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## NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Rajnath Singh Opens New Plant To Double Homegrown Fighter Plane Production;
- Arvind Kejriwal launches 'Switch Delhi' campaign to promote electric vehicles;
- Tamil Nadu set to create state's 5th tiger reserve;
- ONGC plans to implement India's first geothermal energy project at Ladakh;
- National Horticulture Fair 2021 Begins in Bengaluru.

## MISSION'S ACTIVITIES

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## **Rajnath Singh Opens New Plant To Double Homegrown Fighter Plane Production**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a new plant at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru to double the production of India's indigenous fighter jet - LCA Tejas. Tejas is not only indigenous it is also better than its foreign equivalents on several parameters and comparatively cheaper. Many countries have shown interest in Tejas. The second production line for LCA Tejas is spread over 35 acres and is all set to go. It will give a significant boost to India's aspiration for self-reliance -- the cornerstone of the centre's growth plan for the country -- in meeting its defence needs. It will double the production of LCA Tejas to 16 aircrafts a year towards completing the Air Force order of 83 jets. The project will include many public and private sector players and create an estimated 5,000 primary jobs in the private sector. This is the first time that Indian private players are partnering to manufacture aircraft fuselage and wings. Among the new technologies to be featured in the LCA Tejas are Digital Fly-By Wire and Mission Computer-Controlled Avionics.

Source: NDTV

## **Arvind Kejriwal launches 'Switch Delhi' campaign to promote electric vehicles**

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on February 4, launched the 'Switch Delhi' campaign and said his government will ensure that within the next six months, only electric vehicles are hired by different departments. Under the campaign, awareness will be created about the benefits of electric vehicles and how it can contribute to making Delhi clean and pollution-free. The chief minister appealed to the people to join the campaign to promote adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and contribute towards the fight against pollution in Delhi. Under its electric vehicle policy, the Delhi government has planned extensive subsidies on purchase of electric two-wheelers and four-wheelers, besides waiving road tax and registration charges. More than 6,000 electric vehicles have been purchased since the policy launch in August 2020. The government has fixed an ambitious target of 25 per cent electric vehicles out of the total vehicle registrations in Delhi by 2024. Recognising the urgency to combat pollution, the Delhi government has rolled out the highest incentives on the purchase of EVs among all Indian states. Incentives on EVs range from a maximum of Rs 30,000 for two and three-wheelers and up to Rs 1,50,000 on the purchase of 4-wheelers. The subsidy is received directly in the bank account within three days of the purchase of an electric vehicle.

Source: India Today

## **Tamil Nadu set to create state's 5th tiger reserve**

Tamil Nadu government passed an order for creating the fifth tiger reserve in the state and the 51st in the country. The Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve will span the forests of Megamalai wildlife sanctuary and Srivilliputhur grizzled squirrel wildlife sanctuary spread across the districts of Theni, Virudhunagar and Madurai. The 100,000-hectare area is home to a range of mammals and bird species and more than a dozen tigers. Tigers from the neighbouring Periyar Tiger Reserve and Anamalai Tiger Reserve regions can find significant habitats and breeding in the terrains of Megamalai and Srivilliputhur which are largely uninhabited and could offer excellent genetic exchange grounds. An ecosystem of predators and other species could be correlated to the growth of tigers.

Source: The Hindustan Times

## **ONGC plans to implement India's first geothermal energy project at Ladakh**

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) said it will implement India's maiden geothermal field development project in Ladakh that will use heat generated by the Earth's core to generate clean energy. This project of ONGC will put India on the geothermal power map of the world. Geothermal energy is clean and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Geothermal resource development can revolutionise farming in Ladakh, which is now totally dependent for supply of fresh vegetables, fruits from outside the UT round the year. ONGC has planned this field development in Ladakh in three phases. Phase-I involves exploratory-cum-production drilling of wells up to 500 metres depth and setting up of a pilot plant of up to 1 megawatt (MW) power capacity. Phase-II would involve a deeper and lateral exploration of the geothermal reservoir by drilling of an optimal number of wells and setting up of a higher capacity demo plant and preparing a detailed project report. Phase-III would involve commercial development of the geothermal plant. Geothermal energy is an energy source that is stored in the form of heat beneath the earth's surface, which is clean, renewable, sustainable, carbon-free, continuous, uninterrupted and environment-friendly. It is the only renewable energy available 24x7 to mankind not requiring storage and unaffected by day-night or seasonality variance. India has seven geothermal provinces and a number of geothermal springs.

Source: The Economic Times

## **National Horticulture Fair 2021 Begins in Bengaluru**

The five-day National Horticulture Fair 2021 has started in Bengaluru on 8 February. The fair is organized by the Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR) at the Institute's Hessarghatta campus on the outskirts of Bengaluru city. The theme of the event is 'For Start-up and Stand-up India'. Looking at the recent trend of educated youth choosing farming as a career, the objective of this fair is to increase farmers' incomes by transforming horticulture into a business enterprise. This is the first time when the Horticulture Fair is organized in both physical and virtual ways. Cutting edge technologies, crop varieties, pest and disease management practices, and processing methods will be demonstrated. The entry of visitors has been restricted to 30,000 for this five-day fair. The fair has nearly 140 stalls related to horticultural crops, seeds, and technologies. Virtual preparations have been made across the country to webcast the program in the premises of KVK, FPO, SSIAT centres of art of living foundation, agricultural training centres of respective state governments. The fair will showcase live demonstrations of improved varieties and technologies, and farmer-entrepreneur-scientist interactions. Seeds, planting materials, and products from ICAR-IIHR and other public and private firms for the benefit of end-users will be sold. There will be stalls of both public and private sectors.

