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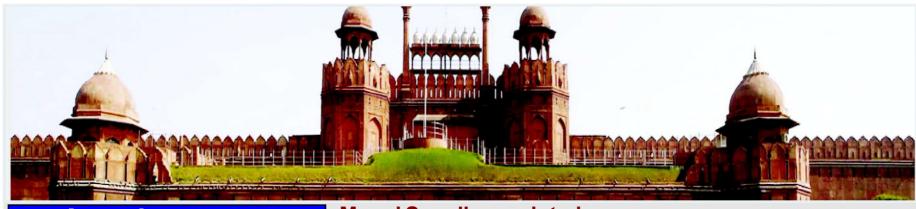


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#### ppointments

Rajneesh Karnatak, Executive Director, Union Bank of India, was appointed as Managing Director and CEO, Bank of India for a period of three years.

Debadatta Chand, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda, was appointed as Managing Director and CEO, Bank of Baroda for a period of three years

Moina Benazir (IDAS: 2005), Director, Ministry of Minority Affairs, was prematurely repatriated to her parent cadre with the condition of extended cooling off.

Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARG), was appointed as Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy and Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission for a tenure up to the age of 66 years i.e. till 10.10.2025.

Mihir Kumbhakar (ITS: 2001), CVO, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. (GRSE), Kolkata, was given extension of additional charge CVO, Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL), Visakhapatnam for a further period of six months.

Rajiv Shankar (IRS C&CE: 2008) was appointment as Director in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for a period of five years

Empanelment of 12 officers for promotion to the grade of Principal Chief Commissioner/Principal Director General of Customs and Indirect Taxes in the Indian Revenue Service (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) was approved for the panel year

Subhash Kumar (IDAS: 2011) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Defence for a period of four years.

Shraddha Narendra Pandey (IFS: 2017: WB) was sent on deputation from West Bengal cadre to Uttar Pradesh cadre for an initial period of three years.

Naveen Kumar Jain (IRS C&CE:1992), Combined CVO for Military Engineer Services (MES) and Border Roads Organization (BRO), was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre to enable him to avail the benefit of promotion.

PESB selected Sanjay Kumar Singh for the post of Director, Technical, Bharat Coking Coal Ltd (BCCL). Currently, he is Senior Vice President (Coal Strategy), JSW Steel Limited.

Tenure of Nirupama Kotru (IRS IT: 1992), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal, was extended for a period of two years.

Vikram Singh Rana (IRTS: 2000), Director (CVO) in Ministry of Earth Sciences, was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre with out "extended cooling off"

Ravi Bhushan Kumar was appointed to the post of Member Secretary, Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB).

Eleven IRPS officers were empanelled for promotion to HAG level posts for the Panel Year 2023.

Dr Tapan Biswas, IG (Medical), was empanelled for promotion to the grade of Additional Director General (ADG) (Medical) in the Combined Medical Cadre of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), National Security Guards (NSGs) & Assam Rifles (ARs) for the panel year 2023

Umesh Chandra Gautam was empanelled for promotion to the grade of Deputy Director General (Chemistry) in the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

Hardeep Singh (ITS:1990) was assigned with the additional charge of CMD of STC Limited for a period of one year in addition to his existing charge as Additional DG of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

Raji N S (IRS C&CE: 2013) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for a period of four years

Tenure of Rashmi Chowdhary (IRPS: 1989), Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, was extended for a period up to 25.03.2025. Temporary upgradation of her post of Joint Secretary to Additional Secretary in Department of Personnel & Training was also extended up to 12.05.2024.

Bharatula Vishwanath (IRSS: 1996), CVO, National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (NMDC), Hyderabad, was entrusted with additional charge of the post of CVO, Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL), Bengaluru for a period of one year.

Rathendra Raman (IRTS: 1995) was appointed as Chairperson (JS level), Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority, Kolkata under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for a tenure of five years

Sanjay Malhotra (IAS: 1990: RJ), Secretary, Department of Revenue, was assigned additional charge of Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs from 21.04.2023 to 07.05.2023 during the period of absence on leave of Manoj Govil (IAS: 1991: MP).

Jivisha Joshi Gangopadhyay (IRTS: 2013) was appointment as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade for a period of four years.

Vinod Dayashankar Godghate (ITS: 1995), CVO, Minerals Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), Nagpur, was prematurely to his parent cadre.



the next chief secretary of the state. Saunik, currently posted as additional chief secretary (finance), will succeed veteran bureaucrat Manu Kumar Shrivastav (IAS: 1987: MH), who retired in the month of April. Outgoing Maharashtra CS gets post retirement post The Maharashtra government has appointed Manu Kumar

Shrivastav (IAS: 1987: MH) as the new state chief commissioner (right to guarantee of services). He will take charge in first week of May. The tenure will be of five years or up to 65

#### Niraj Kumar appointed as PS to Amit Shah



The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Niraj Kumar Bansod (IAS) as Private Secretary to the Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah in the Ministry of Cooperation. According to an order issued from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Bansod has been appointed to the post for a period up to September

29. 2027 with effect from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or on co-terminus basis with the Minister or till he ceases to function as Private Secretary to the Minister or until further orders, whichever earlier. Bansod is a 2008-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Chhattisgarh cadre. Presently, he is serving as Director in the Cabinet Secretariat.

Anoop Khinchi (IAS: 2008: NL) was appointed as Director in the Department of Defence for a tenure up to 22.03.2027. He counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 23.03.2022.

Alka Upadhyaya (IAS: 1990: MP), Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying was entrusted with additional charge of the post of Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways till the assumption of the charge of the post by Anurag Jain (IAS: 1989: MP).

M Angamuthu (IAS: 2002: AM) was appointed as Chairperson (JS level), Visakhapatnam Port Authority, Visakhapatnam under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for a combined tenure of seven years up to 13.10.2027.

Nitika Pawar (IAS: 2012: AGMUT) was appointed to the post of Deputy Financial Advisor (Deputy Secretary Level) in BSF, Chandigarh under the Ministry of Home Affairs for a period of three years.

Tenure of Dharmendra Sharma (IAS: 1988: AGMUT), Director General, India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management was extended till 30.09.2023. He was reappointed as DG, IIIDEM (Additional Secretary rank) on contract basis for a period of one year.

Thummala Vikram (IPS: 1998: KL) was appointed as Inspector General in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) for a period of five years.

S R Saravanan (IPS: 2000: NL) was appointed as Inspector General in Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for a period of five years.

L V Antony Dev Kumar (IPS: 1994: UP) was appointed as Inspector General in Border Security Force (BSF) upto 31.05.2026 i.e. date of his superannuation.

Zaki Ahmed (IPS: 1993: UP) was appointed as Inspector General in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) upto 31.03.2028 i.e. date of his superannuation.

Anish Dayal Singh (IPS: 1988:AM) DG, ITBP, was granted Apex pay scale (Level-17 of the pay matrix).

