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## FOREWARD

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*From Consul General's Desk*  
**Dr. Aman Puri**

Dear Reader,

As UAE celebrates its Golden Jubilee of unification, India is also commemorating its 75th year of Independence. We are certain that together the two nations will further a strong strategic partnership that will culminate into mutual success in the years to come. Both the nations look forward to being the beacon of peace and the land of tolerance & co-existence.

India Pavilion and Bangladesh Pavilion jointly celebrated Maitri Diwas marking the 50 years of establishment of bilateral relationship between India and Bangladesh with a cultural programme showcasing our shared heritage and culture.

It was a dynamic month at India Pavilion with states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh showcasing their unique and limitless opportunities.

A special session on Environment and Sustainability was organised at the India Pavilion in line with one of the key themes of Expo 2020 Dubai.

This edition also features information on personal data protection laws in the UAE that is critical in today's digital world.

I hope you will enjoy reading this edition!

Happy reading!





Bhamla Foundation at at Expo 2020



## GENERATION RESTORATION : A SPECIAL SESSION ON ENVIRONMENT

**B**hamla Foundation presented Generation Restoration - a session to deliberate the ways of reimagining, recreating and restoring our beautiful planet, at the India Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai.

Mr. Asif Bhamla, President, Bhamla Foundation, acknowledged that when it comes to the environment, the youth have shown tremendous concern

about recreating a sustainable and pollution-free planet, at the event.

Ms. Sania Mirza, Indian Professional Tennis Player, expressed that caring for the environment starts with little steps that create a huge difference as a whole - that steps like recycling, sharing cars can bring about positive changes to the planet.

Mr. Manish Malhotra, Indian Fashion Designer deliberated

how we must consciously protect our environment by reducing paper usage, wastage of fabric, etc. and that we have to be conscious because the environment is where we breathe and live in. Md. Sarhan, VP, India-Nepal, Emirates Airlines, shared how Emirates is focusing on the sustainability of travelling and the protection of the planet by collaborating with many worldwide organisations.



Bhamla Foundation at at Expo 2020



## MARITIME SAFETY DAY CONFERENCE BY TRISTAR

**E**minent dignitaries from the maritime industry participated in a panel discussion on the welfare of seafarers through introduction of new policies & actions, at the Tristar 'Safety At Sea' Conference.

Ms. Cerian Mellor, Seafarer Wellbeing Program Coordinator, Shell, elaborated on strategies to promote mental health of seafarers beyond the pandemic at the conference.

Mr. Chris Peters, CEO, Tristar Maritime Logistics quoted "The UAE is at the forefront in bringing about changes in the shipping industry. This would enable us to ensure safety and a greener world for us all: All organisations must come together for the welfare of seafarers".

Mr. Eugene Mayne, CEO, Tristar Group, shared that more than 800 organisations have signed up the Neptune Declaration that elevates the challenge faced by seafarers. Mr. Andy Bowerman, Regional Director, Mission to Seafarers, acknowledged that 2022 is going to be the year when the shipping industry will realise that their growth thrives



on seafarers & thereby will stand together to change the scenario. Ms. Jasmin Fichte, Managing Partner of Fichte & Co deliberated on the UAE's Mission to Protect the Seafarers.

The 2nd panel discussion at the Tristar 'Safety At Sea' Conference highlighted safety awareness programs and Tools at sea

for ships and seafarers. The 3rd panel discussion at the conference focused on risk management that helps in vessel safety at sea. The final panel discussion conference deliberated on the forthcoming regulations in the maritime industry that will focus on safety at sea.

## ELEVATE III - THE PITCHING SESSION

**A**fter two very successful sessions, Elevate - The Pitching Session, came back with its third edition 'Elevate III', where it showcased 10 new, innovative and promising start-ups. Several influential investors were a part of the session, sharing their experiences, encouraging the young startup leaders and offering to give them the financial boost they required.





## AO NAGA CHOIR ADDS TO THE FESTIVE FERVOUR AT INDIA PAVILION



As part of the Christmas celebrations, the India Pavilion at EXPO2020 hosted the renowned Ao Naga Choir last evening. The Choir recited Gospel Songs, Hymns, Ao Naga Songs and Choruses from opera, operetta and musicals and added to the festive fervour. Under the aegis of the Delhi Ao Baptist Church, the Ao Naga Choir was formed in 2009 and consists mostly of university students and young working professionals of the Ao tribe of Nagaland, India. The Choir has recently joined as an Affiliate Member of the Royal School of Church Music, London and a Member of the International Federation of Choral Music.



