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NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi is the most followed world leader on Instagram.
- NRIs voting rights Bill in RS in upcoming Session.
- Over 70 mission heads visit Prayagraj to witness Kumbh preparations.
- Diaspora should act as India's ambassadors.
- Indian venture capital investments more than doubles in 2017.
- India to retain its top spot as global remittances receiver.
- Indian-origin teens on '25 most influential' list.

INDIA CULTURE WEEK @ YOGYAKARTA (17-23 DECEMBER 2018)



CULTURE & CULINARY Low Calorie Microwave Dhokla Recipe



TRAVEL TO INDIA Gorgeous Places To Visit In India In December





PRIME MINISTER MR. NARENDRA MODI IS THE MOST FOLLOWED WORLD LEADER ON INSTAGRAM

Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi is the most followed leader with 14.8 million followers on Instagram. According to the Twiplomacy study 2018, which is conducted by Burson-Marsteller, an international public relations and communications firm. Apart from being the most followed, PM Mr. Narendra Modi is also the most liked photos among the world's leaders. The photo of Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli calling on Modi after their wedding was the most liked. "Not surprisingly, the picture has received 1,834,707 hearts since all three [Modi, Sharma and Kohli] have a combined following of 55 million on Instagram," the study noted.

Source: India Today

NRIS VOTING RIGHTS BILL IN RS IN UPCOMING SESSION

The Government informed the Supreme Court that a Bill to amend electoral law to allow NRIs to vote through postal or e-ballots has been passed by the Lok Sabha and is likely to come up in the Rajya Sabha in the upcoming Winter Session. The Government told this to Bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta which was hearing a batch of petitions filed by Nagender Chindam, chairman of London-based Pravasi Bharat organisation, and other Non Resident Indians (NRIs), including Shamsheer VP. The petitions have said that 114 countries, including 20 Asian nations, have adopted external voting, which could be held by setting up polling booths at diplomatic missions or through postal, proxy or electronic voting.

Source: PTI

OVER 70 MISSION HEADS VISIT PRAYAGRAJ TO WITNESS KUMBH PREPARATIONS

The Heads of Missions boarded a special flight to Prayagraj to witness 'Kumbh Mela' in the Making. Massive preparations are underway for the Kumbh Mela which has been recognised by the UNESCO as an "intangible cultural heritage of humanity". The Kumbh Mela is the largest religious gathering in the world and is held every 12 years on the banks of the 'Sangam'— the confluence of the holy rivers Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati – in Prayagraj. The Mela alternates between Nasik, Prayagraj, Ujjain and Haridwar every three years. The one celebrated at the Sangam is the largest and holiest of them. The Kumbh Mela will begin in Prayagraj on January 15, 2019.

Source: The Pioneer





DIASPORA SHOULD ACT AS INDIA'S AMBASSADORS

Union Minister of State for Home Mr. Kiren Rijiju told a visiting group of 40 Indian Diaspora youths to act as ambassadors of India's growth story and spread the good word about their experience in this country on their return. The group from eight countries is in India as part of a 25-day visit under the 49th 'Know India Programme' (KIP) being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with the Andhra Pradesh government. The KIP is an initiative to engage young Indian Diaspora in the age group of 18 to 30 years and make them feel a sense of connect with their motherland. He invited the Indian Diaspora youths to avail scholarship programme GIAN (Global Initiative for Academic Network), VAJRA Faculty Scheme which aims to bring a strong international connect to the R&D ecosystem of India, Mission Shodh GANGA (Global Alliance for New Generation Acceleration), Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) and Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC). Since 2004, the MEA has conducted 48 editions of KIP with participation of 1,612 overseas Indian youths.

Source: Outlook India

INDIAN VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS MORE THAN DOUBLES IN 2017

India is attracting top dollars from global and local Venture Capital (VC) funds, with total raised this year touching \$2.3 billion, up until September 30, as against \$900 million in whole of 2017. Consumer technology sector has attracted the maximum funding by VCs in India, followed by IT, consumer/retail, BFSI and healthcare. The average ticket size of investments in consumer technology was about \$7 million, while it was in the region of \$5.5-7 million for other sectors, according to a latest report by Consultancy firm Bain & Company and Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (IVCA). The top start-ups which received top dollars from VCs and PE funds in the consumer technology sector in the recent months include ByJu's, UnAcademy and Toppr (education tech), Portea and CureFit (Health tech), Swiggy, FoodPanda and Zomato (Food tech), PayTM, Freecharge and PolicyBazar (FinTech) and Ixigo, Yatra and Oyo (OTAs - online travel aggregators). Enabling government policies, availability of high quality tech talent pool and highly conducive ecosystem are the other factors which are propelling big ticket VC and private equity funding to Indian start-ups, the report said.

