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- India contributes $1 million to UN Special Purpose Trust Fund.
- Railway Ministry launches Commando for Railway Security.
- Govt. not to allow knee implants cost rise beyond 10% in a year.
- Assam's Dikom Tea Estate brand fetches 'record' Rs.75,000/kg.
- Tamil Nadu's Panchamirtham prasadam granted GI tag.
- India win historic gold at 2019 Junior Track World Cycling Championship.

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INDIA'S FOREX RESERVES AT NEW LIFE-TIME HIGH OF $430.57 BN

India's foreign exchange reserves surged by $1.620 billion to $430.572 billion in the week to 9 August on rise in foreign currency assets, according to the latest RBI data released in August. In the previous reporting week ended on 2 August, the reserves had declined by $697.2 million to $428.952 billion. In the reporting week, foreign currency assets, a major component of the overall reserves, increased by $15.2 million to $398.739 billion. Expressed in dollar terms, foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation/depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the reserves. The country's gold reserves surged by $1.591 billion to $26.754 billion, according to data. Special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund were up by $6.7 million to $1.441 billion.
Source- Livemint

INDIA CONTRIBUTES $1 MILLION TO UN SPECIAL PURPOSE TRUST FUND

India has contributed $1 million to the UN Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Resident Coordinator System. The Special Purpose Trust Fund (SPTF) is a specific fund housed within the UN Secretariatestablished to receive, consolidate, manage and account for all contributions and financial transactions of the new Resident Coordinator system in a transparent and effective way, according to the UN information. "Tangible contribution. India is happy to tangibly contribute to reform of the @UN Development system," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin tweeted.
Source- official website PMI to UN. Economic Times

RAILWAY MINISTRY LAUNCHES COMMANDO FOR RAIL WAY SECURITY

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal inducted the Commando for Railway Security (CORAS) and promised to set up a commando training centre in Haryana to modernize and train commandos of the Railway Protection Force(RPF). At a function at the New Delhi railway station, Mr. Goyal inducted the first batch of the CORAS commandos. Before that, the commando team gave a demonstration of how they would rescue hostages from a passenger train. Goyal said: "These CORAS commandos will be posted in Left extremist wing affected areas, northeastern region and Jammu and Kashmir where providing security to the passengers and the railway network is of utmost priority. "A new state-of-the-art commando training centre for RPF will be started in Jagadhri (in Haryana) which will have access to latest technology and equipment." The Minister said the RPF's crack commando team of 1,200 officers will get the most modern equipment and world-class training. "This will help train the other 60,000-65,000 fellow officers of RPF."
Source- The Hindu

GOVT. NOT TO ALLOW KNEE IMPLANTS COST RISE BEYOND 10% IN A YEAR

The ceiling priceof orthopaedic knee implants will be monitored to ensure that the cost does not increase beyond 10 per cent in a given year. "Though the industry has requested for a 20 per cent (10 per cent for the year 2018 and 10 per cent for the year 2019) increase in the price of knee implants, it was decided to further monitor the price increase of knee implants as per para 20 of the DPCO, 2013 that restricts price increase beyond 10 per cent in a given year. This shall be subject to a review after one year," an official statement said. The NPPA notified the ceiling price of orthopaedic knee implants on 16th August, 2017 by invoking extraordinary powers, in public interest, under Para 19 of Drugs Prices Control Order (DPCO) 2013, for a period of one year.
Source- The Economic Times

ASSAM'S DIKOM TEA ESTATE BRAND FETCHES 'RECORD' RS.75,000/KG

TA rare variety of tea from Upper Assam's Dikom Tea Estate set a new record as it was auctioned for Rs 75,000 per kg at the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (GTAC). The tea, 'Golden Butterfly', was purchased by city- based Assam Tea Traders, GTAC Buyers Association Secretary Dinesh Bihani said. "In the tea sector, this auction centre has created an image of a place where records are meant to be broken andhistory is meant to be re-written", Bihani said adding that this exceptionally rare and special tea" was sold through J Thomas and Company. The GTAC is emerging as a centre for showcasing high-priced Assam speciality tea. The centre is providing an opportunity to sellers who want to sell their tea at remunerative prices. An exotic tea is judged by its aroma, taste and colour and this tea is characterised by extremely mellow and sweet caramel flavour.
Source- Business Standard

