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Appointments

The tenure of Rajeev Yadav (IRS C&IT:1994) as Finance Expert on the UN Panel of Experts (Sudan) was extended for a further period of one year.

The additional charge of the post of CVO, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), Delhi was assigned to Piyush Kumar Gupta (IRSSE:1990), for a period upto 28.08.2022 or till the appointment of a regular CVO or until further orders, whichever is the earliest. Presently, he is CVO, Food Corporation of India (FCI).

The tenure of Ashish Kumar (IPoS:1989) as CVO, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL) was extended for a period of 2 years beyond 17.03.2022 i.e. upto 17.03.2024.

Bhaskar (IRTS:2010) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Women & Child Development for a period of four years ending April 2026.

Jitender Ahlawat (IFS:2010:HY) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Consumer Affairs for a period of four years.

Jayanta Kumar Khamari (IRSE:2008) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs for a period of four years.

Avinash Champawat (IASL2003:CG) was appointed as Director in the NITI Aayog for a period of five years.

Varun Manohar Desai (IRS IT:2003) was appointed as Director in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for a period of five years.

The Central Deputation tenure of Ms. Niva Singh (IRAS:1988), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, was extended for a period of one year beyond 15.03.2022.

The Central Deputation tenure of Sanjiv Narain Mathur (IRAS:1992), Joint Secretary, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare for a period of two years beyond 03.07.2022.

Omkar Nath Gyani (ED, ONGC) was on Monday to the post of Director (Operations), ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) for a period ending 31.10.2025, i.e. the date of his superannuation.

Priya Ranjan Parhi (IRTS:1997) was appointed as CVO, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Surendra Singh (ITS:1995) was appointed as CVO, IRCON International Ltd. under the Ministry of Railways for an initial period of three years.

Amresh Bahadur Pal (ISS:2011) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the D/o Social Justice & Empowerment for a period of four years.

Sangeeta Gupta (IOFS:2001) was appointed as Director in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for a period of five years.

PESB selected Pradeep Kumar Chand (GM, BCPL) for the post of Director (Finance), Cement Corporation Of India Ltd.

MC Jauhari (IAS:1987:AM) was appointed as CMD (JS level), National Minority Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) under the Ministry of Minority Affairs till superannuation on 31.08.2022. He replaces Md. Shahbaz Ali (IP&TA&FS:1989).

Ms Alaknanda Dayal (IAS:2000:PB) was prematurely repatriated to the parent cadre. She is working as Joint Secretary Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Krishna Kant Singh (IDAS:2000) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (SR) for a tenure ending 02.10.2022 by temporarily upgrading the post of Director held by him.

Alok Agarwal (CSS) to a newly created post of Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation for a tenure ending 31.12.2023

Vivek Bhushan Sood (IRSE, Civil:1996) was appointed, as Joint Secretary, Department of Investment & Public Asset Management (DIPAM) for a tenure of five years vice D Bhatnagar (IRS IT:1988).

Ms Arti Chhabra Srivastava (IOFS:1990) was appointed as Additional Secretary (Joint Secretary level), Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) for a combined tenure of seven years ending 16.12.2025. She replaces Daniel Paul (IDES:1989)

Rajeev Saxena (IRSS:1995) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles for a combined tenure of five years. He replaces Jogiranjani Panigrahi (IRS C&IT:1989)

Anand Mohan (IFS:1996:RJ) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation for a tenure of five years against a JS post shifted from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Mahesh Verma appointed NABH chairman



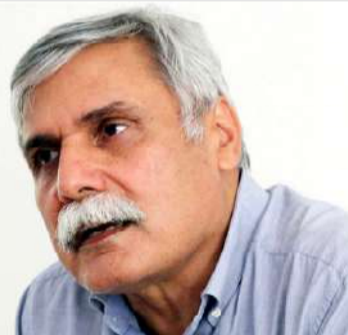
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University vice-chancellor Mahesh Verma has been appointed the new chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare providers (NABH). NABH, a constituent Board of Quality Council of India, operates accreditation, certification and empanelment programmes for healthcare organisations. Dr Verma is a recipient of Padma Shri as well as Dr. B. C. Roy award. He has also received the

National Science and Technology award. Dr Verma is a recipient of Padma Shri as well as Dr. B. C. Roy award. He has also received the National Science and Technology award. He is currently the vice-chancellor of Delhi's Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, and Professor Emeritus at Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences. He is the president of India chapter of International Association for Disability and Oral Health and Indian Academy of Restorative Dentistry.

Sanjay Pandey appointed new Mumbai police chief

The Maharashtra government has appointed former state acting DGP Sanjay Pandey as the new Mumbai police commissioner.

Pandey replaces Hemant Nagrale, who was made the Mumbai police chief after Param Bir Singh was shunted out from the post last year. Nagrale has been moved to the Maharashtra State Security Corporation as its managing director.



IAS

The Central Deputation tenure of DV Swamy (IAS:2001:OR), Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone (CSEZ), was extended for a period of one year ending 17.03.2023.

Sandeep Kumar Singh (IAS:2011:AGMUT) was appointed (laterally) as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation for a tenure ending 30.09.2025. Presently, he is Deputy Secretary, DOPT. He counts his central deputation tenure w.e.f. 01.10.2021.

Ms Ritu Sain (IAS:2003:CG) was appointed as CEO/DG, National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) under the Department of Sports for an overall tenure of five years ending 25.03.2024. She replaces Navin Agarwal (IPS:1986:AGMUT).

Ms Prajakta L Verma (IAS:2001:MH) was appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles for a tenure of five years vice Nihar Ranjan Dash (IRSEE:1989).

The term of up-gradation of the post of Secretary, UPSC from the level of Additional Secretary to that of Secretary, presently held by Ms. Vasudha Mishra (IAS:1987:TG) was extended for a term ending 28.02.2023.

The term of up-gradation of the post held by Niten Chandra (IAS:1990:OR), Additional Secretary, Central Agency Section in the Department of Legal Affairs was extended to the level of Additional Secretary for a term up to 26.04.2023.

IPS

Pradip Kumar (IPS:2003:TN) was appointed as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in Border Security Force (BSF) for a period of 05 years.

Ms. Deepali Masirkar (IPS:2008:NL) was appointed as Director in the Election Commission of India for a period of five years.

