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LOK SABHA POLLS 2019: ELECTION COMMISSION JOINS TWITTER TO CREATE VOTER AWARENESS

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has registered on Twitter to promote voter awareness ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. The account name, ECI #DeshKaMahaTyohar, will be used to make people aware about their voting rights. The EC's decision to open official account on Twitter comes days after Twitter introduced an election emoji, which has an image of Parliament and its hashtag is available in 12 different languages.

The Twitter account refers to the Election Commission of India's awareness programme called "Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation"(SVEEP), which utilises various modes and media to educate citizens.

The official website of SVEEP provides information on how people can register themselves for voting, deadlines for the registration, and the key elections dates.

"Welcome Election Commission of India @ECISVEEP on Twitter! Look forward to raising voter awareness together #LokSabhaElections2019 #DeshKaMahaTyohar" Twitter said in a post. The account has 14,000 plus followers and is following nine people as of now, including official accounts of Chief Electoral Officers of various states and the official account of Twitter India.

Source- Business Today

ELECTION COMMISSION ADVISORY ON TELECASTING EXIT POLLS INCLUDES WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA

The Election Commission issued an advisory to the media saying exit polls can only be telecast after the final phase of polling for the Lok Sabha elections ends on May 19. The advisory is also applicable for Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim.

The Election Commission's advisory said that TV, radio channels, cable networks, websites and social media platforms should ensure that the contents of programmes telecast during the 48-hour period before the end of polls in each phase "do not contain any material, including views or appeals by participants that may be construed as promoting or prejudicing the prospect" of any particular party or candidate. The advisory included guidelines to websites and social media for the first time.

"The Election Commission will monitor the broadcasts made by news broadcasters from the time elections are announced until the conclusion and announcement of election results," the advisory said. "Any violation by member broadcasters reported to the News Broadcasting Standards Authority by the Election Commission will be dealt with by the NBSA under its regulations."

The Election Commission said news broadcasters must not air any final or definite results until they are formally announced by the poll body. It said such results should be carried with a disclaimer that they are "unofficial or incomplete or partial results or projections which should not be taken as final results".

Source- Scroll.in, The hindubusinessline



INDIA'S FOREST-CERTIFICATION SCHEME GETS GLOBAL RECOGNITION

India now has a globally recognised forest-certification scheme developed specifically for Indian forests. Recently, a Geneva-based non-profit decided to endorse the Certification Standard for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) developed by Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF), an Indian non-profit.

Forest certification, a global movement initiated in 1990s after Rio Earth Summit, is a market-based non-regulatory conservation tool designed to promote sustainable management of forests and trees outside forests by an independent third party.

"The NCCF's forest certification scheme is aimed to improve India's forest management regime that is often criticised for various issues ailing the sector such as forest rights, forest degradation, biodiversity losses, encroachments, lack of manpower, etc. It is an appropriate time to find the causes of these chronic problems through the lens of forest certification and third-party monitoring to suggest suitable and sustainable solutions to Indian forest management," AK Saxena, deputy director, NCCF, said.