## 50 YEARS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH

Marking the 50 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh, the two countries celebrated Maitri Diwas or Friendship Day at the India Pavilion in Expo 2020 Dubai. The celebrations signify an important milestone for India-Bangladesh partnership as it completes half-a-century and continue to strengthen, mature, and evolve as a model for bilateral relations for the entire region. As part of the historic celebrations, the Pavilion organised various performances including folk songs and dance depicting the rich cultural heritage of the two countries. Consul General of India in Dubai along with his Bangladesh counterpart also attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Aman Puri, Consul General of India in Dubai and Deputy Commissioner-General for India at Expo 2020 Dubai said, "Over the last 50 years, the India-Bangladesh relationship has only strengthened, and socio-economic transformation of Bangladesh is an inspiration for the whole region." "Under the visionary leadership of the Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh, the two countries are witnessing a golden era in the relationship, and we must continue to work together and make sure that this enormous goodwill is able to transform into more benefits for the people of India and Bangladesh", said Dr. Puri. "We must congratulate the UAE which is enabling the world to come together at Expo 2020 Dubai. It is a matter of pride that we are celebrating Maitri Diwas at the India Pavilion. It is an important message that governments across the globe must use this global platform to find ways and means to collaborate more for the benefit of people in their countries so that together



we come out stronger in a post-Covid economy", added Dr. Puri. In his address, Mr. B M Jamal Hossain, Consul General of Bangladesh in Dubai said, "The holding of Maitri Diwas is a reflection of the deep and abiding friendship between the people of India and Bangladesh that has been forged in blood and shared sacrifices." "Over the last decades, both the countries have made remarkable progress on cooperation in large number of areas including security, connectivity, infrastructure, power, culture, people to people contact, disaster management, health etc. India has become one of the biggest development partners of Bangladesh and bilateral trade is now over USD 10 billion. Bangladesh-India relationships are now considered as a role model for neighbourhood diplomacy", he added. Earlier this year in March when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid a State Visit to Bangladesh, both the countries decided to commemorate 06 December as Maitri Diwas, as it was on this day in 1971 that India recognized Bangladesh. India was one of the first countries to establish bilateral diplomatic ties with Bangladesh.





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# KNOWLEDGE & LEARNING

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**12 December - 18 December, 2021**

*India is emerging as the knowledge capital of the world. Its vast ecosystem consists of 51,000 higher education institutions, and over 1000 universities*

