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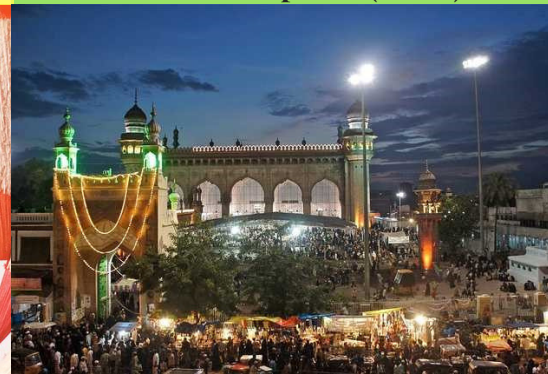
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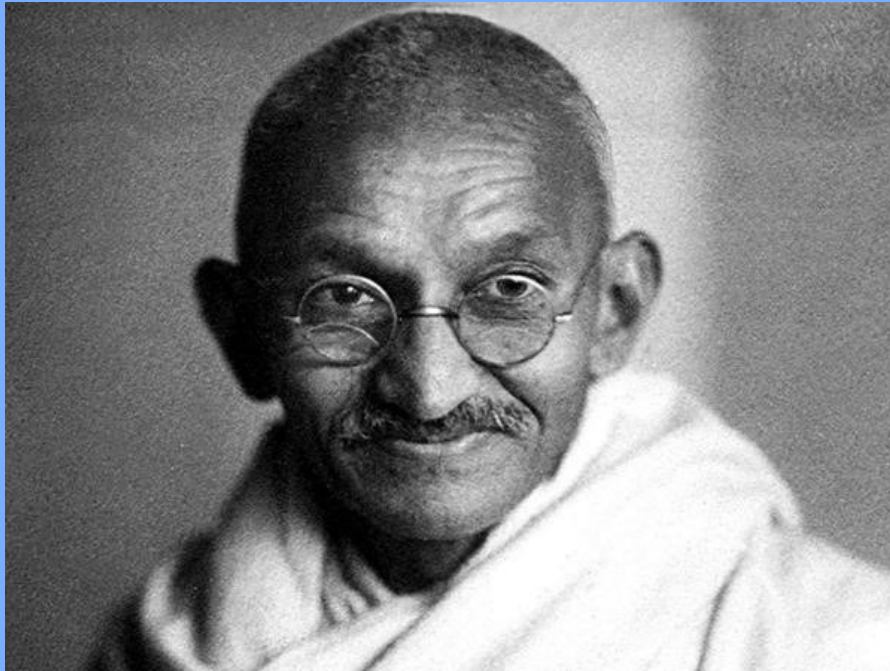
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SOUTH AFRICA REMEMBERS GANDHI, COMMEMORATES HIS EVICTION FROM A TRAIN 125 YEARS AGO



Khadi, the hand-spun fabric synonymous with Mahatma Gandhi, will be used for draping train compartments at the Pietermaritzburg railway station in South Africa where he was thrown off a train for refusing to give up his seat in the first class, "whites-only" compartment, 125 years ago in 1893. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has got orders of 400 metres of khadi cloth in 40-50 metres in length with width of 36 inches, to be used for draping train compartments, some parts of the platform and the main stage.

A function commemorating the 125th anniversary of the eviction of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on June 7, 1893, from the whites-only" compartment is also being planned, according to KVIC. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will be witnessing the event there which is also a significant one in South African history, being the birth centenary of Nelson Mandela alias Madiba, KVIC said. Khadi was taken up as a tool in the freedom struggle by Mahatma Gandhi against the British.

Source: Timesnownews

INDIA OPENS UP OIL RESERVES FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES

India's strategic oil reserves are set to be used by a foreign player for the first time, with a carrier of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) likely to reach Mangalore port by May 21. Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and his UAE counterpart Ahmed Al Jaber, who is also the chief executive officer of Adnoc, flagged off a very large carrier with 2 million barrels of crude oil. Adnoc is expected to store crude oil worth Rs 40-50 billion, based on prices in February, when the deal was signed. The company had signed a contract with the government to fill 0.75 million tonnes (mt) of space in the Mangalore strategic oil reserves cavern.

