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IAAPI's inhouse magazine – THRILLER's 100th issue in making

IAAPI's inhouse quarterly journal – THRILLER, is all set for the completion of its centenary issue. This issue will be a celebration issue, and IAAPI is inviting its members to be featured in this. With proposed plan to print thousands of hard copies and several thousands of digital circulations, the magazine marks the success of being India's only journal for the Amusement Industry. Take the privilege to be featured in this much prestigious journal. Members have an option to book their logo on the Cover Page Reverse Fold as well as advertisement and advertorials. For more information connect with IAAPI Secretariat on : aarti@iaapi.org



Government working on comprehensive national tourism policy: G Kishan Reddy

Union tourism and culture minister G Kishan Reddy on Sunday (15 May, 2022) said that the government is working towards a comprehensive national tourism policy to give an impetus to the industry. Addressing the last day of the two-day India International Cruise Conference here, Reddy also urged the industry stakeholders to prepare a road map for the development of the cruise tourism industry and asked them to create an action plan on cruise tourism in a mission mode.

The government is taking a slew of initiatives to promote river cruise tourism, which include river front development, increasing the number of cruise ships to 1,000, infrastructure development for water parks, among others, he said at the event hosted by the ports, shipping and waterways ministry in collaboration with industry body FICCI.

(Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com>)

Travel in luxury: Majestic Palace on Wheels to resume its glorious journey

The luxury tourist train Palace on Wheels will soon return in operation offering a mesmerising journey through majestic Rajasthan. The COVID pandemic has kept the train halted for two years and as the situation improves Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) is all geared up to get it back on tracks. The initial meetings between RTDC officials, national and international tour operators, hoteliers, and other stakeholders have assured that the Palace on Wheels continues to hold its charm for those traveling to Rajasthan.

RTDC in association with Indian Railways has been operating the Palace on Wheels since 1982. The luxury train is inspired by the personal coaches of erstwhile rulers and offers modern facilities amid a heritage backdrop. Every coach has several chambers and each chamber is decorated with furniture and details in accordance with local heritage. Its route and stoppages are also planned according to popular tourist trends. A perfect week-long tour where the journey is as enchanting as the destination.

(Source: www.financialexpress.com)



Himachal Pradesh govt signs MoU for development of seven ropeway projects

Himachal Pradesh government has signed MoU for the development of seven ropeway projects in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts of the state. The MoU was signed between Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation (RTDC) HP Limited and National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML) for the development of ropeways as innovative transport solution in Himachal Pradesh.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari and chief minister Jai Ram Thakur in New Delhi yesterday. The Chief Minister said that initially, possibilities will be explored to prepare a feasibility report of seven ropeway projects in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts at an estimated cost of 2,264 crore rupees.

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



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Religious tourism high on agenda during PM Modi's Nepal visit

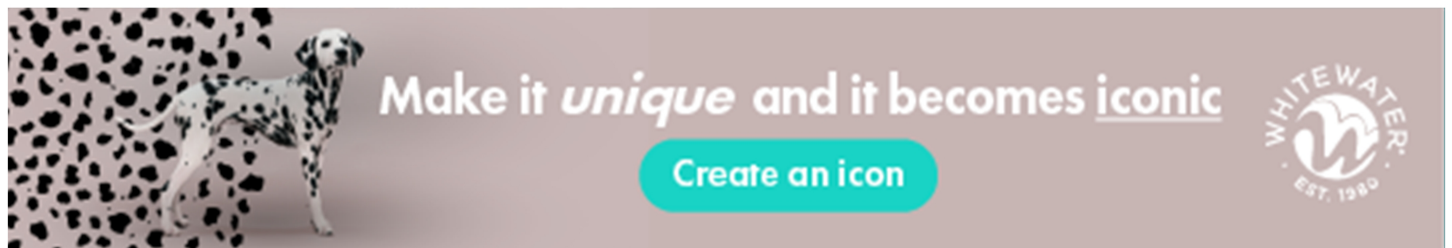
16 May 2022: On the occasion of Buddha Jayanti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was on a day-long visit to Nepal, addressed an event in Lumbini on the occasion of Buddha Purnima today. "India and Nepal's ever-strengthening friendship, in the kind of global conditions that are being created today, our closeness will serve the benefit of the entire humanity," he said. PM Modi also held bilateral talks with his Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba. As Prime Minister, this is his fifth visit to Nepal and the first to Lumbini.

(Source: www.ndtv.com)

Super Nintendo World construction in Florida at Universal's Epic Universe

Super Nintendo World, one of numerous highly-themed lands, is coming to Universal's Epic Universe at the Universal Orlando Resort. This new theme park is rapidly approaching as dirt turns into decipherable layouts. Mario, Peach, and Bowser will soon be in Orlando! The images look like role construction for the Yoshi's Adventure ride, the beginnings of the Mario Kart: Koopa's Challenge attraction, Donkey Kong section of Super Nintendo World, the extension of the Kirkman Road etc can be seen. There are about three years until Universal's Epic Universe opens, but rumors suggest that some areas of the park may open early upon their specific completion.

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

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Hong Kong Palace Museum expected to open to public by summer 2022

Hong Kong's HK\$3.5 billion version of the Palace Museum in Beijing is nearing completion and expected to open to the public by summer 2022. Betty Fung Ching Suk-ye, CEO of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, said the new museum is set to open this summer as a "gift" to residents to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover from Britain to China. "The exact opening date will depend on our exhibits and the progress of the interior construction," she said (via South China Morning Post). Fung said the Hong Kong Palace Museum, which broke ground in 2018, is "hoping to offer this gift to Hongkongers on the 25th anniversary of the city's handover".

The museum will house nine exhibition galleries, as well as a 400-seat auditorium, a learning and innovation centre, and F&B outlets.

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

Japan prepares to reopen to tourists for first time since 2020

Japan will start conducting "test tourism" in the form of limited package tours in May ahead of a full reopening to tourism. Though tourism was a major pillar of Japan's economy, tourists have not been permitted to enter since it adopted strict border controls in 2020 at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Regulations have been loosened slightly to allow students and some business travellers to enter. But individual tourists remain barred despite calls from industry leaders hoping to restart tourism to take advantage of the yen, which has fallen to 20-year lows. Japan's Tourism Agency said it would start allowing small group tours to enter from later this month as "test cases" to gain information for a broader resumption of tourism at an unspecified future date.

(Source: www.theguardian.com)




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