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# INDIA'S LATEST NEWS



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## NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- World Bank and Indian government sign USD 500-million pact to develop green, safe highway corridors;
- Govt. identifies new routes for ferry, RO-RO services through inland waterways;
- India's first indigenous pneumonia vaccine by SII launched;
- India's 1st tiger reserve hot air balloon safari in MP;
- India's leopard population increases by 60%, reaches 12,852;
- PM Modi launches Ayushman Bharat PMJAY SEHAT scheme for Jammu and Kashmir residents.

## MISSION'S ACTIVITIES

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## World Bank and Indian government sign USD 500-million pact to develop green, safe highway corridors

To build safe and green national highway corridors, the World Bank and the Indian Government recently signed an agreement for a USD 500-million project. According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the highway corridors will be developed in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. This big infra project will enhance the capacity of the ministry in mainstreaming safe as well as green technologies. Under the Green National Highways Corridors Project, 783 km of highways will be developed in various geographies by integrating eco-friendly and safe technology designs like industrial byproducts, local and marginal materials, as well as other bioengineering solutions. According to the report, this infra project will set new standards in the development of safe motorable roads. Besides the selected stretches in the above-mentioned states will also help improve connectivity and promote economic development. The transport infrastructure's ultimate objective is to provide seamless connectivity as well as reduce logistics costs. The ministry further stated that many investment programmes have been launched by the Modi government to strengthen and improve logistics performance.

Source: [financialexpress.com](http://financialexpress.com)

## Govt. identifies new routes for ferry, RO-RO services through inland waterways

To promote coastal shipping and boost tourism, new routes for ferry and RO-RO (Roll-on Roll-off) services have been identified that include Somnath Temple, Hazira, Okha and Jamnagar. The destinations along with six international routes have been identified under the Sagarmala project, a flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). The programme aims to promote port-led development in the country through harnessing India's 7,500 km long coastline and potentially navigable waterways. Besides, six international routes, connecting 4 international destinations namely Chattogram (Bangladesh), Seychelles (East Africa) Madagascar (East Africa) and Jaffna (Sri Lanka) from Indian major coastal port towns have been identified for these services.

Source: [businesstoday.in](http://businesstoday.in)

## India's first indigenous pneumonia vaccine by SII launched

The first indigenous vaccine against pneumonia, developed by the Serum Institute of India (SII), was launched by Union health minister Harsh Vardhan. The vaccine would be sold under the name 'Pneumosil' and would be available either as a single dose in a vial and pre-filled syringe or as multidose in vials at affordable prices, the Union ministry of health and family welfare (MoHFW) said in a statement. The pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) would be used to treat pneumonia in children and has been developed by SII in collaboration with other partners like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The vaccine has been developed during the Covid-19 pandemic time and is also in line with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat program (self-reliant India) of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It has proven safe during trials and has prevented pneumonia following which the Drugs Controller General (India) approved the vaccine in July 2020 after the approval from the subject expert committee (SEC).

Source: [hindustantimes.com](http://hindustantimes.com)

## India's 1st tiger reserve hot air balloon safari in MP

The country's first hot air balloon wildlife safari in a tiger reserve was launched in the world famous Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh Forest Minister Vijay Shah. Shah said the activity would be restricted to the buffer area and people could watch tigers, leopards, Indian sloth bear and other wild animals from a height. "One more adventure has been added for tourists coming to Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve with the launch of the hot air balloon wildlife safari. It is the first in any tiger reserve in the country. Now like Africa's forests, tourists in India will also enjoy hot air balloon wildlife safari," Shah told media persons after inaugurating the new service by taking a ride.

Source: [tribuneindia.com](http://tribuneindia.com)

## India's leopard population increases by 60%, reaches 12,852

The population of leopard in India has increased by 60 percent, according to a report released by the government. The 'Status of Leopard in India 2018' report, released by Union environment minister Prakash Javadekar, said that India now has 12,852 leopards. "Congratulations to the States of MP(3,421), Karnataka(1783) and Maharashtra(1690) who have recorded the highest leopard estimates. Increase in Tiger, Lion & Leopards population over the last few years is a testimony to fledgling wildlife & biodiversity," Javadekar said on Twitter. Leopards are among the most adaptable carnivores, and are known to exist very close to human habitations. A study earlier this year had found four distinct sub-populations of leopards in India with high genetic variations - leopards of the Western Ghats, the Deccan Plateau semi-arid region, the Shivalik mountains, and the Terai region in North India.

