



COUNTDOWN FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2024

More than 7,000 Yoga Enthusiasts Practiced Yoga



• New Delhi, May 27

With 25 days left for International Day of Yoga 2024, the countdown event concluded with a mega yoga demonstration in Bodh Gaya, Bihar. This mega event was organized at Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, Bihar. In this event which started in early morning with the rising sun on 27th May, 2024, more than 7000 yoga practitioners performed Yoga on the basis of Common Yoga Protocol (CYP). The enthusiasm and valuable contribution of the people further established the importance of Yoga in the lives of people. This programme of mass Yoga practice has proved to be important not only in individual but also in promoting social welfare.

With 25 days left for the International Day of Yoga, the Yoga Fest was held in Bodh Gaya, Bihar, as per the Common Yoga Protocol of the Ministry of Ayush. It includes various Asanas and Postures such as Prayer, Yogic Suksamata, Tadasana, Vakrasana, Pad Hastasana, Ardha Chakrasana, Trikanasana, Bhadrasana, etc. The gathering, under the guidance of Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, performed these Asanas with great enthusiasm.

Dr. Kashinath Samagandi,
Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) inaugurated the event with a welcome address and thanked the participants



the country. Their efforts not only promote physical well-being but also contribute to mental and spiritual harmony among the people. The contribution of the Institute in training these Yoga Gurus underlines its commitment towards furthering the practice and philosophy of Yoga in India and beyond.

Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) inaugurated the event with a welcome address and thanked the participants for their valuable contribution in the success of the event. Emphasizing the importance of promoting universal practice of Yoga, he said that since the beginning of the International Day of Yoga, Yoga has attracted the attention of the world. Last year, more than 23.5 Cr people across the world performed Yoga at IDY-2023.

Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ayush has played an important role in shaping the landscape of Yoga in our country by producing thousands of skilled Yoga Gurus. Their dedication has ensured that Yoga is effectively promoted across



Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy will organize training camps

• Jaipur, May 27

Dr. Aarushi Malik, Administrator of Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy, Jaipur, said that the Academy organizes training camps from time to time with the aim of re-establishing the dying arts in different areas of the state and making the public aware of various forms of art.

Bundi style, Phad painting, and terracotta clay art are almost disappearing and the number of artists working in the said styles is very low, to re-establish them, a contemporary art gallery for Bundi style will be set up in Kotan, for Phad painting in Bhilwara. In 2017, training camps for terracotta clay art will be organized at West Zone Cultural Centre, Bagor Ki Haveli, Udaipur.

In this sequence, training camps will be organized in collaboration with Jal Rang in Ajmer and Usta Kala/Matheran Art Government Museums in Bikaner.

Radisson Academy celebrates 5th anniversary

with continued robust investment in training & talent development

• PR News, Brussels, May 29

Radisson Academy, Radisson Hotel Group's leading Learning and Development hub, marks its fifth anniversary as it continues to innovate and strives to be the best 'Academy' to upskill talent joining the industry. Since its inception in 2019, Radisson Academy has expanded its offer to +2,500 training programs and has become a cornerstone of both employee development and enabling strategic business success.

Over the past five years, Radisson Hotel Group has implemented a significant investment in its diverse team of Moment Makers across +95 countries as part of the Group's strategic transformation plan. The objective of Radisson Academy is to create a highly productive learning environment that ensures team members across various levels are engaged and have the necessary skills & knowledge to excel in their roles and adapt to the evolving market demands. Radisson Academy thus offers highly impactful, continuous learning opportunities and customized training programs on business & personal development topics, accessible via Radisson Academy Online, Radisson Academy Live, Radisson Academy On the Job, Radisson Academy Virtual and Radisson Academy Certifications.

In 2023, more than 1.5 million hours of training and development were completed by team members via Radisson Academy across more than 2,500 online, live and virtual training programs covering diverse skills like service & business capabilities, leadership skills, hospitality fundamentals and functional expertise.



