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Discover Adiyogi Shiva, the Largest Shiva Statue on Earth

Adiyogi refers to the world's largest bust sculpture of Lord Shiva, located at the Isha Yoga Center in Coimbatore, India. designed by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, symbolizing the source of yoga and representing the 112 possibilities for human liberation, featuring a massive steel bust with serene, detailed features, drawing pilgrims for spiritual experiences, yoga programs, and light shows.

Key Details:

Dimensions: 112 feet (34 meters) tall, 147 feet (45 meters) long, and 82 feet (25 meters) wide.

Recognition: Guinness World Records for "Largest Bust Sculpture".

Material: Made of steel, weighing around 500 tonnes.

Symbolism: Represents Shiva as the first yogi, offering 112 paths to liberation (moksha) and symbolizing the 112 chakras in the human system.

Location: At the Isha Yoga Complex, near the Velliangiri Mountains.

Purpose: To inspire and promote yoga and inner well-being, as Shiva transmitted yoga to his seven disciples (Saptarishis).

At the Site:

Spiritual Activities: Offers yoga, meditation, and spiritual programs.

Light & Sound Show: A daily evening light and sound show that brings the statue to life.

Other Offerings: Visitors can offer water and neem leaves to the Yogeshwar Linga.

Adiyogi Shiva is a simple, strong sign. The statue points to an inner road. You do not need to be perfect. You only need to try one small step — sit, breathe, and notice. If you like, join a short program or a class to learn one tool. The Adiyogi Shiva statue will stand there, quiet and big, to remind us to look inward. Visit if you can, or try a small practice today at home. And as you connect with this calm presence, explore the 19 Powerful Avatars of Lord Shiva You Must Know — each form reflecting a different path toward inner awakening and strength.

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Appointments

Recent Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) orders (late 2024–Jan 2026) focus on high-level administrative changes:

Govind Mohan's tenure as Home Secretary extended to Aug 2026, Nitin Gupta appointed NFRA Chairperson, Ravi Agrawal re-appointed CDBT Chairman, and Dr. Samir V. Kamat extended as DRDO chief. Other key shifts include key Secretary-level reshuffles, such as in Defense and Housing/Urban Affairs.

Key Recent ACC Orders & Appointments (Based on Recent Reports):

Home Secretary: Govind Mohan's tenure extended until August 22, 2026.

CDBT Chairperson: Ravi Agrawal re-appointed on contract for one year (July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026).

NFRA Chairperson: Nitin Gupta (retired IRS) appointed Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority.

DRDO Chief: Dr. Samir V. Kamat granted an extension as Secretary of Defence R&D and Chairman of DRDO.

Banking/Financial Services: Appointments of new Executive Directors for Punjab National Bank (Amit Kumar Srivastava, Amresh Prasad) and Central Bank of India (E. Ratan Kumar).

Defence/Cabinet Secretariat: Multiple, high-level administrative reshuffles involving Secretary-level officers.

Santosh D Vaidya Posted As Principal Secretary (Home)



Who Is IAS Santosh D. Vaidya? AGMUT Cadre Officer Appointed Delhi's Home Secretary; Bipul Pathak Shifted to Social Welfare

In a significant administrative reshuffle, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has appointed Santosh Dattatraya Vaidya (IAS: 1998: AGMUT) as the new Principal Secretary (Home), Government of NCT of Delhi. Vaidya replaces senior IAS officer Bipul Pathak (IAS: 1992: AGMUT), who has now been reassigned as Additional Chief Secretary (Social Welfare) with additional charge of Director, Union Territory Civil Services (UTCS).

This reshuffle is aimed at streamlining governance in Delhi and strengthening leadership in crucial departments. Stop-Gap Arrangement Until Vaidya Assumes Charge Until Santosh D. Vaidya formally takes charge, the Home Department will be managed temporarily by Sandeep Kumar (IAS: 1997: AGMUT).

Sripriya Ranganathan Posted As Secy in Ministry of External Affairs



Seasoned Diplomat to Take Charge Following Superannuation of Arun Kumar Chatterjee on December 31, 2025

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has formally approved the appointment of Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan, a 1994-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, as the new Secretary (Consular, Passport and Visa & Overseas Indian Affairs) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

She will assume the position following the superannuation of Shri Arun Kumar Chatterjee (IFS: 1992), who is set to retire from government service on December 31, 2025.

Key Leadership Transition in MEA

Ms. Ranganathan's elevation to Secretary (CPV & OIA) places her at the helm of India's vital consular and diaspora engagement framework. The CPV & OIA division is responsible for passport and visa services, protection and welfare of overseas Indians, OCI card management, consular outreach, and crisis response operations for Indian nationals abroad.

Her appointment ensures continuity and strengthened leadership at a time when global mobility, diaspora services, and international consular coordination are witnessing unprecedented expansion.

Aishvarya Singh, IAS gets Extension

ACC Approves One-Year Extension of IAS Officer Aishvarya Singh's Central Deputation in Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has given its formal approval to the proposal submitted by the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation for the extension of the central deputation tenure of Ms. Aishvarya Singh, IAS (Sikkim cadre, 2008 batch).

Ms. Singh, who is currently serving as Joint Secretary in the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, will continue in her role for an additional one year beyond February 5, 2026, or until further orders are issued, whichever comes earlier

Significance of the Extension

The extension ensures continuity in leadership within the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation.

Ms. Singh's role as Joint Secretary is crucial for overseeing flagship programmes related to drinking water supply, sanitation, and the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The decision highlights the government's emphasis on maintaining stability in departments directly linked to public health and rural welfare.

Priyanka Shukla Appointed as India's First CEO of MY Bharat

From Medical Service to National Youth Leadership: The Inspiring Rise of the Officer Now Steering India's Youth-Driven Development Mission

In a landmark move reflecting the government's renewed focus on youth-led nation-building, Dr. Priyanka Shukla, a 2009-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of 'Mera Yuva Bharat' (MY Bharat) — the Government of India's flagship youth empowerment platform. Her appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet and will be on a three-year central deputation, marking a historic milestone in India's evolving youth governance architecture.

A Doctor Who Chose Administration to Heal the System

Born on August 25, 1980, in Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Shukla began her professional journey in medicine. She earned her MBBS degree from King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow, in 2006, and started working as a practicing physician.

A defining incident during her early medical career reshaped her life's direction. While serving in an underprivileged settlement, she noticed a mother giving her child unsafe, contaminated water. When she intervened, the woman's pointed response — "Are you the Collector?"



— sparked a powerful realization. Dr. Shukla understood that sustainable change required administrative authority, not just clinical care.

Determined to address public health and social inequities at their roots, she appeared for the UPSC Civil Services Examination, clearing it on her second attempt in 2009.

An Administrator Known for Innovation and Impact

Over the years, Dr. Shukla has held several strategically important positions in Chhattisgarh's administration, consistently introducing reform-oriented and people-centric initiatives:

Served as District Collector of Jashpur and Kanker, where she launched the transformative education and youth-awareness program "Yashaswi Jashpur."

Worked as Commissioner-cum-

Director of Health Services, Chhattisgarh, strengthening healthcare delivery mechanisms.

Held the position of Joint Secretary (Health) and Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Chhattisgarh, overseeing statewide public health missions.

Conceptualized social awareness drives such as 'Jashpur – Ek Pran', mobilizing communities for voter participation and civic engagement. Her reputation is built on decisive governance, rapid grievance redressal, and grassroots engagement.

National Recognition for Outstanding Public Service

Dr. Shukla's work has earned her several prestigious national honors, including:

National Award for excellence in MGNREGS implementation
Rashtriya Saksharta Puraskar, conferred by the President of India
President's Silver Medal for exceptional service during the 2011 Census

These recognitions reflect her commitment to transparency, inclusion, and development-oriented administration.