Satendra Kumar (IPS: 2010: UP) was appointed as Superintendent (SP) of Police in Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) on deputation basis for a period of five

Dr Meenakshi Katyayan (IPS: 2014: UP) was appointed as Superintendent of Police (SP) in Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) on deputation basis for a period of

#### Manoj Saunik appointed new TK.Ramachandran, IAS) gets Maharashtra Chief Secretary adll. charge as Chairperson of The Maharashtra government appointed Manoj Saunik (IAS: 1987: MH) as Visakhapatnam Port Authority



The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the proposal of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for entrustment of additional charge of the post of Chairperson (JS level) of Visakhapatnam Port Authority to TK Ramachandran (IAS). According to an order issued from the Department of Per-

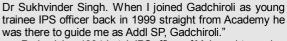
sonnel & Training (DoPT), he has been appointed to the post for a period of six months with effect from April or till the appointment of a new incumbent or until further orders, whichever is the earlier.

Ramachandran is a 1991-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Tamil Nadu cadre. Presently, he is serving as Chairperson of VO Chidambaranar Port Authority. He has been serving as Chairperson of VOC Port Trust since January 1, 2019.

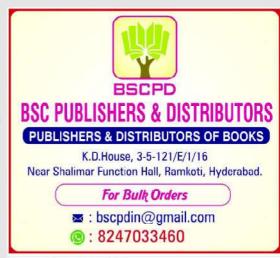
#### Krishna Prakash, IPS takes charge as Chief of Maharashtra's (Force One)

Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Krishna Prakash has taken over charge as Chief of Maharashtra Police (Force One) with effect from April

. He has taken over the charge of the post from Dr Sukhvinder Singh (IPS). In a Twitter post, the IPS officer wrote, "Took charge of FORCE ONE on 26th from one of the finest IPS Officers of Maharashtra Cadre



Prakash is a 1994-batch IPS officer of Maharashtra cadre. Prior to this, he was serving as Additional Director General of One Force.





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### Corridors of Power



## **Moment Of The Month**

New Secretariat! The sprawling new structure on the banks of Hussian Sagar is not just a seat of power but also a unique architectural attraction. Yes the amazing structure in the city. During the inauguration the lady Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari took over the CS chair in the presence of CM KCR. This is the happening moment for the lady officer. Best wishes CS garu.



## To Achieve Top Ranking

DGPs review meeting to improve police station performance and achieve a top ranking in the MHA's best police station rankings. The meeting aimed to identify areas for improvement and implement measures to enhance policing quality and efficiency. The goal is to prioritize citizen

safety and ensure Telangana's police stations are among the best in the country.In the picture DGP Anjani Kumar, ADG, Women Safety Wing Shikha Goel & ADG,CID Mahesh Bhagwat can be seen.



## And The List Continues!

Sona received 'Professional Excellency Award'

MAUD is doing the fabulous job by providing protection and restoration work to the old heritage building and structures. And hats off to the commitment of Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar. He

told that in continuation, Khurshid jahi devadi, Sardar Mahal, Hyd Central Library & Sheikhpet Sarai among many others are being taken up for restoration, the list continues. Coming back to the news, well-known interior designer Sona Chatwani, received 'Distinguished Professional Excellency Award' from Institute of Indian Interior Designers Hyderabad Chapter presented by versatile officer Mr.Arvind Kumar.



## Perfect Policing On Priority

What's happening at Hyderabad City Police? Many happenings! The Ramadan was peaceful, entire city celebrated with joy & happiness. Earlier Ram Navmi procession, Hanuman Jayanthi procession followed by government events concluded smoothly. When officer like Cv.Anand is Hyderabad Police Commissioner, then no choice, things will be under control. Perfect policing, timely co-ordination, instant action, maintaining strict law & order, vast experience, of Mr.Anand. Koi shak!

quick decisions and alertness are the qualities of Mr.Anand. Koi shak!

Another news is, Mr.Anand congratulated two senior IPS officers of city police for their promotion and pipped the new insignia. Vikram Singh Mann IPS (1998 batch), Addl.CP(L&O), has been promoted to the rank of ADG. P.Viswa Prasad IPS(2005 batch), Jt.CP Special Branch, has been promoted to the rank of IGP.Best wishes to the both officers.

## IPS Officer Avinash & Ramesh Promoted To Rank Of IGP



Cyberabad Joint commissioner Avinash Mohanty, IPS., (2005 batch) DIG has been promoted to IG rank. Best wishes to the officer, who is known for his sincerity in the officers fraternity.

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Moreover, M.Ramesh, IPS of 2005 batch has been promoted to IG rank and retained in the same post as IGP,Provisioning and Logistics, TS Police. Congratulations to the hardcore and versatile officer.



## Best Wishes Yashwanth

Telangana Governor Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan felicitated the International Mountaineer Bhukya Yashwanth Naik at Rajbhavan, Hyderabad. Yash has already summated many peaks including Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak and Mount Elbrus, Europe's largest mountain. My best wishes and Blessings for his next expeditions.





#### Shaping The Future

USCG Hyderabad Jennifer Larson & USAID India MD Veena Reddy visited the Kalinga Institute, Odisha to learn how the United States & India are using innovative tactics, such as puppetry, to engage local youth & hear from youth leaders who are shaping the future they want to see.



## Brilliant Conversation

In the routine, Dy. High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen met Satish Reddy, Chairman of Dr.Reddy's Labs. "It was a brilliant conversation during visit to Dr.Reddy's global HQ and R&D facility in Hyderabad. Where we saw a pharma manufacturing line. We discussed various trade projects and their investment in Cambridge and Yorkshire sites in the UK." Mr.Owen said.



#### Fruitful Meeting At T-HUB

TÜBÝTAK is in Hyderabad. Turkey CG and team had very fruitful meetings at T-HUB and T-WORKS with a delegation headed by Mr. Sadullah Uzun, Vice-President of the Informatics and Information Security Research Center of TÜBÝTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye). In the picture Turkey Consul General Orhan Talman Okan , IAS officer Jayesh Ranjan and others can be seen.



#### Jim Messer Visited Canadian Wood House

Mr.Jim Messer,Vice-President International Marketing Forestry Innovation Investment Government of British Columbia Canada visited to Canadian Wood House in BTR Greens Hyderabad. Dr.Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Managing Director MAK Projects & Kazakhstan CG welcomed the guests and shared the details of Canadian Wood House

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#### Somesh Kumar Is BACK

Finally Former Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar is back with a bang. Many predictions & whispers were in the air, but ultimately the Government has appointed Mr. Kumar as Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister with the rank of Cabinet Minister for a period of three years. It's a splendid start to his second inning and surely he will take this on the higher level with his vast experience and visionary thoughts. The first half of his career was superb and the second half is going to be stunning. Keep the fingers crossed for more happening updates from his side. Best wishes boss.

## 'Coronation Ceremony' On Screen

British Deputy High Commission planned a wonderful event on the coronation ceremony of His Majesty The King Charles III and The Queen Consort at Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad. Many known personalities from the town witnessed the event. UK Dy. High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen welcomed the guests and in the picture the diplomat is with Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Jawahar Reddy. Mr.Owen told "A wonderful evening watching the once-ina-generation coronation ceremony of His Majesty The King in Hyderabad amidst our friends at a wonderful venue which hosted the King's great grandfather 100 years ago." In the pictures officer Jayesh Ranjan, Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Raghu Ram Pillarisetti, Manasi Nayana Joshi others guests can also be seen.











