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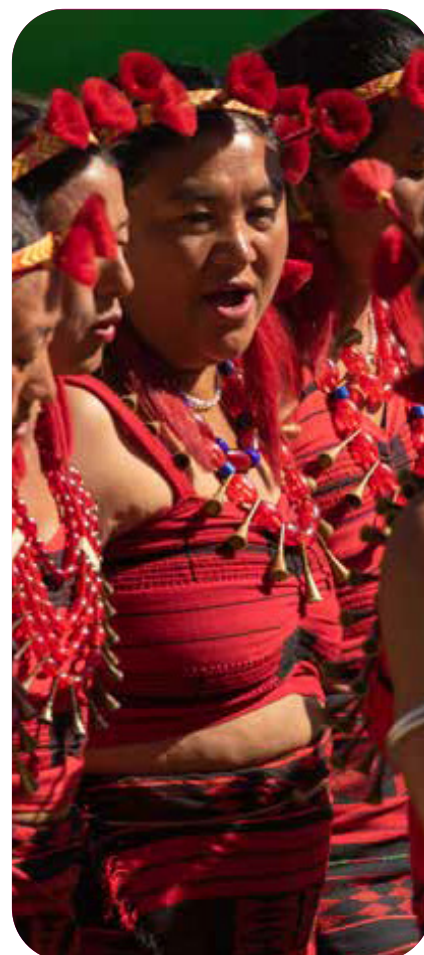
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From Consul General's Desk
Dr. Aman Puri

Dear Reader,

Expo 2020 Dubai came to a grand closure, a mega event that displayed humanity's utmost resilience in the backdrop of a pandemic. The first World Expo in the MEASA region has left behind a lasting impact and will continue to inspire as hub for innovation and global collaboration.

Over the past 6 months, India Pavilion saw more than 1.75 million footfalls. The Pavilion will remain for posterity at the District 2020.

The various States and Sectors that participated during the last 6 months had productive engagements and showcased their unique opportunities.

India Innovation Hub and the Elevate pitching series showcased over 700 startups displaying the strength of Indian startup ecosystem.

We look forward to building on these opportunities to forge successful partnerships to contribute in building a sustainable future for all. India's participation at the Expo 2020 Dubai has strengthened India-UAE friendship.

I hope you will enjoy reading this edition!

Happy reading!



Roundtable on News Broadcasting

ROUNDTABLE ON NEWS BROADCASTING

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, organised a Roundtable on News Broadcasting, on the occasion of Media & Entertainment fortnight at the India Pavilion, to highlight the crucial role of News Media in the dissemination of information and how it has the potential to become a US\$ 5 billion industry. Mr. Mayank Kumar Agrawal, DG, Doordarshan expressed that whatever is broadcasted, must be done with full responsibility, objectivity and

credibility. He added that news personnel have done a commendable job in raising COVID awareness and constantly functioned, during the pandemic, at the Roundtable on News Broadcasting. Mr. Anubhav Nath, CRO, PTC Punjabi shared that playing unbiased content, including News and Infotainment and abiding by the local and regional demand is of utmost importance. Mr. Ravi Chituri, Head of Media, Dabur International expressed that broadcasters play a very vital role in the News ecosystem. He added that

advertisers rely on the credibility of news broadcasters where the audience provides the strength in taking the news broadcasting channels global. Mr Sakti Prakash Bide, Founder & Founding Director, Times Gulf acknowledged that the opportunity and support from the Govt. in the Media and News industry can help entrepreneurs grow in a very short period, at the Roundtable. Shri Vikram Sahay, JS, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India highlighted that OTT does not require permission in India.



Roundtable on News Broadcasting

CONFERENCE BY RIS, INDIA:
DIGITAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS IN THE PANDEMIC

The India Pavilion in collaboration with RIS, India, organised a session on Digital Health Solutions in the pandemic, at Expo 2020 Dubai. Dr. Seshadri Chari, Member, RIS Governing Council, at the session on Digital Health highlighted that every problem has a challenge and an opportunity, that COVID was a challenge and CoWIN was the opportunity. She added that India not only manufactured vaccines but also exported them to other countries. Dr. Kediende Chong, DG, Policy Planning, Ministry of Health, Government of South Sudan, expressed how COVID-19 has reorganised the whole world. He added that South Sudan does not aim to reinvent the wheel but join the world in the fight against the pandemic, with the support of their partner countries, at the session on Digital Health.