Source: arabianbusiness.com





INDIA TO RETAIN ITS TOP SPOT AS GLOBAL REMITTANCES RECEIVER

India will retain its top spot as a global receiver of remittances, according to the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief. India remittances are expected to total \$80 billion (Dh293 billion) this year, followed by China (\$67 billion), Mexico and the Philippines (\$34 billion each), and Egypt (\$26 billion). India has been a top country in terms of remittances as the large diaspora in the Gulf and other countries send money home.

Source: Gulf News

INDIAN-ORIGIN TEENS ON '25 MOST INFLUENTIAL' LIST

Three Indian-origin students have been named among the 25 most influential teens of 2018 by Time magazine for making a mark across numerous fields. Indian-American Kavya Kopparapu, Rishab Jain and British-Indian Amika George are among the group who have become an inspiration for youngsters due to their spectacular achievements.

Rishabh, an eighth grader, has developed an algorithm that can possibly be a cure to pancreatic cancer. Kavya Kopparapu, a freshman at Harvard University, developed a computer system that can scan slides of tissue from brain cancer patients looking for differences in density, colour, texture and cellular alignment that are unique to that particular person's case. Amika George launched the #FreePeriods drive, gathering 2 lakh signatures on her plea to help eradicate period poverty; the movement garnered the support of UK policymakers, galvanising the government to allocate funds for the first time.

Source: PTI



"INDIA CULTURE WEEK" CELEBRATIONS IN YOGYAKARTA (17-23 DECEMBER 2018)



Embassy of India Jakarta begins its 'INDIA CULTURE WEEK' in Yogyakarta with a Yoga Session at Plaza Monument SO 1 Maret (City Center) in the morning on 16 December 2018 with over 400 local participants.

Yoga Session with over 175 yogis comprising students & faculty members at Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga in the morning of 17 December 2018. The Chancellor reminded the deep bond between India and Indonesia when he inaugurated various activities.



'India-Indonesia Higher Education Forum' at Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga in Yogyakarta on 17 December 2018 as part of the 'Indian Cultural Week'. Acharya University, Bengaluru & UIN Sunan Kalijaga signed a MoU to promote Student & Faculty exchange programs. Indonesian students have been invited to study in India.

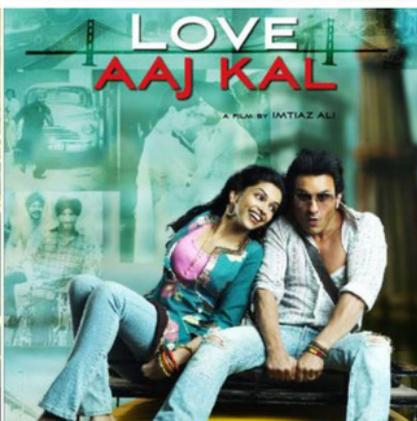
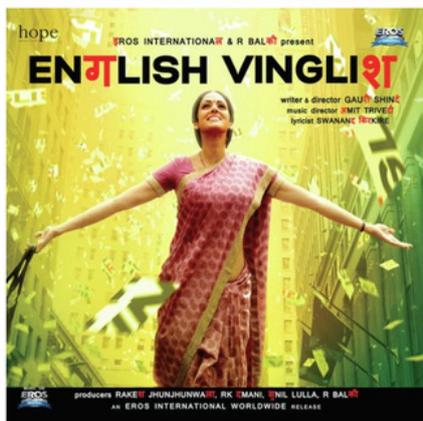


Photo Exhibition on 'Shared Islamic Heritage' at the Main Library Hall of Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga from 17 - 23 December 2018 as part of the 'Indian Culture Week' celebrations in Yogyakarta.





'Indian Film Festival' at Theatrical Library, Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga from 17-23 December 2018. Seven of India's latest Bollywood hits like English Vinglish; Tanu Weds Manu; Love Aaj Kal; Barfi; Chennai Express; Hum Saath Sath Hain and Rock On dubbed in Bahasa Indonesia screened to cinema lovers in Yogyakarta.



