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INDIA'S LATEST **NEWS**





NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Project O2 for India;
- World Giving Index-India jumps from 82 to 14th rank;
- Govt simplifies MSME registration process;
- Cabinet approves Deep Ocean Mission;
- Centre to link innovative agriculture technologies to farms in Northeast Region.

MISSION'S ACTIVITIES





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PROJECT 02 for INDIA

As the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic subsides, the Centre has launched 'Project O2 for India' to step up production of medical oxygen to meet the potential increase in demand due to further waves of the pandemic. 'Project O2 for India', an initiative of the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India (GoI), aims to help stakeholders working to augment the country's ability to meet the rise in demand for medical oxygen. Under the project, a 'National Consortium of Oxygen' is enabling supply of critical raw materials such as zeolites, setting up of small oxygen plants, manufacturing compressors, final products such as oxygen plants, concentrators, and ventilators. Besides, the consortium is also working to strengthen the manufacturing ecosystem for long-term preparedness. Source: businesstoday.in

World Giving Index-India jumps from 82 to 14th rank

The World Giving Index (WGI) is an annual report published by the Charities Aid Foundation, using data collected by Gallup, and ranking more than 140 countries around the world based on how generous they are. As per the report, India is among top 20 most generous countries across the globe. India's rank has improved from its earlier 10-year global rank of 82. The WGI report shows that Indonesia has managed to maintain as first position in the midst of the pandemic compared to other countries whose positions went down due to the implementation of lockdown policies and restrictions. Source: cafonline.org

Govt simplifies MSME registration process

The central government has simplified the registration process for the Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises (MSME). Now only PAN Card and Aadhaar will be required for the registration of MSMEs, announced by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Shri. Nitin Gadkari. The MSME Minister shared the information while addressing a webinar on June 15, 2021. The Minister stated that there is a need to impart training to small units in the fields of entrepreneurship and other related aspects. MSMEs are considered as engine of economic growth which are involved in promoting equitable development. They comprise of 90% of total enterprises and generate highest rates of employment growth in India. They require low investment and have operational flexibility & capacity to develop appropriate indigenous technology. Source: jagranjosh.com

Cabinet approves Deep Ocean Mission

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) on "Deep Ocean Mission", with a view to explore deep ocean for resources and develop deep sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources.

The estimated cost of the Mission will be Rs. 4077 crore for a period of 5 years to be implemented in a phase-wise manner. Deep Ocean Mission with be a mission mode project to support the Blue Economy Initiatives of the Government of India. Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) will be the nodal Ministry implementing this multi-institutional ambitious mission. The Deep Ocean Mission consists of six major components. The technologies required for deep sea mining have strategic implications and are not commercially available. Hence, attempts will be made to indigenise technologies by collaborating with leading institutes and private industries.

Source: pib.gov.in

Centre to link innovative agriculture technologies to farms in Northeast Region

The Centre will work towards linking innovative agricultural technologies with the farms to benefit small and marginal farmers, specially women in the Northeastern region under its Biotech-KISAN programme, the S&T ministry said.

The Department of Biotechnology has issued a special call for Northeast Region as a part of its programme to understand local issues of farmers and provide scientific solutions to those problems, it said. The present call specifically focuses on the Northeast Region as it is predominantly agrarian, with 70 per cent of its workforce engaged in agriculture and allied sectors for livelihood, the Science and Technology ministry said. The scheme has benefitted over two lakhs farmers so far by increasing their agriculture output and income. Over 200 entrepreneurship have also been developed in rural areas. Source: deccanherald.com



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Mission's Activities

Yoga Quiz



The Indian Embassy in collaboration with the Indian Cultural Center, Jakarta held an online Yoga Quiz Competition. The top 10 winners were awarded certificates of appreciation, among which three knowledgeable yoga enthusiasts were awarded special prizes.

International Day of Yoga

The Embassy of India celebrated 7th International Day of Yoga on 20th June in collaboration with PPYNI (Indonesian National Association of Yoga Practioners)-an organization established under the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Art of Living, Yoga Fit in various regions in Indonesia. Various Yoga lovers from over 100 locations across Indonesia were digitally connected with us via Zoom platform.

Mrs. Hj Suryanti, Deputy Secretary, Culture and Sports, Ministry of Youth and Sports graced the event, and Mrs. Lily Karmel represented Mr. Hayono Isman, Chair-KORMI (Sports and Recreation Committee-Indonesian Community), & Former Minister of Youth and Sports. The Ambassador of India to Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Manoj Kumar Bharti wished all yoga enthusiasts good health and emphasized how yoga is the key to achieving a healthy human mind and body necessary for meditation which is the core essence of almost all religions and the basis of human awareness of the environment.

During the event, the Indonesian version of selected excerpts from the book The Common Yoga Protocol published by the Ministry of AYUSH was inaugurated by the Ambassador and distinguished guests. The Common Yoga Protocol was conducted by renowned Yoga Teacher Anjasmara Prasetya- popular actor and Yoga instructor together with Mr. Vikash Kumar Prasad from Yoga Fit.

