



FIRST TIME !
Qatar’s top diplomat is sworn
in as new Prime Minister

Qatar’s top diplomat was sworn in as the country’s Prime Minister replacing another member of the ruling family who had held the post since 2020, state news reported. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani was sworn in as the new head of government, without providing further details.

Qatar’s ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, appoints the holders of top offices, usually from members of the ruling family. As in other Gulf Arab countries, politics is largely confined to the ruling family and developments are rarely aired in public.

Sheikh Mohammed has served as Foreign Minister since 2016 and was the public face of Qatar as it navigated a 3.5 years economic boycott by Saudi Arabia the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt that only came to an end in January 2021.

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Appointments

Jayachandran K was appointed as Director (Technical) in Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT) till the date of his superannuation i.e. 31.05.2026.

Vishwanath Suresh was appointed as Director (Commercial) in National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC Limited) for five years or till the date of his superannuation.

Pankaj Pandey was appointed as Director (Technical) in Mineral Exploration & Consultancy Limited (MECL) for a period of five years or till the date of his superannuation. He will take charge on March 01, 2023. Prior to this, he worked as Chief Manager, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL).

Upamanyu Basu (IRS IT: 1989), Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre to avail the benefit of promotion in the cadre.

Dr Joydeep Guha (IP&TAFS), Controller of Communication Accounts was appointed to the post of Additional Director General (Finance) in the Geological Survey of India (GSI) on deputation basis.

Bhanwar Lal Meena (IPS: 2013: AM) was appointed as Superintendent of Police in Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) for a period of five years.

Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission was appointed to the post of Drugs Controller (India), Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO).

Vishal Chawre (IA&AS: 2010), SP, CBI was prematurely repatriated to his parent organization.

Vaibhav Goyal (IOFS: 2009) was re-designated as Director in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for a period up to 08.12.2024. Goyal counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 09.12.2019.

The ACC approved the continuance of Pankaj Kumar in the newly created post of Director (Production), ONGC w.e.f. 01.03.2023 till the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.06.2026. The post of Director (Production) came into existence after the merger of Director (Offshore) and Director (Onshore).

Lienmuong S Gangte (IRS C&IT: 2008) was appointed as Director(Admn.), North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat, Shillong under the Ministry of Development of North East Region (DONER) for a period of five years.

Shefali Swaroop (IRS IT: 1993), CVO, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Delhi, was entrusted with additional charge of the post of CVO, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL), Delhi and the post of CVO, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL), Delhi for a period of 6 months.

The additional charge of the post of Secretary, Inter State Council Secretariat (ISCS) was assigned to Gyanesh Kumar (IAS:1988:KL) from 14.02.2023 to 23.02.2023 during the period of absence on leave of Ms. Anuradha Prasad (IDAS:1986). Currently, he is Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation.

The post of Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of DONER held by Purushottam Verma (ISS:2009) was re-designated as Director as a measure personal to him for a period ending 06.02.2025.

The tenure of Arun Kumar (CSS), currently working as OSD to the Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Narendra Singh Tomar) was extended for a period ending 31.05.2024 (w.e.f. 17.02.2023) or on co-terminus basis with the minister.

Ananga Charan Nayak was appointed to the post of Director (Finance), Sagarmala Development Company Limited (SDCL) for a period of five years. Currently, he is Additional General Manager (Finance) in Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (MAHA — METRO)

Vijay Kumar Meena was appointed as *Deputy Secretary* in the Ministry of Labour & Employment for a period of four years. He is a 2012 batch officer belonging to the Indian Supply Service.

Kumar Rahul (ITradeS:2008) was appointed as Director in the Ministry of Health & Family Affairs for a period of five years

Ms Priyadarshika Srivastava (IRS C&CE:2009) was appointed as Director in the Ministry of Health & Family Affairs for a period of five years

Ms Swati Ratna (IRS IT:2010) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Central Vigilance Commission for a period of four years.

Ms. Anupam Ban was appointed as Director (Personnel), Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) till the date of her superannuation i.e. 31.10.2027. Currently, she is working as Executive Director (HRD), RVNL.

Rajiv Kumar (GM, BSNL) was appointed to the post of Director (Finance), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for a period of five years.

Dr Lokiah Ravikumar was appointed as Director (Catering Services), Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) till the date of his superannuation i.e. 31.07.2025. Currently, he is General Manager, IRCTC.

Odisha gets new Chief Secretary



The Govt of Odisha on Sunday appointed Pradeep Kumar Jena (IAS:1989:OR) as the new Chief Secretary of the state. He will replace outgoing chief secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra (IAS:1986:OD) who is retiring on February 28, 2023. Jena

may have ten month-long tenure as CS as he will retire on December 31.12.2023. He may get a further extension in service but a section of senior officials say that the Naveen Kumar Patnaik Government does not prefer extending CS' term though SC Mahapatra was an exception.

Currently, Jena is serving as the Development Commissioner. He is considered the number two position in the state's bureaucratic hierarchy. He will continue as the Special Relief Commissioner of the state.

IAS

The additional charge of the post of Chairperson, National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Cabinet Secretariat, was assigned to Pradip Kumar Tripathi (IAS:1987:JK) upon the superannuation of Ms. Neel Kamal Darbari (IAS:1987:RJ) on 28.02.2023. PK Tripathi is Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat.

Gyanesh Kumar (IAS:1988:KL) was assigned with the additional charge of the post of Secretary, Inter State Council Secretariat from 01.03.2023 to 19.03.2023 during the period of absence on leave of Ms Anuradha Prasad (IDAS:1986). Currently, Gyanesh Kumar is the Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation.

The tenure of Sanket S Bhondve (IAS:2007:MP) as Private Secretary to Road Transport & Highways Minister (Nitin Jairam Gadkari) was extended for a period beyond 25.04.2023 and upto 25.04.2025 in relaxation of maximum limit of 5 years of working as PS/OSD to a minister.

Mukhmeet Singh Bhatia (IAS: 1990: JH), Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, was given additional charge of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development during the absence Indevan Pandey (IAS: 1988: WB).

Union Defence Secretary Aramane Giridhar (IAS: 1988: AP) was given an extension till October 2024.

The Central Deputation tenure of Vineet Joshi (IAS:1992:MN) was extended for a period of one year beyond 17.04.2023 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Currently, he is the Additional Secretary, Department of Higher Education, and holds additional charge of the post of Director General, National Testing Agency (NTA).

B.V.R. Subrahmanyam (Retd IAS:1987: CG) was appointed as Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog. He replaces Parameswaran Iyer.

Tenure of Nilaya Mitash (IAS: 1991: KN) as Principal Operations Coordination Specialist (Regional Cooperation) with the Asian Development Bank, New Delhi was extended for a further period of two years w.e.f. 05/05/2023 up to 04/05/2025.

IPS

Amit Garg (IPS: 1993: AP), Additional Director, SVP NPA, was entrusted with the additional responsibility of Director, SVP NPA upon superannuation of A Sema Rajan (IPS: 1987: BH) for a period of three months.

Sulochana Gajraj (IPS: 2010: HY) was appointed as Superintendent of Police in Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) for a period of five years.