The deputation tenure of Ms. Sonali Mishra (IPS:1993:MP), IG, BSF, was extended beyond 28.02.2022 and upto 28.2.2024 (total 7 years), in relaxation of the IPS Tenure Policy.

The term of up-gradation of the post of CEO, NATGRID (under MHA) to the level of Additional Secretary, presently held by Ashish Gupta (IPS:1989:UP) was extended for a term ending 22.09.2022.

Akhilesh Kumar Jha (IPS:2003:JH) was appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer in Bridge & Roof Company (India) Ltd., (BRCIL) under the Department of Heavy Industry for an initial period of 3 years.

Madhabi Puri Buch appointed first woman chairperson of Sebi

Former banker Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) – the first-ever woman to head the capital markets regulator. Buch, 57, who was not only the first woman whole-time member of Sebi but also the first person working at the regulator from the private sector, has been appointed for a three-year term, finance ministry sources said. She replaces bureaucrat Ajay Tyagi whose tenure as Sebi chairman ends on Monday. A graduate from Delhi's prestigious St Stephen's College and an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, Buch has three decades of financial market experience.



Former finance secy Hasmukh Adhia nominated again as Bank of Baroda chairman

Former Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia has been nominated again as the chairman of state-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB), according to a government order.


The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Department of Financial Services for re-nomination of Adhia as non-executive chairman of the BoB, a government order said.

His term has been extended by another two years as chairman with effect from March 1, 2022, it said.

BoB is the third biggest public sector lender after State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank.

Adhia retired as Revenue-cum-Finance Secretary in November 2018.

It was during his tenure as Financial Services Secretary that the decision to split the post of Chairman and Managing Director of public sector banks was taken to foster greater transparency in decision making.



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Corridors of Power



Rapid Growth In All The Sectors

What's happening ! In the regime of Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar works will always be fine & smooth. News is CS informed a delegation from the National Defence College (NDC) that the State has been witnessing rapid growth in all sectors ever since its formation. Telangana was the youngest, it made rapid strides in all sectors by implementing various innovative schemes as per the aspirations and needs of people. Since the formation 130 % rise can be seen in gross state domestic product graph, which is a magical growth. Aur kya chahiye...!



This Is Wonderful

Wonder & wonders are routine in the regime of DGP M. Mahender Reddy. Recently DGP in a video conference with CPs, SPs, other unit officer over Telangana State Police Welfare Society stated to provide adequate financial assistance to every officer & staff to have at least one house or flat during their retirement. Isn't it wonderful ! And another news is after the directions of the DGP free coaching and physical training camps is planned in entire districts for police job aspirants, which is off course a good initiative.



Ajay Mishra New Chairman of IRCS, T Chapter

Mr. Ajay Mishra, Retd. IAS and former Spl. Chief Secretary Govt. of Telangana has been nominated as Honorary Chairman for Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) of Telangana Chapter. The said appointment has been done by Governor of Telangana Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan. After taking the charge Mr. Mishra with managing committee members met the Governor. Best wishes !



Vikas Raj New Chief Electoral Officer

Senior IAS officer Vikas Raj of 1992 batch has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana state. The Election Commission, in a notification issued said that the senior bureaucrat has been designated as the CEO in consultation with the State Government.

Mr. Raj, presently in the General Administration Department, will be the CEO from the date he takes charge of the post until further orders. The senior officer replaces Shashank Goel who had been transferred to the Union Labour Ministry. The EC said Mr. Raj will cease to hold and handover forthwith the charge of all or any charges of work under the Telangana Government, which he was holding before assuming charge as CEO.



Be Responsible & Save Water

On the occasion of World Water Day, Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar appealed to people to save water and stop the usage of drinking water to wash vehicles "Can we pledge NOT to use running water to wash vehicles (among other measures)". Remember - It's treated potable water & almost criminal wasting it like this. So, guys lets all be responsible & save water. Let's all aware !



Ch. Srikanth New Police Commissioner, Visakhapatnam

Ch. Srikanth, a 2002 batch IPS officer took over as the Police Commissioner of Visakhapatnam from Manish Kumar Sinha, who has been transferred to State Level Police Recruitment Board, as its chairman.

Srikanth earlier served in the district as OSD Narsipatnam and DIG, Visakhapatnam (Range). Earlier to the posting he was serving as Inspector General of Police, SIB.

Meeting Of The Month



Meeting of the month ! Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Shri R.N. Ravi called on at Raj Bhavan Hyderabad and exchanged Ugadi wishes to Telangana Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan. Another news is on the beginning day of Ramadan the Governor addressed Raj Bhavan Pariwar on the health benefits of fasting on well being along with spiritual benefits. H.E distributed fruits & gifts for Iftar and extended warm wishes of to them and their families. Good one !



US Consul General Is On Screen

Joel Reifman, CG of US in Hyderabad is on screen. Last month Joel participated in AmCham's Global Capability Center Summit 2022 to reaffirm the growing national and state level partnerships that are built through our vibrant business communities for a stronger US India relationship. Also delivered remarks at the Indo Pacific conference hosted by US & Hyderabad and ISB. Whereas Joel also participated in the Conference on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, organized by CII.

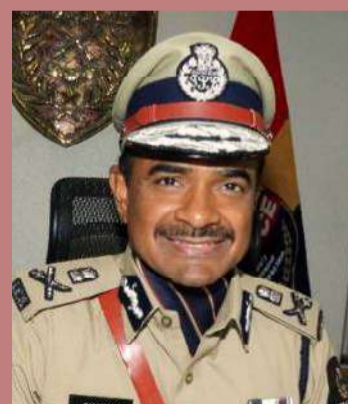


Finally We Met !

Covid has kept us from meeting so many people for so long. Coincidentally, now it was good to reconnect with Mr. Alan Gemmill, Trade Commissioner for South Asia & Deputy High Commissioner for Western India after more than 3 years of gap. The UK Dy. High Commissioner Andrew Fleming said finally we met !