IndiGo direct connectivity between Mumbai and Jabalpur

• PR News, Mumbai, May 29

IndiGo, India's preferred airline, has announced the commencement of operations between Mumbai and Jabalpur, enhancing direct connectivity between these cities. This route not only strengthens tourism between the two popular destinations but also boosts vital business interactions. Starting July 01, 2024, these flights will operate daily, providing customers with an extended range of flight options to enhance accessibility and facilitate seamless travel. Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Head of Global Sales at IndiGo, said, "We are pleased to reintroduce our daily direct flights between Mumbai and Jabalpur. We are committed to expanding direct connectivity and enhancing accessibility. This flight will offer additional capacity and increased options, especially for business travelers, enhancing trade opportunities in both the cities."

EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE ISLAND OASIS IN THE RED SEA

“Travellers look to discover new corners of the earth, we are thrilled to reveal our newest Ritz-Carlton Reserve, located amongst the natural beauty and stunning setting of The Red Sea”

“With the launch of the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve in the region, we are opening the doors to an unparalleled destination and inviting the world to discover The Red Sea destination”

Tony Coveney | General Manager, Nujuma,

• PR News, UMMAHAT ISLAND, SAUDI ARABIA, May 28

Nujuma, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve in the Middle East was unveiled today on Ummahat Island in the tranquil waters of The Red Sea. The private island retreat is nestled within the captivating Blue Hole cluster of islands, where pristine coral reefs thrive beneath the surface and the celestial canopy above paints an endless tapestry of stars. Nujuma – inspired by the meaning of ‘stars’ in Arabic – invites

travellers to embark on an uncharted journey to one of the world’s most secluded and protected archipelagos. Here, amidst the azure expanse, guests are beckoned to explore and immerse themselves in the region’s culture and traditions.

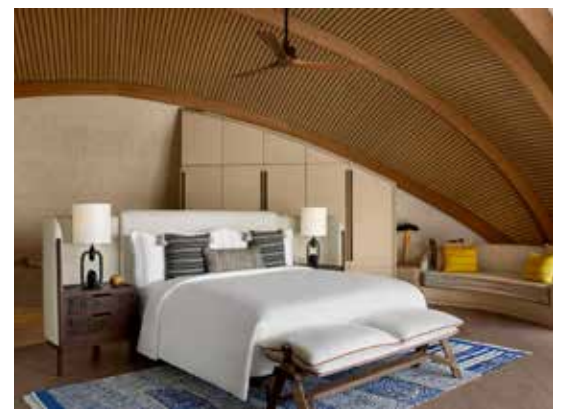
“As more and more travellers look to discover new corners of the earth, we are thrilled to reveal our newest Ritz-Carlton Reserve, located amongst the natural beauty and stunning setting of The Red Sea,” said Jeni Benzaquen, SVP The Ritz-Carlton, St. Regis and Bulgari Hotels & Resorts. “Nujuma joins a collection of rare Ritz-Carlton Reserve estates around

the world, inviting the most discerning travellers to embark on a journey of exploration where every encounter reveals a deeper connection to the destination. I cannot wait for guests to discover this luxurious private sanctuary and truly transformative experience.”

The Red Sea, one of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia’s luxury regenerative tourism destinations on the west coast of the country, is surrounded by the world’s fourth-largest barrier reef system with an archipelago of more than 90 untouched islands. From this enchanting setting, guests can embark on extraordinary snorkelling and scuba diving adventures to uncover sel-

dom visited sites beneath the waves. Teeming with vibrant coral reefs that have thrived for over five thousand years, the barrier reef is home to fascinating ecosystems including over 165 endemic reef fish, dolphins, sea turtles, stingrays, and Napoleon wrasse.