ELEVATE XIV -
WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL

Elevate returned with its fourteenth edition, with women entrepreneurs from India, to celebrate the special occasion of Women's Day 2022, at the India Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai. The session highlighted 16 highly-energetic women entrepreneurs, showcasing how they are transforming the world, as the 'nation-builders' of today and have proved with their fiery pitches, that start-ups are the backbone of new India. Smt. Tadu Mamu, Consul (Press, Information, Culture & Labour), CGI Dubai, shared how the India Innovation Hub has been a very crucial and focal initiative of the



India Pavilion, showcasing close to 500 start-ups and has given the start-ups a great platform to engage with investors and their global counterparts.



I&B MINISTER ANURAG THAKUR VISITS INDIA PAVILION



Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Information & Broadcasting(I&B) and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, toured the I&B Ministry floor at the Pavilion as part of ongoing 'Media & Entertainment Fortnight' and also interacted with the Indian diaspora and visitors who showed up at the India Pavilion in large numbers. Shri Thakur congratulated the organisers and participants for making the India Pavilion a grand success. "The Pavilion has received more than 1.5 million visitors which speaks volumes about India's growth journey and its rich culture and heritage as shown through installations on Yoga, space and tourism, startups among others. India's media & entertainment sector has showcased the country's growth story over the years," said Shri Thakur.



TAMIL NADU PAVILION AT EXPO 2020 DUBAI



Mr. M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated the state floor at India Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai on March 25 in the presence of H.H. Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE Cabinet Minister of Tolerance & Commissioner General of Dubai Expo 2020. The state showcased its business potential and cultural heritage. Speaking during the inauguration event, The key focus sectors in the state of Tamil Nadu are Automobiles and Auto-components, Defense, Aerospace, Renewable Energy, Electric Vehicles, Electronics and Food Processing industries. Tamil Nadu is one of the most well-connected states in the country with 4 major ports, 6 airports and an extensive roadway system. The state also offers skilled manpower with almost 50% of India's technical skill development institutes and stands 1st in India in technical education &



research. Additionally, the state offers industry friendly governance with 110 industrial parks, 45 Domestic Tariff Zones (DTZ) and 49 Special Economic Zones (SEZ). Almost 74 companies out of Fortune 500 countries have established their presence due to the state's conducive business environment. The state also offers a Digital Accelerator Program to attract start-ups from the U.S. and in India to start business in Tamil Nadu.

Dubai Expo concludes: India Pavilion's legacy continues

The India Pavilion successfully signed off from the Expo 2020 Dubai as the six-month long mega event brought the curtains down yesterday. As one of the largest and most iconic pavilions at the Expo, the India Pavilion recorded more than 1.75 million footfalls since its inauguration on October 1st last year. The Pavilion will remain for posterity as part of India's legacy in the UAE. The building will embody India's commitment to sustainability and will be environment friendly. Inaugurated by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, and Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, the India Pavilion recorded 1,753,889 visitors till the closure of the Expo on March 31st.

Shri Sunjay Sudhir, Ambassador of India to the UAE said, "We are delighted and proud of the way in which India has been able to showcase itself at Dubai Expo. Various sectors and states that participated during the 6 months have been able to utilise every opportunity to expand and grow. Moreover, our bright young minds and entrepreneurs have also capitalized on the opportunity, and we take pride in the fact that the India Innovation Hub is only getting started. The India Pavilion is one of the few ones that will remain for posterity and will continue telling our nation's story in the years to come."

"Our ties with the UAE have been further strengthened with India's hugely successful participation at Dubai Expo. We have seen numerous meetings here in the last six months that have initiated a dialogue for future associations and many of them have already led to successful partnerships," Shri Sudhir added. The India Pavilion witnessed over 2000 B2B, G2G and G2B meetings conducted by delegates from various participating states and sectors, discussing investment opportunities & mutual areas of collaboration. The Pavilion also saw over 100 MoUs/ LoIs getting signed in last 6 months by different states, sectors and startups. The 'Elevate' pitching series under the India Innovation Hub project of the India Pavilion also showcased over 700 startups in the last 6 months. The Elevate provided opportunities to Indian startups and helped the budding entrepreneurs with the right mentorship, platform and networking opportunities to scale their businesses. The India Pavilion successfully represented India's vast cultural diversity, sectoral expertise and the business potential of the participating states. Mirroring the theme of the Expo, 'Connecting Minds, Creating the Future', the India Pavilion showcased the country's sectoral expertise, key business areas from the states and innovative ideas from budding entrepreneurs across the country.