First Time In The History

Hyderabad City Police (HCP) flag is flying higher ! Some decisions really make the difference in creating the image & the history. News is for the first time in HCP history, a Woman Inspector has been appointed as SHO of Lalaguda (L&O PS). The idea is of CV. Anand, the Chief of HCP and women's day was the best occasion to announce it. This step will break the gender stereotypes & also motivate the women police personals. And promoting 382 constables to the rank of head constables is another historical step. This is a beginning, jahaa Anand hai, vahaa naya itihaas tho banegaa hi....!



Sincere Mode

One has to agree that Dana Kishore is one of the sincere & committed officer in the babus fraternity. Where ever he posted, he always works in sincere mode.

"Women to play a vital role in water conservation", said HMW&SB Managing Director Mr. Kishore. Yes it's true that when it's comes to save water & water conservation, women can play a main role. In this way entire family will start the same practice. During World Water Day Mr. Kishore said that 10 days awareness campaign on water conservation will be planned and works related to rainwater harvesting pits will also be taken up.





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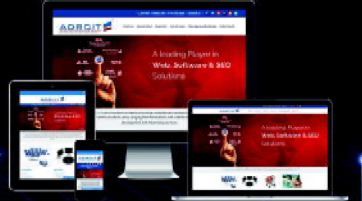
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Click Of The Month

Two pretty lady officers ! Endorsement 'click of the month'- Smita Sabharwal, Secretary to CM & Priyanka Varghese, OSD to CM. Hats off to the click master for grabbing the smile & the best moment at the right time. Occasion auspicious beginning of Yadadri Temple. Belated women day's wishes to the both happening officers.



Yes We Are Safe

Sr. IPS officer Swati Lakra, Addl. Director General of Police, Women Safety, She Teams and Bharosa centres of the state is on toes to create the safe atmosphere for women. Today the network & the reach is so accessible that women are feeling safer. In the picture the officer is addressing the margadarshak & sanghamitra volunteers of Cyberabad Security Council. Good one !

Heart to Heart



This is called the heart to heart conversation. In the picture Adilabad district Collector Sikta Patnaik communicating with the students of primary school situated at Tamsi Mandal. This gesture of the DM will surely motivate the students & teachers to give the best. All we can say is Sikta is a best officer.



Made My Day

Amazing moment ! During an event small kids offered roses to Narayanpet Collector Hari Chandana Dasari. And the collector said tiny tots you all shine bright & really you made my day ! Hari Chandana, committed lady officer !



Handloom Has Its Own Charm

Fantastic happening ! Officers are promoting handloom attires. IPS officer Sumathi, DIG, CID, TS Women Safety is very conscious and particular to promote handloom. This kind of activity will really help our weavers. In the click officer is seen in the gadwal handloom saree. Good initiative !



Thanks For The Festive Wishes

The residents of Yadadri thanked their district collector Pamela Satpathy for her Ugadi wishes. The lady collector with her beautiful picture and wonderful message posted festive greetings on social media. On which message the people responded and conveyed their hearty thanks to their favorite collector.

Transfers & Postings

Sr. IPS officer Harish Kumar Gupta, (1992), on transfer, is posted as Director General of Police, Railways.

Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS (2000), on transfer, is posted as Chairman, State Level Police Recruitment Board, vice Sri Harish Kumar Gupta, IPS (1992), transferred.

Smt. D. Mary Prasanthi, IPS, DCP (Admn.), Vijayawada is transferred and posted as DCP (L&O), Vijayawada.

Sri D. Narasimha Kishore, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Intelligence is transferred and posted as CV&SO, TTD, vice Sri Gopinath Jatti, IPS (2008) is transferred.

Sri Gopinath Jatti, IPS (2008), on transfer, is posted as Deputy Inspector General of Police in the office of the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh.

G. Pala Raju, IPS (2005), DIG (Technical Services), O/o the Director General of Police, A.P. is transferred and posted as DIG, Eluru Range, vice Sri K.V. Mohan Rao, IPS (2006), transferred

Sri Lathkar Srikesh Balaji Rao, IAS (2011) is retained as Collector & District Magistrate, Srikakulam district.

Smt. A. Surya Kumari, IAS (2008) is retained as Collector & District Magistrate, Vizianagaram district.

Moving of Sparrows in house premises is auspicious

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Public Sector

NMDC's Best Ever Annual Performance



The country's largest iron ore producer, reported cumulative production and sales for FY22 stood at 42.15 MT and 40.70 MT respectively, a growth of 23% in production and 22% in sales over the same period last year. This records the best ever annual physical performance for NMDC, powered by a steady growth in FY22.

Cumulative production and sales for Q4 of FY22 stood at 13.84 MT and 12.34 MT respectively, a growth of 12% in production and 12% in sales over the same period last year. This records the best ever quarterly physical performance for NMDC. NMDC reported iron ore production of 4.98MT and sale of 4.21MT for the month of March 2022. With a growth of 9% in production and 3% in sales over CPLY, the mining major achieved the highest production and sales numbers for any March month in company history.

Congratulating the NMDC team for their company's best-ever performance, NMDC CMD Shri Sumit Deb said, "NMDC has achieved a record-breaking physical performance for FY22 on the back of a propelling expansion and investment strategy,

we are entering the new fiscal with a valuable head start. Our digitalisation drive is beginning to contribute to our improved performance and we are excited to see this transformation in how we do business and share the benefits with our stakeholders."

Neyveli Lignite Mines Bags 4 National Safety Awards



The Neyveli Mine-I & II of NLC India Limited has bagged four National Safety Awards for the year 2018, 2019 and 2020, instituted by Union Ministry of Labour & Employment, and the awards were presented by Union Minister Bhopender Yadav at a function held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 08.03.2022. The Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India is recognizing the Indian Mines for its safety practices and conferred National Safety Awards every year. The Directorate General of Mines Safety, (DGMS) functioning under the Ministry is enforcing the Safety practices and evaluating the Mines for the National Awards from 1983 onwards. These awards are presented to the eligible Mines annually. Suresh Chandra Suman, Executive Director (Mines), Ashok Dattatrya Keote, CGM/Mine-I, A. Rajasekhara Reddy, CGM/Mine-II and Sumesh Kumar, CM/Safety/Mine-I received the Awards from the Hon'ble Union Minister on behalf of NLCIL. P. Barathithasan, M. Suresh, S. Elumalai and Elupula Naresh, employees of NLCIL also joined with the senior officials of NLCIL during the occasion.

