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From Consul General's Desk
Dr. Aman Puri

Dear Reader,

At India Pavilion 'Festival of Ideas' was organized at the India Pavilion discussing ideas, opportunities and possibilities to effect a better world for humanity.

We had impressive Kerala Week at the India Pavilion. Chief Minister of Kerala Shri Pinarayi Vijayan led a dynamic delegation and had interaction with stakeholders and its large diaspora in the UAE.

The 'Food, Agriculture and Livelihood' fortnight at the India Pavilion showcased India's prowess in sectors like food processing, horticulture, dairy, fisheries, and organic farming and the vast investment opportunities that it offers. With total exports of agricultural and allied products at US\$ 41.25 billion in FY21, India is among the 15 leading exporters of agricultural products in the world.

This edition also highlights important details of the UAE Corporate Tax.

I hope you will enjoy reading this edition!

Happy reading!



'Be Inspired' : Inaugural Session of the Festival of Ideas

'BE INSPIRED' : INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

Honoured minds discussed Ideas, Opportunities and Possibilities of the way forward at the Inaugural session of the Festival of Ideas. Shri Navdeep Suri, Former Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Distinguished Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation & Co-Chair, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) National Committee on Expo 2020 Dubai, expressed that the momentum that the two countries' lead-

ership has given to the India - UAE relationship, has managed to trickle down to levels where things start happening. H.E Omar Saif Ghobash, Assistant Minister for Culture and Public Diplomacy at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation & DCG, UAE Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai, shared how their offices have worked hard to construct an MoU of cultural cooperation between India & the UAE, which puts India on the map in the Emirates. Now that it has been formalised, an

agenda is also being formed. Ms. Mette Degn-Christensen, Director, Dubai Design Week contributed that she believes in what the Expo 2020 Dubai shows, the necessity of impactful dialogues and interactions. She added that that design is an important way that teaches us to think about our environment. Mr. Hans Fraikin, Abu Dhabi Film & Television Commissioner stated that the CEPA agreement between India and the UAE will be really important in bringing forward bicultural and bilateral exchange.



'Be Inspired' : Inaugural Session of the Festival of Ideas

ELEVATE IX :
START-UP PITCHING SESSION

The India Innovation Hub, growing by leaps and bounds, presented the ninth edition of 'Elevate', the highly-acclaimed pitching session, series-supported by HSBC, that has served to be the stairway to success for soaring start-ups. 17 promising entrepreneurs participated in the game-changing pitching session, to transform their start-up journey.



KERALA
INVESTOR'S MEET

The Kerala Investors Meet, organised on the second day of Kerala week at the India Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai, focused on the opportunities of investments in various sectors of the state. Shri Mohammed Hanish, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Kerala shared that the profound presence of Kerala in the UAE will showcase a wide range of subjects and developments of the state. He added that the remarkable changes and transformation that has happened in Kerala will reinforce the relationship of Kerala with UAE and invite further in-



vestments. Shri Yusuff Ali M.A, Chairman, LuLu Group International & VC, Non-Resident Keralites Affairs Department, Kerala expressed that the commendable transformation in Kerala has made it one of the most investment-friendly states in India. He encouraged investors to be strategic partners in this prosperity. Dr. K. Ellangovan, MD, INKEL acknowledged that Kerala highlights sustainable industrial development with a focus on responsible industry and investments, robust industrial infrastructure with resilient thrust in sectors.



KELARA WEEK AT INDIA PAVILION



S Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala along with H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, and Commissioner General of Expo 2020 Dubai inaugurated the Kerala state floor at India Pavilion in EXPO2020 Dubai. H.E. Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Shri P. Rajeev, Minister for Law, Industries and Coir, Government of Kerala and Shri Sunjay Sudhir, Ambassador of India to UAE were also present at the occasion. Talking about the investment opportunities in Kerala, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala said, "Kerala has consistently been among the top five states in India for social development and sustainability indicators as per the UN Sustainable Development Goals with its high Human Development Index, and a host of reforms initiated on the industrial front. I certainly hope that companies and businesses in the UAE would be able to take advantage of the business-friendly environment in Kerala to