The Pavilion hosted many states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Northeast states, and UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, which successfully showcased their business attractiveness along with rich cultural heritage and garnered investment opportunities from leading global investors during their participation. Key sectors such as Media & Entertainment, Water, Steel, Food, Agriculture and Livelihood, Health & Wellness, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), New & Renewable Energy, Environment, Space, Urban and Rural Development, Oil & Gas, Textile, Knowledge and Learning, and Tourism also held respective weeks at the India Pavilion to highlight the growth and investment opportunities in these areas. The Pavilion saw high-profile visitors, including Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Shri N. V. Ramana, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh, Union Minister of Steel, Government of India, Shri M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Shri Om Birla, Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs, Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Shri V Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology and Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri B.S. Yediyurappa, Former Chief Minister of Karnataka, and India's Foreign Secretary, Shri. Harsh V Shringla, Dr. K. Sivan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) & Secretary, Department of Space among others. Shri Narayan Rane, Minister of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Shri R.K. Singh, Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy, Smt. Darshana V Jardosh, Union Minister of State for Textile & Railways, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, Minister of State for MSME and Shri Satish Mahana, Minister for Industrial Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP), along with various other dignitaries joined virtually. The India Pavilion also hosted renowned celebrities including Salman Khan, Ranveer Singh, Ranbir Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, SS Rajamouli, Ram Charan, NTR Jr, Janhvi Kapoor, Jaaved Jaaferi, R. Madhavan; singers such as Shaan, Kailash Kher, Salim-Sulaiman, Hariharan, Neha Kakkar, Benny Dayal, Jonita Gandhi; Indian tennis star, Sania Mirza and the famous fashion designer, entrepreneur and filmmaker, Manish Malhotra to name a few.

Total number of Visitors at the India Pavilion **1,753,889**



Nearly 300 Cultural Events and Celebrations

TOP EVENTS

- National Day
- Navratri Dandiya Raas
- Durga Puja Celebrations by ICCR
- Diwali Celebrations
- Christmas Celebrations
- Republic Day Celebrations
- Basant Panchami Celebrations
- Festival of Ideas
- The Raghu Dixit Project
- Holi Celebrations



National Day - 29 March 2022

Bhangra and Dhol Tasha Performance



National Day - 29 March 2022

National Day Parade

India's National Day celebration was vibrant and colourful, representing the rich culture of India, at the Expo 2020 Dubai.





STEEL WEEK

11 MARCH - 17 MARCH, 2022

The Indian landmass rests atop a wealth of metals and minerals. Home to 1,531 operating mines, the country's mineral reserves constitute 4 fuel-related, 10 metallic, 23 non-metallic, 3 atomic and 55 minor minerals.

PROPERTY BUYING BY NON-UAE NATIONALS/ RESIDENTS IN THE UAE

- Ashish Mehta (Founder and Managing Partner of Ashish Mehta & Associates).

The emergence and establishment of the UAE as a global hub for business and investment has been made possible due to the availability of a number and variety of opportunities that the country has to offer. Amongst these, the real estate sector occupies a prominent position and remains a preferred choice for foreign investors. Given the popularity of the sector within the country and outside, the laws

and legal framework governing property registrations have been structured to enhance ease of doing business. In many countries with a federal structure of governance, the subject of land and real estate is usually under the respective state/provincial governments. The UAE is no exception, as matters pertaining to registration of real properties are subject to Emirate level laws and regulations, whereby each

Emirate in the UAE has its own set of laws and regulations on the subject. In this edition of India Matters, the laws applicable in respect of property registrations in the Emirate of Dubai have been put on focus, with a view to elucidate on how foreign and non-UAE resident individuals can buy properties in the Emirate of Dubai.

THE APPLICABLE LAWS :

THE LAW OF PROPERTY REGISTRATION IN THE EMIRATE OF DUBAI :

In the Emirate of Dubai, the applicable legislation in respect of property registrations is the Law No. 7 of 2006 concerning Real Property Registration in the Emirate of Dubai, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the 'Dubai Property Registration Law' for brevity).