A Multifaceted Personality
Beyond government service, Dr. Shukla is known for her artistic and creative pursuits. She is actively involved in contemporary dance, painting, music, and poetry, and regularly engages with

Vijay Kumar Honoured With Padma Shri for Distinguished Service in Policing & National Security

From Operation Cocoon to CRPF Leadership – The Journey of a Legendary Officer

Former Indian Police Service (IPS) officer K Vijay Kumar, widely remembered for leading the operation that ended the reign of forest brigand Veerappan, has been awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, on Republic Day 2026.

The 74-year-old veteran is among 113 recipients recognized this year for exceptional contributions across diverse fields.

Early Life and Academic Pursuits

Born on 15 September 1952 in Tamil Nadu, Vijay Kumar grew up in a large family with six siblings. Alongside his policing career, he pursued extensive higher education:

Joining the IPS (Tamil Nadu cadre) on 10 November 1975, Kumar served for nearly four decades in critical assignments:

Assistant Superintendent in Pattukkottai, Trichy, and Sembiam, Superintendent of Police in Dharmapuri (1982–83) and Salem (1983–85), working closely with Walter Devaram.

Officer in the Special Protection Group (SPG), providing security to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (1985–90), SP of Dindigul (1990) and Vellore (1991) and Co-founder of the Special Security Group (SSG) for then Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa (1991).

Leadership in Crisis and Counter-Insurgency

Inspector General of Police, South Zone, Tamil Nadu (1997) – managed caste clashes in southern districts, Inspector General, BSF Srinagar (1998–2000) – served during peak militancy in Jammu & Kashmir and IG (Operations), BSF – before leading the fight against Veerappan.



Operation Cocoon: The Defining Moment In 2004, as head of the Tamil Nadu Police Special Task Force (STF), Kumar masterminded Operation Cocoon, which ended Veerappan's decades-long terror. His meticulous planning and execution brought him national fame. Later, he authored "Veerappan: Chasing the Brigand",

offering an insider's account of the operation.

Role in CRPF and Anti-Naxal Operations

Director, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad (2008)

Director General (DG), CRPF (2010–2012) – appointed after the deadly Tadmetsla ambush in Chhattisgarh that killed 76 personnel. Oversaw major counter-Naxal operations, including the elimination of Maoist leader Kishenji in West Bengal

(2011) His expertise in jungle warfare and counter-insurgency made him a key strategist in India's internal security framework.

Post-Retirement Contributions
Even after retiring in 2012, Kumar continued serving the nation:

Senior Security Adviser, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Advisor to the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, handling portfolios from Home to Civil Aviation and Re-appointed Senior Security Adviser, MHA (2019).

Personal Reflections
Reacting to the honour, Kumar said: "This is a tribute to all my teams with whom I have worked." Now based between Bengaluru and Chennai, he continues to advise on internal security and mentor young police officers.

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Corridors of Power



‘Traffic violations a bigger problem than cybercrime & drugs’

More people are dying in road accidents than wars, said Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy after launching the ‘Arrive Alive’ road safety awareness campaign at Sri Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy indoor stadium in Yousufguda.

Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy, in his address, said the campaign was being launched to reduce accidents, deaths and injuries and should be taken forward as a people’s movement rather than a police programme alone. He said Telangana had a road network of about 30,000 km, with nearly 27,000 accidents annually, resulting in around 7,500 deaths and 25,000 injuries. He said 935 accident-prone black spots had been identified and that although accidents increased in 2025 compared to 2024, fatalities had come down due to improved emergency response and ‘golden hour’ training.

Congratulations To Hyderabad Dist. Collector



Chief Secretary K.Ramakrishna Rao congratulated Hari Chandana Dasari, District Collector, Hyderabad and team for conferring with Good Governance Certificate from ISO. He stated, each employee shall serve the people of Telangana to best of their ability. Best wishes to the DM and entire team.

Another news is, the IFS probationary officers of 2023 & 2024 have called on Chief Secretary. While congratulating them, CS has briefed on government priorities and guided on good governance & proactive working.

G.Sai Prasad Is The New CS Of Andhra Pradesh



The State government issued an order extending the service of Chief Secretary K Vijayanand for three months from December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026.

In the same order, the government also appointed G.Sai Prasad, Special Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department & E.O. Special Chief Secretary to Chief Minister, as the Chief Secretary with effect from March 1, 2026.

Vijayanand, a 1992 batch IAS officer, is due to retire on November 30, 2025. However, following a request from the State government to the Centre, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) extended the service of Vijayanand for three months.



First Time In The Country...!

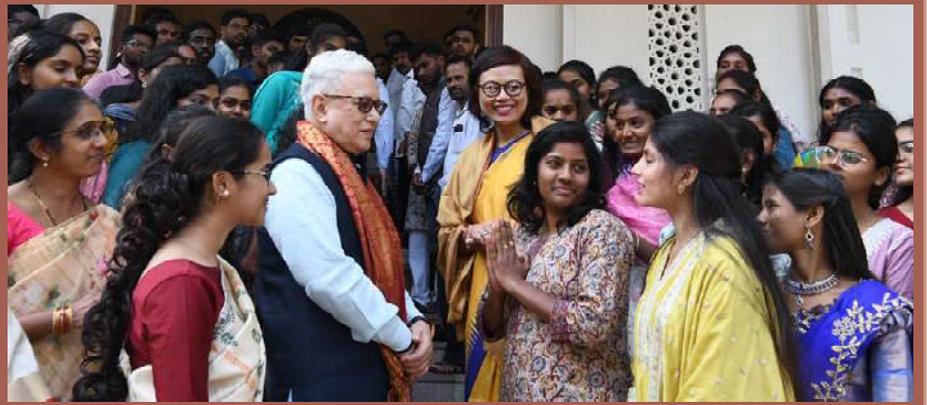
Firstly congratulations to the versatile IPS officer V.C.Sajjanar for his first century as Hyderabad Police Commissioner. Yes, the officer completed his first 100 days successfully. The new is, the Hyderabad City Police have launched C-Mitra, a virtual help desk aimed at assisting victims of cybercrime in registering First Information Reports (FIRs) without having to visit a police station and this is the first-of-its-kind of initiative in the country.

Commissioner of Police, V.C. Sajjanar, said that the initiative was designed to provide quicker relief to victims of cyber frauds such as OTP scams, digital arrest frauds and investments and trading scams, which have seen a sharp rise. Describing C-Mitra as a virtual police officer, he said the system uses technology to bring essential policing services directly to citizens. The Hyderabad City Police’s C-Mitra virtual helpdesk has facilitated registration of over 100 cybercrime First Information Reports (FIRs) within ten days of its launch, after reaching out to around 1,000 victims across the city.



Ravichandra Is The New EO of TTD

Muddada Ravichandra (1996 batch) has been appointed as the new Executive Officer (EO) of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). He has been placed in Full Additional Charge (FAC) of the EO post while continuing his duties as the Special Chief Secretary to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister. The appointment followed the sudden transfer of former EO Anil Kumar Singhal.



National Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue ‘on screen’

National Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue event is making rounds. During the event Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma has interacted with winners of Telangana, who has participated in National Vikshit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue - 2026, part of 29th National Youth Festival, concluded at New Delhi.

This is a premier initiative by India’s Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to engage youth aged 15-29 in shaping a “Developed India” by 2047. It served as a second edition a platform for over 50 lakh participants to contribute innovative ideas through nationwide quizzes, essays, and state-level presentations.

To Create New Opportunities



US Consul General in Hyderabad Laura Williams visited Vijayawada. In her post he mentioned “great to meet business leaders in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam and highlight the importance of the COMPACT and TRUST framework in strengthening cooperation and business ties between the U.S. and India. Strengthening these commercial ties will accelerate innovation and create new opportunities for both sides.”

Wonderful Visit To Medaram



UK Dy. High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen visited Sri Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara, Medaram. In his post he mentioned “I participated in the Tulabharam, not every day weighed in jaggery. I had a wonderful visit I will remember for a long time. Thank you for accompanying me and congratulations on staging a very special”.



