

**PM Modi inaugurates 5-star Gandhinagar station, new attractions in Ahmedabad Science City**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, 16 July 2021, virtually inaugurated the redeveloped railway station in Gujarat's capital Gandhinagar and a five star hotel above it. In Ahmedabad, he inaugurated a nature park, an aquatic gallery and robotic gallery at the Science City.

The aquatic gallery, spread over 15,000 square meters, will be the largest aquarium in India housing 68 tanks showcasing 188 marine species, including penguins. A key attraction is a 28 metre long unique walkway tunnel. The project has been developed in collaboration with Marine Scape Eo-aquarium, New Zealand.

(Source: www.thehindu.com)



**Expression of Interest (EOI) cum Receipt for Qualification (RFQ)**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**Bhavani Island Tourism Corporation (BITC), Vijayawada**  
**Expression of Interest (Eoi)**  
The BITC invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) to establish Water Park, Mini Fish Aquarium, Sky Restaurant & Elevated Toy Train on PPP mode in Bhavani Island, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. Interested applicants may apply with all relevant documents on or before 02.08.2021 by 5.00PM in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Bhavani Island Tourism Corporation, 5th floor, Stalin Corporate, Autonagar, Vijayawada-7. Access our website <http://www.aptourism.gov.in/tenders/> for more details.  
DIPR No. 265PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22  
CFO, BITC, Vijayawada

**TELANGANA STATE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (TSTDC)**  
**Global Expression of Interest (EOI) cum Request for Qualification (RFQ)**  
**Selection of Master Planning & Architectural Consultants for Development of Mega Tourism Projects in Telangana State, India**  
Telangana State, the youngest state of India with glorious history of about 2500 years, has implemented world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation Kaleshwaram Project and presently planning "to develop four of the picturesque reservoir sites" as attractive tourism destinations. All the sites are within 100 to 140 km distance from Hyderabad, the state capital.  
On behalf of Telangana Government, Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (TSTDC) inviting Global EOI cum RFQ from eligible and interested firms for providing Master Planning & Architectural Services for four mega projects i.e., Annapurna Reservoir, Ranganayaka Sagar Reservoir, Upper Manair and Mid Manair Reservoir.  
**THE BIDDING PROCESS:** Two stage bidding process is being adopted for selection of qualified consultant. Further Project details like EOI & RFQ document, presentations and videos will be uploaded on the website [www.tstdc.in](http://www.tstdc.in). The documents can be downloaded from 22.07.2021 and due date for submission through e-mail in PDF format is before 16.00 hrs. IST on 12.08.2021.  
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**Chhattisgarh: Abandoned Durg mine to be site of India's biggest man-made forest**

India's biggest man-made forest will come up on 885 acres of land in a mined out area over the next three years at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore in Chhattisgarh's Durg district, officials said. The project, which will come up at the abandoned Nandini limestone site under the supervision of the district administration, will present an example to the world as to how mined out areas can be converted into natural habitats, they said.

"The project is being carried out on the direction of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. The mine used to supply limestone to SAIL NSE 0.32 %'s Bhilai Steel Plant but has been lying abandoned for the last few years. Forest cover in the Nandini area used to be around 17 kilometres before mining started. Now 80,000 trees will be planted on 885 acres of land. Funds will come from the District Mineral Foundation," a state government public relations department official said.

(Source: www.economicstimes.com)



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## Government to set up 'Indian Institute of Heritage' at Noida



The government has decided to set up the 'Indian Institute of Heritage' at Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar. This will impact higher education and research in the field related to rich Indian heritage and its conservation leading to Masters and Ph.D courses in History of Arts, Conservation, Museology, Archival Studies, Archaeology, Preventive Conservation, Epigraphy and Numismatics, Manuscriptology etc. as well as conservation training facilities to in-service employees and the students of the Indian Institute of Heritage.

Indian Institute of Heritage will be a world-class university that would focus on the conservation and research in India's rich tangible heritage, while offering research, development and dissemination of knowledge, excellence in the education of its students and activities associated with heritage that contribute to the cultural, scientific and economic life of India. This would be a standalone Institution of its type in the country.

(Source: [www.traveltrendstoday.in](http://www.traveltrendstoday.in))

## Paramount Pictures creating Southeast Asia's biggest theme park in Bali

Paramount Pictures has signed an agreement with an Indonesian company to create a theme park in the Jembrana regency of Bali. Paramount Pictures is developing the biggest theme park in Southeast Asia, located in the Jembrana regency of Bali, alongside Indonesian company PT Kios Ria Kreasi.

In a press release issued by the People's Consultative Assembly, speaker Bambang Soesatyo said the project will strengthen Bali's post-COVID economy. "The development of Paramount theme park will strengthen Bali's position as a recreational and entertainment hub for world citizens," Bambang said.

The agreement was signed last week in Los Angeles, with the event virtually attended by Indonesian officials including Wayan Koster, the governor of Bali. The Paramount Pictures attraction will be located in Pekutatan, Jembrana. It is expected to soft launch in 2025 and will attract up to 5 million annual visitors.

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



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## Deep Dive Dubai, world's deepest swimming pool, opens to crazy videos.

Deep Dive Dubai, which is the world's deepest swimming pool, has opened in Dubai and the videos of the tourist spot soon went viral on social media.

HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, opened Deep Dive Dubai on July 7 and also shared a video on Twitter. "An entire world awaits you at Deep Dive Dubai the world's deepest pool, with a depth of 60 meters (196 feet) #Dubai," Hamdan bin Mohammed said in his post on Twitter.

(Source: [www.indiatoday.in](http://www.indiatoday.in))



## Disney+ launches 'Behind the Attraction' series; learn how Imagineers make rides, experiences

CHICAGO (WLS) -- "Behind The Attraction" is a new series on Disney. It shows how all those thrilling rides and experiences at theme parks are created.

Behind the scenes, "Imagineers" are coming up with spectacles and inviting to join in the fantasies. "We're a little crazy but we thrive on that we like to make the impossible possible and we like making magic," said Jeanette Lomboy, Disney Executive Imagineer. "Every episode could have been 4 hours long. One tiny piece of one tiny attraction you could have seven things you want to say about that one piece and you'd have to pick one," said Brian Volk-Weiss, Director and Executive Producer of behind the Attraction. And it's that magic and excitement that put's their creativity to the test.

(Source: <https://abc7chicago.com>)