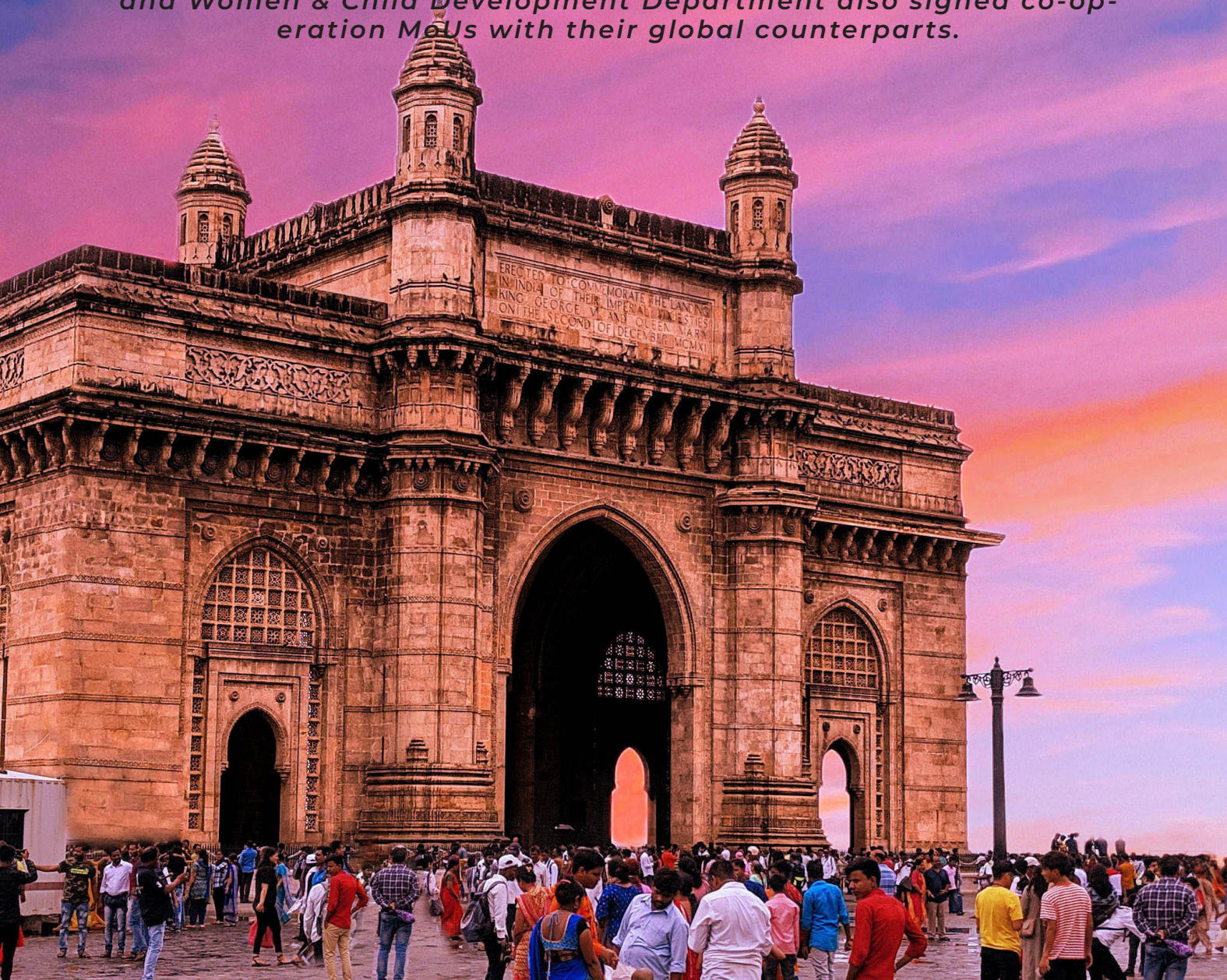




# MAHARASHTRA

19 NOVEMBER - 02 DECEMBER, 2021

*The Maharashtra fortnight was inaugurated by Shri Subhash Desai, Minister of Industries, Govt. of Maharashtra along with Smt Aditi Tatkare, Minister of State for Industries and Tourism and Shri Amit V. Deshmukh, Minister for Medical Education & Cultural Affairs of Govt. of Maharashtra. In addition to the business meetings held for the state, the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) conducted a roundtable for the logistics and warehousing industry. Mr Ajit Patil, Jt. CEO, MIDC addressed the roundtable and discussed the factors that make Maharashtra a lucrative destination in logistics and warehousing space. The Maharashtra Week concluded after witnessing success in garnering investment opportunities, as the state received investments of INR 15,260 crore (around USD 2 billion) and signed over 25 MoUs with global firms. In addition to the MoUs by Industries Department, other departments such as MMRDA, Skills, Tourism and Women & Child Development Department also signed co-operation MoUs with their global counterparts.*



# MADHYA PRADESH

03 DECEMBER - 09 DECEMBER, 2021

*The Madhya Pradesh Week showcased the state's expertise across various sectors including tourism, FMCG and auto, among others. A 12-member high-level delegation headed by Shri Rajvardhan Singh Dattigaon, Minister of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Government of Madhya Pradesh met potential investors and global companies to explore trade and investment opportunities for the state.*





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# UTTAR PRADESH

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**10 DECEMBER - 23 DECEMBER, 2021**

*Uttar Pradesh's participation showcased the vast investment opportunities across key sectors like Food processing, Tourism, Textiles, MS-MEs, Healthcare, etc. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, kickstarted the proceedings for the state's participation through a video message along with Shri Siddharth Nath Singh, Minister of NRI, MSME & Textile and Shri Satish Mahana, Minister of Industry Development, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. The participation of Uttar Pradesh at India Pavilion concluded on a high note as the delegation led by Shri Maneesh Chauhan, Director, Industries, Government of Uttar Pradesh, held 21 G2B meetings and signed an MoU of INR 500 crore with Sharaf Group which has shown interest in the development of Multimodal Logistics Parks with rail and road connectivity at Kanpur, Moradabad and Varanasi.*