Click Of The Month

Turkey Consul General Orhan Yalman Okan is one of the happening diplomat. Whereas when it comes to administration Sr.IAS officer Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana

is a versatile officer. During an event both officers had a moment. Awesome click, can say picture of the month!

Dr.Mir Nasir Ali Khan diplomatic meeting with Laura Williams



Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad

for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh had a diplomatic meeting with Laura Williams, Consul General of the United States of America in Hyderabad, at the U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad.

During the meeting, Mr.Khan briefed Her Excellency on his recent visit to the United States and discussed prospective areas of cooperation and potential projects involving the United States, India, and Kazakhstan, with a particular focus on sustainable development, investment facilitation, technology collaboration, and economic diplomacy. He also briefed Her Excellency about the Telangana Connects USA Summit held in Atlanta, Georgia, highlighting its role in strengthening economic, technological, and innovation-led partnerships between Telangana and the United States.



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Modernised I&PR Website Launched

Revenue, Housing I&PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy launched modernised I&PR website. The Minister said the People's Government has delivered clear change within two years, steering Telangana from crisis to a strong welfare State. Speaking at the launch of the modernised I&PR website at the Secretariat, he urged faster, tech-driven communication. The Government has completed two years, implemented the Six Guarantees, and advanced the Telangana Rising-2047 Vision. I&PR Commissioner Smt. CH Priyanka, CM CPRO Dr. G. Malsur, Addl. Director Sri D.S. Jagan, JD Sri K. Venkat Ramana, senior officials were present.



Thulabharam @ Medaram

Sammakka Sarakka Jatara, the tribal Hindu festival held at about 100km from Warangal city Medaram hit the screens, lakhs of devotees has witnessed the divine festival. During the festival the Special Chief Secretary to the Government, MAUD and Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture (YAT&C), Sports, and Director of Archaeology Jayesh Ranjan, IAS participated in Thulabharam. Amazing experience



Meeting Of The Month

IRS officer Ashok Babu Nelapatla, Director in National River Conservation Directorate met Adityanath Das, IAS (Retd) Former Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh and Advisor to the Telangana government on irrigation and water resources. Mr. Das visited Mr. Ashok's office and an official discussion took place. Coincidentally Mr. Das worked as DM at Guntur, the district which is also the birth place of Mr. Ashok. Meeting of the month!



ACB Magnificent Performance

In 2025, the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) reported a 22.4% rise in arrests, with 273 officials booked in 199 cases, including 157 trap cases uncovering ₹ 96.13 crore in illegal assets. The bureau, led by Director General Charu Sinha, enhanced enforcement using QR codes for complaints and targeted sub-registrar offices and RTA checkpoints. Case Statistics: 199 total cases, with 273 people arrested (including 176 government servants). Corruption Types: 157 trap cases and 15 cases of disproportionate assets.

Asset Seizure: Unearthing of assets valued at ₹ 96.13 crore officially, with market value estimates exceeding thousands of crores. Preventive Measures: 54 surprise checks (Aakasika Thanaqeelu) conducted at high-risk locations like RTA checkpoints and sub-registrar offices. Action Plan: Focus on speeding up prosecutions, with 115 cases already receiving sanction for prosecution.



Prison inmates in Telangana rise by nearly 12% in 2025

According to Director General of Telangana Prisons, Soumya Mishra, prison inmates in Telangana rose by nearly 12% in 2025, with undertrials forming the bulk at 36,627. The Telangana Prisons Department Annual Report revealed that the number of convicted prisoners rose from 3,229 to 5,856, while the number of detainees more than doubled. Cyber crime cases recorded the highest jump at over 135%, followed by drunk driving cases, which rose by more than 150%. Cases under the NDPS Act, POCSO Act, murder, property offences and crimes against women also showed an upward trend. The number of foreign nationals as inmates, however, declined from 107 to 74.



Cleanliness 'ON PRIORITY'

Versatile IAS officer, R. V. Karnan, Commissioner, GHMC, reviewed the key initiatives and progress achieved during the year 2025, focusing on cleanliness, infrastructure strengthening, public health, digital governance, and citizen-centric services. He stated that GHMC will carry this momentum into 2026 with greater emphasis on sustainability, resilience, service quality, and community participation. He appealed for cleanliness and collective efforts to make Hyderabad an even better city in the coming year.

New Police Commissioners Appointed



The Telangana government has reorganised the city's three police commissionerates - Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Rachakonda - into four new ones. The old Rachakonda police circle has now been reorganised into Future City and Malkajgiri commissionerates. The reorganisation was done in tune with the GHMC area being expanded by the government.

Under the new police limits, key areas such as the Assembly, Secretariat, Begumpet, Shamshabad Airport, and Budvel High Court have been brought under the Hyderabad Commissionerate, the state government said.

Under the new structure, Hyderabad's IT areas of Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Madhapur and Raidurg, along with industrial areas like Patancheru, Genome Valley, RC Puram and Ameenpur, will fall under the Cyberabad Commissionerate.

Areas such as Keesara, Shamirpet, Quthbullapur and Kompally will come under this commissionerate as well. Bhongir, which was previously under Rachakonda, has been made a separate police unit. Along with new police commissioners, a superintendent of police (SP) has also been appointed for the Yadadri Bhongir district.

Chevella, Moinabad, Shankarpally, Maheshwaram, Ibrahimpatnam and other areas have been brought under the Future City Commissionerate.

IPS officer Sudheer Babu, who was the Rachakonda Police Commissioner, was appointed as the Future City Police Commissioner. Similarly, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mohanty was transferred and made the Malkajgiri Police Commissioner.

Mohanty has been replaced by Inspector General of Police Dr. M. Ramesh. Akshansh Yadav, who held the position of Deputy Commissioner of Police for Yadadri Bhongir (while it was under Rachakonda), is now the SP of the same district.

20 IPS officers transferred in Telangana

1. Gajarao Bhupal, IPS (2008), Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Cyberabad, is transferred and posted as Inspector General of Police, Provisioning and Logistics, Telangana, Hyderabad. The Member of Service is also placed in full additional charge of the post of Inspector General of Police, Sports and Welfare, Telangana, Hyderabad.

2. Abhishek Mohanty, IPS (2011), Deputy Inspector General of Police, Telangana Narcotics Anti-Bureau, Hyderabad, is transferred and posted as Deputy Inspector General of Police, Vigilance and Enforcement, Hyderabad.

3. R. Bhaskaran, IPS (2012), SP, CI Cell, Intelligence, is transferred and posted as DIG, CI Cell, Intelligence, Hyderabad.

4. G Chandana Deepthi, IPS (2012), SP/DIG, Railways, Secunderabad, is transferred and posted as Addl. CP (Admin) and Traffic, Future City Commissionerate.

5. T Annapurna, IPS (2013), Superintendent of Police, Vigilance and Enforcement, Hyderabad, is transferred and posted as DCP, Admin, Cyberabad.

6. BK Rahul Hegde, IPS (2014), DCP, Traffic, Hyderabad City, is transferred and posted as DCP, Traffic-III (coterminous with Charminar, Rajendranagar and Shamshabad L&O Zones), Hyderabad City.

7. K Apoorva Rao, IPS (2014), DCP, SB, Hyderabad City, is transferred and posted as Superintendent of Police, Intelligence, Hyderabad.

8. B Bala Swamy, IPS (2018), DCP, East Zone, Hyderabad City, is transferred and posted as Superintendent of Police, V&E T Annapurna, IPS transferred.

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NLC India Honoured with SKOCH Gold Award at 105th SKOCH Summit



NLC India Limited (NLCIL), a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Coal, has received the SKOCH Gold Award for Outstanding Financial Performance at the 105th SKOCH Summit on January 10, 2026, focusing on "Governing Viksit Bharat."