The island’s shores are fringed by rich mangroves, known to be one of the most productive ecosystems in the world, and within this lush habitat visitors can spot a variety of sea birds, marine invertebrates and havali guitarfish. Beyond the turquoise waters, guests can discover the beauty of the coastal mainland through guided trails across majestic desert dunes.



EMIRATES AND ICC EXTEND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR A FURTHER EIGHT YEARS



• PR News, DUBAI, May 30

Emirates, the world’s largest international airline, and the International Cricket Council (ICC) today announced a multi-year extension to their global partnership. The long-standing partnership, already in its third decade, is set to become one of the most established in world sport and extends to 28 ICC men’s and women’s events until 2031, including the Cricket World Cup, T20 World Cup and Champions Trophy.

The announcement of Emirates as a Premier Partner comes ahead of the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 which will be hosted in the West Indies and the United States next month, an event at which the global airline will be highly visible

and active.

Emirates will continue to hold the exclusive naming rights to the Emirates ICC’s Elite Panel of Umpires and Match Referees, and ICC Match Officials will take to the field in the West Indies and the United States with Emirates’ Fly Better branding on their apparel. The airline will be associated with the Decision Review System and Third Umpire decision announcements in-game, ensuring that Emirates is synonymous with pivotal match moments.

Commenting on the partnership renewal, Adnan Kazim, Deputy President, and Chief Commercial Officer at Emirates said: “Emirates’ association with cricket has helped us reach new fans around the world and support the growth of the game. Our partnership with the ICC is one of the most established in our global sports sponsorships portfolio and we

are pleased to reaffirm our commitment to the sport and to enthusiasts worldwide by extending our association for another eight years.

“Cricket is a sport that deeply connects with fans across the world, and we’re pleased to align with the ICC who shares our commitment to provide fans with unique experiences in the coming years across geographies and share in the passion of the hundreds of millions who follow the sport, many of whom are our customers. Through our sponsorship of the ICC we are able to connect with fans and communities across key markets in our global network including in Asia, Australasia and the UK. We are also excited that our renewed partnership kicks off with the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 next month, to connect with the cricket fan base in the US,” continued Kazim.

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IndiGo announces super saver sale

• PR News, May 29

IndiGo, India's preferred airline, has announced a sale on both domestic and international flights. This exciting offer presents fares starting at INR 1,199/-, all inclusive. The sale commences from May 29 and continues till May 31, 2024, and is applicable on travel from July 01 to September 30, 2024. In addition to reduced fares, customers can also avail an exclusive discount of up to 20% on preferred seat selection charges. Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Head of Global Sales, IndiGo, said, "We are pleased to announce a limited period sale on Domestic and as well as International flights. We believe this special offer will encourage travellers, who seek budget-friendly, seamless, and unforgettable travel experiences.



This sale also reinforces IndiGo's commitment to provide affordable fares, on-time performance, courteous and hassle-free service across our extensive network."

IndiGo announces new flights connection

• PR News, May 24

IndiGo, India's preferred carrier, has announced new routes offering direct connectivity between Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar-North Goa, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar-Nagpur, and connectivity between Nagpur and North Goa with a stopover at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. Starting from July 02, 2024, all the new flights will operate three times a week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. These flights have been added to provide more convenient travel options. The introduction of direct flights between Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and North Goa will drastically cut down travel time from over 14 hours to just 2 hours. Similarly, the new direct flights connecting Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Nagpur will trim the journey from nearly 5 hours to 1.5 hours.

PESB recommends Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma as Director (Personnel) of SJVN

• New Delhi, May 27

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has recommended Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma for the post of Director (Personnel) of SJVN, a leading Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Power. He was selected following a rigorous interview process held on May 24, 2024, where he emerged as the top candidate among eleven contenders. Shri Sharma is currently serving as General Manager in Corporate Human



TRANSFORMING AIR TRAVEL: DIGI YATRA'S JOURNEY



• PR News, May 24

Suresh Khadakbhavi, CEO of Digi Yatra Foundation, addressed the audience at the Future Aviation Forum in Riyadh. In a fire-side chat with Mark Barton "Trips Transformed – The Digi Yatra Story," Khadakbhavi, shared the remarkable journey and transformative impact of Digi Yatra, an industry-led digital initiative, spearheaded by Digi Yatra Foundation along with the Ministry of Civil Aviation in India.

