड़ मारने वाली महिला कॉन्स्टेबल कुलविंदर को सपोर्ट किया है, वहीं सिंगर मीका सिंह ने इस मामले में कंगना का सपोर्ट किया है। मीका सिंह ने कहा कि महिला कॉन्स्टेबल लोगों की सुरक्षा के लिए वहां तैनात थी, उसे एक यात्री के ऊपर हमला नहीं करना चाहिए था। मीका ने कहा कि उसके अंदर इतना ही गुस्सा था, तो वो सिविल ड्रेस में आती। वर्दी पहनकर ऐसा करके उसने सही संदेश नहीं दिया है। इसका खामियाजा दूसरी पंजाबी महिलाओं को भुगतना पड़ सकता है।

वहीं विशाल डडलानी ने कहा कि अगर उस महिला कॉन्स्टेबल को नौकरी से निकाला जाता है, तो वो शयोर करेंगे कि उसे नौकरी दें। विशाल ने कहा कि जरूर उस महिला कॉन्स्टेबल के अंदर बहुत गुस्सा भरा रहा होगा, तभी उसने ऐसा किया है।

पहले मामले का बैकग्राउंड समझिए— मंडी सीट से लोकसभा चुनाव जीतने के बाद कंगना को गुरुवार (6 जून) को चंडीगढ़ एयरपोर्ट पर CISF की महिला कॉन्स्टेबल कुलविंदर कौर ने थप्पड़ मार दिया। ये घटना गुरुवार दोपहर साढ़े 3 बजे की है। कंगना चंडीगढ़ से दिल्ली जा रही थीं। तभी एयरपोर्ट पर सिक्योरिटी चेक के दौरान महिला कॉन्स्टेबल के साथ बहस हुई और उसने थप्पड़ मार दिया।

महिला कॉन्स्टेबल का उसी वक्त एक वीडियो सामने आया जिसमें वो कह रही है, 'कंगना ने कहा था कि 100-100 रुपए की खातिर लोग किसान आंदोलन में बैठ रहे हैं। जब उसने यह बयान दिया तो मेरी मां भी वहां बैठी थी।'

कुलविंदर, कंगना रनोट के किसान आंदोलन के वक्त दिए स्टेटमेंट से काफी नाराज थी। इसी वजह से उसने कंगना के ऊपर हमला कर दिया। हमले के तुरंत बाद उसे हिरासत में ले लिया गया।

विशाल डडलानी ने कहा— महिला कॉन्स्टेबल को नौकरी दूंगा अब इस मामले को लेकर सेलेब्स के अलग-अलग रिएक्शन आ रहे हैं। सिंगर विशाल डडलानी ने सोशल मीडिया पर लिखा— मैं हिंसा को कभी सपोर्ट नहीं करता, लेकिन मैं उस महिला कॉन्स्टेबल के गुस्से को समझ सकता हूँ। अगर CISF उसके खिलाफ कोई भी एक्शन लेती है, तो मैं एंशोर करूंगा कि उसे कोई न कोई नौकरी मिले। बशर्त वो इसे लेने को राजी हो जाए। जय हिंद, जय जवान, जय किसान।

# बाइडेन के बेटे पर नशे और फर्जी टैक्स के आरोप



अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति जो बाइडेन ने कहा है कि यदि गन ट्रायल में उनका बेटा हंटर बाइडेन दोषी पाया जाता है तो वे उसे कभी माफ नहीं करेंगे। फ्रांस दौरे पर पहुंचे अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति ने एक टीवी इंटरव्यू में ये बात कही। बाइडेन के बेटे हंटर पर ड्रग्स लेने, गलत जानकारी देकर बंदूक खरीदने और फर्जी टैक्स फाइल करने जैसे मामले चल रहे हैं।

