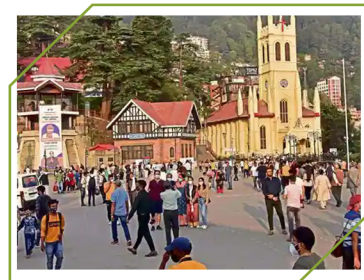


**12-Foot-Long Tunnel Aquarium Opens At Bengaluru Railway Station**

The Railways' first movable freshwater tunnel aquarium, which has already been opened to the general public, has been developed in collaboration with HNI Aquatic Kingdom. "They wanted to develop this area so we came up with this concept. This is the railways' first aquatic kingdom. Nowhere else in India will you find this. This has been done at the Bangalore railway station for the first time," Niyaz Ahmed Qureshi of HNI Aquatic Kingdom told NDTV.

"Right now we have 120 varieties of fish. Most have been brought from outside the country. The concept we have used is that of a marine aquarium which is saltwater. Then freshwater. Behind you can see, there is an Amazon River forest concept. Then a planted segment and a tunnel aquarium," he said.

(Source: www.ndtv.com)



**Himachal Pradesh issues directions to hotels as tourist footfall increase**

In less than a month starting from June, there has been traffic of around six to seven lakh tourists in Himachal Pradesh. As tourist influx increases in hill stations after relaxation of curbs, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has directed hotels in the state to follow all Covid-19 standard operating procedures.

"We are also a bit anxious as the tourist influx increased in the state. We welcome tourists but I urge them to follow Covid norms. They should follow social distancing and wear a mask. We have also directed hotels to follow SOP strictly," Thakur was quoted as saying by news agency ANI.

(Source : www.livemint.com)

**Kerala announces more relaxations, categorises regions based on Covid positivity rate**

The Kerala government has issued orders to re-categorise the local self-government institutions on the basis of a 7-day average Test Positivity Rate (TPR) of Covid-19 cases. It has also announced more relaxations of the Covid-19 restrictions allowing gyms, indoor games and tourism destinations to reopen while following specific norms.

Government offices will now function with full strength in regions where the Test Positivity Rate (TPR) is low in Kerala. At the high-level meeting chaired by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, it was also decided to amend the classification of local bodies based on TPR.

The government has now decided to classify local bodies into four zones A, B, C and D. The regions with TPR below 5% will be classified in the A category, those with TPR between 5-10% will fall under the B category. All government offices in the A and B categories can function with full staff strength while the local bodies with TPR between 10-15% and those above 15% will be classified as C and D, respectively.

(Source: www.indiatoday.in)



**Economic activity rose across states in June**

As states relaxed lockdown restrictions, mobility levels picked up pace across states leading to an improvement in high-frequency indicators such as power consumption and vehicle sales. Early data for June suggests that the Indian economy has picked up pace after a lockdown-induced collapse in May, and that the economic damage has been less severe than during the 2020 lockdown. The regional impact has also been different from 2020. Among the fastest to recover are two large state economies - Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat - which bore the brunt of the pandemic in April - but have seen a drop in cases and a sharp rebound in economic activity since then.

(Source: www.livemint.com)



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### World's largest planetarium opening on July 18 in Shanghai

The Shanghai Astronomy Museum, the world's largest planetarium, is opening on July 18, 2021 after nearly five years of construction.

The Shanghai Astronomy Museum, sometimes referred to as the Shanghai Planetarium, covers an area of approximately 38,000 square metres. The planetarium is a branch of the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum.

SHINE reports that the Shanghai Astronomy Museum's official website and WeChat account have been launched ahead of the opening on July 18.

The museum boasts an Ultra HD dome theatre, digital sky theatre, education and research centre, and IMAX theatre, as well as permanent and temporary exhibit galleries, a solar telescope, and an observatory.

(Source: [www.bloolooop.com](http://www.bloolooop.com))



### Quest: Qatar's first-ever indoor theme park opens in Doha

Qatar's first indoor theme park has opened for business, with 30 major rides and attractions. Quest, operated by MR-ProFun, is an indoor theme park covering 32,000 square metres within Doha Oasis, a mixed-use development in Msheireb Downtown Doha.

Quest boasts more than 30 rides and attractions, including thrill rides, media-controlled simulators, virtual reality (VR) experiences and family-friendly offerings.

The main rides are the EpiQ Coaster, the tallest indoor roller coaster in the world, and the world's tallest indoor drop tower ride, the Magma Blast.

(Source: [www.intergameonline.com](http://www.intergameonline.com))

### Survey shows busy time for Amusement Parks post pandemic

As millions of Americans prepare to hit the road this summer, one popular attraction is spurring interest among consumers of all ages: amusement parks. And as parks, big and small, welcome back visitors, this summer presents an opportunity for the industry to get back on track after a painful 2020.

Forty-nine percent of U.S. adults said they currently feel comfortable heading back to an amusement park, according to the latest figures from Morning Consult's Return to Normal tracker. That's a 30 percentage-point increase from a 2021 low of 19 percent hit on Jan. 2.

Even better for the amusement parks: At 53 percent, parents had a slightly higher comfort level than adults overall.

(Source: [www.morningconsult.com](http://www.morningconsult.com))