make our partnership stronger." "The Government of Kerala is committed to improving the ease of doing business in the state. Several initiatives including the simplification of procedures and enablement of digital engagement channels have also been introduced to strengthen the state's economy," he added. Shri Vijayan also said that the UAE has a massive diaspora of almost 1.2 million Malayali people living in the country. The EXPO2020 will, therefore, help in strengthening the base and cementing the future of both regions. H. E. Dr Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE said, "India ranks as the UAE's number one trading partner that accounts for 40% of non-oil exports. India is a crucial trade partner for the UAE, and we look forward to strengthening our trade relations, especially, with the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)." Shri P. Rajeev, Minister for Law, Industries & Coir, Govt. of Kerala said, "Today, Kerala stands distinct in terms of innovative steps taken towards industrialization

of the state. We have strengthened an ecosystem for attracting more investment and are working towards generating more employment opportunities. We hope the EXPO2020 Dubai will help us to showcase the credential and achievements of 'God's own country' to the world." Shri Sunjay Sudhir, Ambassador of India to UAE said, "The presence of Shri Vijayan means a lot to the large Malayali community in the UAE. Despite the pandemic, UAE stands out at a very bright spot by showcasing to the world how this whole situation is to be dealt with. I am confident that all the Indian states including Kerala will connect with the UAE for innovation, start-ups and investment opportunities." The inaugural ceremony was followed by cultural performances by artists from Kerala. The event was attended by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, H.E. Reem Al Hashimy, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation and Managing Director for the Expo 2020 Dubai, Shri Sunjay Sudhir along with Malayalam cinema star & producer Mammooty.

FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOOD WEEK

17 FEBRUARY - 03 MARCH, 2022

India is the second-largest producer of food in the world.



India Pavilion Symbolises Country's Innovative Prowess: Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla

India's Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla along with a parliamentary delegation visited the India Pavilion at Expo 2020 on 24 Feb 2022. The delegation included Rajya Sabha members Shri M V Shreyams Kumar, Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, Smt. Fauzia Tahseen Ahmed Khan, Dr. M.K. Vishnu Prasad and Lok Sabha members, Shri P. Ravindranath, Shri Shankar Lalwani, and Dr. Sujay Radhakrishna Vikhepatil. "India has made a mark in the world through its innovations," Shri Birla said after taking a tour of the pavilion. Talking about the structure of the Pavilion, he said that the India Pavilion depicts all the efforts made by India and the journey the country undertook in the last 75 years to achieve success, prosperity, and financial stability. "Amidst so many countries, the India Pavilion is continuing to allure more and more visitors at the EXPO2020 and symbolizes the country's innovative prowess," Shri Birla added. During his visit to EXPO2020, he also toured the UAE and Saudi Arabia Pavilions. Various other senior government officials also accompanied Shri Birla during his visit.

Food, Agriculture and Livelihood Fortnight

As part of the the 'Food, Agriculture and Livelihood' fortnight, India Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai hosted a seminar on 'Emerging Technologies in Farm Machinery, Digitization & Opportunities for Entrepreneurships', to showcase the innovative technologies that are supporting and promoting the overall productivity of India's farm sector. The seminar deliberated on the role of the emerging novel technologies helping the agriculture sector shift gears from being just production-oriented to now being income-oriented and ensuring cost optimization, better access to the markets, competitive pricing, and transparency in the entire value chain. Special guest at the event, Consul General of India in Dubai and Deputy Commissioner-General for India at Expo 2020 Dubai, Dr. Aman Puri emphasized the role of startups in the agriculture sector and said, "We have India Innovation Hub, a mobile platform at India Pavilion, where till date more than 400 startups have showcased their outstanding innovative capabilities, which include several innovations in the Agri sector. 2021 was a landmark year for India's start-up story with the Prime Minister declaring January 16th as National Startup Day and calling startups the 'backbone' of India." He mentioned that the Government of India is working consistently towards doubling farmers' income and the young innovators have a huge role to play in the same. In his inaugural remarks, Mr. P.K. Swain, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, said, "Despite 85% farmland under one to two hectares, the technology has helped in supporting and promoting Indian agriculture productivity. We have reached the estimated production of a record 316 million tonnes of food grains. This is due to the continuous efforts of our farmers who have embraced the technology and good agri practices, which are making India from being a food basket to becoming a food giver to the world." "Our aim is to ensure that our farmers are not just producers but are becoming entrepreneurs. The startups are also coming up with innovative technologies by understanding the need of farmers and consumers, and are developing solutions to curb food wastage, and ensuring that the entire process is time-efficient and productive," said Mr Swain. He added that the sector is committed to achieving the United Nations SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), ending hunger, removing poverty, climate action, and gender equality and the emerging technologies are also contributing to reducing the carbon emission which is in line with India's commitment at COP26. Addressing the session, Mr. V.N. Kale, Additional Commissioner (M&T), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, said, "India has high potential to export various types of agricultural machinery including tractors, combine harvesters, and other agricultural machinery. It can also provide the skill, and bilateral cooperation as far as the training and testing is concerned, to various countries as well." He added, "India can play a major role in promoting the farm mechanization to the whole world. One of the measures introduced by the government is the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme for drone technology and it's a single-window approach for clearing all the projects under one window." Talking about the various government schemes to promote the digital agriculture ecosystem, Ms. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, during the session said, "The startup scheme that we run in the Department of Agriculture, the "Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation" (RKVY-RAFTAAR), is basically about the two kinds of funding we give – pre-seed grant up to INR 5,00,000 and another grant up to INR 25,00,000 for those start-ups that have proof of concept, ready. We have 5 centers of excellence and 24 incubators all over the country, and most of these are ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) institutes and apart from that we also have some IITs and IIMs to whom we have appointed the incubators." Multiple startups also exhibited their innovative technologies and offerings at the session, focusing on improving the value chain and production capacity of the sector.