PROPERTY BUYING BY NON-UAE NATIONALS :

Following the provisions of the Dubai Property Registration Law, a non-UAE national may purchase and register title over properties in the emirate of Dubai. Pursuant to Article 4 of the Dubai Property Registration Law, although the right to Real Property in Dubai is restricted to UAE nationals, nationals of the Gulf Cooperation Council States, the companies fully owned by the persons of such nationalities and public joint stock companies, some exceptions have also been made for non-UAE nationals to have (i) freehold ownership of real property; and (ii) usufruct rights (right to build) or lease rights in real property for 99 years subject to Resolutions

that may be passed by His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.

As such, Article 4 of the Dubai Property Registration Law reads as follows:

"The right to own Real Property in the Emirate shall be restricted to UAE nationals, nationals of the Gulf Cooperation Council States, companies fully owned by these nations, and public joint stock companies. Subject to the approval of the Ruler, non-UAE nationals may be granted the following rights in the relevant areas determined by the Ruler:

- Freehold ownership of Real Property, without time restrictions; and
- Usufruct or lease rights in Real Property for up to ninety-nine (99) years."

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 of the Dubai Property Registration Law, as mentioned above, Resolutions have been issued by His Highness the Ruler of Dubai, from time to time, identifying and demarcating specific areas in the Emirate of Dubai, where non-UAE nationals may have –

- freehold ownership of real property; and
- usufruct rights (right to build) or lease rights in real proper-

ty for 99 years.

Following the above provisions, over the years non-UAE national investors have been able to invest in, purchase and sell real properties in the Emirate of Dubai at specific areas identified and demarcated for the purpose.

PROPERTY BUYING BY NON-RESIDENTS :

Whereas, it is now clear that by the provisions of the Dubai Property Registration Law, residents and non-resident foreigners in the UAE may invest in, buy and sell properties in the Emirate of Dubai, the subsequent question in the natural sequence is whether non-residents can also purchase real properties without being physically present in the country or more specifically, the Emirate of Dubai.

The answers to the question mentioned above is in the affirmative. As such, a non-UAE national also need not be a resident of the UAE to invest in and/or hold title on real property/ies in such freehold/ leasehold areas, and such person also need not be physically present in the country to complete the sale-purchase transactions. Essentially, this can be achieved by way of appoint-

ing a representative via a power of attorney duly notarised and legalised. The procedure to do so is summarily described as follows.

• **Appointing a Representative**

The first step in the process is for the non-national and non-resident individual to appoint a representative who may act on behalf of the prospective buyer as his/her attorney, to buy the desired real property and thereby complete all transactions applicable in that regard. Such representative could either be an individual or a corporate entity.

• **Power of attorney**

The next step in the process is the preparation of a suitable power of attorney to be issued by the buyer in favour of his representative/ attorney. Ideally, the buyer may engage a law firm in Dubai to draft a power of attorney suitable for purchasing real properties in the Emirate of Dubai. Essentially, the power of attorney should enable the attorney to sufficiently represent the buyer in all kinds of transactions pertaining to the sale/ purchase of the property and represent the buyer before all competent authorities (statutory or non-statutory) and other entities (developers, brokers etc.). Where the property is to be purchased from a developer, the developer's advice may be sought in terms of the transactions envisaged. This shall assist in creating a suitable power of attorney.

• **Attestations**

Once the draft of the power of attorney is finalised, the buyer is then required to execute the same and get it attested by certain competent authorities – first, at the jurisdiction where the buyer may be located and subsequently in the UAE, by the attorney. These are noted hereinafter.

CONCLUSION:

The steps involved, the procedures to buy a property in Dubai are seamless and easy to complete.

OUTSIDE THE UAE

• **Notary Public:**

Upon execution of the PoA, the first step is to get the same attested by the Notary Public (or other similar authority) in accordance with the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where the buyer may be located. Whilst in some jurisdiction, the signatures are to be made before the Notary Public, in others the Notary Public may affix his/her attestations later.

• **Apostille/ Attestation by the Foreign Ministry**

Once the power of attorney has been suitably signed and attested by the competent Notary Public, the document must be either apostilled or attested by foreign ministry of the country where the buyer may be located.

• **UAE Missions**

Upon due completion of attestations at the foreign ministry, the power of attorney must then be sent to the UAE Embassy/ Consulate in the country where the buyer may be located.