ABC न्यूज़ एंकर ने एक विशेष इंटरव्यू में बाइडेन से पूछा कि क्या वे डेलावेयर राज्य में अपने बेटे पर चल रहे ट्रायल के फैसले को स्वीकार करने के लिए तैयार हैं या नहीं? इस पर उन्होंने कहा 'हां'। जब उनसे पूछा गया कि क्या वो बेटे हंटर को माफ नहीं करेंगे? तो इस पर भी उनका जवाब 'हां' में ही था। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर वे दोषी पाए जाते हैं वे अपने बेटे को माफ नहीं करेंगे।

हंटर बाइडेन पर आरोप है कि अक्टूबर 2018 में उन्होंने कोल्ट कोबरा हेंडगन खरीदते समय सही जानकारी छुपाई थी। उनपर आरोप हैं कि उस दौरान वे ड्रग्स के आदी थे और नशीली दवाओं का नियमित सेवन करते थे। दरअसल, अमेरिकी कानून के मुताबिक मादक पदार्थ का सेवन करने वाला व्यक्ति अपने पास बंदूक या कोई जानलेवा हथियार नहीं रख सकता है।

दोषी पाए जाने पर हंटर को 25 साल तक की जेल— हंटर पर आरोप है कि उन्होंने बंदूक खरीदकर अमेरिकी कानून को तोड़ा है। अगर हंटर बाइडेन पर आरोप सच साबित होते हैं तो उन्हें 25 साल तक की जेल हो सकती है। हालांकि यह साफ नहीं है कि उन्हें कितनी सजा मिलेगी, क्योंकि हंटर का कोई पिछला आपराधिक रिकॉर्ड नहीं है।

कुछ समय पहले जो बाइडेन ने एक बयान में कहा था कि वे राष्ट्रपति हैं लेकिन एक पिता भी हैं और अपने बेटे से प्यार करते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि जिस तरह उनके बेटे ने नथे से उबरने में जो ताकत दिखाई है वो काफी प्रेरणादायक है। उन्होंने कहा था कि राष्ट्रपति के रूप में वे अदालत के मामले में टिप्पणी नहीं करते हैं और न ही करेंगे, लेकिन एक पिता के रूप में उनके मन में अपने बेटे के लिए बहुत प्यार है। उस पर यकीन करते हैं।

# भारत से गिफ्ट मिले विमान उड़ा रहे मालदीव के सैनिक



मालदीव से भारतीय सैनिकों की वापसी के बाद अब भारत से गिफ्ट मिले विमानों का वहां पर नियमित रूप से संचालन होने लगा है। मालदीव की मीडिया अघाधु की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक भारतीय विमानों को उड़ा जाने के दौरान मालदीव राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा बल (MNDF) का एक सैनिक उन पर मौजूद रहता है।

अघाधु ने मालदीव के आधार पर ये जानकारी दी है। भारत ने मालदीव को 2 हेलिकॉप्टर और

1 डोर्नियर एयरक्राफ्ट गिफ्ट किए थे। अघाधु की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक सप्ताह में कम से कम 2 दिन इन विमानों का इस्तेमाल किया जाता है। इस दौरान इनकी लगातार देख-रेख भी की जाती है।

इससे पहले मालदीव के कुछ नेताओं ने इन विमानों के इस्तेमाल को लेकर चिंताएं जताई थीं। पिछले पहले मालदीव के रक्षा मंत्री घासन मौमून ने कहा था कि मालदीव की सेना भारत से मिले विमानों को ऑपरेट करने में सक्षम नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा था कि MNDF के पास ऐसा कोई भी ाख्स नहीं है जो भारतीय विमानों को ऑपरेट कर सके।

घासन मौमून ने भारतीय सैनिकों के मालदीव छोड़ने वाले सवाल का जवाब देते हुए कहा था, 'भारतीय विमानों को चलाने में सक्षम पायलट मालदीव की सेना के पास नहीं है। कुछ सैनिकों ने पिछले समझौतों के तहत उन्हें उड़ाने की ट्रेनिंग शुरू कर दी थी, लेकिन वे ट्रेनिंग के अलग-अलग चरणों को पार नहीं कर सके और ट्रेनिंग पूरी नहीं कर पाए। इसलिए, इस समय हमारी सेना में कोई भी ऐसा व्यक्ति नहीं है जिसके पास दो हेलिकॉप्टर और डोर्नियर को उड़ाने के लिए लाइसेंस हो या वो पूरी तरह से ऑपरेट कर सके।'

मालदीव में क्यों थे भारतीय सैनिक?