Indian Oil bags the prestigious Asian Oil and Gas Award



Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IndianOil) has bagged the prestigious *Asian Power's* Asian Oil & Gas Awards in 2 major categories of 'Covid Management Initiative of the Year' and 'New Product of the Year' in India. *Singapore based quarterly* publication Asian Power has instituted the award to acknowledge companies that play an influential role in transforming Asia's oil and gas industry.

The coveted award under the 'Covid Management Initiative of the Year' recognises IndianOil's unrelenting social endeavours amidst the pandemic. The social outreaches included the diversion of high-purity oxygen used in IndianOil's Panipat Refinery & Petrochemical Complex to shore up medical oxygen supplies in India and beyond. Other welfare measures of IndianOil, including the rollout of Sanjeevani Express to strengthen LMO logistics and vaccination drives for stakeholders, were also appreciated. Asian Oil and Gas Award for 'New Product of the Year' was bestowed on IndianOil for launching India's first 100 Octane and best-in-class premium fuel XP100. XP100 caters to the niche market for luxury vehicles that demand high performance and such fuel is presently available only in six other countries (USA, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Israel, and Greece).

NBCC and Ministry of Labour and Employment jointly celebrate AKAM

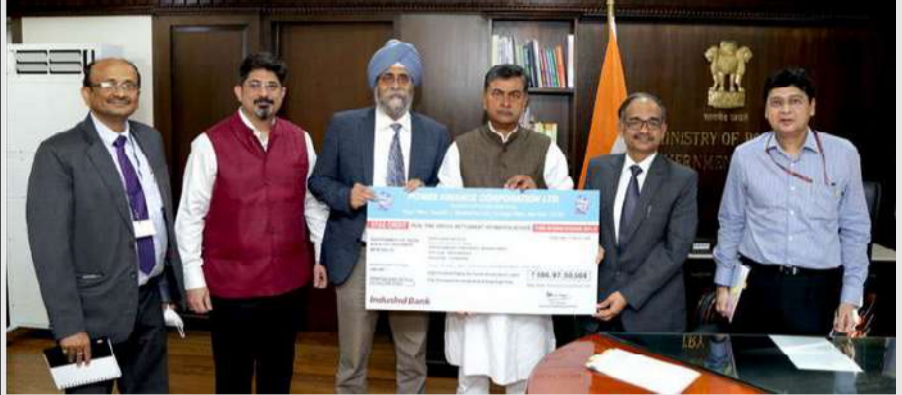
NBCC (India) Limited and The Ministry of Labour and Employment, jointly organized one day program on the occasion of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav on various Labour laws at SCOPE Complex, New Delhi on March 12, 2022. The Chief Guest of the program was A.K. Samantaryay, Chief Labour Commissioner (Central). The event was graced by KPM Swamy, Executive Director (Engg.) and Manas Kaviraj, ED (HRM), NBCC, GC Meena, Dy. CLC and Dr. Omkar Sharma, Dy. CLC. The program was also seen attended by NBCC workmen, Union leaders, Contract workmen and Senior NBCC Officials. The key speaker of the program was Sh. GC Meena, Dy. CLC and Shri Omkar Sharma, Dy. CLC. During the session, various provisions of the labour laws were discussed. The event was organized to commemorate one year of successful completion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and got an overwhelming response by the participants.

O.N.Gyani Director of ONGC Videsh Limited



O N Gyani has taken over charge as the Director (Operations) in the Board of ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) – the international petroleum company of India. Gyani has rich experience of more than three decades in diverse aspects of reservoir and production management of onshore and offshore fields in ONGC, JV and OVL. Prior to joining in OVL, he was Asset Manager of the largest Onshore Asset – Mehsana. He steered the Asset to reverse the declining trend of production from matured fields and prepared a roadmap for unlocking the true potential of the Asset. Prior to leading Mehsana Asset, he headed the prestigious Institute of Reservoir Studies (IRS) and managed reservoir health along with development planning by formulating IOR / EOR schemes of all major Assets. During the same period, ER policy was implemented by the government and he played pivotal role in screening and expansion of EOR projects within and outside ONGC. He has diverse experience in screening, designing and implementing thermal, chemical and gas-based EOR in different fields..

PFC pays Interim dividend of Rs. 886.97 cr to Govt of India



Power Finance Corporation, a Schedule-A Maharatna CPSE and India's leading NBFC under the administrative control of Ministry of Power, has paid **Rs 887 crore** to Govt. of India as the third Interim Dividend on equity shares held by Govt. of India for the financial year 2021-22. This is in addition to Rs. 333 crore and Rs. 370 crore paid as first and second interim dividend respectively to the Government of India.

The interim dividend RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) intimation advice was presented to Hon'ble Minister (Power, New & Renewable Energy) R K Singh by Ravinder Singh Dhillon, CMD, PFC in the presence of the Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shri Alok Kumar and other senior officials of Ministry of Power and PFC.

The third interim dividend @ 60% i.e. Rs. 6 per equity share of face value Rs. 10 each was declared by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 11th February 2022. With this, PFC has so far paid interim dividends amounting to Rs. 2838 crore to its shareholders @107.5% i.e. Rs. 10.75 per equity share of the face value of Rs.10 each for the financial year 2021-22, which is the highest ever dividend paid by PFC.

POWERGRID to provide Smart Classrooms for Schools in Haryana



Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' Company under Ministry of Power, Government of India, signed an MoU with Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram today for providing financial assistance for installation and operationalization of 480 smart class rooms in 240 government schools across 12 districts of Haryana.

The agreement was signed by V. K. Singh, Director (Personnel), POWERGRID and Nishant Kumar Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram in the presence of senior officials from POWERGRID and Haryana State CSR Trust.

V.K Singh, Director (Personnel), POWERGRID highlighted that POWERGRID through its CSR initiatives is trying to form a bridge between digital divide and inclusive growth by helping improve access to quality education in the country.

During this occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram emphasized that Smart Classes in Govt. schools will modernize Indian education scenario, by providing quality education to students, which is an essential requisite in today's competitive environment.