*Additionally, Lulu Group plans to invest INR 500 crore for establishing food processing units in Uttar Pradesh. DP World also agreed to participate in the tender process for the development of multi-modal logistics hub (MMLH) at Dadri, UP.*

*The delegation from UP also had successful business meetings to explore trade and investment opportunities across sectors like Logistics, Food Processing, Tourism, Textiles, MSMEs as it received favourable interest from business groups like Texmas, Hotel Revier Group, Technplus, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Arenco Real Estate and Al Maya Group among others.*





# PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION LAWS IN THE UAE

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

Personal data generally includes all information that is unique to an individual, starting from his name and address to his physical and biometric records. Needless to say, such information is precious and must be protected, at all costs. The damage resulting from unauthorised access

to personal data, is unimaginable. To counter this, countries around the world have been introducing legislations and legal frameworks to protect personal data of people. In 2021, in its 50th year as a nation, the UAE entered the fold as well, by enacting the Federal Decree-Law

No. 45 of 2021 regarding personal data protection. Herein, the provisions of the UAE's Data Protection Law are recounted, in the backdrop of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) of the European Parliament, and what this law shall mean for business owners in the UAE.

## PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION :

The advent and assimilation of the internet into people's lives today, has made it inevitable for a large volume of personal data and records to be submitted, exchanged, stored and/or processed, virtually. However, the virtual space (like physical storage spaces) is not free from sabotages and unauthorised accesses. Over the years, internet service providers/ data processing entities/ entities with access to personal data pools, have been devising various ways to accord protection to the personal data at their disposal. However,

this wasn't really making the data-owner a 'party in the process'. As such he had no say into the manner in which his personal data could be stored or processed. Especially, with the social media outbreak, the concerns regarding personal data protection intensified, and support grew – in terms of enhancing the average internet user's participation in terms of protecting his own personal data. Even in cases, where data is transferred physically, it was thought essential that the data-owner must know what is to happen to his data and where

and how it must be stored. With a view to accord protection to personal data, countries around the world have introduced information privacy laws or laws to protect personal data. Of these the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) passed by the European Parliament in 2016 features prominently, as one of the most stringent of legislations on the subject. It has acted as a model law for many countries to follow suit. In 2021, UAE introduced its own Data Protection Law. The said law has come into effect from 2 January 2022.

## THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS :

The relevant provisions of the Data Protection Laws are mentioned hereinafter.

- The Data Protection Law has been given an extraterritorial application, much like the GDPR provisions, and therefore, all entities (inside or outside the UAE) processing personal data of a UAE data subject are subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Law.
- Personal data cannot be processed with the consent of the data owner or the 'data subject' (the person who owns the data)
- The consent for data processing must be given specifically

in clear and unambiguous terms whereby it must be stated that the data subject has understood what data is being submitted for processing, the purposes for which the data shall be used by the controller (at whose disposal the data shall be)

- Rights introduced: By the Data Protection Law, a data subject has the following rights:
  1. to receive information, from controllers in control of their data;
  2. to seek transfer of their data
  3. to seek corrections and deletion of their data (i.e., right to be 'forgotten')

4. to restrict processing of personal data
5. to raise objections on data processing in certain cases.
6. to raise objections to automated processing.
- The Data Protection Law also mandates for certain entities to appoint their own 'Data Protection Officer' in certain cases. His duty shall be to be in charge of the personal data provided to his entity, to ensure protection thereof and also to address concerns of the data subjects, in simple terms.
- Processing personal data for marketing shall no longer be possible, except without

obtaining the consent of the data subject.

- Entities must also have clear and transparent account of the purposes for which they may be obtaining personal data.
- Entities must also carry out assessments in terms of con-

sequences and impact of usage of any technology or tools in processing/ storage of personal data and whether they would pose any risk to the personal data at their disposal.

- The Data Protection Law further has provisions regarding

the establishment of a UAE Data Office, which is likely to be the regulatory authority in respect of processing of personal data, of the UAE data subjects. The UAE Data Office is currently being set up and further details are expected to come in soon.