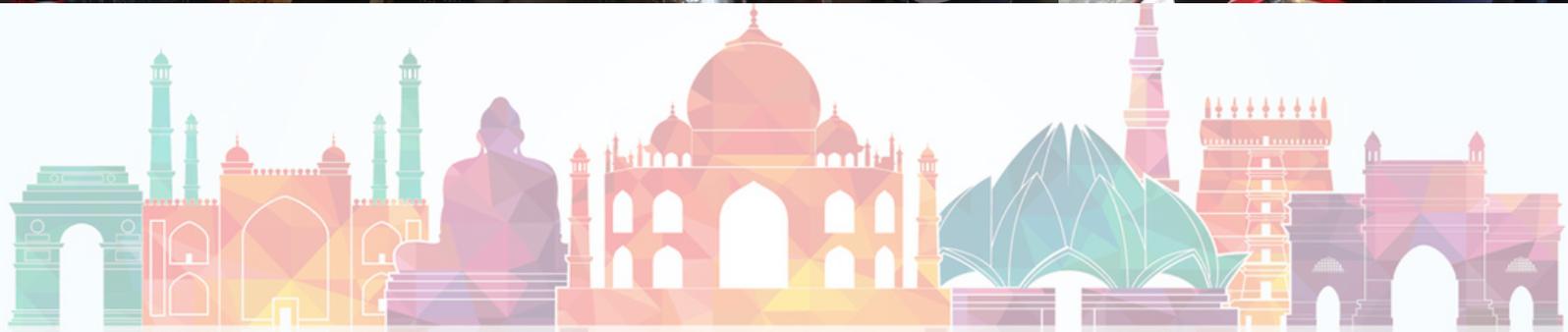
The grand cultural presentation of modern Indian dance by the 'Sapphire Dance Creations Group' at Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga on the evening of 17 December 2018 as part of 'India Culture Week' celebrations in Yogyakarta.



'India-Indonesia Tourism Seminar' in association with Provincial Government of Yogyakarta Special Region at Hotel Sheraton Mustika Yogyakarta on 18 December 2018 - Leading Tour & Travel companies from India and Indonesia come together to offer packages for Incredible India experience as part of 'India Culture Week' celebrations at Yogyakarta .



'Indian Food Festival' - offering the best of Indian cuisine to Yogyakarta food lovers. Indian Chef showcases authentic Indian delicacies from various states of India at Hotel Sheraton Mustika from 18-23 December 2018 as part of 'India Culture Week' celebrations in Yogyakarta.



Indian contemporary dance from 'Sapphire Dance Creations Group' entertains a packed audience at Societet Building on the evening of 18 December 2018 and followed by fusion performance of 'Jogja Ramayana Opera' as part of the 'India Culture Week' celebrations at Yogyakarta.



Scintillating performance by 'Sapphire Dance Creations Group' at Gandhi Memorial Intercontinental School, Jakarta on the evening of 20 December 2018.



Tourism Ministry of Indonesia hosts the spectacular dance performance of 'Sapphire Dance Creations Group' at Saptia Pesona to a packed audience, some of who danced to their amazing moves! (21 December 2018)





FLAVORS OF INDIA

LOW CALORIE MICROWAVE DHOKLA RECIPE

RECIPE SERVINGS: 6
PREP TIME: 15 MINS
COOK TIME: 15 MINS
TOTAL COOK TIME: 30 MINS
DIFFICULTY LEVEL: EASY

INGREDIENTS OF LOW CALORIE MICROWAVE DHOKLA :

- 1 CUP BESAN
- 1 TSP SUJI
- 1 TSP GINGER+GREEN CHILLI PASTE
- 1 TSP SALT
- 1/2 NOS LEMON JUICE
- 1 TSP TURMERIC POWDER
- 2 TBSP CURD
- 1 CUP WATER
- 1 TSP FRUIT SALT
- FOR TADKA:
- 2 TSP OIL
- 1 TSP MUSTARD SEEDS
- 15-20 CURRY LEAVES
- 2 NOS GREEN CHILLIES
- 1 TSP SESAME SEEDS
- 1 CUP WATER, GRATED
- TO GARNISH COCONUT
- TO GARNISH CORIANDER LEAVES

HOW TO MAKE LOW CALORIE MICROWAVE DHOKLA :

TAKE BESAN IN A LARGE DEEP BOWL. ADD SOOJI AND GINGER WITH GREEN CHILLI PASTE TO IT. MIX THEM THOROUGHLY, ADD SALT AND LEMON JUICE AND MIX AGAIN. ADD TURMERIC POWDER AND CURD TO THE MIX AND WHISK THOROUGHLY. PUT FRUIT SALT IN THE BATTER AND MIX SOME MORE. TRANSFER THE BATTER TO A MICROWAVE-FRIENDLY UTENSIL AND MICROWAVE IT ON HIGH POWER FOR 6-8 MINUTES.