BPCL introduces MAK Lubricants – 'Lubricating the Future of Mobility'

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a 'Maharatna' and a Fortune Global 500 Company has introduced four new MAK lubricant products. Each product is designed to enhance performance, reliability, and durability for customer use. The New range of MAK lubricants were launched in presence of V.R.K. Gupta, Director Finance, Sanjay Khanna, Director Refineries, Smt. Meenaxi Rawat IES, CVO, G. Krishnakumar, ED Lubes and other officials of BPCL.

After recently launching southern India's first EV Fast-Charging corridors on Chennai-Trichy-Madurai Highway, BPCL's MAK lubricants launches **MAK e-Drive**, a premium quality synthetic **driveline fluid** specifically developed to meet the special requirements of Electric Vehicles (EV's). MAK e-Drive is formulated with synthetic base oil and an advanced additive technology that ensures gear protection and compatibility with various materials used in EV powertrain.

The second lubricant named **MAK e-Kool**, is a long-life Anti-freeze coolant concentrate, used in indirect cooling of battery packs of BEV (battery operated electric vehicle). Free from harmful nitrites, amines, phosphate and borates the product gives excellent protection against corrosion and also provides enhanced protection to the engine around the year against over-heating and frost.



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BREAST CANCER

Of all types of cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer worldwide. It is overtaken lung cancer as the most commonly found cancer in the world. According to reports, about 1 in 8 women have a risk of developing breast cancer in their lifetime. Reportedly, breast cancer has become a major health concern across all Indian cities. The average age of women affected by cancer in India is 40-42 years compared to that of 55-60 years in the west. A lack of awareness is one of the biggest problems here because it is not until cancer shows visible symptoms that people realize they are suffering from it. For early detection and timely treatment, it is necessary to know the disease, its signs, and its symptoms. Below is curated information that one should know about breast cancer.

WHAT IS BREAST CANCER?

Breast cancer is a condition where healthy breast cells grow out of control, become abnormal and start to form masses, and then spread to other parts of the body. Cancer generally develops in lobules (milk-producing glands) and ducts (the passage that lets milk travel from glands to the nipple). In the early stages, the tumor is confined to the breast, and it's curable in this stage. If the patient neglects the disease at this stage cells can spread outside the breast through blood vessels and lymph vessels. In later advanced stages, cancer cells spread to other parts of the body. This condition is called metastasis. The cure rates drop significantly in the advanced stage.

SYMPTOMS - One should know the signs and symptoms of the breast as early detection of the disease leads to almost 95 % cure. Here are the symptoms of breast cancer, the appearance of any of these symptoms should not be ignored.

* A lump in the breast (lump is the most common symptom) * Pain in breast * Unusual or bloody discharge from nipples * Dimpling or redness of breast skin * Sudden change in breast size and shape * An inverted nipple * Swelling/lump underarm

STAGES OF BREAST CANCER

The stage of breast cancer is determined by the size of the tumor and its spread. There are 5 main stages of breast cancer from 0 to 4 depending ranging from a small tumor within the breast to a larger one that might have spread to other parts of the body. Here's a short description of the stages;

Stage 0: This is the initial stage, the Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) when the tumor remains confined to the breast ducts.

Stage 1: At this stage, the main tumor is up to 2cms wide and usually the lymph nodes remain unaffected.

Stage 2: Here the size remains less than 2 cm but cancer spreads to a few nearby lymph nodes. Or the lymph nodes remain unaffected but the size grows between 2-5 cm.

Stage 3: Cancer of any size has spread to 4 to 9 axillary lymph nodes. Tumor is larger than 50 mm that has spread to 1 to 3 axillary lymph nodes.

Stage 4: This is an advanced stage where the tumor has spread to other parts of the body like the lung, liver, or bone.

DIAGNOSIS - The tests used for diagnosis and determining the stage of your breast cancer include biopsy, mammogram, CT scan, and/or whole-body PET scan. To start with if there is suspicion of cancer first thing done is a biopsy of the mass. The biopsy will prove or disprove the diagnosis of cancer. Once one has been diagnosed with cancer, the doctor will be determining what the stage of your cancer is with help of an imaging test like a CT scan or PET scan.

TREATMENT- 1. Surgery- There are two surgical options you have. The first one is lumpectomy in which the surgeon will remove the cancerous cells and leave the rest of the breast as it is. The second one is mastectomy in which the breast is surgically removed.

2. Radiation therapy- It is recommended after the surgery to reduce the chances of local recurrence.

3. Chemotherapy- This is a systemic therapy used for killing cancer cells in the body. It is recommended to prevent cancer from coming back.

4. Hormone therapy- Hormone therapy is recommended for hormone receptor-positive breast cancer.

Finding The Right Doctor - Post diagnosis of breast cancer, it is crucial to get the right medical support and a team of specialists to help get over the disease.



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Dr. Dilip Gude : National figure in Indian diabetology

Dr. Dilip Gude is a progressive, dynamic and committed physician and diabetologist with over 18 years of internal medicine, diabetology, rheumatology and intensive care experience. A national figure in Indian diabetology scenario, he takes pride in being up-to-date, ever enthusiastic and zealous in the practice of evidence based-medicine in internal medicine, diabetology and critical care.

Having stood Khammam district first and 47th in the united Andhra Pradesh in the 1996 common entrance in the first attempt, Dr. Dilip Gude graduated from the prestigious Osmania medical college with flying colors. He pursued Masters in Public health from the United States and then having graduated from the prestigious National Board of Examinations in Internal Medicine, he has pioneered the art of diabetology, while also teaching and practicing critical care. He is certified in rheumatology and breaks new ground in treatment of many autoimmune disorders. Having certified from Royal college of Physicians in endocrinology, he also has many post graduate diplomas in Diabetology from Boston University and Harvard University from USA. He has a record 110 national and international PubMed indexed publications and is recognized by Times of India twice (Young achiever in 2017 and Rising star in 2019). An avid clinical trials investigator with more than 22 trials to his credit, he is a boon for the ever-growing evidence-based medicine. A fantastic orator, no wonder he is an integral part of most continuing medical education programs across the country as speaker, moderator and chairperson. His disruption of age-old diabetes treatment with more emphasis on pancreatic beta cell sparing and heart and kidney protecting methodologies won him the coveted RSSDI diabetes excellence care award in 2019.