मालदीव में करीब 88 भारतीय सैनिक थे। ये दो हेलिकॉप्टर और एक एयरक्राफ्ट का ऑपरेशन संभालते थे। आमतौर पर इनका इस्तेमाल रेस्क्यू या सरकारी कार्यों में किया जाता है। मालदीव में इंडियन हेलिकॉप्टर और एयरक्राफ्ट मानवीय सहायता और मेडिकल इमरजेंसी में वहां के लोगों की मदद करते रहे थे।

भारत ने मालदीव को 2010 और 2013 में दो हेलिकॉप्टर और 2020 में एक छोटा विमान तोहफे के तौर पर दिया था। इस पर मालदीव में काफी हंगामा हुआ। मुहज्जू के नेतृत्व में विपक्ष ने तत्कालीन राष्ट्रपति सोलिह पर 'इंडिया फर्स्ट' नीति अपनाने का आरोप लगाया था।

मुहज्जू का चुनावी कैंपेन था इंडिया आउट कैंपेन—

पिछले साल मालदीव के राष्ट्रपति मोहम्मद मुहज्जू ने अपने चुनावी कैंपेन में भारतीय सैनिकों को देश से निकालने का मुद्दा बनाया था। उन्होंने इसे इंडिया आउट कैंपेन नाम दिया था। चुनावों में जीत के बाद मालदीव ने देश छोड़ने के लिए भारतीय सैनिकों के सामने 10 मई की डेडलाइन रखी थी। हालांकि, इससे पहले ही भारतीय सैनिक मालदीव से लौट गए।

# जेल में बंद अपराधियों के सांसद बनने पर दखल दे संसद, संविधान में संशोधन की मांग



वरिष्ठ अधिवक्ता विकास सिंह ने जेल में बंद प्रत्याशियों के संसद सदस्य बनने को लेकर संसद से इस प्रक्रिया में दखल देने का आग्रह किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि संविधान निर्माताओं ने यह कभी नहीं सोचा होगा कि ऐसे लोग भी संसद में निर्वाचित होकर आएंगे। इसलिए इन आरोपों की पहचान

करने को संविधान में संशोधन करने की आवश्यकता है।

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एक संसदीय सीट को साठ से अधिक दिनों तक खाली नहीं रखा जा सकता है, फिर चाहे उसने शपथ ले ली हो। इसलिए संसद को इसमें दखल देना चाहिए और ऐसे लोगों को निर्वाचित होने से रोकना चाहिए। सिंह ने कहा कि अगर इन लोगों को अपनी सीट खाली करनी पड़ती है तो उन्होंने दोबारा चुनाव लड़ने की अनुमति नहीं दी जानी चाहिए। चूंकि इन लोगों के हिरासत में रहने तक इनके संसदीय क्षेत्र में जनप्रतिनिधि अनुपस्थित रहता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि यह समय की मांग है कि इस मुद्दे पर एक कानून लाया जाए। ऐसा कोई प्रविधान है जिसके जरिये अपने किसी प्रतिनिधि के माध्यम से अपना नामांकन पत्र भर सकते हैं और इसीलिए यह चुनाव लड़ पाते हैं।

भारत के मुख्य न्यायाधीश डीवाई चंद्रचूड़ के हवाले से सुप्रीम कोर्ट के वकील प्रशांत पदनामन ने कहा, 'संविधान की खूबसूरती इसी में है कि यह उनकी भी रक्षा करता है जो इसमें विश्वास ही नहीं रखते।' पदनामन ने कहा कि संसद में ऐसे मामलों से बचने के लिए एक मैराथन सुनवाई होनी चाहिए। इसके जरिये जेल में बंद उम्मीदवारों को या तो बरी कर दिया जाए या उन्हें सजा दे दी जाए।





Tourism

Paris Tourism Set to Soar as Schengen Visa Eases Access for Olympic Travelers

Discover how the 2024 Olympic in Paris will turbocharge the city’s tourism industry, transforming it into a bustling hub for millions of global visitors.