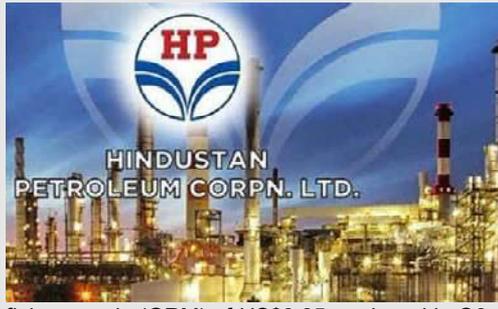
This award, recognizing excellence in financial fundamentals and management, celebrates NLCIL's financial resilience, operational efficiency, and consistent value creation for stakeholders despite challenging conditions.

The SKOCH Summit serves as a forum for discussions among policymakers, government officials, and industry leaders on governance and development.

Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, NLCIL's Chairman and Managing Director, attributed the award to the dedication of the NLCIL team, emphasizing the importance of employees and their families in supporting the company's success.

Additionally, the recognition affirms NLCIL's commitment to transparency, accountability, sustainable growth, and its strategic shift toward renewable energy and environmentally sustainable practices, reinforcing its role as a robust contributor to national development initiatives.

HPCL Q3 Results: Net Profit Surges 58% to ₹4,011 Crore, Revenue Rises 4.6% YoY



Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) announced strong financial results for the quarter and nine months ending December 31, 2025, featuring substantial growth in both standalone and consolidated profits. Key highlights include a 206% rise in standalone profit after tax to ₹12,274 crore and a 261% increase in consolidated profit after tax to ₹11,982 crore. The refining segment showed resilience with a throughput rise of 5.8%, reaching 19.61 MMT for 9M FY26, alongside a robust gross refining margin (GRM) of US\$8.85 per barrel in Q3. Operational gains were noted as HPCL recorded the highest crude throughput at its refineries, including significant contributions from the Visakh Refinery, operated at 108% of capacity. Marketing performance was equally strong, with a 3.6% sales volume increase to 38.45 MMT for 9M FY26, boosted by domestic sales growth and higher LPG sales. Strategically, HPCL invested ₹11,094 crore in capital expenditures during the first nine months, with ongoing projects like the Residue Upgradation Facility (RUF) enhancing processing capabilities. Notable infrastructure expansions included new retail outlets, LPG distributors, and comprehensive pipeline enhancements.

In the sphere of innovation, Project Samridhi added ₹1,267 crore in EBITDA improvement, while the HP Pay loyalty app experienced significant uptake. On the sustainability front, HPCL made strides in renewable energy, adding over 1 lakh solar panels and progressing toward sustainable aviation fuel production through trial co-processing of used cooking oil, reflecting a commitment to energy transition.

Indian Oil Joint Venture Discovers Oil in Abu Dhabi Exploration Block



India's oil sector achieved a significant milestone with the discovery of light crude oil in an onshore hydrocarbon block in Abu Dhabi, announced by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on January 14.

The discovery, made by Urja Bharat PTE Ltd—a joint venture between Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat PetroResources Ltd—was confirmed in the Shilaif play (XN 76) and the Habshan reservoir (XN 79 02S). This

breakthrough is seen as a step toward energy self-sufficiency under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and highlights the technical excellence of Indian teams in energy exploration. Additionally, India is expanding its domestic exploration efforts, with seven sedimentary basins currently under advanced study, and the launch of Mission Anveshan aims to cover 20,000 ground-line kilometers for seismic surveys, with over 8,000 kilometers already completed. The country's offshore oilfield exploration area has been significantly expanded, with 99% of 'No-Go' zones cleared, enhancing opportunities under the Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP), which has drawn interest from global energy companies. Currently, 154 exploration blocks are active in India, with 14 recent discoveries made in the sector.

HUDCO Bags 'Excellent' MoU Rating for FY25



HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd.), a Navratna NBFC-IFC, has received an 'Excellent' rating under its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for the financial year 2024-25, achieving a score of 97.90 out of 100.

This marks the second consecutive year HUDCO has attained this prestigious rating, distinguishing itself among financial-sector peers.

The corporation excelled in 9 out of 12 performance parameters, demonstrating 100% compliance in key areas that highlight its strong governance, operational efficiency, and social responsibility.

Notable achievements include sustained profitability and improved shareholder returns, robust asset quality ensuring financial stability, excellent loan efficiency for urban housing development, and full compliance with GeM and TReDS, promoting transparency in business practices. Additionally, HUDCO has engaged in meaningful CSR initiatives and emphasized employee wellbeing through innovative health and safety programs.

Chairman Sanjay Kulshrestha attributed this success to HUDCO's commitment to excellence and accountability, reinforcing the company's role as a trusted CPSE and its dedication to sustainable financing that aligns with the national vision for an inclusive urban future under the Viksit Bharat initiative.

MRPL Net Profit Rises to ₹1,445 Crore in Q3 FY26



The Board of Directors of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) approved the Standalone and Consolidated financial results for the third quarter (Q3 FY 2025-26) and nine months (9M FY 2025-26) ended December 31, 2025, during its 272nd Meeting on January 14, 2026. Financial highlights for Q3 FY 2025-26 include:

Revenue from operations reached ₹29,720 Crore, up from ₹25,601 Crore in Q3 FY 2024-25. Profit before tax increased significantly to ₹2,214 Crore from ₹469 Crore.

Profit after tax rose to ₹1,445 Crore compared to ₹304 Crore in the previous year.

Debt equity ratio improved to 0.63 from 0.79.

For the nine months ending December 31, 2025:

Revenue declined to ₹76,661 Crore from ₹81,676 Crore.

Profit before tax turned positive at ₹2,786 Crore, reversing a loss prior year.

Profit after tax increased to ₹1,812 Crore from a loss of ₹313 Crore.

Total borrowings decreased from ₹12,867 Crore to ₹9,290 Crore, with a notable improvement in the debt equity ratio.

Physical performance showed a throughput (crude + others) of 4.70 MMT for Q3 FY 2025-26, slightly higher than 4.60 MMT in Q3 FY 2024-25. Notably, for the first time, Sarir Mesla Crude from Libya was processed, and the company began storing crude in a leased cavern storage facility.

The financial performance details reveal:

- Standalone revenue from operations for Q3 FY 2025-26 was ₹29,720 Crore with ₹7,458 Crore in exports.

- EBITDA was ₹2,824 Crore, with profits before and after tax recorded at ₹2,214 Crore and ₹1,445 Crore respectively.

- Total comprehensive income for Q3 was ₹1,440 Crore.

ONGC forays into ethane shipping via JV with Japan's Mitsui O.S.K. Lines



Upstream public sector giant Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) on Monday signed joint venture agreements with Japan's Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. (MOL) for a 50 per cent stake each in two joint venture entities — Bharat Ethane One IFSC Private Limited and Bharat Ethane Two IFSC Private Limited, registered in Gift City at Gujarat's Gandhinagar.

"The Maharatna company will subscribe to 2,00,000 equity shares, of Rs 100 per share, in each of the joint venture companies. Upon completion of the equity subscription, the ONGC will hold a 50 per cent equity stake in each of the

joint venture entities, with the remaining 50 per cent held by M/s Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd., Japan," the company said in a statement.

Each joint venture company will own and operate one Very Large Ethane Carrier (VLEC). The VLECs will operate under the Indian flag and will be deployed for the transportation of ethane from the US to meet the feedstock requirements of the ONGC Petroadditions Limited (OPaL), a subsidiary of the ONGC.

This strategic collaboration constitutes a significant milestone in strengthening long-term cooperation between the ONGC and the MOL. By leveraging the MOL's global maritime expertise alongside the ONGC's strong regional presence and operational capabilities, the partnership is expected to create substantial value across the energy transportation and value chain.