Telangana To Set Up Govt Medical Colleges In All Districts

Telangana Finance Minister T Harish presented the budget for the financial year 2022-23. The government of Telangana always wanted to provide multi-specialty hospital treatment to the poor people of the state. Super-specialty hospitals will be set up in Gachibowli, LB Nagar, Alwal, and Erragadda. 1,000-beds will be present in the aforementioned hospitals. 2,000 beds will be added to the existing beds in the NIMS hospital.

Telangana gears up to tackle heat

As part of its action plan for tackling heat this summer, the state health department will deploy rapid response teams, create medical posts at places of mass gathering and provide specific care for vulnerable groups. Also, a daily report of sunstroke cases/deaths and preventive measures will be prepared.

As per the action plan document, all district medical and health officers in co-ordination with panchayat raj, municipal administration and rural water supply departments will have to ensure daily reporting of seasonal diseases by actively involving ASHA and anganwadi workers as well as village elders.

Fertility Specialist Dr. Sweta Agarwal Awarded



An amazing International Women's Day for Dr. Sweta Agarwal as a Fertility Specialist and Southern Gem Hospital, Hyderabad as a Fertility Hospital. Sweta was felicitated by Agarwal Samaj, Hyderabad for her stellar work in Women's Health and Reproductive Medicine and Medical Mission International awarded her as Fertility Icon of the year 2022 and Southern Gem Hospital as the Best IVF Hospital 2022. Best wishes !

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Shubhrra Maheshwari New Chairperson For FLO

Shubhrra Maheshwari, city's leading chartered accountant assumed charge as new chairperson of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) Hyderabad chapter. She succeeds the former chairperson Uma Chirugupati. Shubhrra, the new chairman of FLO, said, "I thank the members of FLO for trusting me to lead the new chapter for the year 2022-2023". The objective, coupled with the theme "Financial Literacy," is to create a stronger "SHE" through a series of learning sessions and workshops.



Samaira Wins GlammOnn Mrs India

Samaira I Wallani makes Hyderabad Proud Wins GlammOnn Mrs India (Plus Size) 2021 Title held in Feb 2022 at Goa. "GlammOnn" for the First Time Introduces "Plus Size" Category for Women. Samaira I Wallani from Hyderabad proved that "Plus is Beautiful" as she brought the Crown to Hyderabad as the Winner. She says her win was not possible without the love and support of the people of Hyderabad. For the National Costume round she carried a metal cut out of the Charminar over a beautifully designed Pishwas Dress.



Mr. Harish Kumar Gupta, IPS Releases MR's March Edition

Midnight Reporter's 'Marvelous March' edition is out with a bang released by happening Sr.IPS officer Mr.Harish Kumar Gupta (DGP), Chairman, SLPRB.

Click the link for epaper : <https://midnightreporter.com/.../2022/03/march-2022.pdf>



Birthday Wishes

The happening gentleman of the town Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman celebrated his birth day. Many of his friends & well-wishers conveyed the wishes and blessed him. Lot many followers in his list and the credit goes to his soft nature & visionary thinking. In the click good friend Hitesh Jashnani is seen with Mr.Rahman. Birthday wishes !



Pooja Sarees & Design Studio Celebrated 24th Anniversary

Pooja Sarees and Pooja Design studio celebrated its 24th anniversary and on this occasion offering heavy discount is a highlight happening. Believe it or not, on the discount sale day customers started coming to the store from 5am early in the morning. This shows the craze & the demand of Pooja sarees. And serving from 24 years is again a big achievement in the industry, the MD of Pooja Sarees Ram Agarwal convey his gratitude to all the customers & well-wishers for their trust & support.

Meeta Paan Aur Instagram



After the success of 'The Kashmir Files' the producer Abhishek Agarwal announced his next film 'Tiger Nageswara Rao'. In the click Mr.Agarwal is with Megastar Chiranjeevi.



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हुरुन ग्लोबल फोर्टी एंड अंडर सेल्फ-मेड बिलियनेयर्रीज-2022 सूची के मुताबिक इसमें 37 अरबपतियों के साथ अमेरिका शीर्ष पर है। इसके बाद 25 अरबपतियों के साथ चीन दूसरे नंबर पर है। आठ अरबपतियों के साथ ब्रिटेन भारत को पछाड़कर तीसरे स्थान पर पहुंच गया है। इसने लिस्ट में तीन पायदान का सुधार किया।

एक साल में अमेरिका में छह और ब्रिटेन में पांच अरबपति बढ़े हैं, जबकि चीन में संख्या पांच कम हुई है। वहीं, भारत छह अरबपतियों के साथ इस सूची में चौथे स्थान पर है। बीते एक साल में भारत में दो अरबपति बढ़े हैं।

जकरबर्ग शीर्ष पर-

बीते एक साल में 1.90 लाख करोड़ रुपए की संपत्ति गंवाने के बावजूद फेसबुक के 37 साल के संस्थापक मार्क जकरबर्ग 5.80 लाख करोड़ नेटवर्थ के साथ शीर्ष पर हैं। टिकटॉक के फाउंडर 39 वर्षीय झांग चिमिंग 4.12 लाख करोड़ रु. नेटवर्थ के साथ दूसरे स्थान पर हैं।

पुतिन की सीक्रेट बेटी का सीक्रेट अपार्टमेंट



रूस के राष्ट्रपति व्लादिमीर पुतिन की सीक्रेट बेटी लुइजा रोजोवा टेकअवे ऑर्डर के जरिए एक आलीशान पैलेस में ट्रेक की गई हैं। बताया जा रहा है कि पुतिन की कथित लव चाइल्ड और उनकी मां स्वेतलाना क्रिवोनोगिस्का 1.7 मिलियन पाउंड के एक पेंटहाउस में रह रही हैं। इस लोकेशन का पता उस वक्त चला जब फूड कूरियर डेटाबेस को हैक किया गया। सीक्रेट बेटी के संदेह के बाद एक इंडिपेंडेंट मीडिया ने इसे ऑन एयर किया, जिसे बाद में अर्थोरेट्टी ने ब्लॉक कर लिया।

