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Appointments

Shirish Kumar Sinha was appointed as Additional Member (Planning), Railway Board, New Delhi.

Chetan Kumar Srivastava was appointed as General Manager, Northeast Frontier Railway, Guwahati.

Manish Kumar Vimal (ITS: 1998) was appointed as Director in the NITI Aayog, Delhi for a period of five years.

Dr Debasis Dash, Scientist 'G'/Chief Scientist, CSIR- Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi was appointed to the post of Director, Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar.

Dr C S Narayanamurthy, Sr. Professor, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) was promoted to the grade of 'Outstanding Professor'.

The Deputy Secretary level post in the Ministry of Tourism presently held by Roshan M Thomas (IDAS:2009) was as Director, as a measure personal to him, for a period up to 14.06.2027 i.e. total tenure of five years under the Central Staffing Scheme. Ms Richa Sharma (IOFS:2002) was appointment as Director in the Ministry of Labour & Employment for a period of five years.

Suman Sharma (IRS IT: 1990) was appointed as Member, UPSC for a tenure of six years or until she attains the age of sixty-five years.

Bharath Kumar Kuthati (IFS: 2006) was appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana.

Vinod K Jacob (IFS: 2000) was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr Acquino Vimal (IFS: 2000) was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Norway.

The tenure of Rakesh Kumar Pandey (IDAS:2003) was extended for a period of two years beyond 13.05.2023 and up to 13.05.2025. Currently, he is Director in the Ministry of Ho

The Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) on Tuesday selected N Senthil Kumar for the post of Director (Pipelines), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Currently, Senthil Kumar is working as Executive Director, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

The deputation tenure of Prashant Kumar Jha (IRS C&CE:2008), OSD to Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Science and Technology, was extended beyond 25.09.2023 on co-terminus basis with the minister in relaxation of maximum limit of five years of working as PS/OSD to a minister.

PESB on Monday selected Ms Parminder Chopra, Director (Finance), Power Finance Corporation (PFC), for the post of Chairman & Managing Director, PFC. Altogether, nine candidates appeared before for selection interview.

Aswathi S (IAS: 2013: KN) was appointed as Deputy Director (Deputy Secretary level) in the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie for a period of four years.

Shailendra Uttam (IOFS: 2006) was appointed as Director in the Staff Selection Commission, Kolkata for a period of five years.

Shruti Singhal (IRAS: 2011) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the National Recruitment Agency (HQ), Delhi under Department of Personnel & Training for a period of four years.

P V Rajasekhar, Director, was empaneled for promotion to the grade of Additional Surveyor General (Civil Stream) in Survey of India, for the panel year 2022.

ACC approved empanelment of 11 officers for promotion to the Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) of Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) for the panel years 2022 and 2023.

ACC has approved the promotion of 06 scientists, from the grade of Scientist 'H' (Outstanding Scientist) to the grade of 'Distinguished Scientist'.

Suparna Pal, Scientist 'F', GTRE, Bengaluru was appointed as Technology Adviser/Counselor (Defence Technology) in the Embassy of India, Paris (France).

Jayanta Kumar Khamari (IRSE Civil: 2008) was appointed as CVO, South Eastern Coalfield Ltd (SECL), Bilaspur under the Ministry of Coal for a period of three years.

Sumeet Kumar Sinha (IRSS: 1999), CVO, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd, Ranchi was entrusted with additional charge of CVO, Northern Coalfield Ltd, Singrauli for a period of six months.

Gaurav Masaldan (IRS C&IT:1998) was appointed as Joint Secretary in the Department of Justice for a combined tenure of seven years ending 18.11.2027 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. He replaces G R Raghavender (CSS).

Sidramappa Madhava Rao Chalkapure (IFS:2007:NL) was appointed as Director in the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying for a tenure of two years.

Ms Manisha Saxena (IRS C&IT:2000) was appointed as Senior Deputy Director General (Administration), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the Department of Health Research, for a combined tenure of seven years ending 13.12.2027. She replaces R Ramakrishnan (IAS:1998:NL).

Srinivas E (IRSSE:1995) was appointed as Joint Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier. He replaces Ms. Shruti Singh (IAS:2004:PB).

Manoj Soni administered oath as chairman UPSC



UPSC member Manoj Soni, who has been performing duties of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) chairman since April 5, 2022, on Tuesday took oath as the chairman of the UPSC. Soni joined the Commission as member on June 28, 2017 and prior to this served three terms as Vice-Chancellor. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy as chairman, UPSC by Mrs Smita Nagaraj (IAS:1984:TN), senior most member in the Commission.

Karnataka DGP Praveen Sood takes over as CBI Director

Former Karnataka Director General of Police (DGP) Praveen Sood (IPS: 1986: KN) took over as Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Sood served in various capacity during his long career of about 37 years as IPS. Decorated with the President's Police Medal for distinguished service in 2011 and Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2002, Sood served as SP of Bellary & Raichur; Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Bengaluru City; Commissioner of Police, Mysuru City & Bengaluru City; ADGP; Principal Secretary (Home); DGP (Internal Security) and DGP (CID). He has worked as advisor to Government of Mauritius. He has supervised the investigation of high-profile cases involving high net-worth individuals and cases having inter-state & international ramifications and also investigation & detection of crime including Cyber Crime, Information Technology etc.

IAS

Sanjay Maihotra, (IAS:1990: RJ), Secretary, Department of Revenue, was entrusted with additional charge of Secretary, Department of Financial Services from 18.05.2023 to 28.05.2023.

Ravneet Kaur (IAS: 1988: PB) was appointed as Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI) for a tenure of five years or till she reaches the age of 65.

Rohit Kumar Singh (IAS: 1989: RJ), Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs was entrusted with additional charge of Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution from 13.05.2023 to 27.05.2023.

Rajesh Kumar Singh (IAS: 1989: KL), Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade was entrusted with additional charge of Secretary, Ministry of Textiles from 11.05.2023 to 23.05.2023

The tenure of Arvind Shrivastava (IAS:1994:KN), Additional Secretary, Prime Minister's Office (PMO), for a period of two years w.e.f. 10.05.2023 i.e. upto 09.10.2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

The deputation tenure of Kumar Ravikant Singh (IAS:2008:UP), Private Secretary to Pankaj Chaudhary, Union MoS for Finance (Revenue) was extended beyond 01.10.2023 on co-terminus basis with the minister in relaxation of maximum limit of five years of working as PS/OSD to a minister.

Bagadi Gautham (IAS: 2009: KN) was appointed as Deputy Director (Senior)(Director level) in the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie for a period of five years.

IPS

Amanjeet Kaur (IPS: 2009: AM) was appointed as DIG in CBI for the tenure up to 27.04.2027.

Nirmala Devi S (IPS: 2009: MH) was appointed as DIG in CBI for a tenure up to 05.07.2025.

Abhinav Khare (IPS: 2009: KT) was appointed as DIG in CBI for a tenure up to 22.03.2025.

Ashok Kumar (IRS C&CE: 2006) was appointed as DIG in CBI for a tenure up to 29.01.2026.

Tenure of Raghavendra Vatsa (IPS: 2005: GJ), DIG, CBI, was extended for a period of six months i.e. up to 17.11.2023.

Tenure of Murali Rambha (IPS: 2011: TN), SP, CBI was extended for a period of one year i.e. up to 07.07.2024.

Tenure of Gagandeep Gambhir (IPS: 2004: GJ), DIG, CBI, was extended for a period up to 24.11.2023.