The initiative also marks the ONGC's strategic entry into business diversification and growth. Through the deployment of VLECs for ethane transportation, the ONGC aims to capitalise on emerging opportunities in energy logistics, strengthen integration across its value chain, and establish a robust operational presence in specialised shipping.

NTPC Sanctions ₹23.16 Crore to Enhance Radiotherapy Facilities at GCRI Centre



NTPC Limited has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute (GCRI) to enhance radiotherapy services at the Siddhpur Satellite Centre in Ahmedabad, with a funding of Rs 23.16 crore.

This Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative aims to procure and install a high-energy Linear

Accelerator, improving cancer treatment access in the region.

The MoA was signed by Dr. Shashank Pandya and NTPC's E. Satya Phani Kumar, highlighting NTPC's commitment to healthcare development. Additionally, NTPC and IIT Bombay are collaborating on India's first geological CO2 storage testing, marking significant advancements in both healthcare and environmental initiatives.

BSNL Launches Voice over Wi-Fi Services Across India to Improve Connectivity



BSNL has launched Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) services nationwide, allowing customers to make calls over Wi-Fi for high-quality connectivity in areas with poor mobile coverage.

The service is available for free to all BSNL users across the country, particularly benefiting rural and remote regions with strong Wi-Fi access. VoWiFi allows seamless switching between Wi-Fi and mobile networks, using existing mobile numbers without third-party apps.

Most modern smartphones support this feature, which marks a significant advancement in BSNL's efforts to enhance telecommunications in underserved areas.

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DSR Launches 'The Twins'

DSR Builders & Developers has announced The Twins, an ultra-luxury residential development located in Nanakramguda, Financial District was launched by Chinna Jeevar Swamy garu along with Film Producer Seshagiri Rao, DSR MD. D. Raghurami Reddy, DSR Founder D. Abhishek Reddy.

Speaking on the launch, Mr. D. Abhishek Reddy said, "The Twins represent our philosophy of building homes for people who intend to live well over the long term. Luxury, for us, is not about excess - it's about comfort, quality, and thought ful design that stands the test of time."

DSR Twins is built across 15,999 Sq.ft per unit. As there is only 1 unit per floor. Making it the largest single apartment per floor in India. DSR has partnered with Schindler, equipping with Schindler 7000 premium high-speed elevators. Sustainability is another key focus, with energy-efficient systems integrated across common areas, contributing to smoother operations and reduced energy consumption. The residences themselves prioritise expansive layouts, privacy, and comfort, featuring generous living spaces, walk-in wardrobes, spa-inspired bathrooms, and large windows offering uninterrupted city views.



Women's Day Awards Presented

KAIRA'S PINK CARPET – WOMEN'S DAY AWARD 2026 presented. A grand celebration to felicitate beautiful, strong, and inspiring women, because every woman deserves the spotlight. Chief guest Badminton Icon Saina Nehwal participated in the event. Organized by Karishma Manglani & Dinesh Manglani At KAIRA – Lakeshore Mall.



"MAA TUJHE SALAAM" Grand Finale

As part of the Pre-Republic Day celebrations, Hyderabad witnessed a grand and emotionally stirring finale of "Maa Tujhe Salaam", the city's biggest dance competition, organised by Y D I Events & Weddings under the leadership of its Founder & CEO, Mr. Yash Joshi, along with Ms. Anchal Joshi. The event served as a heartfelt tribute to the brave Indian Soldiers and the Telangana Police, celebrating the spirit of patriotism through powerful artistic performances. A key highlight of the evening was the felicitation of Indian Army veterans, honouring their invaluable service to the nation. The Chief Guest for the evening was Major General Rajesh Kundra (AVSM, SM) (Retd.), whose presence added immense prestige to the event. The programme was further graced by Guests of Honour Mr. Arun Dakotiya, Dr. Ajai Kumar Agarwal, and Mr. Rajesh Goel. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was performed by Mr. Amrat Kumar Jain, along with senior Telangana Police officials Mr. K. Saidulu (Deputy Superintendent of Police) and Mr. P. Srinivasa Rao (Inspector of Police).



New Year Greetings

Sr. Journalist and Rashtra Vishishta Puraskarama awardee Dr. Y. Nageshwar Rao met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and conveyed new year greetings. Mr. Rao is known to be one of the senior journalist having good command on various subjects and day to day state politics. Can say a good advisor to the public representatives and a role model to the young journalists.



9th Biennial Aparna Cancer Crusaders Golf Championship

Cure Foundation, in association with the Apollo Cancer Centres, is set to host the 3-day 9th Biennial Aparna Cancer Crusaders Golf Championship, a flagship fundraiser and cancer awareness initiative, from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at the picturesque Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club, Gachibowli. The prestigious championship was formally launched today with a ceremonial tee-off at Boulder Hills by eminent cine actor and Chief Guest Jagapathi Babu, Tollywood diva and Guest of Honour Ms. Samyukta Menon, and Dr. P. Vijay Anand Reddy, Founder, Cure Foundation and Director, Apollo Cancer Centers, Hyderabad. The championship aims to amplify cancer awareness across society while mobilising vital funds for underprivileged cancer patients. It will witness enthusiastic participation from over 450 golfers, spread across four sessions over three days, making it one of the largest charity golf events in the region. The tournament will be played in the Stableford format with 100% handicap, ensuring spirited yet inclusive competition.



Hyderabad Kids Fair 2025 Attracts Young Minds

The 18th edition of the Hyderabad Kids Fair (HKF 2025), two-day extravaganza kicked off at at Hall No 1, HITEX Exhibition Centre, Madhapur Hyderabad, Organized by Hitex. The fair features over 50 exhibitors presenting a wide range of offerings across nutrition, education, lifestyle, toys, books, hobbies and creative pursuits. A major highlight of this year's edition is the second edition of the Kids Business Carnival, a young entrepreneurship initiative that will feature 60+ budding child entrepreneurs showcasing their ideas and products. HKF 2025 hosts a diverse array of attractions and interactive zones, including Kids Run by Giggle Mug with a Jungle Theme, Construction Activities Zone by Playground Construction, Non-Digital Games at the Gamology Zone, Robotics Workshops by LEAP Robots, Children Book of Records certification activity, and a Climbing Wall by Crag Studio.



Midnight Reporter's Dec Edition Released

Midnight Reporter's December edition is out with a bang released by Mr. Dr. Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Hyderabad, Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. Click the link for epaper : http://midnightreporter.com/December_2025.pdf



BIG Academy announces Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh as brand ambassador

BIG Academy, a new-age EdTech institution focused on hybrid learning, officially launched its platform at Novotel HICC, Hyderabad, And announced Yuvraj Singh, Indian cricketer as Brand Ambassador of BIG Academy, whose journey of resilience and excellence aligns with the academy's philosophy of discipline, perseverance, and performance.

Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh Unveiled the BIG Academy along with C.V. Anand, IPS, Special Chief Secretary to the Government, Vijay Reddy, Founder & Chairman of BIG TV, and Anil Ayoor, Founder Director and Managing Editor of BIG TV Malayalam. Eminent guest was highlighted the importance of innovation and accountability in India's evolving education ecosystem.

Speaking about the vision, Ramana Bhupathi, Founder & CEO of BIG Academy, said, that with a vision to create a structured, student-centric education ecosystem that balances academic excellence with mental well-being.



Sanskriti Club's 'Roots & Ragas'

Sanskriti club organized 'Roots & Ragas' at the city hotel. It was a very amazing event combined with Indian roots with musical masti. Club is active group focuses on social gatherings, cultural events, and recognizing women's achievements.



12 Highlights From Heimtextil 2026 With Serious Thread Appeal

With 3,000 exhibitors from 66 countries, Heimtextil 2026 bills itself as the world's leading trade fair for home and contract textiles. This year's show, which took place in Frankfurt, Germany, from January 13-16 2026, was typically gigantic, and included decorative and upholstery fabrics, bed linens, towels, wallpaper, carpets, and more. The focus was an interesting mix of craft and tech, showing how AI can be incorporated into designs and the way we interact with them.