The session also witnessed participation from eminent speakers including Mr. T.R. Kesavan, Chairman FICCI National Agriculture Committee and Group President, TAFE Ltd., Mr. Antony Cherukara, CEO, VST Tilers Tractors, Mr. Harsh Aggarwal, M/S NeerX Technovation, Mr. Ben Varghese Mathew, Ninjacart, Dr. Shankar Goenka, MD, WOW GO Green, Mr. Brighu Ravi, Head of International Business, Tracex, Mr. Pranav Tiwari, CTO, Nurture Farm, Mr. Kirti Megh

CORPORATE TAX IN THE UAE - WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

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

The first quarter of 2022 brought in the news that come 2023, companies and businesses in the UAE shall be subject to a 9% corporate income tax. A news like this, especially in a country

CORPORATE TAX :

In terms of taxation, corporate income tax is a type of direct tax levied on a corporation's net income. Whilst, it is also called

IN THE UAE :

The UAE as a corporate tax jurisdiction, envisages to introduce and implement a very competitive CT regime based on international best practices, in order to "cement the UAE's position as a leading global hub for business and investment, and accelerate the UAE's development and transformation to achieve its strategic objectives". The salient features of the CT regime are summarised as follows.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS :

At the outset it must be noted that comprehensive legislation on the CT regime of the UAE is currently ongoing and substantive laws and regulations are expected to be made in due course before 1 June 2023 - the anticipated effective date for the CT regime to commence.

EFFECTIVE DATE :

The CT regime in the UAE shall be effective for all financial years starting on or after 1 June 2023. Thus, where an entity's financial year lasts from 1 July 2023 till 30 June 2024, then such entity shall become bound by CT laws and regulations from 1 July 2023 (which is the beginning of the

which has been traditionally a largely 'tax-free' jurisdiction has naturally raised eyebrows along with quite a lot of questions about this new form of tax and what this would entail for busi-

"Business Profits Tax" in certain jurisdictions, in the UAE it will be called "Corporate Tax" or "CT" in short. It only applies to busi-

first financial year that starts on or after 1 June 2023). Furthermore, an entity with the financial year of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 shall be subject to CT from 1 January 2024.

APPLICATION :

The CT in the UAE is and shall be a Federal tax and shall apply uniformly across all Emirates. This shall be separate from taxes imposed on businesses involved in the extraction of natural resources which are imposed at the level of the Emirates.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY :

The Ministry of Finance shall be the 'competent authority' for bilateral/multilateral agreements and the international exchange of information for taxes. However, as in the case of VAT, the Federal Tax Authority shall be the authority for the administration, collection, and enforcement of CT.

WHAT BUSINESSES SHALL BE COVERED :

Save for the businesses involved in extraction of natural resources (which are subject to Emirate level corporate taxes) all businesses meeting the minimum

ness owners of the UAE. In this edition of India Matters, an attempt has been made to gather and disseminate the revelations on the subject, made so far.

nesses meeting certain criteria and not to individuals and their income.

income threshold (as provided below) shall be subject to CT, including freelancing individuals with a business licence to carry out the relevant commercial, industrial and/or professional activity in the UAE.