## INDIAN ENTITIES IN THE UAE :

The Data Protection Law is in effect since 2 January 2022, and further regulations surrounding the law are expected to come in. Such regulations shall further clarify the position of controllers and as to what compliance requirements they must fulfil, in due course. Indian entities in the UAE, whose activities include processing of personal data of individuals qualifying as UAE data subjects will have the obligations of a data controller under the provisions of the Data Protection Law and following are some preliminary measures these entities may start adopting.

- The following information must be provided to the data subject at the time of obtaining his/her personal data.
  1. Details of the data controller and the data protection officer in the entity
  2. A description of the categories of personal data the entity processes
  3. The purpose(s) of the processing
  4. Information in relation to the persons authorized to access the personal information
  5. Retention period and limits of the processing
  6. The method of erasing or rectifying the information

7. Any information related to cross border data transfers; and
8. Any information related to the technical and organizational measures used to secure personal information.
- Where the entity (as a data controller) needs to hand-over personal data in its possession to a third party for processing, the controller must also ensure that there are firmly drafted contracts in place with such third party whereby specific information about the data processing (such as the scope, purpose and the type of personal data processed), and clear demarcations of the obligations, responsibilities and the roles of the processor are made.
- Ensuring that the data subject is duly and fully informed and advised by the data controller in terms of -

1. the categories of personal data of the data subject that are being processed
2. the purpose for which the data subject's data is being processed
3. if the personal data is being shared within or outside the UAE
4. automated decision making

5. the controls or standards that have been implemented for storage of the data subject's personal data
6. the actions that may be taken or adopted for rectification, restriction or erasure of the data subject's personal data
7. the safeguards that have been applied or put in place to the data subject's personal data in case of cross border data transfer (i.e., where the personal data is to be moved out of the UAE)
8. actions to be taken in case of personal data breach such as accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data transmitted, stored or otherwise processed]
9. Procedure to lodge a complaint with the UAE Data Office
- By the provisions of the Data Protection Law, where personal data of a UAE the controller must ensure that the state/ territory to which the personal data is to be transferred must offer an adequate level of protection.

## CONCLUSION:

The UAE's Data Protection Law is unique inasmuch as it was drafted in consultation and participation of a myriad number of experts from various backgrounds apart from the honourable lawmakers themselves. Likewise, similar legislations from around the world, were also referred in order to bring about a legislation which is both robust and reasonable. Thus, in many ways, global common standards in data protection shall apply in the UAE, as they do elsewhere. The bottom-line however is that personal data needs protection, and the Data Protection Law is essentially a step in the right direction.



# NEMOCARE WELLNESS AT INDIA INNOVATION HUB



**INVEST INDIA**  
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& FACILITATION AGENCY

**N**emoCare aims to end all preventable neonatal and maternal deaths in the developing world by building innovative affordable, accessible, highly accurate monitoring solutions for the emerging markets. We use unobtrusive wireless wearable sensors and networks, analytical algorithms and big data as tools to provide continuous, high resolution monitoring and preventive care for every patient in hospital, and at home- making sure that no stone is unturned to prevent any form of mortality and morbidity especially at the bottom of the pyramid. We use design thinking principles to build life-saving

technologies that will transform the way healthcare is delivered. Globally 3 million babies die in their first month of life every year. 98% of these deaths occur in the developing world. In India alone, approximately 3.6 million premature babies are born every year and out of them, 400,000 babies die. This is due to an inability to identify apnea, hypothermia and respiratory distress in premature infants in a timely manner. Almost all of these deaths can be prevented with cost-effective monitoring of vital signs.