Designer, architect, and *Interior Design* Hall of Fame inductee Patricia Urquiola opened the show with an installation called 'among-all', as well as a conversation with Rosa Bertoli, Global Design Director of *Wallpaper* magazine about materials and technologies that will shape the future of interior design. The presentation itself was interactive and included various and touchable hybrid sculptures, hanging grids, and inflated figures.

In addition, the creative platform Alcovia presented "Craft is a Verb", a demonstration of the relationship between craft and AI—and how they can complement one another. They curated a large installation that presented the craft component as a catalog-like set of samples drawn from all over the fair, grouped into trends: Sensing Nature, Media, Visible co-work, The Uncanny Valley, A Playful Touch, and Crafted Irregularity. The AI aspect in an enclosed house that contained digital screens and futuristic concepts for the home.

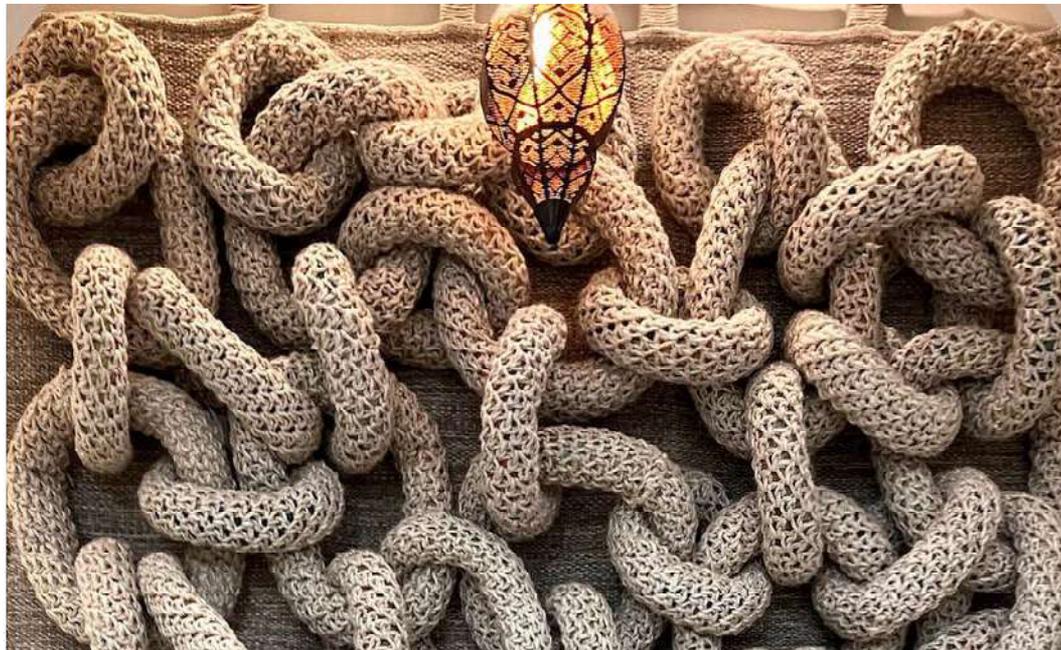
Taken together—and with the offerings at the fair itself—it made a strong case for the meeting of human hands and machine learning.

Patricia Urquiola's large 'among-all' installation invited visitors to touch, and each of the different areas explores a different aspect of texture—shaggy yarn, flat weaves, and even metallics. At right is her inflated, animal-like creation made from Ohoskin, an Italian textile created with discarded orange peels.

A graduate of textile design from Central Saint Martins, Poppy Porter's passion is to fuse color and pattern with more traditional techniques, while infusing them with modern trends, the result reflecting the natural world and bringing it into the home. Her new collection focuses on the way printed and woven textiles can work together.



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सऊदी अरब के क्राउन प्रिंस और प्रधानमंत्री मोहम्मद बिन सलमान ने साफ शब्दों में कहा है कि ईरान के खिलाफ किसी भी तरह की सैन्य कार्रवाई के लिए सऊदी अरब अपना हवाई क्षेत्र या अपनी जमीन इस्तेमाल करने की अनुमति नहीं देगा। यह बयान ऐसे समय आया है जब मध्य पूर्व में तनाव लगातार बना हुआ है।

सऊदी सरकारी समाचार एजेंसी एसपीए के मुताबिक, यह बात क्राउन प्रिंस मोहम्मद बिन सलमान और ईरान के राष्ट्रपति मसूद पेजेइशकियान के बीच

हुई एक फोन बातचीत के दौरान कही गई। यह बातचीत मंगलवार देर रात हुई।

ईरान की संप्रभुता के सम्मान पर जोर-

क्राउन प्रिंस ने बातचीत में कहा कि सऊदी अरब ईरान की संप्रभुता (सॉवरेन्टी) का पूरा सम्मान करता है। उन्होंने स्पष्ट किया कि "सऊदी अरब न तो अपने हवाई क्षेत्र और न ही अपने क्षेत्र का इस्तेमाल इस्लामिक रिपब्लिक ऑफ ईरान के खिलाफ किसी भी सैन्य कार्रवाई या किसी भी पक्ष द्वारा किए जाने वाले हमले के लिए करने देगा, चाहे हमला कहीं भी किया जाना हो।

इस बयान का मतलब साफ है कि अगर कोई भी देश या ताकत ईरान पर हमला करने की योजना बनाती है, तो सऊदी अरब उसमें किसी भी तरह की मदद या रास्ता नहीं देगा।

बातचीत से समाधान का समर्थन-

मोहम्मद बिन सलमान ने यह भी दोहराया कि सऊदी अरब क्षेत्र में शांति और स्थिरता चाहता है। उन्होंने कहा कि सऊदी अरब हर उस प्रयास का समर्थन करता है, जो संवाद और बातचीत के जरिए विवादों को सुलझाने की दिशा में हो, ताकि पूरे क्षेत्र में सुरक्षा और स्थिरता मजबूत हो सके।

बर्फ के कब्जे में अमेरिका ! माइनस तापमान से दहशत

अमेरिका में तेजी से फैल रहे शीतकालीन तूफान ने देश को लगभग ठप कर दिया है। शनिवार से सोमवार के बीच 14,800 से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। यह जानकारी फ्लाइंग टैकिंग वेबसाइट से दी है। सबसे ज्यादा असर डलास, शार्लोट, न्यूयॉर्क और बोस्टन में देखा गया।

अमेरिकन एयरलाइंस की 43 प्रतिशत उड़ानें रद्द-

डेल्टा एयरलाइंस की 35 प्रतिशत उड़ानें ग्राउंड

आपातकाल घोषित

राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने अब तक 10 राज्यों टेनेसी, जॉर्जिया, नॉर्थ कैरोलिना, मैरीलैंड, अर्कांसस, केंटकी, लुइसियाना, मिसिसिपी, इंडियाना और वेस्ट वर्जीनिया में आपातकाल घोषित किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य सरकारें और आपातकालीन टीमों मिलकर लोगों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित कर रही हैं।



ऑस्ट्रेलिया में 12 घंटे Uber चलाने पर कितनी हुई इनकम



कई लोग सोचते हैं कि विदेशों में, खासकर ऑस्ट्रेलिया जैसे विकसित देशों में टैक्सी या न्हुमत चलाना बड़ा आसान और फायदेमंद काम है। लेकिन क्या वाकई यह इतना आसान है? सोशल मीडिया पर एक वायरल वीडियो ने इस धारणा पर सवाल खड़े कर दिए हैं। भारतीय कंटेंट क्रिएटर तु आर बरेजा ने मेलबर्न में न्हुमत चलाने का अपना पूरा दिन कैद किया