Rahul Sharma (IPS: 2009: HR) was appointed as Deputy Inspector General in CBI for a period of five years.

Cadre of Amritpal Kaur (IPS: 2021: WB) was changed on the grounds of her marriage with Amritpal Singh (IPS:2021: OD). She will move from West Bengal to Odisha.

Dr M Tamilvanan (IPS: 2008: JH) was appointed as Deputy Director (DIG level), in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Hyderabad for a period of five years.

Dr Alok Mohan New FGP of Karnataka


Immediately after the newly elected Karnataka government took oath in it appointed Dr Alok Mohan (IPS:1987:KN) as the Director General and Head of Police Force of Karnataka. He is due to retire in April 2025. The coveted post of DG fell vacant after the then DGP Praveen Sood (IPS:1986:KN) as CBI Director. Prior to this Dr Alok Mohan has been given the additional charge of the post of chairman, Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation, Bengaluru with effect from May 22. He brings with him a vast experience of working in various divisions of the department during the last 36 years. He was the Joint Commissioner of Bengaluru city, Crime Division, ACB and ADGP.



All charges dropped against Ex Mumbai Police Commissioner

Now when the Maharashtra government is relieved that there is no threat to the government, it dropped all charges against former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh (IPS: 1988: MH) and also revoked suspension orders issued in December 2021. He would be considered as he was on-duty. However, there is resentment in a big section in the ruling dispensation who wanted the IPS officer to be punished for his alleged atrocity against people arrested in the name of saffron terror. So there is a glee and gloom scenario. Param Bir Singh had been facing multiple cases of extortion, corruption and misconduct and he was removed from the post of Mumbai Police chief over his purported mishandling of the Antilia Bomb Scare case. The Antalia case is no less big deal. The Central Bureau of Investigation that had taken over the probe into these allegations against Singh had registered five separate FIRs and the cases were previously registered by Mumbai Police.

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



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Corridors of Power



All Set For G-20

G-20 is on the cards. Yes G-20 is going to be held at pearl of city Hyderabad in this month during 15,16 & 17. The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation. It plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues. So for the same a review meeting is held and the Telangana CS Shanti Kumari welcomed the Union Agriculture Dept. Secretary Manoj Ahuja & Jt.Secretary Yogitha Rana. So, the T Govt. is all set for the G-20.



Top Brass Meet-Up

DG CRPF Mr.Sujoy Lal Thaoson, IPS visited Telangana DGP office to discuss issues related to left-wing extremism (LWE). The meeting was attended by DGP Anjani Kumar, Anil Kumar, ADG Intelligence, Vijay Kumar ADG Greyhounds, Sanjay Jain, ADG (L&O) and Chief of SIB. The meeting aimed to share information and strategize on how to address the ongoing challenges posed by LWE in the region. All confidential !



Boundary! It's A FOUR

So, the happening CM of Andhra Pradesh Mr.Jagan Mohan Reddy completed four years of tenure successfully. His four years term is like a big boundary ! To greet the Hon'ble CM AP chief secretary Jawahar Reddy and (in the picture) Special Chief Secretary Poonam Malakondaiah, Secretary K.Dhanajaya Reddy, R.Muthyala Raju and Addl.Secretary Bharat Gupta reached the CMO. Kudos to the CMO team, working superb for the people of Andhra Pradesh.



Applauds To Dr.Hari Krishna

One post and one tweet, and the helps reaches to the needy patients. It's really an amazing gesture from the Aarogyasri and CMRF of Andhra Pradesh. Presently Dr.Hari Krishna, Special Secretary to the CMO, AP, Incharge - Aarogyasri, CMRF, General Grievances, Overseas Coordination and Doctor by profession is taking care of this initiative. The social media account is enough to say this that it's really working tremendously and many are been benefited within no time. Five star rating for the team.

'Wah-Wah Performance' By Two Lady IPS Officers



Policing is the toughest job ! Kudos to all the lady officers who has chosen it and doing the wonders all over the country. In this context let's talk about two lady IPS officers from Andhra Pradesh , M.Deepika , SP of Vizianagaram District and Malika Garg, SP of Prakasam District. As per



the little bird the lady officers are tough when it comes to maintain law & order, moreover social awareness, grievances meet, police personal welfare initiatives, crime review meetings, encouraging women staff and perfect team co-ordination are their priority. Can say wah-wah performance.



US Consulate New Office Inaugurated

The Telangana Governor Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan as a chief guest attended the 247th anniversary celebrations of independence of USA & also inaugurated the US Consulate General Hyderabad new office. On the occasion Mr.Eric Garcetti, US Ambassador to India and Ms.Jennifer Larson, US Consul General in Hyderabad can also seen in the picture.



Honorable Work !

"I visited the Fernandez Foundation to learn about the inspiring work they're doing to reduce preventable maternal and child deaths. It's hard to think of more honorable work and it was a privilege to see what they're doing for women and children in Hyderabad." Said Ms.Jennifer Larson, US Consul General in Hyderabad during her visit to the hospital.



chai with Mr.Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High Commissioner to Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. This is click of the month.

Just Fantastic

"Fantastic start to my trip to Hyderabad with a visit to the Mecca Masjid and Charminar. A delight to see the old city and tour the inside of this historic mosque." Said Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State Foreign Commonwealth & Development Affairs (South Asia, MEastNAfrica, UN, Human Rights) PM's Special Envoy for Preventing Sexual Violence. In the picture the Minister is having

Smiling Frame

Pleasant moments from a sangeet event ! Orhan Yalman Okan with Wife Aslihan Ozmen Okan and daughter can be seen in the picture. Beautiful and smiling frame !



UAE consulate in Hyderabad to be inaugurated on June 14

In a major relief to visa applicants, United Arab Emirates (UAE) is going to inaugurate a consulate office in Hyderabad. Though the consulate office located in Banjara Hills began its operation six months ago, it began offering consular services in only in April and is now set to be inaugurated on June 14. Consul General of UAE in Hyderabad Aaref Alnuaim said that this step was taken owing to a huge demand for visas from Hyderabad, adding that several UAE citizens travel to Hyderabad for medical and educational reasons. The consulate is originally set up to process 200 applications per day, but there are plans to increase this to 500 applications per day over the next



few months. "The number of visas processed will eventually be increased to 700-800 visas per day," Aaref Alnuaim was quoted as saying by a news report.

The new consulate will not just be a huge relief to visa applicants from Telangana but also to other southern and central Indian states such as— Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha.



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Telangana Formation Day Celebration CHARM Continues



Telangana Formation Day and its 21-day celebrations of decennial celebrations is on screen. The entire State and all the districts are celebrating it with full josh and masti. Several colorful events have been held and many are on cards.

The inauguration of the celebrations is held at new secretariat building, where the Hon'ble CM KCR hosted the flag and announced the celebration.

Hyderabad Police hosted Suraksha Event with real heroes. Actor Nikhil Siddhartha was the guest. Hyderabad CP Cv.Anand welcomed the guests. Home Minister Mahmood Ali, DGP Anjani Kumar were the guests. Followed by amazing police rakshak rally and many more events.

Whereas Women Safety Wing planned Mahila Suraksha Sambaralu at Tankbund. Addl.DGP for WSW Shikha Goel welcomed the guests. "Thank you everyone for joining us & it was an honor to host you all & raise awareness on Women's Safety." She added. In the event Actor Nani,MLC Kavita, Home Secretary Dr.Jitender and Sports star Naina Jaiswal was the guests.