Therefore, real estate investment in a personal capacity (without the requirement of a license) shall not be subject to CT. However, businesses operating in the UAE and making an income exceeding AED 375,000/- in the UAE shall be subject to CT. On the other hand, interest and other income earned by an individual from bank deposits or saving schemes will not be subject to UAE CT. Likewise, foreign entities will also be subject to CT in the UAE.

Inter alia, banking operations, businesses engaged in real estate management, construction, development, agency and brokerage activities shall also be subject to CT in the UAE.

INCOME THRESHOLDS :

The CT shall apply basis income of the business/ entity at the following rates:

- 0% for taxable income up to AED 375,000; and

- 9% for taxable income above AED 375,000.

Reportedly, large multinationals meeting specific criteria set with reference to 'Pillar Two' of the OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project shall be subject to different CT rates. For CT purposes, in the UAE large multinational shall mean a corporation that operates in its home country, as well as in other countries through a foreign subsidiary, branch or other form of presence / registration, and not merely earns income from outside its home country without a foreign presence/ registration.

EXEMPTIONS/ NON-APPLICATION :

It is anticipated that the followings shall be exempted from UAE's CT regime:

(a) Dividends and capital gains earned by a UAE business from its qualifying shareholdings will be exempt from UAE CT. This shall also apply to dividends and capital gains earned by foreign investors.

(b) As mentioned, above, businesses involved in mining/ extraction of natural resources, shall be exempted from the UAE's oncoming CT regime.

FREE ZONES :

Free zones hold an important position in the UAE's economic eco-system. It shall therefore be interesting to note how the oncoming CT regime in the UAE shall apply to businesses registered in the various free zones of the UAE. For starters, all that is known is that businesses in the free zones of the UAE shall also

CONCLUSION:

Notwithstanding the fact that corporate taxes shall soon become a reality in the UAE, it may also be noted that CT at the rate of 9% on corporate incomes exceeding AED 375,000/- (i.e., little more than USD 100,000/-) is one of the lowest corporate tax rates, and shall hence not lessen UAE's appeal as a preferred foreign investment destination. Given the announcements made by the Ministry of Finance, so far, on the subject it is likely that like the VAT the UAE's CT regime shall also find quick acceptance and assimilation into the country's business ecosystem. The substantive laws and the related bylaws are therefore much awaited.

be subject to CT in the UAE, and they will have to register in the upcoming CT portal and file returns from time to time.

However, it has been stated in the Ministry of Finance website that CT regime will continue to honour the CT incentives currently being offered to free zone businesses that comply with all regulatory requirements and that do not conduct business with mainland UAE. It is also announced that CT shall uniformly apply across all free-zones.

CARRYING FORWARD OF LOSSES :

It is understood that under the CT regime of the UAE, losses incurred in one year may be carried forward to the next financial year. As such a business may be considered to have incurred losses in the event its total deductions are greater than its taxable income for a financial year. This shall also mean that in the event of excessive tax losses, an entity/ business may carry forward such losses against taxable income in future years, subject to certain conditions which shall be announced in due course.

Such conditions may also be availed in cases of group entities whereby, tax losses on one entity in the same group may be used to offset another entity's taxable income, provided that certain conditions are met. Therefore, it has also been indicated by the UAE's Ministry of Finance, a group of companies in the UAE, can elect to form a tax group whereupon they may all be treated as a single taxable person. Notably, this shall be subject to additional conditions

which shall be announced in due course. For the moment, it may be noted that such a 'tax group' may only be needed to file a single tax return.

WITHHOLDING TAXES AND TRANSFER PRICING :

Withholding taxes are those which are collected at source by the payer on behalf of the recipient of the income. In the systems where withholding taxes exist, such taxes apply in respect of dividends, interest, royalties and similar payments. However, it has been announced that withholding tax will apply to domestic and cross-border payments of any nature, under the UAE's CT regime.

Transfer pricing usually applies to commercial transactions between related entities. The applicable rules thereof endeavour to ensure that such related party transactions are carried out on an arm's length bases, i.e., as if between independent parties. In respect of the UAE's CT regime, UAE businesses must comply with the OECD Transfer Pricing Guidelines.

DOUBLE TAXATION :

It is understood that there shall be relief against double (corporate) taxation inasmuch as foreign CT paid on UAE taxable income will be allowed as a tax credit against the CT liability under the applicable CT laws of the UAE

OTHER INFORMATION :

CT returns may be filed electronically - the detailed rules whereof shall come in due course.