## The Smiling Frame

Women Power 'on screen'. Good to see women officers participation in the National & State government official events. During the inauguration of new Secretariat building the group picture of the lady officers is been viral on social media. In the picture Priyanka Varghese OSD to CM, Smita Sabharwal, Secretary to C M, Shikha Goel, ADG, Women Safety Wing and Neetu Prasad, Commissioner, Commercial Tax can be seen. Endorsement The Smiling Frame!

## In minor reshuffle of IAS officers, B. Gopi posted CCLA secretary

In a minor reshuffle of IAS officers, three officers were transferred and given new postings. B. Gopi who is waiting for posting has been posted as secretary in the office of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration. He will replace K. Hymavathi who has been transferred with a direction to report to the General Administration Department for further posting. Wanaparthy additional collector (local bodies) Ashish Sangwan has been transferred and posted as special officer in the CCLA in place of M. Satya Sarada Devi who has been asked to report in the GAD.

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Officer on special duty to Finance and Health Minister T. Harish Rao K. Ashok Reddy has been transferred and posted as Information and Public Relations director. He will relieve senior bureaucrat Arvind Kumar who has been holding the full additional charge of the post.

## Govt. transfers 57 IAS officers in a major reshuffle in A.P.

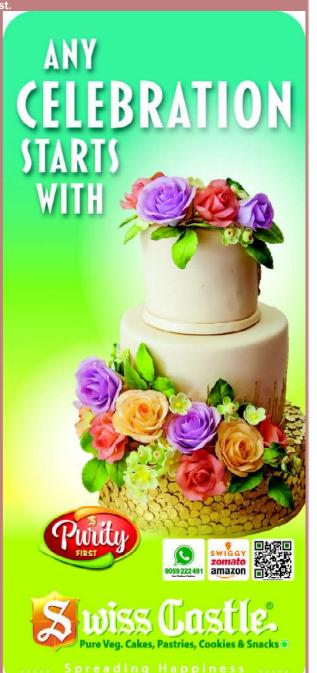
In a major reshuffle, the State government has transferred 57 IAS officers in the State. Apart from shifting many senior officials, the government issued G.O. 635 appointing new Collectors to eight districts.

tors to eight districts.

Special Chief Secretary (labour and employment)
Anantharamu has been posted as Special CS to the Minorities Welfare Department. R.P. Sisodia, who is waiting for posting, is posted as Director General of APHRDI. AP Genco MD B. Sridhar has been posted as AP Pollution Control Board Member Secretary. Nellore district Collector K.V.N. Chakradhar Babu has been posted as MD, AP Genco. Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration Pravin Kumar has been posted as Vice-Chairman and MD of APIIC.

Retired IAS officer Adityanath Das, who is working as Adviser to Government, is relieved from full additional charge of the post of Principal Resident Commissioner, New Delhi. Saurabh Gaur, who is working as Secretary, I.T.E & C Department is transferred and posted as Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi.

Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Commissioner Kona Sasidhar is transferred and posted as Secretary, I.T.E & C Department, while Vizianagaram district Collector



#### **Public Sector**

## NMDC records the best ever April month performance in company history



India's largest producer of iron ore NMDC, reported a production of 3.51 MnT and sale of 3.43 MnT in April 2023, recording the best ever performance for any April month in NMDC history.

Iron ore production in April 2023 is 11.42% more than April 2022 and the growth in sales is 9.93% over CPLY. Building on the momentum from the 40 MnT surpassed consecutively in FY22 and FY23, the mining major is on a record-breaking spree as it achieves the highest production and sales for any April month since inception.

Congratulating his team on the spectacular performance, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge), NMDC said, "Our dedication and consistency is displayed in NMDC's backto-back grit to outperform itself as seen in April's solid figures.

We are continuously adopting new processes and technologies to strengthen our supplychain and continue to meet the growing iron ore demands of the nation. We are now aiming at becoming a 100 MTPA mining company by 2030 and are treading confidently on the road map laid for achieving the same.

## Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) gets Navratna Status



Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise of the Ministry of Railways, incorporated as PSU has been granted Navratna Status.

RVNL was incorporated with the twin objectives of the implementation of projects relating to creation and augmentation of capacities of rail infrastructure on fast track basis and raising of extra budgetary resources for SPV projects. The company began its operation in 2005 with the appointment of Board of Directors. The company was granted Mini-Ratna status in September 2013. The authorized share capi-

tal of the company is Rs. 3000 Crore, with paid up share capital of Rs. 2085 crore.

RVNL has been assigned the following functions:

Undertaking project development and execution of works covering full project life cycle. Creating Project specific SPVs for individual works, if required. On completion of a Railway project by RVNL, the concerned Zonal Railway will undertake its operation and maintenance.

The grant of "Navratna" status to RVNL leads to enhanced delegation of powers, more operational freedom and financial autonomy which will give huge impetus to RVNL's progress, particularly so, when RVNL is extending its footprints in sectors beyond Railways and even in projects abroad

## CCL CMD, P M Prasad Recommended for Coal India, Chairman



Public enterprises selection board (PESB) recommended Mr Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad for the post of Chairman and Managing Director at Coal India Limited.

Currently, PM Prasad is serving as CMD at Central Coalfields Limited. PESB interviewed applicants from ECL, CMPDIL, NMDC Limited, BSNL, Indian Administrative Service, and Indian Revenue Service (IT).

The following applicants were interviewed in the selection meeting: 1 Mr. AMBIKA PRASAD PANDA, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Eastern Coalfields Limited

2 Mr. POLAVARAPU MALLIKHARJUNA PRASAD, Chairman & Managing Director, Central Coalfields Ltd.

3 Mr. MANOJ KUMAR, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central

Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd (CMPDIL) 4 Mr. AMITAVA MUKHERJEE, Director(Finance), NMDC Limited

5 Mr. PRABHU DAYAL CHIRANIA, Senior General Manager, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) 6 Mr. ASHOK BARNWAL, Additional Chief Secretary, Indian Administrative Service

7 Mr. ALOK SINGH, Commissioner of Income Tax, Indian Revenue Service (IT) Power Finance Corporation observed Cyber Jagrukta Diwas The Power Finance Corporation (PFC) observed 'Cyber Jagrukta Diwas' to create awareness about cyber security among all its employees. The occasion was marked by a physical session organized by officials of the Management Services (MS) Unit, which focused on creating cyber security awareness among the senior management officials, including all the Heads of Units (HoUs) and Executive Directors (EDs). Shri P. Sundaram, ED (MS), curated the session in the presence of EDs and senior officials of PFC. The session was well-received by the participants, who appreciated the initiative taken by PFC to raise awareness about cyber security. They also pledged to implement the learnings from the session in their respective areas of work and help create a culture of cyber security across the organization.