As part of the Telangana Decennial celebrations, Suraksha Dinotsavam was celebrated at Durgam Cheruvu, showcasing the remarkable progress achieved by the Telangana State over the last ten years through a spectacular drone show. Hosted by Cyberabad Police.

Apart from the celebrations Forest department is planning Harish Utsav, and the same event poster is being released by Forest minister Indrakaran Reddy and IRS officer R.M.Dobriyal.

During the celebrations Ranga Reddy Collectorate has planned a special event with farmers. Education Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy was the chief guest. The minister along with the District collector Dr.Harish and Addl.Collector Pratik Jain had a food with the farmers.

In Sircilla in the supervision of SP Akhil Mahajan , SHE team programme organized with more than 2000 women on the eve of telangana dashabdi utsavalu.



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Public Sector

R.S. Dhillon, CMD, PFC conferred with prestigious Skoch India Economic Forum Award



Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Chairman & Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), a Maharatna Company and India's leading NBFC in the power sector, was conferred with the prestigious "SKOCH INDIA ECONOMIC FORUM AWARD" in recognition of his stellar leadership, path-breaking energy transition initiatives, remarkable achievements and contribution to the accelerated development of the Power Sector.

Shri Dhillon received this award from Shri Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India and Shri Sameer Kochhar, CEO, SKOCH group at a glittering ceremony held at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

The award ceremony was marked by the presence of dignitaries and key

officials from State & Central PSUs, key personnel from the government, senior Bureaucrats and policymakers.

Leading from the front with a 3-pronged strategy, involving assessment growth through diversification, reduction in borrowing cost and strengthening of internal systems to improve asset quality, Ravinder Singh Dhillon has steered the Power Finance Corporation to attain the status of Maharatna from Navratna earlier and also piloted PFC's business diversification efforts, both by cross-border funding and expanding the business into new market segments in infrastructure & logistics space like funding of e-Mobility, Metro Projects, Nuclear Energy, Bio-ethanol, Oil Refineries, Lift Irrigation Projects, etc.

Oil India registers highest ever Net Profit of Rs. 6810 Cr since its inception



Oil India Limited (OIL), on May 26 declared its financial results for FY 2022-23 with a thumping highest-ever net profit since the company's inception at Rs 6,810.40 crore, a surge of 75.20% YoY on the back of higher operating income and growth in oil & gas production.

During the last fiscal, the company also reported the highest-ever pipeline throughput of 8.19 MMT. Also, the highest-ever turnover of Rs 23,272.57 crore, a rise of 60.17% YoY.

It is pertinent to mention here that OIL over the last 6 decades, has continued its journey of growth in oil & gas

production from its matured and recently discovered oilfields during the last fiscal, with 5.5% growth in oil production at 3.18 MMT and 4.4% growth in gas production at 3.18 BCM, which scaled another height of registering the highest ever gas production by the company ever since its inception. The earnings per share (EPS) of the company has increased to Rs 62.80/share vs Rs 35.85/share in FY22. OIL Board has declared the final dividend of Rs 5.50 per share with a total dividend of Rs 20/share (face value Rs 10) for FY23. As for Q4FY23, the company equally reported improved financial & physical performance over Q4FY22, with turnover growth of 26.15% and a PAT increase of 9.71%. Crude Oil and Natural Gas production has also shown growth of 6.95% and 6.27% respectively in Q4FY23 YoY. With NRL being a group company of OIL, it is worth noting that the company has recorded its highest ever consolidated profit after tax of Rs 9,854.39 crores, a growth of 46.66% YoY and a highest ever consolidated turnover of Rs 41,038.94 crore for the fiscal, an increase of 36.75% YoY.

NRL continued its remarkable track record and displayed the highest-ever crude throughput of 3,091.37 TMT in fiscal 23 with capacity utilisation of 103%. The gross refinery margin of NRL for FY23 is US\$ 19.86/bbl vis-à-vis US\$ 14.33/bbl for the previous year.

EIL secured business worth around INR 4700 Cr in FY23



Engineers India Ltd (EIL) organised its Annual Press Conference on May 26, 2023 in New Delhi wherein C&MD Ms. Vartika Shukla shared EIL's Annual Results for FY 2022-23 as well as Business Outlook and Orders Secured. Functional Directors and senior officials of the Company were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, CMD said that during FY 2022-23, EIL had secured business worth around INR 4700 Cr as against the order value of around INR 1650 Cr in FY 2021-22. "The overall

order book status of the company, however, as of 31st March 2023 stood at INR 9079 Cr including go ahead of around INR 1600 Cr," she added.

Emphasizing on EIL's forte of mega project implementation in the oil & gas sector, Ms. Shukla stated that Vizag Refinery Modernisation Project (VRMP) of HPCL, HPCL Rajasthan Refinery project (HRRL), the Capacity expansion project of IOCL-Panipat, Cauvery Basin Refinery (CBR) project for CPCL, with the combined capital outlay of around \$20 billion are some of the recent testimonies of EIL's project execution capabilities in the domestic market.

Speaking on EIL's international operations, CMD stated that EIL has been transforming and expanding its business operations to emerge as a global industrial powerhouse through its robust engineering and technology portfolio. "EIL has already showcased its unparalleled track record of mega project implementation in new geographies.

Steady FY23 by India's Mining Major NMDC



Country's largest iron ore producer, NMDC declared its FY23 results today. In the financial year 2022-23, the company produced 40.82 million tonnes and sold

38.22 million tonnes of iron ore. NMDC is the first iron ore producer in India to cross the 40 Mnt production mark for the second consecutive fiscal. Government of India's profit making PSE recorded a turnover of Rs.17667 crore, with Profit Before Tax (PBT) at Rs.7637 crore and Profit After Tax (PAT) at Rs.5529 crore in FY23. The mining major has also announced 2nd and final dividend of Rs.2.85 per share. The total dividend including 1st interim dividend (Rs.3.75 per share) is Rs.6.6 per share for FY23. Concluding the year with a strong performance, NMDC registered iron ore production of

14.13 Mnt and sales of 12.41 Mnt in the fourth quarter of FY23 which is the highest for any quarter since inception. For Q4 of the financial year, turnover stood at Rs.5851 crore while PBT and PAT clocked Rs.3285 crore and Rs.2277 crore respectively. Commenting on the company's performance, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) said, "NMDC's strong core and technical affinity has helped us report steady volumes and margins in the face of challenges like heavy rainfall, dull demand and price volatility. With Government of India's fillip to infrastructure, NMDC is committed to fuel the increase in domestic steel production and consumption by ensuring raw material security."

LIC registered an increase of 10.90% in Total Premium Income



The Board of Directors of Life Insurance Corporation of India ("LIC") approved and adopted the standalone and consolidated financial results for the year ending March 31st, 2023.

Below are the key highlights of our standalone results.

For the year ended March 31st, 2023, LIC registered an increase of 10.90% in the Total Premium Income at Rs 4,74,005 crore as compared to Rs. 4,27,419 crore for the previous year ended March 31st, 2022.

In terms of market share measured by First Year Premium Income (FYPI) (as per IRDAI) LIC has maintained its leadership in Indian life insurance business

with a market share of 62.58% for FY 2022-23. Further (as per IRDAI) the total FYPI for LIC grew by 16.67% from Rs. 1.98 lakh crore in FY 2022 to 2.32 lakh crore in FY 2023.