Dinesh Kumar Yadav (IPS: 1998: HP) was appointed as Inspector General in Border Security Force (BSF) for a period of five years.

Ruchika Rishi (IPS: 2004: SK) was appointed as DIG/Deputy Director in Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) for a period of five years.

Rajeev Mishra (IPS: 2010: BH), SP, CBI was prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre.

Nitin Deep Blaggan (IPS: 2003: RJ) was appointed to the post of Joint Director in CBI on deputation basis for an overall tenure of five years i.e. up to 08.10.2024.

Tenure of Viplav Kumar Choudhry (IPS: 1997: JK), Joint Director, CBI, was extended for a period of six months beyond 27.09.2022.

Vikas Sahay appointed full-time Gujarat DGP



Vikas Sahay (IPS: 1989: GJ), Director General of Police (Training), Gandhinagar has been appointed Director General and Inspector General of Police, Gujarat State with immediate effect. Sahay was appointed in-charge Director General of Police of Gujarat on February 1, 2023 following the retire-

ment of incumbent DGP Ashish Bhatia who was on an extension.

Gyanendra Pratap Singh new DGP of Assam



(IPS) officer Gyanendra Pratap Singh will be the next Director General of Police (DGP) of Assam with effect from 1st February 2023.

Special DGP (Law & Order) of Assam, Gyanendra Pratap Singh promoted and

posted as Director General of Police (DGP) with effect from 1st February 2023 on superannuation of the current DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, as per the release.

The current DGP of Assam, Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta is a 1988 batch (41RR) IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre. He is the current Director General of Assam Police and had previously served as the special Director General of Border. He is set to retire at the end of this month.

He is a 1991- batch Assam-Meghalaya cadre IPS officer. The current Special DGP of Law and Order Gyanendra Pratap Singh took to Twitter after the announcement.



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Green India Challenge Continues ...!

‘Green India Challenge’ ! This is one of the amazing initiative launches on the occasion of International Women’s Day by Member Of Parliament J.Santosh Kumar. The good happening is, many lady officers have released the poster of Green India Challenge and also appealed the women to plant the saplings on the view of Women’s Day. Moreover celebrities from various states and sport champions has also accepted the challenge and posted their plant sapling clips with the messages. This campaign got viral on various social media platforms and hundreds of feminine has planted the saplings. Good idea to propagate greenery.



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Yes the versatile lady Dr.Tamilsai Soundararajan is the Governor of Telangana and Lt.Governor of Puducherry, but before that by profession she is a dedicated doctor. For years and decades she has render her free services among poor and needy. And during the recent Health Camp & distribution of Janaushadhi Medicines & Sanitary kits to the needy of Raja Bollarum Thanda, Medchal Malkajgiri District the lady doctor did the consultation. It was a high light episode of the event, the event is a part of ‘Jan Aushadhi Diwas’ Week celebration & to create public awareness on Generic Medicines. Applauds !

Amazing Event

Hyderabad literature fest is on screen ! USA Consulate General in Hyderabad Jennifer Larson also visited the fest and liked it. In her post she said “congratulations to HLF for an amazing event. I picked up books on Urdu poetry by women, the history of Hyderabad, and English translations of Telugu short stories. So fortunate to call this city home!” Presenting amazing picture of Larson from the amazing event !



Shaandaar Hyderabad

Gareth Wynn Owen , UK Dy. High Commissioner with a token of love ‘Saaf Shaandaar Hyderabad’. ‘Swachh Hyderabad’ is on screen. Mr.Owen thanked for the amazing token and look forward to collaborate further. Liked the tag line ‘Saaf Shaandaar Hyderabad’.



Mr.Orhan Is Awesome

Turkey earthquake ! Unexpected happening and a big disaster. At this hard time Turkey Consulate General in Hyderabad Mr.Orhan Yalman Okan has done the tremendous work and put his endless efforts to help out earthquake victims. His continues appeal and follow-up & day-night pain has motivated many people to come forward to join



the hands to help the victims. Huge response with heart...! In the picture Akshaya Patra representatives offering their support for the earthquake victims to Mr.Okan and Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman.

A Visit To Canadian Wood Villa



His Excellency Aaref Ali Ali Altaboor Alnuaim Consul General of UAE in Hyderabad and Abdullah Al- Abdooli CEO of Marjan Island RAK visited to Canadian wood villa at BTR Greens Hyderabad. Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Managing Director, M.A.K. Projects Pvt. Ltd. and Honorary Consul Kazakhstan for Telangana & Andhra Pradesh welcomed the guests and shared the details of the project.

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Women's Day celebrations



Beyond The Boundary

Last month City Police has faced crucial tasks, one after another. Coincidentally Shivaratri, Shab-e-meraj and Shivaji Jyanti procession were back to back, after 36 years above festivals coincided at one time. So, the city police chief CV Anand accepted the challenge and day and night he was on field. His gesture and attention was like a motivation for team officers. Can say Mr. Anand is a cop of challenges, loves chasing them and known for facing. So, no worries at any point, Mr. Anand hai naa, he knows how to hit a ball beyond the boundary.



Amit Garg Gets Addl. Charge of Director, SVPNPA

Amit Garg, ADG, SVP NPA, has been given with an additional charge of Director, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVP NPA). He is a 1993 batch IPS officer of AP cadre.

IPS officer A.Sema Rajan, attained superannuation and retired from service. He was holding the post of Director, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA). Following his superannuation, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, issued orders giving additional charge of the Director

SVPNPA to Amit Garg, Additional Director of SVPNPA until further orders. Mr. Amit is known for his best policing, served on several important postings at Andhra & Telangana. Best officer!



Charu Sinha, the first woman posted as IG of CRPF southern sector

Charu Sinha, a 1996-batch Telangana cadre IPS officer, has been posted as inspector-general of the southern sector of the CRPF. The first woman officer to hold the post, she assumed charge on Friday from Mahesh Chandra Laddha, who was transferred to the CRPF's Jammu sector. Charu Sinha has earlier served as IG in the Jammu sector for about a year before being posted to the Srinagar sector for over two-and-a-half years. She was also the first woman CRPF IG to command the central paramilitary force's Bihar sector for anti-Naxal operations. Before moving to the CRPF on deputation, Charu Sinha had served in various positions in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. She also served in the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Kosovo wherein she handled the professional services unit.



Anil Singhal Principal Secretary To Governor, AP

Senior bureaucrat and former executive officer of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Anil Kumar Singhal has taken charge as Principal Secretary to Governor of Andhra Pradesh. He took charge from Special Chief Secretary R P Sisodia at Raj Bhavan. The 1993 batch IAS officer had twice served as the executive officer of the TTD in the past. Singhal later called on Governor on a courtesy visit.



HMR MD bags CEO of the year award

CEO Clubs of India comprising industrialists and chief executive officers of several prominent companies as members, conferred the prestigious Social (Impact) "CEO of the Year" award on Hyderabad Metro Rail MD N.V.S. Reddy at its "Go Beyond 2023" Retreat in Bangalore. Recognising the social impact made by Mr. Reddy on the commuting culture of Hyderabad by implementing the world's

largest Metro rail project in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in an innovative way, CEO Clubs of India appreciated his service to the country in various positions held by him during his long career spanning over 40 years.