TAMIL NADU'S PANCHAMIRTHAM PRASADAM GRANTED GI TAG

The famous Palani panchamirtham, given as 'prasadam' at the Murugan temple there, has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This is the first time a temple 'prasadam' from Tamil Nadu has been bestowed with the GI tag. The application was filed by the Joint Commissioner/Executive Officer, Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Thirukkoil, North Giriveethi, Adivaram, Palani. Chinnaraja G. Naidu, Deputy Registrar of Geographical Indications, confirmed that the GI tag had been given for the panchamirtham.
Source- The Hindu

INDIA WIN HISTORIC GOLD AT 2019 JUNIOR TRACK WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP

India won a gold, silver and bronze each to finish sixth in the medals tally. Germany, New Zealnd and Greece claimed the top three places respectively. The trio of Esow, Ronaldo Singh and Rojit Singh scripted history by grabbing a gold in the men's sprint event.India's Esow Alben bagged two individual medals at the World Junior Track Championship to help India register its best ever performance at a global cycling event. Esow then secured a silver medal winning performance in the individual sprint event.The 18-year-old also won the bronze in the men's individual keirin event.

Source-
The Hindu

MISSION ACTIVITIES

73rd Independence Day of India was celebrated with much enthusiasm and fervor in the Embassy premises. Cd'A unfurled the National flag which was followed by scintillating Cultural performances by School students.

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73rd Independence Day of India Reception hosted at Timor-Leste (Dili) today. Former President and Nobel Laureate H.E Ramos Horta and DG Ambassador Isilio along with C'dA Prakash Gupta and members of the diplomatic corps, media and Indian community joined in the celebrations.

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FLAVOR'S OF INDIA
TRICOLOR THAI FRUIT JELLY RECIPE

Chef: Gopal Jha
Recipe Servings: 2
Prep Time: 10 mins
Cook Time: 1 hr 15 mins
Total Cook Time: 1 hr 25 mins
Difficulty Level: Medium

Ingredients Of Tricolor Thai Fruit Jelly:

- 350 ml coconut milk
- 2 Kafir lime leaves
- 40 gms orange dices
- 30 ml lychee juice
- coconut water (all
- from the shell)
- 350 ml orange juice
- A pinch of salt
- To taste sugar
- 40 gms kiwi dices
- 15 gms agar agar

How to Make Tricolor Thai Fruit Jelly:

- Boil coconut Milk: Place a saucepan on flame and pour coconut milk dissolved in coconut water and let it boil, add sugar, kafir limeand wait until it releases flavour, then remove from flame.
- Dissolve agar agar: Place another pot or saucepan on flame and pour about 150 ml of water and add the agar agar into it. Switch flame to high mode and let it boil well, wait until dissolve. Wait patiently, it will dissolve after about 10 to 15 minutes of time.
- Now make the kiwi puree and put in a boiling water as per consistency. Once it starts boiling add agar agar and let it dissolve. Add litchi juice to adjust the sweetness, once the mixture is completely dissolved remove from flame and put in a glass jar for the layer to set.
- Nowpour one third of agar agar into hot coconut milk and stir well. Add little salt also.
- Now cut the oranges and take out the chunks. Add orange juice for boiling, add agar agar and let it dissolve, once done add orange segments into it.
- Layer the glass jar with second layer with coconut milk and keep in the fridge for setting the layer. Once done take it out and put the third layer with orange juice.
- Refrigerate or let it set in room temperature, bu refrigeration will help quicken the process. Use a ladle to pour the mixture and be very gentle while pouring, se that there are no air bubbles while you pour.
- Try pouring equal levels to make sure it looks good. Refrigerate or set side until it sets well.