The Profit after Tax (PAT) for the year ended March 31st, 2023 was Rs. 36,397.40 crore as compared to Rs. 4,043.12 crore for the previous year ended March 31st, 2022. The profit for FY 2022-23 comprises of an amount of Rs. 27,240.75 crore (net of tax), which is pertaining to the accretion on the Available Solvency Margin, transferred from Non-Par fund to the shareholders account. The Board of Directors have recommended a dividend of Rs 3/- per share translating to a dividend payout of Rs. 1,897 crore. On an Annualised Premium Equivalent (APE) basis the total premium was Rs. 56,682 crore for the year ended March 31st, 2023 as compared to Rs. 50,390 crore for year ended March 31st, 2022 representing a growth of 12.49% year on year. For FY 2023, 68.22% (Rs. 38,667 crore) was accounted for by the Individual Business and 31.78% (Rs. 18,015 crore) by the Group Business.

ONGC posts net profit of Rs 38,829 Cr



Energy Maharatna ONGC Posts Gross Revenue of Rs 1,55,517 crore in FY'23, up by 41%; Highest-ever total dividend of 225%, Rs 11.25 per share ONGC made 8 discoveries & monetised 3 in FY'23 ONGC reviewed entire issue of disputed Service tax & GST on royalty & decided to make a provision towards these disputed taxes as prudent & conservative practice.

Accordingly, during Q4 & FY'23 it has provided Rs 12,107 crore towards disputed taxes of ST/GST on Royalty for period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2023 together with interest thereon. The above adjustments have adversely impacted the profitability for Q4 & FY'23.

However, ONGC shall continue to contest such disputed matters before various forums based on the legal opinion.

SAIL's Net profit falls, reports net profit of Rs 1049 for Q4 FY23



Steel Authority of India on May 25 declare its Financial Results for the fourth quarter and year ending 31st March 2023. The company reported a 50 per cent fall in its consolidated net profit to Rs 1,159.21 crore. It posted Rs 2,478.82 crore net profit in the preceding year 2021-22.

The company in its regulatory filing also mentioned The Board of Directors has recommended the Final Dividend at Rs.0.50/- per equity share of Rs.10/- each for the Financial Year 2022-23 (5% of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company). SAIL Performance of FY 23 (Standalone) at a glance:

Financial Year 22-23 Crude Steel Production: 18.29 Million Tonne Sales: 16.20 Million Tonne

Revenue from Operations: 1,04,447 Crore Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA): 9,379 Crore Profit Before Tax (PBT): 2,637 Crore Profit After Tax (PAT): 1,903 Crore.

Financial Year 21-22 Crude Steel Production: 17.37 Million Tonne, Sales: 16.15 Million Tonne Revenue from Operations: 1,03,473 Crore, Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA): 22,364 Crore, Profit Before Tax (PBT): 16,039 Crore, Profit After Tax (PAT): 12,0151 Crore, GIC Re announced Financial Performance for year 2022-2023, GIC Re announced financial performance for the year ended 31st March 2023 at the Board Meeting of company held in Mumbai.

Given below the details of our financial performance for the Year ended 31.03.2023:

Gross Premium Income of the company was Rs. 36,591.59 crore for the year ended 31.03.2023 as compared to Rs. 43,208.46 crore for the year ended 31.03.2022.

Underwriting Loss reduced to Rs. 2,341.37 crore for the year ended 31.03.2023 as compared to Rs. 4,266.11 crore for the year ended 31.03.2022.



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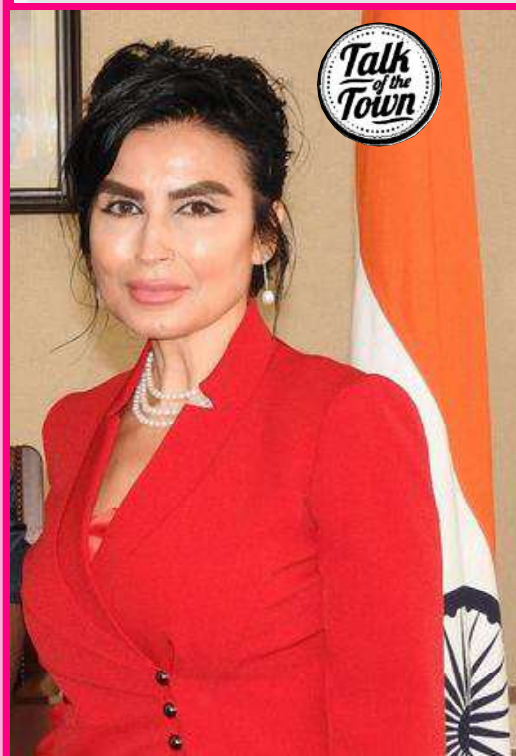
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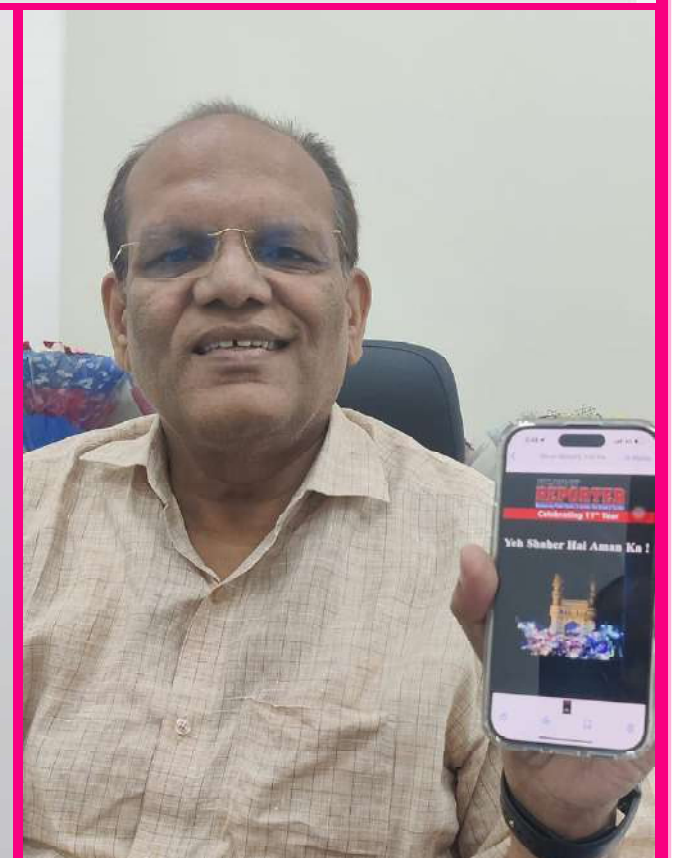
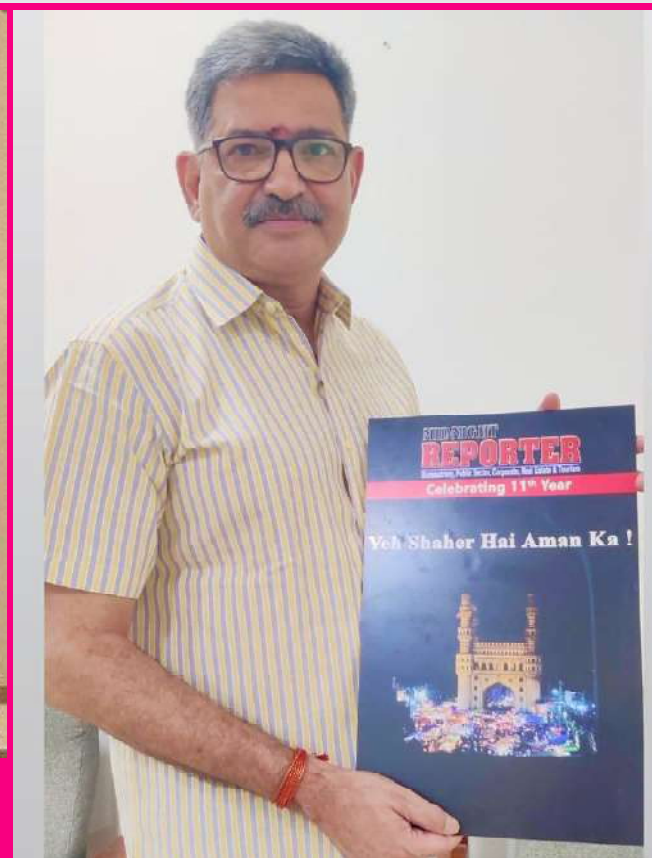
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Birthday Wishes Dear Kubra