5 officers elevated to IAS rank in Telangana

After a decade and for the first time after formation of Telangana, five officers have been conferred IAS under non-state civil service (non-SCS) option by the department of personnel and training (DoPT). Though 25 officers were shortlisted for five posts, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) selected the 5 officers after conducting interviews. According to the DoPT, K. Haritha, K. Ashok Reddy, P. Katyayani Devi, EV. Narasimha Reddy and E. Naveen Nicolas has been selected as IAS. The State government would give them postings soon and some may be asked to continue in the same postings.



Click Of The Month

International Women's Day! Women Safety Wing planned a large event on the occasion of International Women's Day. DGP Anjani Kumar participated as chief guest. Room full of women police officers, energetic speeches and smile on the faces was the attraction. In the picture lady officers Shikha Goel, Swati Lakra, Abhilasha Bisht, Tarun Joshi, B. Sumathi, P.V. Padmaja can be seen.



Big One

Versatile IPS officer Mahesh Bhagwat, ADG CID attended 11 countries Pan Asia Modern Slavery Human Trafficking Summit arranged by British Embassy in Bangkok. Sanghmitra Ghosh IAS, West Bengal and Judge Swati Chavhan, Maharashtra represented India. Many takeaways & sharing best practices. Kudos to all the officers.

Gratitude



Kudos to Kishore Kommi, IPS ASP from Chinatapalli! "I don't tell my parents enough how grateful I am for raising me to be who I am today. Here's a moment to showcase my love and gratitude to the two people that taught me the meaning of sacrifice and unconditional love." Love the picture and post.

Meet New DM Of Sultanpur



Ms. Jasjit Kaur IAS (Uttar Pradesh 2012) presently District Magistrate, Shamli, has been transferred and posted as District Magistrate of Sultanpur. Sultanpur is a city situated on the banks of holy river Gomti. It is the administrative headquarters of Sultanpur District and is a part of Faizabad division. Best wishes Ms. Kaur.

Happy Women's Day

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Public Sector

NMDC Steel Limited listed at Bombay Stock Exchange



NMDC Steel Limited (NSL) was listed at Bombay Stock Exchange on Monday. NSL, NMDC's 3 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh, was listed to become a public company. The listing ceremony was held at BSE, Mumbai in presence of Shri Sumit Deb, CMD, NSL, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Director, NSL, Shri D.K. Mohanty, Director, NSL, Independent Directors of NMDC and Senior Officials of NMDC and NSL. Shri Manoj Kumar, Joint Secretary, DIPAM, Government of India; Shri Nayan Mehta, CFO, BSE Limited; Shri Amitava Chatterjee, MD & CEO, SBI Capital Markets Limited; and Shri Kamal Kant Upadhyay, MD & CEO, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited witnessed the listing ceremony.

NMDC Steel Limited was incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary of NMDC Limited on January 2, 2015 under the Companies Act, 2013 with a registered office at NMDC Iron & Steel Plant Nagarnar Bastar, Chhattisgarh. The now demerged company NMDC Steel Limited is a central public sector enterprise with a paid-up capital of Rs. 2,930 crores owned by the Honourable President of India, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, Government of India. The Government owns 60.79% stake in this company.

POWERGRID honoured with Five Awards by Governance Now



Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India has been conferred five awards by the Governance Now at the 9th PSU Awards Ceremony held in New Delhi. The awards conferred on POWERGRID are CSR Leader of the Year Award, Environment & Sustainability Award, Nation Building Award, Research & Innovation Award and Digital PSU Award.

Dr. V. K. Singh, Director (Personnel) was honoured with CSR Leader of the Year Award for his overall contribution to CSR service. Justice Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court presented the Awards. These five awards are in recognition of POWERGRID's contribution in the fields of CSR & sustainability, innovation and use of IT in nation building.

"ONGC Jeetega toh India Jeetega"

"ONGC Jeetega toh India Jeetega (ONGC's victory is India's victory)", Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister for Housing and Urban Development Hardeep Singh Puri said while re-dedicating Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) iconic drilling rig Sagar Samrat, as a Mobile Offshore Production Unit (MOPU) at a ceremony held on Sagar Samrat. The Minister later visited ONGC Kendriya Vidyalaya Grounds, Panvel Phase 1 to meet the Energy Soldiers of ONGC and their families. Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister for Housing and Urban Development Hardeep Singh Puri with ONGC Chairman Arun Kumar Singh and ONGC Director (Technical and Field Services) Om Prakash Singh at Sagar Samrat. The Minister met the ONGC employees who manned the Sagar Samrat as a drilling rig and also the team which worked on converting it to a MOPU. The Minister felicitated the initial crew members of Sagar Samrat who worked in the seventies after Bombay High discovery. He motivated the Energy Soldiers of ONGC to continue their efforts for India's energy security. The Minister highlighted how Sagar Samrat is a testimony of India's vision of producing its own oil when it was globally labelled as "barren" in terms of hydrocarbon exploration. The Minister stated that in harnessing India's most prominent and prolific oilfield, ONGC has consistently committed itself to the pursuit of knowledge, continual excellence and the willingness to evolve technologically.



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NLC India clocks highest ever coal production and 24% growth in revenue



NLC India Limited under Ministry of coal today announced its Q3 results. The company standalone Coal Production during the Nine months ended 31.12.2022 is 75.52 LT against 40.83 LT in the corresponding period of the previous year registering a growth of 84.96%. The above coal production is highest ever coal production. Lignite Production during the Nine months ended 31.12.2022 is 172.09 LT against 165.92 LT in the corresponding period of the previous year registering a growth of 3.72 %.

Standalone Power Generation during the Nine months ended 31.12.2022 is 18,238.81 MU against 18,485.05 MU in the corresponding period of the previous year.

The NLCIL Thermal average PLF (Upto Dec 2022) is 69.13 % against the All India Average of 63.23 %. The Consolidated Power Export during the Nine months ended 31.12.2022 is 20,078.34 MU as against 19,247.95 MU in the corresponding period of the previous year , registering a growth of 4.31 % .

SAIL declares Q3 results for financial year 2022-23, posts net profit of Rs 463.54 Crore



Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) posted its financial performance for the third quarter of the current financial year 2022-23 (Q3 FY 23).

The company has achieved the best ever quarterly crude steel production during Q3FY23. The company has been steadily increasing the crude steel production in the recent months. The sales volume in Q3FY23 also saw an increase over the corresponding period over last year. The challenging global situation and economic scenario all over the world had its impacts on the steel prices affecting the margins of the steelmakers. However, with the government's focus on enhancing capital expenditure in infrastructure sector, the domestic steel consumption is expected to witness an increase in the short to medium term.



PFC registers Q3 Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs.5,241 cr

Power Finance Corporation PSU under the Ministry of Power today announced its Q3 today, the company registered its highest ever consolidated Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs.5,241 cr. in Q3'23, an increase of 7% from Q3'22. The consolidated loan asset book crossed Rs.8 lakh cr. The loan asset book as on 31.12.2022 stands at Rs.8,04,526 cr.