Source: Business Standard



FOR ALL-YEAR ACCESS TO LADAKH, PM TO FLAG OFF WORK ON ZOJI LA TUNNEL

Work on building a road tunnel across the Zoji La Pass, providing the Kashmir Valley with all-weather access to Ladkakh, a strategically important border region, will begin May 19. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for the Rs 6,809-crore project spanning over 14.2 km, which is expected to be completed in 2026. Another crucial 6.5 km tunnel at Z-Morh on this stretch of Srinagar-Leh highway is likely to be completed next year. "This is a step to fulfil the promise to the people of Ladakh for round-the-year connectivity".

Source: Times of India

INDIA WILL BE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY AT 7.4% IN 2018, SAYS IMF

India is set to be the fastest growing economy in 2018 with a growth rate of 7.4 per cent, the International Monetary Fund said. The growth rate will go up to 7.8 per cent in 2019, with the country's medium term prospects looking positive, it added.

India has been recovering from the effects of demonetization and the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), and "the recovery is expected to be underpinned by a rebound from transitory shocks as well as robust private consumption," according to IMF's Asia and Pacific Regional Economic Outlook report. Asia remains the fastest growing region in the world and is driving global economy by contributing to 60 per cent of the global growth, the report said.

Source: Little India

INDIA'S LARGEST RENEWABLE POWER COMPANY IS SET TO GO PUBLIC

The first initial public offering (IPO) in India from the booming renewable energy sector is ReNew Power, India's largest renewable energy producer, is looking to raise Rs2,600 crore (million) through its first public share sale. The move comes just a month after ReNew sealed India's biggest renewable energy deal when it acquired New Delhi-based Ostro Energy for around billion.

Source: Quartz

INDIA SEEKS AADHAAR-LIKE ID FOR ALL BRICS NATIONS

India has suggested introducing an Aadhaar-like unique identification number for every individual and company across BRICS nations to tackle terrorism financing and strengthen counterterrorism measures. A seven-member team comprising senior officials of the Union ministries of home and external affairs, National Security Guard and Enforcement Directorate participated in the meeting attended by BRICS nations' joint working group on strategy for counter terrorism and tackling terrorism financing. The two-day meet was held in South Africa. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to join the BRICS meeting in July, said people aware of the matter. Significantly, they said, a sub-group on terrorism financing has subsequently been formed.

Source: Economic Times



IMPORTANCE OF SIKKIM AS A BORDER STATE



Sikkim is a special State and this for many reasons. First, Denjong or the Valley of Rice, as Sikkim is traditionally known, is today a stable and prosperous State; the fact that the charismatic Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling has recently become the longest serving Indian Chief Minister, is a clear sign of the continuity. Sikkim is also the first organic State in India, showing the way to other smaller progressive States. At a time this State is so crucial to India's security, it remains a trend-setter and a model. India can't afford to have unsecure and 'unhappy' borders, when the northern neighbour is always ready to change the status quo.

Source: Pioneer

MAURITIUS TO HOST 11TH WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE IN AUGUST

The 11th World Hindi Conference (WHC), organised jointly by the Government of Mauritius and the Government of India, will be held in Mauritius at Swami Vivekanand International Convention Centre in Pailles from 18 to 20 August 2018. The Minister of External Affairs, Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, accompanied by two other ministers will lead the Indian delegation comprising some 100 members.

The main theme of the 11th WHC is Hindi VishwaAurBharatiySanskriti which means Global Hindi and Indian Culture. Online registration can be made on the official website www.vishwahindisammelan.gov.in. The deadline for registration is 15 July 2018. Some 35 countries have already shown their interest of participation.

World Hindi Secretariat

The setting up the WHS in Mauritius was raised at the first World Hindi Conference in Nagpur 1975. On 11 February 2008, the WHS formally started functioning. The foundation stone of the building was laid in 2015 during the visit of the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, to Mauritius. The WHS was inaugurated by the President of the Republic of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, on 13 March 2018 during his visit to Mauritius for the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Independence of the country.