Source-Downtoearth

IAF INDUCTS FOUR CHINOOK HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS

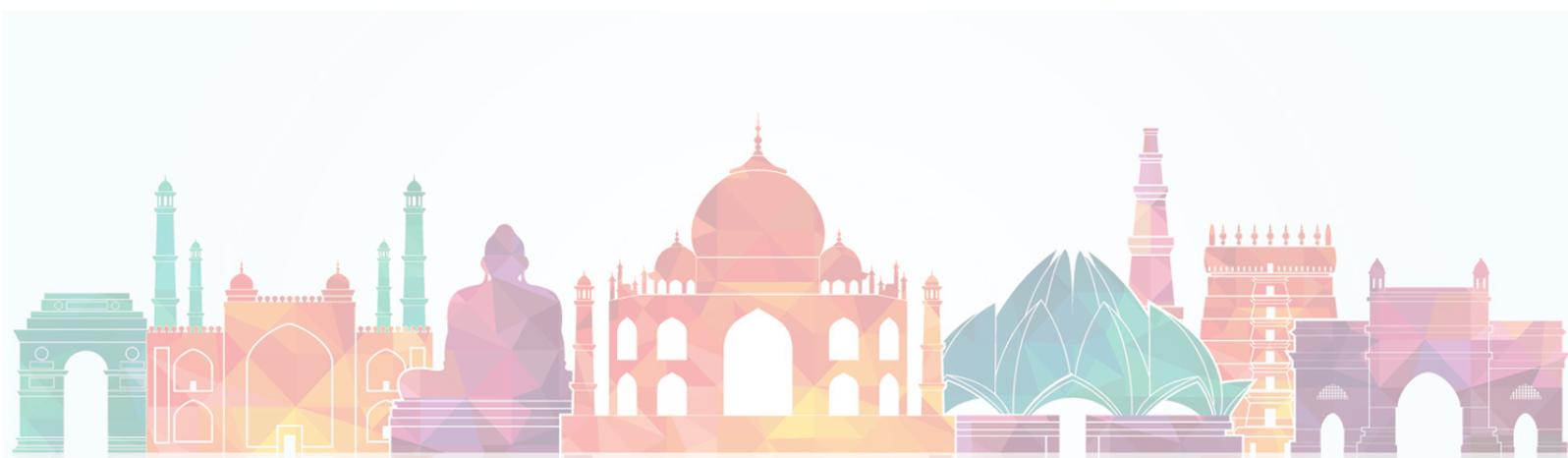
The Indian Air Force inducted four CH-47 Chinook choppers. The heavy-lift choppers were inducted by Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa in Chandigarh. The Chinook choppers will be used for various military purposes including deploying of troops and machinery at high-altitude locations along the India-Pakistan border.

The induction of these heavy-lift choppers is going to be a big boost for the Indian air force as not only is the Chinook highly manoeuvrable, it can also be operated at any time and in all-weather. Additionally, these choppers are suitable for operation in tough, dense terrain.

The induction of the CH-47F(I) Chinooks is an asset to the Indian Air Force's airlift capabilities. This modern, multi-mission-capable, heavy-lift transport helicopter will enhance our heli-lift capability across all types of terrain to full effect.

"With its advanced capabilities and versatility, we are confident that the CH-47F(I) Chinook will be an important asset to the Indian Air Force. Boeing remains committed to working closely with India to support the modernization of its armed forces and fulfil the country's current and future security goals," said Michael Koch, Vice President, India, Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

Source- Bussiness Today



THE WIRE'S RAGHU KARNAD WINS PRESTIGIOUS WINDHAM-CAMPBELL LITERARY PRIZE

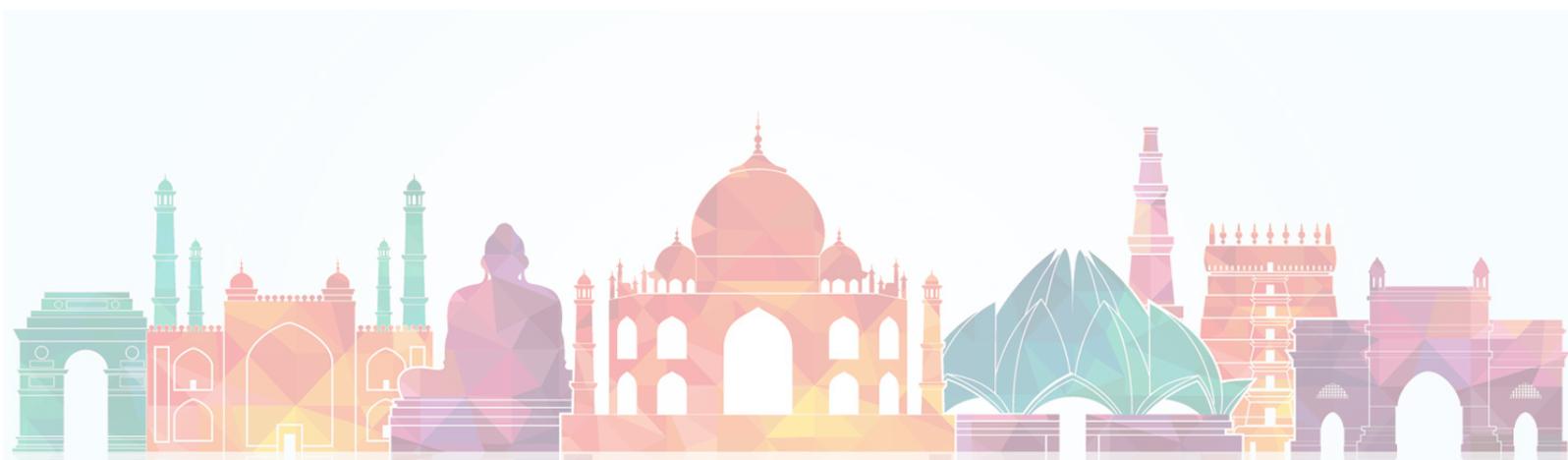
Raghu Karnad has won the 2019 Windham-Campbell Prize in the non-fiction category for “combining forensic archival research with imaginative fire and unsettling national and colonial histories” in his book *Farthest Field: An Indian Story of the Second World War* (Harper Collins, 2016).