The most happening pretty Kubra Altinors celebrated her birthday in her own style. When Mr. Adnan Altay Altynörs was in Hyderabad as Turkey Consul General, the pretty lady was quite active in social groups. Still she holds a good followers and popularity in the city of Hyderabad. Birthday wishes of friends and well-wishers got flooded in social media. Amazing affection! Sweet flashback is Kubra released Midnight Reporter's March edition in the year of 2020.



Midnight Reporter's Celebrated Its 11th Anniversary

Boom-boom! Midnight Reporter has successfully completed its 11 years, achieved many awards and reached many boundaries in the world of media. Today it is the first and the only highly acclaimed magazine which publishes for bureaucrats, consulates, coporates, doctors, PSUs, interior designers and tourism.

The 11th anniversary poster is launched by big boss Shri. Anurag Sharma, Advisor to Telangana Government and Shri. Somesh Kumar, Chief Advisor to Telangana Government. We thank both the officers for their wishes and blessings. Click the link for epaper : https://midnightreporter.com/May_2023.pdf



Proud Of You Rhea

Congratulations to our Hyderabad girl Rhea Sharma, on her Graduation - Master's Degree in Biotechnology from prestigious Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts. Awarded the Dean's Excellence Award for College of Science. VP Student's Affairs, recognised for her leadership role, motivating students from about 148 Countries - diverse Cultures and Languages. #Proud Indian Girl.



Mountaineer Harmeet Roy Is 'On Screen'

My name is Harmeet Roy and I would like to share my experience of completing Basic Mountaineering Course from NIMAS (National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh. The first 7 days of training was at the University with vigorous army type training and discipline. Early morning drills, healthy and nutritious food and a severe time schedule which prepared us for the next schedule. In the next phase we set up first base camp in New Melling and then ascended Mago, the second base camp and eventually reached final base camp in Meerathang at 16000ft ASL covering 400 Km end to end.

I completed Ice Craft training in Gori Chen West Glacier 18000-19000 ft which involved the art of Ice climbing and surviving in harshest conditions on very high altitudes. My sincere gratitude and thanks instructors Major Pankaj Gaur, ustaad Brij Mohan Para SF, Ustaad Prakash Chand Para SF for guiding me on this unforgettable journey where I conquered myself and learnt how to withstand the harshest conditions and be a good mountaineer.



True Friends

The click is of two dear friends Veni La and Sneha Chowdary. Sneha's birthday and the dear friend Veni La have conveyed the wishes on social media with the beautiful pictures. Happy birthday Sneha! We missed the treat.

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Sona Chatwani SC Design Studio : “Design is not just what it looks like and feels like , design is how it works”



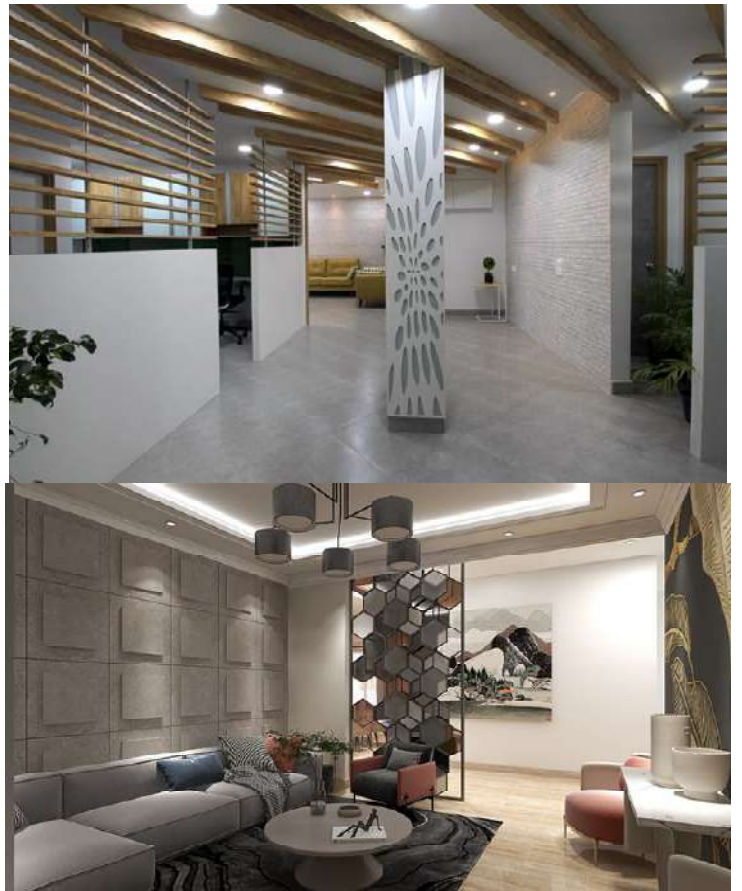
Sona Chatwani

Sona Chatwani, the happening and the well-known feminine of the town. She is the Principal Designer and creative force behind her firm SC design Studio, which is into design consultancy of Residential and Commercial Interiors from the year 2000.

“Design Philosophy Design is in everything we make, but it’s also between those things. It’s a mix of craft, science, storytelling, propaganda, and philosophy. We strongly believe in interpreting the brief from our clients and engage with the design solutions at every step till the end of the project. We believe designs should bring a sense of delight and that’s not just possible with the art or aesthetics but also have the purpose of functionality with a timelessness appeal.” She Said.

Education: Have done her Masters from Queensland College of Arts, Griffith University, Australia Organisation Has Chaired Institute of Indian Interior Designers Hyderabad Regional Chapter 2014-17. Has been Ficci Ladies Organisation chairperson for the year 2019-2020. Member of Crafts council of Telegana Projects Apart from designing Duplex, villas, apartments and farm houses in the residential segment her commercial interiors include Hamstech institutions and campus, Pramati Technologies CK spa, 24 letter Mantra, Kaveri Exports, Manish Malhotra Store Schullers kitchen. Her firm is also into Building Solutions and landscape work as well. Awards and Recognitions: In recognition to excellent designs, her works have been nominated for the IIID MK Awards at National level and has received awards from IIID AP latitecrete awards in both commercial and residential designs.