As Paris prepares to host the 2024 Olympic Games at the renowned Stade de France, the city is set to witness a substantial boost in sports tourism, event participation, and international business opportunities. Central to this surge is the streamlined Schengen visa application process, designed to enhance accessibility and convenience for international visitors. This simplification aims to facilitate smoother entry into France, ensuring that travelers can easily enjoy the Olympic festivities and explore Parisian attractions.

**Streamlined Visa Access through the Schengen Agreement**

Travelers aiming to experience the Paris Olympics can benefit from the Schengen visa, which grants access to 26 countries, including Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. This single visa simplifies travel across Europe, making it easier for tourists to extend their stays and explore multiple countries, which is especially appealing during the Olympic season.

**Economic Impact and Industry Growth**

With an anticipated 23,00,000 to 31,00,000 visitors, the Olympics are expected to generate significant economic activity. According to the Paris Tourism Office, visitors will spend around EUR 2600 million during the Games. This influx will not only bolster the local economy but also propel the events industry, with an increased demand for Olympic-related events,

business meetings, and cultural celebrations.

**Enhanced Support for the Sports and Events Sectors**

The focus on facilitating visa applications is crucial for encouraging global participation in the Games and associated events. This policy supports the growth of the sports events industry and sports tourism by ensuring a smooth entry process for attendees, athletes, and officials.

**Boost to Transportation and Hospitality**

The influx of visitors is also a boon for the transportation and hospitality sectors. Airports like Orly and Charles de Gaulle are experiencing increases in passenger capacity, essential for accommodating the heightened travel demands during the Games. Likewise, the hospitality industry is set to thrive, with a range of accommodations needed to cater to the diverse preferences and budgets of international visitors.

Paris Le Bourget Airport, the primary hub for the French capital, is fully prepared to welcome visitors from around the globe for the 2024 Olympics, anticipated to be one of the grandest global events. This influx is expected to significantly boost France’s tourism, enhancing travel, hotel, and airline industries. In July 2023, Le Bourget handled an impressive more than 6.5 million passengers, indicating its readiness to manage the Olympic crowds. Similarly, Paris-Orly Airport is also set to experience a surge in traffic, having accommodated more than 3.2 million passengers in the same month. As these airports gear up for heightened activity, Paris’s tourism hotspots are poised to captivate the world, reflecting the city’s vibrant culture and history in the glow of the Olympic Games.

Indian Tourism Boiling: Heatwave Disrupts Travel to Taj Mahal and Beyond



As temperatures soar to unprecedented levels, Northern India finds itself in the grip of a relentless heatwave, creating chaos for both domestic and international travelers. Iconic destinations, including the world-renowned Taj Mahal, are bearing the brunt of this climate crisis. The severe heatwave, a stark manifestation of global warming, has led to travel disruptions, health hazards, and a significant impact on India’s booming tourism industry.

**The Scorching Heatwave and Its Impact-** India’s northern regions are experiencing one of the most severe heatwaves in recent history. Temperatures have spiked well above the average, frequently exceeding 45°C (113°F). This extreme heat has led to tragic consequences, including fatalities and widespread heat-related illnesses. The heatwave is not only a public health crisis but also a major disruptor for tourism in Northern India.

**Travel Disruptions: Domestic and International Setbacks-** The heatwave has created a tumultuous environment for travelers. Airlines are grappling with the cancellation of flights due to health risks, and railways are facing operational challenges as tracks expand under intense heat, causing delays and breakdowns. Road travel is equally perilous, with overheated vehicles and melting tarmac adding to the woes.

Italy shines as a beacon of global tourism economy



Italy continues to captivate the world with its rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes, and vibrant culinary scene, solidifying its position as one of the top-performing countries in the global tourism economy. Recent data highlights Italy’s remarkable recovery and growth in tourism, underscoring its pivotal role in the sector’s global landscape.