Once all the steps mentioned above have been duly and fully completed, the buyer may arrange to send the original power of attorney document to the attorney in the UAE, whereupon the attorney will also have to undertake a few additional attestations to complete legalisation of the PoA, and for the same to have full validity and enforceability in terms of the envisaged transactions i.e., sale-purchase of real property in the Emirate of Dubai in the UAE.

• **Attestation by Notary Public in Dubai:**

The person issuing the POA could get it attested by the Notary Public in Dubai through their e-services which attests the POA virtually without the need of the issuer of the POA to be physically present in the UAE.



WITHIN THE UAE

Upon receipt of the original PoA, the attorney must proceed to complete the following steps.

• **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates**

Once the power of attorney is received by the attorney, he must first get it attested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation in the UAE.

• **Translation to Arabic**

If the power of attorney is in a non-Arabic language, then it must be legally translated to Arabic by an approved legal translator, whereupon the translated document must also be stamped by the approved legal translator.

• **Ministry of Justice**

Once the legal translation of the power of attorney is completed and the same is stamped by the translator, the power of attorney must then be taken to the Ministry of Justice, UAE for further attestation. These days, however, the procedure may be completed by applying through the web portal of the Ministry of Justice.

Upon completion of all the formalities mentioned above, the attorney may use the power of attorney (duly signed, notarised and legalised) to purchase the desired property on behalf of the buyer, and complete all the necessary transactions.

ENTERPRISE FOR ENVIRONMENT

Drinking water contamination has several underlying issues. The problem is not straightforward enough that it can be solved using only a filter bought from the neighbourhood store or by boiling the water. The sparkling clean, filtered water served to you in a silver vessel may not be so clean after all. Food and water being contaminated with arsenic can cause cancer, and this challenge has long demand-

ed a custom solution. Here are some start-ups that are shaking things up in the fight to solving the water crisis: **'Amrit'** Arsenic and Metal Removal by Indian Technology (AMRIT), an indigenous initiative by Dr.Pradeep of IIT Madras, uses nanotechnology to destroy microbes, absorb arsenic, remove metals, and downgrade pesticide content found in drinking water. AMRIT does not work on electricity and can be implemented in any community to

offer safe, clean drinking water at the most affordable cost. **'Swajal'** The Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 'Swajal' Safe, sustainable drinking water for all. initiative as a pilot project/ demand-driven programme involving the community to provide sustainable access to safe drinking water to people in rural areas. Supported by UNICEF, the Swajal programme is empowering communities to plan, design, implement and monitor single village drinking water supply



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schemes and organise community ownership for operation and maintenance. The target population for Swajal in 117 aspirational districts across 28 states is about 5,00,000 people a year. The Programme has helped in prioritising integrated water safety planning, behaviour change and community participation and Water Quality Monitoring in most deprived aspirational districts, thereby providing 18.6 million people access to safe drinking water. The learnings from Swajal will be upscaled to NRDWP strengthening the community management aspects along with technological options. UNICEF will strengthen the ongoing support to the Ministry of Jal Shakti for community management of water supplies.



Smart Water ATM



'Swajal' Safe, sustainable drinking water

MARCH 2022

19842 Passports Issued

1065 Visas Issued

60 OCI Cards

12524 Attestation Services

890 Birth Registrations

383 ECs Issued

156 Death Registered

701 Consular cases

53 Marriages Registered

337 Labour Cases Registered

81 Death Compensation Cases

32 Destitute Housemaid Cases Provided Assistance

20 Medical Cases

31 Air Ticket Issued

14 Mortal remains sent to India at Govt. cost

212 Helpline enquiries responded

Snapshot of
Consular services
provided by CGI, Dubai
in the month of
March 2022

NAGALAND

Nagaland, with its geological wonders, its natural resources and the cultural melange of its diverse tribes is one of the most precious gems in North-Eastern India.





NUMINOUS NAGALAND

Nagaland has emerged as one of the leading adventure and cultural tourism destinations in India's North-East.

Nagaland, with its geological gems, its natural wonders and the cultural melange of its various tribes enchants the visitor with its unparalleled beauty. The beauty of this state resides in its lush-green hills and gushing rivers, in the martial energy of its War Dances and in the lilt of a tune faintly emanating from a bamboo flute in some quiet corner of a far-flung village. This quaint state, nestled in India's eastern flank has emerged as a tourist destination where visitors may engage in the exquisite experience of exploring an enigma. Nagaland is a land garlanded by Gaia. The heavenly hills and verdant valleys capture the sylvan splendour of the state, embellished by the coronet of orchids and rhododendrons that it is so very fond of wearing.