ADF Recognized her with an award in 2018 in Amravati. She was felicitated by TV5 in 2019 for mentorship in Interior Design by Smt Tamilsai Soundariya. She was presented with Professional Excellency award from Institute of Indian Interior Designers Hyderabad in 2023. She has been guest lecturer in hamstech , JNTU, JNFAU. She is a Member of the Board of Studies of Interior Design in JNFAU. Her articles on Interiors have been published in leading newspapers and magazines apart from some of her projects. Her personal interests include sports, designing clothes and traveling. Her sense of social responsibility inclines towards spreading awareness of art craft weaves Handlooms and strongly condemns child labour and feels every child should be schooled.



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लाइट पॉल्यूशन आर्टिफिशियल लाइट, मोबाइल-लैपटॉप जैसे गैजेट्स, शोरूमस के बाहर लगी LED, कार की हेडलाइट या फिर होर्डिंग्स की आकर्षित करती तेज रोशनी के कारण होता है। 2016 में एस्ट्रोनॉमर्स ने कहा था कि पिछले कुछ सालों में लाइट पॉल्यूशन बढ़ा है। हर साल नाइट स्काई ब्राइटनेस 10 प्रतिशत बढ़ रही है।

2016 में साइंटिस्ट्स ने कहा था कि लाइट पॉल्यूशन के कारण दुनिया की एक तिहाई से ज्यादा आबादी को आकाशगंगा (मिल्की वे) दिखाई नहीं देती है। इसी बात को आसमान शब्दों में समझाते हुए अब जर्मन सेंटर फॉर जियोसाइंस के क्रिस्टोफर क्यबा ने कहा- एक ऐसे क्षेत्र में पैदा हुआ बच्चा जहां 250 तारे दिखाई देते हैं, वहां 18 साल बाद सिर्फ 100 तारे ही रह जाएंगे। यानी वो बच्चा जब तक 18 साल का होगा वो आसमान में सिर्फ 100 ही तारे देख पाएगा।

लाइट पॉल्यूशन से कीड़े-मकोड़े असमय मर रहे- लाइट पॉल्यूशन से इकोलॉजिकल खतरा भी है। शंघाई के रुईजीन अस्पताल के डॉक्टर यूजू कहते हैं, अमेरिका और यूरोप के 99 प्रतिशत लोग लाइट प्रदूषण वाले आसमान के नीचे रहते हैं। धरती का 24 घंटे का दिन-रात का क्लॉक होता है। यह सूरज की रोशनी और अंधेरे से तय होता है। यह इस ग्रह पर रहने वाले हर जीव पर लागू होता है, लेकिन इंसानों ने इसमें छेड़छाड़ कर दी है।

लाइट पॉल्यूशन की वजह से कीड़े-मकोड़ों, पतियों और कई जानवरों का जीवन चक्र ही बदल गया है। इसमें समय से पहले ही इनकी मौत हो रही है और इससे दुनिया भर में जैव विविधता का भी बहुत ज्यादा नुकसान हो रहा है।

भारत को मिल सकता है 'NATO प्लस' का दर्जा : अमेरिकी कांग्रेस कमेटी की सिफारिश



ताइवान में चीन की दबाव पर लगाम कसने और उसकी घेराबंदी के लिए अमेरिका अब भारत को मजबूत साझेदार के रूप में देख रहा है। अमेरिकी कांग्रेस की सेलेक्ट कमेटी ने भारत को 'नाटो प्लस' का दर्जा देने की सिफारिश की है। नाटो प्लस में अभी पांच देश हैं, कमेटी की सिफारिश मंजूर हुई तो भारत इसका छठा सदस्य बन जाएगा।

कमेटी का मानना है कि चीन ताइवान पर हमला करता है तो सामरिक तौर पर कड़ा जवाब देने के साथ-साथ क्वांड को भी अपनी भूमिका बढ़ानी होगी। क्वांड चार देशों का सहयोगी संगठन है जिसमें भारत, अमेरिका, ऑस्ट्रेलिया और जापान हैं। चीन से मुकाबले के लिए अमेरिका को G-7 के देशों के साथ भी सहयोग को और मजबूत करना होगा।

जनवरी में गठित कमेटी ने ताइवान पर अपनी पहली रिपोर्ट और सिफारिशें जारी की हैं। कमेटी की सिफारिशों की टाइमिंग अहम है क्योंकि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की 21 जून से अमेरिका की यात्रा प्रस्तावित है।

भारत को मिलेगी बेहतर डिफेंस टेक्नोलॉजी- 'नाटो प्लस' देशों को अमेरिकी डिफेंस इंडस्ट्री और टेक्नोलॉजी की बेहतर उपलब्धता मिलती है। 'नाटो प्लस' में आने से भारत को भी चुनिंदा देशों के जैसे बेहतर अमेरिकी डिफेंस टेक्नोलॉजी मिल सकेगी। फिलहाल अमेरिका-भारत में कोई डिफेंस समझौता या डील नहीं है। लेकिन अमेरिका ने भारत को अहम डिफेंस पार्टनर का दर्जा दिया हुआ है। इससे भारत को संवेदनशील तकनीक का निर्यात हो रहा है।

कमेटी की सिफारिशों को डिफेंस एक्ट में शामिल करना होगा-

कमेटी की सिफारिश के बाद भारत को 'नाटो प्लस' का दर्जा देने के लिए पहली कड़ी के रूप में डिफेंस एक्ट में शामिल कर आधिकारिक रूप से कानून बनाना होगा। फिर सीनेट और अंतिम मंजूरी राष्ट्रपति जो बाइडेन की ओर से जारी की जाएगी।

मजबूत पक्ष: बाइडेन भारत के पक्ष में हैं। चीन के साथ हालिया विवादों के चलते एशिया में वे भारत के साथ और मजबूत रिश्ते चाहते हैं। जनरल माइक मिनेहन भी भारत से सहयोग के पक्षधर हैं।

आशंका: सीनेट की विदेश मामलों की कमेटी के अध्यक्ष बॉब मेनेन्डेज की ओर से बाधा की आशंका है। वह भारत-रूस एस 400 मिसाइल डिफेंस सिस्टम खरीद समझौते के विरोधी हैं।

क्या है 'नाटो प्लस'- मूल नाटो (उत्तरी अटलांटिक संधि संगठन) में 31 सदस्य देश हैं। अमेरिका ने 'नाटो प्लस' संगठन बनाया हुआ है। इसमें ऑस्ट्रेलिया, न्यूजीलैंड, इजरायल, जापान और दक्षिण कोरिया हैं। इन देशों के साथ अमेरिका के सामरिक संबंध हैं।

जंग का खर्चा निकालने रूस बेचेगा जेलेन्स्की का पेंटहाउस, रूसी नेता बोले- ये हमारी संपत्ति