और सचाई बेबाकी से दिखाई। सुबह की जुरुआत और पहली कमाई- तु आर ने अपने दिन की जुरुआत सुबह 4 बजे की। नींद पूरी न होने के बावजूद, उन्होंने उम्मीद के साथ राह की ओर कार निकाली। उनका पहला बड़ा सफर एयरपोर्ट से था, जिसमें उन्हें 47 ऑस्ट्रेलियाई डॉलर की कमाई हुई। इसके बाद उन्होंने लगातार राइड्स ली, लेकिन दिन भर में लगातार अच्छी कमाई मिलना आसान नहीं था। सुबह 7 बजे तक कुल कमाई लगभग 100 डॉलर तक पहुंची, और इसके बाद उन्हें पेट्रोल भरवाने का खर्च भी उठाना पड़ा।

2025 में श्रीलंका घूमने वालों में भारतीय रहे टॉप पर

साल 2025 में कुल 23 लाख पर्यटकों ने श्रीलंका की यात्रा की, जिनमें सबसे अधिक संख्या भारतीयों की रही। पर्यटन प्राधिकरण के आंकड़ों में यह जानकारी दी गई है। एक आधिकारिक बयान में कहा गया है कि भारत से बड़ी संख्या में पर्यटक आ रहे हैं और वर्ष 2025 में कुल 5,31,511 भारतीय पर्यटकों ने श्रीलंका की यात्रा की।

बयान में कहा गया है कि 2024 की तुलना में 2025 में 1,14,000 से अधिक भारतीय पर्यटकों ने श्रीलंका की यात्रा की। आंकड़ों के अनुसार दूसरे स्थान पर ब्रिटेन रहा, जिसके 21,227 पर्यटकों ने श्रीलंका की यात्रा की। आंकड़ों में कहा गया है कि दिसंबर में सबसे अधिक 56,715 जबकि फरवरी में सबसे कम 35 हजार भारतीयों ने श्रीलंका की यात्रा की। आंकड़ों के अनुसार दिसंबर में सबसे अधिक 2,58,928 विदेशी पर्यटकों ने श्रीलंका की यात्रा की।

मरीजों की जान खतरे में! बिना डिग्री वाले 6 लाख डॉक्टर कर रहे इलाज



पाकिस्तान के गांवों और कस्बों में इलाज के नाम पर एक बेहद खतरनाक और अनदेखा संकट गहराता जा रहा है। बिना डिग्री, बिना लाइसेंस और बिना किसी निगरानी के हजारों लोग खुद को डॉक्टर बताकर मरीजों का इलाज कर रहे हैं। इस अवैध व्यवस्था का सबसे बड़ा स्वामियोजा गरीब और कम पढ़े-लिखे परिवारों को भुगतना पड़ रहा है, जिनके लिए यही फर्जी क्लिनिक आखिरी उम्मीद बन जाते हैं।

दक्षिणी सिंध प्रांत के हैदराबाद और उसके आसपास के इलाकों में सड़क किनारे बने छोटे-छोटे क्लिनिक आम नजर आते हैं। इन दुकानों पर न तो किसी डॉक्टर का नाम लिखा होता है और न ही कोई पंजीकरण नंबर। दिनभर यहां मरीजों की भीड़ लगी रहती है, जिनमें महिलाएं, बच्चे और बुजुर्ग शामिल होते हैं। इन क्लिनिकों को चलाने वाले कई लोग कभी अस्पतालों में सहायक या नर्स के रूप में काम कर चुके होते हैं, लेकिन डॉक्टर बनने की कानूनी योग्यता उनके पास नहीं होती।

पाकिस्तान मेडिकल एसोसिएशन के मुताबिक देश में छह लाख से ज्यादा फर्जी डॉक्टर सक्रिय हैं। सिंध हेल्थकेयर कमीशन ने भी इन आंकड़ों की पुष्टि की है। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि सीमित अनुभव के आधार पर ये लोग गंभीर बीमारियों का इलाज करते हैं, बिना यह समझे कि दवाओं की सही मात्रा क्या होनी चाहिए या उनके साइड इफेक्ट कितने खतरनाक हो सकते हैं। गलत निदान और लापरवाही से किया गया इलाज कई बार मरीज की हालत को जानलेवा बना देता है।

इस अवैध चिकित्सा तंत्र से संक्रमण का खतरा भी तेजी से बढ़ रहा है। स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञ बताते हैं कि इन क्लिनिकों में इस्तेमाल होने वाले उपकरणों को सही तरीके से स्टरलाइज नहीं किया जाता। कई जगहों पर सिरिंज और अन्य चिकित्सा उपकरण बार-बार इस्तेमाल किए जाते हैं, जिससे हेपेटाइटिस और एचआईवी जैसी गंभीर बीमारियों के फैलने का खतरा कई गुना बढ़ गया है।

चीन की अपनी सेना के खिलाफ सबसे बड़ी कार्रवाई, दो वरिष्ठ सैन्य अधिकारियों पर गिरी गाज



चीन की सेना पीपुल्स लिबरेशन आर्मी में अब तक की सबसे बड़ी कार्रवाई सामने आई है। चीन के रक्षा मंत्रालय ने बताया कि दो वरिष्ठ सैन्य अधिकारियों के खिलाफ पार्टी अनुशासन और कानून के गंभीर उल्लंघन के आरोपों में जांच शुरू की गई है। इनमें सबसे बड़ा नाम जनरल झांग योउशिया का है। जनरल झांग, सेंट्रल मिलिट्री कमीशन के प्रथम उपाध्यक्ष हैं। चीन की सेना की सर्वोच्च कमान है, जिसके अध्यक्ष खुद राष्ट्रपति शी जिनपिंग हैं। इस पद के कारण झांग चीन के सबसे वरिष्ठ वर्दीधारी सैन्य अधिकारी माने जाते हैं। वे सत्तारूढ़ कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के 24 सदस्यीय पोलिट ब्यूरो के भी सदस्य हैं। दूसरे अधिकारी जनरल लियू झेनली हैं, जो सैन्य के सदस्य और जॉइंट स्टाफ डिपार्टमेंट के चीफ ऑफ स्टाफ हैं। रक्षा मंत्रालय ने साक्षित बयान में कहा कि पार्टी की शीर्ष संस्था की मंजूरी के बाद दोनों के खिलाफ जांच शुरू की गई है।

इस कार्रवाई ने चीनी सैन्य प्रतिष्ठान में तेज झटके दिए हैं। राष्ट्रपति शी जिनपिंग 2012 में सत्ता में आने के बाद से लगातार भ्रष्टाचार विरोधी अभियान चला रहे हैं, जिसे 'टाइगर और फ्लाइंग' यानी बड़े और छोटे अफसरों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई कहा जाता है। इस अभियान के तहत अब तक दो पूर्व रक्षा मंत्री, दर्जनों वरिष्ठ अधिकारी और सुरक्षा बलों के कई शीर्ष अफसर बर्खास्त या दंडित किए जा चुके हैं। अक्टूबर में सेना के दूसरे नंबर के अधिकारी हे वेइदोंग को पार्टी और सेना से निकाल दिया गया था। आलोचकों का कहना है कि भ्रष्टाचार के खिलाफ यह अभियान सिर्फ सफाई नहीं, बल्कि शी जिनपिंग की सत्ता को और मजबूत करने का जरिया भी है। खुद शी जिनपिंग ने हालिया आंतरिक भाषण में कहा था कि भ्रष्टाचार पार्टी के लिए सबसे बड़ा खतरा है और यह लड़ाई अभी लंबी और जटिल बनी हुई है।

Tourism



Japan's Tourism Ends Twenty Twenty Five on a Historic High

Japan's tourism sector closed twenty twenty five on an exceptional high, delivering its strongest December performance on record even as a sudden decline from one major Asian source market exposed the fragile link between travel demand and geopolitics. More than three point six million international visitors arrived during the final month of the year, driven by surging interest from Southeast Asia, South Korea, and long-haul markets such as North America and Europe, where winter travel, shopping, and cultural experiences continued to attract strong demand. At the same time, arrivals from China fell sharply following heightened political sensitivities and travel advisories, ending a multi-year recovery streak and highlighting how quickly visitor flows can shift. The contrasting trends underscored both the growing resilience of Japan's diversified tourism base and the ongoing risks of sudden market volatility, even in a year defined by record-breaking success.