Nemocare has developed an easy to use, wearable device ("Raksha"), that wraps around the foot and monitors 6 main vital

signs - Blood-oxygen saturation, heart rate, respiration rate, temperature, perfusion index and heart rate variability, 24 x 7. The Nemocare Raksha is an IoT enabled smart wearable (with predictive maintenance -zero downtime) on the baby's foot which monitors vital parameters that will give the complete picture of the baby's health backed by our AI engine. And all the information is relayed onto the cloud and this data can be accessed at a central monitor by which the nurse or doctor can continuously and remotely monitor all the babies through a single interface. The device/platform can accurately notify healthcare workers so that they can inter-

vene before it's too late. In the back-end, vital signs are analyzed by a deep learning algorithm. It promotes Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) and Breast feeding by providing ICU grade monitoring and access at mother side ensuring faster recovery. The entire system along with our deep learning algorithm works as an intelligent platform that will track the baby's health in the most accurate way possible and give only insightful notifications and alerts to healthcare work-

ers to enable timely intervention when a distress condition is detected. With no technology risk a hospital can make any of its beds into an ICU bed quickly. The simple and easy to use design allows it to be immediately deployable in a clinical setting. The Nemocare platform will help collect, store, visualize and analyse the data generated. This can enable a paradigm shift in clinical diagnostics and preventive care through a data driven approach. Inherently the data is used in real time to provide early warning scores and other predictive indicators (eg for early identification of onset of Sepsis), and is used offline to develop new predictive algorithms. We have completed Safety and functionality study at Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore and the study results are very promising, Safety of device proven in clinical setup for prolonged usage and backed by robust lab testing. CDSCO voluntary registration for device completed and IP portfolio

of global patents and trademarks created. We have completed Product market fit and usability studies and deployed across 6 states in India. Nemocare Wellness is funded by global funding agencies like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, BIRAC (Govt Of India initiative), USAID, DST, Axilor Ventures, CfHE IIT Hyderabad, Google, Qualcomm, JICA (Japan) and MEITY (GoI). Nemocare was adjudged the winner of the Asia Hardware Battle 2019, Shanghai China and was featured on TechCrunch and is recognized under Startup India Program and Niti Aayog initiatives. Our vision: "In the next 3 years to monitor and save 1 million babies through our deployed devices and soon we hope to be an integral part of India - where no child ever dies of a cause that is completely preventable"

The Expo 2020 gave us global exposure and gave market access to MEASA regions and with support from various government agencies like Startup India, DPIIT, Invest India, India Innovation Hub and the Embassy (MEA, GoI) we will be a global startup with massive impact and proudly a Make in India product solving global problems.



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# DECEMBER 2021

**15532** Passports Issued

**542** Visas Issued

**59** OCI Cards

**9209** Attestation Services

**964** Birth Registrations

**250** ECs Issued

**137** Death Registered

**580** Consular cases

**47** Marriages Registered

**157** Labour Cases Registered

**81** Death Compensation Cases

**27** Destitute Housemaid Cases Provided Assistance

**24** Medical Cases

**13** Air Ticket Issued

**11** Mortal remains sent to India at Govt. cost

**172** Helpline enquiries responded

**Snapshot of  
Consular services  
provided by CGI, Dubai  
in the month of  
December 2021**



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# KERALA

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*From the soft wafting of the house boats  
cruising along its backwaters to the lush greenery  
that abounds throughout, Kerala's tryst with the  
instruments of eternity and mother nature's  
generosity, truly make it 'God's own country'*







## GOD'S OWN COUNTRY - KERALA

Home to a rich heritage and a thriving culture, Kerala has been listed by the National Geographic Traveller amongst the "Top 50 destinations to visit in one's lifetime"

**R**enowned for its scenic locations and unparalleled natural beauty, Kerala has the power to enchant and entrance anyone who comes into contact with its splendour. The lush green hills, the tranquil stretches of backwaters, serene beaches, waterfalls and wildlife endow Kerala with immense beauty. A distinct feature of Kerala is that most of the destinations in the state are easily accessible and interconnected, and being barely two to four hours away from one another by road. Home to a rich heritage and a thriving culture, the legacy bestowed upon Kerala by Mother Nature is perfected by the craftsmanship of her children. Every corner of the state has something brilliant to delight visitors with, whether it be man-made or natural. The forts,

palaces, museums, monuments and temples dotting the state present visitors with architectural and aesthetic delight. This is further enriched by the cultural festivals, dance forms and theatre performances that one may experience while being in the state. It is then no wonder that Kerala was selected by the National Geographic Traveller as one of the "top 50 destinations to visit in one's lifetime" and one of the "thirteen paradises in the world". Lonely Planet listed it as "one of the best 5 family vacation places" in the 2016 edition. A BBC Travel survey rated Kerala as the "top favourite tourist destination among foreign travellers", in 2018. Kerala attracted more than 11 million tourists from within India and abroad in 2019, recording a steady growth of 17.2 per cent. In 2020-21, passenger traffic handled by the state stood at 2,458,458 from Cochin airport.