Source: AllAfrica



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Logo Competition by India and Indonesia to commemorate 70 years of Diplomatic Relations

In 2019, India and Indonesia will commemorate 70 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations. Apart from various celebrations to commemorate the occasion; a logo design competition may also be held as a part of the pre-event commemoration activities.

Content of the Contest:
Making of the logo "Celebrating 70 Years of India-Indonesia Diplomatic Relations"
(A Logo representing friendly relations between India and Indonesia with designs that can be used for various publications and publicity).

For more details available at:
indianembassyjakarta.com and
<https://www.facebook.com/IndiaInIndonesia/>

4TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

2018

Ten Cities, Ten Days, Bringing Together Twenty Thousand Yoga Lovers
"Promoting Health and Happiness through Yoga"

Embassy of India is happy to present to you an unprecedented celebration of 4th International Day of Yoga (IDY 2018) across Indonesia and Timor Leste.

In association with Governments, Yoga and community associations; the celebration of 4th IDY would be conducted in Ten cities as per the schedule below.

City	Date	Time	Venue	Contact Person
Malang	22 nd April	6.30 - 8.00 am	Muhammadiyah University, Malang (UMM), Approx. 500 Participants	Mr. Suprpto : +62 8123368597
Jakarta	28 th April	2.00 - 9.00 pm	One Earth Meditation Retreat Centre - Ciawi	Mr. Joehanes : +62 811144959
Yogyakarta	5 th May	3.30 - 5.30 pm	Halaman Kantor Balai Kota, Jl. Kenari No.56, Yogyakarta	Mr. Joehanes : +62 811144959
Bandung	9 th June	6.30 - 8.00 am	Venue, TBC Approx. 500 Participants	Mr. Dudit : +62 81321331574
Bali	16 th June	4.00 - 9.00 pm	Anand Ashram Ubud, Jl. Sri Wedari Km. 3	Mr. Joehanes : +62 811144959
Dili (Timor Leste)	16 th June	6.30 - 8.00 am	Venue, Dili Approx. 500 Participants	Mr. R.O. Sunil Babu +62 8113867270
Bali	17 th June	6.30 - 8.00 am	Venue, Renon, Lapangan Niti Mandala, Denpasar Approx. 2000 Participants	Mrs. Kezia : +62 87851431024
Surabaya	21 st June	6.30 - 8.00 am	Brawijaya Driving Range Golf course Jl. Hayam Wuruk No. 54-A Approx. 5000 Participants	Mr. U P Singh : +62 81330896682 Mr. Guna Shekhar : +62 89662270770
Jakarta	23 rd June	6.30 - 8.00 am	Taman Menteng, Jakarta Pusat Approx. 1500 Participants	Mr. Makrand Shukla +62 8159202686
Medan	24 th June	6.30 - 8.00 am	Venue, Brastagi Ground, Tiara Convention Center (TBC) Approx. 1000 Participants	Mrs. Mariana Sin +62 82166689800
Yogyakarta	24 th June	6.30 - 8.00 am	Prambanan Temple Complex Grand finale - Record Breaking Approx. 10000 Participants	Mrs. Roswita : +62 8128863773
Surabaya	10 th August	6.30 - 8.00 am	Airlangga University Approx. 500 Participants	Mrs. Afifah +62 8113579313

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4TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA
On December 11, 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared June 21st as the International Day of Yoga (IDY). The declaration came after the call for the adoption of June 21st as International Day of Yoga by Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi during his address to UNGA on September 27, 2014. The date (June 21) is the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and has special significance in many parts of the world. Given the tremendous interest the celebration of the 3rd International Day of Yoga generated in Indonesia, this year celebrations have been planned on an even larger scale. You are cordially invited to join us in the celebration of the 4th IDY.