The consolidated disbursements crossed Rs.1 lakh cr. at Rs.1,06,875 cr. for 9M'23 and registered an increase of 28% versus 9M'22. This reflects PFC group robust business performance. The synergies in resolution of stressed assets has led to Gross NPA ratio to fall below 4% , from 5.55% in 9M'22 to 3.91% in 9M'23. The consolidated Net NPA ratio saw a 71 bps reduction from 1.86% in 9M'22 to 1.15% in 9M'23. This is the lowest ever Net NPA ratio on consolidated basis.

The company on the distribution side, till date has collectively sanctioned Rs.1,02,831 cr. and disbursed Rs.28,179 cr. under Late Payment Surcharge Rules. The sanctioned amount will be disbursed in a phased manner through Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) ranging from 12 to 48 months.

Oil India reports highest ever quarterly profit of Rs 1,746 cr in Q3



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Oil India Limited Board in its 540th Board Meeting held on 10th February 2023 approved the Q3 FY 2022-23 results.

Details of Q3 FY 2022-23 results are as follows:

Highlights:

Highest ever profit after tax in Q3 FY-23 on strength of better pricing and higher output of Crude Oil and Natural Gas.

Profit after tax for Q3 FY-23 is ₹ 1,746.10 crore vis-à-vis ₹ 1,244.90 crore for Q3 FY-22. For the nine months ended 31st December 2022, profit after tax recorded growth of over 120% to ₹ 5,022.12 crore vis-à-vis ₹ 2,257.30 crore for similar period last year.

The turnover has increased by 27.13% during Q3 FY-23 over the turnover of Q3 FY-22. For the nine months ended 31st December 2022 turnover has increased by 63.10 % over the turnover for the nine months ended 31st December 2021.

The Earnings Per Share (EPS) for Q3 FY-23 also increased to ₹ 10/share from ₹ 11.48/share for Q3 FY-22. For the nine months ended 31st December 2022, EPS increased to ₹ 46.31/share from ₹ 20.82/share in similar period last year.

Growth in Crude Oil production by 7.03 % to 0.807 MMT vis-à-vis 0.754 MMT for Q3 FY-22. Crude Oil production for the nine months ended 31st December 2022 is 2.376 MMT vis-à-vis 2.262 MMT for the period ended 31st December 2021, increased by 5.04%.

Natural Gas production for Q3 FY-23 also grew by 1.64% to 806 MMSCM vis-à-vis 793 MMSCM for Q3 last year. Natural Gas production for the nine months ended 31st December 2022 is 2400 MMSCM vis-à-vis 2311 MMSCM for the nine months ended 31st December 2021, increased by 3.85%.

K.P.M Swamy appointed as Director (Commercial), NBCC



K.P.M Swamy has taken over as the Director (Commercial) of NBCC (India) Limited. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for the appointment of Shri K.P.M. Swamy to the post of Director (Commercial) of NBCC (India) Limited.

Prior to taking the charge, he was serving in the capacity of Sr. Executive Director (Engg.) and RBG Head, looking after implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court Monitored stalled Amrapali projects & 7 GPRA redevelopment projects for the company. Shri Swamy also served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HSCL, a subsidiary of NBCC, where he successfully turned around the loss making company into a profit making Mini Ratna company.



New Drug-Free Vibrating Pill Can Bring Relief for Chronic Constipation



A new electronic pill is about to shake things up when it comes to chronic constipation relief.

As of this week, doctors can prescribe Vibrant, a first-of-its-kind alternative to conventional laxatives. The patient swallows the capsule, and it makes its way to the colon, where it vibrates to stimulate natural movement in the gut.

typical vitamin pill, the capsule was granted marketing authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in August 2022. Vibrant is approved to treat chronic idiopathic constipation (constipation without a known cause) in those who have not had relief from other laxative therapies for at least a month.

Symptoms of chronic constipation include having fewer than three bowel movements per week, straining, hard stools, incomplete evacuation, and inability to pass stool, according to the UCLA Center for Neurology of Stress and Resilience. Up to 63 million people in North America meet the diagnostic criteria for chronic constipation.

"Vibrant should be viewed as another tool that is available to help patients, but it is not a cure for constipation," says Linda Nguyen, MD, a gastroenterologist with Stanford Health Care in Palo Alto, California, who is not affiliated with the company that makes Vibrant. "Dietary, lifestyle, and other factors that can impact constipation should always be a part of every patient's treatment plan."

How Does the Vibrant Pill Work?

Vibrant contains a tiny microchip that is programmed to start vibrating when the pill reaches the large intestine, about 14 hours after ingestion. The capsule induces small vibrations inside the colon for two periods of two hours each, spaced six hours apart.

"The vibrations come on for a few seconds, and then off and then on," says Satish Rao, MD, PhD, the director of the digestive health clinical research center at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. "These vibrations locally induce muscle contractions, causing stools to move."

After the pill passes through the colon, it leaves the body in the stool.

Dr. Rao headed up research that led to the FDA approval. Over eight weeks, he and colleagues followed 312 chronic constipation patients from more than 90 clinical centers across the United States who received either one Vibrant pill or a placebo (a sham pill) every day, five times a week.

Scientists discovered that about 39 percent of patients receiving Vibrant had one or more additional complete spontaneous bowel movements per week than when they started the treatment; 22 percent in the placebo group had similar increases.

The study noted that nearly 23 percent of patients who received Vibrant had two or more additional bowel movements per week, compared with about 11 percent in the placebo group.

Rao says the capsule's mechanism of action is based on the scientific understanding of circadian rhythm, otherwise known as "the biological clock," which plays an important role in the digestive process.

"The vibrations excite the brain through the nerve connections between the gut and brain, and this improves gut and brain interactions, and possibly restores intestinal circadian biorhythm that may be disturbed in many constipated patients," he says.

World Bank commits \$1 billion to India for public healthcare infra

The World Bank and India on Friday signed two complementary loans of USD 500 million each to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.

Through this combined financing of USD 1 billion (about ₹ 8,200 crore), the bank will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), launched in October 2021, to improve the public healthcare infrastructure across the country, the multilateral funding agency said in a statement.

In addition to the national-level interventions, one of the loans will prioritize health service delivery in seven states including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh, it said.

The agreement was signed by Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and World Bank India country director Auguste Tano Kouamé, it said.

Arvind Otta Begins One Of The Largest Mental Health Campaigns In India (NO PIC)

The battle against stigma related to mental health is one of the biggest issues in public health today. Although mental health issues are widespread, individuals who have them frequently face discrimination and are given different treatment. They are subjected to stigma, social isolation, and discrimination due to fear, misunderstandings, and judgment.

Dr. Arvind Otta is a Psychologist and mental health activist who has been dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and advocating for improved mental health services for several years. Otta's commitment to this cause is unwavering, and his efforts are catalyzing transformative change in the field of mental health.