## STEEL Authority Bagged highest importer volume award

STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED has been awarded the highest importer volume award in the Bulk Category by Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (formerly Kolkata Port Trust) for the year 2022-23.

The award was presented to the ED EMD and L&I team, along with officials from L&I group, by the Honorable Minister of State for Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Santanu Thakur, during the trade felicitation meet held at Kolkata.

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port and SAIL are strategic partners in the logistics of imported cargo in coal and limestone. They handled approximately 9.56 million metric tons of cargo in 2022-23 through Haldia Dock Complex of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, cementing their position as key players in the industry.

SAIL has always been committed to providing the highest quality steel products to its customers while maintaining environmental and social responsibility. This award is a testament to SAIL's commitment to excellence in every aspect of their operations.

#### **HUDCO Organized Foundation Day;** Hardeep S Puri, graces as chief Guest



To commemorate 53 years of dedicated service to the nation, the Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) organized its Foundation Day. The Hon'ble Union Minister (Housing & Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas), Shri Hardeep S Puri, was the Chief Guest. The Secretary MoHUA, Shri Manoj Joshi, and other Senior dignitaries were also part of the Foundation Day function. The Hon'ble Minister congratulated HUDCO for demonstrating another robust performance in the financial year 2022-23 with a significant increase in loan sanctions and other operational & financial parameters and saidit is a matter of great pride that HUDCO has facilitated the construction of almost 2 crore residential units cumulatively in India by providing financial and technical assistance,95% of which are for EWS & LIG.

He said that in the future also HUDCO must continue to strengthen its credibility and strong customer relationships with State Governments and Agencies. He appreciated HUDCO's role as an able ally of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in this journey.

#### **ONGC's Uran Plant collaborates with IIT-Bombay**



India's Energy Maharatna Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited's (ONGC) Uran Plant in Navi Mumbai has signed a research & development (R&D) agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B) to develop an innovative gas sweetening process using nanofluids. The project aims to use nano-fluids in the amine solvent of the Gas Sweetening Unit (GSU) to reduce the amount of solution required for absorption, thereby resulting in significant savings of material and steam.

The gas sweetening process is crucial for ONGC's Uran Plant, which receives natural gas from the Arabian Sea. Since its commissioning, it has been a constant endeavor of the Uran Plant to explore and adopt new cutting-edge technologies. This partnership is in continuation of this endeavor, with IIT-Bombay being eminent in the field of R&D.

The typical process involves the sweetening of natural gas in Gas Sweetening Units (GSU) before sending it to LPG units. This process entails reaction of tertiary amine solvent with natural gas, which leads to lot of energy consumption.

## **MOIL** registers spectacular performance in April, 2023



With a production of 1.31 lakh tonnes of Manganese Ore in April, 2023, MOIL has registered Best April production performance since inception, with a significant growth of 26% over April, 2022.

Breaking a multi-year record, sales at 97,838 tonnes for the month has also been best for any April month and 72 percent higher than April, 2022.

Giving utmost thrust to exploration, MOIL achieved core drilling of 7,530 metres in April 2023, which is 3.6 times that of April, 2022. The company has made an ambitious plan of car-

rying out exploration in brown-field and green-field areas during FY'24.

Production of Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide (EMD) has also been best for any April month, higher by 6% than April, 2022. EMD is a 100% import substitution product, used mostly for pharmaceuticals and manufacturing of batteries.

Shri Ajit Kumar Saxena, CMD, congratulated MOIL collective on these achievements and reposed confidence of continuing the growth trajectory in the coming times.

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#### Michelle Obama launches company to promote healthy food for kids



Michelle Obama announced Wednesday that she has co-founded a company to make and sell healthier food and drinks for kids, products that she says will be less detrimental to their long-term health because of their lower sugar and higher nutrient content.

The former first lady's work with PLEZI Nutrition is an extension of her efforts to im-

prove child nutrition when she was in the White House.

"I've learned that on this issue, if you want to change the game, you can't just work from the outside," she said during a keynote address in New York at a conference on the future sponsored by The Wall Street Journal. "You've got to get inside. You've got to find ways to change the food and beverage industry itself.

So today, I'm proud to announce the national launch of a company designed not just to provide better products, but to jump-start what I hope will be a race to the top that will transform the entire food industry," she said.

Obama said she is a co-founder and strategic partner of PLEZi Nutrition. She will work

behind the scenes on its educational and philanthropic efforts, according to aides, who stressed that she will not be a spokesperson or a public face of the company. It was unclear whether she put any money down to help launch PLEZi Nutrition or whether she will draw a

#### 'Activity snack': Why new blood sugar control method of intermittent walking works



It is being called a new "activity snack", one that involves walking for three minutes after sitting for 30 and improves and maintains sugar levels in Type 1 diabetics. But experts say this works just as well for Type 2 diabetics. A recent study from the University of Sunderland in the UK put 32 participants with Type 1 diabetes through a cycle of interrupted sitting or activity breaks. They analysed their blood sugar readings during their sedentary and active times and found that not only did their blood sugar levels improve, their risk of low sugar actually reduced. Being sedentary for a long period is unhealthy for everyone but for people with Type 1 diabetes, there is a perceptible dysregulation of insulin levels. "Now, what happens in Type 1 diabetes is that the sugar levels fluctuate a lot. But now it has been proven that doing something as simple as taking a three-minute walk along the corridor or any other common spaces after 30 minutes at the desk can stabilise sugar levels. Usually in Type 1 diabetes, we are concerned about high sugar levels. But this intermittent activity pattern not only brought them down but showed a 14 per improvement in sugar stability. That is, the good zone sugars were better than the normal population by 14 per cent.

Similarly, what they found is there is no risk of low sugar in people participating in this short-break activity. So, what does this mean in terms of developing a long-term routine? It gives you a workable middle ground. You do not have to worry about a 30-minute brisk walk or running. If you cannot make the time for a moderate intensity physical activity, you can have small activities three minutes every half an hour. Also, a prolonged strenuous workout enhances the risk of sugar levels falling or hypoglycemia in Type 1 diabetics, which is why they have to wear a glucose monitor while exercising. The short strolls are better in that respect," says Dr David Chandy, Consultant, Endocrinology, at Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai.

#### Summer foods that keep you cool



Summer is here and it promises to be a scorcher. Here are a few ways to make sure that you are eating healthy and keeping your body cool this summer.

Cooling summer foods include:-

Fruits - Best fruits for summer are watermelons, muskmelons and citrus fruits.

Watermelons are full of water and are great as juice or just chopped up. Muskmelons and other varieties of melon are also cooling and healthy in the heat.