E-PLANE COMPANY AT INDIA INNOVATION HUB

India has the world's third largest road network. Despite this, experiencing on-road traffic congestion and resultant travel delays have become everyday issues. By 2030, the estimated no. of on-road passenger vehicles is expected to be 1.6 billion and 60% of the world's population is estimated to be living in urban areas. There is certainly a need to address this challenge on different levels. Incubated out of the Indian Insti-

tute of Technology (IIT), Madras, The ePlane Company, co-founded in 2017 by Aerospace Professor, Satya Chakravarthy and IITian Pranjal Mehta, is in pursuit of addressing these challenges and developing a viable solution that will make commutes upto 10x faster. With a vision to make flying ubiquitous, our flagship product, the ePlane e200, will be India's first and the world's most compact eVTOL (electric Vertical Take-off and Landing) transpor-

tation system designed for efficient aerial intra-city commute & cargo transmission. With a footprint as low as 5m in length and width - it is essentially the size of two cars parked adjacent to each other. Further, the ePlane e200 is equipped to make multiple stops on a single charge and can operate out of any rooftop with no additional infrastructural requisites, allowing for quick onboarding and offboarding of passengers, coupled with a

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travel range of about 200 km, which will save consumers a significant amount of time. Owing to these features, it will also become a viable commute solution to people in low-accessibility areas. As the world inclines towards 'as a service' model, we are positioned in a manner to cater to the diverse market needs of easily certifiable, affordable and quality products along with modern consumer needs of



flexible and on-demand travel. The larger vision for us is to alleviate traffic congestion in cities and offer safe, sustainable and affordable flying taxi experiences to consumers globally.



e-Plane Company At India Innovation Hub

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17789 Passports Issued

592 Visas Issued

21 OCI Cards

10422 Attestation Services

885 Birth Registrations

289 ECs Issued

155 Death Registered

599 Consular cases

26 Marriages Registered

233 Labour Cases Registered

83 Death Compensation Cases

26 Destitute Housemaid Cases Provided Assistance

27 Medical Cases

34 Air Ticket Issued

16 Mortal remains sent to India at Govt. cost

187 Helpline enquiries responded

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

CHHATTISGARH

Endowed with enormous reserves of mineral wealth, Chhattisgarh lies at the heart of India's emergence as an industrial power.





CHAMPIONING CHANGE - CHHATTISGARH

Chhattisgarh is one of the fastest-developing states in India. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Chhattisgarh grew at a CAGR of 9.97 percent between 2015-16 and 2020-21.

Chhattisgarh, one of the youngest states of India, is also one of its most invaluable members. Famed for its fabulous mineral wealth and vibrant tribal culture, Chhattisgarh has played a major role in inscribing the success story of modern India. Equipped with enormous reserves of natural resources, Chhattisgarh lies at the heart of India's emergence as an industrial power. A resource-rich state, Chhattisgarh provides electricity, coal, and steel to the rest of the nation and has a great potential to contribute to India's ambition of developing into a US\$ 5 trillion economy. Chhattisgarh was granted statehood on the 1st of November 2000, after being carved out of the state of Madhya Pradesh. Commanding an

area of 135,192 sq. km, Chhattisgarh is the 9th largest state in India and has a population of approximately 30 million, as of 2021. The centrality of Chhattisgarh and its geographical linkages with adjoining states grants it substantial logistical clout. Located in Central India, Chhattisgarh shares its border with seven states and has market access to about 520 million people across these states. It shares its border with Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra in the west, Uttar Pradesh in the north, Odisha and Jharkhand in the east, and Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in the south. This mineral-rich state is therefore also an important logistics hub, providing access to 40 per cent of India's population. Situated in the heart of India, Chhattisgarh is endowed with a rich cultural heritage and remark-

able natural diversity. Replete with ancient monuments, rare wildlife, exquisitely carved temples, Buddhist sites, palaces, waterfalls, caves, rock paintings, and hill plateaus, Chhattisgarh has an assortment of sights and sounds to delight the senses of anyone who visits it. One of the greenest states in India, Chhattisgarh offers some of the most delightful sights of natural wonder in the country. A plethora of waterfalls, hot springs, caves, national parks, tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries make Chhattisgarh a preeminent ecotourism hotspot in central India. The caves of Chhattisgarh host some of the earliest gems of Indian history and culture. The Sitabega caves in Chhattisgarh are one of the earliest examples of theatre architecture in India. Located on Ramgarh hill of Chhattisgarh, the caves date to the Mauryan period of the 3rd century BCE. The Jogimara caves in the state contain ancient Brahmi inscriptions and house the oldest painting known in India. Chhattisgarh is known for its vibrant tribal culture. It is home to 42 different tribes, each with its distinct histo-