आलीशान अपार्टमेंट में रह रही मां-बेटी-

सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग के सबसे महंगे अपार्टमेंट में लुइजा और मां स्वेतलाना क्रिवोनोगिस्का लज्जती ज़िंदगी जी रही हैं। दावा किया जाता है कि स्वेतलाना क्रिवोनोगिस्का पहले एक महिला सफाई कर्मचारी थीं। लेकिन अब वह 700 करोड़ की मालकिन बन गई हैं। इनके पुतिन के साथ संबंध थे। दोनों की सीक्रेट बेटी लुइजा रोजोवा हैं। अरबपति स्वेतलाना बड़े रूसी बैंक की मालिकों और देश की सबसे धनी महिलाओं में से एक हैं। हालांकि, उन्होंने कभी लुइजा के पिता के नाम पर कोई खुलासा नहीं किया है।

रूसी राष्ट्रपति ने कभी भी इसे स्वीकार नहीं किया है कि उनकी प्रेमिका से कोई बेटी भी है। ब्रैडफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी के विजुअल कंप्यूटर एक्सपर्ट हसन ओल ने दावा किया था कि लुइजा का फेस व्लादिमीर पुतिन से मिलता है। पर लुइजा ने इस दावे को स्वारिज कर कहा था कि दुनिया में कई लोग ऐसे हैं जिनका फेस पुतिन से मिलता है।

नया पाकिस्तान बना रही ये पावरफुल महिलाएं



पाकिस्तान में इमरान खान की सरकार के खिलाफ अविश्वास प्रस्ताव को लेकर घमासान चल रहा है। इसकी वजह से पूरी सियासत में गहमागहमी जारी है। ऐसे माहौल में महिला नेता भी अपने तेवर में नजर आ रही हैं। आइए जानते हैं पाकिस्तान की 10 लोकप्रिय महिला नेताओं के बारे में।

पिता की विरासत का जिम्मा बेटी हीर इस्माइल ने उठाया-

पाकिस्तान के सिंध प्रांत की हीर इस्माइल सोहो को पाकिस्तान की पहली वुमन ट्राइबल चीफ के तौर पर चुना गया है। सोहो कबीला से ताल्लुक रखने वाली हीर इस्माइल के पिता मुहम्मद इस्माइल सोहो की इसी साल फरवरी में कोरोना संक्रमण से मौत हो गई थी। इसके बाद सोहो कबीला नेतृत्व विहीन हो गया था। ऐसे में हीर इस्माइल ने कबीले की जिम्मेदारी संभाली। हीर इस जिम्मेदारी को बखूबी निभा रही हैं।

इमरान खान को कड़ी टक्कर दे रही मरियम नवाज-मरियम नवाज पाकिस्तान में इमरान खान को कड़ी टक्कर दे रही हैं। पाकिस्तान के पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री नवाज शरीफ की बेटी के तौर पर राजनीति में आई मरियम ने पाकिस्तान के पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी से इंग्लिश लिटरेचर में मास्टर डिग्री हासिल करने के बाद 2012 में राजनीति में कदम रखा। अभी मरियम पाकिस्तान मुस्लिम लीग नवाज (पीएमएल-एन) की उपाध्यक्ष हैं। मरियम न्यूयॉर्क टाइम्स की 11 शक्तिशाली महिलाओं की सूची में अपना नाम दर्ज करा चुकी हैं।

चीन की जीरो कोविड नीति फेल, चीनियों में ओमिक्रॉन से लड़ने की क्षमता नहीं



कोरोना काल के दो साल में पहली बार चीन के सभी 31 प्रांतों में संक्रमण की चपेट में आ गए हैं। इसमें भी ओमिक्रॉन से संक्रमितों का आंकड़ा 62 हजार केस के पार पहुंच गया है। आर्थिक राजधानी शंघाई समेत 5 शहरों में लॉकडाउन लगा दिया गया है। इससे देश की आर्थिक सेहत भी बिगड़ रही है। चीन ने कोरोना पर काबू के लिए जिस जीरो कोविड पॉलिसी को अमल में लाया था वो फेल साबित हो रही है।

चीन के लगभग 12 हजार सरकारी अस्पतालों में नए मरीजों को भर्ती करने की जगह नहीं है। चीन ने कोरोना की पहली लहर के दौरान सख्त लॉकडाउन का नियम बनाया था। इसके तहत एक भी केस आने पर पूरे शहर में लॉकडाउन लगा दिया जाता था। ऐसे में उसके चिकित्सा ढांचे पर काफी असर पड़ा।

चीन में तीन स्तरीय चिकित्सा का मॉडल है, लेकिन चीनी सरकार ने शुरुआती दिनों में ही अपने चिकित्सा मॉडल की जांच बेहतर ढंग से नहीं की। ऐसे में रोगियों में कोरोना के डेल्टा और ओमिक्रॉन वैरिएंट के के खिलाफ इम्यूनिटी नहीं बन पाई। अब जबकि एशिया के दूसरे देशों में कोरोना के रोगियों की संख्या में लगातार गिरावट आ रही है, चीन को रिवर्स कोरोना संक्रमण के हालात से गुजरना पड़ रहा है।

शंघाई के 20 हजार बैंकर्स दफ्तरों में ही रह रहे हैं-

चीन के बड़े व्यावसायिक हब शंघाई में अगले शुक्रवार तक पूर्ण लॉकडाउन लगाया गया है। बैंकिंग और अन्य गतिविधियां बाधित नहीं हों, इसके लिए शंघाई के लगभग 20 हजार बैंकर्स दफ्तरों में रह रहे हैं। यहीं सो भी रहे हैं। सरकार की ओर से उनके खाने का इंतजाम किया गया है।

चीन में 88 प्रतिशत को टीका, बुजुर्गों में ये केवल 52 प्रतिशत-

चीन दुनिया के सर्वाधिक टीकाकरण वाले देशों में शामिल है। चीन में 88 प्रतिशत से अधिक आबादी को कोरोना वैक्सीन की डबल डोज लग चुकी है, लेकिन इसके बावजूद चीन के बुजुर्गों यानी 60 साल से अधिक आयु के लोगों में से मात्र 52 को ही डबल डोज लग पाई है।