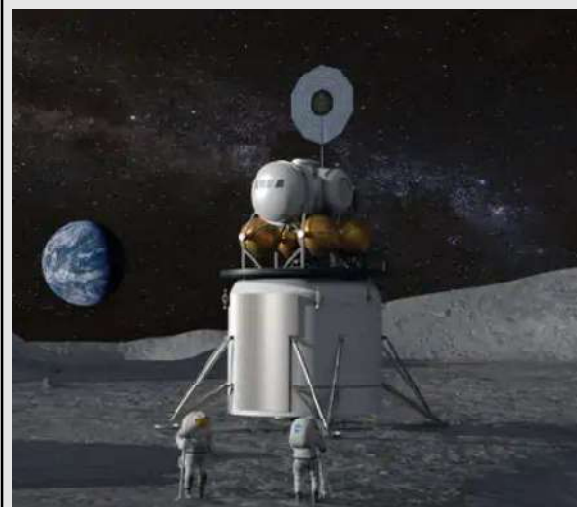
रूस-यूक्रेन जंग पिछले 15 महीनों से जारी है। इस बीच रूस ने जेलेन्स्की का हॉलिडे पेंटहाउस बेचने का फैसला किया है। उसने यूक्रेन के राष्ट्रपति वोलोदिमीर जेलेन्स्की के इस घर के साथ ही 57 प्रॉपर्टीज को सरकारी संपत्ति घोषित कर दिया है। जेलेन्स्की का ये घर उनकी पत्नी ओलेना जेलेन्स्का के नाम पर है। ये क्रीमिया में ब्लैक सी के तट पर बना हुआ है।

क्रीमिया के स्पीकर व्लादिमीर कॉन्सटैंटिनोव ने कहा- हम इस घर को बेचने की सूचना जारी करेंगे। इससे मिलने वाले पैसों का इस्तेमाल यूक्रेन में चल रहे स्पेशल मिलिट्री ऑपरेशन और जंग में मारे गए सैनिकों के परिवारों के लिए इस्तेमाल किया जाएगा। जेलेन्स्की का पेंटहाउस बेचने पर रूसी नेता ने कहा कि क्रीमिया रूस का हिस्सा है। हम यहां की संपत्ति से रूस के दुश्मनों को मुनाफा नहीं होने देंगे। रूस जंग के दौरान अपनी मिलिट्री पर 7 लाख करोड़ से ज्यादा रुपए खर्च कर चुका है।

जेलेन्स्की की पत्नी ने 2013 में खरीदा था पेंटहाउस, अब इसकी कीमत साढ़े 6 करोड़- राष्ट्रपति जेलेन्स्की की पत्नी ओलेना जेलेन्स्का ने 2013 में क्रीमिया के लिवोटिया शहर में 3 कमरे का एक पेंटहाउस खरीदा था। तब इसकी कीमत करीब 1 करोड़ 35 लाख रुपए थी। इसके ठीक एक साल बाद 2014 में रूस ने क्रीमिया पर कब्जा कर लिया था। जेलेन्स्का कभी भी इस घर का इस्तेमाल नहीं कर पाई क्योंकि इसमें अभी रेनोवेशन का काम बचा हुआ था। रूसी स्टेट मीडिया ने अब इस घर की कीमत करीब साढ़े 6 करोड़ रुपए बताई है।

क्रीमिया में 65 प्रतिशत लोग रूसी मूल के, जबकि 15 प्रतिशत लोग यूक्रेनी- यूक्रेन साल 1991 में आजाद हुआ था। क्रीमिया हमेशा से यूक्रेन का हिस्सा नहीं था, बल्कि एक सोवियत नेता ने तोहफे के तौर पर इसे यूक्रेन को सौंपा था। क्रीमिया में 65 प्रतिशत लोग रूसी मूल के हैं, जबकि 15 फीसदी यूक्रेनी मूल के लोगों की है। साल 2010 में यूक्रेन ने रूस के साथ समझौता किया, जिसके तहत रूसी सेना के बेड़े को 25 साल तक क्रीमिया में रहने की इजाजत दी गई। इसके बदले रूस ने गैस की कीमतें 30 फीसदी कम कर दीं।

चांद पर पहुंचने के लिए दो अरबपतियों में रेस



इंसान को फिर से चांद पर पहुंचाने की रेस शुरू हो चुकी है। नासा ने एलक मस्क की स्पेस एक्स के बाद अब अरबपति जेफ बेजोस की कंपनी ब्लू ओरिजिन के साथ भी 3.4 बिलियन डॉलर, यानी 28 हजार करोड़ का कॉन्ट्रैक्ट साइन किया है। बेजोस की स्पेस एक्सप्लोरेशन कंपनी ब्लू ओरिजिन ने खुद ये कॉन्ट्रैक्ट मिलने की पुष्टि की है। कॉन्ट्रैक्ट 'आर्टेमिस अ मिशन' के तहत दिया गया है। जो नासा का इंसान को फिर से चांद पर भेजने का महत्वाकांक्षी प्रोजेक्ट है। इससे अमेरिका की दो बड़ी कंपनियों के बीच कॉम्पिटिशन शुरू हो गया है।

नासा को चांद पर जाने के लिए लूनर लैंडर चाहिए

न्यूयॉर्क टाइम्स की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक नासा ने 3.4 बिलियन डॉलर के बदले एक लूनर लैंडर की मांग की है, जो एक 50 फीट के स्पेस क्राफ्ट का हिस्सा होगा। इसे ब्लू मून कहा गया है। मिशन को 2029 में लॉन्च किया जाएगा। इसके जरिए 4 एस्ट्रोनॉट्स को चांद की सर्फेस पर उतारा जाएगा।

इसके जरिए नासा चांद के साउथ पोल को एक्सप्लोर करना चाहता है। नासा के अधिकारी ने इस कॉन्ट्रैक्ट पर कहा कि हम ज्यादा से ज्यादा कॉम्पिटिशन चाहते हैं, ताकि हमारा एक प्रोग्राम फेल हो तो हमारे पास उसका बैकअप तैयार रहे।

नासा के चांद तक पहुंचने के 5 मिशन को जानें-

आर्टेमिस 1- नासा के मूल मिशन के लिए एक टेस्ट फ्लाइट है, जिसमें किसी अंतरिक्ष यात्री को नहीं भेजा गया था। इस फ्लाइट के साथ वैज्ञानिकों का मकसद चांद पर एस्ट्रोनॉट्स के लिए सही हालात सुनिश्चित करना है। मिशन के तहत नासा ds SLS मेगा रॉकेट के जरिए ओरियन क्रू कैप्सूल चंद्रमा के बेहद करीब पहुंचेगा, लेकिन लैंड नहीं करेगा।

आमतौर पर क्रू कैप्सूल में एस्ट्रोनॉट्स रहते हैं, लेकिन इस बार यह खाली है। मिशन 25 दिन 11 घंटे और 36 मिनट का है, जिसके बाद यह धरती पर वापस आ जाएगा। स्पेसक्राफ्ट कुल 20 लाख 92 हजार 147 किलोमीटर का सफर तय करेगा।

आर्टेमिस 2- मिशन के तहत ओरियन कैप्सूल 4 एस्ट्रोनॉट्स को पृथ्वी से इतनी दूर ले जाएगा जहां आज तक इंसान नहीं गए हैं। ये 10 दिन का मिशन होगा। जो चांद के पास से गुजरेगा और पृथ्वी पर लौटेगा। इस मिशन के तहत स्पेस क्राफ्ट की क्षमता को जांचा जाएगा।

आर्टेमिस 3- तीसरे आर्टेमिस मिशन के तहत दो एस्ट्रोनॉट्स को चांद तक ले जाया जाएगा। इसमें एक महिला होगी। ये मिशन ऐतिहासिक होगा। इसकी वजह ये है कि इस मिशन के जरिए दुनिया की पहली महिला चांद पर कदम रखेगी। चांद के साउथ पोल पर एस्ट्रोनॉट्स एक हफ्ते तक रहेंगे। आर्टेमिस 4- मिशन के जरिए नासा दूसरी बार इंसान को चांद पर ले जाएगा। इस बार एस्ट्रोनॉट्स का चांद पर स्टे ज्यादा दिनों के लिए होगा। इस मिशन में पहला अश्वेत एस्ट्रोनॉट भी शामिल होगा।

Tourism



The sky's no longer the limit: Space tourism takes off

The space tourism industry is projected to reach around US\$ 13,239.5 million in 2033.