Source : food.ndtv

11. Agumbe: Spectate The Dreamy Sunsets

For those who've grown up watching the famous series of Malgudi Days, might find it very easy to spot the beautiful town of Agumbe. Located in the heart of, Agumbe is one of the best places to visit in India during August 2018 for 3 days as far as monsoon getaways near Bangalore are concerned.

12. Kanyakumari: Touch The Breathtaking Tip Of India

Located at the southernmost tip of Tamil Nadu, Kanyakumari is a beautiful coastal town that never fails to impress the travelers with its tropical charm. Being one of the best places to visit in August in India for beach vacations, Kanyakumari also serves as the famous starting point of an incredible bike trip through the coastal strips of India.

13. Pahalgam: Observe The Mother Nature At Its Best

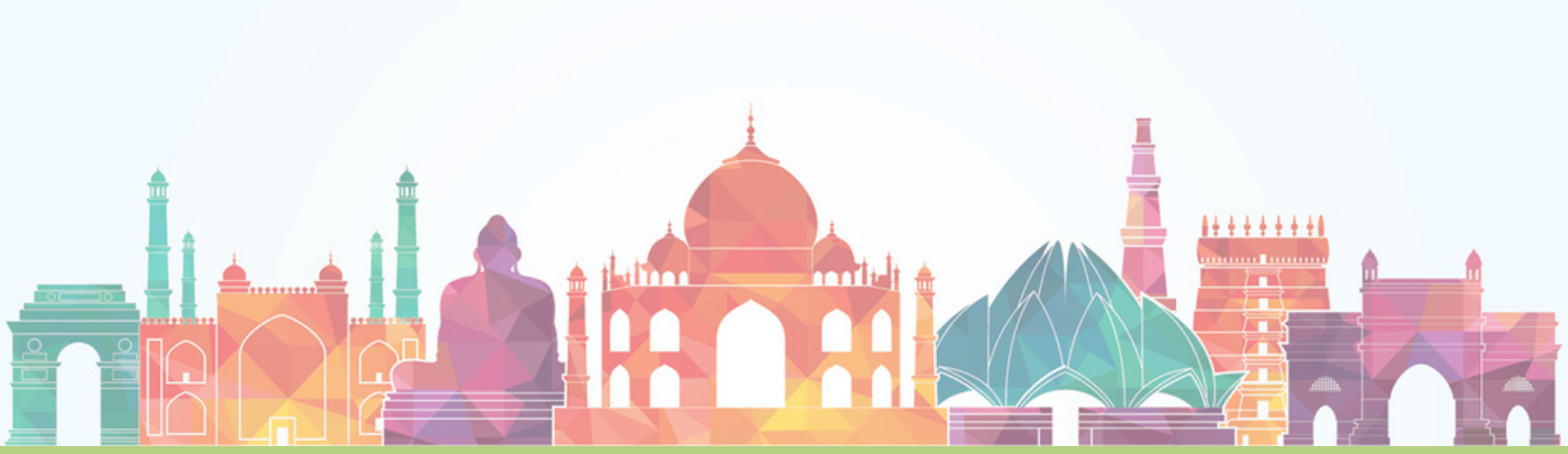
IMuch famed as the beautiful hill station located at the heart of Jammu & Kashmir, Pahalgam is popularly known as the Valley of Shepherds. Set at a height of whooping 7200 ft., Pahalgam is encircled by the snow-bound Himalayan ranges, striking valleys, dense pine forests, and awe-inspiring vistas. Pahalgam and surrounding areas make perfect fit in the list of places to visit in August in north India.

14. Bikaner: Grasp The Old-World Charm

Located not too far off the borders of Pakistan, Bikaner is one of the iconic places to visit in August in India. Confined by the presence of Thar desert on all four sides, Bikaner is home to the famous Junagarh Fort which was built back in the 16th century.

15. Khajuraho: Feel The Essence Of Spirituality

Enjoying the status of being one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India, Khajuraho enjoys being the center of attraction when it comes to places to visit in Madhya Pradesh. With infinite temples of love, the erotic carvings on the temple walls are considered to be one of the finest forms of art across the world. It's charming weather in August and numerous attractions to explore make it one of the finest places to visit in August in India with friends.



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