कोरोना लॉकडाउन का प्रभाव, 2020 के बाद अमेरिका में 20 लाख महिलाओं की नौकरी छूटी



कोरोना महामारी की रोकथाम के लिए बीते दो साल के दौरान पूरे अमेरिका में बड़े पैमाने पर लॉकडाउन लगाए गए थे। अमेरिका में वर्कफोर्स में आने वाली महिलाओं की आर्थिक स्थिति बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुई है। 2020 के बाद लगभग 20 लाख महिलाओं की नौकरी छूट गई। उनकी और पुरुष समकक्षों की रिटायरमेंट सेविंग्स के बीच का अंतर काफी बढ़ गया है।

TIAA की ओर से 3,000 से ज्यादा महिलाओं- पुरुषों पर किए

गए एक सर्वे में सिर्फ 19 प्रतिशत महिलाओं ने विश्वास जताया कि रिटायरमेंट की तैयारियों को लेकर उनकी योजना सही ट्रैक पर है और रिटायर होने पर उनके पास पर्याप्त पैसा होगा। रिटायर्ड लाइफ जीने के लिए उन्हें पैसे की किल्लत से जूझना नहीं पड़ेगा। वहीं, तुलनात्मक रूप से सर्वे में इसी तरह की राय जताने वाले पुरुषों का प्रतिशत 35 प्रतिशत रहा।

इस तरह महिलाओं-पुरुषों की रिटायरमेंट सेविंग्स के बीच अंतर बढ़कर 16 प्रतिशत तक पहुंच गया है। पहले यह अंतर महज 9 प्रतिशत ही था। सिर्फ 31 प्रतिशत महिलाओं ने कहा कि वे रिटायरमेंट के लिए बचत करने में सक्षम हैं। TIAA की शेल्ली-एन इवेका कहती हैं कि सिर्फ 33 प्रतिशत महिलाओं के पास रिटायरमेंट के लिए पैसा अलग रखने की क्षमता है। जबकि इस तरह की क्षमता रखने वाले पुरुषों का आंकड़ा 44 प्रतिशत तक है।

अमेरिकी जनगणना ब्यूरो के अनुसार, पुरुषों और महिलाएं रिटायरमेंट के लिए जो कुछ भी बचत करती हैं उसका लंबे समय से रिकॉर्ड रखा जा रहा है और आमतौर पर इसमें उम्र के साथ अंतर बढ़ता देखा गया है।

Tourism



Bali welcomes first foreign tourists after COVID quarantine rule lifted

Indonesia's resort island of Bali on Monday welcomed its first foreign tourists under relaxed coronavirus rules that no longer require arrivals to quarantine, part of a broader easing of curbs in the Southeast Asian country after infections declined.

Known for its surfing, temples, waterfalls and nightlife, Bali drew 6.2 million foreign visitors in 2019, the year before COVID-19 struck. But only a trickle of visitors have returned since Bali started opening up to foreign tourists last October, discouraged by the need to quarantine and other rules.

Under a pilot programme, fully vaccinated tourists now can skip a mandatory three-day quarantine, though they need to remain on the island for four days.

"I think it's good for the island," said Jesse Rayman, 22, a Dutch tourist arriving at Bali's airport on Monday. "I hope everyone is able to travel safely in the future, and coronavirus wouldn't be much an issue anymore." With tourism normally making up over 50% of Bali's economy, many on the island have been desperate to see a faster return of tourists, particularly as some neighbouring countries moved faster.

South Africa to start e-visa facility for Indian tourists



The South African Tourism on Monday said it is eyeing 64 per cent year-on-year growth in arrivals from India in 2022, capitalising on strong consumer demand in the country through various marketing initiatives including roadshows.

India continues to be one of the top-three focus markets for South Africa, which has outlined a strategic road map to garner 64 per cent y-o-y increase in Indian visitors in 2022, the South African Tourism said in a statement.

As part of post-pandemic revival plans, South Africa will introduce e-visas for Indians to attract more tourists, business travellers and movie-makers.

Turkey ranked 4th on world tourism list in 2021



Turkey has risen to the fourth rank on the world tourism list after hosting some 29.9 million tourists in 2021, leaving Italy and the United States behind, according to a report by World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). "Some 421 million people traveled the globe as tourists in 2019. Nearly 30 million tourists were in Turkey," Recep Yavuz, the head of the Tourism Work Group of the city council in the southern province of Antalya, told Demirören News Agency on March 29. According to his evaluation of the report, France leads the list with some 40 million tourists.

New Zealand's tourism head hints at levy increase for international visitors



With just over a month until New Zealand reopens its borders to vaccinated visitors from visa waiver countries, including the U.S., leaders there are mulling changes that could mean a higher price to pay for tourists.

During a speech to the University of Otago Tourism Policy School, New Zealand Tourism Minister Stuart Nash hinted at a price hike for the fee international visitors have paid to visit the country since the fall of 2019.

"Our international visitors must contribute their fair share," said Nash just before commenting on the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy that currently charges visitors from most other countries 35 New Zealand dollars (about \$24).

Generally, international visitors must pay it when they apply for an Electronic Travel Authority, the country's border security mechanism. Permanent residents are exempt, as are visitors from certain South Pacific islands and, notably, Australia, whose residents represented about 40% of international visitors prior to the pandemic, Nash said.

Rajasthan becomes the first state to introduce 'night sky astro tourism'



Good news for sky watchers! Rajasthan in India has become the first state to launch the night sky astro tourism in all its 33 districts! Jaipur, the royal capital of Rajasthan, alone has four famous star gazing venues including Jantar-Mantar, Amber Fort, University of Maharaja and Jawahar Kala Kendra.

Mugha Sinha, Rajasthan's Department of Science and Technology Secretary, informed that besides Rajasthan, the Bikaner House in New Delhi has also been chosen as a hub for astro tourism and a telescope will be installed for tourists for skywatching.

Talking more about the event, she said that because of COVID-19, there was a strict lockdown, people were locked inside their houses and a number of interesting astronomical events were taking place in the sky.

Focusing more on the journey, she said that they later organised the star gazing session at the secretariat and the officials were also quite excited.

Soon, recommendations started pouring in from officials from distant districts for sky gazing and the idea was accepted by the chief minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot. On March 3, the CM announced the introduction of Night Sky Astro Tourism in all 33 districts of the state.

Mugha further added, "Now, we shall get telescopes for all districts and for Bikaner House too."

One of the prime features of the product is that it will be managed by calendars of the sky and sky will play the main guide to fix the dates for such events.