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## Maharashtra to get India's highest road cable-stayed bridge



India's highest cable-stayed road bridge is being constructed in Maharashtra. This 132m-high bridge is being constructed by infrastructure major Afcons in the Mumbai-Pune Expressway Missing Link project. At present, the length of the existing Mumbai Pune Expressway from Khopoli exit to Sinhgad Institute is around 19 kms.

The Missing Link Project will bypass the Khandala Ghat section and will reduce the distance of the expressway by over six kilometres reducing travel time by more than 25 minutes.

The project faces various geological, transportation, and extreme engineering challenges. For the widening of the existing expressway from six lanes to eight lanes, blasting for hill cutting has to be carried out in allotted slots by the authorities.

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

## Kerala plans big project to draw foreign tourists

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas said the government will envisage a comprehensive project to attract more foreign tourists to the state. The state has been witnessing a surge in the number of domestic tourists, the statement said. "Our next goal is to attain a similar achievement in foreign tourists too. We are planning to implement a comprehensive project as part of it. This includes the participation of the state in trade fairs held in foreign countries.

The department is organising promotional campaigns in countries whose citizens visit Kerala often. The state's inclusion in the list of 50 must-visit places in the world prepared by Time magazine and the Caravan tourism project by the government are major milestones in the industry," said Riyas.

(Source : <https://www.newindianexpress.com>)



## Tamil Nadu to introduce glamping, adventure sports to revive tourism, says Minister



The Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has identified revenue land close to forests in 10 districts for glamping and adventure sports, Tourism Minister M. Mathiventhan said here on Friday (30 September 2022).

A government order has been issued recently for acquiring 3-5 acres at Mannavanur in Kodaikanal for ₹2.75 crore-₹3 crore and a same amount of land in the Kolli Hills. The land transfer process in 10 districts across the State is under way; thereafter, glamping, trekking, eco-camping and adventure sports will be started, Mr. Mathiventhan told The Hindu.

According to him, the Water Resources Department permitted development of sites near certain dams and waterbodies — namely, Pichavaram, Hogenakkal, Poondi, Anaikattu and Kamaraj Sagar Dam — for boating. "The Detailed Project Report is being prepared under the Tamil Nadu Tourism Destination Scheme and roughly ₹30 crores has been sanctioned by the government for the scheme," he said.

(Source : <https://www.thehindu.com>)



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### Rezwan Razack's Museum of Indian Paper Money showcases the first currency notes depicting Gandhi

The RBI first issued notes with Gandhi to commemorate his 100th birth anniversary in 1969.

In the heart of Bengaluru is a museum dedicated exclusively to Indian currency notes, as they evolved from 1812.

The Rezwan Razack's Museum of Indian Paper Money showcases currency-based artifacts and notes featuring British monarchs. But it also happens to house the first currency notes with Gandhi's portrait.

The Collector also has paintings that renowned artist NS Subbakrishna of Mysore made for the Commemorative currency and bank notes of all denominations. Subbakrishna submitted hand-painted sketches in 1968, drawn in Indian ink for ₹2, ₹5, ₹10 and ₹100 notes and three sketches for the ₹1 coin. The judging committee selected a sketch depicting a seated Gandhi with the Sevagram Ashram as the backdrop. Subbakrishna was awarded a Prize of ₹1,000 by the RBI for his design. The notes were issued for circulation from October 2, 1969.

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

### India to add 80 more airports in next four to five years, 21 greenfield airports

The number of airports in India has seen a huge expansion in the last 8 years. In 2014, India had around 72 airports, but the number has now reached 141 and the government is working on adding 80 more airports in the next four to five years which will take the total number of airports to 220. Union Ministry of Civil Aviation also granted in-principle approval for the establishment of 21 greenfield airports across the country.

The greenfield airports will be in Mopa (Goa); Navi Mumbai, Shirdi, and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra; Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Hassan, and Shivamogga in Karnataka; Dabra in Madhya Pradesh; Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh; Dholera and Hirasar (Rajkot) in Gujarat; Karaikal in Puducherry; Dagadarthi (Nellore), Bhogapuram and Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh; Durgapur in West Bengal; Pakyong in Sikkim; Kannur in Kerala; and Hollongi (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh.

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



### 2023 to be 'Visit Andhra Pradesh' year to foster tourism

Andhra Pradesh will observe 2023 as 'Visit Andhra Pradesh' year to foster tourism, with particular emphasis on attracting foreign tourists. Towards this, the AP Tourism Development Corporation has developed a GIS-based web portal to market the various tourism destinations in the state.

On the occasion of World Tourism Day, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the GIS-based web portal and declared 2023 as 'Visit Andhra Pradesh' year. "Tourism and hospitality is a critical sector as it contributes to large employment. It has gone through turbulent times in the past two years due to Covid-19 pandemic but is now recovering," Special Chief Secretary (Tourism and Culture) Rajat Bhargava said.

The prime objective of declaring 2023 as Visit Andhra Pradesh year was to aid the tourism and hospitality sector to the maximum extent and help it flourish, he said.

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



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### Saudi Arabia's Amaala to open immersive and experiential marine life centre

The Red Sea Development Company (TRSDC) has unveiled its designs of the world's first immersive and experiential marine life centre at Amaala in Saudi Arabia. Created by architectural firm Foster + Partners, the state-of-the-art Marine Life Institute will be a scientific research centre and visitor destination.

Located in the Triple Bay Marina at Amaala, the venue will be home to one of the world's largest artificial reefs, futuristic laboratory spaces, educational exhibitions, and augmented reality (AR) experiences. Visitors will also get to walk underwater, snorkel with rare species, take part in lab tours, and dive in a submarine.

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



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