India, like many other countries, faces significant mental health challenges that affect the well-being of its citizens. Despite progress in recent years, mental health remains a neglected and stigmatized issue in India, with many people struggling to access appropriate care and support. In 2019, Otta founded Psychologs Magazine, India's First and only Print Mental Health magazine that aims to promote mental health awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Too Many People Are Using Neti Pots and Vaporizers Unsafely, Survey Suggests



Many people may be using water straight from the tap for neti pots, CPAP (sleep apnea) machines, vaporizers, and humidifiers, a practice that could put them at risk for acquiring serious and even potentially life-threatening infections, according to survey findings published in the February 2023 issue of *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Using unsterilized tap water in equipment like a neti pot, a device for rinsing nasal passages to reduce congestion, is potentially risky because low levels of microorganisms remain in drinking water distribution systems and wells, according to the survey authors. These include biofilm pathogens, a type of germ that can stick to water pipes and infiltrate the water system. Sixty-two percent of participants said (incorrectly) that tap water can be used for nasal rinsing.

Fifty percent believed it was safe to rinse contact lenses with tap water, another no-no.

Forty-two percent thought tap water was safe for use in respiratory devices such as vaporizers (often used to treat asthma, allergies, and bronchitis, humidifiers, or CPAP machines, which is also incorrect.

The findings suggest that many people aren't aware of the risks of using nonsterile tap water for home medical devices, which could put them at risk for acquiring an opportunistic infection, according to the authors.

How to Properly Treat Water Before Using in a Neti Pot or CPAP Machine

"The easiest way to sterilize water and make it suitable for use in a neti pot or CPAP machine is to bring it to a rolling boil for one minute and then allow it to cool to room temperature," says Pottinger. That water will stay acceptable until it is used, so long as it is kept covered in a clean area, he adds.

You can also buy water that's distilled or sterile, but make sure it clearly specifies that designation on the label, according to the CDC. "Sterilized water is water that has been treated, either by filtration or heat or chemicals, to kill any microbes that it contains. It poses no risk for infection even when administered into the sinus pathway," says Pottinger. But keep in mind, water doesn't need to be sterile to be safe to drink, he says. More Than 1 Billion Teens and Young Adults Risk Hearing Loss It may be too loud even if you're not old. A new study suggests that up to 1.35 billion people in their teens, twenties, and early thirties risk hearing loss long before they reach retirement age because they spend too much time exposed to loud noises.

"We focused on unsafe listening from use of personal listening devices such as smartphones and loud entertainment venues such as bars, concerts, and nightclubs, both of which are highly common in young people," says the lead study author, Lauren Dillard, PhD, a doctor of audiology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

For the new analysis, scientists examined data on average noise exposure among more than 19,000 people ages 12 to 34 who participated in 33 previously conducted studies. Overall, roughly one in four people set the volume on their headphones at dangerously high levels, and nearly half of them attended concerts with unsafe noise levels, according to study results published November.

While the exact threshold at which people say noise is too loud varies around the world, many guidelines suggest that people should strive for average exposure to 85 decibels or less throughout a typical eight-hour workday, the study team writes. At much higher noise levels, people may need to limit their exposure time to an hour or even less to minimize the risk of hearing loss.

By any definition, young people in the study were exposed to far too much noise. With headphones, average noise levels reached 105 decibels, and at entertainment venues the average noise levels reached 104 to 112 decibels. One limitation of the analysis is that the smaller studies examined a wide range of noise exposures and used many different techniques to assess the volume. These studies also didn't directly measure hearing loss, only whether people appeared to be exposed to noise levels associated with this problem.

Even so, exposure to loud music is one of the most common types of sound exposure for teens and young adults, and this can potentially occur on personal audio systems or at concerts, clubs, or other amplified music events, says Colleen Le Prell, PhD, the chair of the department of speech, language, and hearing at the University of Texas in Dallas. Many other pursuits expose young people to noise levels that may damage their hearing, including hunting and target shooting; use of power tools and lawn mowers; and motorcycles, Jet Skis, and all-terrain vehicles, says Dr. Le Prell, who wasn't involved in the study.

"To protect against auditory injury, the volume should be decreased if it's under the listener's control, the listening time should be decreased, or hearing protection products appropriate for the exposure should be selected," Le Prell advises. "High-fidelity earplugs are an example of a hearing protection product that is optimized for safe music listening."

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Yes ! Sruti Builds Confidence

Sruti Mashru, the known life coach is making rounds. In the recent post Sruti can be seen with group of youngsters who has attended public speaking session. Confidence, team work, skills and presence of mind are the tag lines. Sruti is also behavioral skills trainer, this training helps IT companies to improve relationships with clients and colleagues.



Click Of The Month

Kavidhara & Raatnam Khadi Udyog Founder Director Konda Kavitha Reddy's picture is click of the month. The picture tells the story of 2nd Global Investors Summit-2023 at Visakhapatnam. As per the reports the summit was quite successful.



Midnight Reporter's Feb Edition is released by IPS Officer Sanjay Jain

Midnight Reporter's Fabulous February edition is out with a bang released by dynamic IPS officer Addl.DG (L&O) Mr.Sanjay Jain.

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This Click Narrates The Story

Yoga & wellness coach Rina Hindocha is again on screen. Coming to this pic, She met an old lady at a blighted area of Maredpally during 'touch a life foundation' verification round for deserving girls who applied for scholarship.

Meanwhile old lady got amazed after watching the yoga kriya. Riya said "I cannot forget the spark in her eyes. She is full of life at this age .Obligated for a picture & did a very cute thing which I am going to post in stories." Very true Riya ! The picture narrates the story.



Yara Teri Yari Ko....!

Hope all remember this famous song. 'Yara teri yari ko maine tho khuda maana....!' Heart touching and evergreen ! So the pretty Sonia Sobti has dedicated above beautiful song to her best & bestie Isha Khanuja. Isha has celebrated her birthday last month and the dear friend Sonia has shown her excitement to make the occasion memorable. Said ' hazaro mehfile hain, lakhon mele hain,par jaha tum nahi vahan hum akele hai.' Birthday wishes Isha ! Kudos to the true friends!



Birthday Wishes Manisha

Birthday wishes to Manisha Mehta, elegant & lovely feminine of the town. So the well-known ladies from the town gathered to bless & wish the birth day lady. It was like a full on fun evening filled with music, clicks and off course the tasty cake and menu. Lots of wishes to Manisha . More success, happiness & good health.



'India Toons' First Indian Cartoon Site

Meet the versatile lady Jyothi Srisayana from Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh , who runs www.IndiaToons.com Cartoon website. This Cartoon website is the first Indian Cartoon website and 11th place in the world. Which cover updated cartoon related information like cartoon contests, results and cartoon & Caricature updated information, till now 300+ Cartoonists and Caricaturists profiles from all over the world. Good platform for artists and cartoon lovers.Good one !