Citrus fruits break down fatty food and help in digestion and hence are cooling. (Tip: Don't eat fruits sold by roadside vendors. Instead buy the fruits and cut them up at home)

Curd - Curd is a must during the summer. It can be consumed as spicy buttermilk (add a dash of ginger and coriander to make it extra tasty), a sweet lassi or as cold yoghurt. Just plain curd rice is also cooling and satisfying in summer. (Tip: Put the curd into the refrigerator as soon as it is done, otherwise it will sour quickly in the heat)

Cucumber - This water filled vegetable can be eaten as a snack any time of the day and is great in salads and raithas. (Tip: Place two circles of sliced cucumber over the eyes to cool them down on a hot day)

Coconut water - This is the go to drink in summer. Coconut water is full of natural electrolytes and gives your body an instant boost especially when you're exhausted after a long day out in the heat. (Tip: After you drink the water, cut the coconut and eat the soft skin inside. It is tasty and also cooling)

Lime and mint - Lime is cooling and in combination, lime and mint make a very refreshing drink which is a great pick me up in the summer months.

Fresh vegetables - Bring down the consumption of meats in summer as they are not cooling. Instead eat more fresh vegetables which are light on the stomach and easily digestible. (Don't overcook the vegetables as it will lose a lot of its natural water)

Onions – Did you know that onions have great cooling properties? Onions are said to help protect you against sunstroke. (Tip: Cooking it takes out a lot of the water in onions and so have it raw, in raitha, salads and chutneys)

#### Cranberry Supplements May Be Effective at Preventing Recurring UTIs



Pure cranberry juice and concentrated cranberry supplements can reduce the risk of repeat urinary tract infections (UTI) in some people, a new study found. UTIs are bacterial infections that occur in the bladder, kidneys, or urethra. They're the second most common infection in the body, and four times as many females get UTIs as males, according to the MedlinePlus.

In a study published April 17 in Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews researchers in Australia found that cranberry juice or supplements can significantly reduce the risk of recurring UTIs in some high-risk women by about 25 percent, and in children by more than 50 percent.

The researchers compared the results of 50 randomized clinical trials that exist on the subject, which together included nearly 9,000 people. They found that cranberry products were more effective than probiotics at preventing UTIs in certain people and could be an option for people who do not want to take preventive antibiotics. Cranberry was not investigated as a treatment for existing UTIs.

"It is important that patients who currently have a UTI need to seek idvice from a healthcare professional to discuss their treatment op tions, which typically include a short course of antibiotics," says Jacqueline Stephens, PhD, MPH, an epidemiologist and senior lecturer in the College of Medicine and Public Health at Flinders University in Australia, and a coauthor of the new study.

The study found that cranberry was not effective at preventing UTIs in elderly people, pregnant people, or those with bladder-emptying problems. But for others who have recurrent UTIs or who are hospitalized and therefore at higher risk of infection, a compound in cranberries called proanthocyanidins (PACs) could be used as an effective and natural preventive.

Experts believe PACs prevent bacteria — including E.coli one of the most common causes of UTIs — from sticking to the bladder wall, says Nissrine Nakib, MD, an associate professor of urology at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis and the director of its pelvic floor program.

"There are so many contributing factors, including lack of estrogen and being immunocompromised, that put you at higher risk for UTIs," Dr. Nakib says. "I tell my patients that if they are going to try a cranberry supplement, they should take one that is high in PAC.'





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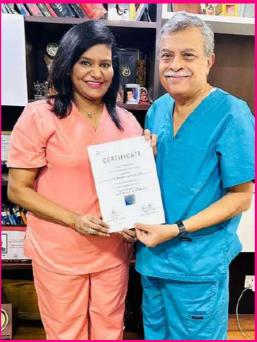
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#### Prof.M.Vijjulatha -The Role Model

When it comes to women education many women educationist are doing the tremendous service. Let's talk about one such committed women professor, who has 30 years of research and 23 years of teaching experience and today she holds the prestigious post Talking about Prof. M. Vijiulatha, the

experience and today she holds the prestigious post. Talking about Prof. M. Vijjulatha, the I/C Vice Chancellor of Telangana Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam, Koti, Hyderabad. So far, she has supervised 13 PhD's and presently guiding 8 students for their doctoral degree. Her area of Specialization is organic chemistry and research area is Molecular modeling and medicinal chemistry a sandwich of computational and synthetic organic chemistry. She is a Resource person for many Institutes like NIPER Hyderabad, JNTU Hyderabad, several post graduate colleges, pharmacy colleges and an invited speaker for national and international conferences. Her research group has presented 70 papers in national and international conferences. Kudos to Prof. Vijjulatha for adding new required courses in the collage for the girl students and putting all efforts to provide best education and safe atmosphere. She is the perfect role model...!



## Big Congratulations To Dr. Kamala Anagani

Happening doctor and motivational speaker Dr.Kamala Anagani, anesthesiologist by profession is now moving as head of the department of Anaesthesia at Arete Hospitals, Gachibowli. She did her fellowship in pain management from Delhi pain mangemnet center under Prof.Dr.Dureja of Delhi pain management center (first dedicated pain center in India ). She also did her executive certificate programme in Health care management from ISB (MBA).It is a 12 week programme with lectures and videos by eminent teachers after which there are assignments every week for which grades are given. And she scored 96% . That's amazing ! Congratulations to Dr.Kamala Anagani and good wishes for further endeavors.



## Nikhat Zareen released Midnight Reporter's April edition

Midnight Reporter's 'Awesome April' edition is out with a bang released by the World Boxing Champion, Arjuna Awardee & Golden Girl Nikhat Zareen. Epaper:

https://midnightreporter.com/April 2023.pdf

## Award Time For Jyotiee Balani

Jyotiee Balani, Lifestyle Journalist Independent received IHC **LONDON & IIHM WOMEN ACHIEV-ERS IN HOSPITALITY AWARD 2023** on the occasion of International Hospitality Day for the outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of Hospitality at IIHM Hyderabad. "Thrilled to receive my third award in a year's time and this one is really special because it was a special category given to very few women right in the beginning of the award ceremony !" told Balani. She also conveyed her gratitude toward Suborno Bose and Earnest Immanuel for the honor





## Dr.Madhurima Reddy conferred with 'Golden Book Award'

Dr. P. Madhurima Reddy, a renowned life and peak performance coach, psychologist, trainer and author, from Hyderabad, was conferred with the distinguished Golden Book Award, 2023, for her outstanding masterpiece and international best seller, The Awakening, at the Al Khoory Sky Garden Hotel, in Dubai, on the 8th April, 2023. The Awakening was adjudged among the best, in the category of Life Transformation, alongside the works of the world's most renowned authors such as JK Rowling, Kamlesh Patel, Gopal Gaur Das, Sudha Murthy, Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev, and such others.



## 'Toori Mama' Book Launched Book Will Motivate Young Ones To Take Up Sports

'Toori Mama' book launch held at Gopichand Academy. Chief Guest Pullela Gopichand ,Guests of Honor Jayesh Ranjan, (IAS & Industries Secretary, Govt. Of Telangana), Shekhar Bajaj Srikanth Kidambi (Former Badminton World No.1 & Olympian) ,Gurusai Dutt!(Commonwealth Games Medalist) ,Sai Praneeth (Olympian & Bronze Medalist at Badminton World Championships) ,Satwik Sairaj (Olympian & Badminton World No.6) and Gayatri Gopichand (Commonwealth Medalist) was present at the occasion. 'Toori Mama' book is written by Vibha & Mayank Agarwal to motivate young children of age 3 to 10 years to take up sports. Good one!