For more details, schedule of the 4th IDY Celebration available at:
indianembassyjakarta.com and
<https://www.facebook.com/IndiaInIndonesia/>



FLAVOR'S OF INDIA VEGETABLE MANCHURIAN

Recipe Servings: 2

Prep Time: 10 Minutes

Cook Time: 35 Minutes

Total Cook Time: 45 Minutes

Ingredients of Veg. Manchurian:

For vegetable balls

½ cup cabbage

½ cup carrot

½ cup capsicum

½ cup spring onion

1 tsp ginger

1 tsp garlic

3 tbsp corn flour

2 tbsp maida

2 tsp salt

2 tsp black pepper

1 tsp soya sauce

1 tbsp water

For Manchurian sauce

Oil

2 tbsp garlic

1 tbsp ginger

1 tsp green chilli

2 tbsp spring onion 2 tbsp tomato ketchup

2 tbsp chilly sauce

1 tsp soya sauce

1 tsp vinegar

1 ½ tbsp salt

1 tbsp black pepper

3 tbsp corn flour

1 cup water

How to make Veg. Manchurian:

- Take all the veggies, finely chopped, in a bowl along with ginger, garlic, corn flour, maida, salt, black pepper and soya sauce.
- Mix them well, adding water as required for consistency.
- Make round balls out of the thick vegetable mixture.
- Now deep fry the vegetable balls in a pan.

Prepare the Sauce:

- Heat some oil in a pan and saute ginger, garlic and green chilli in it for a while.
- Add spring onion, tomato ketchup, chilly sauce, soya sauce and vinegar followed by salt and black pepper.
- Mix them well and add a mixture of corn flour plus water to the pan.
- Mix thoroughly and put the fried vegetable balls into the mixture.
- Properly mix the balls along with the sauce.
- Garnish with spring onion and celery. Serve hot along with cooked rice.

Source: food.ndtv



ISLAMIC ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA – RAMADHAN SPECIAL (PART 1)



Mecca Masjid, Hyderabad

If **Mecca Masjid** finds itself being a tourist attraction throughout the year, the month of Ramadan makes it probably the busiest of places in Hyderabad. The already crowded lanes play host to small shops selling all sorts of things, ranging from toy guns to bangles and the Hyderabad special delicacies. The rains only add to the chaos and it's not hard to get lost in the markets here. The Masjid started its foundation in the 1600s, when the ruling king commissioned to build bricks from the soil brought from Mecca – the holiest land of Islam. These bricks were used to form the central ark of the structure and took them more than 50 years to complete the entire masjid. The main structure of this Islamic Architecture in India which houses a small dome surrounded by minarets was placed between two columns made out of single pieces of granite. These columns have arched balconies at the top which continues further till it is covered by a dome. The entrance courtyard of the mosque houses the graves of the Asif Jahi rulers, containing the tombs of all Nizams and their families. The structure closely resembles to that of the Char Minar which is located nearby. The place is a must visit during Ramadan for anyone who wishes to experience the Islamic culture first hand. The sound of the prayers, the smell of the seekh kabab and the bustling crowd make for a once in a lifetime experience.





Jama Masjid, Delhi

The biggest Mosque and Islamic Architecture in India springs to life during Ramadan as its large courtyards are filled with hundreds of people gathered to break their fast. Families huddle up on sheets of cloth or newspapers spread out to indulge in some delicious iftar meals. A wide variety of food is prepared for this occasion in Matia Mahal, a narrow alley near the mosque which sees a lot of temporary food stalls crop during Ramadan. Most of the stalls don't even have a name but a single binding objective to serve the community and not let anyone leave starving. The Mosque built by Shah Jahan, is one of the most important and largest mosques in India, befittingly called the Grand Mosque. Located centrally in old Delhi, the courtyard can hold up to twenty-five thousand worshippers. The foundation of the mosque was set on a hillock and it took about 6 years and over 6000 workers to complete the structure. The mosque is 261 feet high and is covered with 3 domes with alternated white and black stripes while most of the upper part is covered with gold. Two high minarets stand tall on either side of the domes. Shah Jahan also built several other mosques of similar plan but smaller in structure than that of Jama Masjid in Delhi.

Source: <https://www.holidify.com/blog/ramdan-places-to-visit/>



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