Digi Yatra has revolutionised the air travel experience in India, ensuring a seamless, hassle-free, and health risk-free journey for all travelers. Here are the key highlights from the session, Digi Yatra has seen impressive adoption and expansion over the last year, with more than 20 million happy users experiencing the benefits of this seamless travel solution. Currently rolled out in 14 airports, Digi Yatra is set to be introduced in another 14 airports next month. Our focus is now expanding to international travel, starting with prototype testing on E-passport based enrollment, expected next month.

BACHELORS DEGREES CONFERRED ON 205 CADETS AT THE 146TH NDA CONVOCATION CEREMONY

• New Delhi, May 23

The Convocation Ceremony of 146th course of National Defence Academy was held at the Habibullah Hall in NDA, Pune on May 23, 2024. A total of 205 cadets were conferred the prestigious Bachelors degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala & Vice Chancellor (Addl Charge), Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, Prof (Dr) Sat Prakash Bansal.

A total of 82 cadets were conferred degree in Science stream, 84 cadets in Computer Science stream and 39 cadets in Arts stream. 17 cadets from



friendly foreign countries were also awarded degrees during the Convocation Ceremony. In addition, the B Tech stream comprising of 132 cadets

of Navy and Air Force cadets also received 'three years course completion' certificate as these Naval and Air Force cadets will be conferred with the degree after completion of one year training at their respective pre-commissioning training academics i.e. Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala and Air Force Academy, Hyderabad, respectively.

The academic report of Spring Term – 2024 was presented. The Chief Guest in his convocation address congratulated the cadets of the passing out course for successful completion of their gruelling training from one of the premier training academies of world repute. He congratulated and conveyed his sincere gratitude to all the parents who motivated their wards to join this prestigious 'Tri Services' training institute of the Indian Armed Forces.

Clarification about Shut down of New Delhi Railway Station for redevelopment



• New Delhi, May 27

Some sections of the media have reported that New Delhi Railway Station will be shut down by the end of this year for redevelopment work.

It is to announce that New Delhi Railway Station will never be shutdown.

It may be noted that when a railway station undergoes redevelopment, a few trains are diverted/regulated as per requirement. Information about such diversions/regulations of trains is notified well in advance.

All preparations for counting of votes completed in Rajasthan: Main Election

• Jaipur, May 27

Chief Election Commissioner of Election Commission of India, Rajeev Kumar reviewed the preparations for counting of votes through video conference on Monday. He expressed satisfaction over the security arrangements at the counting venue and the adequate supply of resources required for the counting work in connection with the counting of votes to be held on June 4 for the by-elections held in all 25 Lok Sabha constituencies of the state and Bagidaura Legislative Constituency. In the meeting, Election Com-



missioner Mr. Gyanesh Kumar and Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu said that like voting, all the guidelines of the Election Commission of India have to be followed during the counting of votes.

Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta said in the meeting that as per the instructions received from the Election Commission of India, all preparations for counting of votes in Rajasthan have been completed. Availability of a sufficient number of counting personnel has been ensured and they have been trained. Gupta said that a meeting has also been held with the representatives of political parties on Saturday regarding the process of counting votes and the arrangements of the counting center.

Website developed for sale of assets of BSNL and MTNL

• Jaipur, May 30

The website <https://asset-monetization.bsnl.co.in> has been developed by BSNL for out-right sale of assets of BSNL and MTNL. Ms. Aarti Dogra, Government Secretary, Department of Information Technology and Communications, said that the list of assets for out-right sale is available on this website.