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# Artist Thota Laxminarayana – Brings Native Charm Of Folk Art Into Contemporary Style



About the Artist: Born 1973, Nirmal, Adilabad District, Telangana. Tutored under Guruji-ShriRavinder Sharma (a revered name in the art and design schools of the country), Thota Laxminarayana brings in native charm of folk art into contemporary style. He participated in several group shows, Solo Shows and camps in India and abroad. He was invited by the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, for a short residency 2010

and Illustrated the ISB buildings both Hyderabad and Mohali for their 2016 calendar. He worked as a Resident Artist at Daira Centre for Arts and Culture. He was do Live painting on Mercedes- Benz(E-Class and S-Class). He was do Art awareness Programs in affordable Schools. He lives and works in Hyderabad.

Designed ISB's 20th Anniversary Cermony flag 2022 Artist Statement: "In my own stylised vocabulary which is rooted deeply in the Indian folk tradition, I experiment to contemporize the rural idiom. Without diluting the essence of my environment I captures cultural documentations in my works. The serene appearing folks in my paintings are executed in a rich matrix of lines. Although, portrayed in a vibrant palette, the colour scheme in my work is highly contemporary. My spectator never finds a dull moment, as each canvas is a social documentary of life. I also portray humans coexisting with the flora and fauna which are indicators of green lives living in harmony. But, lately, after my shift to the city, I depict the urban settlement with my rural sentiments".

- ThotaLaxminarayana















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## विश्व बैंक प्रमुख बनने पर अजय बंगा SCO Summit दो फीट की दूरी, न मिलाया को बाइडन ने दी बधाई, बोले- हाथ न की बात, जयशंकर ने बिलावल को परिवर्तनकारी शख्सियत साबित होंगे



अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति जो बाइडन ने कहा है कि विश्व बैंक के नए प्रमुख अजय बंगा एक परिवर्तनकारी शख्सियत साबित होंगे जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संस्थान में विशेषज्ञता, अनुभव और नवाचार के साथ काम करेंगे। बंगा पूर्व में मास्टरकार्ड के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) थे और बुधवार को उन्हें विश्व बैंक का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया। बंगा इस प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान का प्रमुख बनने वाले भारतीय मूल के पहले व्यक्ति हैं।

बाइडन ने कहा, 'अजय बंगा परिवर्तनकारी शख्सियत साबित होंगे जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संस्थान में विशेषज्ञता, अनुभव और नवाचार के साथ काम करेंगे। विश्व बैंक के नेतृत्व तथा पक्षकारों के साथ मिल कर वह संस्थान को आगे ले जाने की कोशिश करेंगे।" उन्होंने कहा, 'अजय लोकोपकार के साथ ही निजी तथा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों को साथ लाने में अहम भूमिका निभाएंगे, ताकि उन्नत अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए जरूरी आधारभूत बदलाव हो सकें और यह इस वक्त की जरूरत भी है।' बंगा विश्व बैंक को आगे बढ़ाने के प्रयासों में अहम भूमिका निभाएंगे

वित्त मंत्री जेनेट येलेन ने कहा कि बंगा विश्व बैंक को आगे बढ़ाने के प्रयासों में अहम भूमिका निभाएंगे। इस पद के लिए बंगा को बाइडन ने ही नामित किया था। बंगा अमेरिका की उप-राष्ट्रपति कमला हैरिस के साथ भी काम कर चुके हैं। वह 'पार्टनरशिप फॉर सेंट्रल अमेरिका' के सह-प्रमुख थे। वर्ष 2020-22 के दौरान इंटरनेशनल चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स के मानद अध्यक्ष रहे बंगा एक्सर कंपनी के अध्यक्ष और टेमासेक के स्वतंत्र निदेशक भी हैं।

इसके पहले वह अमेरिकन रेडक्रॉस, क्राफ्ट फूड्स और डाऊ इंक के निदेशक मंडल का भी हिस्सा रह चुके हैं। वह अमेरिका-भारत सामरिक साझेदारी मंच के संस्थापक ट्रस्टी और पूर्व राष्ट्रपति बराक ओबामा के समय गठित साइबर-सुरक्षा आयोग के सदस्य के तौर पर भी सेवाएं दे चुके हैं।

## डॉक्टरों का अद्मुत करिश्मा! गर्भ में पल रहे बच्चे की हुई क्रेन सर्जरी, मां और बच्चा दोनों स्वस्थ



अमेरिका में डॉक्टरों की एक टीम ने अद्भुत करिश्मा कर दिखाया। डॉक्टरों की एक टीम ने गर्भ में पल रहे एक बच्चे के ब्रेन की सर्जरी कर नया इतिहास रच दिया। ये दुनिया का पहला ऐसा मामला है, जब डॉक्टर ने महिला के गर्म के अंदर ही बच्चे की ब्रेन सर्जरी की। एक रिपर्ट के मुताबिक, इस बीमारी का नाम 'वीनस ऑफ़ गैलेन मालफॉर्मेशन' है। बता दें कि यह चमत्कारी आप्रेशन बोस्टन के ब्रिगम एंड वूमेन हॉस्पिटल में किया गया।

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, ये स्थिति तब पैदा होती है जब दिमाग से दिल तक ब्लड ले जाने वाली रक्त वाहिका सहीं ढंग से विकसित नहीं हो पाती और ऐसे में ज्यादातर बच्चे जीवित नहीं बच पाते। बोस्टन चिल्ड्रन हॉस्पिटल के रेडियोलॉजिस्ट और वीओजीएम के इलाज में विशेषज्ञ डॉ. डैरेन ओरबैक ने बताया, मस्तिष्क की गंभीर चोटें और जन्म के त्रंत बाद दिल की विफलता दो बड़ी चुनौतियां हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि आमतौर पर, शिशुओं का इलाज जन्म के बाद किया जाता है, रक्त प्रवाह को धीमा करने के लिए छोटे कॉइल डालने के लिए कैथेटर का उपयोग किया जाता है. लेकिन, उपचार अक्सर बहुत देर से होता है। इस स्थिति में कई बच्चों का हार्ट फेल या ब्रेन डैमेज हो जाता है और अक्सर जीवित नहीं रहते हैं। बता दें कि महिला 34 सप्ताह की गर्भावस्था में है वहीं सर्जरी के बाद मां और बच्चा दोनों स्वस्थ है।

## दूर से ही की नमस्ते



गोवा में एससीओ देथों के विदेश मंत्रियों की शुक्रवार को मीटिंग हुई। SCO ग्रुप में जुड़े देथों के नेता भारत आए हैं और सबकी नजरें चीन और पाकिस्तान पर टिकी हैं। प्रोटोकॉल के हिसाब से भारत के विदेश मंत्री एस जयशंकर ने सभी विदेश मंत्रियों का स्वागत किया। रूस के विदेश मंत्री सर्गोई लावरोव आए तो एस

