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#### Dharamshala Declaration affirms to make India global leader in tourism sector by 2047

The three-day National Conference of State Tourism Ministers ended on Tuesday (20 September 2022) with the adoption of the "Dharamshala Declaration" which affirms commitment toward developing "sustainable and responsible tourism" and positions India as a "global leader in the tourism sector by 2047". The document titled Dharamshala Declaration-2020: Sustainable and Responsible Tourism asserts that India will play a pivotal role in contributing toward global tourism recovery driven mainly through domestic tourism.

"All the major indices of tourism have started showing signs of recovery toward the pre-pandemic levels such as domestic air passenger traffic, hotel occupancy and tourist footfalls," it states. It also says that the National Tourism Policy has been drafted with a holistic vision and strategy to revive India's tourism and targets to achieve USD 1 Trillion by the sector in 2047.

Against this backdrop, the Government of India is also paving way for the development of sustainable and responsible tourism destinations.

(Source: www.hindustantimes.com)





#### India welcomes back cheetahs, 7 decades after local extinction

Eight Namibian cheetahs arrived in India, decades after their local extinction, in an ambitious project to reintroduce the spotted big cats that has divided experts on its prospects. Officials say the project is the world's first intercontinental relocation of cheetahs, the planet's fastest land animal.

The five females and three males were moved from a game park in Namibia aboard a chartered Boeing 747 dubbed "Cat plane" for an 11-hour flight. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presided over the release at Kuno National Park, a wildlife sanctuary 320km south of New Delhi selected for its abundant prey and grasslands.

Each of the animals, aged between two and five and a half, have been fitted with a satellite collar to monitor their movements. They will initially be kept in a quarantine enclosure for about a month before being released in the open forest areas of the park.

(Source: www.gulf-times.com)

#### Multiplex construction in Srinagar nears completion, Valley people rejoice

Jammu and Kashmir residents will soon be able to watch cinema on the big screen as the construction work on a multiplex is in the final stages. This is for the first time valley people will see movies in a big screen post cinema halls closed since the 1990s due to unfavourable conditions. The new multiplex is being designed by INOX in Srinagar and through this people will get the opportunity to enjoy Bollywood movies on the big screen after a long time.

Three large auditoriums are being built in the multiplex with a seating capacity of more than 500 people at a time, said an official. The auditorium has been provided with the Dolby Atmos digital sound system giving the viewers surround sound for the best movie experience.

(Source : www.livemint.com)





#### Varanasi: WB-aided tourism project at Sarnath Circuit likely to be ready by year-end

VARANASI: The World Bank-aided Pro-Poor Tourism Development Project at Sarnath Buddhist Circuit is likely to be completed by the end of this year.

Varanasi Development Authority (VDA), which is supervising the Rs 72.63 crore-project of the state Tourism Department, said work is underway at a fast pace to complete it at the earliest. The project focuses on generating huge employment for the local communities.

Earlier on July 7 this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid foundation stone of the project while inaugurating and laying stone of multiple projects worth over Rs 1,800 cr at Dr Sampurnanand Sports Stadium in Sigra area.

(Source: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com)



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Shanghai Disney Resort in collaboration with James Cameron and Jon Landau's Lightstorm Entertainment and Disney Location-Based Experiences, announced on Thursday that "Avatar: Explore Pandora," an immersive exhibition inspired by the highest-grossing film of all time "Avatar," will open in Shanghai Disneyland from Sept. 22, 2022 to March 2023. This will be the first Avatar-themed touring exhibition to be hosted in a Disney Park worldwide.

Exhibiting for a limited six-month period in the futuristically designed setting of Tomorrowland, "Avatar: Explore Pandora" will open to park visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day during park operation hours. The launch of the exhibit also coincides with the international premiere of the much anticipated sequel "Avatar: The Way of Water," which is scheduled for December 2022 globally and will extend the legendary story of this unique alien world.

(Source: www.china.org.cn)

#### Moon World Resorts planning \$5 billion space tourism experience

The destination resort will have a lunar surface as part of a space tourism experience. Canadian architectural design and intellectual property (IP) licensor Moon World Resorts (MWR) is planning a \$5 billion space tourism experience and destination resort in Dubai.

The spherical resort is designed to be built in 48 months, Moon World Resorts co-founders Sandra G. Matthews and Michael R. Henderson told Arabian Business. "Moon Dubai will be the largest and most successful modern-day tourism project within the entire MENA region, doubling annual tourism visitations to Dubai based on its global appeal, brand awareness and unique multiple integrated offerings," said Matthews and Henderson.

Moon Dubai will have a lunar surface as part of an Earth-based space tourism experience. It will include a visit to an "authentic working lunar colony", Henderson told Forbes.

(Source: https://blooloop.com)



#### SeaWorld Abu Dhabi to open in 2023

SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is 90 per cent complete and will open in 2023, property developer Miral announced on Wednesday (14 September 2022). It will be the first SeaWorld location outside of North America and is the latest addition to Yas Island's attractions, which include Warner Bros World Abu Dhabi, Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi and Clymb Abu Dhabi.

The marine-life theme park complex will also include the UAE's first dedicated marine research, rescue, rehabilitation and return centre, supporting regional conservation projects and with a focus on indigenous ecosystems in the Arabian Gulf.

The attraction is being built over five floors spanning about 183,000 square metres and including habitats, rides, interactive exhibits and immersive guests experiences, full details of which are yet to be revealed.

It's set to be home to the region's largest multi-species aquarium, with more than 58 million litres of water and 150 species, including sharks, manta rays, sea turtles, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.

(Source: www.thenationalnews.com)

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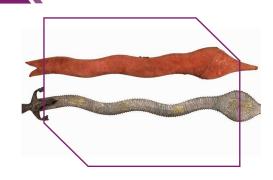
#### In A First, Scotland's Glasgow Museums Return Stolen Objects To India

In a historic first, the Glasgow Museums in Scotland became the first museum in the United Kingdom to return stolen objects to India.

The ceremony occurred on Friday last week at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. It was attended by delegates from the Indian High Commission, who received the seven stolen objects. Of them, six objects were primarily stolen from religious places in northern India. Some of them are estimated to be more than a millennium old. The seventh item was a 'talwar', an Indian sword that belonged to the ruler of the former Hyderabad state. It was stolen in 1905 and sold to Sir Archibald Hunter, a general in British Army. All items were given to the Glasgow Museums as a gift.

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