Source: [hindustantimes.com](http://hindustantimes.com)

## PM Modi launches Ayushman Bharat PMJAY SEHAT scheme for Jammu and Kashmir residents

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) SEHAT scheme for the residents of Jammu and Kashmir, via video conferencing. Talking about the Jammu and Kashmir Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT scheme, PM Modi said that getting free treatment up to 500,000 rupees under this scheme would improve the ease of living. About 600,000 families of the state are getting the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme. All 2100,000 families will now get the same benefits after the SEHAT scheme, PM Modi said. The prime minister further said that another benefit of this scheme would be that treatment is not limited to government and private hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir only. Rather, treatment can be availed from thousands of hospitals empanelled under this scheme in the country. Nearly 229 govt. hospitals and 35 private hospitals have been listed under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. Under this scheme, people of Jammu and Kashmir will be able to avail free medical facilities up to Rs 500,000.

Source: [financialexpress.com](http://financialexpress.com)

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## India as a major Space power





# FLAVOR'S OF INDIA

## CHICKEN FARCHA

**Recipe Servings:** 2  
**Prep Time:** 25 mins  
**Cook Time:** 15 mins  
**Total Cook Time:** 40 mins  
**Difficulty Level:** Medium

### Ingredients of Chicken Farcha:

- 250 Gram Boneless chicken thigh (without skin)

### For marinade:

- 2 tbsp Lemon juice
- 1 tbsp Garlic paste
- 1 tbsp Ginger paste
- 1/2 tsp Red chilli powder
- 1/2 tsp Coriander powder
- 1 tbsp Garam masala
- 1/2 tsp Black pepper (crushed)
- To taste Salt

### For coating:

- 1/2 Cup Bread crumbs/semolina
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 TSP Red chilli powder
- For frying Oil

### How to Chicken Farcha:

- Clean and wash the chicken and cut into 50 gm pieces each;
- Take a bowl and mix all the ingredients mentioned for marination;
- Add chicken to this mixture and marinate properly. Leave for 15 to 20 minutes;
- Meanwhile break the eggs in a bowl and add chilli powder to it. Whisk it properly;
- Heat the oil in a deep frying pan;
- Coat the marinated chicken in bread crumb and then in egg mixture;
- Deep fry and serve hot with your choice of dip or chutney.

### About Chicken Farcha:

A delicious Parsi recipe by corporate chef Pawan Bisht. Chicken farcha is a popular yet unique chicken recipe that can be served as a starter at festive occasions and dinner parties. It is a blend of spices with a tang of lemon. Easy to cook and a delight to serve!

**Source:** food.ndtv



# KERALA - MUSEUMS (5)



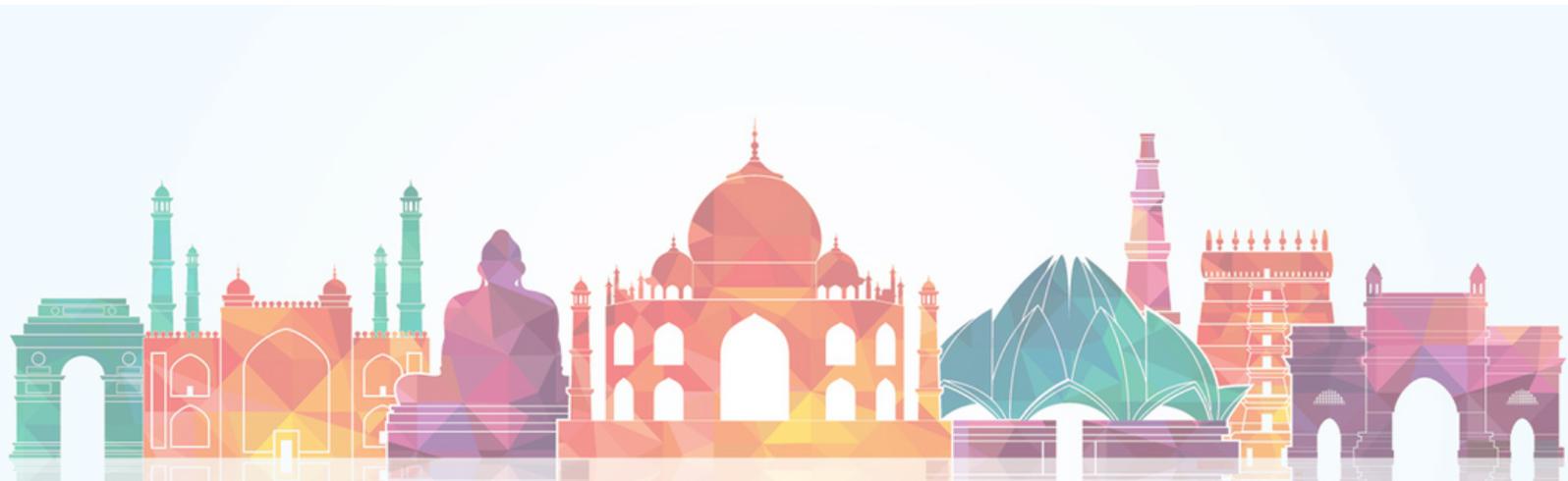
**Hill Palace Museum, Thripunithura:** Located about 10 kms from Kochi, the Hill Palace Museum was the official residence of the erstwhile rulers of Kochi. Built in 1865, it is now famous for being a full-fledged Ethno-Archaeological Museum and Kerala's first ever Heritage Museum. The palace complex itself comprises 49 buildings and is built in the traditional Kerala style of architecture. It has over 52 acres of terraced land around it. One can see oil-paintings, murals, sculptures, manuscripts and belongings of the Kochi royal family. Antique ceramics from the Far East, Kudakkallu (tombstone), Thoppikkallu (hood stone), laterite memorials and wooden memorials from ancient civilisations like the Indus Valley and Harappa can also be found here. It even has a gallery housing contemporary art. It is our pride to have relics of such value and significance placed here. Visiting Hours: 9:00 to 12:30 hrs & 14:00 to 16:30 hrs on all days except Mondays.