जयशंकर ने हाथ जोड़कर नमस्कार किया इसके बाद तस्वीरें खिचवाईं,चंद सेकंड दोनों नेताओं में कुछ बात हुई और फिर रूस के विदेश मंत्री आगे निकल गए। एससीओ के सेकेट्री झांग मिंग (Zhang Ming) आए तो एस जयशंकर ने मुस्कराते हुए उनका स्वागत किया।

चीन के के विदेश मंत्री छिन कांग आए तो जयशंकर ने जोश से स्वागत किया लेकिन पाकिस्तान के साथ नहीं रहा।

दरअसल किसी के साथ रिश्ते मधुर हो तो गर्मजोशी अलग ही दिखती है, मगर पाकिस्तान के बड़बोले विदेश मंत्री बिलावल भुट्टो जब आए तो एस जयशंकर के चेहरे हल्की मुस्कान थी पर गर्मजोशी वाली नहीं।

जयशंकर ने भुट्टो का भी हाथ जोड़कर स्वागत किया। दोनों नेताओं के बीच कोई बात नहीं हुई और भृट्टो चुपचाप वहां से आगे बढ़ गए। वहीं अधिकारियों का कहना है कि प्रोटोकॉल के हिंसाब से भारत के विदेश मंत्री का रवैया बिल्कुल वैसा ही था जैसा की अन्य देशों के नेताओं के साथ था। उन्होंने किसी से भी हाथ नहीं मिलाया. सभी से नमस्ते किया।

पाकिस्तान के विदेश मंत्री बिलावल भुट्टो के साथ भी ऐसा ही किया। उन्होंने कुछ विदेश मंत्रियों से कुछ बातें की किसी ने नहीं की, बिलावल भुट्टों से बात नहीं हुई। जयशंकर का सख्त रवैया पूरी दुनिया जानती है। जयशंकर भारत की बात को हर मंच में पूरी मजबूती से रखते हैं। पश्चिमी देश जब भारत को अकड़ दिखा रहे थे कि रूस से तेल क्यों खरीदा जा रहा है तो जयथंकर ने ऐसी लताड़ दिखाई कि सभी का मुंह बंद हो गया। समिट में भी जयशंकर ने चीन और पाकिस्तान के सामने आतंकवाद का मुद्दा उठाया। जयशंकर ने बिलावल भुट्टो के के सामने ही कहा कि सरहद पार से आतंकवाद भारत बर्दाश्त नहीं करेगा।

## मौत को मात देना आसान नहीं, पर ब्लादिमीर पुतिन बन चुके हैं 'महारथी'



जाको राखे साइयां मार सके न कोय, यह कहावत आप लोगों ने कई बार सुनी और पढ़ी होगी, लेकिन इस कहावत ने बीते दिनों खुद को चरितार्थ किया। रूस के राष्ट्रपति ब्लादिमीर पुतिन को बुधवार को कथिततौर पर मारने की कोशिश की गई। क्रेमलिन ने यह आरोप कीव पर लगाया है। हालांकि, आज की स्टोरी राष्ट्रपति पुतिन पर हुए अब तक के हमलों पर है।

राष्ट्रपति पुतिन पर बीते दिनों पहली बार हमला नहीं हुआ है, इस पहले भी कई मौकों पर रूसी राष्ट्रपति बाल-बाल बचे हैं। 14 महीने से भी ज्यादा समय से रूस और यूक्रेन के युद्ध जारी है और दोनों ही मुल्क एक-दूसरे के खिलाफ बढ़त हासिल करने के उद्देश्य से सैन्य कार्रवाई को अंजाम दे रहे हैं। साथ ही एक-दूसरे पर जमकर आरोप-प्रत्यारोप कर रहे हैं।

क्रेमलिन ने कथित हमले के प्रयास को आतंकवादी कृत्य करार देते कहा कि रूसी सेना और सुरक्षाबलों ने ड्रोन को हमला करने से पहले ही निष्क्रिय कर दिया।

बाल-बाल बचे राष्ट्रपति पुतिन-

रूस ने दावा किया कि कींव ने राष्ट्रपति पुतिन के आधिकारिक आवास क्रेमलिन पैलेस पर । ड्रान स हमला ।कया, लाकन रूसा सुरक्षाबला न इस पुतिन इस तरह की पांच कोशिशें और हो चुकी हैं।

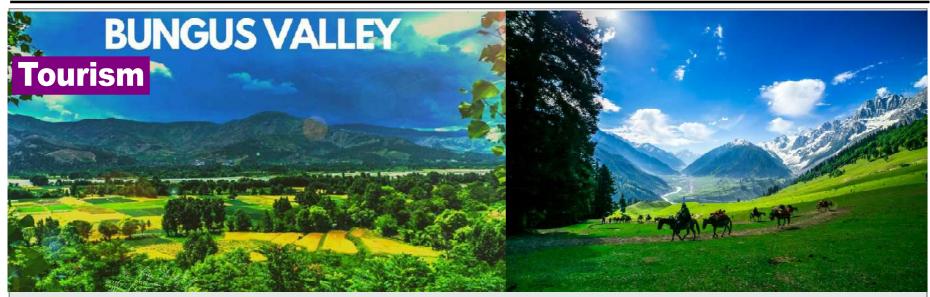
पुतिन पर कब-कब हुए हमले-साल 2002 में रूसी अधिकारियों को गुप्त जानकारी मिली थी कि राष्ट्रपति पुतिन को उड़ाने की साजिथ रची जा रही है। ऐसे में सुरक्षाबलों ने मुस्तैदी के साथ 40 किलो विस्फोटक को जब्त किया था। जिसके माध्यम से हमलावर इस हमले को अंजाम देने की फिराक में थे।

साल २००२ में राष्ट्रपति प्तिन की अजरबैजान यात्रा के दौरान एक इराकी व्यक्ति ने हत्या की कोशिश की थी, लेकिन हमले से पहले ही इराकी व्यक्ति को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया था और उसे 10 साल की कैद में भेजा गया था।

साल 2003 में भी ब्लादिमीर पुतिन पर उनकी यात्रा के दौरान हत्या की कोशिश की गई थी, लेकिन ब्रिटिश एंटी टेरर पुलिस ने इसे नाकाम कर दिया था।

साल २०१२ में ब्लादिमीर पुतिन की हत्या की साजिश में २ लोगों की गिरफ्तारी हुई थी। दरअसल, राष्ट्रपति पुतिन की हत्या की साजिश को रूस और यूक्रेन की सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने मिलकर विफल किया था।

काला सागर और कैस्पियन सागर के बीच काकेथस में रा ट्रपित पुतिन पर हमला हुआ था। हालांकि, यह कोथिथ असफल साबित हुई थी। यूक्रेन के डिफेंस इंटेलिजेंस के प्रमुख मेजर जनरल किरीलो बुडानोव ने मई 2022 में यह जानकारी दी थी।



#### Bungus Valley: An emerging must-visit tourist destination

Kashmir. It is situated in the Pir Panjal range and is known for its breath-taking natural beauty, including snow-capped mountains, lush green forests, and crystal clear streams.