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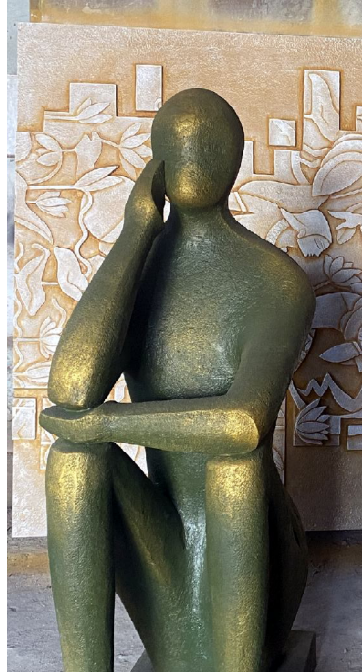
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बाइडेन ने दो भारतीय मूल के लोगों को अपॉइंट किया



अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति जो बाइडेन ने अपनी एक्सपोर्ट काउंसिल में भारतीय मूल के दो ट्रेड एक्सपर्ट्स को अपॉइंट किया है। इनके नाम हैं- पुनीत रंजन और राजेश सुब्रमण्यम। दोनों का अपॉइंटमेंट इसलिए बेहद अहम माना जा रहा है कि एक्सपोर्ट काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल ट्रेड के मामले देखने वाली सबसे अहम और बड़ी बॉडी होती है। क्वाइट हाउस की तरफ से जारी बयान में पुनीत और राजेश के नॉमिनेशन का ऐलान किया गया। इसके पहले वर्ल्ड बैंक

चीफ के तौर पर बाइडेन ने भारतीय मूल के ही अजय बंगा को नॉमिनेट किया था। क्या करती है एक्सपोर्ट काउंसिल-

एक्सपोर्ट काउंसिल में ट्रेड एक्सपर्ट ही शामिल किए जाते हैं। ये लोग सरकार के लिए ट्रेड पॉलिसी बनाते हैं और ये भी देखते हैं कि इनका कितना असर हो रहा है। इसके अलावा ट्रेड प्रमोशन के लिए अलग-अलग बिजनेस सेक्टर और देशों में अमेरिकी ट्रेड को आने वाली दिक्कतों को हल भी सुझाते हैं। आमतौर पर यह काउंसिल बिजनेस, इंडस्ट्री, एग्रीकल्चर, लेबर और गवर्नमेंट सेक्टर से डील करती है।

कौन हैं पुनीत और राजेश-

राजेश इस वक्त फेडेक्स के चीफ एग्जीक्यूटिव ऑफिसर और प्रेसिडेंट होने के साथ इस कंपनी के बोर्ड ऑफ डायरेक्टर्स में भी शामिल हैं। फेडेक्स दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी ट्रांसपोर्टेशन कंपनी है। राजेश फेडेक्स की पूरी बिजनेस स्ट्रेटजी को लीड करते थे। इसके लिए एक कमेटी है और इसमें कुल पांच मंबर होते हैं। राजेश इसके पहले प्रॉक्टर एंड गैम्बल, यूएस चैम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स और चाइना एडवाइजरी बोर्ड में भी काम कर चुके हैं।

भारत के मामलों का भी उनका खासा अनुभव है। इसकी वजह यह है कि वो यूएस-इंडिया स्ट्रेटजिक पार्टनरशिप फोरम में रह चुके हैं। इसके अलावा यूएस-चाइना बिजनेस काउंसिल को भी लीड कर चुके हैं। उन्हें इसी साल प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मान भी मिला था।

पुनीत की बात करें तो वो 31 दिसंबर 2022 को डेलोइट्टी ग्लोबल के चीफ एग्जीक्यूटिव ऑफिसर पोस्ट से रिटायर हुए हैं। वो जून 2015 से इस कंपनी के हेड थे। ये कंपनी 150 देशों में ऑपरेट करती है। इसके करीब 4 लाख 15 हजार कर्मचारी हैं। 2022 में डेलोइट्टी ने करीब 60 अरब डॉलर रेवेन्यू जनरेट किया।

देश बनाने वाला बाबा नित्यानंद शिष्या को लेकर चर्चा में



बाबा नित्यानंद एक बार फिर से सुर्खियों में हैं। कुछ साल पहले इस बाबा पर भारत में रेप और यौन शोषण के आरोप लगे थे, जिसके बाद से पुलिस उसकी खोज में है। लेकिन उसने तीन साल पहले अलग द्वीप खरीद कर एक नया देश बसा लिया है जिसका नाम उसने 'कैलासा' रखा है। यहां नित्यानंद की सरकार चलती है और उसकी सेना भी है।

अभी हाल ही में उसने संयुक्त राष्ट्र की जेनेवा मीटिंग में अपने देश की प्रतिनिधि (तथाकथित स्थायी राजदूत) के तौर पर विजयप्रिया नित्यानंद को भेजा था। इस मुद्दे पर यूएन की तरफ से सफाई आ चुकी है। यूएन ने कहा कि विजयप्रिया नित्यानंद ने एनजीओ प्रतिनिधि के तौर पर पब्लिक मीटिंग में भाग लिया था। ऐसे में विजयप्रिया का वक्तव्य अप्रासंगिक है। इसके बाद अब नित्यानंद की प्रतिनिधि विजयप्रिया नित्यानंद (खुद को यूनाइटेड स्टेट ऑफ कैलासा-यूएसके का अंबेस्डर बताती हैं)

ने कहा कि उनके बयान को गलत संदर्भ में पेश किया गया है। इसके बाद से बाबा नित्यानंद, शिष्या विजयप्रिया नित्यानंद और कैलासा देव सुर्खियां बटोर रहे हैं।

जानिए कौन है यूएन में शामिल होने वाली विजयप्रिया-

सोशल मीडिया प्रोफाइल के मुताबिक फरटिदार अंग्रेजी बोलने वाली विजयप्रिया ने साल 2014 में कनाडा के मैनिटोबा विश्वविद्यालय से माइक्रोबायोलॉजी सबजेक्ट में ग्रेजुएशन किया था। वह अंग्रेजी, फ्रेंच, क्रियोल भाषाएं जानती हैं। कॉलेज में श्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन के लिए उन्हें सम्मानित भी किया चुका है, और 2013 और 2014 में इंटरनेशनल ग्रेजुएशन स्टूडेंट स्कॉलरशिप भी मिली थी। कैलासा का असली हिंदू राष्ट्र होने का दावा-

हरानी यह है कि बाबा नित्यानंद अपने देश 'कैलासा' को असली हिंदू राष्ट्र होने का दावा करता है। उसकी अपनी वेबसाइट है और दुनिया भर में उसके लाखों की संख्या में अनुयायी हैं। इक्वाडोर के नजदीक मौजूद इस द्वीप देश की दूरी भारत से करीब 17 हजार किलोमीटर है। वैसे तो कैलासा बेवसाइट का दावा है कि दुनिया में उसके देश के नागरिक करीब 2 करोड़ हैं लेकिन यूएन में शामिल होने का दावा करने वाली विजयप्रिया नित्यानंद ने कहा है कि यहां की आबादी 20 लाख है। विजयप्रिया का दावा है कि 150 देशों में कैलासा के दूतावास हैं। खास बात यह है कि इस देश का अपना झंडा, संविधान, करेंसी, पासपोर्ट और राष्ट्रीय प्रतीक चिन्ह भी हैं। संस्कृत, अंग्रेजी और तमिल राज भाषा के तौर पर यहां मान्यता दी गई है। यहां हिंदू शास्त्रों और मनुस्मृति से कानून चलाए जाने का दावा किया जाता है। हालांकि अभी तक इस देश को किसी ने भी मान्यता नहीं दी है।