ry and culture. Out of the forty-two tribes, the Gond tribe is the most populous, constituting 55.3 per cent of the total ST population. Kavar, Oraon, Halba and Bhattra tribes are some of the other larger tribal groups in the state. The various distinctive forms of tribal dance, music, dress and food, all different from one another, endow Chhattisgarh with immense cultural diversity. The unique artforms and handicrafts nurtured and nourished by the tribes of Chhattisgarh are a tangible manifestation of the rich intangible heritage of Chhattisgarh's tribal culture. Chhattisgarh is one of the fastest-developing states in India. At current prices, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Chhattisgarh stood at US\$ 51.39 billion in 2020-21. GSDP of the state at current prices grew at a CAGR of 9.97 per cent between 2015-16 and 2020-21. It is also one of the most industrialized landlocked states in India. Industries in the state include mining, iron and steel, cement, power, IT and biotechnology, among others.



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 Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan between 1650 and 1656, this imperial mosque is situated in the Mughal capital of Shahjahanabad (Old Delhi). One of the largest mosques in India, it remains in active use, and is one of Delhi's most iconic sites. What is it called?



2 Which social media platform has launched two cyber safety campaigns 'Safe Stree', that will spread awareness about the safety features available on the platform, and two, 'My Kanoon', that will inform them about the legal rights and protection available to them?

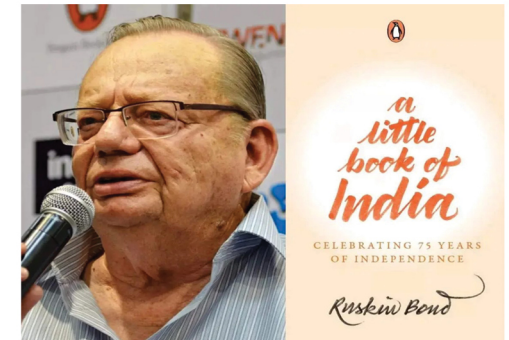
3 Marine biologists have welcomed a state government's recent decision to establish a conservation reserve for the elusive dugong, a sirenian species native to parts of the Indian littoral in the Gulf of Mannar, Palk Bay for the conservation of the animals. Which state/UT has commenced work to form 'India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve'?



4 With the motto of 'Vayam Rakshamah', in Sanskrit, which means "We Protect", this important force plays a significant role in securing and enforcing regulations. The fourth largest such force celebrates February 1 every year to commemorate its formation. Name this Security Organisation.

5 Which former Prime Minister (of a foreign country) was conferred with Netaji Award 2022 by the Netaji Research Bureau?

6 As our beloved nation completes 75 years of independence, an acclaimed author drawing on his own memories and impressions, has written a book paying homage to the country that has been his home for 84 years! Aptly called 'A Little Book of India', it is an amalgamation of the physical and spiritual attributes of India, and takes you on a journey filled with nostalgia and devotion. Name the author.



7 The world's largest Igloo café with a height of 37.5 feet and diameter of 44.5 feet called 'Snooglu', with everything from tables to chairs made of ice, and capacity to accommodate 40 guests at a time was recently opened in a popular hill station & skiing destination in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. In which town would you find this?



8 Which Country has officially become the first foreign nation to acquire the potent BrahMos supersonic anti-ship missile from India, strengthening its navy's ability to safeguard its sovereign claims.



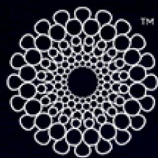
10 The Indian Institute of Technology will establish its first branch outside India in a new phase of joint strategic cooperation to establish world-class institutions that encourage and support innovation & technological progress as part of a Partnership Agreement. Name the country where this great Institution will be set-up.



An evacuation operation was launched and executed by Government of India for Indian Citizens in Ukraine who had crossed over to neighbouring countries. This involved communication through advisories with the support of Indian Missions abroad and transport assistance from the neighboring countries of Romania, Hungary, Poland, Moldova and Slovakia to reach India. What was this operation named?

ANSWERS

1. The Masjid-e-Jehan-Numa, commonly known as the Jama Masjid of Delhi
2. Instagram
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Indian Coast Guard
5. Shinzo Abe of Japan
6. Ruskin Bond
7. Gulmarg
8. The Philippines
9. Operation Ganga
10. United Arab Emirates



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