It is a perfect destination for adventure enthusiasts who love trekking and camping. The valley is surrounded by several high-altitude peaks, including Mount Harmukh and Mount Kolahoi, making it an ideal location for trekking and hiking.

The spot is known for its breathtaking natural beauty, which comprises lush green meadows, snow-capped mountains, dense forests, and glistening water bodies. The valley is surrounded by picturesque hills that are covered with alpine and coniferous forests. The valley's landscape is dotted with several streams and waterfalls, which add to its charm.

During spring, the valley comes alive with a riot of colors as flowers of different hues and

Bungus Valley is a beautiful tourist destination located in the Kupwara district of North shades bloom all around. The summer months are pleasant, with temperatures ranging between 10 to 25 degrees Celsius, and offer an excellent opportunity for outdoor activities like trekking, camping, and mountaineering.

As the winter sets in, the valley transforms into a winter wonderland, with the entire landscape covered in snow. The snow-capped mountains and frozen streams present a mesmerizing sight that attracts many tourists.

Overall, Bungus Valley is a paradise for nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts, offering stunning vistas of natural beauty that are sure to leave a lasting impression.

Tourists can also indulge in various activities such as fishing and boating in the clear waters of the Nallah Bungus. The valley is also home to several species of flora and fauna, making it an ideal destination for nature lovers.

#### **Emirates signs MoUs to boost tourism** with Bahrain and Zambia



Emirates has signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) on the final day of the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) with the aim of boosting tourism in Bahrain and Zambia.

The airline will support Bahrain's new four-year strategy for tourism, which aims to attract 14.1 million tourists by 2026. Emirates currently operates 21 weekly flights to Bahrain on its Boeing 777, offering travellers convenient schedules via Dubai.

Emirates and the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority will explore opportunities

to expand the Kingdom's appeal in key markets such as Japan, Korea, Spain, Hungary, and Poland, as well as increase awareness of it as a short weekend getaway for tourists from Israel and the UAE. The MoU was signed by Adnan Kazim, Emirates' Chief Commercial Officer, and Fatima Bint Jaffer Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism and Chairman of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority.

Emirates and Zambia Tourism will jointly explore opportunities to boost visitor arrivals to Zambia by leveraging Emirates' global network of 140 destinations.

Through the partnership, both parties will collaborate on key initiatives to promote experiences in Zambia and increase the destination's visibility within the Emirates network. Advertising and marketing campaigns will also be considered to drive inbound visitors to Zambia.

The MoU was signed by Badr Abbas, Emirates' Senior Vice President Commercial Operations for Africa, and Matongo Matamwandi, Chief Executive Officer of Zambia Tourism Authority (ZTA). Emirates launched operations to Zambia in 2012 and now operates a daily service with

#### Ranveer Singh joins hands with Abu **Dhabi Tourism**



Experience Abu Dhabi has today announced Indian superstar, and pop culture icon Ranveer Singh, as an official ambassador, inspiring visitors to discover the diverse range of experiences that can be enjoyed on a trip to Abu Dhabi.

During the two-year partnership, Ranveer will share his holiday highlights, inviting Indian travellers to find their pace in Abu Dhabi and enjoy everything that the

destination has to offer, from an action-packed calendar of events including IIFA, the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix and the Abu

Isn't Enough'. In the film, audiences will witness Ranveer explore some of Abu Dhabi's hotspots, from soaking up the sun in the chilled pools of Saadiyat Beach Club to taking in the wonder at Louvre Abu Dhabi and racing around the famous Yas Marina Circuit, before enjoying retail therapy at one of the city's incredible malls.

A true showman, Ranveer could not leave Abu Dhabi without perfecting the iconic Al Ayyala dance – deeply rooted in UAE culture, it involves performers using thin bamboo canes to move to the steady beat of drums. Ranveer's infectious enthusiasm and passion for Abu Dhabi are sure to inspire every traveller to add Abu Dhabi to their summer bucket list.

Ranveer Singh commented, "I am delighted to be the destination ambassador for Abu Dhabi. This is the most fun I've had behind the camera! I've been visiting the emirate for years, and it feels like a second home to me. Now, I have the opportunity to share what makes it so special with the world. Every time I visit, there is something new to discover, and I always leave with countless memories and a strong desire to return. With so much to see and do, and just a short three-hour flight from Mumbai, Abu Dhabi is a must-visit holiday destination for everyone to experience.'

#### Odisha to bring new Boat Rules for cargo operations & tourism



Odisha government is all set to bring new regulations under the Boat Rules for cargo

As per reports, Odisha will bring the policy following the directives of the Centre.

The new regulations are aimed at revolutionising cargo operations through waterways and giving a boost to tourism. Moreover, solar-powered electric boats will be introduced in Chilika Lake to ferry tourists. The solar boats are extremely silent which will create a better ecosystem for the migratory birds in the lake.

The State government aims to save 69 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year. Solar boats have a very low operational cost as compared to petrol-powered boats.

Speaking about the development, Odisha Transport and Commerce Secretary, Usha Padhi said, "It will take around two months to introduce the rules because of the procedures. But I think we will be the first State to adopt the inland vessel rules."

"Solar boats are eco-friendly, and they do not put any adverse effects on the climate. It will help reduce pollution in Chilika. We are launching this on a trial basis. If successful, we will expand it to other rivers," said, the Director of Ports & Inland Water Transport, Odisha, as Lad Bazar and Pathargatti into a network of tourist destinations. Padmalochan Roul

#### Sardar Mahal's transformation as tourist center expected in 3 months



The historical Sardar Mahal located near the Charminar, is being transformed into an art gallery and heritage hotel. The project under the supervision of the Quli Qutb Shah Urban Development Authority and the Municipal Administration Department is expected to be completed within the next three months.

Once the project is Sardar Mahal will serve as a tourist center for visitors to the Charminar and Makkah Masjid. The outer building of Sardar Mahal is currently being

beautified, and the construction and repair work is approximately 60% complete.

Officials have announced plans to restore and preserve Sardar Mahal, a European-style palace constructed by Nizam VI Mir Mahboob Ali Khan in 1900, with additional architectural works. Despite being built for one of the Nizam's consorts, Sardar Begum, she declined to reside in the palace as it did not meet her expectations. The building was subsequently referred to as Sardar Mahal, although it remained unoccupied.

It was later recognized as a heritage building by the Heritage Conservation Committee and the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH).

In 1965, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) took ownership of Sardar Mahal due to outstanding property taxes. The government's plan for Sardar Mahal includes transforming it into a heritage hotel and an art gallery. The Municipal Administration Department has also prepared a plan to establish the Kalakriti Art Gallery in Sardar Mahal to further attract tourists. The goal is to develop tourist places such as The Charminar, Makkah Masjid, Chaumohalla Palace, Nizamia Medical College, Shifakhana Unani Charminar, Badshahi Ashoor Khana, as well