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Oceanarium to give Vizag 360° view of marine life

In an attempt to promote tourism in Andhra Pradesh, the state government is planning to set up an oceanarium in the Port City of Visakhapatnam. A recent cabinet meeting discussed the same along with ten other projects.

Oceanariums are large-scale seawater aquariums used to display marine species. Officials say that the oceanarium in Visakhapatnam will span across 10 acres and will be a tunnel-shaped structure that provides a 360° view of the ocean. More than 2,000 people will be able to see the oceanarium at a time. The Port City's oceanarium will house thousands of marine species brought from all across the globe.

(Source: www.timesofindia.com)

Modern Group starts free 50-oxygen-bed "Gwalior COVID Centre" at its facility.



Modern Group has started a 50-oxygen-bed FREE quarantine centre for COVID patients at its facility at Shyam Vatika, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. The facility named as "Gwalior COVID Centre" has beds which are equipped with medical grade oxygen concentrators, mobile charging points, hot water kettle, vaporizer, etc. The centre provides complete medical care, balanced diet meals, medicines and yoga training to the patients without taking any amount. There is no fees/cash counter. The centre also broadcasts spiritual and religious videos for patients to help the patients recover psychologically.

IATO urges members, tourism professionals to get vaccinated

Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), which represents more than 1,600 operators for inbound tourists, appealed to its members and tourism professionals to get themselves, staff and their families to register for covid 19 vaccination on a priority basis. India has currently opened vaccination for all citizens above 18 years of age. However, the country is dealing with vaccine shortage.

Rajiv Mehra, president, IATO said that it is crucial for the tourism and hospitality industry professionals to get vaccinated at the earliest possible and once the vaccinations is done, same should be conveyed to foreign tour operators to create confidence amongst them.



(Source: www.livemint.com)

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Water Kingdom continues to rule the hearts of Mumbaikars

One of India's first and Asia's largest themed water park, Water Kingdom was launched in 1998 has turned 23 this year. Attracting thousands of guests every year from around the country, this water park has never failed the expectations of its guests. Located on the coastal Gorai village in northwest Mumbai, Water Kingdom is injected in a scenic setting with a wholesome thrill and entertainment.

Spread across 22 acres, the water park offers 33 mind- blowing attractions that include the 'The Lagoon', 'Brat Zone', 'Adventures of Amazonia', 'Goofer's Lagoon', 'Misphisly

Hill', the Lagoon, Wetlantic - the largest wave pool in the world and more. Known as the Asia's largest themed water park, Water Kingdom is inspired from the 'lost in the jungle' theme conceptualised by the EsselWorld family which can be seen in each and every element of the park. The water park celebrates its anniversary every year in May for a month long where India's top DJs are invited to perform at the Wavepool stage every weekend. The Park will reopen soon to entertain its patrons and bring back the enthralling experience of Water Kingdom!



INTEGRATED TICKETING & CASHLESS SOLUTION



Universal Orlando Resort Announces "DreamWorks Destination"



This spring, Universal Orlando Resort will debut an all-new, interactive character experience – DreamWorks Destination – where guests can meet, greet and dance along with their favorite DreamWorks characters in an incredibly-themed location that brings the high-energy fun of the franchise's most popular animated films to life.

Located in the KidZone area of Universal Studios Florida, DreamWorks Destination will be a first-of-its-kind character experience where guests can interact with multiple beloved characters from DreamWorks Animation's hit film franchises, Trolls, Madagascar, Kung Fu

Panda and more – all in one festive location. Catchy tunes from various DreamWorks movies will fill the air as guests enter a bright, colorful party atmosphere – all set against a night time sky inspired by the animation studio's iconic opening sequence from its films

(Source: www.travelpulse.com)

Universal Beijing Resort moves toward completion

Preparations for the opening of the Universal Beijing Resort are moving steadily toward the goal of providing an immersive experience for visitors, Beijing's Tongzhou district government said. When the resort opens to the public, Beijing will become the fifth city in the world with a Universal Studios theme park.

Construction of the park has been basically completed, according to the district, where the park is located. Some 9,000 staff members have been at their posts in test mode, waiting for the opening of the park. The exact date has not been announced.

According to the local government, seven themed scenic spots will be distributed throughout the park, and Chinese cultural elements will be a primary highlight.

(Source: www.chinadaily.com.cn)





Ocean Park offers snorkelling experience in aquarium



Ocean Park (Hong Kong) will offer a snorkelling program this summer, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the Grand Aquarium for half an hour.

The programme called Fish Friends Face-off, is a summer special for people who wish to have an up-close encounter with the myriad fish and beautiful coral reefs in The Grand Aquarium, according to the Park. Visitors will then have an inside look of the shallow water area of the aquarium through their goggles.

The Park added that the programme also aims to teach visitors important lessons about ocean conservation and show them the exciting works of the Park's animal caretakers. The programme will open from June 2 to August 29, and enrolment starts from May 25.

(Source: www.thestandard.com.hk)

EU to reopen borders to fully vaccinated travellers

European Union member states agreed to reopen the bloc's borders to travellers who have been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, European sources said. Meeting in Brussels, diplomats also agreed to increase the level of new cases a country can hit before being declared unsafe -- a measure that would open up travel into the EU from more places.

Currently, non-essential travel into the 27-member European Union is banned, apart from a small number of countries deemed safe because of their low Covid case rate. But businesses on the continent are reopening as virus restrictions are phased out and bars, hotels and restaurants are worried about the summer tourist trade.