नॉर्थ कोरिया में हॉलीवुड फिल्में बच्चों के लिए बैन



नॉर्थ कोरिया में बच्चों का हॉलीवुड मूवी या सीरीज देखना अब अपराध हो गया है। यहां तानाशाह किम जोंग ने आदेश जारी कर कहा- अगर बच्चे हॉलीवुड मूवी या सीरीज देखते हैं तो उन्हें और उनके माता-पिता को जेल हो सकती है। इतना ही नहीं, उनके पेरेंट्स को 6 महीने के लिए लेबर कैंप में भेजकर मजदूरी कराई जाएगी।

बता दें कि नॉर्थ कोरिया में पहले से ही हॉलीवुड मूवी और सीरीज देखना बैन है, लेकिन अभी तक वहां सजा इतनी कठोर नहीं थी। अभी तक सिर्फ फिल्म देखने वाले बच्चों के लिए ही सजा थी। अब बच्चों के साथ उनके माता-पिता को भी सख्त सजा देने का ऐलान किया गया है। बच्चों को 5 साल तक की सजा दी जाएगी।

किम सरकार ने कहा- मां-बाप ध्यान नहीं देंगे तो बच्चे एंटी सोशलिस्ट बनेंगे-

नॉर्थ कोरिया की राजधानी प्योंगयांग में मीटिंग के दौरान नए कानून की घोषणा करते हुए कहा गया कि मां-बाप को समय-समय पर इस बात का ध्यान रखना चाहिए कि उनके बच्चे क्या देख रहे हैं। अगर पेरेंट्स घर पर बच्चों की अच्छे से परवरिश नहीं करेंगे तो वो बड़े होकर कैपिटलिज्म की तारीफ करेंगे और एंटी-सोशलिस्ट हो जाएंगे।

पहले इतना सख्त नहीं था कानून-

नॉर्थ कोरिया में बच्चों के लिए विदेशी फिल्म या शो देखना पहले से ही बैन है। पहले सिर्फ बच्चों के माता-पिता को वॉर्निंग देकर छोड़ दिया जाता था, लेकिन नए कानून में पहली बार अपराध करने पर बच्चे और मां-बाप के खिलाफ सख्त कदम उठाए जाएंगे।

ये चेतावनी सिर्फ फिल्मों तक सीमित नहीं है। नॉर्थ कोरिया में अगर कोई भी विदेशी और खास तौर पर साउथ कोरिया का ट्रेडिशनल डांस करते हुए, गाना गाते या इस बारे में बात करते मिलता है तो उसे और उसके पेरेंट्स को 6 महीने की सजा दी जाएगी।

अफगानिस्तान में ऑनलाइन पढ़ रही छात्राएं



अफगानिस्तान में पिछले साल दिसंबर में तालिबान ने लड़कियों के स्कूल-कॉलेज जाने पर रोक लगा दी थी। ऐसा माना जाता है कि करीब 90 हजार लड़कियां इससे प्रभावित हुई हैं। बहुत सी छात्राएं हैं जिन्होंने पढ़ाई पूरी करने के अपने इरादे नहीं छोड़े हैं। एचएच (नाम गोपनीय) ने सिविल इंजीनियरिंग की पढ़ाई पूरी कर ली थी लेकिन तालिबान ने आकर डिप्लोमा सर्टिफिकेट रोक दिए। अब वे कंप्यूटर साइंस में डिग्री के लिए अमेरिकी यूनिवर्सिटी से ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई कर रही हैं। एमएच के अलावा कई अन्य छात्राएं भी ऑनलाइन क्लास का रुख कर रही हैं। अमेरिकी संस्थान के प्रेसीडेंट शई रेथेफ का कहना है, ऑनलाइन दाखिले के इस साल अब तक 6000 आवेदन आए हैं। पिछले पूरे साल में दस हजार आवेदन आए थे। एक एनजीओ की डायरेक्टर पशताना दुरानी के मुताबिक उन्हें रोजाना ऑनलाइन कोर्स के लिए दस से ज्यादा आवेदन मिले रहे हैं।

महिलाओं के दाखिले के प्रयास भी जारी रहने चाहिए- ह्यूमन राइट्स वॉच की रिसर्चर सहर फितरत का कहना है कि लड़कियों की शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने की जरूरत है। हालांकि वे चेतावनी देती हैं कि ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई से तालिबान के महिलाओं को सार्वजनिक स्थानों से बेदखल करने के प्रयास मजबूत हो सकते हैं। महिलाओं को स्कूल, कॉलेज में दाखिला जरूरी है। अफगानिस्तान की जाहिदा ने एक चिट्ठी लिखी है। ये साल भर बाद उसकी दूसरी चिट्ठी है। जाहिदा ने जब पहली चिट्ठी लिखी थी, तब तालिबान की फौज ने उनके शहर में घुसना शुरू किया था। अब देश में उसकी सरकार है। एक साल पहले अगस्त की 15 तारीख को तालिबान ने अफगानिस्तान की राजधानी काबुल पर कब्जा कर लिया था। तालिबान को 20 साल बाद दोबारा काबुल की सत्ता मिली थी। जाहिदा की उम्र भी 20 साल ही है। यानी इस एक साल को छोड़ उन्होंने अपनी पूरी जिंदगी बिना पाबंदियों के बिताई थी।

श्रीलंका फिर गहरे आर्थिक संकट में, पिछले 1 साल में 45 प्रतिशत गिरा श्रीलंकाई रुपया



श्रीलंका का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार 500 मिलियन डॉलर गिर गया है। श्रीलंकाई रुपया पिछले एक साल में 45 प्रतिशत गिरा है। यहां 1 अमेरिकी डॉलर की कीमत 365 रुपए हो गई है। पैसे की कमी को देखते हुए देश ने 9 मार्च को होने वाले लोकल चुनाव स्थगित कर दिए हैं। चुनाव की नई तारीखों की घोषणा 3 मार्च को होने की उम्मीद है। वहीं चीन

के IMF और पेरिस क्लब के साथ मिलकर कर्ज की शर्तों पर दोबारा विचार करने के कोई संकेत नहीं हैं। हालांकि, रानिल विक्रमसिंघे की सरकार ने फिलहाल विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार में 2 बिलियन डॉलर होने का खुलासा किया है। इसमें से करीब 1.5 बिलियन डॉलर चीन ने बैलेंस ऑफ पेमेंट्स के तौर पर दिए हैं। श्रीलंका इन पैसों का इस्तेमाल बहुत कठिन परिस्थितियों में कर सकता है जैसे जब वो अपना कर्ज न चुका पाए।