Continuous monitoring of pollution emissions is being done through OCEMS

• Jaipur, May 29

On the third day of the stakeholder workshop being organized on the occasion of World Environment Day, a workshop was organized on OCEMS



(Online Continuous Emission/Effluent monitoring Systems) for sewage treatment plants operated by Munic-

ipal Corporations and Municipalities. On this occasion, Superintending Scientific Officer, Mrs. Neha Aggarwal, while giving detailed information about OCEMS technology through a PPT presentation, said that pollution emissions are being monitored through OCEMS in about 600 industries in the state. He said that the divisional administration is actively working on the data received from OCEMS, while giving notice from time to time to the industries where correct OCEMS data is not being received. During this, he also discussed in detail the functioning and technical aspects of OCEMS. During this, the existing stakeholders deeply discussed the problems being faced in the operation and data transmission of OCEMS and their solutions.

Officers in-charge of all districts appointed from state level for heatwave management

• Jaipur, May 29

Jaipur, 29 May. On the instructions of Medical and Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khinvsar, in-charge officers have been appointed for all the districts at the state level to ensure necessary arrangements in hospitals, keeping in view the outbreak of heatwave in the state. All these officers have been instructed to visit the allotted districts with immediate effect.



Additional Chief Secretary of the Medical and Health Department, Mrs. Shubhra Singh said that all these in-charge officers will coordinate with the respective in-charge secretaries of their respective districts and will resolve the shortcomings found regarding heatwave management on the spot and submit a report. He informed that a checklist has also been prepared to ensure heatwave management in hospitals.

Mrs. Singh said that the deficiencies found during inspection regarding the availability of beds, medicines, equipment and ice packs etc. reserved for patients suffering from heatwave in hospitals will be resolved.

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN AYURVEDIC SCIENCES LAUNCHES "PRAGATI-2024"

• New Delhi, May 28

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under the Union Ministry of Ayush, today launched "PRAGATI-2024" (Pharma Research in AyurGyan And Techno Innovation). It offers a very useful opportunity for collaborative reasearch in the filed of Ayurveda. Today's interactive meeting aimed to explore research opportunities and foster collaboration between CCRAS and the Ayurveda drug industry.

On this occasion, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush



Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, emphasised the industry's crucial role in the development of Ayurveda. He highlighted the vast potential industries have to expand and advance the sector, noting that the influx of new practitioners and startups presents tremendous growth opportunities.

During his address at PRAGATI-2024, DG, CCRAS, Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya highlighted the growing momentum of Ayush products, particularly Ayurveda, both in India and worldwide. "The aim of CCRAS is to reach each stakeholder and therefore we have started giving scholarships so that students understand the importance of research".



SANJAY KUMAR INAUGURATES SUMMER FIESTA 2024

• New Delhi, May 29

Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, today inaugurated the month-long "Summer Fiesta 2024" at the National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi. Summer Fiesta is a month-long camp comprising over 30 types of different activities for children aged between 5 to 16 years. Shri Vipin Kumar, Addi-

tional Secretary (SS-II), Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education and the Chairman of National Bal Bhavan, and senior officials from the Ministry were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the enthusiastic gathering of children and their parents, Sanjay Kumar emphasized the significance of such interactive and innovative programmes in nurturing

young minds. He said that along with academics, these types of extracurricular activities are equally important for children to become successful in the future. Further, he exhorted children to be curious and to explore things around them, which will help in opening their minds.

Summer Fiesta 2024, which runs from 29th May to 28th June 2024, promises a myriad of engaging and innovative activities in the fields of Cre-

ative and Performing Arts, Science, and more, ensuring that every child finds something intriguing to explore and learn. During the Summer Fiesta, special workshops and programs will be conducted weekly, including sessions on Odissi dance, Yoga, Calligraphy, Music recitals, Games etc. These workshops are designed to provide children with opportunities to develop and showcase their skills and talents.



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