Japan wrapped up December twenty-twenty-five with a tourism story that was both impressive and revealing. On the surface, the numbers pointed to a historic month. Dig a little

deeper, and a sharp shift in travel patterns showed how global politics and market diversification are reshaping the country's inbound tourism landscape.

Official figures showed that more than three-point-six million international travelers arrived in Japan during December, making it the strongest December ever recorded for inbound tourism. The result capped off a year in which Japan continued to outperform expectations, driven by strong demand across Asia, North America, and Europe. Winter festivals, shopping, cultural experiences, and year-end holidays all combined to keep planes full and hotels busy across major cities and regional destinations.

However, within this record-breaking total, one trend stood out clearly. Arrivals from China dropped sharply to just over three hundred thirty thousand visitors. That represented a decline of more than forty-five percent compared with December of the previous year. For an industry long accustomed to relying on Chinese travelers as one of its largest and most reliable source markets, the fall was impossible to ignore.

Tourism is key to the future of jobs, says H.E. Ahmed Al-Khateeb



Ministers and experts gathered at Riyadh's Global Labor Market Conference to examine how targeted policies and strategic investment can generate jobs and strengthen labor markets worldwide. Speaking during a ministerial panel titled *High-Impact Sectors as Drivers of Job Creation*, H.E. Ahmed Al-Khateeb, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Tourism, said tourism ranks among the world's largest employment-generating sectors. Addressing the opening session of the third Global Labor Market Conference in Riyadh on Monday, he noted that the sector contributes around 10% of global GDP and supports approximately 370 million jobs globally. He also highlighted tourism's inclusivity, noting that women accounted for about 45% of the workforce and that young people accounted for nearly 80%.

"Tourism provides opportunities for all, particularly young people and women," Al-Khateeb said. "Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 has enabled the development of new sectors, including education-linked tourism and cultural tourism, while preparing young Saudis for careers in these fields." Al-Khateeb outlined the kingdom's employment ambitions, stating that Saudi Arabia aims to create between 400,000 and 600,000 new jobs in the hospitality industry. He emphasized the importance of equipping young Saudis with the skills needed not only to enter the sector but also to progress within it, noting that substantial investment is being directed toward training and workforce development.

The minister also underscored the role of effective public policy and strong collaboration between the public and private sectors in building a future-ready workforce. "By aligning education and training programs with labor market needs, we can ensure that Saudi youth are prepared for the opportunities of tomorrow," he said.

Al-Khateeb's remarks positioned tourism as both an economic driver and a pathway to inclusive growth. His comments formed part of a broader ministerial dialogue examining how high-impact sectors, including industry, infrastructure, and manufacturing, can support job creation and workforce readiness amid global labor market shifts.

Azerbaijan Orchestrates Winter Tourism Expansion



The global travel landscape is being reshaped as Azerbaijan winter tourism is actively promoted to European audiences. In a recent strategic move, the Azerbaijan Tourism Board (ATB) orchestrated a series of high-level presentations within Germany, specifically targeting the vibrant cities of Berlin and Munich. These events were designed to highlight the unique travel opportunities and cultural heritage that the Land of Fire offers during the colder months. By engaging with prominent German travel agencies and European media outlets, a

comprehensive narrative regarding the nation's hospitality industry and modern infrastructure was successfully established. Strategic Engagements in Berlin and Munich-

The promotional roadshow was initiated with the primary objective of strengthening ties between the tourism sectors of both nations. In the metropolitan hubs of Berlin and Munich, detailed insights were provided regarding the diverse experiences available to international visitors. It was emphasized by representatives that the country serves as a bridge between Eastern traditions and Western modernization, offering a safe and welcoming environment for European explorers. During these sessions, the passive observation of market trends indicated a growing interest among German travelers for off-the-beaten-path destinations. Consequently, the Azerbaijani delegation focused on the ease of accessibility, including flight connectivity and simplified visa procedures. The narrative was maintained that Azerbaijan is not merely a summer destination but a year-round hub for adventure and luxury.

Showcasing the Alpine Splendor of Shahdag

Considerable attention was directed toward the Shahdag Mountain Resort, located in the Gusar region. It was noted that this facility stands as the first and largest winter resort in the country. The resort was described as a feat of modern engineering, nestled within the majestic Greater Caucasus Mountains. Extensive details were shared regarding the state-of-the-art ski slopes, which cater to both beginners and professional athletes.

Europe Sets The Course For A Bold Tourism Future As Sustainability Innovation



Europe is reshaping its tourism future because climate pressures, overtourism, workforce challenges, and fast-changing traveller behaviour have exposed the limits of traditional growth models, prompting policymakers and industry leaders to come together around a new vision that places sustainability, accessibility, digital intelligence, and responsible investment at the centre of long-term competitiveness and destination resilience.

Europe's tourism future took centre stage in Brussels on Monday, 26 January, as European Tourism Day brought together policymakers, industry voices, investors, and subject-matter experts for a wide-ranging discussion on where the sector is headed and how it can adapt to a rapidly changing world. The gathering focused on how Europe can build a tourism model that is more resilient, competitive, and prepared for long-term challenges, while continuing to attract travellers from across the globe.

The event served as a platform to examine how tourism must evolve beyond traditional growth models. With travel patterns shifting and pressure mounting from climate change, labour shortages, digital disruption, and rising traveller expectations, participants explored what "tourism of tomorrow" should look like. Sustainability emerged as a central theme, not as a buzzword, but as a practical necessity for destinations that want to remain viable in the long run.

Discussions highlighted the need for tourism development that protects natural landscapes, reduces environmental impact, and supports local communities. Speakers stressed that Europe's strength lies in its diversity of destinations, cultures, and ecosystems, but that this diversity can only be preserved through responsible planning and investment. From managing visitor flows in overcrowded cities to protecting fragile rural and coastal areas, sustainability was framed as both an environmental and an economic priority.

Brazil Launches Groundbreaking Travel Agent Rewards Programme



Brazil is taking bold steps to elevate its international tourism presence with the launch of a new incentive programme designed to recognise and reward travel agents who actively promote the country's diverse and immersive destinations. The initiative represents a strategic move to strengthen Brazil's position in the competitive global tourism market while showcasing experiences that highlight culture, nature, and sustainability.

The **Brasil Specialist Rewards** programme, unveiled at a major international tourism fair, builds on the success of Brazil's existing travel trade platform. The campaign is designed to provide travel agents with ongoing opportunities to engage with Brazilian destinations, offering both recognition and tangible incentives throughout the year. Professionals certified through the platform can participate in monthly and quarterly prize draws, culminating in an exclusive top reward for those who demonstrate exceptional dedication and sales performance.

At the heart of the programme is the philosophy "**Live what you sell. Feel Brazil**", which encourages agents to experience firsthand the destinations they promote. Travel professionals earn entries into prize draws by registering eligible bookings, including flights, accommodations of three nights or longer, and curated experiences offered through the **Feel Brasil** platform. Each booking increases their chances of winning, creating a continuous cycle of engagement and motivation throughout the year.

The ultimate prize is an invitation to the **Famtour Top Sellers**, a week-long immersive journey through Brazil. The famtrip features two distinctive routes designed to highlight the country's incredible diversity. One itinerary explores the Northeast, providing experiences with sun-drenched beaches, regional cuisine, vibrant cultural activities, and interactions with local communities. The other itinerary takes participants to the North, with a focus on the Amazon region, offering guided nature excursions, river adventures, wildlife encounters, and opportunities to learn from local traditions and indigenous knowledge.