## Getting there:

Nearest railway station: Ernakulam, about 10 km

Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 33 km

Source: <https://www.keralatourism.org/>



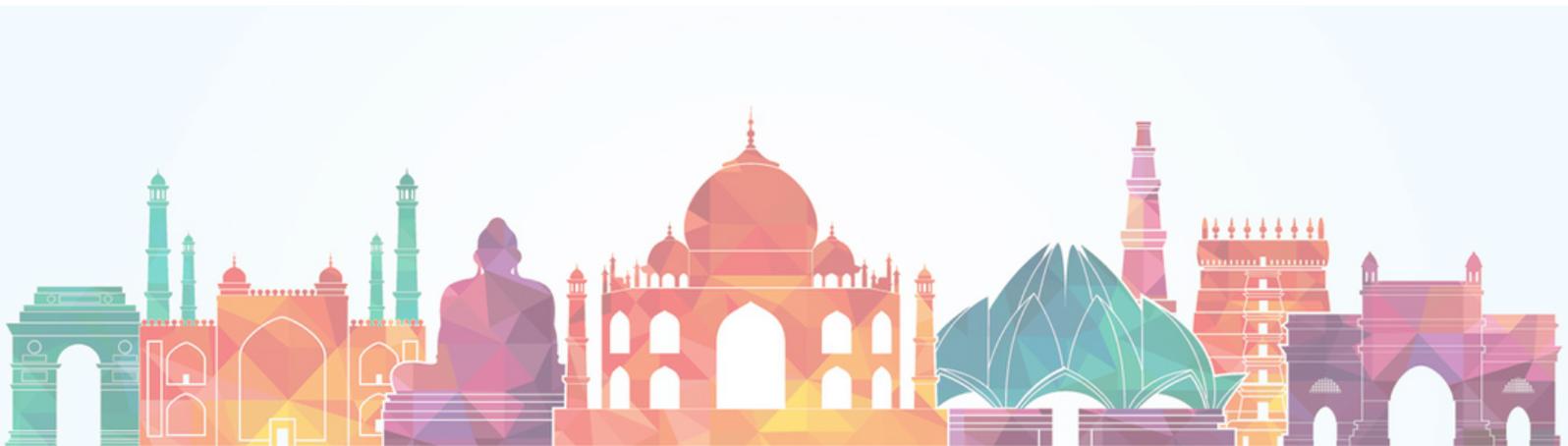


**Kirtads, Kozhikode:** The Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies (KIRTADS) of scheduled castes and tribes was established in 1972 at Kozhikode (Calicut). Its main objective is to carry out research that helps to promote development among the scheduled communities in Kerala. The ethnological museum here houses a large collection of artefacts, tools and devices used by the ancient tribal communities of Kerala. A good library with books on anthropology and sociology is an added attraction. Visiting hours: 1015 - 1715 hrs

**Getting there:**

Nearest railway station: Kozhikode, about 8 km  
Nearest airport: Calicut International Airport, about 27 km

Source: <https://www.keralatourism.org/>



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