Truly, Nature has blessed Nagaland with some of the choicest gifts she could muster. The generous hand of Nature is seen in its picture-perfect landscapes and the fecundity of its forests teeming with diverse life forms. Whether it is the speckled beauty of the solitary tragopan charily exploring the underbrush of its forests or the swarm of Amur Falcons dimming its azure skies with their sheer numbers, Nagaland's unparalleled wealth of avifauna is sure to mesmerise the onlooker with the variety of sights that Nature can conjure. Nagaland is gradually emerging as one of the most sought-after adventure tourism hubs in India's North-Eastern Region. The state is an ideal destination for trekking, rock climbing, jungle camping and offers limitless exploration avenues in its lush and verdant sub-tropical rain forests and its breathtaking highlands. The

state, with its challenging trails and offbeat destinations, is a trekker's paradise. This hill state has a number of trekking routes that allow the adventurers the opportunity to explore some of the rarest hidden gems that remain beyond the line of sight of the average tourist. Nagaland's Dzukou Valley is the top trekking destination in the state and is regarded as one of the best in the entire North East. Surrounded by hills, natural caves and rocks, the valley is the most beautiful place to set up camp. At an altitude of 2438 m above sea level, 30 km south of the state capital Kohima, the trek up and down lasts approximately 13 hours. Besides Dzukou, Nagaland is dotted with numerous peaks that allow the explorer to literally step up their game and rise above their surroundings and circumstances to reach their higher self. Some of these highland and hilltops include the Saramati Peak in Twensang District; Japfu Peak in Kohima; Mount Tiyi; Patkai Hills, Mokokchung and Satoi Range. Most of the trekking destinations in Nagaland are also ideal for camping. The Governor's Camp, in the

foothills near the Doyang River, is one of the most camping areas in the state. Nagaland also boasts a number of motorbiking trails that often lead the bikers to the farthest corners and allows them to experience the charm of its remote villages - a sight that remains reserved only for the resolute rider. The rivers of Nagaland are inhabited by a wide variety of fishes that includes trout, salmon and the famed Indian Mahseer. These rivers provide great opportunities for recreational activities like fishing and angling. Rivers like Dhansiri, Doyang, Dikhu, Jhanji, Milak and the Tula are some of the best places to cast one's net where fishes fall to give their all - hook, line and sinker. Encompassing hills, mountains, plains and plateaus, the region has many cultural groups and communities with varied cultural backgrounds and diverse festivals. This makes Nagaland the most attractive destination for cultural tourism in India's North-Eastern region. Nagaland has many advantages in this sector over its north-eastern neighbours.



PHOTO GALLERY



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KNOWING INDIA

This quiz is compiled by **Murali Krishnan Sankaran**.

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. As the largest democracy in the world, it has achieved all-round socio-economic progress since Independence. Yet, there is so much to know about Incredible India – this quiz attempts to help you discover more about our great motherland!

1 As the highest gateway in the world, this example of Mughal architecture displays sophistication and heights of technology in Akbar's empire. Name this structure built in 1602.



2 In February 2022, India and the UAE signed the 'Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)' opening up a comprehensive array of gains for both nations in a variety of sectors, including enhanced market access and reduced tariffs. The increase in bilateral trade from the current \$60 billion in the next five years is expected to increase to \$ _____ billion. Fill in the blank.

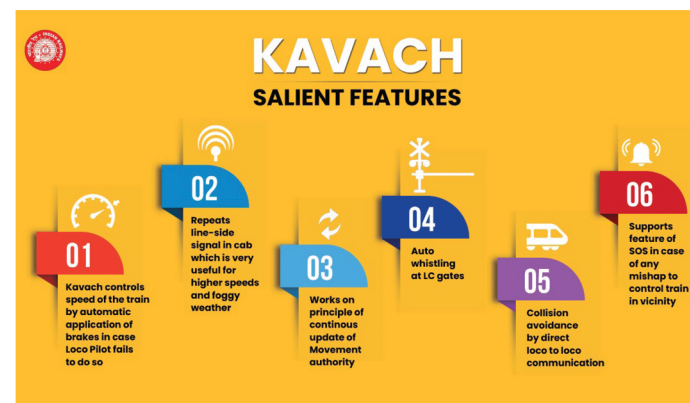
3 The East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC) is India's first coastal economic corridor covering 2500 km of India's coastline to be developed with an investment of \$500 Million. The ECEC running along the entire east coast of India from Kolkata to Kanyakumari, is a multimodal, regional maritime corridor playing a crucial role in the Government of India's 'Make in India' campaign. Which multilateral bank is the lead partner of India in developing the East Coast economic corridor?