Source: Krishi Jagran

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## India's growing Diaspora





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# FLAVOR'S OF INDIA

## GOLI BAJJI

**Recipe Servings:** 4

**Prep Time:** 3 hrs 15 mins

**Cook Time:** 10 mins

**Total Cook Time:** 3 hrs 25 mins

**Difficulty Level:** Easy

### Ingredients of Goli Bajji:

- 1/2 Cup maida
- 1 Tbsp rice flour
- A pinch of asafoetida
- 5 Tbsp buttermilk/curd
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ginger
- 2 green chillies, chopped
- 3 Tbsp coriander leaves, finely chopped
- 1 sprig curry leaves
- 1 tsp baking soda
- Water (as needed)
- Oil (to deep fry)

### How to Goli Bajji:

- In a large bowl take maida, rice flour, baking soda, a pinch of hing and salt. Mix well.
- Now add buttermilk and mix well with your hands. You can use an egg beater as well.
- Add curry leaves, green chillies, coriander leaves and ginger. Mix well making sure everything is well combined.
- Cover and rest for 3 hours for best results. After 3 hours, mix the batter again.
- Meanwhile heat oil in a wok.
- Now make small bite-sized balls from the batter.
- Drop the balls in hot oil keeping the flame on medium.
- Stir and deep-fry the balls on medium flame.
- Drain the excess oil from the goli bajjis once it turns golden brown and crisp. Serve crisp and hot with chutney of your choice.

### About Goli Bajji:

Made with flours, spiced with chillies, curry leaves and ginger, goli bajji is a light, crispy yet fluffy, and soft from inside snack from Mangalore. Enjoy these fritters the best with coconut chutney and a cup of filter coffee.

**Source:** food.ndtv



# KERALA - PILGRIM CENTRES (4)



**Ananthapura Lake Temple:** Temple timings: 05:30 - 12:30 hrs & 17:30 - 19:30 hrs

In the northern tip of Kerala lies the Ananthapura Lake Temple, the only lake temple in Kerala. The rectangular lake, supplied with regular spring water, hosts this magnificent temple. It is considered the moolasthanam (original abode) of Lord Ananthapadmanabha, the deity of the famous Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram. This 9th-century temple situated 30 km from Bekal in Kasaragod district. The view of the hillocks from the temple is extremely famous. Babia, the vegetarian crocodile and temple guardian, is popular among all the visitors. The drive to the temple in itself is extremely peaceful and calming.

Visit the website:- <http://ananthapuratemple.com/>

## Getting there:

Nearest railway station: Kasaragod Railway station, on the Kozhikode-Madhur road, about 14 km.

Nearest airport: Mangalore Airport (Karnataka), about 56 km from; Calicut International Airport, about 222 km.

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



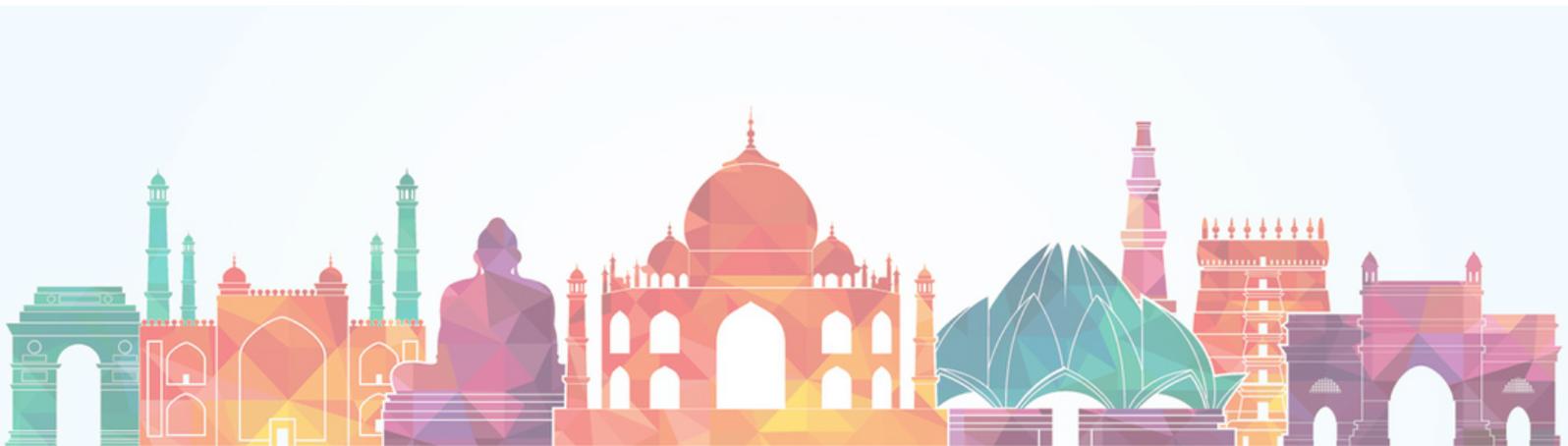


**Arthunkal Church in Alappuzha:** St. Andrew's Church, Arthunkal is one of the famous pilgrim centres located at Alappuzha in South India. Though the Church is named after St. Andrew the Apostle, it is the feast of St. Sebastian that has brought fame to Arthunkal. The Arthunkal Perunnal, or the ten-day annual festival, of St. Sebastian's Church in Arthunkal is a joyous event celebrated with much pomp and fervour. Celebrated in January every year, devotees from different parts of the State throng to the church on the feast days in an ardent display of their faith and devotion.

**Getting there:**

Nearest railway station: Cherthala, about 8 km and Alappuzha, about 21 km  
Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 68 km

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



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