Orbital space tourism, lunar space tourism, and suborbital space tourism are few types of space tourism. Currently, space tourism is very expensive and only a small segment of consumers are able and willing to get this space experience. However, advancements in space technologies are gradually changing this.

Companies such as SpaceX, Blue Origin, and Virgin Galactic are blazing their paths into space tourism. They are spending huge amounts on research and development activities, experiments, and space technology testing.

Space Tourism Market Outlook- As per FMI, the space tourism market expanded at 18.6% CAGR from 2018 to 2022. For the projection period (2023 to 2033), the market is set to progress at 38.6% CAGR. The growing popularity of space tourism among the middle-class population is expected to boost sales through 2033.

Strategic collaborations between direct suppliers and indirect suppliers in the industry have paved the way for innovation. Large investments are being made to develop the space tourism industry worldwide. Space tourism encourages travelers across the Earth to take experienced

leisure, recreational activities, and business purposes as well. There have been technological innovations, which are contributing to the growth of the market.

There has been a significant contribution by high net-worth income individuals towards growth in adventure travel and rise in spaceflight which is enhancing the growth of the space tourism market. Key players in the market are revitalizing the sector with research and development programs for building orbital and suborbital vehicles for traveling into space.

A sharp decline in the cost of space exploration operations will create lucrative opportunities for companies. This is due to the development of the next-generation space plane.

However, with the launches of rockets, the environment is impacted in a big way. For instance, the discharge of hazardous gases is facilitating ozone layer depletion. This could act as an impediment to market expansion.

Space tourism is now expanding to be a part of adventure tourism and this is expected to develop further. Making space tourism economically affordable for the masses will help the market thrive. The initiatives taken by the local and central governments will also boost space tourism sales between 2023 and 2033. Also, infrastructural development will positively impact the space tourism industry.

Sourav Ganguly caught in Bengal power play over bid to bat for Tripura Tourism



Tripura is about to get its own "Maharaj", after the BJP-led state government Tuesday announced former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, nicknamed "Maharaj", as the brand ambassador of its tourism department. This is a choice that was bound to create a stir in West Bengal because more than a decade since his retirement Ganguly remains an iconic figure in his home state.

On Tuesday, Tripura tourism minister Sushanta Chowdhury announced the appointment after meeting Ganguly at his

Kolkata residence. In a social media post later that day, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha wrote: "It's a matter of great pride that former captain of Indian cricket team Sourav Ganguly has accepted our proposal to be the Brand Ambassador of Tripura Tourism."

In no time, it opened the floodgates of allegations and counter-allegations in Bengal, where the ruling Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the opposition BJP have been locked in a battle of political one-upmanship since 2016, when the BJP first began eyeing electoral control over the state.

On and off the field, Ganguly has been no stranger to controversy. The former BCCI chief has also been known for his proximity to various stakeholders across the political spectrum.

Once close to former Siliguri MLA Ashok Bhattacharya of the CPI(M), he was periodically wooed by the TMC after it came to power in Bengal in 2011. But rumours about his joining politics reached a crescendo in 2021, when his name began doing the rounds as the probable BJP chief ministerial candidate, in case the party won the state polls.

Tourism sector in Odisha sees tremendous growth in last 4 yrs



Tourism Sector in Odisha has come a long way since the year 2000, when it was grappling with issues like disaster management and poverty. In particular, the development of tourism sector in Odisha has been unprecedented in the last 4 years.

Briefing the media after Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik reviewed the activities and achievements of the Tourism Department, Additional Chief Secretary Tourism, Surendra Kumar conveyed that the budget of the Dept. of Tourism in the year 2022-23 is Rs 660 Crores in comparison to the budget of Rs 2.67 Crores in the

year 2000-01, which is an increase of 24619% or 246.19 times which conveys the focus being given by the Govt. of Odisha towards the tourism sector. He further stated that the state has witnessed a massive growth in Tourist Footfall over the last 23 years. The state welcomed 28,88,392 domestic tourists and 23,723 international tourists in the year 2000, which peaked in the year 2019 to 1,53,07,637 domestic tourists (increase of 433%) and 1,15,128 (increase of 385%) international tourists till the onset of COVID pandemic. Along with quality road network within the state, increased flight connectivity to important destinations within and outside the country, low crime rate, excellent law and order situation, increased skill development base, and the stable government boosting investor confidence, the concerted efforts of the Department of Tourism have resulted in increased investment in tourism sector in the state and transformation of tourism sector in the state. When travel restrictions were the norm during the pandemic years, Odisha Government took it as an opportunity to make substantial changes to develop a sustainable tourism ecosystem in the State. Today, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik reviewed the progress made by the Department of Tourism in the past four years and fulfilment of the commitments made in the manifesto.

G20 meet ends, Kashmiris hope for tourism revival



As the third G20 tourism working group concluded, with 60 delegates from 27 countries spending three days in Srinagar, expectations to see a boost in tourist footfall in the Valley from some of these countries has risen among local residents. On the last day, the delegates were taken to several tourist spots across Srinagar to give them an overview of what the city has to offer. In the last financial year, Jammu and Kashmir received 1.88 crore tourists, according to the Tourism Department's figures. Even as a majority of them were Vaishno Devi-bound pilgrims, officials said the Valley got nearly 26 lakh tourists. They are now hoping this high-level summit will make international travellers aware about the safety aspect and restart the process for some of these countries to withdraw negative travel advisories on Kashmir.

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said representatives from some of the countries that have issued such advisories were present at the meeting.

Stating that South Korea "supports India's presidency of the G20", the country's ambassador to India, Jae Boo Chang, told, "There are some limitations to come here and we need special permits, but it was a pleasure to be here." Roads leading to the market were closed to regular traffic as the delegates were ferried there in bulletproof vehicles — their first visit to the city outside the Boulevard Road area surrounding the Dal Lake — but de Paz did not see this as a big issue. "It is mandatory to have security around these events," he said.

Türkiye's Tourism Sector Flourishes with 9.5 Million Foreign Tourists in the First Four Months



Türkiye continues to attract a significant number of foreign tourists, with official figures revealing that the country welcomed 9.5 million visitors from abroad during the first four months of this year. This marked a substantial increase of 27.51 percent compared to the same period last year, according to the Culture and Tourism Ministry.

Among the various destinations in Türkiye, Istanbul, the country's largest city and a renowned tourist hotspot, stood out as the top choice

for foreign visitors. Over half of all foreign tourists, approximately 4.77 million individuals, chose Istanbul as their destination during the four-month period. The city's rich historical and cultural heritage, along with its vibrant atmosphere, continues to captivate travelers from around the world. Following Istanbul, the Mediterranean resort city of Antalya emerged as another popular destination, attracting 1.6 million foreign tourists. Antalya's beautiful beaches, ancient ruins, and vibrant tourism infrastructure make it an appealing choice for leisure travelers seeking a relaxing getaway. Additionally, Edirne, located in northwestern Türkiye and bordering both Bulgaria and Greece, welcomed 1.1 million foreign visitors, offering unique cultural experiences and historical landmarks.