According to the World Tourism Organization UNWTO ,Italy ranks among the world’s leading tourism economies, consistently attracting millions of visitors each year.

In 2023, Italy welcomed over 94 million international tourists, a significant rebound from the pandemic years. This surge in visitor numbers is a testament to Italy’s enduring appeal and its ability to adapt to changing travel trends. Italy’s diverse attractions cater to a wide array of interests.

From the historic ruins of Rome and the romantic canals of Venice to the rolling vineyards of Tuscany and the pristine beaches of the Amalfi Coast, Italy offers an unparalleled variety of experiences. The country’s commitment to preserving its cultural and natural heritage while promoting sustainable tourism practices has further enhanced its allure.

The Italian tourism economy is not just about volume; it’s also about value. Italy excels in offering high-quality experiences that drive significant economic impact.

The country’s luxury travel sector, encompassing high-end hotels, gourmet dining, and bespoke experiences, attracts affluent travelers willing to spend on exceptional services and products. This focus on quality over quantity ensures that tourism revenues contribute substantially to the national economy. Moreover, Italy’s strategic investments in infrastructure and technology have bolstered its tourism sector.

Now it is the time to limit over tourism in Majorca



Majorca, the largest of Spain’s Balearic Islands, has long been a top destination for travelers worldwide, including a significant number of British tourists. Its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, and rich cultural heritage attract millions of visitors annually. However, the island’s popularity has reached a tipping point, leading to mounting concerns over overtourism.

In recent years, the influx of tourists has caused severe challenges for the local population. Issues such as overcrowding, escalating costs of living, and a housing crisis are becoming increasingly unbearable for residents. The pressure has reached a boiling point, prompting large-scale protests and calls for sustainable tourism practices.

**Local Response: Palma de Mallorca’s Approach to Overtourism**

Palma de Mallorca, Majorca’s bustling capital, is at the forefront of these challenges. The city has become a symbol of the struggle against overtourism, with approximately 10,000 residents taking to the streets in late May to voice their frustrations. These protests highlight the urgent need for a balanced approach to tourism that respects both the community and the environment.

Palma de Mallorca has initiated several measures to address the impacts of overtourism:

**Tourism Caps and Regulation:** The local government has implemented regulations to limit the number of tourists, especially during peak seasons. This includes restrictions on short-term holiday rentals to ensure more housing is available for residents.

Unlocking Tourism Opportunities: Sri Lanka’s Strategic B2B Roadshows In India



Sri Lanka Tourism aims to attract Indian tourists with B2B roadshows in Indore, Vadodara, and Surat, highlighting diverse attractions.

The Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) and Sri Lanka Convention Bureau are set to organize a B2B Roadshow and Networking evening across three cities—Indore, Vadodara, and Surat—on June 10, 12, and 14, 2024. These events aim to showcase Sri Lanka as an attractive destination for tourists throughout the year and to boost visitor numbers from Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat by showcasing the country’s vast tourism potential to these critical Indian markets.

Guided by the esteemed Mr. Harin Fernando, the Honorable Minister for Tourism, Lands, Sports, and Youth Affairs, the delegation will be headed by Mr. Krishantha Fernando, General Manager of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau. The delegation, which includes over 40 tourism stakeholders such as Destination Management Companies, top-tier hotels and resorts, homestays, tour operators, and other service providers from Sri Lanka, will participate in B2B exchanges with industry counterparts in each city.

The roadshow series will serve as a platform to discuss Sri Lanka’s tourism vision, its new slogan, and upcoming plans for tourism growth. It will also offer local delegates a chance to network with key influencers, corporate leaders, MICE agents, trade associations, and other service providers. With a lofty goal of attracting 2.5 million tourists in 2024, Sri Lanka has embarked on a dynamic “You’ll Come Back for More” global marketing campaign, encompassing a comprehensive 360-degree approach. This campaign has already made its mark by featuring Sri Lanka’s attractions at major international events, including the Arabian Travel Mart in Dubai, and by hosting roadshows in notable cities like Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and in Turkey, further highlighting its commitment to becoming a staple in the global travel industry.