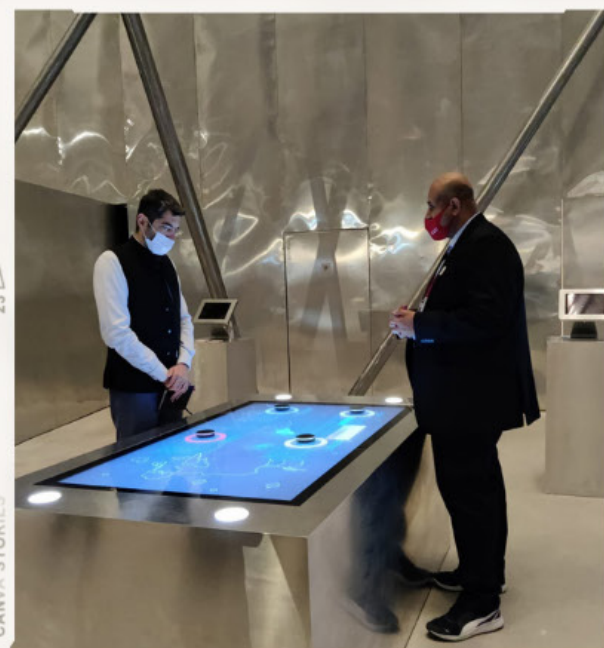
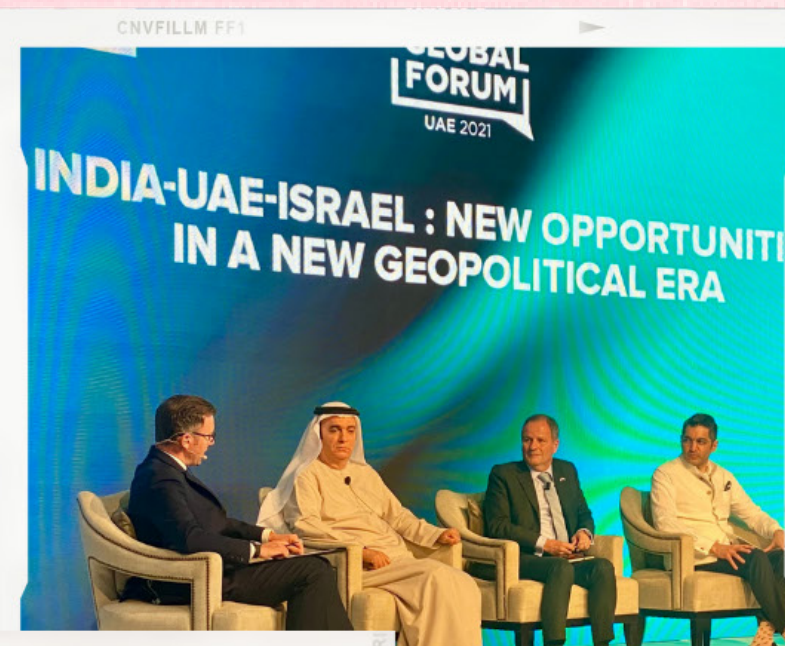
One of the best ways to navigate the backwaters of Kerala is through the gorgeous Kettuvallams (houseboats) that gently drift along the emerald waters. In Malayalam, Kettu refers to 'dwelling structures' 'Vallam' means boat. These present-day exotic barges used for leisure trips are a reworked version of the Kettuvallams of olden times that were used to ferry freight and people. Kerala is one of the most visited ecotourism hotspots in India. The verdant valleys, dense forests and rolling hills of the state hold plenty of peaceful getaways for nature lovers. An important element that goes into the making of Kerala as an ecotourism hotspot is the presence of the Western Ghats. Being one of the eight hottest hotspots of biological diversity in the world, the Western Ghats are a treasure trove of flora and fauna and home to more than 5000 species of flowering plants, 139 mammal species, 508 bird species and 179 amphibian species, some of which are found nowhere else in the world. About 325 globally

