

Arunachal Pradesh to get Northeast's first fish museum

A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, said Fisheries Minister Tage Taki. The museum in the North East region (NER), with all fish species across the district from Tawang to Longding, to attract tourists, fish lovers and the museum will also serve as a training centre for fish farmers.

Reportedly, the museum will be a part of the Integrated Aqua Park in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, whereas the project will be under the Union Ministry of Fisheries. For this, a total amount of INR 4.59 crore has already been sanctioned for this project. Reports stated that this is the first installment for the setup allotted in the current financial year.

If reports are to go by, the fish museum will feature all the fish species of the state. Apart from giving a good visual appeal, the project will also serve as a training center for anyone who is interested in taking up the fishery business in the state.

(Source : <https://currentaffairs.adda247.com>)



The first Solar Dome of India comes up at Kolkata's Eco Park

The first solar dome in India is now open for public viewing in Bengal's Silicon Valley, Eco Park, New Town, Kolkata. This project has been jointly executed by HIDCO (West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd) and WBSEDCL (West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company). Only the ground floor is available for public viewing in the first phase. The dome is 28.950 metre high and has a 45-metre diameter.

The solar dome has 2000 active solar panels which continuously generate solar power. There are two types of solar panels installed in it- 150Wp and 260Wp. Further construction is still on and after the project is complete, it will provide 180 kilowatts of energy which will light the internal facility as well as the street lights in the area. The upper levels of the dome will be connected with a spiral ramp, they will have a viewing gallery on top which will have a 3D point of view for the visitors. After the dome is complete, it will house a planetarium, marine aquarium, gallery and a view point from which the visitors will have a panoramic view of Rajarhat, New Town. The project cost is estimated to be around Rs 30 crore.

(Source : www.getbengal.com)



Govt panel pushes for games on Indian epics

A government task force has recommended that online and video games be developed using Indian epics such as Mahabharata and Ramayana, and iconic Indian films such as Sholay and Bahubali as plot inspirations, according to documents seen by HT Headed by I&B ministry joint secretary Vikram Sahay, it suggests "applied games may be included in the school curriculum, and financial incentives may be provided for enterprises developing educational games." "A survey of applied game applications across various sectors may be conducted, and avenues for international demand for applied games may also be explored," it adds.

The ministry has launched a series of online games called the Azadi Quest as part of its Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign to mark 75 years of Indian Independence. This includes a series of online educational mobile games developed in collaboration with Zynga India, which aims to capture the Indian freedom struggle.

(Source : www.hindustantimes.com)

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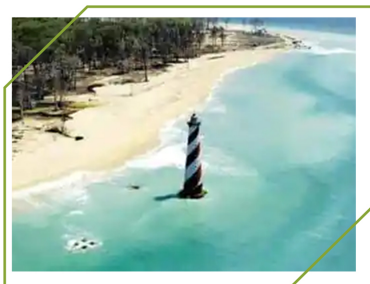
Two new Indian beaches receive 'Blue Flag' certification

NEW DELHI : Two Indian beaches, Minicoy Thundi beach and Kadmat beach, located in Lakshadweep, have received the International eco-label 'Blue Flag', the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change said in a press release.

"Two more Indian beaches have made it to the list of Blue Beaches. Minicoy, Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach - both in Lakshadweep - are the proud entrants in the coveted list of Blue Beaches, an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world," said Union Environment Minister, Bhupender Yadav.

"Together the two beaches have taken India's tally of Blue Beaches to 12. This is part of India's relentless journey towards building a sustainable environment led by PM Modi," the minister added.

(Source: www.livemint.com)



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Rajasthan to host Pushkar Fair

Under the 'Pushkar Chalo Abhiyan', lakhs of tourists from different countries have been invited by the Rajasthan Tourism Department. The chief minister will inaugurate the fair at Pushkar Sarovar by lighting the lamp and participating in Maha Aarti, an official spokesperson said.

Along with the fair, various competitions are organised. Traditional and fusion bands will also showcase their performance in the fair. Delicious delicacies and beautiful craftsmanship will also be featured at the fair, the spokesperson added.

(Source : www.traveldailymedia.com)

Lahore – Pakistan to get South Asian, African Themed Zones Zoo

On the special direction of Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi recreational facilities will be provided in the Lahore Zoo and the Safari Zoo and the decision to reorganize Lahore Zoo and Safari Zoo has been taken in this regard.

CM presided over a meeting in which a decision has been made to establish Zoo & Wildlife Management Authority in order to provide maximum recreational facilities to the children of the common man. He accorded approval to establish Zoo & Wildlife Management Authority and stated that the Zoo & Wildlife Management Authority will work for the construction and restoration of the zoo houses and safari zoos across Punjab.

Joy land, tram structure and other facilities will be provided in the safari zoo and bird shows will also be organized in the Lahore Zoo for the interest of children.

(Source : <https://pakobserver.net>)



Hersheypark to launch new Wildcat's Revenge hybrid coaster in 2023

Hersheypark is opening a new wood and steel hybrid coaster called Wildcat's Revenge in summer 2023, 100 years after the original Wildcat ride made its debut at the park. Manufactured by Rocky Mountain Construction (RMC), Wildcat's Revenge is one of 15 coasters at Hersheypark.

Originally constructed as a wooden roller coaster named Wildcat, Wildcat's Revenge will have a new steel track added to the existing wooden framework. Located in the Midway America area of Hersheypark, the new coaster will feature speeds of up to 62 mph along 3,510 feet of track and four inversions, including the world's largest underflip.

It will include three custom trains decorated with black, charcoal and silver wildcats. Riders will climb a 140-foot hill and enjoy an 82-degree drop.

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

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Dollywood bringing in Christmas with smoky mountain Christmas festivities

Dollywood theme park, the 14-time winner for Best Theme Park Christmas Event, now boasts more than six million shining, shimmering lights as part of the Smoky Mountain Christmas.

"I believe each season in the Smokies is a precious gift from above, but I also know there is no better time than Christmas to experience the magic of this special place," Dolly Parton explained.

Adventures in Imagination shines in pink, platinum and gold decorations—as well as 60 LED butterflies and a new 20' ft. tall Christmas tree – in an area fittingly called Dolly's Christmas.

Guests will find hundreds of additional lighted trees throughout the park this year, as well as more new décor elements and eight different light zones to provide each area of Dollywood its own unique look and feel. The new elements add one million lights to the park's total meaning guests will enjoy six million lights during this season's festival.

(Source : <https://interpark.co.uk>)



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