Karnad is among eight recipients of the prize this year. The awardees were announced live from London at an event co-presented with the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Stationers’ Hall.

The author previously won the 2016 Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar (English) for his work. Established in 2013, the Windham-Campbell Prizes are among the richest and most prestigious literary prizes. English language writers from anywhere in the world are eligible, and are nominated and judged anonymously.

Karnad’s book narrates a lost chapter in Indian history through the lives of five young people. The book was the end result of the evolution of an essay written in 2012 on the living traces of the Second World War in India’s north-east, which was the runner up in the inaugural Financial Times-Bodley Head essay competition.

Source- The Wire





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2ND INDIA INDONESIA INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM HELD IN JAKARTA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COORDINATING MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS



The 2nd India Indonesia Infrastructure Forum (IIF) was organised by the Embassy of India, jointly with the Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs, on 19 March 2019 at Westin Hotel in Jakarta. The event was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, Coordinating Minister of Maritime Affairs, who also delivered a keynote speech. H.E. Mr Nova Iriansyah, Governor of Aceh Province, H.E. Mr A Gitesh Sarma, Vice Minister of External Affairs, Government of India and H.E. Mr. Pradeep K Rawat, Ambassador of India to Indonesia attended the event and delivered remarks on the occasion.

2. A high-level delegation of over 30 Indian CEO's from infrastructure sectors focusing on Automotive, Mining, Port, Power, Airport, Water Resource Management, Hospital Managements Systems, Industry 4.0 and IT solutions for Infrastructure Projects, participated at the 2nd IIF. Some of the Indian companies represented included GMR, GVK, BHEL, Adani, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Power, TCS, Tech Mahindra, Essar, WAPCOS, EXIM Bank, Jet Airways, amongst several others.



3. Industry counterparts from Indonesia of more than 75 companies in infrastructure sector including Pertamina (Oil & Gas), Garuda (Air connectivity), Angkasa Pura (Airports), Pelindo (Seaports), Jasa Marga (Highway Management), along with officials of BKPM, Ministry of State Owned Enterprises and Ministry of Health also participated at the 2nd IIF.

4. In his opening remarks, Ambassador Rawat called for forging of greater synergies between Indian and Indonesian industries, especially in the infrastructure sector. Mr A. Gitesh Sarma, Vice Minister of External Affairs, Government of India expressed confidence that the 2nd Forum on Infrastructure would build upon the linkages established between the businesses on both sides and lead to greater participation of Indian companies in the ongoing infrastructure projects of Indonesia

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5. Coordinating Minister of Maritime Affairs, Hon'ble Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan welcomed the Indian companies to Indonesia and gave them an overall outline of the improved investment climate in Indonesia and underscored that Infrastructure development was a top priority for the Government of Indonesia. Hon'ble Governor of Aceh welcomed Indian industry participation in Indonesia, particularly in the Aceh Province and stated that both sides were working together to achieve better connectivity between Banda Aceh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

6. 2nd IIF brought together major players and key decision makers in infrastructure sectors from both sides and included presentation by Investment Coordinating Board of Indonesia (BKPM) on incentives being offered to foreign companies and another by Confederation of Indian Industry on India's participation in Indonesian Infrastructure Projects and future prospects. A panel discussion was held involving all key Indonesian Ministries and major Indian Company CEOs on facilitating Indian investments in Indonesia.

7. The event also included B2B meetings between representatives of Indian and Indonesian companies. Significant business leads emerged during the B2B sessions which would be followed by both sides subsequently.

8. A delegates' booklet was published, which provided a comprehensive list of all the infrastructure projects that are available in Indonesia for the year 2019-20.

9. It may be noted that the 1st IIF was held in March 2018 and the continuation of this Annual Event on a regular basis would build existing linkages further with a view to enlarge participation of Indian companies in Indonesian infrastructure projects.