PREPARE TADKA :

IN A HOT OIL PAN, PUT MUSTARD SEEDS. SAUTE A LITTLE AND ADD CURRY LEAVES AND GREEN CHILLIES. SAUTE WELL. ADD SESAME SEEDS AND SOME WATER. MIX THEM WELL. POUR THE TADKA OVER COOKED MICROWAVE DHOKLA. GARNISH WITH GRATED COCONUT AND CORIANDER LEAVES. CUT THE DISH IN DESIRED SIZES AND SERVE FRESH.

ABOUT LOW CALORIE MICROWAVE DHOKLA RECIPE | DHOKLA RECIPE: THE MOST POPULAR GUJARATI SNACK, DHOKLA IS NOT JUST A FAVOURITE IN INDIA BUT IS MUCH LOVED IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AS WELL. THE LIGHT YET FILLING SNACK IS PERFECT FOR EVENING SNACKS AND WHEN UNEXPECTED GUESTS ARRIVE, JUST WHIP UP THE BATTER AND THIS QUICK AND HEALTHY LOW CALORIE MICROWAVE DHOKLA WILL SAVE THE DAY.

SOURCE : NDTV

GORGEOUS PLACES TO VISIT IN INDIA IN DECEMBER

6. Auli, Uttarakhand – Skiing capital of India



The snow clad peaks of the Neelkant, Mana Parbat, and Nanda Devi give an awe-inspiring panoramic view of the hills which will make your toes freeze, especially at the time of Christmas. Want to learn skiing at one of the best skiing places to visit in December? Well, then you've to add Auli to your list of places to explore in December. It is the time when you can start learning this thrilling adventure sport. And if you think skiing is your thing, you must attend the National Championship of Skiing held in January at Auli.

7. Chopta, Uttarakhand – Perfect for both adventure-lovers and peace-seekers



One of the best destinations to visit in December, Chopta offers a panoramic view of snow laden Nanda Devi, Trishul, and Chaukhamba. One can feel the freshness and romance in the air of Chopta. It isn't just a destination to watch mesmerizing snowfall, but also a great trekking destination for adventure lovers.





8. Binsar, Uttarakhand – Adorned with sky-kissing peaks



Binsar is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular places to visit in winter in India. In the lap of statuesque and breathtakingly beautiful peaks of Nanda Devi, Pachachuli, and Trishul, lies the sleepy hill town. Binsar is mainly known for the serene and dense forests of Binsar wildlife sanctuary. One can admire the panoramic view of the Himalayan peaks like Kedarnath and Nanda Devi from Zero Point in Binsar. Among the best places to visit in December in India, Binsar is every photographer's, every poet's, and every writer's dream.

9. Mukteshwar, Uttarakhand – For that serene weekend getaway



2,285 mt above sea level, Mukteshwar is among the most spectacular winter places in India. The marvelous views of imposing Himalayan peaks and the dense forests of the hill station fascinate young couples and nature lovers. The snow-clad slopes and the green meadows covered under a thick but soft snow make Mukteshwar one of the most romantic destinations to visit in India during winter.





10. Leh, Ladakh – Hailing the thrill-seeking trekkers

The crystal blue ice and the hills on the backdrop will flabbergast you. The only frozen ice trek in India is incredible! The extreme adventures of the Chadar trek couples with -14 degree Celsius temperature. There are other amazing treks besides Chadar namely—Sham trek, Liker to Khaltse trek and Samboo to Khalsar. Too daring an adventure? Worry not, take a cup of hot chocolate and unwind in the God’s paradise!



11. Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir – Indeed a heavenly destination



Do you remember that song from the movie Mission Kashmir -‘Socho ke jheelon ka ek shehar ho’ in Shikara featuring Preity Zinta and Hrithik Roshan? Well, then you can actually reshoot the same scene with your love at this romantic hideaway in India. The best part, temperature in December just touches the freezing point. Explore Gulmarg and go skiing on the fresh snow. Don’t miss the Gulmarg Snow festival that makes this one of the best places to visit in December. It is just 56 kilometers from Srinagar.



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