भारत ने पूरे सपोर्ट का आश्वासन दिया-

श्रीलंका की आर्थिक स्थिति अब इस बात पर निर्भर है कि अमेरिका-जापान IMF और पेरिस क्लब पर दबाव डाले कि वो श्रीलंका को बकाया राशि पर कर्ज देने को तैयार हो जाए। दूसरी तरफ, आईएमएफ के कर्ज पर विश्लेषण को देखते हुए भारत ने श्रीलंका को पूरी तरह से सपोर्ट करने की बात कही है।

श्रीलंका की मदद करने से बच रहा चीन- आईएमएफ ने चीन के सामने श्रीलंका के कर्ज को 10 साल आगे बढ़ाने का प्रस्ताव रखा है। वहीं चीन श्रीलंका की मदद इसलिए नहीं कर रहा है क्योंकि अगर वो ऐसा करता है तो उसे बेल्ट रोड इनीशिएटिव से जुड़े उन अफ्रीकी देशों की भी मदद करनी होगी जो कर्ज नहीं चुका पा रहे हैं।

Tourism



To Woo Indian Tourists, Bhutan to Sell Gold at Duty-Free Rates

Tourists visiting Bhutan who pay a ‘sustainable development fee’ can buy duty-free gold in Phuentsholing and Thimphu. The decision by the Himalayan nation is expected to benefit Indians the most, who are among the largest cohort of tourists visiting Bhutan.

According to the latest prices, 10 grams of 24-carat gold in India (as on February 25, 2023) costs Rs 57, 490. However, the same amount of gold costs Bhutanese Ngultrum BTN 40, 286 in Bhutan. Given that one Indian rupee roughly equals one BTN, Indians pay around Rs 40,286 for 10 grams of 24-carat gold in Bhutan.

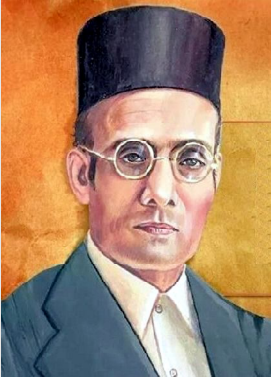
However, to avail the benefit, Indian tourists have to pay Rs 1,200 per day as the sustainable development fee, and tourists have to stay at least one night at a hotel certified by Bhutan’s department of tourism. In 2022, the National Assembly of Bhutan enacted a law,

making it mandatory for tourists entering Bhutan to pay a tourism tax, known as the sustainable development fee (SDF).

While Indians are required to pay Rs 1,200 per day per person, tourists from other countries pay anywhere between \$65 to \$200. Earlier, travellers from India, Maldives, and Bangladesh had been allowed free entry without any tourism charge. The SDF has been in force since September 2022, when Bhutan reopened its borders to tourists after 30 months of closure to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As per the existing rules of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, an Indian male can bring Rs 50,000 worth of gold (around 20gm) and an Indian woman can bring Rs 1 lakh worth of gold (around 40gm) tax-free into India from abroad.

Maha govt to start Savarkar tourism circuit



The Shinde-Fadnavis government has decided to create a tourism circuit dedicated to Hindutva ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. The circuit will comprise five places, which include his birthplace Bhagur in Nashik, his hostel room at Fergusson College, Pune, and a temple called Patit Pawan Mandir that he established in Ratnagiri district. The announcement has come months after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi slammed Savarkar for his mercy petitions to the British government.

The state tourist department has also scheduled a grand event at Bhagur to commemorate Savarkar’s death anniversary on February 26. It has also decided to develop a Savarkar theme park with a memorial and museum in the next one year.

Tourism minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha said that many people were unaware of the significance of the places in the Savarkar circuit, and the government would go all out to create awareness about them. “We will provide infrastructure and other facilities to make them tourist spots,” he said. “We will also collaborate with tour operators to add the Savarkar tourism circuit to their tour packages and will provide them with financial assistance, if necessary.” The state archaeological department has already commenced restoration of Savarkar Waada, his residence at Bhagur. The Hindutva leader’s hostel room at Fergusson College, Pune, the Patit Pawan Mandir that he set up and the Ratnagiri jail where he was lodged are on the tourism circuit as well as the memorial in the name of his brother, Ganesh ‘Baburao’ Savarkar, at Sangli and Savarkar’s national memorial in Mumbai.

Fort Myers Tourism Bouncing Back



A crack of the bat echoed loudly on Friday as the Boston Red Sox opened their spring training schedule in Fort Myers, Florida, at JetBlue Park. But it wasn’t the same. Although most of the major east coast and cold-weather baseball teams have a presence in Florida for a couple of months for spring training, including the New York Mets and Yankees, the Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia Phillies, Toronto Blue Jays, the Detroit Tigers, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and even the Saint Louis Cardinals, it is still just five months removed from Hurricane Ian. And the reminders are everywhere. Many businesses and restaurants are still boarded up. There are blue tarps everywhere that people have draped over their homes. A ‘tent city’ has sprung up near Fort Myers Beach for the homeless and displaced.

But the community persevered, and they take strength in numbers. According to Lee County officials on Friday, tourism is only down about 20 percent to previous years. And tourism to Southwest Florida is very much reopened. There are beaches and nature preserves. Not to mention the heat, which has been flirting with 90 degrees the past several days.

Fort Myers has been touting its downtown area, access to the Gulf from the River, easy access to Miami across Alligator Alley, its relative closeness to Disney World, and its islands that were unaffected by the hurricane. This is also the home of the Winter Estates for Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. And, of course, there’s spring training baseball. Fort Myers is not only home to the Red Sox, but the Minnesota Twins as well.



Iran Mulls Plans To Give Tourists ‘Unrestricted’ Internet

Iran’s ministry of communications has backtracked, possibly temporarily, from a plan to provide unrestricted internet access to foreign visitors to encourage tourism.

In an interview Thursday with Miras-e Arya, a government-run news website dedicated to cultural heritage and tourism news, the communications minister, Isa Zare’i, said blocking of WhatsApp and Instagram in Iran has created “a little difficulty” for foreign

tourists and that his ministry was planning to design special sim cards for them to use to be able to have better and easier access to such platforms. Many on social media reacted angrily to the minister’s remarks and said the Iranian people had an equal right to have free access to social media platforms and websites that they wish to use. “It’s true that a tourist, anywhere in the world, must be shown respect by the host country but it is racial discrimination and apartheid if special sim cards are provided to tourist to have specially tailored internet access when the people of that country are deprived of it,” one of the critics tweeted.

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In the country’s southeastern region, Merida portrays its folklore through gastronomy that fuses Hispanic tradition with Mayan culture.

Corn and condiments are the great stars of its dishes for culinary tourism.

In recent years, tourism activity has skyrocketed in Kerala. According to Kerala’s Tourism Minister PA Muhammad Riyas, 1.88 crore domestic tourists visited the state in 2022.

Fondly known as ‘God’s own country’, Kerala saw a 2.63% surge in tourist footfall last year, Riyas said in the Assembly House.

“1.88 crore domestic tourists visited Kerala in 2022. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, the maximum number of domestic tourists who used to visit the state in a year was 1,83,84,233 which has now risen to 1,88,67,414, thus growth of 2.63% growth in 2022,” Kerala tourism minister added.

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