FLAVOR'S OF INDIA

PANEER SHASHLIK WITH BBQ SAUCE RECIPE

TOTAL TIME ; 50M
PREP TIME : 20M
CALORIES : 168

INGREDIENTS OF PANEER SHASHLIK WITH BBQ SAUCE RECIPE :

150 GM CUBED PANEER
1 PINCH SALT
1/4 TEASPOON MUSTARD PASTE
1 TEASPOON TOMATO KETCHUP
1/2 TEASPOON GARLIC PASTE
1 TEASPOON MIXED HERBS
1 TABLESPOON VIRGIN OLIVE OIL
1 PINCH BLACK PEPPER
1/4 TEASPOON BALSAMIC VINEGAR
1/2 TEASPOON RED CHILLI SAUCE
1/2 TEASPOON CHILLI FLAKES

PANEER SHASHLIK IS A GREAT **NORTH INDIAN RECIPE** MADE FROM PANEER MARINATED IN MUSTARD PASTE, BALSAMIC VINEGAR AND MIXED HERBS. IT IS A DELICIOUS RECIPE PERFECT FOR YOUR GAME NIGHTS, KITTY PARTIES WHEN ENTERTAINING A CROWD. IT IS AN AMAZING SNACK RECIPE AND WOULD BE LOVED BY EVERYONE.

HOW TO MAKE PANEER SHASHLIK WITH BBQ SAUCE RECIPE :

STEP 1

PLACE THE PANEER CUBES ON TOOTHPICKS AND SEASON WITH SALT AND PEPPER.

STEP 2

MIX MUSTARD PASTE, BALSAMIC VINEGAR, TOMATO KETCHUP, CHILLI SAUCE, GARLIC PASTE, CHILLI FLAKES AND MIXED HERBS IN A BOWL AND MARINATE THE PANEER IN IT.

STEP 3

HEAT A PAN AND FRY THE PANEER WITH OLIVE OIL OR BUTTER FOR A FEW MINUTES ON EACH SIDE AND SERVE.

SOURCE : RECIPES.TIMESOFINDI



BEST OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR YOUR TRIP IN INDIA



“Thinking about adventure in India? But confused as to what to choose and where to go? Let this blog be your guiding star as we take the opportunity to provide the details on which outdoor adventure you can indulge into and when and where you can go chasing your passion in India”

India is a land of massive adventure opportunities. Across the length and breadth of the country one is able to find multiple opportunities to plunge in the activities that not only instigate adrenaline rush but also transcend one to the world of fearlessness. However, there are some activities and there are a few places that fit like a glove, which means when a right adventure sport is attempted at a right destination, the fun and thrill multiplies. Here are some outdoor adventure hacks that you must reach out for on your trip in India.

Hike to Ziro Valley for Rendezvous with Apatani Tribe in Arunachal Pradesh



It is agreed upon that there are several treks that have a beautiful trail and Ziro is one of them. What makes this trek different from the others is its cultural value. Taking the less trodden road, one reaches Ziro Valley to not only enjoy its beauty but witness one of the most ancient tribes of India called Apatani. This trek gives one the opportunity to come face to face with a life that is devoid of all basic and modern facilities. Truly crossing the unpaved ways, visiting places that are lesser known and greeting people that one has hardly heard of brings a pleasure that one can only experience but not imagine.





Jet the Sea on a Flyboard at Goa

Comparatively a new watersport in India, flyboard is made available in Baina Beach of Goa. The sport most enjoyed by youngsters is done on a jet ski that seems to be attached by a hose that pumps water to send it as high as 15 metres in the air, enabling the rider to make dolphin-like maneuvers and dive under water from a great height. Allowing swirling, flipping and rising high in the water, fly board is indeed a great way to have fun in the waters of Goa.



Motorbike to World's Highest Mountain Pass at Ladakh



India is a land of unbelievable places and motor biking through them is an experience that cannot be experienced anywhere. One such incredible motor biking destination is Khardung La, the highest motorable road in the world. Situated at the height of 5359m above the sea level, this high pass is enough to get your adrenaline run crazy.





Sail High in the Sky at Goa



Parasailing can be best experienced in the Party land of Goa. Along with other water sports in Goa, parasailing is the best way to get the adventurer in you alive. While you tie yourself to a parachute and the speed boat helps you elevate in the sky, you have the opportunity to enjoy the aerial beauty of Goa.

Source: tourmyindia



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