threatened species take refuge in these mighty mountain ranges. 41 of the 44 rivers in Kerala originate from the Western Ghats. Kerala also has the highest point (Anamudi in Idukki District) in the Western Ghats, which is also the highest point in India, south of the Himalayas. Out of the 39 serial sites selected by IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) for the UNESCO World Heritage list, 19 are in Kerala. The selected sites include the Silent Valley Park, Eravikulam National Park, Periyar Tiger Reserve, Shenduruni Wildlife Sanctuary, Neyyar, Peppara, Chinnar and Aralam Wildlife sanctuaries, some of which are amongst the most preferred ecotourism destinations in the state. Kerala also has a thriving medical tourism sector. Numerous hospitals interspersed across the state maintain international standards in infrastructure, healthcare and state-of-the-art facilities. Kerala's Ayurvedic tradition has contributed significantly towards the development of medical tourism within the state.





# PHOTO GALLERY





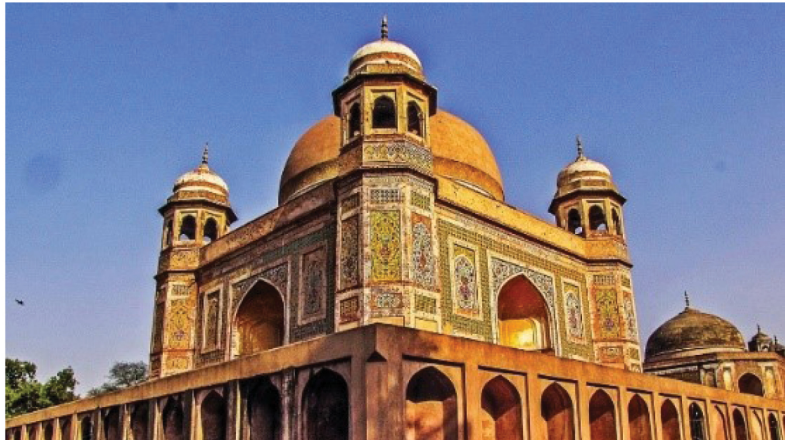
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KNOWING INDIA

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 This tomb had been built during the Mughal period amidst a garden called the Hadironwala Bagh (Garden of the Tombs). The garden does not exist anymore and the tombs themselves are great examples of Mughal architecture. Where in India would you find this?



2 The Indian Army has named one of its firing ranges in Kashmir after a Bollywood actress - this firing range is situated at Gulmarg in the Baramulla district of Jammu & Kashmir. The decision was taken in recognition of her contribution to Indian cinema. Name the actress.



3 Which country's Army Chief was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army recently as per the customary practice by the two countries to confer the honorary rank of General on each other's Army Chiefs?



4 What is the name of the operation launched by the Indian Navy to protect Indian vessels in the Gulf region?

5 Manika Batra and Archana Girish Kamath, who recently won a global women's doubles title, are associated with sport?

6 The Queen Heo Hwang-ok memorial park named after a Korean queen with roots in India will portray the journey of Princess Suriratna, who had travelled to Korea and married King Kim Suro and became Queen Heo Hwang-ok in 48 AD. Many Koreans trace their ancestry to the legendary princess. Where in India is this park located?



7 Endemic to the river Ganga and nearly extinct, its status of existence has become a matter of serious concern over the past few decades as this is an indicator species of health of the river ecosystem. This mammal has a large melon head used for echolocation, because they cannot see well – name this National Aquatic Animal of India.

8



This cricketer created history by becoming the only Indian player to score a century and fifty on Test debut to put India on top in the first Test match against New Zealand in November 2021 at Green Park, Kanpur. Name the cricketer.



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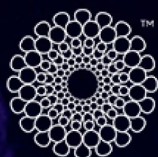
Identity this yoga posture?

Built in 1605, this is an image of the most famous church in Goa, Basilica of Bom Jesus, a marvel of baroque architecture. This is also a UNESCO Heritage site and contains the mortal remains of a famous Jesuit saint. Name the saint.

ANSWERS

- 1. One of the Tombs of Ustad-Shagird located at Nakodar, Punjab.
- 2. Vidya Balan
- 3. Nepal
- 4. Operation Sankalp
- 5. Table Tennis
- 6. Ayodhya
- 7. The Ganges River Dolphin
- 8. Shreyas Iyer
- 9. St. Francis Xavier
- 10. Dhanurmasana





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