4 With a commitment towards fighting environmental degradation and achieving carbon neutrality by 2070, India is pushing ahead towards a cleaner future with increased use of Electric Vehicles. Where is India's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging station with a capacity of 121 charging points for 4 wheelers located?

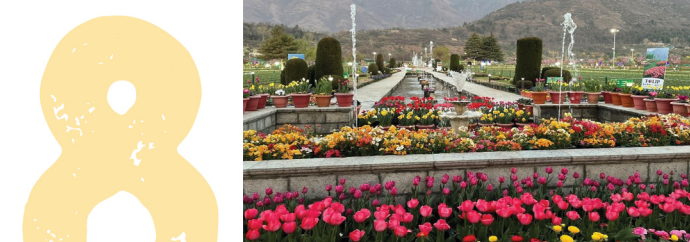


5 That he's just the third Indian to accomplish the rare feat of beating Magnus Carlsen underlines his incredible potential. This Indian Grandmaster, a 16-year-old stunned the world after defeating World No. 1 Chess Champion Carlsen with 39 black piece moves in an online rapid chess tournament. Name this Chess prodigy.

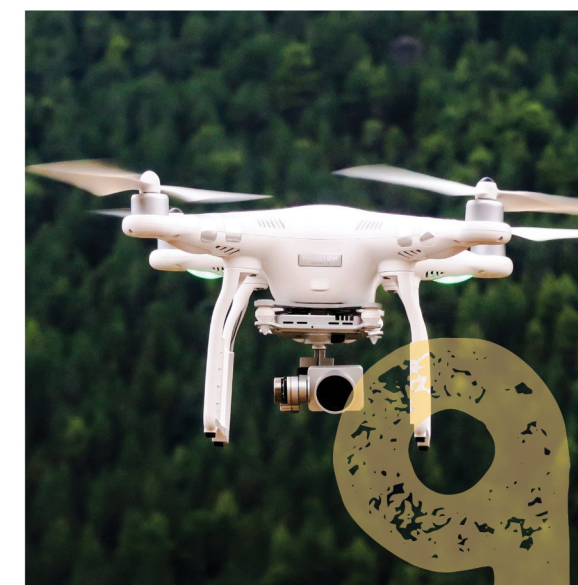
6 Considered to be one of the greatest and most influential singers in India with a career spanning seven decades, Lata Mangeshkar was given titles such as the "Queen of Melody", "Nightingale of India", and "Voice of the Millennium". She was the recipient of various National and International honours and Awards for her contribution to the music industry. Her last recorded song was released in March 2019 as a tribute to the Indian Army and the Nation. Name the title of this song.



7 An indigenously developed technology that can prevent two trains from colliding was showcased in March 2022 by Indian Railways. This system sends out triggers when a locomotive pilot jumps signal, a grave offence that leads to accidents like collision and also alerts in low visibility conditions, especially when there is dense fog. What is the name of India's indigenous 'Automatic Train Protection System'?



8 This picture showcases Asia's largest Tulip Garden which was opened to the public in March 2022. With over 1.5 million tulips of 60 varieties and colours blooming in 30 hectares of land, this iconic and famous Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden has become a booster for tourism in Kashmir. Where is this located?



10 Braj Holi Mahotsav is a celebration marked by pomp and grandeur, lavishly and colourfully staged by the tourism department of which state?



9 India now has its first ever Drone School, dedicated fully to understand this technology. On March 10, 2022, this new institute established to mark a new beginning in the world of education was inaugurated. Name the City where this institution has been set-up?

ANSWERS

1. Buland Darwaza or the "Door of Victory".
2. \$100 billion.
3. Asian Development Bank
4. Gurugram
5. Praggnanandhaa R
6. Saugandh Mynhe Is Mitti Ki
7. Kavach
8. Srinagar
9. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
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