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Highlights of 7th International Day of Yoga





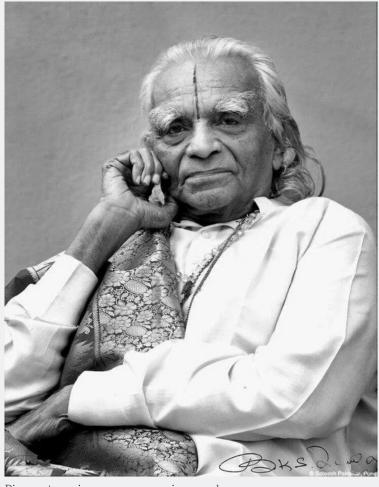


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Personality of the week

B.K.S. lyengar (14.12.1918-20.08.2014)



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Bellur Krishnamachar Sundararaja Iyengar is still considered as one of the foremost yoga teachers in the world. He was the founder of the style of yoga as exercise known as "Iyengar Yoga". The noun "Iyengar", short for "Iyengar Yoga", is defined by Oxford Dictionaries as "a type of Hatha yoga focusing on the correct alignment of the body, making use of straps, wooden blocks, and other objects as aids in achieving the correct postures."

Iyenger considered his association in 1934 with his brother-in-law, the yogi Sri Tirumalai Krishnamacharya, as a turning point in his life. In 1952, Iyengar began teaching yoga to Yehudi Menuhin, who is considered as one of the greatest violinist of of 20th century. In 1954 invited Iyengar to Switzerland. From then on, Iyengar visited the west regularly.

In 1966, Iyengar published his first book, Light on Yoga. It became an international best-seller. It had been translated into 17 languages and sold more than three million copies. It was followed by 13 other books, covering pranayama and aspects of yoga philosophy. In 1975, Iyengar opened the Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute in Pune, in memory of his late wife. He officially retired from teaching in 1984, but continued to be active in the world of Iyengar Yoga, teaching special classes, giving lectures, and writing books.

The Indian government awarded Iyengar the Padma Shri in 1991, the Padma Bhushan in 2002 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2014. In 2004, Iyengar was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine.

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FLAVOR'S OF INDIA MAKKI KA DHOKLA

Recipe Servings: 2

Prep Time: 10 mins Cook Time: 15 mins Total Cook Time: 25 mins Difficulty Level: Easy

Ingredients of Makki Ka Dhokla:

- 1 Cup Maize Flour
- 1/2 cup Peas (crushed)
- 2 Chopped green chllies
- 1 inch Chopped ginger
- to taste Red chilli powder
- 1/2 tsp Fennel seeds
- 2 tbsp Chopped coriander leaves
- 1/2 tsp Black mustard seeds
- 1/2 tsp Turmeric powder
- 1/2 tsp Coriander powder
- to taste Salt
- A pinch of Baking Soda
- 1 cup Water
- 2 tbsp Oil
- 3-4 Curry Leaves

How to make Makki Ka Dhokla:

- Take a large container and add maize flour, red chilli powder, cumin seeds, fennel seeds, turmeric powder and coriander powder in it.
- Now add crushed peas, finely chopped green chillies, baking soda and coriander leaves into the mixture.
- Make a soft dough by slowly adding water in it. keep it aside for 10-15 minutes.
- Take small portions from the dough and make a circular disc and pierce it in between by using your finger.
- Now steam the dhoklas for next 10-15 minutes or until they are soft and spongy.
- Serve it with moong dal and mint chutney.

About Makki Ka Dhokla:

Rajasthani Makki ka dhokla is a vegetarian, spongy and savoury steamed cake recipe. As the name implies, this recipe is made by makki or maize flour, crushed green peas and other flavoursome ingredients.

Source: food.ndtv



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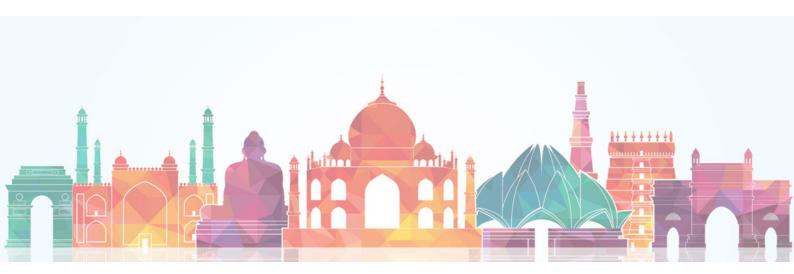
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MEHRANGARH FORT

Rising perpendicular and impregnable from a hill which is 125 metres above Jodhpur's skyline is the Mehrangarh Fort. This historic fort is one of the most famous in India and is packed with history and legends. Mehrangarh Fort still bears the imprints of cannonball attacks courtesy the armies of Jaipur on its second gate. Chiselled and sturdy, the fort is known for its exquisite latticed windows, carved panels, intricately decorated windows and walls of Moti Mahal, Phool Mahal and Sheesh Mahal.

Source: http://www.tourism.rajasthan.gov.in/



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KHEJARLA FORT

Located 85 kilometres from the main city, the 400-year old Khejarla Fort is situated in a rural setting. The stunning red sandstone monument, now a hotel, is an example of Rajput architecture. Visitors will be mesmerised by the fort's picturesque settings, latticework friezes and intricate Jharokas.

Source: http://www.tourism.rajasthan.gov.in/





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